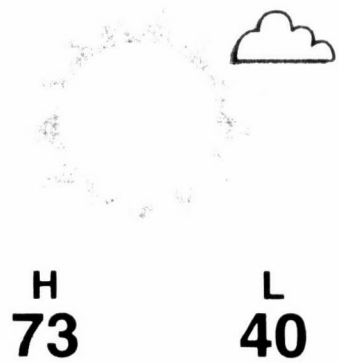


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Patty D. Smith, 46, office manager.

Texas Today

Border Patrol setting new safety policies

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The Border Patrol is developing safety policies for its patrol boat fleet following an investigation of the drownings of two agents last month, a spokesman said.

The agents drowned in the Rio Grande in September.

A report, compiled by investigators from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the U.S. Coast Guard, found that agents Travis Attaway, 31, of D'Hanis, and Jeremy Wilson, 29, of Ferndale, Wash., were not wearing their life preservers when their boat capsized near Los Indios.

The Border Patrol has a policy requiring agents to wear the preservers.

"Currently many of the marine sectors have varied standard operating procedures," said Border Patrol spokesman Mario Villarreal in Washington, D.C. "Border Patrol is developing a national marine policy, which addresses the standards for vessel platform training, certification and safety issues."

DeLay foe launches PAC to reform politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Rep. Chris Bell, the freshman congressman whose ethics complaint led to public admonishments of House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, is forming a political action committee aimed at reforming politics.

Bell was defeated in the primaries by Al Green of Houston after a redistricting plan pushed by DeLay forced him to run in a redrawn district. His first term in Congress will end this year.

Earlier this month, the House ethics committee admonished DeLay after reviewing allegations raised by Bell in a three-part complaint.

The committee rebuked DeLay for creating the appearance of favoritism when he mingled at a 2002 golf outing with executives from an energy company seeking help with legislation.

FBI investigating Halliburton contracts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI is investigating whether U.S. officials improperly awarded Vice President Dick Cheney's former company lucrative contract work without competition, a probe that was confirmed only days after a top Army contract officer raised the issue of favoritism.

The investigation expands an

existing probe of whether Halliburton Co. overcharged for fuel deliveries in Iraq. The probe now includes the no-bid work awarded the company in Iraq, including restoration of the country's oil industry at a cost of \$2.5 billion.

The expanded investigation is converging with statements made last weekend by Bunnatine

Greenhouse, the chief contracting officer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The FBI has requested an interview with Greenhouse, who said her agency unfairly awarded KBR, a Halliburton subsidiary, the Iraq work.

Cheney headed Halliburton, a Houston-based oil services conglomerate, prior to running for vice

president four years ago. He has consistently denied any involvement in the contracts. His spokesman, Kevin Kellems, said in response to a question that neither Cheney nor his aides have been contacted by investigators.

A federal law enforcement offi-

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Ailing Arafat arrives in Paris

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat, suffering from a mystery illness, was flown to France on Friday and was rushed to a military hospital where doctors, including specialists in blood disorders, immediately began examining the Palestinian leader.

The health crisis has brought the 75-year-old Arafat out of his sandbagged headquarters compound in the West Bank town of Ramallah for the first time in nearly three years. He has been sick for the past two weeks and blood tests have revealed he has a low platelet count.

Arafat arrived on a French military jet at an airfield southwest of Paris and was taken by helicopter to the nearby Hopital d'Instruction des Armees de Percy, landing on a rooftop helipad.

Paramedics wheeled Arafat, lying covered with blankets, in a gurney from the roof into the hospital. His wife, Suha, was at his side.

Specialists at the Percy hospital's state-of-the-art hematology clinic were conducting tests on Arafat, the French Defense Ministry said.

"He's already in his room surrounded by his doctors who have started examining him," said Leila Shahid, the Palestinian envoy to Paris. "He arrived in good health, conscious, smiling — happy to be in France."

Doctors were likely to need at least several days before issuing any kind of diagnosis, she said.

Palestinian Civil Affairs Minister Jamil Tarifi, who was on the plane with Arafat, said his condition was "good, thank God."

"He was normal," Tarifi said.

A contingent of around 18 Palestinian officials flew in with Arafat, including Mohammed Dahlan, the former security chief in Gaza, and Mohammed Rashid, Arafat's personal financial adviser, as well as chief of staff Ramzi Khoury and top aide Nabil Abu Rdneh.

During Arafat's illness, Palestinian officials have blamed the flu and gallstones. But on Wednesday, he took a turn for the worse and doctors who rushed in admitted they didn't know what was the cause of the low platelet count.

On Thursday, Arafat's personal physician, Dr. Ashraf Kurdi, ruled out leukemia. But an Arafat confidant, Dr. Ahmed Tibi, said Friday that "at this point, no possibility has been eliminated."

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Too cute costumes



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Two-year-olds at Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, arrived at the center this morning dressed in their Halloween costumes. Front row, from left, are Kira McClelland, Whitney Lance and Caitlyn Herman. Back row, from left, are Destiney Porter, Ayden Chilton, Makaylia Hazen and Joseph Viron.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

Three-year-olds at Community Day Care Center, 1100 Gwendolen, arrived this morning in their Halloween costumes. Front row, from left, are Jarren Slagle, Christina Organ, Lillian Johnson and Andrew Baker. Back row, from left, are Brayleigh DeShazo, Makenize Lovejoy, Mitch Boland and Isaiah Velasquez.

Rehnquist released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was released from the hospital Friday and is recovering from treatment for thyroid cancer.

The 80-year-old Rehnquist, the second-oldest of the nine members of the court, is expected back on the bench Monday when the court returns from a two-week break. A court

spokesman announced his release from National Naval Medical Center in suburban Bethesda, Md.

He underwent a tracheotomy last Saturday at the hospital as part of his cancer treatment.

The type of thyroid cancer, how advanced it is and Rehnquist's prognosis have not

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Set clocks back to standard time Sunday

WASHINGTON (AP) — Backyard barbecue season is winding to a close and it's time to say goodbye to daylight-saving time.

Clocks shift back to standard time at 2 a.m. Sunday, local time, giv-

ing most people an extra hour of sleep Saturday night.

That means set the clock back an hour.

Of course, it also means an extra hour of work to those who work the overnight shift. And

the change means it will be dark an hour earlier Sunday night when the young ghosts and ghouls make their Halloween rounds.

Daylight-saving time returns the first Sunday in April.



Tracie Jennings, age 8, watches as "Frank Astair" sings and dances at Pampa Custom Framing, 107 N. Cuyler. Warm Indian summer weather has made it possible to be comfortable while barefoot and in T-shirts, but low temperatures next week are expected to drop into the mid 30s.

Gray County Weather

This Afternoon: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Windy, with a west wind between 20 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 40. West northwest wind around 15 mph.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North northwest wind around 15

mph.
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 44. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.
 Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 42. Southeast wind around 15 mph.
 Monday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. North northeast wind around 20 mph.
 Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 35. North wind around 20 mph.
 Election Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63.

Pentagon seeks to account for movement of munitions in Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Army unit removed 250 tons of ammunition from the Al-Qaqa weapons depot in April 2003 and later destroyed it, the company's former commander said Friday. A Pentagon spokesman said some was of the same type as the missing explosives that have become a major issue in the presidential campaign. Those 250 tons were not located under the seal of the International Atomic Energy Agency and Pentagon spokesman Larry Di

Rita could not definitely say whether they were part of the missing 377 tons. Maj. Austin Pearson, speaking at a press conference at the Pentagon, said his team removed 250 tons of TNT, plastic explosives, detonation cords, and white phosphorous rounds on April 13, 2003 — 10 days after U.S. forces first reached the Al Qaqa site. "I did not see any IAEA seals at any of the locations we went into. I was not looking for

that," Pearson said. Di Rita sought to point to Pearson's comments as evidence that some RDX, one of the high-energy explosives, might have been removed from the site. RDX is also known as plastic explosive. Di Rita acknowledged: "I can't say RDX that was on the list of IAEA is what the major pulled out. ... We believe that some of the things they were pulling out of there were RDX."

Further study was needed, Di Rita said. Whether Saddam Hussein's forces removed the explosives before U.S. forces arrived on April 3, 2003, or whether they fell into the hands of looters and insurgents afterward has become a key campaign issue. Still, 377 tons of explosives amount to a tiny fraction of the weaponry in Iraq. U.S. forces have already destroyed, or have slated to destroyed, more than 400,000 tons of all manner of Iraqi weapons and ammunition.

Obituaries

Patty D. Smith, 46

WHITE DEER — Patty D. Smith, 46, of White Deer died Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, in Amarillo. The body was donated to Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Memorial services are pending.

Mrs. Smith was born Jan. 3, 1958, in Pampa. She had been a resident of White Deer for 28 years. She was a 1976 graduate of White Deer High School. She married Gearry Smith on May 7, 1976, in White Deer. She worked for the Ford Family Chiropractic Clinic as the office manager until 2001. She was a very active member of the First Baptist Church of White Deer where she was a member and past president of the WMU, and past director of the First Baptist Church Youth Group.

Survivors include her husband Gearry Smith of the home; two sons, Leeland Hackbarth of Orlando, Fla., and Ryan Smith of Canyon; one daughter, Jane Smith of White Deer; two brothers, Michael Ledford of White Deer and Wendell Ledford of Jonesboro, Ark.; three sisters, Karen Williams and Brenda Madden, both of Pampa, and Mary Ruth of Skellytown; and two grandchildren.



Smith

Memorials may be made to Global Mission Fund, c/o First Baptist Church, 411 S. Omohundro, White Deer, Texas, 79097, or the Tralee Crisis Center for Women, 310 S. Cuyler, Pampa, Texas, 79065.

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

Services tomorrow

ROBINSON, Benny F. — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incident.

Thursday, Oct. 28
 Violation of a protective order was reported to have occurred at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Oct. 28
 Erika Dawn Doyle, 24, 1333 Garland, was arrested for a probation violation on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Kelly Ray Finger, 34, homeless, was arrested for a bond surrender on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour peri-

od ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Oct. 28
 12:52 p.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 700 block of North Russell.

5:20 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a blown transformer in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Friday, Oct. 29
 5:17 a.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a flat bed trailer fire in the 900 block of East Campbell.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Oct. 27
 9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Perryton Parkway at 25th Avenue. No patient was transported.

12:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway to transfer a patient to BSA-West Hospital in Amarillo.

1:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing

home. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Thursday, Oct. 28
 12:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transfer a patient to BSA-West.

12:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Russell. A patient was transported to PRMC.

6:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of East Browning. A patient was transported to PRMC.

Correction

Richard Lunsford is not a former pastor of Central Baptist Church, as he was identified in an article on Page 5 of Thursday's edition. His parents, Dewey and Ruby Lunsford, were charter members. He was raised in that church and licensed and ordained to the gospel ministry at Central Baptist. He has pastored other churches in the Panhandle area.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by: Anheuser, Grain of Pampa.
 Wheat 3.20
 Milo 3.33
 Corn 3.95
 Soybeans 4.60
 The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 OXY 58.12 +0.21
 BP PLC ADR 57.89 +0.27
 Cabot Corp. 33.71 +0.56
 Cabot Oil Gas 42.17 +0.05

Coca Cola	40.74	+0.25
VLO	42.11	+0.28
HAL	35.85	-0.40
IRI	33.01	-0.43
NOI	32.64	+0.20
KMI	63.99	+0.59
XCEL	17.10	-0.02
Kerr McGee	58.41	+0.05
NOM	48.82	+0.21
Limited	24.60	NAC
Williams	12.48	-0.02
MCD	28.98	-0.05
Atmos	25.52	-0.23
Pioneer Nat.	32.11	-0.05
JCP	34.75	-0.58
COP	83.07	+0.09
SLB	62.34	+0.29
Tenneco	12.63	-0.12
CVX	52.48	-0.09
Wal-Mart	54.14	+0.15
ORF	26.53	-0.07
NS Grp.	18.96	+0.46
New York Gold	424.25	
Silver	7.15	
West Texas Crude	50.92	

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PAMPA WRESTLING Booster Club will meet Tues. 11/2 @ 7:30 in the Ready Room at PHS.

SALE AT Storage Bldg., at Bob Douthit Autos, 1432 S. Barnes, Sat. 8-2 Waterbed, lots of misc.

TOMATOES, LAST day for tomatoes Sat. 11 a.m.-? Schaffer Grown, 2110 Perryton Pkwy.

USED EYEGLASSES can still be donated to the Pampa Lions Club. Postal Carriers will also pickup eye glasses tomorrow from your mail box! Thank you for your donation!

Scarecrows and pumpkins



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Scarecrows, pumpkins and flowers dress up hay bales on the front lawn of a home in the 1700 block of Evergreen. Pumpkins and scarecrows are popular decorations for Halloween, which is Sunday.

Scouts

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Scouts helping others

Kim Davis of Tralee Crisis Center, center back, visits with members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop #221 after the troop donated items for the local women's shelter. Above: (back, left-right) Kristen Duree, Cecilia Vasquez, Kassie Jerome; (front, l-r) Carson Logue, Khilyn Shouse, Alexis Stuart, Kaitlyn Bruce, Alyssa Parks and Cherish Peet. Not pictured: Tatum Magee.

**Two car bombs in Mosul attack
U.S. patrols, trucker dies in assault**

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — U.S. forces are gearing up for a major operation against the insurgent stronghold Fallujah, a U.S. general said Friday, as hundreds of British troops reached a base near Baghdad to free American forces to join the assault.

"We're gearing up to do an operation and when we're told to go we'll go," Brig. Gen. Dennis Hejlik, deputy commander of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, said at a camp near Fallujah. "When we do go, we'll whack them."

Hejlik's comments confirmed that plans are underway for a major assault on insurgent strongholds west of Baghdad in an effort to end the wave of car bombings, kidnappings and attacks that has escalated since Fallujah fell under guerrilla control

last spring.

U.S. officials have given no indication of the timing of a major attack. However, in a sign that the assault may be imminent, the first wave of troops from the Black Watch regiment has arrived at the base near Baghdad, the Defense Ministry in London.

The rest of the 850-strong battle group from the Black Watch regiment were to arrive over the weekend, the ministry said without specifying how many were in each wave. The base is located 20 miles west of Mahmoudiya, a town that has seen frequent insurgent attacks south of Baghdad, according to the report.

The Americans asked for the deployment in order to free up American forces for a new assault on Sunni insurgents who have taken control

of Fallujah and a number of towns north and west of Baghdad.

Clashes were reported Friday on the northeast edge of Fallujah and in Ramadi.

The decision to agree to the U.S. request for redeployment is a politically sensitive one for Prime Minister Tony Blair, whose popularity has plummeted because of his support for the Iraq war.

A first convoy of troops and heavy equipment arrived at the base, known as Camp Dogwood, by land Thursday, slowed by roadside bombs along the way.

A blast went off 10 miles south of the base as the convoy passed, forcing several trucks off the road but causing no casualties, according to a pool report by a Daily Express correspondent embedded with the convoy.

FBI

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cial, speaking only on condition of anonymity, said the investigation does not involve anyone in the White House, including Cheney's office.

The FBI investigation, confirmed by several government sources who insisted on anonymity, raised the profile of a key Democratic attack issue in the final days of the presidential campaign.

"Good people came forward to tell the truth about these contracts because they — like the American people — know that the administration's special treatment of Halliburton was wrong," vice presidential candidate John Edwards said in a statement

Thursday night.

Greenhouse's lawyers said Thursday their client will cooperate but that she wants whistle-blower protection from Pentagon retaliation.

One of the lawyers, Stephen Kohn, said it was Greenhouse's job to protect "the honesty and the integrity of the contracting process itself, so it's an even playing field. Why should a large corporation with political influence get all the money?"

FBI agents recently began collecting documents from Army offices in Texas and elsewhere to examine how and why Halliburton got the no-bid work.

A Corps spokeswoman, Carol Sanders, said she could not confirm an expanded investigation.

"The Corps is absolutely cooperating with the FBI, and

it has been an ongoing effort," Sanders said. "Our role is to cooperate. It's a public contract and public funds. We've been providing them information for quite a while."

Wendy Hall, a Halliburton spokeswoman, said the company is cooperating with various investigations, but she dismissed the latest revelation as election politics. She noted Congress' auditing arm, the Government Accountability Office, found the company's no-bid work in Iraq was legal.

"The old allegations have once again been recycled, this time one week before the election," Hall said. "The GAO said earlier this year that the contract was properly awarded because Halliburton was the only contractor that could do the work."

the chief justice back at the court "as unforgiving as ever."

He said justices have a tendency to work even when they're sick, citing justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg as examples. Like Rehnquist, both have battled cancer.

"It's a place where people work as if they're paid by the hour," Thomas said.

Even from the hospital, Rehnquist was apparently participating this week.

On Tuesday, the Supreme Court refused to put independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader on the ballot in the battleground state of Ohio.

The court's announce-

ment indicated that all the justices took part in that decision.

The high court also agreed Wednesday to let Philip Morris USA delay paying \$10.5 million in damages to a former smoker while the company contests the amount.

Rehnquist apparently voted in that case as well.

"He is a very resilient, robust, strong-willed man," said Washington attorney Charles Cooper, who clerked for Rehnquist. "He's dedicated to his work and his responsibilities. In keeping with that dedication, he would continue (work) unless completely prevented from it."

Arafat

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ed." Tibi, an Israeli Arab legislator, said Israeli intelligence officials have speculated that Arafat might be suffering from leukemia and he indicated that Arafat might have some symptoms of the disease.

Platelets are blood components that aid in clotting. A low count can be caused by many medical problems, including bleeding ulcers, colitis, leukemia and lymphoma, liver disease, lupus and chickenpox.

Hours earlier, Arafat had a somber departure from his Ramallah headquarters, seen off by a few hundred loyalists gathered on a rain-slicked tarmac.

At daybreak, Arafat, wearing a gray fur hat and an olive-colored jacket, was helped into a Jordanian mili-

tary helicopter.

He looked pale and jaundiced, but tried to smile as loyalists whistled and chanted, "With our spirit and our blood, we will redeem you, Abu Ammar," using his nom de guerre.

"I will be back soon, God willing. I'll see you soon," Arafat told aides during a stopover at a Jordanian military base, according to Ata Kheiry, deputy chief of the Palestinian mission in Jordan. From the base he boarded the military plane dispatched by President Jacques Chirac to bring him to Paris.

Arafat, once known for his love of travel, had not left the West Bank since a tour of Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Jordan in November 2001.

Israel long refused to

guarantee that if Arafat leaves his Ramallah base he will be allowed to return. Israel lifted the ban on Thursday and promised to allow Arafat to come back from treatment.

Palestinians were beginning to consider how their world would look without Arafat, the only leader they have known for nearly four decades.

The last photos taken of Arafat in the West Bank underscored his transformation from leader to patient.

They showed him in a wheelchair, holding his doctors' hands and wearing a blue jogging suit and a stocking cap, instead of his trademark military fatigues and checkered headscarf.

'I will be back soon, God willing, I'll see you soon.'

— Yasser Arafat



Happy Halloween...

the following businesses will be handing out treats on Saturday, October 30th during their regular business hours while supplies last

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111 N. Cuyler

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111 W. Foster

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1237 S. Barnes

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107 N. Cuyler

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Justice

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been disclosed. Cancer of the thyroid, a gland in the neck that produces hormones to help regulate the body's use of energy, is generally treatable but can be more aggressive in older people.

The court spokesman would not say if Rehnquist participated in Friday's closed-door meeting of the justices, to consider the latest appeals.

Justice Clarence Thomas had told University of Kansas law students on Thursday that he expected

Viewpoints

Having a blast with black powder, snakes

"Let's use the black powder on the rest of 'em," I shouted above the din of shotgun blasts. "Oh, that'll be fun." Jim yelled back as John fired another round of 12-gauge birdshot into the rattlesnake den.

The two women in the cab of the truck, Donna Davis and Jeanne Budd, were wide-eyed with apprehension — not sure they wanted to witness what was, to them, the end result of black powder. I've known since age 21 not to underestimate the common sense of women. Women just know. They have a grasp of things way before men do; in fact, when it came to doling out the common sense gene, we men

just didn't get enough.

What a great day to do some dove hunting on the Davis Ranch — a beautiful fall day, and the dove were really bountiful. Donna and Jeanne drove, while Jim, John, and I sat in the truck bed and did our dove shooting. We were able to cover a lot of ground with the women driving. No dove would be safe on the Davis Ranch that day, the top guns were there. Things were going great with dove depletion as we proceeded into the calf pasture on the rutted-out road; when I noticed the coontail bands of a very big diamondback rattlesnake as it entered a badger hole in the side of the road.

I shouted, "Rattlesnake." and Donna immediately stopped the truck. Jim had seen the snake as well and did not like the presence of such a sizeable snake in his calf pasture. We signaled Donna to back up until we were aside the badger hole. Talk about alive with snakes. We had found the mother of all rattlesnake dens.

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



Readers, take note. Saddam Hussein did not coin the phrase "mother of." I did, as I was the first to use the term in 1970 while

describing the size of the snake den to friends and acquaintances. We had found the "mother of all rattlesnake dens" — and with three shotguns of various gauges; plus, a five-gallon drum of black powder — I repeat, a five-gallon drum of black powder — we were set for warfare with the snakes.

We would not be denied our manifest destiny, for we were of superior strength. When you possess superior strength, who needs common sense? I believe that

quote can be attributed to George Armstrong Custer.

What are two essentials for ranchers/farmers that are always found in the bed of their pickup trucks? Why, a shovel and baling wire, of course. Reaching out from the bed of the truck; Jim, John, and I took turns digging out the snake den, and when a rattlesnake would appear, we would shoot it. We never tallied the snakes, just kept digging and shooting until we had a rather deep hole — with more snakes rattling inside the den. The ever deepening hole, the infinite number of rattlesnakes, provided exigency with the black powder.

I smoked cigarettes in 1970, when a smoke was a smoke, as sung by John Mellencamp, and I've already mentioned the lack of common sense, OK? We had a pile of black powder that was probably two feet in diameter — remember, five gallon drum...

Attempting to ignite the powder, I flung lit matches into the hole, but the powder would not ignite. Frustrated, I noticed the baling wire in the truck, and I had my answer to the black powder ignition problem. I fired up a Marlboro, attached the cigarette at the end of about two feet of the baling wire. With

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 29, the 303rd day of 2004. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were financially wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date:

In 1682, the founder of Pennsylvania, William Penn, landed at what is now Chester, Pennsylvania.

In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

In 1956, during the Suez Canal crisis, Israel launched an invasion of Egypt's Sinai Peninsula.

In 1964, thieves made off with the Star of India and other gems from the American Museum of Natural History in New York. (The Star and most of the other gems were recovered; three men were convicted of stealing them.)

In 1966, the National Organization for Women was founded.

In 1967, the counter-culture musical "Hair" opened off-Broadway.

In 1979, on the 50th anniversary of the great stock market crash, anti-nuclear protesters tried but failed to shut down the New York Stock Exchange.

In 1998, Ohio Sen. John Glenn, at age 77, roared back into space aboard the shuttle Discovery.

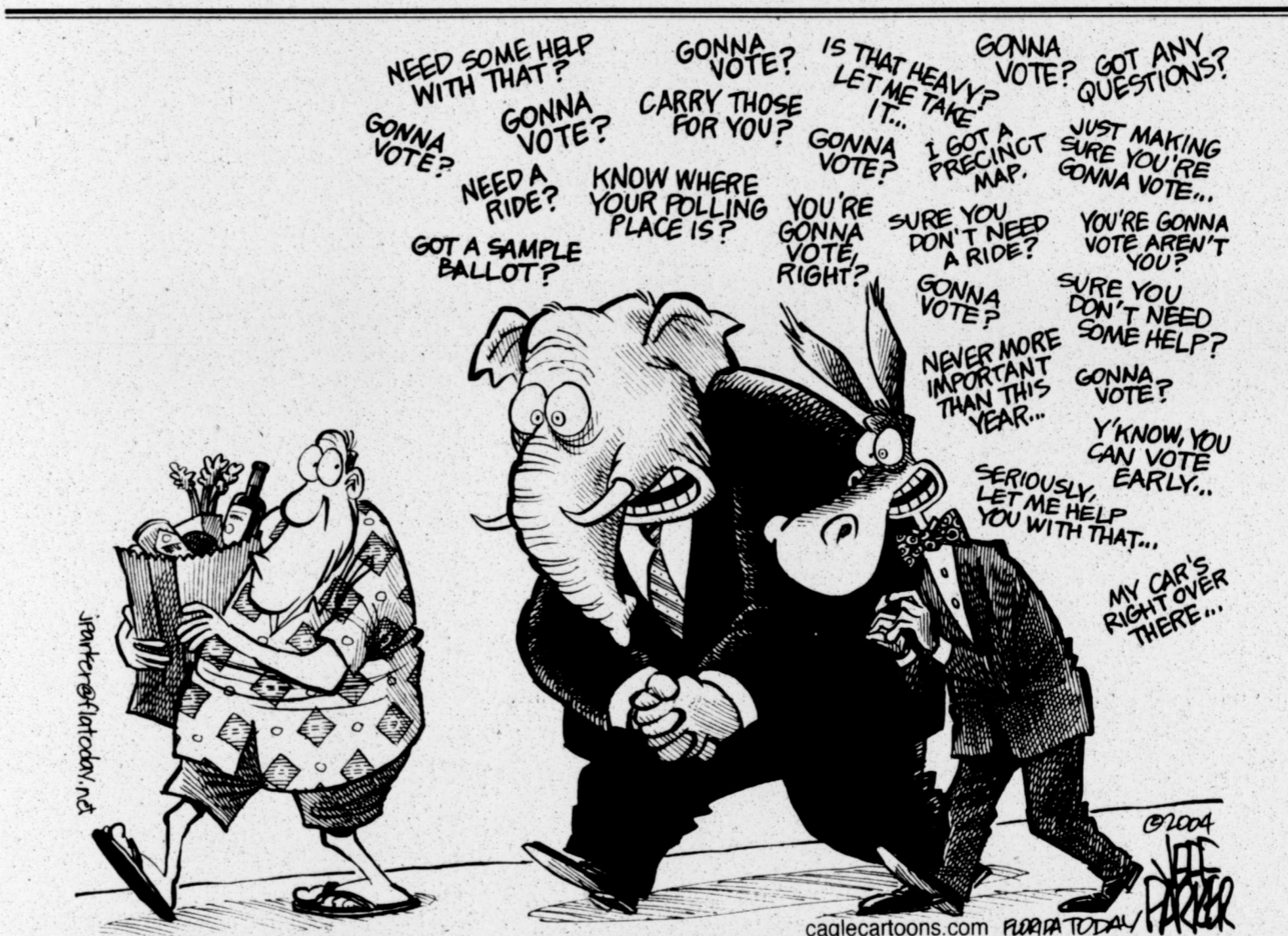
Ten years ago: Francisco Martin Duran of Colorado Springs, Colo., fired more than two dozen shots from a semiautomatic rifle at the White House while standing on Pennsylvania Avenue; Duran was later convicted of trying to assassinate President Clinton and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

Five years ago: A panel of European Union scientists ruled that British beef was safe for export, rejecting French scientific arguments to continue a ban because of fears of mad cow disease. Some 3,000 people attended a memorial service in Orlando, Fla., for golfer Payne Stewart, who was killed along with five other people in the crash of their Learjet.

One year ago: International organizations continued their exodus from Iraq in the wake of car bombings in the capital and attacks against coalition troops.

'Moral indignation is in most cases two percent moral, 48 percent indignation, and 50 percent envy.'

— Vittorio De Sica
Italian movie director



A word to betrayers of freedom

Dwight D. Eisenhower, who spent his life in the Army before being twice elected commander in chief, was about 100 times smarter than the present occupant of the White House.

Here are a few quotes from Eisenhower that are relevant to America today: "If all that Americans want is security, they can go to prison. They'll have enough to eat, a bed and a roof over their heads. But if an American wants to preserve his dignity and his equality as a human being, he must not bow his neck to any dictatorial government." "Don't join the book burners. Don't think you are

going to conceal faults by concealing evidence that they ever existed."

This next one is particularly applicable to George Bush and fanatic partisans.

Eisenhower said: "Without exhaustive debate, even heated debate, of ideas and programs, free government would weaken and wither. But if we allow ourselves to be persuaded that every individual or party that takes issue with our own convictions is necessarily wicked or treasonous, then, indeed, we are approaching

the end of freedom's road."

Eisenhower, though a soldier, kept us out of war and built the nuclear deterrent that protected Americans long after he was gone. Here is what he thought of war:

"I hate war as only a soldier who has lived it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity." That's not unlike a statement made by another warrior, Gen. William Sherman, who said in a public speech: "There is

many a boy here today who looks on war as all glory, but boys, it is all hell. You can bear this warning voice to generations yet to come. I look upon war with horror." Nobody can ever accuse Sherman of being a softie. He was brutal in the extreme in his pursuit of victory.

Perhaps President Bush would likewise view war with horror if he had chosen to join John Kerry in the jungles of Vietnam. Instead, he chose to party in Texas and Alabama. The point is not whether he fulfilled his National Guard duties. The point is he chose, unlike

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Red Ribbon draws parents' attention

As many Tarrant County school districts and thousands of others across the nation observe Red Ribbon Week this week, it's worth drawing attention to what some area parents learned recently.

This annual event started in 1985 after the death of Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Enrique Camarena. It focuses the attention of students and their parents on the dangers of drug abuse.

In Southlake's Carroll school district, survey results announced last week concerning the prevalence of drug and alcohol abuse

among teens were, to say the least, eye-opening.

More than 90 percent of parents in the September survey said that their children don't do drugs. More than 80 percent said their children do not drink alcohol.

Compare that with the results of a survey of Carroll students last spring.

Among high school juniors, 30 percent said that they had used marijuana, 68 percent said that they had used alcohol, and 53 percent said that they

had been drunk.

Put the two surveys together, and what you see is that some parents need to have a very serious talk with their children. Not just in Carroll, either.

Red Ribbon Week is being observed in our schools, but that certainly is not the only place where the message should be heard.

Kelvin Bailey's son Tyler, a popular 14-year-old freshman at Keller's Fossil Ridge High School, died last month

after taking a mixture of the prescription drugs oxycodone and Xanax. Kelvin Bailey thought he had been doing the right things, watching closely for any sign that his son had been abusing alcohol or drugs.

Last week, Bailey had a gripping message for Southlake parents gathered for a Red Ribbon Week kickoff event: "When I talk to Tyler today, I go to his grave site. I don't want you all to have to go there."

Sometimes it's hard for parents to talk to their kids about this sort of thing. Not talking to them can be much worse.

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Girl Scouts attend Fall Fling

The Fall Fling, a Girl Scout event, was held recently at Camp Mel Davis near Lefors.

Originally, the day camp was set to have 50 girls and leaders for fun and training, but due to an overwhelming response by area Girl Scouts the camp was opened up for all who could attend.

Eighty Girl Scouts representing 11 troops from six area towns enjoyed nature hikes, making kites and rockets and first time experiences with outdoor latrines.

The girls also helped prepare their own Hobo dinners and helped clean up the campsite.

Participants came from Pampa, Borger, Fritch, Miami, Memphis and Clarendon and ranged from and included six Daisy's ages 5 to 6, 48 Brownies ages 6 to 8, 23 Juniors ages 9 to 12, two Cadettes ages 12 to 14 and one

Senior, age 15 to 16. The 46 volunteer leaders attending the camp had fun and lot of laughs, a press release said, training on how to build a fire, campfire safety and outdoor cooking.

Girl Scout leaders are required to be trained in these areas in order to take the troops camping in the spring, the press release reported.

One area leader remembers, the press release said, camping at Mel Davis back in the late 1960s.

Letha Anderson remembers camping, cooking over a campfire, bonfire sing-a-longs and climbing on and sliding down "Ole Charlie" (a fallen tree).

She was sad to learn, however, that Old Charlie was hit by lightning several years ago and dismantled due to safety reasons. Several area troops are plan-

ning to camp out this spring at Camp Mel Davis.

Lynn DiTirro Troop leader of Brownie troop #232 and Junior troop #245, the release said, is looking forward to taking both troops consisting of 29 girls on an over night campout this spring.

"I think this will be a good experience for all of them and give them lessons on how it was in the past," DiTirro said.

The girls will working on earning the patch "Girl Scouting in the Past" and others at the camp.

To end the day of activities, the Girl Scouts retired five flags, teaching the girls respect and honor for the American Flag and for those who have fought and died for it and all that it represents.

It also helped the girls remember those who still fight to defend it today.



Samy Graue, Jaydyn Crawford, Jessica Gibbs, Tammy DuBose and Lucy Dodson participate in a flag ceremony at a recently the Girl Scout's Fall Fling at Camp Mel Davis near Lefors.

Study: Stress activates memory-impairing enzyme

WASHINGTON (AP) — How many people have gotten home after a blindingly stressful day and realize they've forgotten some important event or errand?

Well, now at least there's a scientific explanation for the oversight.

Stress makes you forgetful.

People going on stage or taking an exam or finding themselves in similarly tough situations already knew this, of course.

But a team of researchers has found how it happens.

A discovery that they say could point the way to better treatments for such illnesses as schizophrenia and bipolar disorder.

Stressful situations in which the individual has no control were found to activate an enzyme in the brain called protein kinase C,

which impairs the short-term memory and other functions in the prefrontal cortex, the executive-decision part of the brain, says Dr. Amy F. T. Arnsten of Yale Medical School.

The findings were reported Thursday in the journal Science.

The PKC enzyme is also active in bipolar disorder and schizophrenia, and Arnsten notes that a first psychotic episode can be precipitated by a stressful situation, such as going away to college for the first time or joining the military.

By affecting that part of the brain, the researchers say, PKC could be a factor in the distractibility, impulsiveness and impaired judgment that occurs in those illnesses.

The finding that uncontrolled stress activates PKC indicates a possible new direction for treatments — seeking drugs that inhibit PKC, Arnsten said in a telephone interview.

"These new findings may also help us understand the impulsivity and distractibility observed in children with lead poisoning."

The researchers used chemicals to induce stress in rats and monkeys because the stress levels are easily controlled, Arnsten said.

It was similar to humans exposed to loud noise or panicking before an exam, she said.

"It doesn't have to be traumatic, as long as you feel out of control," she said. "Control is the essential factor.... If you are confident, you don't have these problems."

PKC affects a part of the brain that allows abstract reasoning, using working memory that is constantly updated.

"This kind of memory, the ability to concentrate, seems to be impaired when exposed to mild stresses," she said.

Scientists think the effect evolved as a protective mechanism in the event of danger, she said.

"If you're in dangerous conditions it helps to be distractible, to hear every little sound in the woods and react rapidly, instinctually," she said. "It's like getting cut off on the highway. You don't want to be a slow, thoughtful creature.... You want to react and hit brakes."

The research was funded by the Public Health Service, the Stanley Foundation, National Institute of Mental Health, Stanley Medical Research Institute and the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression.

"These new findings may also help us understand the impulsivity and distractibility observed in children with lead poisoning."

— Dr. Amy Arnsten
Yale Medical School

Blast

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Jim to my left and John to my right, I proceeded to poke the mound of black powder with the reefer.

For some unknown reason to yours truly, God failed to install any semblance of mental hesitation in me — those snakes had to go to their happy rattling grounds. And, I learned the result of blasting a rattlesnake den to smithereens with black powder.

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Kerry, to avoid going to Vietnam. So did Vice President Dick Cheney and a lot of other Republican chicken hawks, like former Rep. Newt Gingrich.

As for Kerry's anti-war activities, he simply shared the same opinion of war as Eisenhower and Sherman because he had seen it and experienced it. Nobody can look back on the Vietnam War -- which gained America nothing but 58,000 dead, a quarter of a million wounded and a divided country -- and honestly say that Kerry wasn't right when he opposed it.

As for all these chicken hawks in the administration and the media who condemn anti-war folks as treasonous or disloyal, it is

Kafoom. I awoke in tall grass on the other side of the truck; Jim was in the road; and John on top the cab. The epiphany hit Jim and I at the same exact moment — what were we doing out of the truck with so many rattlesnakes about? Must have taken a nanosecond for the two of us to scramble back to the safe confines of the pickup.

"Where's that rattling coming from?" queried Jim, as we checked each other for lost body parts. John, from the safety of the pickup cab, yelled, "There's snakes in

the truck bed." Jim and I bailed out of the truck in half a nanosecond — to the hysterical laughs emitting from inside the truck cab.

So what's the point of this yarn — a very true yarn for you nonbelievers? Two points, to be exact. First, I'm up to my gills with anything concerning politics and elections and I thought a little humor would suffice.

Second, and here's the clincher — Wives, don't let your husbands try the black powder thing with rattlesnakes. What was that about common sense?

more contemptible role a human being can play than being a vicarious warrior. Too many Americans today are allowing a bunch of draft dodgers and chicken hawks to scare them with the boogeyman into giving up everything that makes this country worth fighting for.

If the president cannot fight terrorism and preserve American freedom at the same time, then he's obviously in a job well over his head. Instead of telling senators who disagree with them to go "f--" themselves, we should be saying that to the terrorists. We should be telling the terrorists that nothing they can do will make us abandon our free society, that we can argue at home and fight them at the same time.

Someone once said that modern man stands on the shoulders of giants of the past. I'm afraid today that the mental and moral midgets standing on the shoulders of giants are a light load.

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"I wish there was some way we could gather up all these chicken hawks, put them on a plane with rifles and parachutes and dump them over Fallujah.."

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Cassini radar sees Titan's 'cat' in clearest images yet

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The Cassini spacecraft is sending back evidence that Saturn's planet-size moon Titan is geologically alive, possibly with liquids moving on its surface, scientists said Thursday.

Images made from radar beams bounced off Titan during Cassini's close flyby this week revealed such surface details as a round basin, narrow miles-long linear "streaks," and a cat-shaped region of what could be the moon's theorized lakes of liquid methane and ethane.

higher resolution here ... and we are seeing detailed features," said Charles Elachi, JPL's director and team leader for Cassini's radar instrument, which imaged a swath of Titan about 75 miles wide and 1,240 miles long.

Elachi said there was "high confidence" in the evidence of geologic activity, noting the long linear features as an example.

The possible region of lakes was depicted as very dark, which in radar data is a characteristic of a signal bouncing off a very smooth surface like a liquid.

'We are seeing much higher resolution here ... and we are seeing detailed features.'

— Charles Elachi
JPL director

Scientists had been reluctant to draw conclusions about surface features from pictures taken through Titan's hazy atmosphere.

But they sounded more confident after radar data arrived late Wednesday and was processed into images depicting terrain in shades of black and white.

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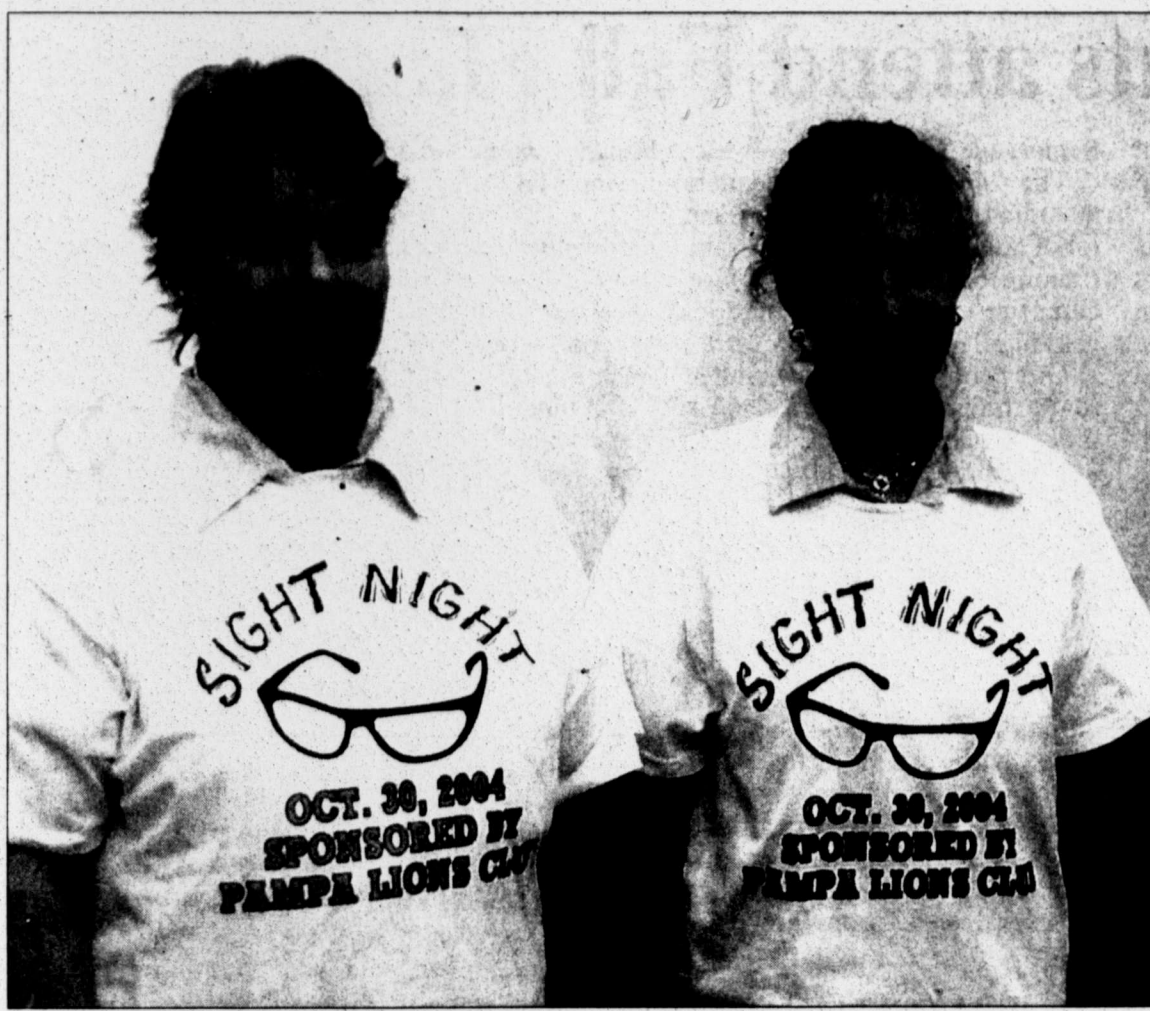
The region was named "Si-Si the Cat," after a scientist's young daughter who noticed it resembled a "Halloween cat," Elachi said.

Cassini reached Saturn this summer on a \$3.3 billion international mission to study the planet's system for four years.

Unlike the airless moons and space rocks that NASA can photograph with startling clarity, Titan, hundreds of millions of miles from Earth, has long stymied scientists because its surface is shrouded by a thick atmosphere of nitrogen and methane.

That has forced scientists to create theories about the surface from observations of the hydrocarbon-laced atmosphere.

Scientists believe seas or lakes of methane could form as organic compounds fall out of the atmosphere and collect on the surface.



Looking for Sight Night

Pampa U.S. Postal Service Carriers, Pam Spencer, left, and Michelle Courtney, right, are looking forward to the Pampa Lions Club's "Sight Night." Local postal workers will be working with the Pampa Lions Club by picking up eye glasses from city resident's mail boxes on Saturday, Oct. 30, said Pampa Postmaster Bob Schrock. Residents are asked to leave unneeded eye glasses in their mail boxes to be picked up Saturday and given to the Lions Club which will then see that the glasses go to needy persons.

Citing video from Md. chicken plant, animal rights group pursues complaint

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — An animal advocacy group wants prosecutors to press animal cruelty charges against Perdue Farms Inc., after an activist secretly videotaped chickens flapping wildly after their throats were slit on a processing line.

The activist worked from Sept. 16 to Oct. 1 at a processing plant in Showell, a complex that Perdue is closing next week to streamline operations. The animal rights group filed a complaint this week with the local sheriff and state's attorney's office.

The seven-minute videotape shows piles of live chickens being shoved and thrown down a processing line. They are shown hanging upside down as their throats are slit. Afterward, the cut birds flap wildly.

"From the very first day our investigator worked, he saw animal cruelty on a regular basis," said Paul Shapiro, campaigns director for the nonprofit Compassion Over Killing.

The group says it will use the tape to press KFC to require humane animal treatment by its suppliers, which include Salisbury-based Perdue. KFC officials said Thursday they purchase only 2 percent of their products from Perdue; both companies said none of Showell's chickens go to KFC, a subsidiary of Louisville, Ky.-based Yum Brands Inc.

Perdue officials say they saw no "intentional cruelty" in the videotape, and that the workers have since been shown how to handle the animals with more care.

Utah man pleads not guilty to first-degree murder

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A man pleaded not guilty Friday to first-degree murder in the death of his wife, whose remains were found in a landfill weeks after her disappearance.

The judge set Mark Hacking's trial for April 18. Prosecutors are not seeking the death penalty.

Authorities believe Lori Hacking, 27, was killed July 19 after learning her husband wasn't enrolled in medical school in North Carolina, though they were arranging to move there. It was among a series of deceptions Mark Hacking had perpetuated over several years, police say.

The victim's brother, Paul Soares, sent a letter to Hacking in jail, urging him to "be a man" and plead guilty, according to a newspaper story Friday.

"Save your family the grief and cost of this attorney. Just plead guilty for once. Just tell the truth. Take responsibility for your actions," Soares wrote, according to the Deseret Morning News.

"Your father said you were determined to do what is right — even if it costs you your life. ... Just tell the judge the truth. Admit it. Don't ask for some lenient plea bargain. Be a man," the letter continued.

Hacking's defense attorney has indicated he would take the case to trial and challenge Hacking's alleged confession to his brothers that he shot his wife while she slept and disposed of her remains, the weapon and a mattress in the trash.

Defense attorney Gil Athay declined to discuss his plans Friday.

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Taiwan, Japan trade bodes well for Kansas-raised beef

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — With more export markets reopening borders to limited U.S. beef trade, the nation's meatpackers and livestock producers are scrambling to revamp operations to qualify for overseas sales.

In major cattle states such as Kansas — where frustration runs high with the pace of the U.S. Agriculture Department's cattle identification program and its slow negotiations with overseas markets — state governments and industry groups are taking the initiative themselves.

On Tuesday, the Agriculture Department announced that pending a final round of inspections, Taiwan would resume beef imports, which were suspended because of concerns over mad cow disease. The Taiwan deal came just three days after Japan agreed to allow limited imports of American beef from cows younger than 20 months. All infected animals found in Japan have been older than 20 months.

"I am very pleased we finally have a framework of agreement with Japan. Many of us believed a very similar framework could have been agreed to several months ago," Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky said Tuesday.

Polansky also criticized progress on the federal animal identification system.

"Many of us are disappointed we are now

looking at 3 1/2 years before they initiate the individual animal identification program," Polansky said. "With the market forces at work, those of us who are knowledgeable are going on; we have to move forward."

Kansas is putting together its own voluntary animal ID system to meet market demand for age-verified animals, he said.

A strong domestic taste for beef has kept meat profits and cattle prices high despite the discovery last December of the first case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, a disease that attacks the nervous system and is commonly known as mad cow disease, in the United States. But the loss of export markets dried up the market for variety meats such as tongue, leading to layoffs and shorter hours at the nation's major meatpackers.

No humans are known to have been infected through exposure in the United States with variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human equivalent of mad cow, which can be fatal.

Recent developments in reopening overseas markets comes just as the United States faces a glut of cattle — aggravated by heavier market cattle and growing beef imports from other countries eager to cash in on high U.S. beef prices.

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Kan. Sec. of Agriculture

N.Y.C. police officer gets probation for refusing to arrest homeless man

NEW YORK (AP) — A police officer who refused to arrest a homeless man in 2002 was put on probation Thursday for one year for disobeying an order.

Lawyers for Officer Eduardo Delacruz said he also was given a 30-day suspension without pay, a penalty he's already served.

Delacruz, 39, drew support from homeless advocates who portrayed him as a conscientious objector to a crackdown on the city's dis-

possessed. The officer, who had a clean disciplinary record, suggested his religious beliefs played a role in his refusal of a sergeant's order to arrest a homeless man who was sleeping in a Manhattan parking garage.

"God is in control," the 10-year veteran said during a recent police department hearing when asked what he was thinking at the time.

Delacruz could have been fired. But his police union lawyers argued that even

giving him probation was unduly harsh.

Though disappointed with the decision, Delacruz was "happy he can continue his career as a police officer," attorney Greg Longworth said.

Police officials had no immediate comment.

Delacruz's lawyers accused his supervisors in a homeless outreach unit of trying to impose an illegal one-arrest-per-week quota.

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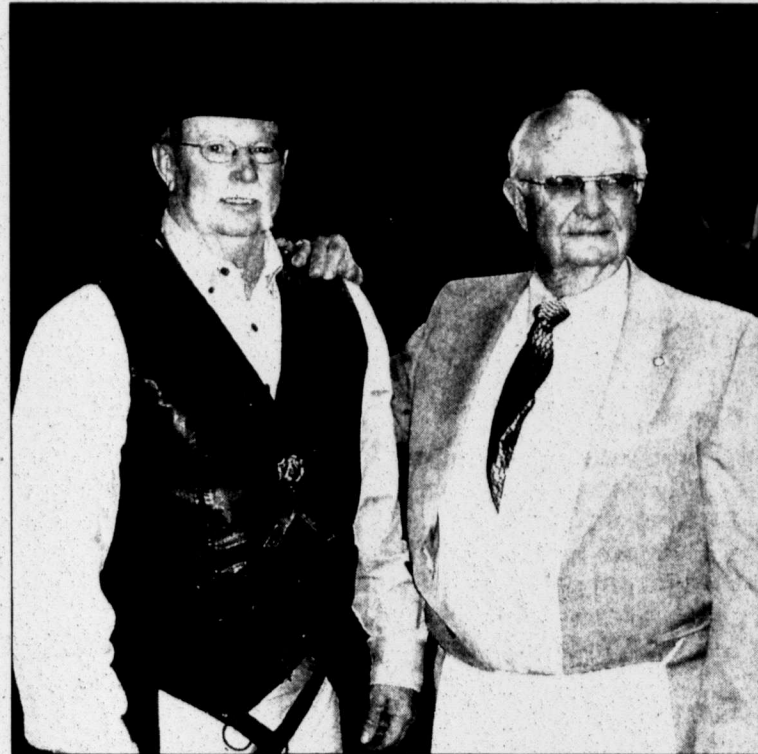
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Masonic Lodge #1381 presents special awards



Dwayne Smith, Allen Chronister and Wyeth Osborne all recently received 25-year awards as members of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge # 1381 AF&AM.



Worshipful Master Kevin Romines, of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, recently presented Everett R. Butler with a 50-year Masonic award.



Wyeth Osborne, of Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, was recently recognized with the lodge's Golden Trowel Award. His wife Sandy is seen here helping him with his lapel pin.

O'Reilly agrees to settle harassment, extortion suits

NEW YORK (AP) — Citing a need to shield his loved ones, Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly has settled a sexual harassment lawsuit brought by his former producer. "This brutal ordeal is now officially over, and I will never speak of it again," O'Reilly said on Thursday night's edition of his talk show, "The O'Reilly Factor."

O'Reilly, who is married with two children, also dropped an extortion lawsuit against his accus-

er and her lawyer. Both sides have agreed to keep the details confidential, O'Reilly's attorney said. Andrea Mackris, 33, who was a producer on the show, sued the top-rated TV host Oct. 13, alleging O'Reilly made a series of explicit phone calls to her, advised her to use a vibrator and telling her about sexual fantasies involving her. Earlier that day, O'Reilly, 55, filed a lawsuit accusing Mackris and her lawyer of trying to extort

\$60 million in "hush money" to make the case quietly go away. "This matter has caused enormous pain, but I had to protect my family, and I did. All I can say to you is please do not believe everything you hear and read," O'Reilly, whose ratings have gone up 30 percent since the lawsuits were filed, told his viewers. Shortly before "Factor" aired Thursday, O'Reilly's lawyer, Ronald Green, issued a statement saying the cases and claims had been withdrawn and all parties agreed there was no wrongdoing by O'Reilly, Mackris or Mackris' lawyer. Green's statement about the settlement did not mention money, and it could not be learned immediately whether it was a factor. Mackris' lawyer didn't immediately return several telephone calls seeking comment. Several days after filing her sex-

ual harassment suit, Mackris filed amended court papers, claiming that Fox had violated her rights under New York state law by firing her after she complained about being sexually harassed. Fox denied Mackris had been fired, saying she had simply stopped coming to work. A spokeswoman for Fox would not say whether Mackris is still on Fox's payroll.

San Antonio won't sell River Walk bench to Johnny Cash's first wife

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The first wife of country singer Johnny Cash says she would like the San Antonio River Walk bench they carved their names on in 1951. San Antonio says the bench is historic, however, and is unlikely to give it up. Cash was an 18-year-old Brooks Air Force Base cadet and Vivian Distin was his 17-year-old girlfriend when they carved "Johnny loves Vivian" on the cedar bench. Shortly after the young couple left their mark, the military sent Cash to Germany. Over the next three years, Cash frequently

referred to the bench in love letters to Distin. "He would ask if I was visiting the bench and (say) how often he thought about that walk and us carving our names," Distin, to whom Cash pledged to remain faithful in his song "I Walk the Line," told the San Antonio Express-News for a story in Friday's editions. "It was a big part of our courtship." Distin rediscovered the bench two weeks ago during a San Antonio visit. The city, then, locked it away in a storage room out of fear that someone would steal or damage it.

Ann Sharpsteen, who is collaborating on a book Distin is writing about life with Cash, began the search for the bench. Distin asked city officials if she could have the original bench if she paid to have it replicated. But it is considered historic and likely could not be relinquished, said Malcolm Matthews, the city's Parks and Recreation Department director. "Her other alternative was just to have it protected," Matthews said. "We agree with that." Distin was the first of Cash's two wives and the

mother of his four daughters, including of singer Rosanne Cash. Cash, who was divorced from Distin when he married country star June Carter, died in September 2003.

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Thousands sign petitions against kidnapper's release

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — More than 26,000 signatures of people opposed to the release of a man convicted of kidnapping a 9-year-old Wichita girl and helping her killer were delivered during a public meeting on his possible parole. Donald Wacker, 41, is serving a sentence of 16 years to life in prison for the 1990 kidnapping of Nancy Shoemaker. Most who attended a meeting Thursday opposed his release. "He should stay where he's at," said Bo Shoemaker, the victim's father, who now lives in Pensacola, Fla. "I think you should all consider when he gets out of jail what he might do." While Wacker was convicted of the girl's kidnapping, another man, Doil Lane, was convicted of raping and strangling the girl. Pamela Mingauw, who worked with both Wacker and Lane before the crime, called Wacker "a sweet young boy" forced to take part in the kidnapping by Lane, who she said was "an evil, manipulative person." Mingauw was the only person besides Wacker's parents to speak on his behalf. Her defense of Wacker drew a sharp rebuke from Shoemaker. "Donny is the only person who could have stopped him," Shoemaker said.

Deb Barnett, of the U.S. attorney's office, also disputed Mingauw's assessment. "This is not someone who was coerced," she said of Wacker. "This is someone who is a predator." Wacker was convicted of aiding a felon and kidnapping and remains in a Missouri prison. Lane is on death row in Texas for the 1980 rape and murder of 8-year-old Bertha Martinez in San Marcos. Wacker's hearing before the Kansas Parole Board will likely be held next month. The opinions expressed at the public meeting Thursday comes into play in the board's decision. Comment from the public, the victim's family and criminal justice officials is among seven factors the board must consider. The other factors include the inmate's prior criminal history, participation in institutional programs, discipline record, plan for where he would live and work while on parole, and prison capacity. A cousin of the victim, Jennifer Cooley, summed up the thoughts of the roughly two dozen opponents of Wacker's release: "As a mother, I beg you to keep him where he is at." Information from: The Wichita Eagle, <http://www.wichitaeagle.com>

Kickapoos hope luck improves with casino opening

EAGLE PASS (AP) — The Kickapoo Lucky Eagle Casino held its grand opening ceremonies this week for a new facility three times the size of the casino it replaced. The choice of Thursday as the grand opening date was no accident: Two years ago on Oct. 28 the Kickapoo

Traditional Tribe of Texas ousted tribal chairman Raul Garza, along with four other leaders and casino manager Isidro Garza, accusing them of fiscal mismanagement and neglecting tribal needs. "Today is a beautiful day," David Trevino, a security manager at the casino, told

the San Antonio Express-News for its Friday editions. "I love (Oct.) 28. I can't forget. I feel great. I feel clean." The opening was at least three years overdue, and the previous administration ran up a \$20 million debt before leaving, said Juan Garza, the current tribal chairman.

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Gloria Robbins of Trinity Fellowship, Deb Banks of Bible Church, Wendy Eggert of New Life Assembly, Jana Vinson of First Baptist and Lois Parker of Central Baptist look over final plans for taking Pampa women to the Women of Faith Conference in Oklahoma City. Not pictured are Janet Hancock of Briarwood Church and Robbie Pepper of First Christian.

'City Sisters' head to OKC for Women of Faith event

On Nov. 5, 220 women from Pampa and the surrounding area will travel by cars and charter buses to Oklahoma City for the 2004 Women of Faith Irrepressible Hope Conference.

Seven churches in Pampa have united for this special women's event.

Calling themselves "City Sisters," women's ministry leaders from Bible Church, Briarwood Church, First Christian, Central Baptist, First Baptist, New Life Assembly and Trinity Fellowship have

worked together to coordinate this event.

Women of Faith is an interdenominational women's conference organization committed to helping women of all faiths, backgrounds, age groups and nationalities grow emotionally, spiritually and in relationships.

According to the Women of Faith website, www.womenoffaith.com, more than 2.3 million women have shared the conference experience since it began in the mid-1990s. In 2003 alone, more than 36,000 women indicated decisions to follow Jesus.

Keller Family to perform here

On Sunday night, Oct. 31, at 6 p.m., The Todd Keller Family will be in concert at Central Baptist Church, Starkweather and Browning.

The Kellers are a family devoted to leading God's people to the throne of grace through worship. Through songs of praise and worship and in sharing the word, Todd and Darla, along with their children, are leading churches to open themselves up to God's fellowship.

Todd is a graduate of Wayland Baptist University and he and Darla served in West Texas churches for 10 years. Their heart is to see the church renewed through an openness in worship.

The children, Grant; 16, Bristol; 13, Paige; 8, and Brook'lynn; 6, take an active roll in worship through voice, instrument and drama. The Kellers are in their sixth year of full time evangelistic work and live in Amarillo.



The Keller Family

The public is invited to join the church congregation for a time of music and worship.

The concert is free and a love offering will be taken at the close of the concert.

The Reformation explained

This Sunday many churches across the country will be celebrating the Reformation. If you recall your world history, on Oct. 31, the eve of All Saint's Day, in 1517, a young university professor, Martin Luther, posted 95 Theses on the church door in Wittenburg, Germany. In this document, Luther challenged the church of his day to reform and come back to the central truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Luther did not wish to break away from the Roman Church. As a pastor, he wanted to give his parishioners the assurance of their salvation — not in their good works, but by the grace of God, through faith in Jesus Christ (Ephesians 2:8-9). The Reformation brought to the forefront that a person is not justified (made right with God) by works of the law (Galatians 3:16). Although it should be noted that all Christians should desire to do good and love their neighbor as a result of faith.

The Reformation re-focused three central Biblical truths to the people:

1. Scripture alone: The Holy Scriptures are the sole rule and norm of all teaching. God's Word is the final authority and is the absolute

truth. No one should add to or take away from the clear teachings of the Bible.

Michael Erickson

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A good motto to remember is "Scripture interprets Scripture." In other words, the harder, more obscure passages of the Bible are interpreted through the light of

the clear passages.

2. Grace Alone: People are given salvation by the grace of God. We don't deserve such a rich gift for we are sinners who defy God's will and commands many times over. But God, through His Son, Jesus Christ, is gracious, compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love (Joel 2:13). God's grace is defined as His undeserved gift given to mankind. Jesus suffered and died on the cross

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St. Vincent's will observe Priesthood Sunday Oct. 31

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will join Catholic parishes throughout the United States on Sunday, Oct. 31, to honor their priests on Priesthood Sunday.

Father Francisco Perez of St. Vincent de Paul will be recognized and honored for his service. Father Perez has been a priest for approximately five years. He was ordained on May 20, 2000.

Special activities planned this year at St. Vincent's include a potluck lunch in after the 12 noon mass in Father Perez's honor on Sunday, Oct. 31.

The purpose of Priesthood Sunday is also to get people talking about the declining number of priests and the need for more young men to become excited about a possible life as a priest, according to a press release from St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. This year's theme is "Priest Heroes" and highlights outstanding American priests who serve as models for those considering Priesthood as a vocation.

Priesthood Sunday is backed by a wide array of Catholic organizations seeking to show their support for priests. The organizer of the event is the National Federation of Priests' Councils and the major sponsor is The Christian Foundation for Children and Aging. Priesthood Sunday was first observed in October of 2003 as a reaction to the shadows cast over all priests by the sex abuse crisis.

Only 4,000 of the 19,000 parishes in the U.S. currently have more than one priest, the release states, adding that some priests serve two or more parishes by themselves.

Last year, an estimated 10 percent of U.S.



Father Francisco Perez

parishes took part in Priesthood Sunday. Organizers hope that this year as many as 25 percent of parishes may be involved in the event, according to the news release.

Holiday events

First Baptist Church Harvest Festival
First Baptist Church Pre-School and Children's Ministry are sponsoring a free Harvest Festival from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The festival will feature games, prizes, inflatables, candy and face painting.

Central Baptist Fall Festival
The children's division of Central Baptist Church will have their Fall Festival on Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Children from grades 1-6 are invited to join in games, prizes, fun and food in the Fellowship Hall of the church at 513 E. Francis. Entrance in the south door will be marked.

Gospel meetings set for Nov. 3-7 at local church

Pat Mannon will be guest speaker at a gospel meeting hosted by the Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells, Nov. 3-7.

Meetings will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday through Saturday, Nov. 3-6, and at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., on Sunday, Nov. 7.

The public is invited to attend.

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by Richard Lunsford

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 36 and "Vito," my significant other, is 44. I recently learned that he has been posing as a woman on an Internet swingers' site. He sends people naked photos of a girl -- and once I found a picture of a naked man. (Not him.) One of his objectives is to recruit couples for a threesome, and I believe he is also doing cybersex.

When I confronted Vito, he said it was just a joke. But it isn't the first time he has done this, and it is very hurtful.

Abby, Vito is sneaky, passive-aggressive and an alcoholic. I have always believed if you had to hide something from your partner or spouse, it was cheating. Is cybersex cheating?

—BLONDIE IN DAYTONA BEACH

DEAR BLONDIE: Yes, cybersex is cheating. When someone hides something from a spouse or partner, it's usually with the knowledge that the spouse or partner would disapprove.

Now, I have a question for you: Why are you wasting your time with someone who sneaks around looking for other sex partners? Romances like yours don't have happy endings. Be smart. Get checked for STDs and call it quits with Vito.

DEAR ABBY: My younger brother, who is 53, recently lost his job. His wife has never worked. They have spent their life traveling, driving expensive cars and entertaining lavishly. They never saved a nickel.

I, on the other hand, have always lived frugally. My wife and I put our kids through college, we live in a modest home, drive older cars and have never vacationed outside the United States. We have saved diligently and plan early retirement in a year or two.

My mother and sister think we should help my brother and his wife out by lending them money that we know will never be repaid. My brother has put me down for my thrifty ways, saying I could die tomorrow, then what good would all that money be?

Well, tomorrow is here. My wife and I are prepared for whatever life may deal us in the future. Mom and Sis are angry that we refuse to give money to my brother and his wife. They made their bed -- now they can lie in it.

Abby, please tell me if I'm right.

— ABLE BUT UNWILLING IN ALABAMA

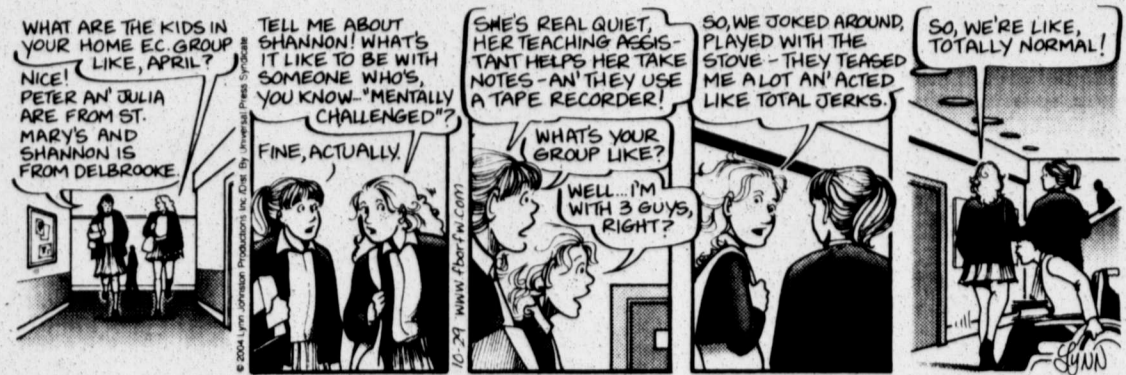
DEAR ABLE: Your philosophy of financial planning has paid off, while your brother is now paying dearly for failing to provide for his future. Far be it from me to raise Cain with you about your decision, but if you felt comfortable, you wouldn't be asking me to endorse it.

DEAR ABBY: I work with a man named James. We have become friends over the past few weeks, and it's obvious there is an attraction between us. I would never want to break up a marriage, and I don't want to change our relationship. Is simply flirting with a married man -- who flirts back -- OK if neither of you has any intentions?

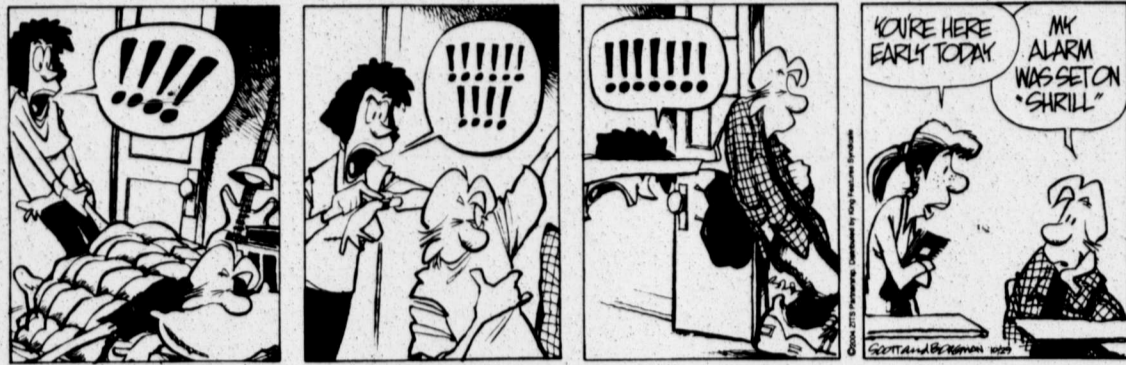
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DEAR LIKES THE ATTENTION: You say the two of you are "obviously" attracted to each other. That's how office romances begin. You are playing with fire. Listen to your gut (and nothing below) and you won't be sorry.

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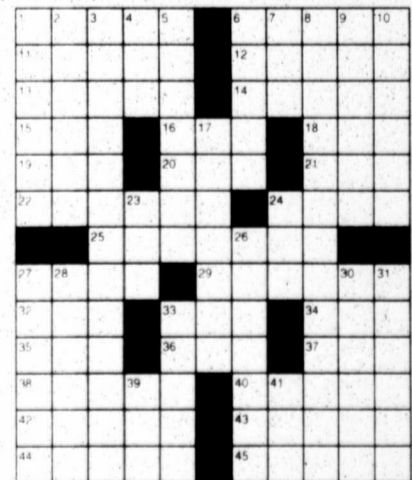
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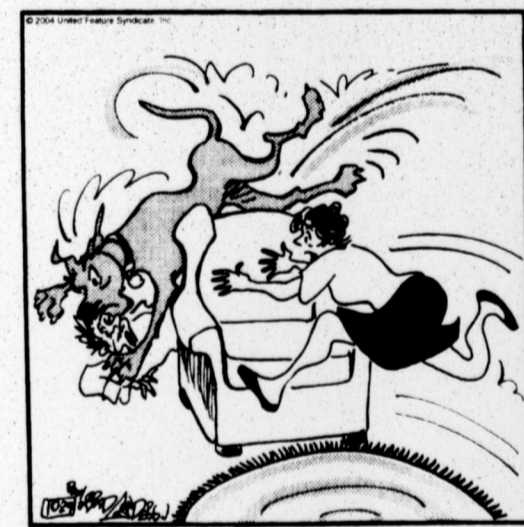
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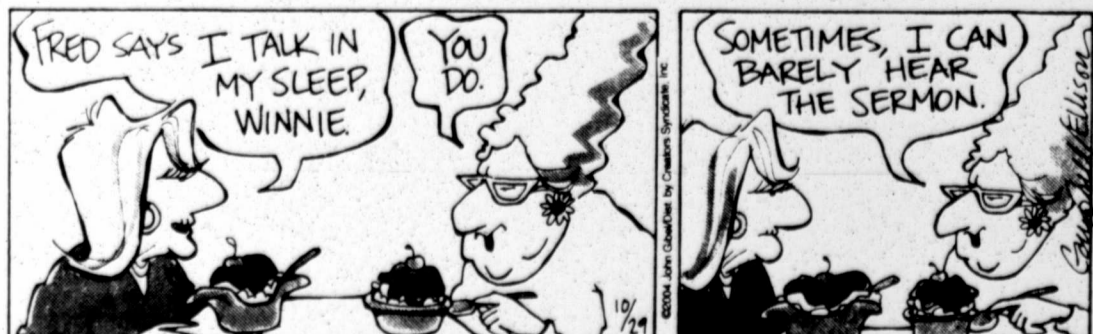
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Sports Day

Pampa Harvester varsity football team hopes to exorcise Demons, past and present

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Palo Duro beat up Caprock last night, scoring on its first two offensive possessions. The first time the Dons had the ball, running back Corey Gindratt took off on a 80-yard touchdown run. On their very next possession, Jamar Smith sprinted to a 91-yard touchdown run. Palo Duro ended the night with a 49-3 rout of the Longhorns.

That means the winner of tonight's meeting between Pampa and Dumas will take sole possession of second place in District 3-4A. But a win tonight at Dumas would mean so much more to the Harvesters. It would be a victory over the Demons on the field and the demons of the past. Pampa has not won at Dumas in quite some time. It may not equal Boston ending its 86-year World Series drought, but it might feel just as good.

Dumas has quietly put together a good season. They are 5-3 overall, 2-1 in district play. Their losses have been to Tascosa, 19-17 in week one. 13-7 to Peryton in week four.

And a 35-19 loss to Palo Duro just a little more than a month ago.

Over the past four games, the Demons have scored 30 or more points, including a 50-13 win over Hereford last week.

This combined with home field advantage makes the challenge at hand for the Harvester's a tough one. But one that can be met and overcome.

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Pampa was shutout by Palo Duro last week. The Harvester offense spent much of the night on its own side of the 50-yard line. The defense allowed 24 points but they didn't just give them to the Dons. They were earned. Again,

get beyond the goose egg and know that Palo Duro was the better team Friday night.

There are few motivators greater than being shut out on your own turf. There are few tastes worse than that of goose egg. This may be the most important game of the season for Pampa. There is much more on the line than sole possession of second place in District 3-4A. A playoff spot and possible number 1 seed in the UIL small school division may be on the line as well.

Yes, this is a big game.

Motivation? Try redemption. Where the Demons hung 50-points on the Herd last week, Pampa was shut out. The key will be which team was able to put last week's performance behind it and focus on the task at hand tonight. The Harvester team that rolls into Dumas this afternoon will not be the same team that took the field last week. Look for a strong performance by the defense and a creative and controlling Harvester offense hungry for points.

It will be close, but Pampa should leave the demons of the past in Dumas tonight.



Pampa Harvester Head Coach Heath Parker addresses his troops during a timeout in last week's home game against Palo Duro. Pampa lost the game 24-0. The Harvesters face another District 3-4A challenge in Dumas tonight when they take on the Demons. A win against Dumas could mean a UIL small school division number one seed and a playoff spot. The Harvesters wrap up the 2004 regular season at home next Friday night against the Caprock Longhorns, who fell to Palo Duro last night, 49-3. Next Friday night is Senior Night. Kick off tonight is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

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BRING THE NOISE

PHS Booster Club selling air horns

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
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The Pampa High School Football Booster Club is asking fans to fill the stands tonight in Dumas. They are also asking fans to "Bring the Noise."

The club will be selling air horns for \$8.

The team will be leaving for Dumas at 4:15 p.m. this afternoon and fans are invited to join the "Spirit Line" at Val Halla and caravan with the team.

This is a very important game for the Harvesters and Booster Club members are asking fans to show up early, in mass and loud.

Pampa in 1-AAAA Tournament

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
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The Pampa varsity tennis team is in Wichita Falls today taking part in a 16-team, single elimination tournament.

Only winners advance today and tomorrow.

The Harvesters, who finished second in District 3-4A arrived yesterday and were scheduled to play a top ranked opponent from another district this morning. As of

press time, the results of that meeting were not known.

Head Coach Josh Freeman said before leaving, "We would like to win regionals, but at the same time we would like to improve on the results of the past."

Freeman added, "We are always trying to better ourselves and we have an opportunity to do so. We will need a little luck and a lot of hard work to accomplish this goal, but we are ready."

Pampa JV dominates Dumas, freshmen fall to Longhorns

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
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According to those who were there, the Pampa junior varsity team was nothing short of dominating, if not stellar last night as it played host to Dumas.

The final score was Pampa 28, Dumas 6. It could have been much worse.

One fan told The Pampa News that no less than four other touchdowns were called

back on Pampa penalties. Adding every kid on the Pampa JV squad played. Many second and third string players were inserted into the game starting in the second quarter.

The win runs the JV record to 9-0 with just one game left. A meeting next week with Caprock.

The Pampa freshmen team fell to Caprock yesterday afternoon. That final was 14-6. The freshmen team wraps up its season at home next week against Randall.

DISD sued over player's death

DALLAS (AP) — A man has filed a wrongful death suit against the Dallas Independent School District after his son's August death from heatstroke following the first football practice of the season at Carter High School.

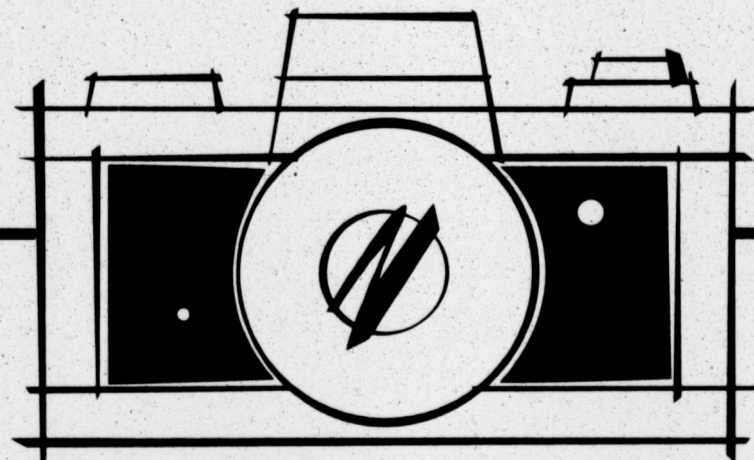
The suit, filed Thursday in state district court, charges DISD with negligence.

"They were conducting an abnormally dangerous activity at Carter High School on

this day," James Murphy, the attorney for Edward Brown, said in an interview.

The temperature on Aug. 2 was 92, with a heat index of 105, when Carter's first practice — which lasted nearly 3 1/2 hours — ended just before noon. Eric Brown collapsed at his home about 2 p.m. and died an hour later.

The suit does not request a specific amount of damages.



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Briarwood Church hosts 7th annual Fall Festival

Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will be hosting their seventh annual Fall Festival, from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 31.

Lots of game booths are planned, in addition to crafts, black light puppet show, cake walk, and hay rides.

A clown bouncer and special preschool games will also be included. Adults can participate in a silent auction for home-baked goods, register for door prizes, and view a

Christian western movie.

Admission is \$1.50 per person, with children under 5 years admitted free. All games are free with admission. Pictures, concession items and putting someone in jail are affordable extras.

This event is sponsored by the Super Church Children's Ministry of Briarwood Church. The public is invited to this family night of fun. For more information, call 665-7201.

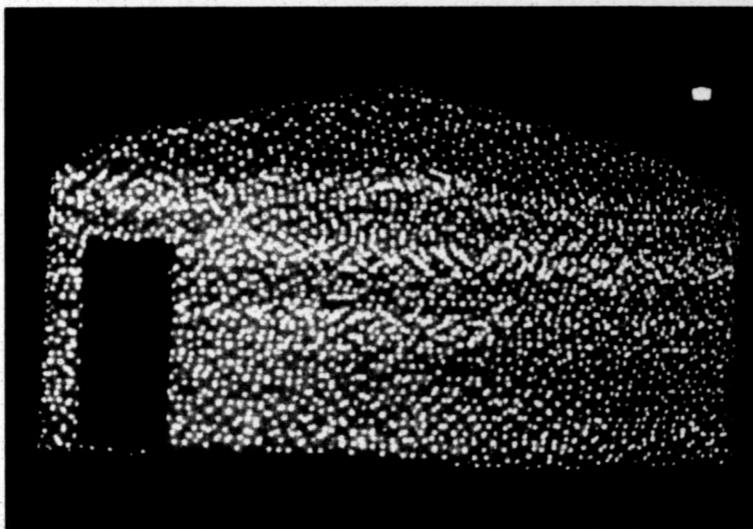
The Light House offers alternative

Members of First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, invites the public to celebrate with the congregation at The Light House, a free alternative for Halloween.

The Light House will be open Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., with cookies, lemonade, popcorn, crafts, puppets, face painting, a dessert walk, and games with prizes.

Church youth will be selling nachos for \$1 each.

The first 150 attending will receive a free gift and the first 200 will receive a free bag of candy.



The Light House will be shining as a Halloween alternative at First Assembly of God, 500 S. Cuyler, on Saturday, Oct. 30.

Luther

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at Calvary and rose from the grave on the third day to win us salvation and reconcile us to a righteous and holy God. By God's grace, through Christ's sacrifice, our sins are all paid for in full.

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(Ephesians 2:8-9, Matthew 16:17, Romans 10:17, 1 Corinthians 12:3). Faith believes, clings to, and trusts in the work and merits of Jesus Christ on the cross not our own works we do here on earth. Faith receives the salvation Jesus won for us on the cross. The Lord gives us this assurance of our eternal heavenly home through faith because true faith rests in what Christ has done. When faith rests in Christ, not in ourselves, then we can truly be assured of our salvation because Christ has cer-

tainly accomplished our salvation.

These points are no small matter. The Reformation was a major event in Western civilization. In 1997, *Life Magazine* put out a special double issue on the most important historical events and people of the millennium. The Reformation ranked number three and Martin Luther ranked the third most influential person.

May you rejoice in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus each day and live in God's grace through faith in Him.

Economy grows at 3.7 percent in third quarter

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. economy grew at a 3.7 percent annual rate in the third quarter — a pace that was slightly better than in the spring but not as strong as many analysts expected. Friday's government report was the last such broad snapshot of economic activity before Election Day.

The reading on gross domestic product (GDP) for the July-to-September quarter followed a 3.3 percent growth rate in the prior quarter, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

Analysts were predicting that the economy, which — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan had said hit a "soft patch" in the late spring, would gain traction and expand at a more brisk 4.3 percent rate in the third quarter.

GDP measures the value of all goods and services produced within the United States and is considered the broadest barometer of the economy's health.

"The economy right now is running in the middle lane. We're not in the fast lane but we're not on the shoulder or in the break down lane," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp.

Although the third quarter's performance fell short of analysts' expectations, it still marked the best growth seen since the first three months of this year.

Consumers snapped out of a funk in the third quarter and boosted spending at the fastest pace in a year. Businesses also increased spending on equipment and software, but they

didn't invest as aggressively on building inventories. The bloated trade deficit also weighed on economic activity.

President Bush and his Democratic rival, John Kerry, have divergent views about how the economy and the nation's job market are faring. Bush says his tax cuts helped the economy rebound from the 2001 recession and fostered payroll growth. Kerry contends that the tax cuts mainly helped the wealthy and thrust the government's balance sheets deeper in red ink.

Analysts said the GDP report provides political ammunition for both camps.

In other economic news, employers saw costs for workers' wages and benefits grow by 0.9 percent in the third

quarter, the same increase posted in the second quarter, the Labor Department said.

Even though the economy is expanding, the recovery in the job market has been uneven. Employers have added more than a million jobs in the past year, but since Bush took office in January 2001, the economy has lost a net 821,000 jobs.

The Federal Reserve, meanwhile, probably will boost short-term interest rates for a fourth time this year when its meet next on Nov. 10. With the economy out of crisis mode, Fed policy-makers want to continue to move rates from extraordinarily low levels to more normal levels to make sure that inflation does-

n't become a threat to the economy down the road.

An inflation gauge tied to the GDP report and closely watched by Fed policy-makers showed that prices rose at an annual rate of 0.7 percent in the third quarter, down from 1.7 percent rate of increase in the previous quarter.

From an economic point of view, inflation is still under control even through oil prices have been surging. Oil prices, which recently hit new record territory of just more than \$55 a barrel, moderated on Thursday to \$50.92 a barrel.

High energy prices pose a risk to the economy, analysts say. Economists believe that the impact of soaring energy prices could slow economic activity in the final quarter of this year.

In the third quarter, consumers seemed to be in the mood to treat themselves despite high energy prices. They increased spending at a 4.6 percent rate, up from a lackluster 1.6 percent pace in the prior quarter and the biggest increase since the third quarter of 2003.

Spending on big-ticket goods such as automobiles led the way. Consumer spending on such items went up at a whopping 16.8 percent pace in the third quarter, compared with a 0.3 percent rate of decline in the second quarter.

Business investment on equipment and software rose at a 14.9 percent rate in the third quarter, up from a 14.2 percent growth rate in the second quarter.

Less aggressive spending on inventories by businesses ended up shaving 0.48 percentage point from third quarter GDP. The trade deficit reduced third-quarter GDP by 0.62 percentage point. Those were the two main factors tempering economic growth in the third quarter.

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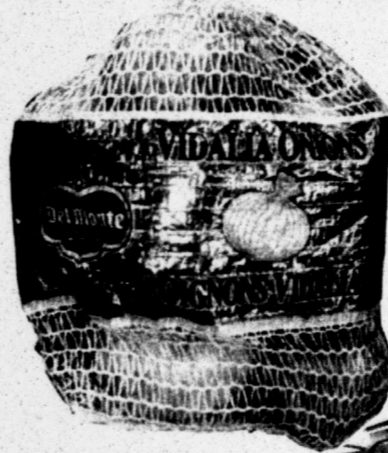
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