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Report: Singer died of natural causes

MANASSAS, Va. (AP) — Drowning Pool lead singer David Wayne Williams, who was found dead in his tour bus last month, died of natural causes, according to an autopsy.

The 30-year-old suffered from heart failure caused by cardiomyopathy, a disease in which areas of heart muscle enlarge and thicken, an autopsy released Thursday concluded.

While toxicology reports showed Williams had insignificant amounts of alcohol and prescription medication in his system, they were not a factor in his death, said Sgt. Kim Chinn, spokeswoman for the Prince William Police Department.

Drowning Pool had been touring as part of Ozzy Osbourne's Ozzfest and was scheduled to perform the following day.

DEATHS

John L. Sinches, 75, courthouse custodian.
Shaquilla Delisa Smith, 2 months.

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City health insurance changes

By KATE B. DICKSON
ASSOCIATE PUBLISHER

Employees to help pay part of costs for first time

What started out to be a proposed annual increase of \$71,098 in the City of Pampa's costs for health insurance for city workers has been reduced to an increase of \$6,532.

That came after the Employee Health Insurance Committee met and reviewed options available and made

recommendations to hold the costs down.

Under the new plan, effective Oct. 1 with the start of the new fiscal year, for the first time workers will pay some of their health insurance costs.

According to Administrative Assistant Karen Price, employees will pay \$457.86 yearly toward the cost and the city will continue to pay \$3,378.72 for the remainder of the price of each

worker's health insurance.

Employees who want to insure their whole family, may do so by paying an additional \$4,335.24 annually.

The recommended plan, which is expected to be approved Tuesday as part of the final reading on the budget, will provide:

- The deductible will increase from \$750 to \$1,000
- Eliminated will be the doctor's office visit co-pay

and the PCS card for prescriptions.

• Doctor's visits on the approved physician network list will be paid at 80 percent and doctors out of network will be paid at 50 percent. These payments are after the deductible is met

• Three-month mail-order prescriptions will be paid at \$40 for generics and \$70 for name brands. This is not subject to the deductible.

Deadline near

Prospective voters must register for November election by Oct. 7

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Deadline for prospective voters to register to vote in the Nov. 5 General Election is Oct. 7, said County Clerk Susan Winborne. To register to vote, qualified persons should contact the County Tax Assessor/Collector's office.

Several local races are generating considerable interest in this heightened political season.

One local race has a unique twist to it.

Precinct 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez is seeking his first elected term to office after being appointed to fill out the unexpired term of Bob Muns who retired in March 2001.

However, Martinez's campaigning has been limited because he is currently deployed at Fort Hood with hundreds of other National Guard Reserve soldiers.

Martinez was called up following the Sept. 11 attacks. His wife, Lori, said this morning he does not know when he will be able to return home to stay. She said his military call-up time is "not to exceed one year." He was called up April 30 of this year.

Mrs. Martinez said he is receiving a four-day leave in October, and he plans to spend it in Gray County campaigning for election.

Martinez, a Republican, is being challenged by Debbie Darby, a Democrat.

Veteran Gray County Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene is challenged by Gary Willoughby in the election. Greene, a Democrat, defeated M.W. Horne in that primary to face Willoughby in November.

Challenging County Judge Richard Peet's return to office is Greg Kurtz, a Democrat. Peet is a Republican.

A first on the ballot will be for the election of Inspector of Hides and Animals.

Winning the Republican primary, Bill Reeves of McLean is the only candidate on the ballot for the position which has never been filled in Gray County. The position has no salary allotted.

Topping the ballot will be the race for Texas Governor.

Texas political observers have estimated the 2002 governor's race in the Lone Star state will be the most costly in the history of the state.

Current Governor Rick Perry, a Republican, ascended to the governor's seat when former Gov. George W. Bush was elected U.S. President in 2000. Perry was previously lieutenant governor.

Challenging him is South Texas businessman Tony Sanchez, a Democrat.

Both candidates hit the campaign trail shortly after (See VOTERS, Page 3)

Sounds of Mexico



(Courtesy photo)

Mariachi performers from Amarillo to perform on the Centennial outdoor stage from 1:15 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 5, include David Alarid, band leader, who has played the trumpet and guitar more than 50 years in Mariachi bands. Alarid performs twice a month at the new Tacos Garcia Restaurant in Amarillo. Two others in the band include Dario Dominguez, guitar, and Andy Zuniga, who has played the *buile* (five-string guitar) for about 50 years. Following their performance they will promenade down Cuyler Street playing the familiar Hispanic music. Alarid and his group have performed at Chautauqua several times.

County to provide employee flu shots

During a special meeting early Thursday morning, Gray County Commission approved Wednesday, Oct. 9, as employee and dependent flu shot day. Inoculations will be given between 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Peet said 54 employees received flu shots through the county program last year. Cost was \$15 per shot to total \$810, for the cost of the shots has risen to \$20 each this year.

Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he believes there will be a higher turnout for the employee flu shots this year because they are being given earlier in the season.

(See SHOTS, Page 3)

PHS sets Homecoming events

Queen, King to be crowned prior to Oct. 4 football game

There'll be lots going on at Pampa High School next week as students participate in activities leading up to the Homecoming 2002 game against Plainview at 7:30 p.m., Friday.

Homecoming Royalty candidates have been chosen and they include for Queen, Abby Cavalier, Amanda Dyson, Cassie Gibson, Teryn Stowers, and Mary Alice Warner. King candidates are Tristan Brown, Jay Gerber, Travis Leevee, Brandon McElroy and Max Simon.

The candidates will ride in the homecoming parade and they'll also be chauffeured around the track prior to the football game. This year the winners will also be crowned before the football game because two of the King candidates are football players.

The homecoming parade will start at 4 p.m. Thursday in front of the high school at Harvester and Mary Ellen. The procession will proceed down Mary Ellen to the park where it will turn left and proceed to Duncan. At Duncan it will turn right and proceed to Browning

where it will then turn onto Cuyler and proceed through downtown to the railroad tracks where it will disband.

Entries in the parade will include most of the school clubs and sports teams in addition to several alumni groups. The Grand Marshals will be the 2002 Hall of Fame inductees the names of whom will be announced in Sunday's Pampa News.

Following past tradition, the week will feature Dress Up Days at the high school. Monday is '80s Day, Tuesday is Yoga Day, Wednesday is Pajama Day, Thursday is Green and Gold Day and Friday is Dress Up Nice Day. There'll be prizes awarded each day.

On Friday, there'll be a special reception for past Harvester football team members at 1:30 p.m. in the school library. Anyone who played football for the team is invited. There will be refreshments and photographs taken. Former players will also have special seating at the pep rally.

Baby dies before liver transplant

Shaquilla Delisa Smith of Pampa died Tuesday at Dallas Children's Hospital. The two-month-old infant had been at the Dallas hospital awaiting a liver transplant for several weeks.

Her parents, Tabitha and Timothy Smith, have been in Dallas with her throughout the ordeal, said a family friend Donna Brown.

Brown told The Pampa News that the infant began developing problems when she was about seven days old. She was admitted to Northwest Texas Hospital for tests.

After receiving the diagnosis that she was rejecting her liver, she was transferred to the Dallas Children's Hospital. (See BABY, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

BROOKS, Zeda — Memorial service, 2 p.m., First Christian Church, Pampa.

SHAQUILLA DELISA SMITH
July 20-Sept. 24, 2002

Shaquilla Delisa Smith, 2-month-old daughter of Tabitha and Timothy Smith, Sr., of Pampa, died Tuesday, Sept. 24, 2002, at Dallas. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Shaquilla was born July 20, 2002, in Pampa.

Survivors include her parents, Tabitha and Timothy; two brothers, Denzell Smith and Timothy Smith, Jr., both of the home; a sister, Rianne Smith, of the home; her paternal grandparents, Erma and James Smith, Sr., of

Borger and Joyce Smith of Pampa; her maternal grandparents, Debbie and Clive Weaver of Amarillo; and her paternal great-grandmother, Lillie Mae Nickelberry of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Liver Foundation, South Texas chapter, 2425 W. Loop South, Suite 660, Houston, TX 77027; Ronald McDonald House, 1501 Streit Dr., Amarillo, TX 79106; or Children's Miracle Network, 1600 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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JOHN L. SINCHES
1926-2002

John L. Sinches, 75, of Pampa, died Thursday, Sept. 26, 2002, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Monday in McCullough Street Church of Christ with Frankie Lemons, minister, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Sinches was born Dec. 14, 1926, at Mineola, Texas. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He was a custodian for the Gray County Courthouse for over 30 years. He also owned and operated a lawn service for many years.

He was a member of McCullough Street Church of Christ.

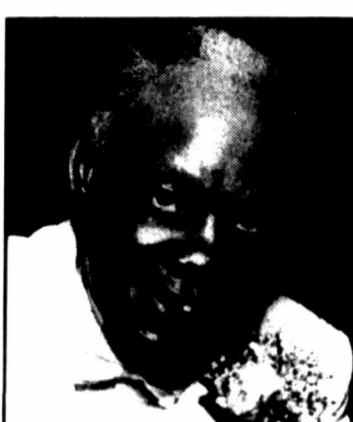
He was preceded in death by his wife, Mandy Sinches, in 1990.

Survivors include three daughters, Adella Sinches of Pampa, and Lola Price and Shirley Sinches, both of Amarillo; two sons, J.L. Sinches of Amarillo and Benny Sinches of

Pampa; two sisters, Ada May Murray of Pampa and Mary M. Mack of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and numerous grandchildren including a granddaughter in which he raised, Jennifer Sinches of Pampa; and several great-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 5-6 p.m., Sunday at the funeral home and requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with highs around 80, and north winds 5 to 15 mph, shifting to the east. Tonight should be partly cloudy with lows around 60, and southeast winds 10 to 20 mph. Saturday should be partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Tuesday night, partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 50s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 70s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Wednesday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 50. Chance of precipitation 20 percent. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 70s. Chance of precipitation 20 percent.

STATEWIDE

Clear skies are forecast over the state this weekend, but most Texans will continue to feel summer temperatures for the first week of fall.

Temperature extremes Thursday ranged from 94 degrees at Wink to a low of 44 overnight at Dalhart.

In South Texas it will sunny this weekend. Inland highs will range from the low 90s in southeast Texas, to the upper 90s in deep South Texas. Highs will be mostly in the mid 90s elsewhere. Coastal highs will be in the mid to upper 80s. No precipitation is forecast this weekend. Deep South Texas should see partly cloudy skies beginning Saturday; the rest of South Texas should remain mostly clear.

West Texas will be partly cloudy this weekend in the panhandle, mostly sunny in other areas. It will be cool in the panhandle and South Plains today, with highs in the mid-70s to mid-80s. Highs will be in the low to mid-90s in other areas today.

For the weekend, far West Texas will get a break, with highs only in the 80s. Highs will be in the 80s in the panhandle and mid-80s to mid-90s in the South Plains and Low Rolling Plains. Highs should be around 90 for the rest of West Texas this weekend. The only precipitation in the forecast is a slight chance Saturday in the northern panhandle.

ON RECORD

POLICE

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

Monday, July 1

Injury to a 12-year-old boy was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Monday, July 29

Forgery was reported at Truck Stuff, 420 W. Brown.

Saturday, Sept. 14

A Nintendo Gameboy was reported stolen in the 1000 block of North Charles.

Thursday, Sept. 26

A simple assault of a 14-year-old boy was reported at Pampa High School.

Two doors were damaged and a lock and hasp pried off at Mini-Maxi Storage at 114 S. Naida.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 26

11:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

3:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Faulkner and transported one to PRMC.

5:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road and transported one to PRMC.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department filed the following accident report.

Thursday, Sept. 26

Sun glare was blamed in an accident at the intersection of East Francis and North Ballard in which two vehicles collided. The drivers were Stacey D. Ladd, 41, 1840 Fir, who was driving a 1998 Ford Explorer and Jane D. Dedrick, 29, 319 Davis, who was driving a 1995 Chevrolet van. Ladd declined medical attention.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Sept. 26

8:22 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to Francis and Ballard streets to clean up hazardous material spilled in a minor motor vehicle collision.

9:25 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to an alarm in the 400 block of North Ward. The alarm had malfunctioned.

9:26 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an odor investigation at City Hall, 200 W. Kingsmill. No source of the odor was found.

7:56 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a vehicle fire 10 miles south of Pampa on Texas Highway 70. The vehicle was being towed to Pampa after catching fire on Interstate 40 when the fire apparently rekindled.

9:34 p.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to an alarm in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. The alarm had malfunctioned.

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Milo.....	Triad Hospitals.....	37.76	+0.45
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Soybeans.....	KMI.....	37.05	+0.05
Sunflowers.....	XCEL.....	9.05	-0.15
	Kerr McGee.....	43.99	+1.09
	Limited.....	15.86	+0.15
	Williams.....	2.19	-0.02
	McDonalds.....	18.43	-0.02
The following show prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation.	Exxon Mobil.....	34.07	-0.08
Occidental.....	Atmos.....	21.95	-0.15
Fidelity Magell.....	Pioneer Nat.....	25.20	+0.26
Puntan.....	Penney's.....	18.73	-0.23
	COP.....	49.41	+0.23
	Schlumberger.....	41.11	+0.11
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.	Tenneco.....	4.33	+0.29
BP.....	CVX.....	73.30	+0.10
Celanese.....	Wal-Mart.....	53.27	-0.44
Cabot Corp.....	OKE.....	19.15	+0.05
Cabot Oil Gas.....	NS Group.....	6.01	-0.10
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	Silver.....	4.51	
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Kmart raid could prove costly to city

HOUSTON (AP) — A raid last month at a Kmart parking lot and elsewhere that resulted in arrests of nearly 300 people on curfew and trespassing violations could cost the city millions of dollars in legal damages.

The charges stemming from the operation have all been dropped.

Dozens of police officers rounded up 298 people gathered in westside business parking lots on a mid-August weekend and charged them with curfew and trespassing violations.

Police said the arrests were part of a crackdown on illegal drag racing in the area, but many of those arrested said they were customers of the businesses and that police ignored their protests of innocence.

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Federal charges dropped in illegal adoption probe

Woman still facing state prosecution

LAREDO (AP) — Federal charges have been dismissed against an adoption agency employee accused of operating an international baby-buying scheme, though she still faces state charges.

In court documents filed Thursday, the U.S. Attorney's office referred to the ongoing state investigation, explaining why it dropped immigrant-smuggling charges against Maria Dolores Bondoc, 53, Bondoc and her daughter Alda Mae Nishiyama.

They were accused of smuggling pregnant Mexican women into Laredo so Bondoc could buy their babies and put them up for adoption through the San Antonio-based AAA-Alamo Adoption Agency.

Bondoc's lawyer, David Almaraz, told the Laredo Morning Times in Friday's editions: "I'm not opposing it. That's all I have to say about that."

Attorney Isidro Alaniz,

who represents Nishiyama, said he and the family were pleased by the dismissal.

"My client and her family just want to get on with their lives," he said.

Bondoc and Nishiyama were arrested Sept. 17 when authorities raided their homes after a monthlong investigation. Bondoc still faces three state counts of sale or purchase of a child and two counts of unlawful transport.

"We will monitor (the state's) prosecution," Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney Nancy Herrera told the San Antonio Express-News. "Even though the federal charges have been dismissed, they are not gone forever."

Webb County District Attorney Joe Rubio said move doesn't affect the state's case.

Dan Bass, an attorney for Bondoc's employer, San Antonio-based AAA-Alamo, said the company was pleased.

"We're happy that what we're thinking should happen has happened, at least for the federal charges," he said. "We're hoping that the state will do the same on the state charges."

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VOTERS

the Democrat and Republican primaries named them as the standard-bearers of their respective political parties in Texas. No let up in campaigning for the state's highest office is expected until after the election.

Other contested races on the ballot will include U.S. Senator, U.S. Representative District 13, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller of Public Accounts, Commissioner of the General Land Office, Commissioner of Agriculture, Railroad Commissioner, State Board of Education, District 15; and numerous judicial positions.

Early voting begins Oct. 21 in the Gray County Clerk's office at their temporary location at 315 N. Ballard.

Winborne said that the office will also be open on Saturday, Oct. 26, for voters' convenience. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The last day to receive an application by mail is Oct. 29.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting the county clerk's office.

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BABY

Children's Hospital around the first of August, said Brown.

Shaquilla is also survived by two brothers, Denzell and Timothy, Jr., and one sister, Rianne.

Services are pending for the infant at Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

CASA volunteers sworn in



(Courtesy photo)

These new CASA volunteers who had recently completed 30 hours training were recently sworn in by Judge Phil Vanderpool. In the photo above are, back row left to right: Beyerly Alexander, Jamilou Garren, and Frank Manning. Front Row left to right are: Lisa Blandford, Angie Friend, and Charles Buzzard. Not pictured is Kim Davis. In the photo below are new CASA volunteers Kathy Richardson, Pam Harris and Sara Carmichael. Not pictured are Kristi Carstensen and Judy Warner. Judge Vanderpool is in the background. CASA of the High Plains Inc., a United Way agency, provides advocates for children in the court system.



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• Non mail-order prescriptions will be paid for a one-month supply at \$35 for name brands and \$20 for generics

• Prescriptions will be paid at 80 percent after the deductible is paid.

The Committee also recommended the current level of insurance coverage be available to employees wishing to pay the 15 percent difference for them and/or their dependents retaining the PCS card and office co-pay.

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SHOTS

"I know one or two of my men had already gotten theirs last year when we received ours," he said.

Peet said any employee or dependent covered by insurance will receive the benefit.

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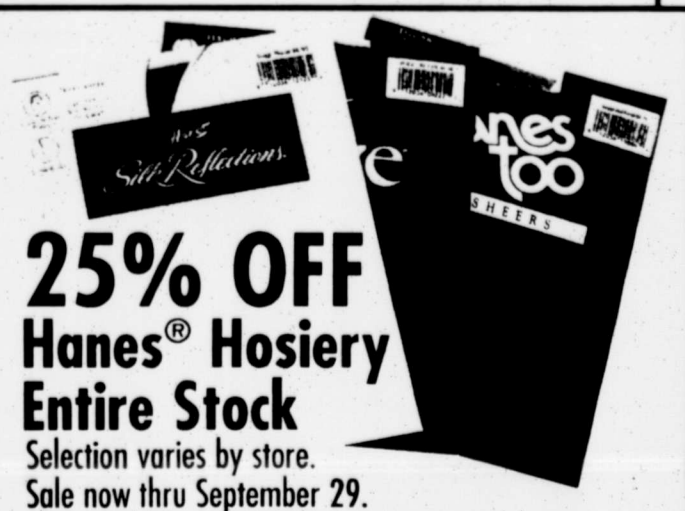
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TEXAS EDITORIALS

U.S. winning intelligence war

From the El Paso Times:

A couple of major battles in the war on terrorism have been won recently.

It wasn't a shootout between tank armadas, phalanxes of troops or squadrons of jet fighters. The victories were the outcomes of some patient sleuthing and time-consuming investigation.

On Sept. 14, five American men of Yemeni descent were charged with supporting terrorism. The capture of these men appears to bear out what officials have been saying for a long time — that there are "sleeper cells" of terrorists in the United States awaiting the signal to go into action.

The five men, who lived within blocks of each other in a Buffalo, N.Y. suburb, had allegedly trained at an al-Qaida camp near Kandahar, Afghanistan. Officials said the discovery of this cell was linked to information that caused the Bush administration to place the nation on "orange alert" as the anniversary of 9/11 approached last week.

Also, U.S. and Pakistani forces captured Ramzi Binalshibh, suspected of helping organize the Sept. 11 terror attacks. He's been on America's "most wanted terrorists" list for a year.

These incidents show the way that this "new" war against terrorism must be fought. It frustrates those who count progress in terms of military victories and body counts.

But dismantling terrorist networks through quiet, behind-the-scenes intelligence gathering and exhaustive investigative work is at least as important as flashy military victories and evening-news video of smart bombs going through windows.

It's a new century, and terrorists have introduced us to an unconventional form of warfare that will have to be won in non-traditional ways.

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Reflections on washing clothes

How quick we forget.

I had forgotten how much laundry a family with three children can generate until the last week.

Last week I stopped by my daughter, M.E.'s, home and noticed the dirty laundry had grown by leaps and bounds. When I asked her about it, she told me she thought her clothes washer had gone to "washer heaven", or maybe the opposite direction.

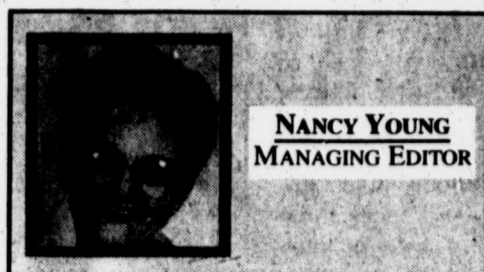
Anyway, she said she had been to the laundry to wash a few loads of clothes for the children. Casually, I asked her what it cost per load these days.

When she told me \$1.25 per load, I was horrified! Didn't take me long to figure it would take a fortune to get all those clothes washed.

Now back when I went to the laundry, you could do a load for .25 cents. You can tell how long it's been since I've been to the laundry.

So, I volunteered to take the mounds of clothing home with me and wash them. Even though she was planning to get a new one, I knew with her busy schedule (taking 16 hours in college this semester, working 32-40 hours a week and raising three children) that it would take FOREVER for her to get caught up.

Well, my washer has been humming away every minute I've been home the past week!



NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

It is absolutely amazing how many clothes three children can get dirty. But what was more amazing was how many socks they could possess.

Stopping by her home in Borger on my way to work yesterday morning to deliver the clean clothes I'd washed the night before, I would swear on a stack of Bibles that I delivered at least 100 socks — and there were four matching pair!

The children — Peyton, Christian and Paige — were getting ready for school when I stopped by. I asked them if they knew that children in Africa didn't have socks. Christian and Paige looked at me with a quizzical look. Peyton just grinned. She had heard me say that about food before. "Do children in Africa wear shoes, Nana?", she said grinning.

"It doesn't matter," I told them. "You need to think about it," and I bounded out the door on my way to work thinking I really must come up with a better example.

When I stopped by yesterday evening

to get more clothes, I was surprised yet again by the number of socks in the basket. I could tell by the sparkle in their eyes that Christian and Paige had been enlightened by their older sister and mother.

"Nana, we found the mates to the other socks," they said in chorused unison.

Arriving home with more clothes, my washer immediately began humming the familiar tune. Yes, there are mates in there, but some weren't. I suppose they are lost forever.

This has taken me back a couple of decades to the days of raising four children.

When M.E.'s older brothers and sister, Kathy, Jay and Bob were all in high school, I often described myself as the "laundry woman and traffic coordinator."

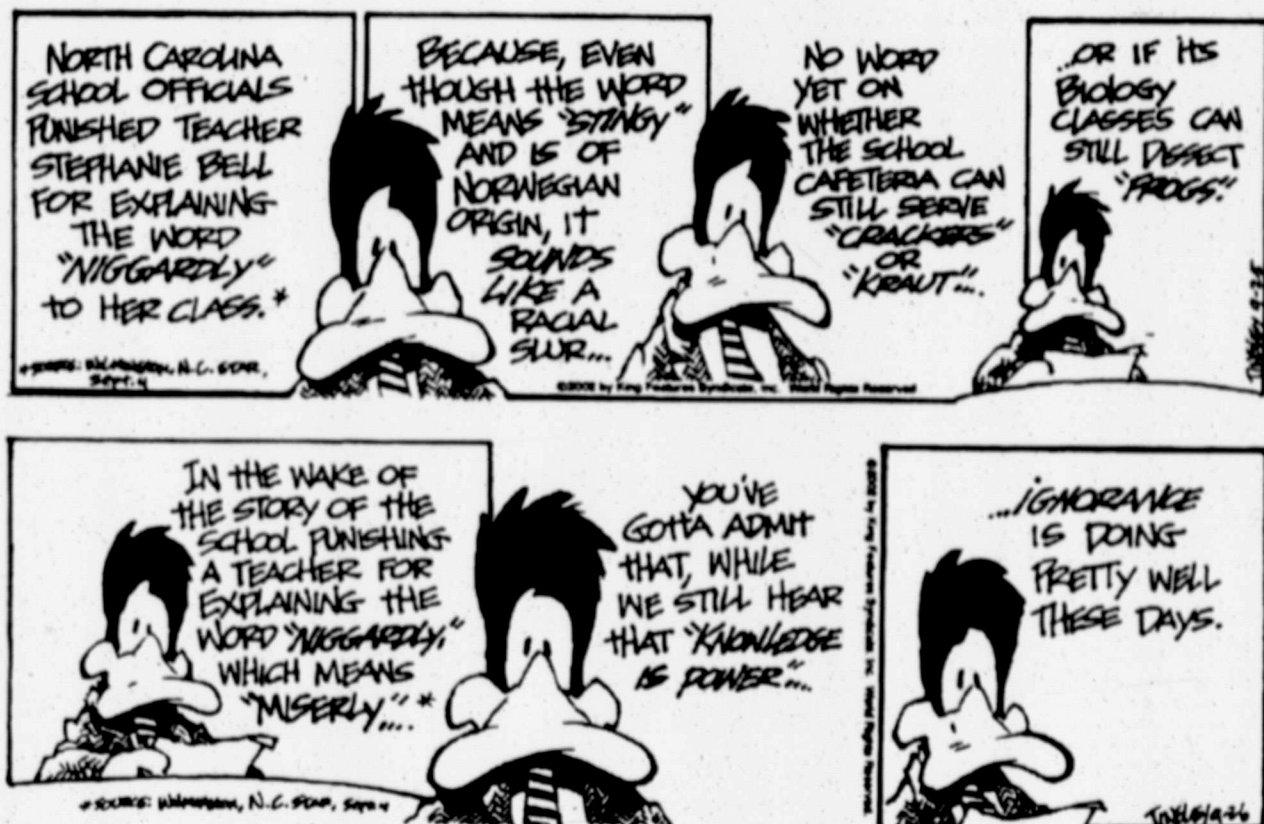
Just keeping the cheerleading uniforms clean was a feat of strategic planning. That washer often ran at midnight after a basketball game so she would have the uniform clean and ready to jump into at 7 a.m.

Keeping the boys in clothes was equally as challenging.

Nowadays, my washer usually runs five or six times a week. This week certainly took me back in time. And I'll bet the washer is ready for a rest.

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



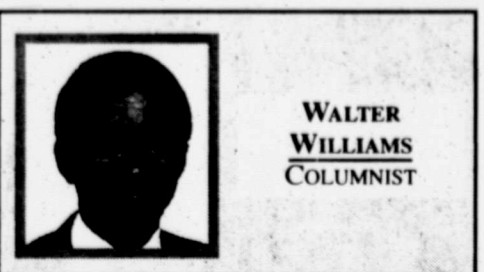
Difference between a right and a wish

We hear so much about "rights" — a right to this and a right to that. People say they have a right to decent housing, a right to adequate health care, food and a decent job, and more recently, senior citizens have a right to prescription drugs. In a free society, do people have these rights? Let's look at it.

At least in the standard historical usage of the term, a right is something that exists simultaneously among people. A right confers no obligation on another. For example, the right to free speech is something we all possess. My right to free speech imposes no obligation upon another except that of non-interference. Similarly, I have a right to travel freely. That right imposes no obligation upon another except that of non-interference.

Contrast those rights to the supposed right to decent housing or medical care. Those supposed rights do confer obligations upon others. There is no Santa Claus or Tooth Fairy. If you don't have money to pay for decent housing or medical services, and the government gives you a right to those services, where do you think the money comes from?

If you said "From some other American," go to the head of the class. Your right to decent housing and medical care requires that some other American have less of something else, namely



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diminished rights to his earnings.

Let's apply this bogus concept of rights to free speech and the right to travel freely. If we were to apply it to my right to free speech, my free speech rights would confer financial obligations on others to supply me with an auditorium, microphone and audience. My right to travel freely would require that others provide me with airplane tickets and hotel accommodations. Most Americans, I would imagine, would tell me, "Williams, yes, you have rights to free speech and travel rights, but I'm not obligated to pay for them!"

As human beings, we all have certain unalienable rights. Of the rights we possess, we have a right to delegate to government. For example, we all have a right to defend ourselves against predators. Since we possess that right, we can delegate it to government. In other words, we can say to government, "We have the right to defend ourselves, but for a more

orderly society, we give you the authority to defend us."

By contrast, I don't possess the right to take your earnings for any reason. Since I have no such right, I cannot delegate it to government. If I did take your earnings for housing and medical services, it would rightfully be described as an act of theft. When government does it, it's still theft — the only difference is that it's legalized theft sanctioned by a majority vote.

If you're a Christian or simply a moral human being, you should be against these so-called rights. After all, when God gave Moses the Eighth Commandment, "Thou shalt not steal," I'm sure that he didn't mean thou shalt not steal unless there is a majority vote in Congress. Moreover, I'm sure that if you were to have a heart-to-heart conversation with God and asked him, "God, is it OK to be a recipient of stolen property, property that Congress has taken from another American?" I'm guessing He'd say that being a recipient of stolen property is also sinful.

Decent housing, good medical care and decent jobs are not rights at all, at least not in a free society — they're wishes. As such, I'd agree with most Americans because I also wish that everyone had decent housing, a high paying job and good medical care.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2002. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26, 1960, the first televised debate between presidential candidates Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy took place in Chicago.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first

secretary of state.

In 1898, American composer George Gershwin was born in Brooklyn, N.Y.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

In 1952, philosopher George Santayana died in Rome at age 88.

In 1962, the situation comedy "The Beverly Hillbillies" premiered on CBS.

In 1962, the cult film "Carnival of Souls" premiered in Lawrence, Kan., where

parts of it had been filmed.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere II. (They emerged on this date in 1993.)

Ten years ago: South African President F.W. de Klerk and African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela held their first meeting in three months, during

which they agreed on the urgent need for an interim government. A Nigerian military transport plane crashed shortly after takeoff, killing all 163 people aboard.

Five years ago: An Indonesian Airbus A300 crashed while approaching Medan Airport in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people aboard.

One year ago: In truce talks held at the urging of the United States, Israel and the Palestinians agreed on a series of confidence-building measures aimed at ending a year of fighting.

First ladies from across the Americas pledge to fight child poverty

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Laura Bush joined five ladies from across the Americas in a pledge to fight child poverty, recognizing the problem is not limited to poor, developing countries but also plagues rich ones like the United States.

Promising to honor their roles as "promoters of change," the 22 spouses of heads of state ended a conference in Mexico

City on Thursday by signing a 50-point declaration.

"Our mission is to encourage the creation and improvement of social programs that promote effective, tangible benefits for children living in poverty," the statement says.

The signatories pledge to work toward everything from equal access to education and healthy early childhood devel-

opment to responsible sexual attitudes in children and the reintegration of street kids into mainstream society.

Preventing domestic violence, encouraging children to have tolerance and respect, and eliminating discrimination against minority children are among other broad goals they set forth in the declaration.

Given that most of the first

ladies lack official clout in their governments, some experts and analysts have questioned just how much weight such a conference can carry.

But the Declaration of Mexico notes that past meetings have allowed the women to "coordinate efforts aimed at addressing social problems and strengthening our role as promoters of change, allowing us

to make a considerable contribution" to eradicating disease, changing women's roles in society and improving health care services, among other advances.

The first ladies, hailing from the Caribbean as well as North, South and Central America, promised to pursue their commitments in informal follow-up meetings and to review their

progress at their 12th conference, scheduled to take place in the Dominican Republic.

"No matter what country we call home, no matter what customs or faiths or cultures we embrace, one value transcends every border. All mothers and fathers throughout the world love their children and want the very best for them," Mrs. Bush said.

Fidel giving nod to U.S. agribusiness

BY ANITA SNOW
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

HAVANA (AP) — Signaling he's serious about bringing American business back to communist Cuba, President Fidel Castro has signed more than \$17 million in contracts to buy food from the United States.

Castro signed the deals at a food fair attended by numerous U.S. food producers, so far the only type of American company allowed to do business with the communist country. Cuban officials hope the contracts Thursday will lead to more exceptions to the longstanding U.S. trade embargo on Cuba.

To illustrate that, Castro spent much of the day at the exhibition, where he strolled past displays of Gerber baby food, Sara Lee cakes, soy burgers served up to passers-by by agribusiness giant Archer Daniels Midland of Illinois.

Later, he presided over the signing of a \$10 million contract with ADM, a Fortune 500 company, for Cuba's purchase of rice, cooking oil and soy. ADM is the lead sponsor of the event.

Also signed Thursday were contracts by Cuba's food import concern Alimport to buy \$10,000 of red apples from Bowman Apple Products of Virginia; \$1.9 million of shipping services from Crowley Liner Services of Jacksonville, Fla.; and 30 million chicken eggs from Radlo Foods of Massachusetts for \$1.5 million.

In addition, Alimport signed contracts to buy \$1.4 million in frozen chicken from Louis Dreyfus Corp., of Atlanta; and \$2.5 million in rice from the Rice Company of California.

"This type of economic relationship has to be guided by mutual benefit," Castro, 76, told American businessmen and Cuban officials gathered at the exhibition hall.

"Things are not black and white. True exchange is not that we gain today and lose tomorrow," he said.

Castro said he had signed all the contracts — also signed by Alimport President Pedro Alvarez — as a guarantee that American suppliers would be paid in full for the products.

A U.S. law that took effect in 2000 allowed the first direct commercial sales of American food and other agricultural products to the island in four decades. It is an exception to the U.S. embargo against Cuba, gradually imposed in the years after Castro came to power in a 1959 revolution.

Since November, when Cuba began taking advantage of the U.S. law, it has purchased more than \$140 million worth of American food, including rice, wheat, beans, peas, pork lard, apples, and some brand-name packaged products.

All sales must be made in cash — a feature of the law Cuban officials resent and hope will eventually be changed.

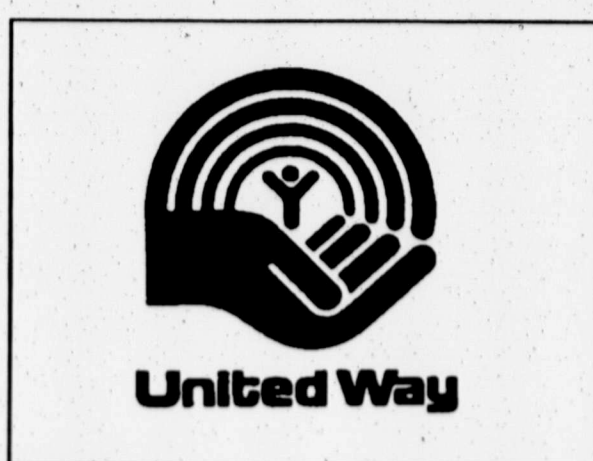
But Castro said that American suppliers shouldn't worry that Cuba won't honor its commitments to U.S. agribusiness.

Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center relies on UW funds

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What do you think of when you hear the word freedom? Do you think of the Statue of Liberty, the Declaration of Independence, or George Washington? Do you think about the events of Sept. 11, and our men and women who are fighting the war on terrorism to keep our country free? Do you think of those who have lost their lives defending our basic freedoms such as freedom of speech and freedom of religion?

There is another type of freedom. A freedom many people are looking to obtain but don't know how. Freedom from pain. It may be the pain of guilt, shame, anger, depression, loss of hope, loss of a loved one, suicidal thoughts — the list goes on



and on.

Samaritan Pastoral Counseling Center, a United Way agency, can help individuals deal with pain. Every day individuals, couples, and families walk through its doors looking for guidance, answers, hope ... freedom. The staff at SPCC is there with

open arms to help individuals in their journey to be free.

It is amazing what happens when a person reaches a place in their life when they feel free. The chorus in Michael English's song "Finally Free" says, "I'm free. I'm finally free. To give something back, to live what I believe. And love, love You honestly. Because I'm finally free ... Of me."

Often times, when people come to counseling, the pain is so powerful that they become bound by loneliness and hopelessness, but when freedom finally comes, a new strength is born. A strength that gives not only hope but love. Many times a new love for oneself, the ability to give up their need to be in control and to finally trust God. When you are free, you begin to dream again and love again.

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RELIGION

Minister, once C-W star, tries to rebuild life after arrest

By **BOBBY ROSS JR.**
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (AP) — David Slater found success in two careers. As a country music singer, he won \$100,000 on "Star Search" and recorded two albums for Capitol Records. As a Church of Christ preacher, he gained fellow ministers' respect and an affluent flock's admiration.

But these days the 39-year-old Slater is trying to rebuild his life. Snowed under by debt, he was caught stealing cash and credit cards from unlocked cars at a YMCA in this Nashville suburb.

"I succumbed to a weakness," said Slater, whose father published church songbooks. "I crossed a line I never really thought I could cross."

Slater has been a performer since childhood: at age 9 his mother even made him a sequined Elvis outfit. Later, at a Christian high school in Dallas, he developed a passion for singing and playing guitar.

"David learned as a child that the way he was loved was to be on stage," said Joe Beam, a friend and mentor who leads Family Dynamics, an interdenominational marriage ministry.

Slater went to college in Nashville and, at 23, put together a band. His career soon blossomed with a couple of country hits, "The Other Guy" and "I'm Still Your Fool." He

opened for Waylon Jennings and the Oak Ridge Boys; he spent a year as a backup singer for Mel Tillis in Branson, Mo.

But he decided to move out of music and into ministry.

He took graduate courses on the Bible and was hired as youth and family minister at a Montgomery, Ala., church. A few years later, he returned to Nashville as associate minister at the 3,000-member Madison Church of Christ.

In 1998, the 500-member West End Church of Christ in Nashville hired him as pulpit minister. To all outward appearances, Slater was successful in his calling.

But then came the day in July 2001 when Slater's wife, Melony, saw police officers walking up the driveway while the couple's two young children ate lunch.

The police delivered their news: Slater was in jail for stealing and using other people's credit cards to buy food and gasoline. "Tell me this isn't true," Melony said, grabbing one officer's shoulders.

Prosecutor Derek Smith said Slater had been burglarizing vehicles for months. "Once he was caught, he was fairly forthcoming," Smith said.

Undercover police had started watching the parking lot, and arrested Slater after videotaping him taking items from unlocked cars.

"It felt so unreal to me," Slater said. "But I think I wanted it to happen. The times I did my

stealing, I did it in broad daylight in the same parking lot every time."

He pleaded guilty last April to 25 charges, including auto burglary, theft and forgery, and received a four-year sentence. Under the terms of his plea agreement, Slater's sentence was suspended after he served 90 days, which he completed in July (fellow inmates called him "preacher man"). He remains on probation for five years.

Even after a year of counseling and his jail time, Slater still finds it hard to explain why he was stealing.

"It still sounds impossible that someone would do something not only so morally wrong but so stupid and opposite and backward of what you'd expect," he said.

This much is known: The Slaters were wrestling with \$100,000 in debt, much of which stemmed from music industry ventures. Slater made what he called a respectable salary, but said — in retrospect — his family lived in a house and drove cars they couldn't afford.

At times, the couple used credit cards to pay utility bills or buy groceries. The stress weighed on Slater, who said his bank account was \$800 in the hole and his gasoline tank on empty the day he stole for the first time.

Fellow Nashville minister Rubel Shelly, the first person to visit Slater in jail, hugged him and looked past his orange jumpsuit. Shelly's Woodmont Hills Church of Christ paid for psychiatric counseling for Slater, and marriage

and financial counseling for the family.

The West End church, meanwhile, didn't excuse David's sin but supported the Slaters — financially and otherwise — paying his salary and health benefits for nine months after his arrest.

"I guess it never occurred to us to react in any other way," church elder Winston Fish said. "That's what we think Jesus would do."

The Slaters remain members at the church, which has hired a new minister. For her part, Melony Slater forgave her husband and hopes they can counsel other couples in trouble.

Slater now works with Beam's Brentwood-based ministry, which trains couples nationwide to lead marriage enrichment courses. Beam lost a preaching job in 1983 because of alcoholism, and said he hired Slater to give him the second chance that others gave him.

"My wife divorced me and I lived like a heathen for three years," said Beam, 53. "I finally got my life back together, by the grace of God, and convinced my wife to remarry me."

He said Slater once asked him, "Do you trust me?"

"I said, 'Yes, but I'm going to watch every move you make.'"

At a recent gospel meeting in Texas, Beam preached and Slater sang. Things seem right again. But Slater said he has no illusions about what he has to do. "Every day, I need to get up and say, 'Lord, help me today to be your man.'"

Rumors known to disturb the peace

Did you know that Abraham Lincoln's coffin was dug up and the lid pried open two different times?

The first time was in 1887, 22 years after his assassination. Why? Not to see about the bullet wound, but because a rumor was sweeping the nation that his coffin was empty. So a very select group of witnesses was chosen to check this story out. The coffin was dug up, the lid opened, the body viewed. The coffin was again sealed with lead, then lowered into the ground. No one left the cemetery until the dirt again completely covered the coffin. Then they solemnly made the announcement that, indeed, the president's body was in the coffin.



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Fourteen years later, the martyred president's withered body was viewed again. Why? For the same purpose as the first time. Lincoln's son protested the viewing. But again, officials felt the rumor should be answered. Then the coffin was to be permanently entombed, itself enclosed in a new wooden box which would then be encased in cement.

You may be thinking, "How thoughtless and

unkind!" But rumors are like that; they play fast and loose with the facts and then admit no direct source. So we are left beating the air in an attempt to restore the truth and peace.

Unfortunately, one can easily get pulled into this game. But let me suggest some ways in which we can deal with rumors and rumor-mongers.

1. Identify sources by name. If someone wants to

share with you information that is suspect, insist on a source.

2. Support evidence with facts. Rumors tend to fade quite rapidly when exposed to the light of the truth.

3. Ask the person, May I quote you? It's remarkable how quickly a gossip can backpedal and recant.

4. Openly state, I don't appreciate hearing that. Now this approach is for the strong, but it's a sure way to halt the regular delivery of garbage to your ears.

Pause 10 seconds and mentally review your words before your lips start moving. Ask yourself: Is it true? Is it accurate? Is it kind? Is this necessary?

Think first before you say it. And start today.

Environment concern of many congregations

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — Between bites of kugel and sips of matzoh ball soup, the conversation at Rabbi Jon-Jay Tilsen's Shabbat dinner each week inevitably goes in one direction.

Light bulbs. Tilsen points out his home's energy-saving, fluorescent lighting to each guest as he tackles a subject more and more religious leaders are broaching: environmentalism.

Religious groups around the country are finding ecological issues hard to ignore. Clergy are speaking from the pulpit on global warming and Arctic drilling, and practicing what they preach in their own churches, synagogues, temples and mosques.

At Tilsen's Congregation Beth El-Kesser in New Haven, incandescent lighting has been replaced and new, more efficient heating and air-conditioning systems have been installed. The sanctuary's ceiling will be lowered and its

walls moved in to reduce the area that must be heated and cooled.

Even the ner tamid, the tiny red light that indicates the location of the Ark of the Covenant, which holds the Torah, will be replaced to make use of natural light.

"We're still not the most energy-efficient synagogue or religious institution, but we have put a lot of effort and money into it," Tilsen said. "We're just playing catch-up."

Across faiths, the environmental movement has been evolving slowly over the last decade or more. Denominations have started looking into their traditions, examining how their beliefs could be applied to ecological issues and releasing statements outlining their positions.

Many Christian and Jewish groups have set up offices or assigned directors to deal exclusively with being green. Muslim, Buddhist and some other faiths have also taken up the issue.

CHURCH BRIEFS

Nazarenes to host couple in concert

First Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will host a gospel concert featuring "The Richardsons" at 6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29.

Pastor Doug Yates and congregation invite the public to hear the vocal ministry of this talented young couple from Tahoka.

HBC invites public to 5th Sunday sing

Hobart Baptist Church, 1100 W. Crawford, invites the public to a 5th Sunday Singing, a time of praise and worship, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29.

Arts, crafts booths available at festival

HEREFORD — Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 22nd annual Festival of Arts and Crafts, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Dec. 7, at the Community Center.

Booths are limited, with applications being screened. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX, 79045 or call (806) 364-0774.

South Carolina pagans gather for 'Pride Day'

SPARTANBURG, S.C. (AP) — In the very conservative, very Christian upstate section of South Carolina, a group of pagans met to welcome the autumnal equinox, celebrate the harvest and study the tenets of their various faiths.

The event was held Saturday at Croft State Park.

Pagan is a broad term to define a person who is not a Christian, Jew or Muslim. It also can incorporate nature or earth worship. Under this umbrella also fall mystic practices, such as Wicca or witchcraft.

Human free will, say followers, is paramount, as manifested in the slogan, "If it harm none, do what you will."

Bob Null, 33, is a founder and high priest of Cat's Lair Temple, a 17-member Wicca temple in Fountain Inn.

He earns his living as a security guard but is ordained

in Dianic and Celtic branches of Wicca. He also follows Lakota Sioux and Cherokee traditions and some Eastern religious practices.

"A lot of modern-day Pagans and Wiccans are very eclectic," he said. "They will take bits and pieces from here and there and incorporate them into what they believe."

While surrounded by mostly conservative Protestants, Null and other pagans said they feel free to practice their faith.

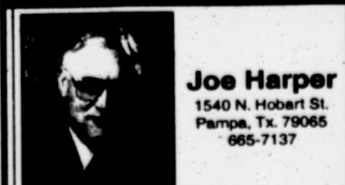
Gareth Scott, superinten-

dent of the Greenville District of the United Methodist Church, said pagans are not a threat to Christians.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Curfew Comes to Early For Teen Eager to Go Out

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old girl about to start my sophomore year in high school. I play sports, help out with chores around the house, and tend to my little sisters after school until Mom gets home from work.

I've always tried to live up to everyone else's expectations of me, because I don't want to let anyone down.

I now want to start dating and hanging out with school friends and go to parties. I don't intend to be wild. I just want to have some fun every now and then.

The problem is my mom is strict about my curfew — 11 o'clock. I have asked for midnight, but she thinks that's too late for me to be out. I have friends younger than me who have midnight curfews.

Mom tells me she doesn't want me to make the same mistakes she made. But how will I learn about life if I can't experience things for myself? I'm smarter than she realizes. I know right from wrong. I think I'm old enough to find out who I am. Abby, do you think I'm asking too much?

WANTING TO GROW UP IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WANTING: Whether you're asking too much depends on the kind of dates you have in mind. If you're going out with groups of friends — and it's supervised — 11 o'clock is fine for a 15-year-old. If you continue to be as responsible as you are, renegotiate the curfew when you turn 16.

DEAR ABBY: Before our wedding, my mother-in-law offered to purchase a set of sterling silver flatware for her son and me as our gift. She instructed us to register the pattern we selected and said she'd buy the set.

Two weeks prior to our wedding, my in-laws came to visit and brought our wedding gift with them. Imagine my shock when I opened the box and found a totally different set than the one we had chosen!

Without thinking, I said, "Oh, this isn't the silver we picked!" My mother-in-law replied that her selection was better.

I want to exchange the set for the one my fiancé and I wanted in the first place. My husband says to drop the subject, unless I want his mom to comment about it every time we sit down for a meal together.

This has become a bone of contention between my new husband and me. Does his mom have the right to wield that kind of control over us, Abby? What should I do?

MAD AT HIS MOM IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR MAD: Your mother-in-law has the right to wield that kind of control only if her son and you allow her to. What she did may have been well-intended, but it came across as insensitive and heavy-handed.

It's time for you and your husband to have a talk with his mother and tell her that while

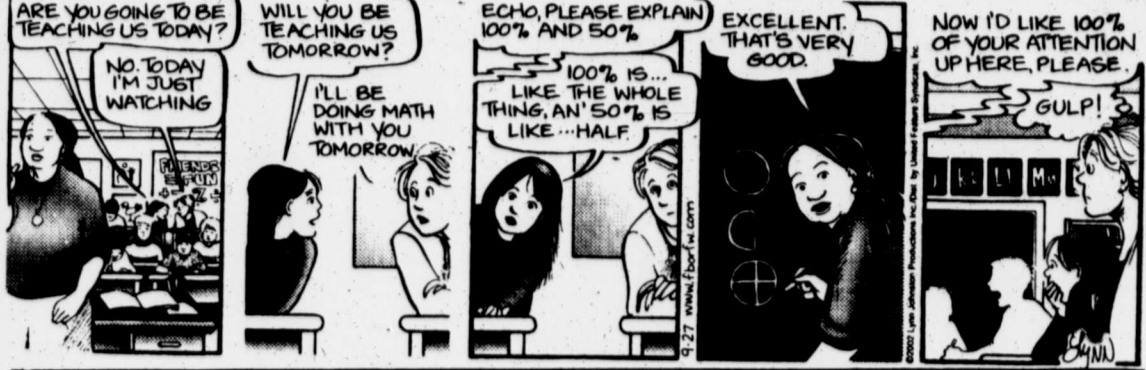
you appreciate her gift, you chose the pattern you selected for a reason. You both liked it. And while she may prefer the pattern she selected, she is not the person who is going to have to live with it. Therefore the silver is being exchanged for the one you prefer.

Once you put the subject on the table, it's less likely to be rehearsed at subsequent family gatherings than if she arrives for a dinner party and is "surprised." Your brand-new hubby owes it to you to back you up on this, and you can tell him I said so.

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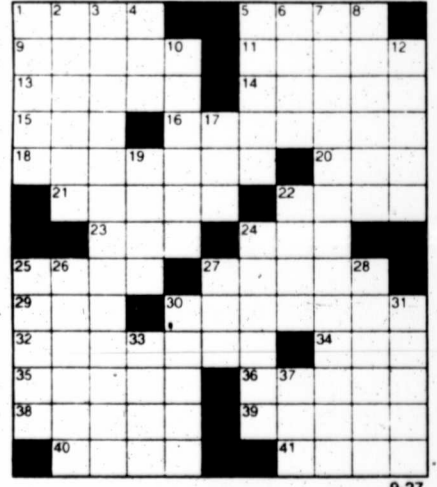
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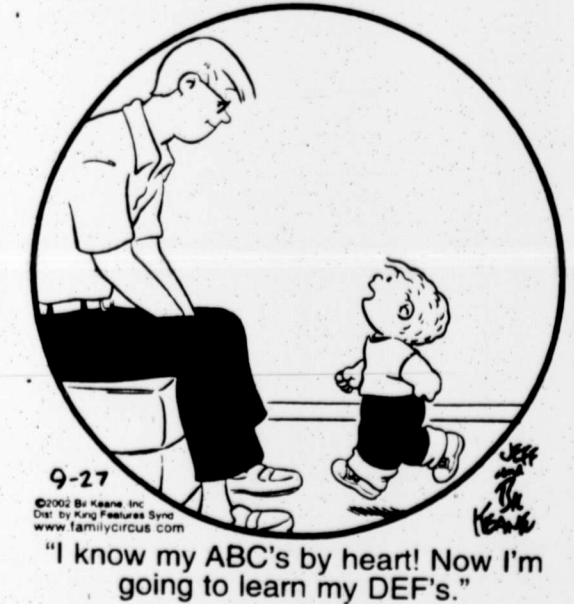
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PAMPA — Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association will hold a Monday scramble, starting 5:45 p.m. at Hidden Hills.

Entry fee is five dollars, plus green fees and cart.

To sign up, call 669-5866.

PAMPA — Frank McCullough of Pampa had a hole-in-one Wednesday at the Pampa Country Club. He used an 8-iron to ace the 155-yard No. 7 hole.

Witnesses were Eddie Duenkel, Fred Simmons, Tim Whipkey, J.K. Harrison and Roy Don Stephens, all of Pampa.

It was McCullough's third hole-in-one.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa's coaching staff selected high school varsity players Jordan Klaus (offense), Carlos Solis (defense) and Derrick Williams (special teams) as players of the week based on their performances against Borger.

The Harvesters defeated Borger 34-7 last weekend at Harvester Stadium.

Junior varsity player of the week was Tyler Doughty. Freshman player of the week was Brody Smith. Both the JV and freshmen teams played Borger.

CROSS COUNTRY

AMARILLO — Pampa High cross country teams competed in the Amarillo Invitational last weekend.

Pampa's highest finish was in the boys division where Brodie Hall placed 49th with a time of 19:44. Others who placed were Evan Ladd, 76th (22:05), Will Vice, 78th (22:16) and Chase Phillips, 82nd (24:56).

Kori Dunn was 52nd in the girls division for a time of 15:18.

The Amarillo meet was held in Thompson Park.

Pampa's next meet is Oct. 5 at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

BASKETBALL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Michael Jordan said he feels strong, so he's coming back.

Any more questions? Stay tuned.

Satisfied that his knees can take the pounding, Jordan confirmed Thursday that he'll play another season for the Washington Wizards. His one-page fax left everything else a mystery, including whether he indeed will be content as a backup.

"My love for the game of basketball continues to drive my decision," the statement said. "Physically I am feeling very strong, and feel that the steps I took in the offseason have allowed me to return to the game in great condition."

Jordan won't answer questions until Monday, when the Wizards hold media day in Washington as a prelude to the start of training camp the following day in Wilmington, N.C.

Coach Doug Collins has said he plans to use Jordan as a sixth man at shooting guard, and that he doesn't want to use Jordan at small forward because of the physical demands.

PAMPA — Pampa has been mostly air offense and Randall mixes it up. These will be the contrasting styles Pampa and Randall will put on the field against each other at 7:30 tonight in Canyon's Kimbrough Stadium.

Dumas goes to Plainview and Hereford hosts Palo Duro in other District 3-4A openers tonight.

Pampa's wide-open formation has flourished with senior quarterback John Braddock, who has thrown for 10 touchdowns and 965 yards in just four games.

Quarterback Jeremy Lunsford is at Randall's controls. Lunsford has thrown seven touchdown passes to go with 502 yards through the air. His favorite receiver has been Jake Butler, who has made nine receptions for 204 yards and three touchdowns.

On the ground, tailback Keil Anderson has rushed for 489 yards and five touchdowns in Randall's Multiple-I offense.

"Randall has the size to go up the middle, the speed to go around the flanks, and they throw the ball well," said Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier.

Pampa can counter with junior tailback Johnny Moore, who was District 3-4A's newcomer of the year in 2001. He's picking up right where he left off. So far, Moore has caught 36 passes for 328 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 272 yards on 38 carries and two TDs. Moore's teammate, junior flanker Jesse Tarango,

is also having a banner season. Tarango has made 19 receptions for 231 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Braddock also has other weapons in senior tight end Ryan Zemanek, senior split end Jordan Klaus and sophomore fullback Seth Foster. Zemanek has 11 catches for 193 yards and three TDs. Klaus has 93 yards in receiving and a TD. Foster has four

receptions and two have been for scores.

Pampa Harvesters Starting Lineup

Offense

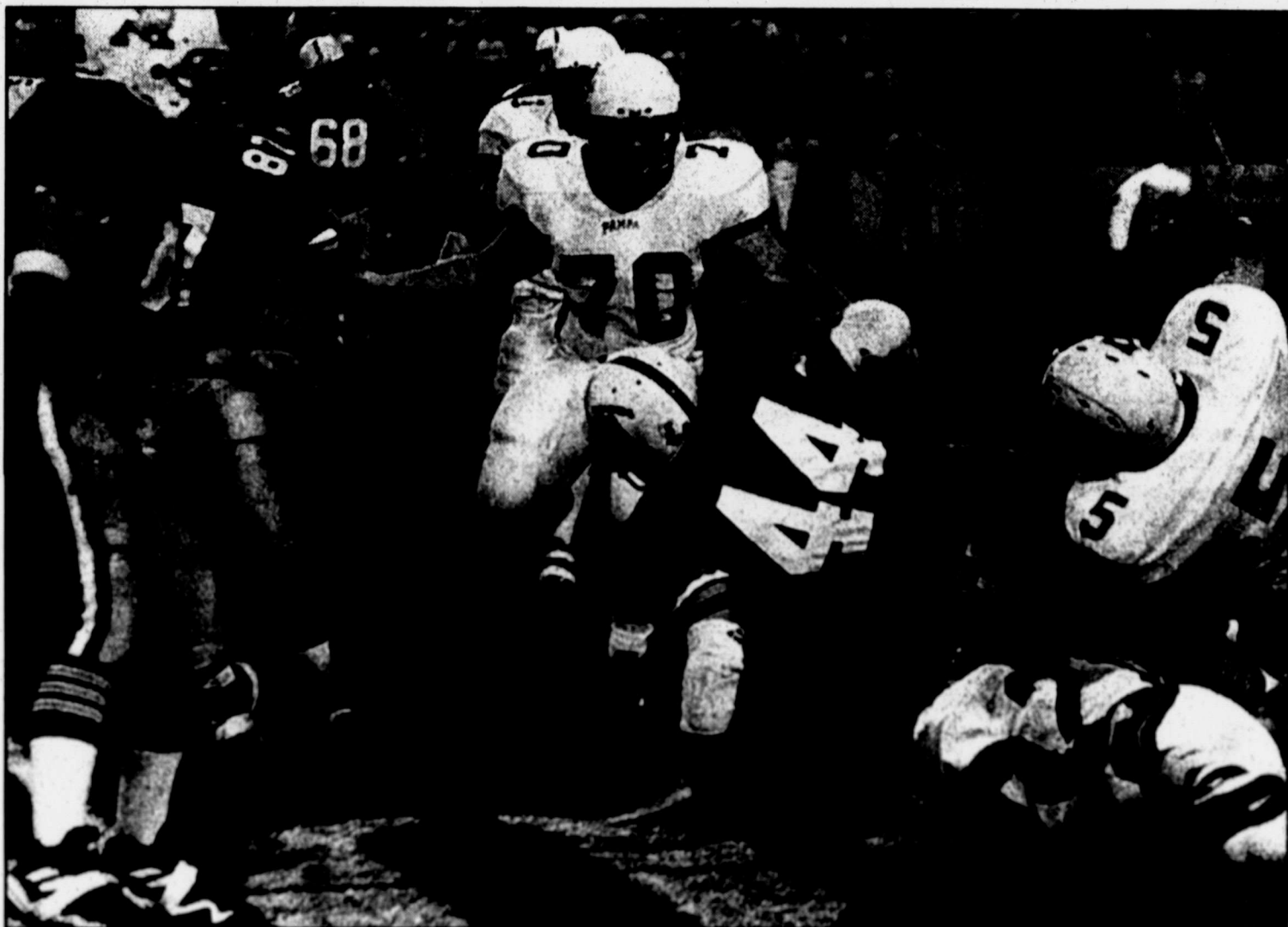
Center: Brandon McElroy, 180-pound senior; **Guards:** Aaron Burrows, 165-pound senior; Marcus DeLeon, 260-pound junior; **Tackles:** Brian Watts, 200-pound senior; Matt Murray, 205-pound senior; **Tight end:** Ryan Zemanek,

190-pound senior; **Split end:** Jordan Klaus, 185-pound senior; **Flanker:** Jesse Tarango, 170-pound junior; **Quarterback:** John Braddock, 195-pound senior; **Fullback:** Seth Foster, 170-pound sophomore; **Tailback:** Johnny Moore, 170-pound junior.

Defense

Tackles: Michael McCormick, 235-pound senior; Brittin East, 190-pound sophomore; **Ends:** Tommy Abernathy, 210-pound

senior; Derek Lewis, 175-pound junior; **Strongside line-backer:** Curtis Pritchett 190-pound senior; **Middle line-backer:** Zack Cobb, 190-pound senior; **Weakside line-backer:** Carlos Solis, 175-pound senior; **Cornerbacks:** Jered Snelgroves, 155-pound senior; Derrick Williams, 150-pound senior; **Strong safety:** Andrew Curtis, 180-pound junior; **Free safety:** Tristan Brown, 150-pound senior.



Pampa's Michael McCormick (70), Tristan Brown (5) and Joe Meraz (23) team up to drag down an Amarillo High runner two weeks ago in Dick Bivins Stadium. Pampa beat the 5A Sandies in overtime 23-16. The Harvesters meet Randall tonight to open the District 3-4A season at 7:30 in Kimbrough Stadium in Canyon

(Photo by Grover Black)

AL all set: Yankees vs. Angels, Athletics vs. Twins

By The Associated Press

It's all over in the American League. When the playoffs open Tuesday, the Anaheim Angels will be at the New York Yankees and the Minnesota Twins will be at the Oakland Athletics.

Anaheim finally clinched the fourth and final playoff spot, winning 10-5 at Texas on Thursday as Garret Anderson, Tim Salmon and Scott Spiezio homered.

A few hours later, Oakland clinched the AL West for the second time in three seasons, finalizing the playoff matchups with a 5-3, 10-inning victory at Seattle.

Anaheim, which had lost four straight games and seven of nine, is in the postseason for

the first time since 1986.

"I had a glimpse of it my first year, but that has been a sour note in my career until now," Anderson said. "I was so close, then the last six or seven years I got a rude awakening of how hard it is to really get to the postseason. I'm enjoying this."

In other games it was Chicago 3, Boston 2; Cleveland 8, Minnesota 4; Toronto 5, Baltimore 1; and Kansas City 7, Detroit 2. Tampa Bay's game at New York was rained out and would be made up Monday only if it's needed to determine home-field advantage in the second round.

With the score 2-2 in the fifth, Salmon hit a tiebreaking infield single and Anderson hit a three-run homer off Colby Lewis (1-3). Salmon and

Spiezio hit two-run homers in the seventh.

Rookie John Lackey (9-4) allowed three runs and seven hits in five-plus innings.

After the first three weeks this season, the Angels were 6-14 — their worst 20-game start ever — and 10 1/2 games behind Seattle in the AL West. They have a club-record 97 wins, including 45 on the road.

"It's been a long grind. It's been emotionally draining and physically draining," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We got over that little rough spot of maybe guys were trying to bull themselves through that last game to get at least to the playoffs."

Athletics 5, Mariners 3

Scott Hatteberg hit a tiebreaking two-out, two-run

double in the 10th off Shigetoshi Hasegawa (8-3) as Oakland clinched the division title for the second time in three years.

Miguel Tejada, who went 4-for-5, had tied the score with a one-out solo homer in the ninth off Kazuhiro Sasaki.

Oakland had failed to hold consecutive eighth-inning leads against Seattle in the previous two games. The A's are a half-game behind the Yankees for home-field advantage throughout the playoffs.

"We can kick back, enjoy it for a while and start to work hard again tomorrow," said Billy Koch (11-4), who pitched two innings for the victory. "It feels good to get it out of the way."

Seattle, which tied the major

league record with 116 wins last year before losing to the Yankees in the AL championship series, was eliminated from postseason contention about 15 minutes before game-time when Anaheim won.

"It was a long shot anyway," Bret Boone said. "We kept that glimmer alive for a long time. Over the last 10 games, we showed a lot of character."

White Sox 3, Red Sox 2

Dan Wright (14-12) won his fourth straight start, allowing both runs and three hits in 7 1/3 innings. Keith Foulke completed the four-hitter at Chicago by getting three outs for his 11th save, the 100th of his career.

Magglio Ordonez hit his 38th homer, giving Chicago a team-record 217, one more than in 2000.

Running to score



(Courtesy photo)

McKinley Stokes races downfield toward the goal at a recent soccer game held at the South Naida Complex. McKinley is a member of the Blueberries, an Under 8 Girls' division team of the Pampa Soccer Association.

Pigskin Revue to be held in WT's Event Center

CANYON — Homecoming at West Texas A&M University is a time to celebrate Buff tradition and pride. The annual Pigskin Revue will contribute to that celebration once again, but this year it will be under a different roof.

"Feel the Thunder" Homecoming 2002 Pigskin Revue is scheduled for 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4 at the Event Center. In years past, the program has been in WTAMU's Fieldhouse, better known as "The Box."

The event will include entertaining variety shows, the announcement of Homecoming Queen and King finalists and a pep rally.

Head Football Coach Ronnie Jones will pump up players and fans as he previews the big game against the Angelo State University Rams set for 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

In a new tradition, 10 stu-

dents will relay a torch from the Eternal Flame to the Event Center where a cauldron will be lighted. The students will be representatives chosen from the 10 organizations that spent the most hours building the bonfire.

At the close of Pigskin Revue, WTAMU President Russell Long will light the Homecoming Torch from the cauldron and lead the Torch Procession to the bonfire.

For the first time in Homecoming history, KWTS 91.1 FM, WTAMU's student-run radio station, will provide a live broadcast of the event.

Tickets for Pigskin Revue are on sale at the WTAMU Alumni Association and the Jack B. Kelley Student Center Information Desk and can be purchased at the door. Cost is \$5 for general admission, \$2 for WTAMU students, and \$1 for WTAMU students who purchase tickets in advance.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
National League
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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Atlanta	98	58	.628	—
Montreal	80	79	.503	19 1/2
Philadelphia	79	79	.500	20
Florida	77	82	.484	22 1/2
New York	74	83	.471	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-St. Louis	95	64	.597	—
Houston	84	75	.528	11
Cincinnati	78	81	.491	17
Pittsburgh	71	87	.449	23 1/2
Chicago	65	94	.409	30
Milwaukee	55	104	.346	40

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Arizona	95	64	.597	—
San Francisco	92	66	.582	2 1/2
Los Angeles	90	69	.566	5
Colorado	73	86	.459	22
San Diego	65	94	.409	30

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Wednesday's Games

St. Louis 6, Arizona 1
Florida 10, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 7, Philadelphia 1
Cincinnati 8, Chicago Cubs 2
Houston 7, Milwaukee 5
Los Angeles 3, Colorado 2
San Francisco 6, San Diego 0

Thursday's Games

Cincinnati 1, Chicago Cubs 0
Montreal 4, Florida 3
N.Y. Mets at Pittsburgh, ccd., rain
Atlanta at Philadelphia, ccd., rain
St. Louis 9, Milwaukee 1
Arizona 4, Colorado 2
Los Angeles 6, San Diego 5

Friday's Games

Pittsburgh (Torres 1-1) at Chicago Cubs (Mahomes 1-0), 3:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 15-6, Millwood 17-8) at N.Y. Mets (Thomson 9-13, Astacio 12-10), 2:50 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 11-8) at Florida (Burnett 12-9), 7:05 p.m.

Cincinnati (Dessens 7-8) at Montreal (Vazquez 10-13 or Kim 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

Milwaukee (Sheets 10-16) at St. Louis (Simontacchi 11-5), 8:10 p.m.

Colorado (Neagle 8-10) at Arizona (Batista 7-9), 10:05 p.m.

San Diego (Tonko 10-10) at Los Angeles (Daal 11-9), 10:10 p.m.

Houston (Miller 15-3) at San Francisco (Schmidt 12-8), 10:10 p.m.

10:35 p.m.
Saturday's Games

Milwaukee (Rusch 10-15) at St. Louis (Finley 6-4), 1:25 p.m.

Colorado (Santos 0-4) at Arizona (Helling 9-12), 4:05 p.m.

Houston (Saarloos 6-7) at San Francisco (Rueter 13-8), 4:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Benson 9-6) at Chicago Cubs (Albenes 2-2), 4:05 p.m.

San Diego (Eaton 1-1) at Los Angeles (Beime 1-0), 4:10 p.m.

Philadelphia (Duckworth 7-9) at Florida (Wayne 2-2), 7:05 p.m.

Atlanta (Glavine 18-11) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-12), 7:10 p.m.

Cincinnati (Moehler 2-3) at Montreal (Kim 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York 100	58	633	—	—
Boston	91	68	.572	9 1/2
Toronto	75	84	.472	25 1/2
Baltimore	67	92	.421	33 1/2
Tampa Bay	54	104	.342	46

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	91	67	.576	—
Chicago	81	78	.509	10 1/2
Cleveland	71	88	.447	20 1/2
Kansas City	62	97	.390	29 1/2
Detroit	55	103	.348	36

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Oakland 100	59	629	—	—
y-Anaheim	97	62	.610	3
Seattle	92	67	.579	8
Texas	72	87	.453	28

x-clinched division
y-clinched wild card

Wednesday's Games

Toronto 3, Baltimore 2
N.Y. Yankees 4, Tampa Bay 3
Texas 4, Anaheim 3
Minnesota 7, Cleveland 5, 12 innings
Chicago White Sox 7, Boston 2
Detroit 7, Kansas City 6, 12 innings
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

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Anaheim 10, Texas 5
Oakland 5, Seattle 3, 10 innings
Toronto 5, Baltimore 1
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, ccd., rain
Cleveland 8, Minnesota 4
Kansas City 7, Detroit 2

Friday's Games

Detroit (Van Hekken 1-2) at Toronto (Walker 9-5), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-11) at Boston (Burkett 12-8), 7:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 12-5) at Baltimore (Ponsori 7-8), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Obermueller 0-1) at Cleveland (Sabatini 12-11), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Mulder 18-7) at Texas (Park 9-7), 8:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Rauch 2-1) at Minnesota (Maye 4-8), 8:05 p.m.

Seattle (Garcia 16-10) at Anaheim (Washburn 18-6), 10:05 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Kansas City (Ru Hernandez 4-4) at Cleveland (Davis 1-0), 1:05 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 19-11) at Minnesota (Lohse 13-8), 1:25 p.m.

Detroit (Beverlin 0-2) at Toronto (Miller 8-5), 4:05 p.m.

Seattle (Franklin 7-4) at Anaheim (Appier 14-12), 4:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Zambrano 7-8) at Boston (Wakefield 11-5), 5:05 p.m.

N.Y. Yankees (Wells 18-7) at Baltimore (Driskill 8-7), 7:05 p.m.

Oakland (Lilly 5-8) at Texas (Kozlowski 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

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Cincinnati 0, 3, 0, .000, 16, 84
West
Denver 3, 0, 0, 1.000, 75, 53
San Diego 3, 0, 0, 1.000, 81, 24
Oakland 2, 0, 0, 1.000, 61, 34
Kansas City 1, 2, 0, .333, 94, 103

National Conference

East

N.Y. Giants 2, 1, 0, .667, 48, 43
Philadelphia 2, 1, 0, .667, 105, 47
Dallas 1, 2, 0, .333, 44, 76
Washington 1, 2, 0, .333, 48, 80

South

Carolina 3, 0, 0, 1.000, 62, 28
New Orleans 3, 0, 0, 1.000, 90, 63
Tampa Bay 2, 1, 0, .667, 71, 40
Atlanta 1, 2, 0, .333, 77, 54

North

Chicago 2, 1, 0, .667, 64, 65
Green Bay 2, 1, 0, .667, 94, 100
Detroit 0, 3, 0, .000, 59, 117
Minnesota 0, 3, 0, .000, 76, 93

West

San Francisco 2, 1, 0, .667, 50, 47
Arizona 1, 2, 0, .333, 62, 67
St. Louis 0, 3, 0, .000, 51, 75
Seattle 0, 3, 0, .000, 36, 64

Sunday's Games

Dallas at St. Louis, 1 p.m.

Chicago at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

New Orleans at Detroit, 1 p.m.

Miami at Kansas City, 1 p.m.

Carolina at Green Bay, 1 p.m.

Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Jets at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.

Houston at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, 4:05 p.m.

New England at San Diego, 4:15 p.m.

Tennessee at Oakland, 4:15 p.m.

Minnesota at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

Open: Indianapolis, Washington, Atlanta, San Francisco

Monday's Game

Denver at Baltimore, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 6

Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.

Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.

Arizona at Carolina, 1 p.m.

New York Giants at Dallas, 1 p.m.

Cincinnati at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.

New England at Miami, 1 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Orleans, 1 p.m.

Washington at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

San Diego at Denver, 4:05 p.m.

Kansas City at New York Jets, 4:05 p.m.

Philadelphia at Jacksonville, 4:15 p.m.

St. Louis at San Francisco, 4:15 p.m.

Baltimore at Cleveland, 8:30 p.m.

Open Date: Detroit, Houston, Minnesota, Seattle

Monday, Oct. 7

Green Bay at Chicago, 9 p.m.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 28, 2002:

Make that extra effort to communicate this year. Sometimes you hold in your anger, causing yourself unneeded problems. You might want to detach from the immediate trigger, allowing more time to understand your knee-jerk reactions. Only when you're ready, speak your mind. Relax more. You will gain more understanding of yourself as well as others. Laughter will become prevalent in your life. Travel and higher education play significant roles in your life. If you are single, in the next 11 months, if not immediately, you will meet someone significant. Emotions flow between the two of you, building a better sense of trust. If you are attached, learn to express the whole panorama of your feelings. Increased closeness marks your relationship. GEMINI becomes an important resource for you.

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



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21 Help Wanted

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60 Household

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69 Misc.

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69 Misc.

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69a Garage Sales

SAT. ONLY, 8-7, clothesboys (N-3T) & women's, toys, pool table & misc., 2243 Duncan.

Garage Sale: Fri. & Sat. Lots of old stuff, tools, toys. 528 Red Deer.

Garage Sale 1912 ALCOCK SAT. 28TH, 8-5 p.m.

INSIDE Sale: Refrigerator, stove, table & chairs, plus lots more. Sept. 28, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. 938 S. Hobart

LARGE Garage Sale: Friday & Saturday, 7 a.m.-5 p.m. 1908 Lea.

YARD Sale, 600 Doucette, Sat. & Sun. 8-2, baby clothes, tools, misc.

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Garage Sale, inside house, 620 N. Frost, Saturday, 8 till 12 noon.

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408 N. Dwight Sat. & Sun. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.

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2625 Cherokee, Sat. 8-7 Furniture, clothes, baby stuff, scrubs, new garage door opener.

3 family garage sale, Sat. 8-7, 2010 N. Hamilton, baby furniture, kids-adult size clothes, tons of misc., queen size waterbed, toys, bicycle, home interior.

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Garage sale 1817 N. Nelson, Sat. 9-4, king sz. hide-a-bed, misc.

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2128 Hamilton, Fri. 6-9 p.m., Sat. 8-12. Collectibles, clothes, furniture, holiday & boat motor

3 Family Garage Sale Sat. Sept. 28th, 8-5 PM 294, 4 mi. south of White Deer Cnty Rd. 13

YARD Sale Sat 8-3 Lots of things 312 N. Warren

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Makers of MTBE additive seek government protection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wider use of corn-based ethanol in gasoline is almost a sure thing if Congress passes a pending energy bill.

In return, makers of the additive it would replace — which has been found to contaminate drinking water — want protection against future environmental lawsuits. And lawmakers appear close to giving it to them.

A House proposal, gaining support among those trying to craft a compromise energy bill, would give manufacturers of MTBE, the additive now widely used in gasoline and blamed for fouling drinking water supplies in numerous states, a "safe harbor" from lawsuits seeking damages.

The liability protection, offered by Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, whose state is home to major MTBE producers, is viewed as a final hurdle before approval of a politically popular measure that would triple the demand for ethanol over the next decade. MTBE would be banned nationally within four years under the measure.

Senate sources say the House proposal for liability relief has a good chance of being accepted by Senate negotiators. Democrats and Republicans alike view it as a small price to pay in return for getting the politically popular ethanol provision into an

energy bill only weeks before the upcoming elections.

Several of the key Senate races this fall are in farm states, including Missouri and South Dakota. Any congressional action that would triple demand for ethanol has widespread, powerful support.

President Bush has championed ethanol while pursuing farm-state votes. The two most powerful lawmakers on Capitol Hill — Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill. — are from farm states with ethanol production facilities.

The MTBE industry, aware that its future is dim, has tried to get the best deal it can with help from its own allies on Capitol Hill, including Barton, chairman of the House Commerce energy subcommittee, and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., who is chairing the energy bill negotiations. Virtually all the MTBE produced in the United States is made along the Gulf Coast in Texas and Louisiana.

It's only fair, argued Tauzin, that the MTBE makers be given some liability protection by Congress "when the government is responsible" for oil companies originally turning to the additive to meet federal air quality requirements. "We mandated MTBE to help the environment," he said.

The ethanol provision already contains liability protection for refiners that blend gasoline with ethanol. Tauzin said, and MTBE makers should be given equal protection.

Environmentalists urged lawmakers to reject liability protection for gasoline blends containing either MTBE or ethanol.

"It's an outrageous proposal," the leaders of nearly a dozen groups, from the Sierra Club to the American Lung Association, wrote lawmakers. "Polluters, not taxpayers or victims of pollution, should pay for the damages caused by their products."

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., called the liability protection "a special interest boondoggle" that simply "shields corporate bad actors" from having to help pay for having polluted drinking water supplies. But an attempt by Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., to scuttle the liability provision in the House proposal was turned back by a 10-4 vote.

Scott Segal, an attorney whose clients include MTBE manufacturers, said the liability provision does not preclude lawsuits against those found responsible for MTBE-laden gasoline leaking into water supplies, but would protect against suits claiming MTBE itself was a defective product.

WTA&M's Homecoming parade to follow new route

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's "Feel the Thunder" 2002 Homecoming Parade is taking a turn for the better by making no turns at all.

The Homecoming Parade at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 5, has a new route this year that will benefit parade participants and the general public. Rather than making two turns—north on 26th Street and east on North 3rd Avenue to the Virgil Henson Activities Center—the procession will move straight down 4th Avenue to the new Event Center.

"This new route should help the parade flow better because those in the procession won't have to make any turns," Carla Banks, University Police Department secretary, said. "It will also be easier and safer picking up people at the end of the parade at the Event Center rather than the crowded Activities Center parking lot."

The new route will keep Spur 48 available to those traveling through Canyon or needing to get to the north part of town. In the past, 23rd Street and the Spur have been blocked off during the parade.

The "Feel the Thunder" parade, which in past years has begun later in the morning,

will begin at 10:30 a.m. to give those who attend a chance to enjoy the Homecoming Barbecue from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on the lawn east of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum and make it to the football game at 2 p.m. at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Sadee, WTAMU's mascot, will act as parade marshal along with members of the Herdsmen as they celebrate 25 years of caring for the buffalo mascot. Former Herdsmen will also act as judges, and prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place student organization floats, the best community float and the best overall float.

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