

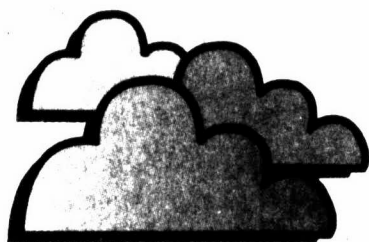
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Edward Lynn Hammer, 59, mechanic.
Vera Kiser Noltz, 92, homemaker.
Benny F. Robinson, 81, service station owner.
Kenneth 'Nick' Spencer, 81, entrepreneur.

Texas Today

Mistrial declared in hospital stabbings
CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — The capital murder trial of a man charged in the 1992 stabbing deaths of two elderly women at a hospital has ended in a mistrial.

The trial of Carlos Lopez, 49, ended Tuesday after the 12-person jury could not reach a unanimous decision after 16 hours of deliberations beginning last week. One juror prevented the jury from reaching a verdict. A new trial will be scheduled later.

"We are hopelessly deadlocked. We see no way out," jury foreman Arthur Loudon told the judge. "There is no room for movement. I think it's only going to get more negative and personal."

The dissenting juror left the courthouse without commenting, the Corpus Christi Caller-Times reports in its Wednesday editions.

Lopez has been in a state hospital being treated for schizophrenia until recently when doctors said he was competent to stand trial after years of treatment.

Memorial service held for Ranger who died in Afghanistan

MONTGOMERY, Texas (AP) — The mother and stepfather of a Ranger who died in Afghanistan during his third mission of Operation Enduring Freedom read a letter from the 21-year-old during his memorial service.

"We are here doing the dirty work, and we will continue that to the best we can, even if that means dying for your country," Cpl. William M. "Bill" Amundson Jr. wrote to his family in March, before he was deployed for a mission overseas.

Michele Sanderson and her husband, Mark, read the letter to about 300 people gathered Tuesday at the memorial service.

City considers search, rescue dog

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Tonia Plemmons and Jim Biestle want to donate a search and rescue dog to the City of Pampa.

Under their proposal, Sandy Burns, the city's animal control officer, would be the dog's handler.

The dog, named Fena, is a year old and has already completed most of her training in North Carolina, Biestle told the Pampa City Commission during their meeting Tuesday afternoon. The only training that remains would be with Burns.

Burns would have to go to North Carolina for two weeks to work and train with the dog.

Plemmons and Biestle, representing Team Amber

Alert, said they were willing to donate the dog, valued at \$10,000, and possibly come up with another grant to pay for the maintenance of the animal.

Team Amber Alert is a Texas-based, non-profit company, the duo explained, that has developed new strategies to find missing people.

"We're dedicated to one purpose only," Biestle said of Team Amber Alert, "and that's to changing the way we look at missing people."

Fena, Biestle said, is a

forensic search dog.

She is not aggressive, but trained to find missing or lost people and stay with them until help comes.

"Its sole training since it

was a pup," Biestle said, "has been search for persons. It is what we call a forensic scent dog."

He said it is not a police dog.

Biestle said one important issue is that the dog bond with its handler for the working life of the dog. He estimates that most dogs in this line of work are retired after about eight years.

'We're dedicated to one purpose only, and that's to changing the way we look at missing people.'

— Jim Biestle
Team Amber Alert

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Pampa News photo by **DAVID BOWSER**

Jim Biestle, left, and Tonia Plemmons explain why they want to donate a search and rescue dog to the City of Pampa.

Empty house burns

Trespassers may have started fire

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

Trespassers may be responsible for a fire Tuesday night which resulted in an estimated \$5,000 damage to a vacant house at 219 E. Sunset.

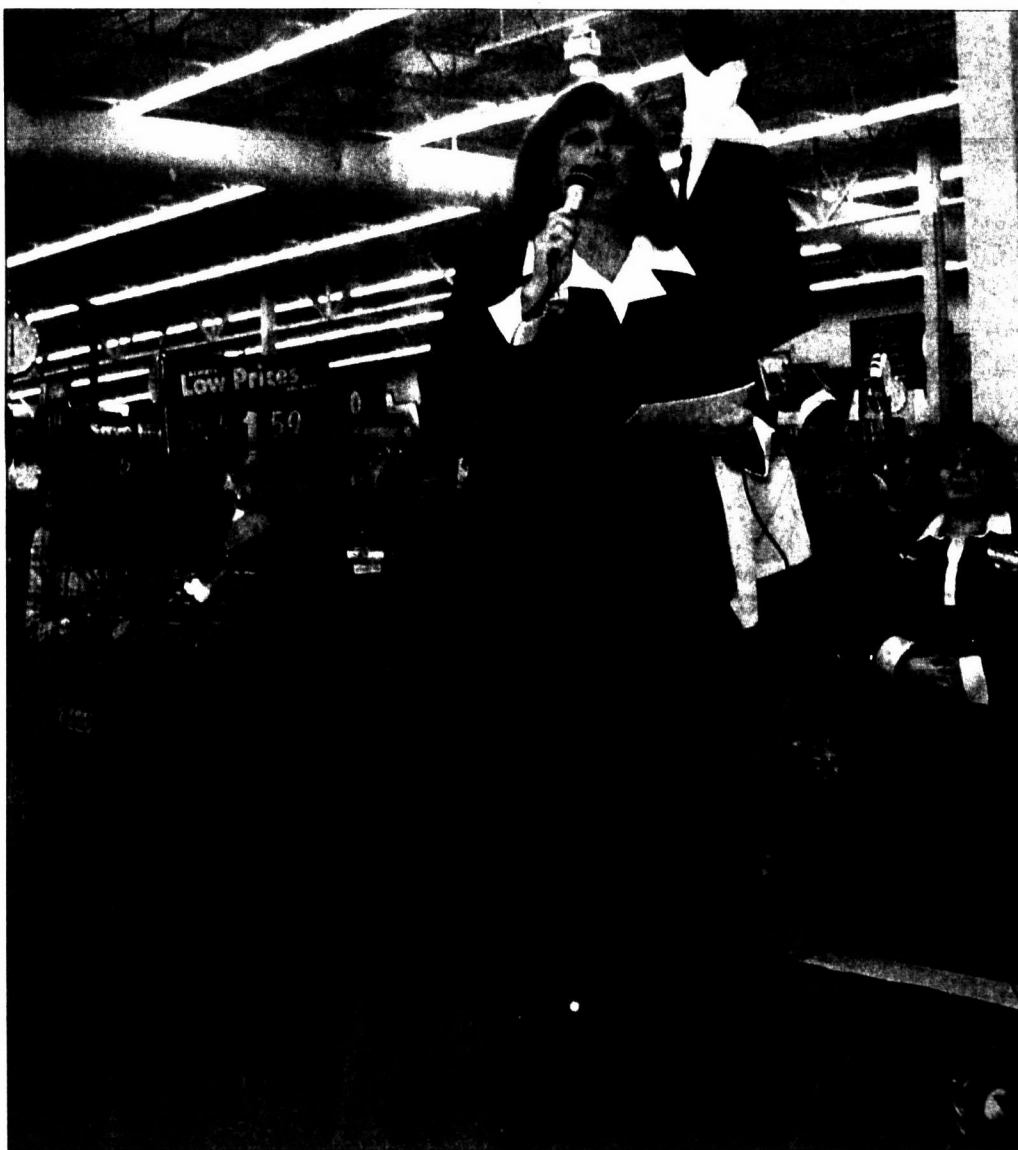
Seven units and 14 firefighters responded to a call received at 8:29 p.m. concerning the house. The flames were visible from outside when the firefighters arrived, according to Captain Claude Scifres of Pampa Fire Department.

Firefighters left the address at 11:30 p.m., Scifres said. No one was found on the property at the time of the fire, and no one was injured during the fire, he said.

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens said the blaze apparently started in the lowest level of the house, which is built against a hillside, and burnt up the flooring. The structure was heavily damaged by fire and smoke, he said.

"I understand that according to the owners, they have had a lot of trouble with kids breaking into the house and playing on the property. More than likely, kids started the fire," Stevens said.

It is unknown if the property was insured, and officials are still working to identify the owners, who live in Pampa, Stevens said.



Pampa News photo by **DEE DEE LARAMORE**

As Carol Carter, Wal-Mart Supercenter Manager, center, announces the opening of the new store at 2801 N. Charles, associates react by hugging each other and smiling, left, and with tears, right.

Supercenter opens to cheers and tears

By **DEE DEE LARAMORE**
Editor

Pampa's new Wal-Mart Supercenter opened with cheers and tears at a foggy 7 a.m. today.

Approximately 300 people, Wal-Mart associates, executives, builders, city and state officials, family members, Pampa High School Band, and Good Works grant recipient representatives crowded into the front area early this morning to officially open the new facility at 2801 N. Charles.

The ceremony began with the presentation of the United States and Texas flags by a color guard from Boy Scout Troop 404, one of the Good Works recipients. The high school band then played "The Star Spangled Banner" with many of those attending singing the words.

As Store Manager Carol Carter stepped up to a platform set up for the ceremony, associates clapped and cheered "Team Work!"

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Commission commends interim mgr.

By **DAVID BOWSER**
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commission expressed its gratitude to interim City Manager John Horst this week for stepping into the job after the previous city manager left.

"You've done a superb job," said Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins at the city commission's meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Horst, the city's finance director, was appointed city manager earlier this year after the previous city manager, Mitch Grant, left the post.

"We are exceedingly pleased with how you've led the city," Mayor Robbins said, following an executive session of the commission to discuss the city manager's performance.

At Tuesday afternoon's meeting, city commissioners reappointed Annie Hall, Bob Curry, Darville Orr and Charles Buzzard to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

They reappointed Dr. R.M. Hamilton, Debbie Robertson, Betty Henderson and Harold Taylor to the Lovett Memorial Library Board. Kevin Cree was appointed to replace Vanessa Buzzard, who did not seek reappointment.

The commission reappointed Wayne Jones, Kent Olson, O.K. Lee and John East to the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board. Rodnie Winborne did not seek reappointment, leaving one vacancy on the board.

"Rodnie agreed to serve," Horst said, "until someone can be appointed to replace him."

The commission reappointed Matt Hinton, Mike Albus, Larry Baker,



ROBBINS

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British troops in Iraq begin deployment north

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Nearly 800 British forces left their base in southern Iraq on Wednesday, heading north toward Baghdad to replace U.S. troops who are expected to take part in an offensive against insurgent strongholds.

The deployment came hours after Iraq's most feared militant group released a video threatening to

behead a Japanese captive within 48 hours unless Japan withdraws its troops from Iraq. Japan's prime minister took a tough stance and rejected any troop withdrawal.

Large flatbed trucks were seen carrying armored British vehicles up a road through Iraq's southern desert as the redeployment began for the nearly 800 Scottish soldiers of the First

Battalion, Black Watch, headquartered in Basra.

"We can confirm that there is some movement," said British military spokesman Maj. Charlie Mayo. He gave no specifics on troop numbers, citing security concerns.

British officials have been vague on the precise destination, though the troops are expected to deploy in an

area just south of Baghdad. Some media reports indicated the Black Watch would be sent to Iskandariyah, a town that sees frequent violence between the capital and the city of Hillah.

The soldiers' families expressed worries Wednesday that the rede-

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Obituaries

Jeanette Fish, 71

ALANREED Jeanette Fish, 71, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004 in McLean. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 28, 2004, in Alanreed Cemetery, with Jim Reyna, minister of Church of Christ, McLean, officiating. Arrangements are by Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Jeanette Fish was born July 17, 1933, in Dallas to Lonzo Paul and Ganelle Fort. The family moved to Alanreed in 1948. While in Alanreed, Jeanette met and married her late husband Sanford Cletis "Bob" Fish on Dec. 12, 1949. They had three children, Lynn Swanson, Joe Fish, and Dan Fish. In 1964, the family moved to Los Angeles, Calif. While living in California, Jeanette pursued her degree in nursing and became a registered nurse. Upon moving back to the Texas Panhandle, Jeanette worked at the McLean Hospital, Highland General Hospital in Pampa, and at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. In 1992, she helped establish McLean Home Health Agency.

Edward Lynn Hammer, 59

ABILENE — Edward Lynn Hammer, 59, of Cisco, died at his daughter's home on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, after a battle with cancer. Services were to be at 2 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 27, 2004, at Eastside Baptist Church in Cisco with the Rev. Ronnie Bostick officiating, assisted by the Rev. C.P. Floyd. Burial was to follow in the Nimrod Cemetery under the direction of Girdner-Brown Funeral Home of Abilene.

Mr. Hammer was born on Sept. 29, 1945, in Eastland County, Texas, to Jess and Jesse Hammer. He attended school in Cisco and worked as a mechanic and in the oilfield. He was preceded in death by his parents and

Her talents as a writer led her to be editor of the "Lefors Progress News" in 1963 and writing and publishing "The Alanreed-McLean-Lefors News." She was also a former member of the Panhandle Pen Women. Jeanette also kept many journals at home of her writings because she felt it was important to write things down to capture for the future a fraction of the events, ideas, and activities that shape a lifetime and make us who we are.

Jeanette was preceded in death by her husband Bob Fish, and her son Joe Fish.

Survivors include her daughter and son-in-law, Larry and Lynn Swanson of McLean, her son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Sasha Fish of Alanreed; and three grandsons and one granddaughter-in-law, Tony and Amy Polito of Clarendon, Ryan Swanson of Amarillo, and Taylor and Parker Fish of Alanreed. She is also survived by her brother, Mike Fort, her sister, Kay Swart, of Amarillo, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends.

three brothers, Thomas, Pete and Aubrey.

He is survived by five children, Darla French of Breckenridge, Shane Hammer of Salt Lake City, Utah, Denise Hammer of San Angelo, Amber Hammer of Abilene and Stacy Hammer of Cisco; four brothers, James Hammer and Gerald Hammer, both of Bowie, Bill Hammer of Pampa and Jack Hammer of Cisco; four sisters, Dessie Covington, Frances Floyd, Dixie Haws and Glenda Jessup, all of Cisco; and six grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Hendrick Hospice.

Vera Kiser Nolt, 92

MIAMI, Texas — Vera Kiser Nolt, 92, died Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, in Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Nolt was born on May 10, 1912, in Meade, Okla. She married Roy Nolt on Dec. 11, 1929, in Madill, Okla. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1985. She had been a resident of Miami since 1942. She was a member of the Chapter #98 Order of the Eastern Star, the North Plains Club, the Senior Citizens, and the First Baptist Church of Miami.

Survivors include one son, Carroll Nolt of Fritch; one sister, Stella Kiser of Pampa; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathryn Kennedy; a son, Gerald Nolt; four brothers and three sisters.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, 114 E. Wichita, Miami, Texas, 79059.

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

Benny F. Robinson, 81

MCLEAN — Benny F. Robinson, 81, died Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, in Amarillo. Services are scheduled for 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 30, 2004, at First Baptist Church of McLean, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery of McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Mr. Robinson loved his family especially his granddaughter, Kristina. He loved any kind of sport and John Wayne movies. At various times, he owned and operated service stations in McLean and Alanreed.

Kenneth Vernon "Nick" Spencer, 81

BORGER — Kenneth Vernon "Nick" Spencer, 81, died of leukemia at his daughter's home in Edmond, Okla., on Oct. 23, 2004. Graveside services were conducted Oct. 25, 2004, at Highland Park Cemetery with Pastor Ricky Giffin of Grace Fellowship Church officiating. Arrangements were by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger.

Mr. Spencer was a Hutchinson County resident for more than 50 years. He served as mayor of Sanford and helped develop the fire and ambulance services for the commu-

nity. He and his late wife, Adele Haidy Spencer, worked together as entrepreneurs in several ventures including Adele's Cafe on the Phillips Highway and Adele's of Sanford by Lake Meredith. He is also known for presenting a daily fishing report for Lake Meredith on the radio.

Survivors include his daughter, Mary McLelland of Edmond, Okla.; one brother, William Cole of St. Louis, Mo.; a sister, Elaine Riddle of Pampa; one grandson and one great-granddaughter.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This cat seems to consider whether to get out and enjoy Indian summer.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Patchy fog before 11 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 60. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high around 76. South southwest wind between

15 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 56. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 3 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 73. West southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, Oct. 17

Possible domestic assault was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. No injuries were reported.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

A false report was made to a police officer concerning a stolen vehicle. The incident occurred in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A cell phone valued at \$250 was reported lost at the landfill.

A runaway was reported

in the 1000 block of Duncan.

Steve Ray Crawford, 26, 616 Sumner, was arrested in the 1100 block of Frederic for driving while intoxicated, disregarding a red light, speeding, and two counts of failure to appear.

Brian Keith Mann, 27, White Deer, was arrested in the 1100 block of Frederic for no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1100 block of Darby. The suspect is a U.S. soldier stationed at Ford Hood. The incident was referred to the Provost Marshal because of criminal charges being sought.

Office today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Dustin Jefferis, 25, 923 Cinderella, was arrested for issuing a bad check.

William Watkins, 28, 717 Doucette, was arrested for public intoxication.

Allen Henry, 22, 513 N. Faulkner, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Oct. 26

3:44 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision with no injuries at 23rd and Duncan streets.

6:08 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

8:29 p.m. — Seven units and 14 firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of East Sunset. Firefighters stayed on the scene until 11:30 p.m. Cause of the fire is being investigated by the city fire marshal.

9:03 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small gasoline spill at Allsup's Convenience Store, 19th and Hobart streets.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's

Services tomorrow

FISH, Jeanette — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Alanreed Cemetery.

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BP PLC ADR 59.35 +0.42

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HAL 37.45 +1.72

TRI 33.93 +0.93

NOI 34.34 +0.03

KMI 63.20 +0.42

NCEL 17.30 +0.05

Kerr McGee 60.33 +0.57

NOM 49.19 -0.20

Limited 23.80 +0.15

Williams 12.87 +0.04

MCD 28.82 -0.05

Atmos 25.24 -0.04

Pioneer Nat 34.00 +0.25

JCP 37.34 -0.06

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Tenneco 12.64 -0.02

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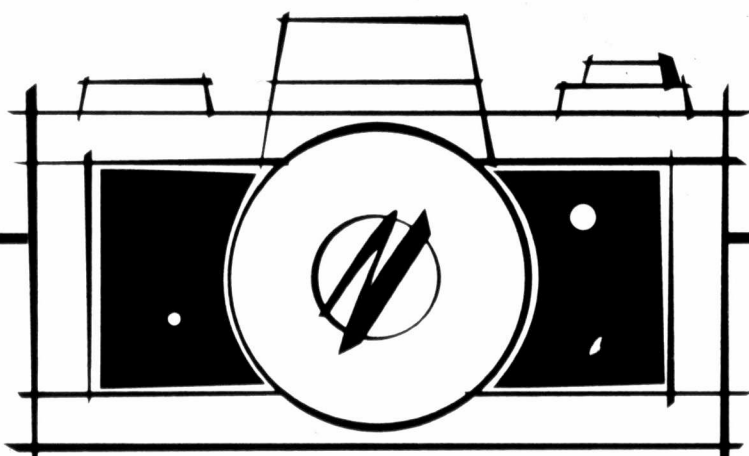
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Hugh Hall and John Wagner to the Construction Board of Appeals and Cleo Meeker, Lyndon Field and Kevin Hunt to the Board of Adjustment.

In other business, the commission approved the purchase of four Toro lawnmowers, two for the golf course, one for parks and one for recreation. The \$122, 839.75 was below the \$131,000 budgeted for the mowers, Horst said.

The city commission also approved the submission of a solid waste grant application to the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Richard Morris, Pampa's director of public works, told commissioners that while there was no specific plan for the grant, the money could be used in a number of areas.

The commission also heard a report from Horst on the city's 2003-2004 budget.

"Actually, we did quite well," Horst said.

Revenues in the general fund, he said, ended the fiscal year at 107.26 percent of what had been budgeted, while expenses were only 98.03 percent of what had been budgeted.

M.K. Brown finished the year with income of 102.29 percent of its budget and expenditures of 54.64 percent.

"That's including a transfer of \$137,000 into that account," Horst said, explaining the extra money was for roof repair.



City Manager John Horst, center, passes out reports to Mayor Lonny Robbins, left, and Commissioner Robert Dixon during Tuesday afternoon's city commission meeting.

The Library Fund ended the year with only 99.94 percent of its expected revenue, but held expenses down to 98.34 percent of what they had expected.

"The library was almost right at budget," Horst said.

The landfill reached 106.37 percent of its budgeted revenues and held expenses to 74.09 percent.

"Revenues were greatly over budget," Horst said, happily.

Hidden Hills Golf Course had revenues of 101.88 percent of its budgeted

income and expenses of only 95.41 percent of what had been budgeted.

"The golf course did well this year," Horst said, "even better than last year."

Water and wastewater saw an income of only 92.47 percent of expected revenues and 95.54 percent of expenses, but they still showed an income of \$83,263 for the year.

"Water and wastewater was disappointing," Horst said. "Except for water and wastewater, we had a real good year."

Dog

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to commit to working with the dog. "She going to be an excellent dog for us," Burns told the commissioners.

Biestle said there are drug dogs, dogs that can sniff for explosives and dogs that can track people, but almost all of them, he said, are trained to be aggressive. A search and rescue dog is not.

"It's a very limited scope of what these dogs can do," he said, "but it's a powerful tool in the hands of law enforcement and first responders."

Biestle said Burns would be facing not just two weeks of training, but an eight-year journey in working with Fena.

"Every year, she would have to qualify with that animal," Biestle said.

He said it is a matter of safety for the community's children and seniors.

"We can't guarantee that we find every person," Biestle said, "but the goal is not to leave any of them behind."

He said it can help the entire community.

"When a child goes missing," Biestle said, "it affects all of us."

He said there is also the issue of the elderly with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

Burns said that from January 2002 to December 2003 the Pampa Police Department fielded 150 calls concerning missing persons. So far this year, there have been 78 calls.

Biestle said a dog like Fena could cut down on the amount of time law enforcement officers deal with such calls.

Mayor Lonny Robbins asked Burns, Plemmons and Biestle to come up with more information on the costs of maintaining such an animal.

Cheers

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"Ever since the first city council meeting, we have had the complete and total support of the city of Pampa," Carter said.

"Guys, we're here! And isn't it gorgeous," she said to more cheers and applause. Some associates wiped away tears as they clapped and cheered.

"We said from the first day we announced it in the newspaper that we would open on Oct. 27 and we did it. We're here!" she added.

"I'm real proud of the way the store turned out," said Raul Acosta, Wal-Mart field manager who supervised the building of the Supercenter. "This is one of the most beautiful stores we've turned out this year — me and my team."

Acosta commended the local Wal-Mart associates for their hard work as the new store was being built and stocked. "There's a real closeness here — they're family, like I've seen nowhere else."

Acosta said the new Supercenter is almost three times as large as the old Wal-Mart store.

Carter thanked the associates and management team, also, many of whom worked from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily for the past six weeks in order to open on the projected date.

The tears came for Carter when she tried to thank her family — her parents, children and husband, who were on hand for the grand opening.

Six associates were recognized for 20 years of service — Alan Richards, Alice Wilson, Mariann Hilman, Vicky Helms, Laverne Corcoran, and Ethel Stubblefield.

"These are the ones who were here when the first store opened," Carter said.

Corcoran, known by store visitors for the gray bun on top of her head, cheery smile and "Welcome to Wal-Mart" as they came through the door, cut the ribbon officially opening the store. She said she's retiring now, however.

"I was there before they put in the woodwork," recalled Helms, department manager of housewares and small appliances, as she remembered the first Wal-Mart opening in Pampa. "I never thought I'd be here again."

"I've seen a lot of people come and go, but this is the best group there's ever been," she added.

Iraq

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ployment puts the troops in greater danger.

"It wasn't a cake walk in Basra but it's going to be a lot, lot more dangerous up there," said James

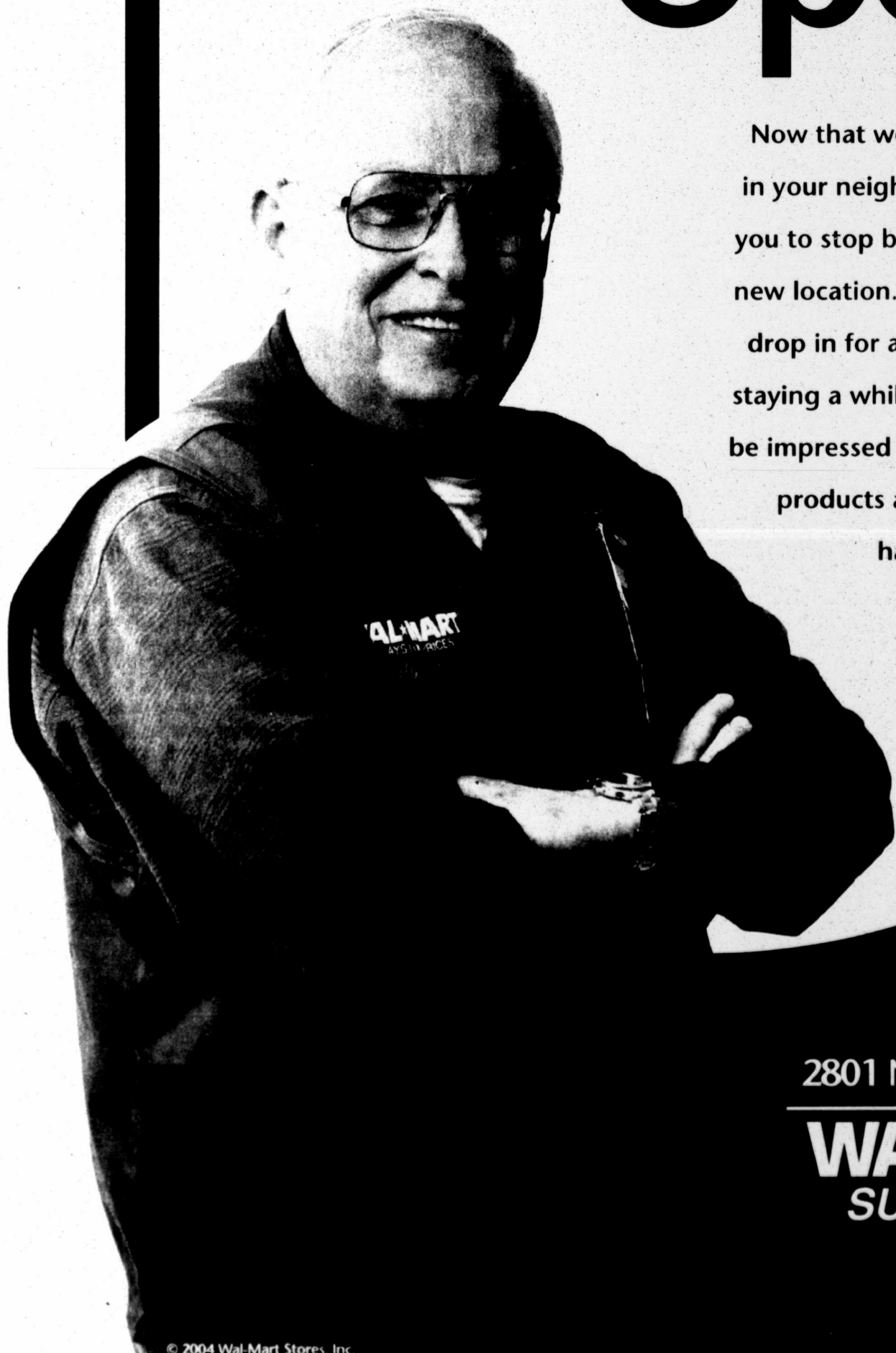
Buchanan, 56, from Arbroath in central Scotland, who has two sons with the regiment in Iraq. "They're going to get one hell of a kicking this time," he said.

The troops are to replace U.S. forces who are expected to take part in offensives against insurgent strongholds west and north of the

capital in an attempt to bring order to Iraq before elections in January.

The American military wants the British to assume security responsibility in areas close to Baghdad, so U.S. Marines and soldiers can be shifted to insurgency strongholds west of the capital, including Fallujah.

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Viewpoints

PHS journalists get wet bonding experience

Friday morning I boarded a bus headed towards the quaint city of San Antonio.

I was going, along with 11 other editors within the high school's publication department, for the annual Texas Association of Journalism Educators (TAJE) fall conference.

But the trip was far more than just a live photo competition and the six classes on different problems plaguing teen journalists in today's hectic world.

It was a bonding experience for our staff.

Everything was going great. Some enjoyed seeing the Alamo for the first time

while others just had fun dining on the tourist-laden River Walk.

After two days of enjoying the unique culture and great food, we went out to eat on our last night in the city.

As all of us started to get ready to leave the hotel, we noticed one simple problem, it was drizzling outside. At first it was not much to worry about. There was just a drop of water here and there.

But by the time we were ready to leave our hotel, all had changed.

The slight drizzle had turned into a torrential

downpour of monumental proportions.

This would have been no problem of us, except that the main mode of transportation in San Antonio is walking, there was no other practical way to get around.

That meant, we would be walking in the rain.

Encouraged by the thought that our restaurant was just a short walk away, we agreed to travel though the rain to our food.

This turned out to not be a

great idea.

Within the first few steps out of the building, all of us felt it. Our clothes instantly became sopping wet when the rain tore through the fabric and seem to penetrate our skin.

What once was a simple pair of jeans, now felt like two 50-pound sandbags on each foot. To make matters worse, several of us felt the rain enter our eyes and temporarily wash away our contacts until we could find a covered building where we

could reposition the corrective lenses.

It felt as though every part of my body was wet. I could have not been more soaked if we had gotten to our restaurant by swimming in the river itself.

It was awful. There all 12 of us were — drenched, miserable and looking as if we had just come out of the recent hurricanes which have plagued the state of Florida in the past few months.

But somehow, we still managed to have a good time that night.

Sure we had to eat in our wet, soaking clothes and

cope with the body temperature drop resulting from the moisture. But we dealt with it.

Our last night in San Antonio turned out to be the best. It was definitely the most memorable.

The challenge we faced brought us all closer together. We learned that sometimes you just have to get wet to have a good time. It was the perfect end to our trip.

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Ben Briscoe
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 27, the 301st day of 2004. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Oct. 27, 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT (which stood for "Interborough Rapid Transit"), was inaugurated in New York City by Mayor George B. McClellan. The fare: five cents.

On this date:

In 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published in a New York newspaper.

In 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married Alice Lee.

In 1914, author-poet Dylan Thomas was born in Swansea, Wales.

In 1922, the first annual celebration of Navy Day took place.

In 1938, Du Pont announced a name for its new synthetic yarn: "nylon."

In 1947, "You Bet Your Life," starring Groucho Marx, premiered on ABC Radio. (It later became a television show on NBC.)

In 1954, 50 years ago, Walt Disney's first television program, titled "Disneyland" after his yet-to-be completed theme park,

*"I'm an idealist —
I don't know where
I'm going but I'm
on my way."*

— Carl Sandburg
American poet, author

premiered on ABC.

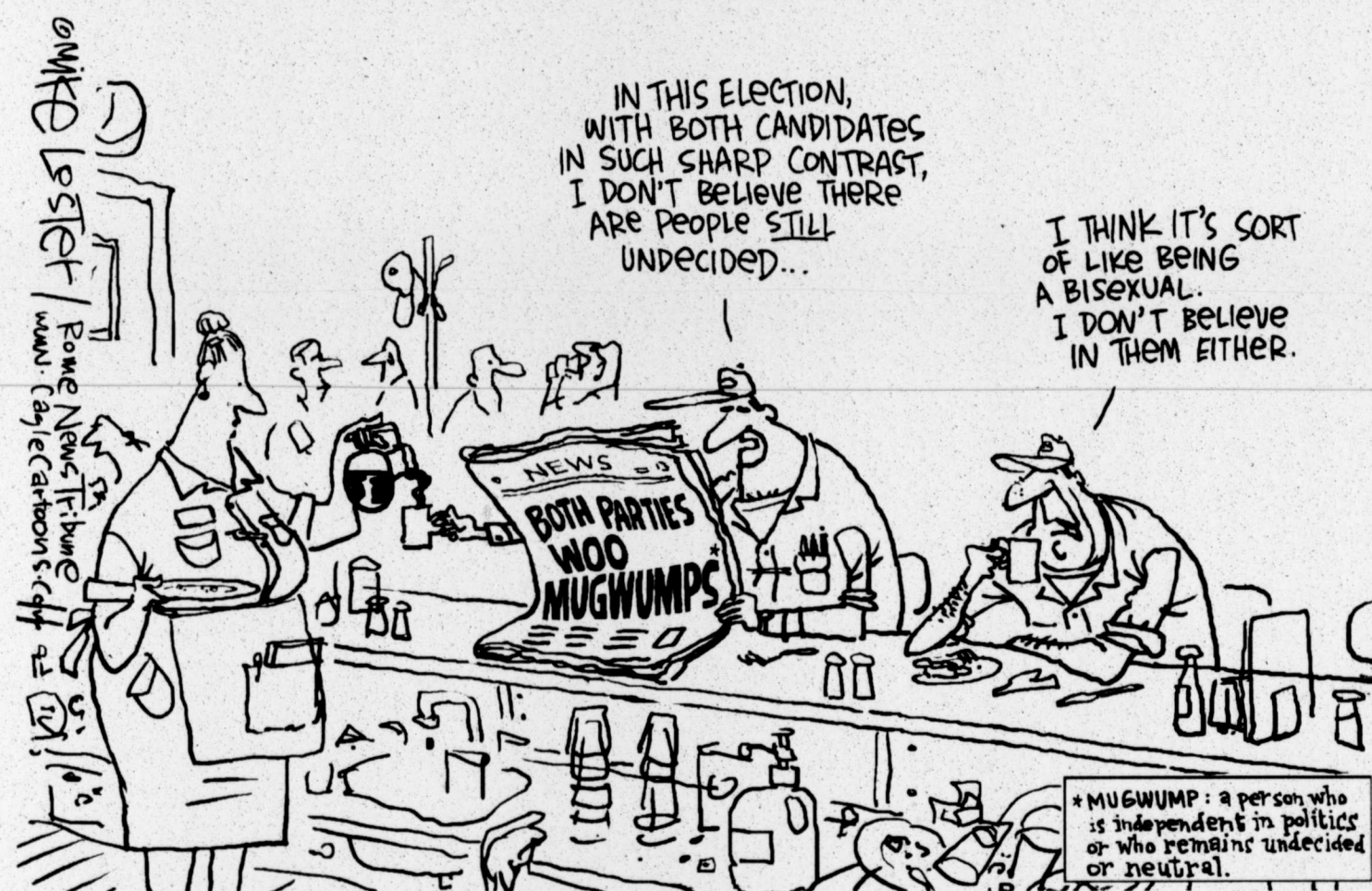
In 1967, Expo '67 closed in Montreal, Canada.

In 1978, Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East accord.

Ten years ago: In the first trip to Syria by an American president in 20 years, President Clinton met with Syrian President Hafez Assad before heading to Jerusalem to meet with Israeli officials.

Five years ago: In the first debate of the Democratic presidential race, Al Gore sought to stem his decline in the polls by attacking rival Bill Bradley's health care and spending plans. The U.S. federal budget surplus was put at \$123 billion in 1998, marking the first back-to-back surpluses since the 1950s. The New York Yankees won their second straight World Series sweep, defeating the Atlanta Braves 4-1 in Game 4.

One year ago: Suicide bombers in Baghdad struck Red Cross headquarters and three police stations, killing dozens of people. Former Washington, D.C. Mayor Walter Edward Washington died at age 88. Rod Roddy, announcer on "The Price is Right," died in Los Angeles at age 66.



This election is anybody's guess

So now the Zogby poll, which had seen more Kerry strength than most, is picking up a Bush surge — while the Rasmussen poll, which trended for Bush, is seeing a Kerry bump.

I'm glad that I am out of the business of polling U.S. elections.

The difficulties of accurately surveying presidential prospects have become ever more daunting with each new election cycle. The growing difficulties account for the wide fluctuations in survey data.

The main variant in the data relates to the likelihood

of a person actually voting. With half of the potential electorate normally forsaking the franchise, pollsters have great difficulty in identifying who will actually participate and weeding out the real voters from those who will stay home.

Most turnout models developed in recent years are predicated on the relatively low turnouts in recent U.S. elections. In 2000, for exam-

ple, only about half of those who were eligible actually cast ballots. Even in a "high turnout year" like 1992, just 53 percent of the voting-age population actually cast ballots.

But every indication is that this year's turnout will dwarf our recent experiences. With record numbers of new voters coming on the rolls and get-out-the-vote operations generously funded by "independent" political commit-

tees released from any effective controls by the so-called campaign-finance reform, participation is likely to soar. The massive funding of these supposedly non-partisan political committees has empowered massive drives to sign up new voters and to generate a high turnout.

The closeness of the 2000 election is generating new voters. With party feelings approaching fever pitch as the election nears and emotional issues like terrorism, gay marriage, recession and the like dominate the cam-

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Dick Morris

Columnist



State needs long-term redistricting fix

The Supreme Court's decision to return Texas' redistricting case to a lower court provides Texans an opening.

If the lower court throws out the state's congressional map, which it should, then the state would have to draw new district lines. This time, perhaps Texas would get it right.

Yes, another redistricting battle could cause the Legislature to erupt again in partisan bickering. And voters would get all confused about who represents them. But sometimes chaos drives change, and long-term change is what this state badly needs when it comes

to drawing political boundaries.

The idea of letting partisans of either party draw the maps has got to go.

Voters end up with legislative and congressional districts that are so heavily weighted to one party or the other that there's no competition, that irrationally favor incumbents over legitimate challengers, that snake mysteriously through neighborhoods and across communities of interest, and that are more about punishing opponents than

representing the people.

The best option is for legislators to establish a bipartisan commission to draw political boundaries.

GOP Sen. Jeff Wentworth has pushed for one, and we urge him to keep pressing. We also encourage GOP Lt. Gov.

David Dewhurst to join him. Mr. Dewhurst showed some restraint in last year's bitter redistricting sessions. He can lead Texans to a better place.

Iowa and Arizona have enjoyed the fruits of redistricting commissions. Iowa

has some of America's most competitive congressional districts. And Arizona voters are far better off with districts that place communities of interest above the convenience of the party in charge.

By encouraging legislators to have another go at redistricting, we are not arguing against a GOP majority from Texas in Congress. The state's congressional delegation should indeed reflect Texas' Republican leanings.

But Texas can do redistricting better. The justices have given us an opportunity to do that. Let's not squander it.

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Making a difference

Altrusans Georgia Johnson, Kerrick Horton, Gaye Whitehead, and Beth Miller sort books for the Southside Senior Citizens Center library. Pampa's Altrusa Club observed "Make a Difference Day" on Saturday, Oct. 23, by setting up a library/reading center at Southside Senior Citizens Center. Books were donated by Altrusa members and the Pampa community.

Guess

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paing, turnout seems likely to be very, very high.

The truth is, no modern pollster really has any idea what to expect if turnout reaches the high 50s or closes in on 60 percent.

There's no good way to estimate turnout — most people won't admit to not planning to vote.

And while there are models for the composition of the electorate at a 50 percent turnout, there is no data on a modern American election with a substantially higher turnout. Everybody's guessing.

Who will the new voters be? The conventional wisdom says: downscale Democrats. When one compares the vote in presidential election years with off-years, the difference between the two usually consists of low-income, poorly educated and minority voters who tend to back Democrats. The increased interest of younger voters in this contest — likely due to the war — is also probably a Democratic advantage.

But all groups of voters participate far below the 100 percent ideal and there is a lot of room for growth among all voter groups. GOP voters, while better educated and more likely to vote, have well below unanimous participation. And it may be easier to get

Republicans who usually don't vote to cast ballots than to dredge out less well-educated and more alienated Democrats who have stayed home in the past.

Techniques for getting out the vote have also changed as many states, Texas for example, encourage early absentee voting. Workers of both parties throughout

Bush's home state are regularly visiting nursing homes or college campuses collecting absentee votes during the three-week window before election day during which balloting is permissible. Mail-in voting, pioneered in Oregon, is also dominating the counts in many states. In assessing trends, pollsters must find out who has actually already voted, making changes in their opinions irrelevant.

Cell phones are part of the problem. Political survey research is based on a proper geographic distribution of the sample, reflecting residential and voting patterns. But cells — unlike landlines — are hard to pin down to precise locales. Also, pollsters can't tell if they overlap with landline respondents.

Finally, people are fed up with direct phone marketing. The era when voters welcome participation in a survey is as distant as the age when people looked forward to getting mail. So completion rates in phone polls have dropped, raising concerns about the technique's accuracy.

The Internet, which gets around the concerns of phone polling, still under represents the poor and the elderly. And even online polling can only reach those willing to take the time to participate, so the sample is still suspect.

As Election Day approaches, two trends will dominate, neither good for Bush. Downscale voters will begin to pay attention and be included in surveys of likely voters. Since they largely vote

Democratic, this is good for Kerry. Also damaging to Bush's prospects is the fact that undecided voters tend to break in favor of the challenger at the very end.

But, again, all that holds in a normal year. We won't know if it's still true until next Tuesday night (if then). It's a tough year to poll.

Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

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— Dick Morris
Columnist

Half-ton man recovering from obesity surgery

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. (AP) — A man who weighed about half a ton when he was admitted to a hospital was recovering Wednesday from obesity surgery.

Patrick Deuel, 42, underwent the procedure to reduce the size of his stomach four months after being admitted to the hospital at 1,072 pounds.

He had been bedridden since last fall and was malnourished because so many of his calories came from foods high in fat and carbohydrates.

Deuel had difficulty breathing and suffered from

high blood pressure and diabetes linked to obesity that his doctor said were killing him.

Gastric bypass surgery was thought to be his best chance for permanent weight loss, but doctors said Deuel needed to lose some weight first, to gain enough strength so he could walk on his own and prove he was healthy enough to survive the surgery.

Before going into surgery on Tuesday, Deuel had lost 421 pounds. He said his diabetes and high-blood pressure were under control and credited the results to a

1,200-calorie-a-day diet and exercise.

Caregivers and others are starting to take notice of the changes, he said.

"Every time I move they don't look at me like, 'My God, he is going to fall down or something,'" Deuel told Sioux Falls television station KELO in an interview before the surgery.

Last month, Deuel took his first steps with the help of nurses and two walkers for support. More recently, he has been walking up stairs and even swimming at the hospital's pool.

Community happenings

• **Starting Sept. 14 and continuing through Dec. 14,** Lovett Memorial Library will host its fall "story time" at the library for children 18 months to 4-years of age. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will read stories and prepare crafts for participants. All story times are free and require no registration. Certificates for the summer reading game are available at the circulation desk. Children who made quilt blocks at the program need to pick them up by Oct. 1. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780.

• **The Moms and Babies Coming Shop** in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

• **2CARE for Moms and Babies** is conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.

• **Texas Department of Human Services** is seek-

ing volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

• **Texas Department of Health will be offering** immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases 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 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 clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Nov. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My problem is my neighbor's home basketball court. The parents are oblivious to how far the noise travels. My ears are constantly assaulted by the thump, thump and screaming of children that goes along with the game. It's impossible on most days and evenings to sit on my porch and read a book, or in my living room without closing the windows.

Most people hate to complain to the offending neighbors because they're nice people, even though they are clueless. Zoning board members: How about outlawing basketball hoops in neighborhoods where there's less than 500 feet between houses? Give us a break.

As taxpayers, we're assessed to provide bigger and better playgrounds and school gyms. That's where basketball hoops belong. Driveways shouldn't supersede the local playground. Please; parents, unless you live on a lot that's an acre or larger, take down that horrid noisemaker and take the kids to the playground. Show some consideration for your neighbors.

—FRACTURED EARDRUM IN THE SUNBELT

saw her every time she came to town -- which was two to four times a year.

Finally it was necessary for her to go to a nursing home. The last time we went to visit her, the nurses said, "Oh, didn't you know? She passed away a month ago!" Her only son lives far away. He never bothered to call and notify us. We had to find out the hard way.

Abby, our number was in her current phone and address book. We were never given the opportunity to mourn. Her son didn't think enough of us to even pick up the phone. He knew we loved his mother and that we included her in all our family gatherings. I'm sad and angry at his lack of compassion.

Auntie had four husbands die on her. We loved them all and called them "Uncle," and planned all the funerals with Auntie's son in full agreement. So what could have been the problem?

Abby, won't you please remind your readers again to call dear friends about a death in the family? This is inexcusable. We are ... MOURNING IN TACOMA, WASH.

DEAR FRACTURED: Whether or not the sound of children playing is an annoying racket depends on one's perspective. If you are a parent, the sound is music to the ears -- and when those days are over, the happy sound will be missed.

Sometimes being a good neighbor involves striking a compromise. Since you're being driven out of your gourd, speak to the parents of these budding basketball stars and negotiate some time limits for the games.

DEAR ABBY: A treasured friend of my mother's -- a lady who knew me from birth (I am now 56) -- passed away recently. I was brought up to call her "Auntie." She was closer to me than some of my blood relatives. My children and I adored her. We called her long-distance, sent her flowers on special occasions, and

DEAR MOURNING: Your problem is more common than you think. Often when there's a death in the family, a close friend will assume the sad task of phoning the people in the deceased's address book to notify them. Obviously, this was not done on the occasion of Auntie's death -- and your letter poignantly illustrates the pain that can be caused by the unfortunate oversight.

Please give Auntie's son the benefit of the doubt. Assume that he was so grief-stricken by the loss of his mother that he was unable to make the calls he should have made. When your anger has lessened, write to tell him how deeply disturbed and saddened you were to learn of his mother's death from nursing home staff rather than from him and offer your condolences.

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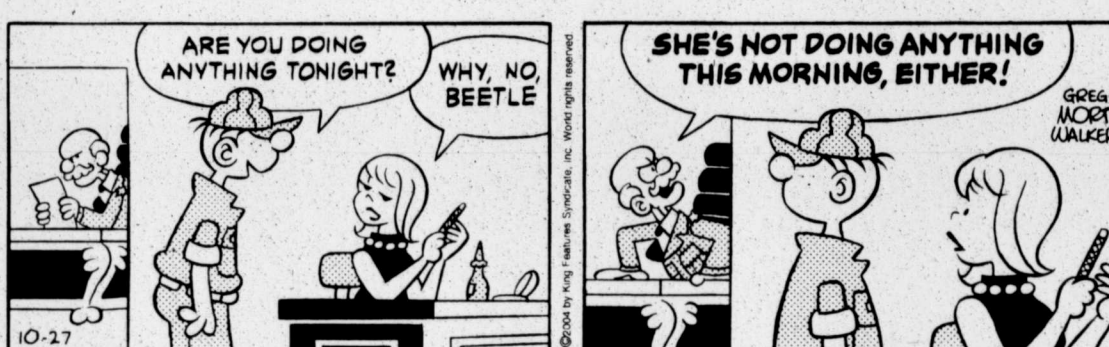
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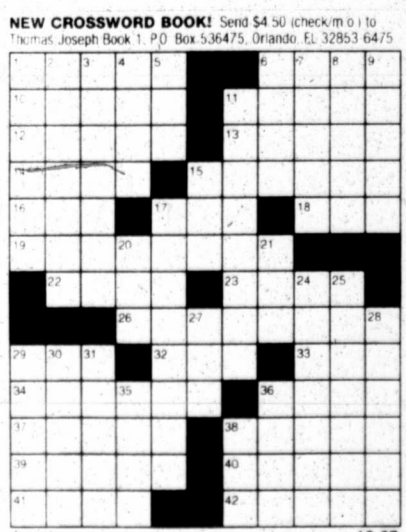
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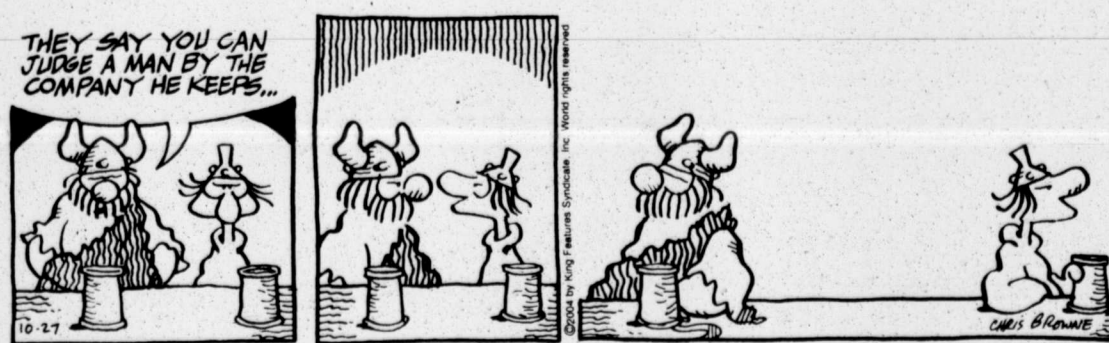


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Sports Day

Pampa JV tennis team dominates Caprock

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa JV tennis team defeated Caprock this past Saturday, 14-1. "Our JV team is getting stronger and stronger every time they take to the courts," said Coach Josh Freeman. "We are very proud of the way they have taken charge of their matches. This shows that they have what it takes to become a force that will only continue to get stronger."

Individual Results

Boys Doubles
Rodriguez/Frels(P) def. Mayes/McElwain(C) 8-4

Girls Doubles

Allen/Friend(P) def. Campbell/Rojos(C) 8-0

Boys Singles

Phillip Rodriguez(P) def. Andrew Mayes(C) 8-4
Kevin Frels(P) def. Sean McElwain(C) 8-4
Mark Meza(C) def. Tyler Morris(P) 8-6
Phillip Rodriguez(P) def. Cody Johnson(C) 8-0
Kevin Frels(P) def. Anthony Garcia(C) 8-4
Phillip Rodriguez(P) def. Mark Mayes(C) 8-1

Girls Singles

Hailey Allen(P) def. Mallory Campbell(C) 8-0
Shauna Friend(P) def. Monica Chavez(C) 8-2
Kourtney Farmer(P) def. Samantha Rojas(C) 8-0
Natalie Knowles(P) def. Mallory Campbell(C) 8-0
Maegan Patterson(P) def. Monica Chavez(C) 8-0
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PHS varsity tennis team prepares for 1-AAAA Regionals in Wichita Falls

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Coaches Josh Freeman and Starla Kindle will take the Pampa varsity tennis team to Wichita Falls this Friday and Saturday to compete in regional play.

Pampa finished second in District 3-4A this year and only the top two teams advance to regionals.

The Harvesters will begin play in the 1-AAAA Regional Tournament Friday. Matches are scheduled to begin at 8 a.m.

We'll have more including thoughts from Coach Freeman in tomorrow's Sports Day.

Kids with skills



Pictured are, from left to right- Reid Miller, Autumn Chidester, Hayden Skinner, Drew Facio and Zachary Winborne. All took part in the Pampa Optimist Club sponsored Punt, Pass & Kick competition held Oct. 5. Each qualified for the sectional rounds held Oct. 9 in Lubbock. Zachary Winborne placed third in the 14-15 age group. Reid Miller placed third on the 10-11 division.

DUSTERS DARE TO GROW

IFL Championship in hand, Amarillo makes move to AF2

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Amarillo Dusters are bidding farewell to the Intense Football League and moving up to AF2.

The ArenaFootball2 League is a feeder system for the Arena Football League, which has been growing strong and stable for 20 years.

The AF2 itself has existed for five years. In contrast, the Intense Football League only recently competed its first season.

It was a season on turmoil, uncertainty and other distractions that simply do not paint the picture of stability or longevity. The IFL only had six teams, and now one of them has moved on.

According to Dusters Offensive Coordinator Jon Lyles, "The move to AF2 will allow us better recruiting opportunities." One of the reasons for this is that AF2 will cover housing for players beginning in

2005. They had not done so to this point.

This is a big bonus for players as it is equal to additional money in their pockets.

It also helps that AF2 is directly affiliated with the AFL which was given great credibility last season with gameday coverage on NBC equal to that given any other established sport.

Many NFL teams, owners and former players now own AFL teams as well. So the prospect of advancing increases.

Of course, operating expenses for the Amarillo Dusters will increase as they will now travel further for away games.

There are also increased league dues and other fees associated with the move.

No word yet on the impact this will have on ticket sales or on those who currently hold season tickets.

Learn more about the Amarillo Duster's acceptance into the AF2 by visiting www.AF2.com

7th & 8th grade teams take three out of four against Westover Park

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th grade football teams took the field against Westover Park yesterday afternoon.

The B-team put up a great fight but came up short, 22-14. Agapito Salazar scored on a 48-yard pass from Anthony Allen for the team's first score. The extra point run failed. Zach organ would score the second Pampa B-team touchdown on a 4-yard run. He also took care of the extra point. The coaches are very proud of the B-team noting it has made significant progress in the last two weeks. The team is 1-5-1 for the season.

The A-team shut out Westover Park, 14-0. The first Pampa touchdown came on a 9-yard run by Gabriel Rodriguez. The extra point run failed. The second touchdown came by way of a 12-yard pass from Braden Hunt to Travis Hagerman. Rodriguez ran in the extra point. Mitchell Killgo assured the win by intercepting passes on Westover's last two possessions.

The team is now 4-3 for the season. Both teams face

Plainview next week.

The Pampa 8th grade teams also took on Westover Park yesterday.

The A-team came out on top of a close 12-8 game. Madison Wilson scored on a 65-yard pass from Casey Trimble to give Pampa a 6-0 lead at the break. Trimble would score on a 6-yard run in the fourth quarter. The Green Team defense was again strong. Westover had the ball first-and-goal at the Pampa 1-yard line near the end of the game. The defense held them for three downs before time expired. They are now 7-1.

The B-team also came away with a big win, beating Westover Park 24-8. The team scored 24 points before allowing the Westover touchdown. Chris Bengé scored on a 27-yard pass from Jeremy Maxwell and Gerardo Dominguez took care of the extra point. Corban Harris later scored on a 10-yard run. Jonathan Robinson caught a pass from Maxwell for the extra point. Harris scored on a 2-yard run and Taylor Adretholt took care of the extra point.

The team is now 2-4 for the season.

Both teams face Plainview next week.

Winners



Pictured are the top 10 finalists of the Pampa High School Choir's Hole-in-One Shootout held Saturday, Oct. 16. The finals were held on Sunday, Oct. 17, at Hidden Hills Golf Course. Finalists were front row, left to right- Ronnie Wood-5th place, Harley Knutson-8th, Scott White-1st, Rick Valingo-10th, and John Sparkman-9th. Back row, left to right- Cory Stone-3rd, John Clark-6th, Chuck Morgan-6th, Chuck White-7th and Don Alexander-4th.

PHS volleyball banquet scheduled for next week

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Volleyball Banquet is scheduled for next Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7 p.m.

It will be held at the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ in the Fellowship Hall.

Contact the Pampa High School Volleyball Booster Club for additional information.

Mavericks fall to Spurs

DALLAS (AP) — Devin Brown had 16 points and 13 rebounds to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 98-94 preseason victory Tuesday night over the Dallas Mavericks.

Malik Rose added 15 points and eight rebounds for the Spurs (2-3).

Dirk Nowitzki's 19 points, eight rebounds and three blocked shots paced the Mavericks (2-5). Dan Dickau added 17 points and Josh Howard had 15 points and 10 rebounds for Dallas.

Tony Massenburg's 10-

footer with 47 seconds left gave the Spurs the lead for good at 92-91.

Marque Perry's short jumper with 29.5 seconds remaining stretched the advantage to 94-91.

The Spurs were minus last season's top scorer and rebounder Tim Duncan, who got the night off along with Bruce Bowen.

Mavericks coach Don Nelson missed the game due to the flu. Player-coach Avery Johnson ran the team.

Ex-Yankees accept probation

BOSTON (AP) — Two former New York Yankees who got into a brawl with a Fenway Park groundskeeper during the 2003 American League Championship series agreed Tuesday to serve six months of probation and perform 50 hours of community service.

Pitcher Jeff Nelson and outfielder Karim Garcia accepted the deal just before the case was scheduled to go to trial.

The deal also calls for the players to be evaluated for possible anger management counseling.

If they meet the requirements and stay out of trouble, the assault and battery charges will be dismissed.

"While sufficient evidence exists to prove the case beyond a reasonable doubt, the conduct of Nelson and Garcia does not merit criminal convictions," the district attorney's office said in a statement.

Charges were dropped last week against Paul

Williams, 25, of Derry, N.H., a part-time groundskeeper who got into the fight with the players.

The fight broke out after Williams cheered for the Red Sox while in the Yankee bullpen during the third game of the ALCS last October.

The groundskeeper sued the players for more than \$33,000. He said the fight left him with a crooked nose, broken teeth, a neck injury and cleat marks on his body.

Prosecutor David Fredette told the judge that a videotape of the fight revealed that Williams' most serious injuries were inflicted by other players who jumped into the fracas, and not by Nelson and Garcia.

"It'd be nice of you guys to write that," Nelson told a reporter as he walked out of the courtroom.

Nelson, 37, now plays for the Texas Rangers. Garcia, 28, was released this August from the Baltimore Orioles.

Deanna Favre diagnosed with breast cancer

GULFPORT, Miss. (AP) — The wife of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre was diagnosed with breast cancer, yet more bad news in a year full of heartache for the family.

Deanna Favre was recently released from a Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York after undergoing a lumpectomy. Bonita Favre, the quarterback's mother, told The Sun Herald on Monday.

Deanna Favre will undergo chemotherapy treatments which could last up to five months and is expected to make a full recovery, Bonita Favre said.

In December, Brett's father, Irvin, died from a heart attack. Deanna's brother, Casey Tynes, 24, was killed three weeks ago in an ATV accident on Brett Favre's property near his home in Oak Grove.

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Nice return



PHS tennis player Nick Robbins returns volley against his opponent this past Saturday. Pampa defeated Caprock 15-4. The team will be taking part in regional play this weekend.

Boston just one win away from prize

ST. LOUIS (AP) — He has been loved and revered, maligned and smeared.

He's a one-word name, Pedro, the way Reggie used to be.

And now he and the rest of the Boston Red Sox are one win away from an event that will change their lives and alter the universe of a long-suffering team.

With all of baseball watching and wondering whether he would come through, Pedro Martinez allowed just three hits in seven scoreless innings Tuesday night, retiring his final 14 batters in a 4-1 victory over St. Louis that gave the Red Sox a 3-0 World Series lead.

"It's been a great ride," he said. "I hope everybody enjoyed it as much as I did. Even with the struggles that I've had up and down during the season, I really enjoyed it. I enjoyed every moment."

It was perhaps his final game with the Red Sox. He can become a free agent after the World Series, and it's unclear whether he'll be back for an eighth season in Boston.

"If they don't get me, it's probably because they didn't try hard enough," he said. "My heart is with Boston. I consider Boston my house."

Martinez got out of a bases-loaded jam in the first when Jim Edmonds flied out and left fielder Manny Ramirez threw out Larry Walker at the plate.

Then Martinez allowed hits to his first two batters in the third, but pitcher Jeff Suppan languished in no-man's land off third on Walker's grounder to first and ran into another double play.

St. Louis never got another runner to

first with Martinez on the mound.

"Once they didn't score in that inning, I said, 'It's up to me now,'" Martinez said.

'If they don't get me, it's probably because they didn't try hard enough. My heart is with Boston. I consider Boston my house.'

— Pedro Martinez
Pitcher, Boston Red Sox

He put to sleep the Cardinals' batters and their fans, turning the sea of red in Busch Stadium into a silent crowd. He needed just 98 pitches to get through seven innings and turn the game over to the bullpen, and he allowed just one ball out of the infield after the third.

"His changeup kept us off balance," the Cardinals' Reggie Sanders said.

Martinez's success can't be questioned — three Cy Young Awards and a regular-season record of 182-76.

But in Boston, fans talked about how he wasn't the same as a few years ago. He no longer overpowered batters, he had turned into a 100-pitch pitcher and he came apart against the Yankees. They debated whether his \$17.5 million salary was worth it.

Will he be on the mound next April when the Red Sox — it is too much to think ahead — open the defense of their World Series title? And their

opener is against the Yankees, no less.

"I hope I get another chance to come back with this team, but if I don't, I understand the business part of it," Martinez said. "I just hope that many other people understand that I wasn't the one that wanted to leave. I'm only doing what I have to do."

In September, he called the Yankees his "daddy" because of their success against him, sparking chants of ridicule when he pitched in New York during the AL championship series.

"The Yankees are over. That was one frustrating game I said that," he said. "I could be anybody's daddy any day."

He certainly treated the Cardinals like kids.

Boston has had great pitchers over the past 85 years. Dave Ferriss led the title. Jim Lonborg dominated in 1967 only to lose Game 7 to the Cardinals. And in 1986, Roger Clemens and Bruce Hurst couldn't get the job done against the New York Mets.

Well, Martinez has done his job and put the Red Sox in position to win. Boston has four chances to finish off St. Louis.

Derek Lowe gets the first chance Wednesday night. After that, it would be Tim Wakefield's turn, and then Curt Schilling's, ankle willing.

If that doesn't happen, and the Red Sox and Cardinals go to another Game 7 on Sunday night, Martinez's spot comes up again. But by then, Martinez and his teammates could be getting fitted for rings and celebrating at Beantown's biggest party since the one with tea.

National Basketball Association preseason conference standings

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	6	1	.857	—
New York	4	3	.571	2
New Jersey	3	4	.429	3
Toronto	1	3	.250	3 1/2
Boston	1	6	.143	5

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	4	2	.667	—
Orlando	3	3	.500	1
Washington	3	4	.429	1 1/2
Charlotte	2	5	.286	2 1/2
Atlanta	1	5	.167	3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	5	1	.833	—
Indiana	5	1	.833	—
Detroit	3	3	.500	2

Milwaukee	3	3	.500	2
Chicago	3	4	.429	2 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Memphis	5	2	.714	—
Houston	3	2	.600	1
New Orleans	3	4	.429	2
San Antonio	2	3	.400	2
Dallas	2	5	.286	3

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	4	1	.800	—
Minnesota	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Portland	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Utah	3	3	.500	1 1/2
Seattle	1	5	.167	3 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	4	1	.800	—
L.A. Lakers	5	2	.714	—
Golden State	4	3	.571	1
L.A. Clippers	2	4	.333	2 1/2

Sacramento	2	4	.333	2 1/2
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Wednesday's Games

Detroit at Boston, 6 p.m.
Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Atlanta vs. Charlotte at Fayetteville, N.C., 7 p.m.
Chicago at Indiana, 8 p.m.
Milwaukee at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Toronto at Portland, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Atlanta vs. Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Memphis vs. Milwaukee at Green Bay, Wisc., 8 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
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Leach restricts players contact with media

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech coach Mike Leach is trimming the time his players can talk to reporters after lambasting them for paying too much attention to positive news coverage.

Tech players will no longer be available for interviews Sunday and Tuesday evenings after team practices. They already were off limits for the rest of the week.

At his weekly news conference Monday, two days after Texas thrashed the Red Raiders 51-21, Leach said players need to avoid getting big heads from favorable coverage.

He compared individual players beaming over a positive story to them getting an 'A' on their report card and being rewarded with an extra quarter to buy an ice cream cone.

"When in fact, if you want to get the next 'A,' you better keep your eye on the ball and keep pedaling hard," Leach said.

Requests for player interviews before, during or after Monday's news conference must be made to Chris Cook, head of media relations for Tech football, by 3 p.m. Sunday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday,

Oct. 28, 2004:

You define your boundaries this year. Others often ask more from you than you can give. You need to say "no" more often. Spreading yourself too thin could cause a problem in your domestic life or with roommates. You also might discover a skeleton in your family's closet that could unnervify you. You express yourself well, but often take comments personally. Don't get involved in other people's "stuff." You will need and enjoy your downtime. If you are single, you could meet someone through your work. Just be sure he or she is emotionally available and not married. Toward your next birthday, someone special will enter your life. If you are attached, share more quiet time together. Private moments and weekends away warm up your bond. TAURUS has the same issues as you but handles them differently. You can learn a lot from the Bull.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** A meeting or an associate only adds confusion to the mix. You might not want to follow his or her lead, as it (1) might not be practical or (2) could cost a lot. Be conservative with expenditures, even though another person encourages you to splurge. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** Use your charisma to downplay yesterday's upsur. Others appreciate your efforts, though a boss or parent could be wifly. Do your best to confirm what he or she wants. A smile goes a long way at work. Tonight: Just smile and ask.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** What you can be sure of is that you are not getting the whole story. You might be hearing only what you want to hear or the facts might be muddled. Take your time sorting through what needs to happen with key people in your life. Tonight: Indulge yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Carefully listen to someone you care about. Money matters involving others might be a bit hazy. Don't make decisions just yet. A meeting helps you and others center. Come to an agreement, if possible. Tonight: Among the maddening crowds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** Despite another's flak or confusion, you assume your place as a natural leader. Use your innate charm and creativity to solve some problems that have popped up out of the blue. Find an expert if you need to. You don't want a flub-up. Tonight: Could be late.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** Take an overview when others can't. How you deal with others could make a big difference in their responses. Express kindness and understanding. Use your excellent listening skills and think about what others are feeling. Tonight: Choose a mind escape.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** What an associate or partner says doesn't jibe with what you have been thinking or what a close friend or child has said. Weigh the pros and cons, but avoid taking risks. Certainly take off your rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Spend time with a trusted friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** You might not have the whole story. Check out your home to see if there is a leak. Don't be surprised by what someone reveals. He or she might have been hiding it for years. Tonight: Dinner out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Your strong work ethic comes through one more time. Write down ideas and feelings that pop up out of the blue. Be careful with communication; people seem to naturally misunderstand you. Friends surround you, encouraging the end of this heavy work cycle. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** Your smile and imagination lead you in the right direction. "No" is unacceptable as an answer. You can find a way to make what you want happen. Don't jeopardize your finances. You don't have all the financial details. Tonight: Add some spice to your life.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** You might think you know what is going on, but you aren't getting the whole story. Or could it be that you're only seeing what you want to see? Get down to foundations. A caring call to or from someone at a distance cheers you up. Tonight: Buy some flowers on your way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** What you hear might not coincide with what you feel. Work with givens rather than use your intuition which could be slightly off. A dear friend takes time to express his or her caring. Realize how important this person is in your life. Tonight: "Quality time" with that special friend.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Feds claim looted Picasso until court rules on owner

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The federal government has claimed custody of a \$10 million Pablo Picasso painting that was stolen by Nazis during World War II and is being fought over by a collector and the family of a previous owner.

The move allows the federal court in Los Angeles to claim jurisdiction over a case pitting the painting's current owner, Chicago art collector Marilyn Alsdorf, against the grandson of a Jewish woman who sent it to a Paris gallery for safekeeping during the war before fleeing Berlin.

The FBI said Tuesday that FBI agents and U.S. marshals served Alsdorf with an order last week barring her from moving the painting from a safe in her Chicago home until a court decides the proper owner.

The federal complaint alleges that in December 2002, Alsdorf illegally moved the 1922 oil painting, known as "Femme en blanc" or

"Woman in White," from California to Illinois.

Federal authorities said the painting was subject to forfeiture because it is against the law to knowingly transport stolen goods across state lines.

Alsdorf and her late husband bought the painting from a New York gallery in 1975 for \$357,000. Its value is now estimated at \$10 million.

Thomas Bannigson of Oakland had filed a lawsuit against Alsdorf shortly before she moved the painting.

Bannigson's lawsuit was dismissed by a state appellate court that found California courts did not have jurisdiction, but that decision is now under review by the state Supreme Court. Last week's federal action will likely boost Bannigson's case, said his attorney, E. Randol Schoenberg.

"The victims of Nazis or their heirs shouldn't have to chase stolen property from one state to another," Schoenberg said Tuesday.



Story Time pumpkin art

StoryTime play group met at Zion Lutheran Church recently to paint pumpkins. Group members, from left, are Delaney Logue, 3; Brandon Reasor, 2; Seth Erickson, 2; Eli Swanson, 1; Emily Swanson, 2; and Reid Smith, 3. The group meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. for Story Time at Lovett Memorial Library.

Scientists find prehistoric dwarf human skeleton on Pacific island

By JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
AP Science Writer

In a breathtaking discovery, scientists working on a remote Indonesian island say they have uncovered the bones of a human dwarf species marooned for eons while modern man rapidly colonized the rest of the planet.

One tiny specimen, an adult female measuring about 3 feet tall, is described as "the most extreme" figure to be included in the extended human family. Certainly, she is the shortest.

This hobbit-sized creature appears to have lived as recently as 18,000 years ago on the island of Flores, a kind of tropical Lost World populated by giant lizards and miniature elephants.

She is the best example of a trove of fragmented bones that account for as many as seven of these primitive individuals. Scientists have named the new species *Homo floresiensis*, or Flores Man. The specimens' ages range from 95,000 to 12,000 years old.

"So the 18,000-year-old skeleton cannot be some kind of 'freak' that we just happened to

stumble across," said one of the discoverers, radiocarbon dating expert Richard G. Roberts of the University of Wollongong in Australia.

Flores Man was hardly formidable. His grapefruit-sized brain was about a quarter the size of the brain of our species, *Homo sapiens*. It is closer in size with the brains of transitional prehuman species in Africa more than 3 million years ago.

Yet evidence suggests Flores Man made stone tools, lit fires and organized group hunts for meat.

Just how this primitive, remnant species managed to hang on and whether it crossed paths with modern humans is uncertain. Geologic evidence suggests a massive volcanic eruption sealed its fate some 12,000 years ago, along with other unusual species on the island.

Still, researchers say the perseverance of Flores Man smashes the conventional wisdom

that modern humans began to systematically crowd out other upright-walking species 160,000 years ago and have dominated the planet alone for tens of thousands of years.

And it demonstrates that Africa, the acknowledged cradle of humanity, does not hold all the answers to persistent questions of how — and where — we came to be.

"It is arguably the most significant discovery concerning our own genus in my lifetime," said anthropologist Bernard Wood of George Washington University, who reviewed the research independently.

Discoveries simply "don't get any better than that," proclaimed Robert Foley and Marta Mirazon Lahr of Cambridge University in a written analysis.

To others, the specimen's baffling combination of slight dimensions and coarse features bears almost no meaningful resemblance

either to modern humans or to our large, archaic cousins.

They suggest that Flores Man doesn't belong in the genus *Homo* at all, even if it was a recent contemporary.

"I don't think anybody can pigeonhole this into the very simple-minded theories of what is human," anthropologist Jeffery Schwartz of the University of Pittsburgh. "There is no biological reason to call it *Homo*. We have to rethink what it is."

Details of the discovery appear in Thursday's issue of the journal *Nature*.

Researchers from Australia and Indonesia found the partial skeleton 13 months ago in a shallow limestone cave known as Liang Bua. The cave, which extends into a hillside for about 130 feet, has been the subject of scientific analysis since 1964.

Near the skeleton were stone tools and animal remains, including teeth from a young *Stegodon*, or prehistoric dwarf elephant, as well as fish, birds and rodents. Some of the bones were charred, suggesting they were cooked.

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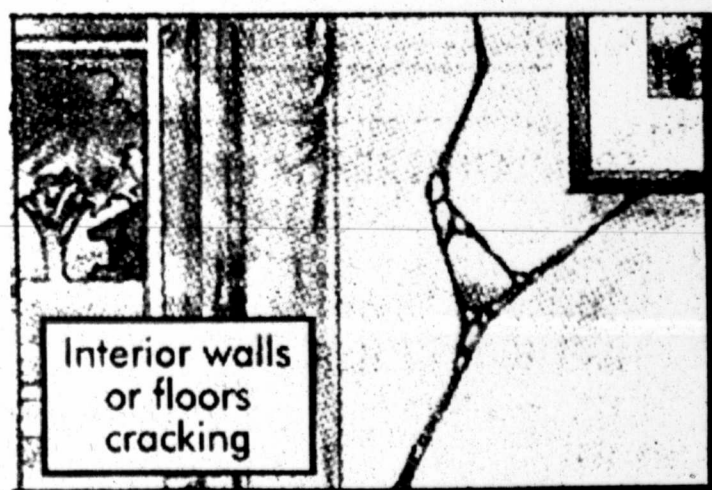
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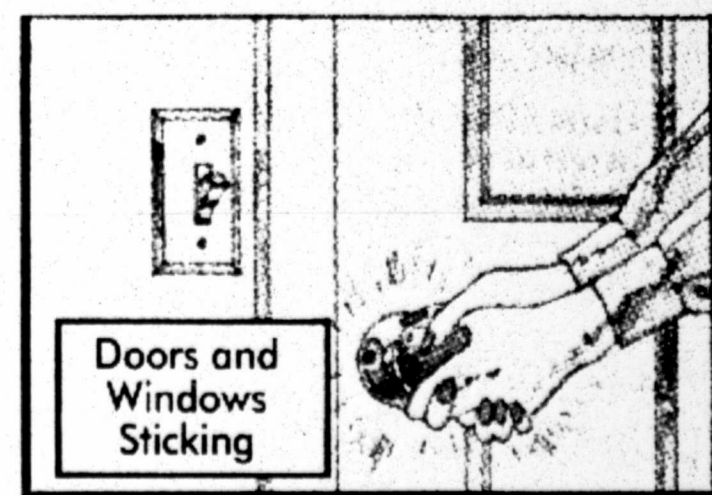
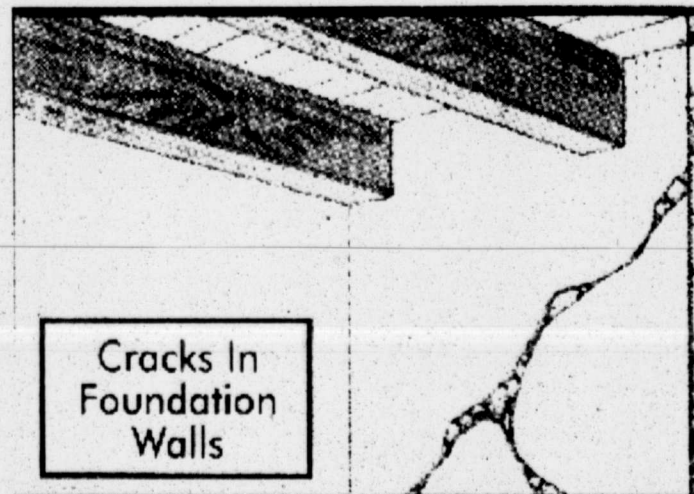
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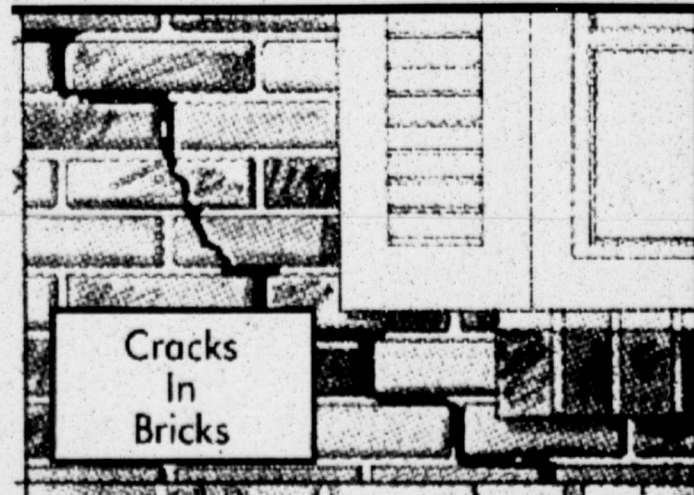
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