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PHS Sr. parents meet tonight at 8 p.m.

The 2004 PHS Senior Parents Meeting will be held Monday, Sept. 29, at 8 p.m. in the PHS library.

All parents of 2004 seniors are urged to attend this important meeting.

Planning will begin for the All-Night party to be held in May.

Parents who are unable to attend or desire additional information, may call Vicki Johnson at 669-7550 or 669-8501 or Laura Covalt at 669-3615 or 665-0256.

DEATHS

George James "Jimmie" Boyd, 79, farmer.

Jess Samuel Haynes, 70, business owner.

J.B. Scott, 88, father of Pampa resident.

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Jimmy Northcutt, left, of Canyon, and James Coverdale of Perryton spoke to some 300 tourists over the weekend in ceremonies marking the 129th anniversary of the Battle of the Palo Duro during the Red River Indian War. The annual ceremony was held at Palo Duro State Park.

Pivotal Indian war fight re-enacted at Palo Duro

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK -- Framed by the high red clay bluffs of the canyon, a re-enactor from Canyon and a Kiowa from Perryton explained the importance of the Battle of the Palo Duro in Red River Indian War.

James Coverdale, whose ancestors were attacked by some 400 Cavalry troopers at dawn 129 years ago today, said the battle marked the end of the Southern Plains horse culture for the American Indian.

Coverdale, dressed in full Kiowa regalia, told about 300 tourists over the weekend here how his great-great grandfather, Two Hatchets, was among those attacked by the U.S. Cavalry.

Jimmy Northcutt, part of the Fourth Cavalry reenactment group from Canyon, explained how the U.S. War Department had declared that Indians not on the reservation in the fall of 1874 were to be considered hostile.

The two men were in Palo Duro State Park this past weekend to commemorate the 129th anniversary of the battle. The actual battle site

is on a privately-owned ranch several miles down the canyon from the park.

It was before dawn, Sept. 29, 1874, that some 400 troops under the command of Col. Ranald Sidel Mackenzie walked in single file, leading their horses down a buffalo trail, into the canyon in a surprise attack on a winter camp of the Cheyenne, Kiowa and Comanche.

It was one of the few major battles of the Red River Indian War, a campaign filled with skirmishes and the guerilla warfare of the Plains Indians. While many of the battles were fought in and around Gray County, perhaps the pivotal battle was Mackenzie's attack in the Palo Duro.

Mackenzie had fought a band of Kiowas in 1872, near present day Lefors and had captured their horses. That night, Northcutt said, the Kiowa came back and took all their horses back, plus the cavalry's horses.

In the Battle of the Palo Duro, Mackenzie captured almost 1,500 horses and mules. He moved them some 22 miles to Tule Canyon, east of present day Tulia, and had them shot. That site, too, is on a privately-owned ranch.

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Justice Department looks into possible White House source to leak of CIA name

By DEB RIECHMANN
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House on Monday emphatically denied that President Bush's chief political strategist was involved in revealing the identity of a CIA operative, in possible violation of the law. A Democratic senator has asked Justice Department to appoint a special counsel to probe the matter.

The naming of the intelligence officer's identity by syndicated columnist Robert Novak came shortly after her husband, former ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, undermined Bush's claim that Iraq had tried to buy uranium in Africa.

Wilson has publicly blamed Karl Rove, Bush's top political adviser, for the leak, although Wilson did say Monday he did not know whether Rove personally was

the source of Novak's information, only that he thought Rove had "condoned it."

"He wasn't involved," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said of Rove. "The president knows he wasn't involved. ... It's simply not true."

The letter was sent from the CIA's Office of General Counsel to the Department of Justice in late July. It noted a violation of the law had apparently occurred when someone provided Novak with the name of the CIA officer. The letter was not signed by CIA Director George Tenet and did not call for a specific investigation of the White House.

A senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said FBI officials are trying to determine whether there was a violation of the law and, if so, then whether a full-blown criminal

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Iraq heats up

U.S. troops battle resistance fighters west of Baghdad; 92 arrested in raids in north

KHALDIYAH, Iraq (AP) — In dangerous Euphrates River towns west of Baghdad, one soldier was killed Monday and three were wounded in separate roadside bombings. One of the blasts prompted a firefight backed by attack aircraft, tanks and helicopters as U.S. soldiers battled Iraqi resistance fighters for more than eight hours, U.S. officials said.

The American military also announced the arrest of 92 people in a series of raids aimed at those responsible for attacks against Americans north of the capital. One of the raids included the largest joint operation between U.S. mili-

tary police and about 200 American-trained Iraqi police. The two bombings hit U.S. military convoys in the adjacent towns of Habaniyah and Khaldiayah at about the same time. The bombing in Khaldiayah prompted the big firefight in which two soldiers and one civilian were injured, according to Lt. Col. Jeff Swisher of the 1st Infantry Division.

The Khaldiayah fighting began at 9 a.m. when an American patrol was hit by roadside bombs, then insurgents opened fire with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms, Swisher said. The patrol operation between U.S. mili-

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Bird on a wire bad for power

By MARILYN POWERS
STAFF WRITER

A bird on a wire resulted in a 24-minute power outage for 98 Pampa electricity consumers Sunday afternoon, according to Bill Crenshaw, spokesperson for Xcel Energy in Amarillo.

The outage was heralded by a loud boom heard by several persons in the area of the affected electrical equipment.

"A bird's wingspan or body was of sufficient length for the current to pass from one line into another," Crenshaw said.

The fuse for the lines

"blew" as a result of the bird's interference with the normal current of electricity through the lines, he said.

"When a fuse blows, there's a loud noise. The fuse operates explosively and creates a small sonic boom. It operates very fast to keep current from arcing across open space in the line," Crenshaw said.

The power outage was first reported to Xcel Energy from the 400 block of West Francis at 4:33 p.m. A repairman responded and closed the fuse, restoring power at

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Playing away



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Tiny Duncan of Pampa does his work at the keyboard at the Western Swing Music Society of the Southwest musicfest in Amarillo. The band that Duncan was playing with, Texas Rythm, was one of a dozen bands that played throughout the day Friday at Amarillo VFW Post 1475.

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IRAQ

returned fire and support was called in," he said. Americans began withdrawing at about 5:30 p.m. from the al-Qurtan neighborhood on the north side of Khaldiyah, scene of several previous firefights between the U.S. military and guerrilla

fighters. Angry residents cursed at reporters who entered the fire zone after the battle. Swisher said 14 people were detained. The bombing in Habaniyah took place at about 9:10 a.m. as a U.S. convoy passed, killing one soldier and wounding another, said U.S. military spokesman Lt. Col.

George Krivo in Baghdad. Habaniyah and Khaldiyah are about 50 miles west of Baghdad. Six soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division were wounded Sunday in nearby Fallujah in another roadside bombing, U.S. officials said. In another incident, 4th Infantry Division troops late Sunday killed one Iraqi and captured three others in a shootout 9 miles south of Balad, U.S. officials said. In the car, troops found two M-16 rifles that belonged to two American soldiers who were abducted and killed in June, officials said.

ters strafed farm houses with 50-mm machine gun-fire. Two A-10 Thunderbolt attack aircraft bombed guerrilla positions while F-15 jets streaked across the sky. At midafternoon, six U.S. armored personnel carriers arrived as reinforcements. As the fight continued, eight Humvees carrying U.S. troops also could be seen heading toward the battle. A U.S. armored personnel carrier left the area carrying six blindfolded Iraqi prisoners. In the distance, civilians, including women and children, could be seen fleeing on foot. An American recovery vehicle towed away two Humvees, one of which had a bullet hole in the windshield.

An Iraqi man, fleeing on foot with his wife, three other women, a nephew and five children, said at least 10 houses had been destroyed. He refused to give his name. "Is this the freedom that we were promised?" he asked. "I had to get my family out. ... The helicopters were firing almost nonstop. My 7-year-old is too young to hate but how can he not hate them (the Americans) after this?"

and about 200 American-trained Iraqi police. Lt. Col. David Poirier, who commands the 720th Military Police Battalion, based in Fort Hood, Texas, said the operations in Tikrit and other areas that ended Monday morning were designed to "break the back of the Fedayeen." "The people we went after are the trigger-pullers attacking the coalition," Poirier said.

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BIRD

4:57 p.m., Crenshaw said. A fuse will open or "blow" whenever there is an overload on the line or when a fault to ground occurs, such as a tree limb making contact with a line. The fuse will then automatically reclose, restoring the flow of electricity with only a brief interruption of service. If the cause of the line problem is not resolved, however, the fuse will not close and service is interrupted until repairmen correct the problem, Crenshaw said.

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SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests as of 7 a.m. today. **Saturday, Sept. 27** Kevin Earl Feltner, 17, of Lefors, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. Pedro Zarate, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, second offense; and failure to appear concerning a driving while intoxicated charge out of Moore County.

Sunday, Sept. 28 Jesus M. Velasquez, Jr., 56, of 901 E. Gordon, was arrested by a Gray County constable for a capias pro fine on possession of drug paraphernalia. Douglas Edward Seage, 59, of Tucson, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 200 and under 400 grams, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Billy Don Williams, 41, of

429 N. Christy, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one and under four grams, and fictitious vehicle license tag. Juan Manuel Olagues, 29, of 822 N. Somerville, was arrested for public intoxication, open container, and hold for Immigration and Naturalization Service. Juan Mendoza, 28, of 617 N. Sumner, was arrested for open container, no driver's license, and hold for Immigration and Naturalization Service.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents. **Friday, Sept. 19** 11:37 p.m. - A 1997 Ford F150 pickup, driven by Jeffery Todd Carlton, 27, of Taylorsville, Ga., and owned by Brad Lanier of Rockmart, Ga., collided with a bicycle ridden by Darren Munn, 34, of 1156 Varnon Dr., at the intersection of Crawford Street and Huff Road. Munn was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by

ambulance for incapacitating injury. Carlton was cited for intoxication assault causing bodily injury and accident investigation involving injury or death. **Friday, Sept. 26** 4:49 p.m. - A 2001 Chrysler Sebring driven by Deniece Kay Love, 43, of 623 E. Browning, collided with a 2002 Dodge Ram pickup driven by Melissa Sue Wallin, 36, of 1326 Charles, in the 1100 block of North Somerville. No

injuries were reported. Love was cited for failure to control speed. **Saturday, Sept. 27** 2:30 p.m. - A 1985 Chrysler Fifth Avenue, driven by Timothy Paul Pletcher, 34, of 1800 N. Lynn, collided with a 2002 Honda Accord, driven by Maria Ancira Zamudio, 51, of 1137 Sirroco, in the 2100 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. Pletcher was cited for failure to control speed.

CORRECTIONS

In a front page article Sunday, an incorrect date was given for the murder of Evarene "Eva" Fritz. Mrs. Fritz died on July 15, 2003. *** An article on Page 13 Sunday about an archaeological dig was inadvertently cut off. Here is the remainder of the article: It was the court-martial record that would provide the clue Wright needed to find the battlefield. Wright and a friend, Walt West, had been looking along McClellan Creek for the battle site, but last year a researcher from the Texas Historical Commission found the uncatalogued papers from Price's court-martial in the

National Archives in Washington, D.C. Among those papers was a map upon which Farnsworth had marked the position of the battle. Using this information, Wright and Lynn found the battlefield last May. Bit by bit, they traced Farnsworth's trail, finding old cartridges, a Dutch oven, a frying pan, horseshoes and some 450 other artifacts. "I call this Farnsworth Freeway," said Richard Mackie, another local historian from Pampa, as he stood atop the ridge with his metal detector. In September, the volunteers searched the fallow wheat field where

Farnsworth came up onto the plains and made his escape. Compared to the ridge to the south, little was found, but the artifacts recovered from the ridge tell the tale of a desperate battle of a small band of men fighting for their lives. Were it not for the research done at the National Archives by the Texas Historical Commission, Wright says the battle site might well have been lost forever. "It was one of those deals that was hard to locate because we didn't have the right information," Wright says. "We spent a lot of years on McClellan Creek looking for this site. It wasn't there."

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Saturday, Sept. 27** 1:31 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Carr. No patient transport. 8:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Tignor and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, Sept. 28 2:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Foster. No patient transport. 4:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of East Foster and transported one to PRMC. 8:44 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Foster and transported

ed one to PRMC. 6:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen on a lifting assist. 11:41 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Starkweather and transported one to PRMC.

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LEAK

investigation is warranted, the official said. "It's a serious matter and it should be looked into," McClellan said. Asked whether Bush should fire any official found to have leaked the information, McClellan said: "They should be pursued to the fullest extent by the Department of Justice. The president expects everyone in his administration to adhere to the highest standards of conduct — and that would not be." Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., said the matter should be investigated from someone outside the Bush administration.

security adviser Condoleezza Rice and Secretary of State Colin Powell both said they were unaware of any White House involvement in the matter. McClellan reiterated the White House position, and pledged cooperation. "There has been nothing that has been brought to our attention beyond what we've seen in the media reports that suggests that there was White House involvement," McClellan said. "No one was authorized to do this. That is simply not the way this White House operates, and if someone leaked classified information it is a very serious matter and it should be pursued."

of mass destruction. The Washington Post on Sunday quoted an unidentified senior administration official as saying two top White House officials called at least a half-dozen journalists and revealed the identity and occupation of Wilson's wife. Wilson had said in a late August speech in Seattle that he suspected Rove, but on Monday he backtracked somewhat from that assertion. "I did not mean at that time to imply that I thought that Karl Rove was the source or the authorizer, just that I thought that it came from the White House, and Karl Rove was the personification of the White House political operation," Wilson said in a telephone interview. Then he added: "I have people, who I have confidence in, who have indicated to me that he (Rove), at a minimum, condoned it and certainly did nothing to put a stop to it for a week after it was out there. "Among the phone calls I received were those that said 'White House sources are saying that it's not about the 16 words, it's about Wilson and his wife.' And two people called me up and specifically mentioned Rove's name," he said. Wilson said that neither he or his wife had been contacted by the Justice Department, or the White House.

"If there was ever a case that demanded a special counsel, this is it," he said. The Justice Department had no immediate comment on Schumer's request. The rules for appointment of a special counsel give Attorney General John Ashcroft wide latitude to either appoint one outright, conduct a preliminary investigation to determine if such a counsel is needed or to conclude that it would be better for the Justice Department to handle the probe itself.

From the presidential campaign trail, other Democrats called for independent probes. Former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean said Ashcroft should recuse himself from an investigation, which Dean believes should be handled by an "independent Justice Department inspector general." Rep. Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., called for a congressional investigation into whether the administration leaked the identity of an undercover CIA officer. "There's nothing that says Congress cannot carry out this investigation," he said. "I don't think we can leave this to the administration's own Justice Department."

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., said an independent, non-partisan counsel should investigate. "It is a moral outrage that multiple White House officials are alleged to have done so for political revenge. It would be scandalous if such acts were a reaction to the public's conclusion that the president has used 16 misleading words in his State of the Union address last January." On Sunday, Bush national

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BATTLE

"My relatives were living in the camps that were attacked down here," Coverdale said. "They represented the last of the Southern Plains horse culture." In 1867, the Kiowa had taken part in the Treaty of Medicine Lodge, Kan. "They promised to go to the reservation over in Oklahoma," Coverdale said. "They stayed there for a while, didn't like the condi-

tions and some of them decided to make a break back out on the plains. My relatives were some of the Kiowa that left." The Battle of Palo Duro pretty well defeated the Southern Plains tribes. "They stayed out for a few more months," Coverdale said, "but they finally came in." Coverdale's family were among the last bands to return to the reservation. "It pretty well ended a way of life," Coverdale said.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Office Party Gossip Inspires Worker to Sleuth for the Truth

DEAR ABBY: My boss hosts occasional after-hours get-togethers with both married and single co-workers. I am married, and a recent conversation with one of the single women bothered me.

"Yvette" told us that she has been in contact with an old lover, "Luke." She said that while they were together, he'd had a girlfriend, but would see her "on the side." Yvette said she hadn't talked to him for more than seven years. She wasn't sure whether or not she should start seeing him again, since he had always been a "skirt chaser."

We left that evening knowing more about Luke than we cared to — his last name, where he works and other details. The next day, I called his office under the guise of being a friend of Luke's. I said I needed the information to invite him "and his wife" to a party. The receptionist gave me his wife's name and their address.

I checked the phone book. Sure enough, they're listed. I'm not sure Yvette knows Luke's married. Should I tell her?

WONDERING
IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR WONDERING: Mind your own business. Yvette's "affairs" are not your own. P.S. Your letter illustrates why after-hours office gatherings can be a legal liability for businesses. After the drinking starts, tongues loosen and propriety is usually the first casualty.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Jasper," and I have been married for a little more than a year. He was diagnosed with cancer a few months before our wedding, and I spent our honeymoon sitting by his side while he was recovering from surgery and chemotherapy. Thankfully, he is in remission, and we are expecting our first child.

Jasper recently brought home a large dog with long hair. He knows I have suffered from allergies my whole life. My in-laws tell me I don't "seem

to be so allergic, and after the baby is born I should just medicate myself for the rest of my life. My in-laws also think I should be the one to care for the dog because Jasper "works all day." (I also have a full-time job.)

I feel like I am being made out to be the "unreasonable dog hater," and it's stressing — and sneezing — me out. What should I do?

RED EYES IN SKOKIE, ILL.

DEAR RED EYES: Stand your ground. After all your support during his health crisis, your husband is showing a surprising lack of concern for your own health and feelings. Do not hesitate to tell him what's on your mind. Inform him that he has one week to find that dog a new home, or he will be sleeping in the doghouse.

DEAR READERS: I am pleased to announce that the author of the poem "Ode to Myopia," which appeared in my column last December, has been located. Its correct title is "Mirror" and the author is Cary Fellman.

MIRROR

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn. My house isn't dirty, the cobwebs are gone. My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn. I think I will not put my glasses back on.

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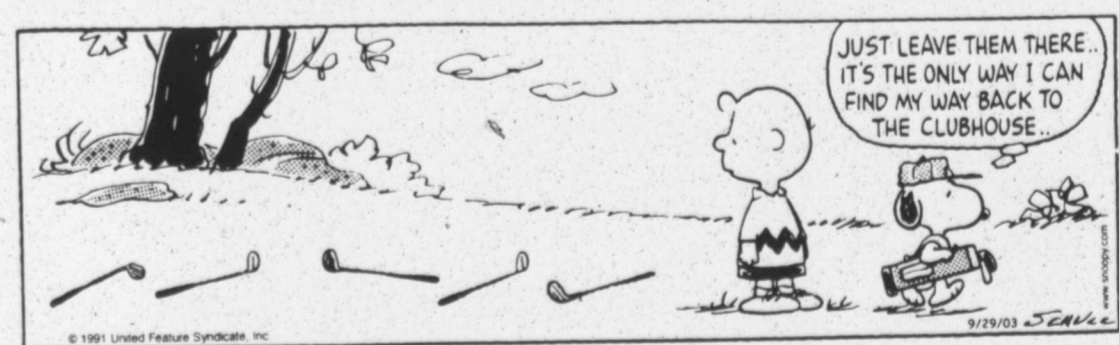
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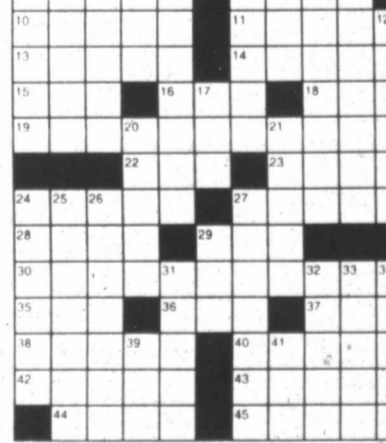
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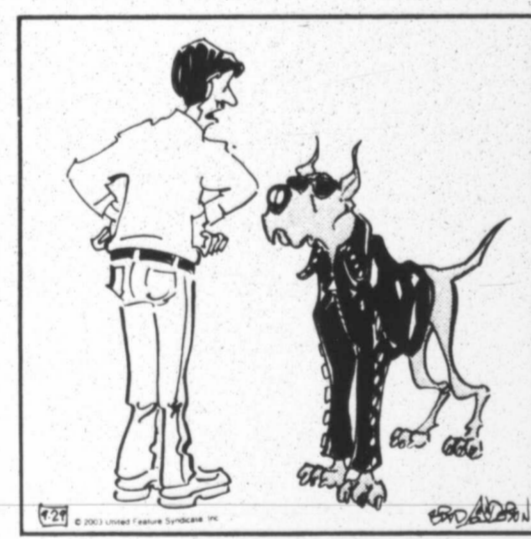
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New poll: Californians say yes to Schwarzenegger

REDDING, Calif. (AP) — Buoyed by new poll numbers, Arnold Schwarzenegger barnstormed around California as voters seemed to indicate they heavily favored recalling Gov. Gray Davis — and replacing him with the Hollywood star.

The CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll shows the Republican candidate far ahead of his nearest rivals as the Oct. 7 election approaches, with most voters choosing Davis' removal.

The poll was released Sunday amid a flurry of weekend activity that signaled the race for the California governor's office has entered its stretch run: Davis unveiled a new attack ad, Schwarzenegger made multiple campaign stops, other candidates attended a forum in Sacramento and newspapers published a spate of largely anti-recall editorials.

State Democratic Party Chairman Art Torres dismissed the results, saying they don't jibe with other nonpartisan polls or internal polls that show a much closer race.

"The independent voter is going to be at the crux of how this election turns out because it's going to be very close," Torres told the NBC "Today" show Monday in a joint appearance with state Republican Party Chairman Duf Sundheim.

Sundheim quickly fired back: "He's in the unfortunate position of trying to put lipstick on a pig. The internal polling numbers are away from Gray."

The new survey, taken after a debate last week that drew large television audiences, showed 63 percent of probable voters saying

they would vote "yes" on the recall question, and 35 percent voting "no."

As a potential replacement for Davis, Schwarzenegger was the choice of 40 percent, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante 25 percent and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock 18 percent — suggesting Schwarzenegger could become governor even if Republicans split their vote.

The poll of 787 registered voters used a model for probable voters that assumes a relatively high 50 percent turnout among the state's voting age population. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points, and was conducted Thursday through Saturday, CNN said.

Gallup executive editor Frank Newport said 55 percent of the full sample of registered voters supported the recall — a number more in line with previous polls. But support went up when Gallup looked at those who were very interested and said they were likely to vote. The 63 percent figure represented a best estimate of probable voters.

"It's a joke," said Davis campaign spokesman Peter Ragone.

Schwarzenegger hit the campaign trail Sunday, appearing before enthusiastic crowds in airport hangars across the state.

In Redding, he was introduced by a Marine injured in Iraq. After a little girl sang the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," Schwarzenegger delivered now-familiar promises to reform Sacramento and restore California's lost glory, then ended with a dark

warning to his supporters to be on the lookout for Davis attacks.

"Desperate Davis is going to do all kinds of tricks, he is going to do all kinds of tricks; he is going to start a dirty campaign now, we know how he is," Schwarzenegger said.

Actually, the Schwarzenegger campaign went negative first, airing anti-Davis ads all last week before the governor began responding in kind Friday.

The Davis campaign, meanwhile, launched its newest television commercial attacking the Republican, accusing Schwarzenegger of ducking tough questions and refusing to debate.

Davis campaign manager Larry Grisolano called the ad a response to Schwarzenegger's distortions of the governor's record on spending, health care and the environment. The governor himself stay out of it Sunday, signing several bills dealing with HMO reform and patients' rights.

Asked about the ads Monday, Torres said that "compared to what conservative talk radio has done and Schwarzenegger and Pete Wilson and all the others folks that are behind this recall effort have done to this governor for the last four months, this is snow white."

Aside from Schwarzenegger, all the other major candidates gathered for a public forum in Sacramento, where Bustamante, the leading Democrat among the potential Davis replacements, endorsed a proposal for public funding of campaigns.

Bustamante's campaign has been criticized for accepting almost \$4 million from Indian

As a potential replacement for Gov. Davis, Schwarzenegger was the choice of 40 percent, Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante 25 percent and Republican state Sen. Tom McClintock 18 percent

tribes and labor unions, but he said the current system of campaign financing gives the wealthy an unfair advantage.

Meanwhile, several California newspapers made their endorsements Sunday.

The Los Angeles Times, San Jose Mercury News and Sacramento Bee each called for a "no" vote on the recall, but made no candidate recommendations for the second part of the ballot.

The San Diego Union-Tribune recommended the governor be replaced with Schwarzenegger, while the Oakland Tribune urged readers to vote "no" on the recall but endorsed Schwarzenegger for the second half of the ballot.

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Teen charged with school shootings 'overwhelmed,' attorney claims

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ST. CLOUD, Minn. (AP) — A 15-year-old boy charged with murder Friday in the death of one of two students shot at a Minnesota high school was described by his attorney as "overwhelmed" by the events.

John Jason McLaughlin, a freshman, was charged as a juvenile in the shootings at Rocori High School in Cold Spring.

"It's just difficult for him to understand how it happened,"

his lawyer, Dan Eller, said after a court hearing.

Senior Aaron Rollins died in the attack on Wednesday. Freshman Seth Bartell, 14, remained hospitalized in critical condition Friday.

Because McLaughlin was charged as a juvenile, the hearing was closed, but Eller confirmed second-degree murder is among the charges he faces. He said the state attorney general's office filed papers to have him charged as an adult.

A spokeswoman for the attorney general's office said she could not discuss the case

because McLaughlin was in the juvenile court system.

McLaughlin is the son of David McLaughlin, a Stearns County sheriff's deputy and leader of the Central Minnesota Drug Task Force. In a statement issued through Eller, the McLaughlins offered "our deepest sympathy to everyone involved in this terrible tragedy."

Bartell, the injured student, requires a ventilator to breathe. A bullet remains lodged in the back of his brain and doctors declined to comment on his chance for recovery.

Bartell's family thanked the community for its support in a statement and also expressed sympathy for the McLaughlins: "We are so sorry for all they have gone through."

A few hours before McLaughlin appeared in court, students returned to classes for the first time since the shootings. Dozens of adults lined the sidewalk leading into the high school and applauded.

The students filed past a banner by the front door of the school, on which someone had

written in black letters, "Aaron we'll miss you." Flowers stood at its base.

Several students said they appreciated the show of support.

"I think we are coming closer together," said Elizabeth Kinzer, 17, a senior. "I think the picking on people will stop and I think we'll all become closer."

Authorities say McLaughlin initially shot the two boys in a hallway outside the weight room with a .22-caliber pistol, one from a range of about 10 feet and the other

from about 50 feet. Rollins, hit once in the neck, was left bleeding. Bartell was hit superficially in the chest and made it up a flight of stairs into the gym. His attacker followed, caught him and shot him in the forehead.

It was not clear whether McLaughlin knew the two victims and authorities refused to identify a motive.

The Rocori district serves about 2,300 students from the central Minnesota towns of Rockville, Cold Spring and Richmond, about 60 miles northwest of the Twin Cities.

Heart attack cited as cause for Robert Palmer's death

PARIS (AP) — Robert Palmer, the well-talored British rock singer who created one of the first iconic music videos with the look-alike models of "Addicted to Love," died Friday of a heart attack. He was 54.

A two-time Grammy winner in the 1980s, the star behind the hit "Simply Irresistible" died of a heart attack at a Paris hotel during a stopover after a promotional tour in Britain, manager Mick Cater said.

Sporting designer suits and a thick mane of hair, Palmer shot to fame in the mid-'80s with two videos featuring a "backup band" of dark-haired women in black miniskirts strumming guitars. They were directed by Terence Donovan, a prominent British fashion and society photographer who died in 1996 at age 60.

Other Palmer hits in his three-decade career included "Bad Case of Lovin' You (Doctor, Doctor)," "I Didn't Mean to Turn You On" and "Some Like It Hot."

"I don't think he was hugely influential to me musically, but he did something odd and unique," Bob Geldof, of the former Irish pop band Boomtown Rats, said in London. "You can visualize him singing with six babes in dresses."

Palmer died at the Warwick Hotel, just off

the Champs-Elysees, after a relaxed night of dinner and a movie with Mary Ambrose, his longtime partner, Cater said. Palmer had received a clean bill of health in a medical checkup about two weeks ago, Cater said.

An autopsy confirmed Palmer died of a heart attack, Paris judicial officials said.

Born Robert Allen Palmer in Batley, England, in 1949, the singer spent much of his childhood in Malta, where his father was an officer in the British Navy.

Palmer, whose artistic influences included Lena Home and Nat King Cole, released his first hit album and single, "Sneakin' Sally through the Alley," in 1974. He was said to be among the first musicians of his era to experiment with reggae, electronic sound and international folk.

In his 20s, Palmer worked with a number of small-time bands including Dada, Vinegar Joe, and the Alan Bown Band, occasionally appearing in opening acts for big draws including The Who and Jimi Hendrix. His solo breakthrough came in 1978, with the easy-listening tune "Every Kinda People."

Palmer returned to broad public view in 1985 in Power Station alongside John and Andy Taylor of '80s supergroup Duran Duran.

Indian army says Islamic militants killed while sneaking into Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — India's army said Monday that it killed 15 Islamic militants as they tried to sneak into Indian-controlled Kashmir from Pakistan-controlled territory.

The militants died in overnight fighting in the dense Kunzarwani Forest in the border area of Gurez, an officer who identified herself only as Lt. Pushpa told The Associated Press. Kunzarwani is about 110 miles north of Srinagar, the summer capital of the Indian-controlled portion of Kashmir.

There was no way to independently confirm the death toll.

In the same area Monday, defense attaches from 19 countries, including the United States, Russia, France, Australia, Israel, Italy and South Korea, visited the Line of Control dividing Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

The Indian army showed them arms and ammunition recovered from suspected Islamic militants. The defense attaches also are scheduled to meet some former militants.

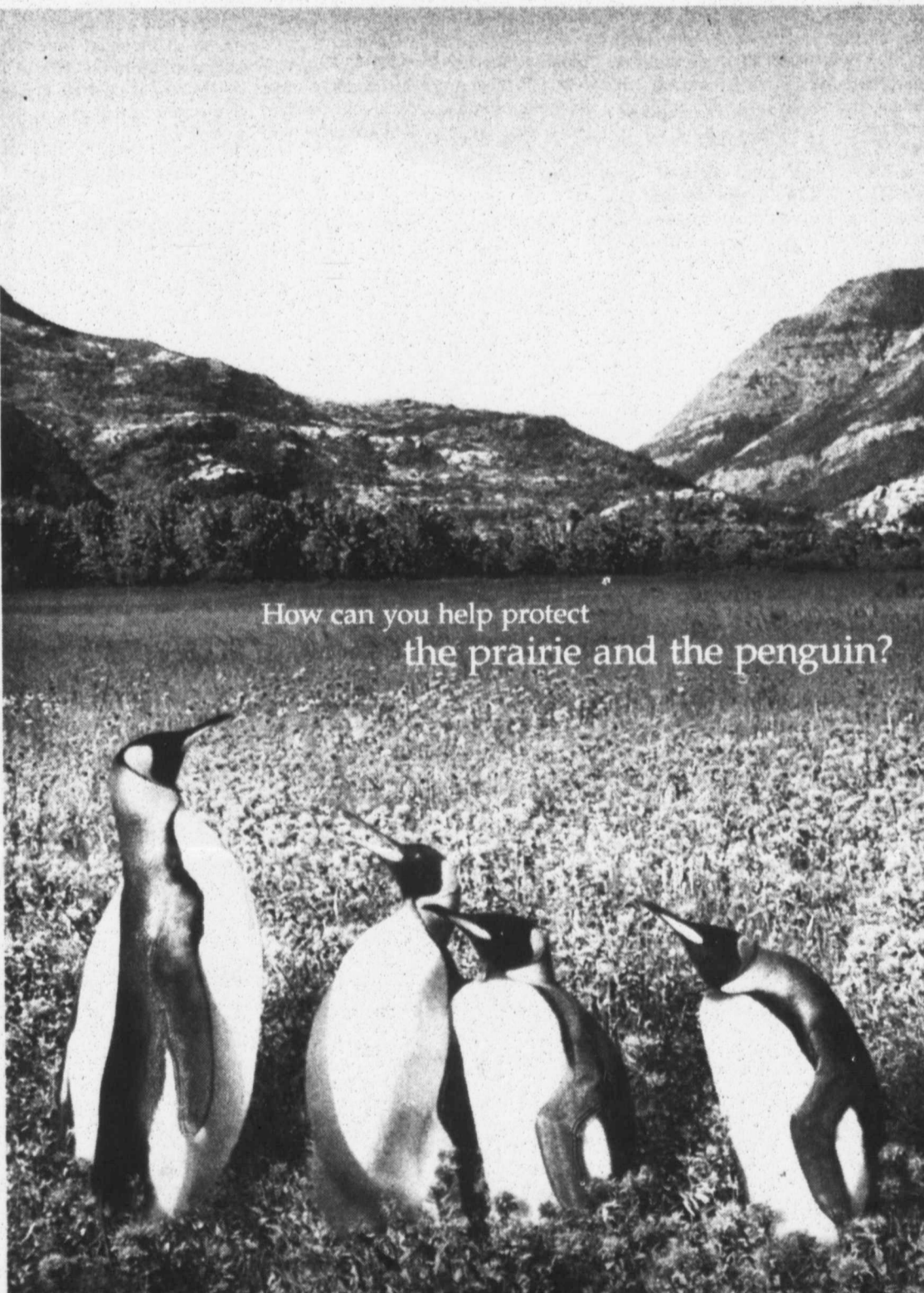
"The tour is intended to give the real picture on the ground to the visiting attaches," Col. Bhanwar Rathore said at the Northern Command in Jammu.

The fighting in

Kunzarwani came a day after Indian army officials cited intelligence reports that some 1,600 militants were getting ready to infiltrate Indian territory across the Line of Control, the cease-fire line that divides Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

These militants were believed to include 20 suicide squads, the officers said. Islamic militants said in Pakistan this month that they planned to wage suicide attacks on top Indian leaders.

The men killed overnight were part of a larger group, but the whereabouts of the others was not known, Pushpa said.



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