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Bush, don't grimace; Kerry, be nice

Candidates face off for second round of debate tonight in St. Louis

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A lackluster unemployment report, troubling terrorism developments and fresh questions about President Bush's rationale for invading Iraq frame the second face-to-face encounter Friday night between Bush and John Kerry.

Only the debate's moderator and the 15 to 20 people chosen to ask questions know what topics will be raised during the town-hall session at Washington University. Kerry has momentum from polls showing he gained from his performance in the first debate while Bush goes in on the defensive. The president watched tapes from the first debate as aides sought to avoid a repeat of the scowls that contributed to negative reaction to his appearance.

"I don't think the American people are going to choose a president on the basis of facial expressions," senior Bush adviser Karen Hughes told CBS's "The Early Show" on Friday. "But as the president joked the other day, hearing that litany of misrepresentations from Sen. Kerry did kind of make him want to make a face, and I think he'll be conscious of that tonight."

Kerry, criticized as times for what

some call a stiff and aloof manner, will try to build on favorable impressions from the debate in Miami. The Massachusetts senator holds a slight lead nationally over Bush in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll released Thursday, reversing Bush's advantage from mid-September.

"He just he needs to do tonight what he did a week ago," Democratic Rep. Dick Gephardt of Missouri told "American Morning" on CNN, "let

people know who he is, his plan for America, his fresh start for Iraq, what he wants to do to get this economy invigorated, his energy plan, his environmental plans. He's going to do all that tonight."

Although voters cite Iraq as a major concern, the economy consistently ranks at the top. The unemployment report — the last to be released before Election Day — provides fresh fodder for the campaigns. Unemployment held steady at 5.4 percent but job creation was lower than expected.

Bush will cast the addition of 96,000 jobs as proof his tax cuts are bolstering the jobs market and the



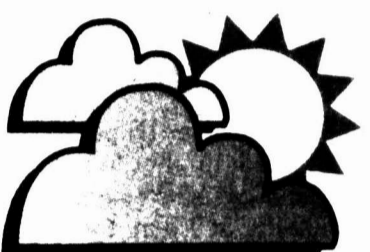
Bush



Kerry

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Deaths

William 'Bill' Brown, 40, services pending
 Debra Johnson, 43, VISD employee
 Addie Lou Skaggs, 89, teacher

Texas Today

Former investigator faces charges
 MUSKOGEE, Okla. (AP) — A former Muskogee County child-crimes investigator faces accusations that she hid a woman and her daughter earlier this year despite a judge's ruling ordering that the child be returned to her grandparents in Texas.

Former investigator Brenda Ellis and her daughter, April Muskrat, were charged with felony violation of a child-custody order, District Attorney John David Luton said Thursday. They posted a \$3,000 bond and were released after their arrest Wednesday.

The prosecutor dismissed a contention by Ellis' lawyer that the former deputy was acting in the child's best interests.

"No matter what we may feel like inside or what we might like to do, there is a hierarchy and everybody has a job to do," Luton said. "When a judge issues an order, we're supposed to follow it."

McIntosh County District Judge Steven Taylor ruled previously that the missing 4-year-old must be handed over to Darel and Lyn Luster of White Deer, Texas.

The child's mother, Shannon Luster, then allegedly ran off and, with Ellis' help, hid with her child for seven months, reports show. Authorities found the woman and her daughter at Muskrat's home in February.

The woman and her parents, former Eufaula Police Chief Larry Osmond and wife Carol, also were arrested and charged with felony child-stealing.

Shannon Luster says she believes the girl was molested by the child's grandfather, but Texas authorities have found no evidence of sexual misconduct.

Ellis' lawyer, Chad Richardson, said Ellis acted the only way she could.

"It was a Catch-22 for her," he said. "Fortunately, she had the fortitude to do what needed to be done for the child."

If convicted, Ellis could

PFD says kids top priority for fire prevention

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

"Climb it! Climb it! Climb it!"

Austin Elementary School kindergarten, first and second grade classes chanted as Pampa Fire Department firefighters extended the ladder on the department's ladder truck and swiveled it 360 degrees for the students Tuesday.

Cheers erupted when one of the firefighters did just that.

The demonstration was part of the fire department's activities during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 3-9.

Programs on fire safety are being presented by PFD this week to students and day care centers throughout the city. Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens and Fire Fighter Craig Harkcom talked to Austin Elementary students about having fire drills and smoke detectors in their homes, and other aspects of fire safety.

Firefighter John Evans suited up in bunkers, the flame-retardant suit firemen wear when entering a burning structure, so that the children could see what a firefighter would look like when seeking persons trapped in a

burning building.

Evans also spoke and shouted while wearing the oxygen mask used to enter burning structures, so the children would hear what a voice sounded like when a firefighter had the mask on.

Harkcom told his audience that he wanted them to see and hear what a firefighter would look like so that they would not be afraid if they were in a burning building and a firefighter came to get them out.

Evans walked through the crowd of students, allowing them to see and touch his clothing and hear his voice.

The theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Safety is Always in Season," Stevens said.

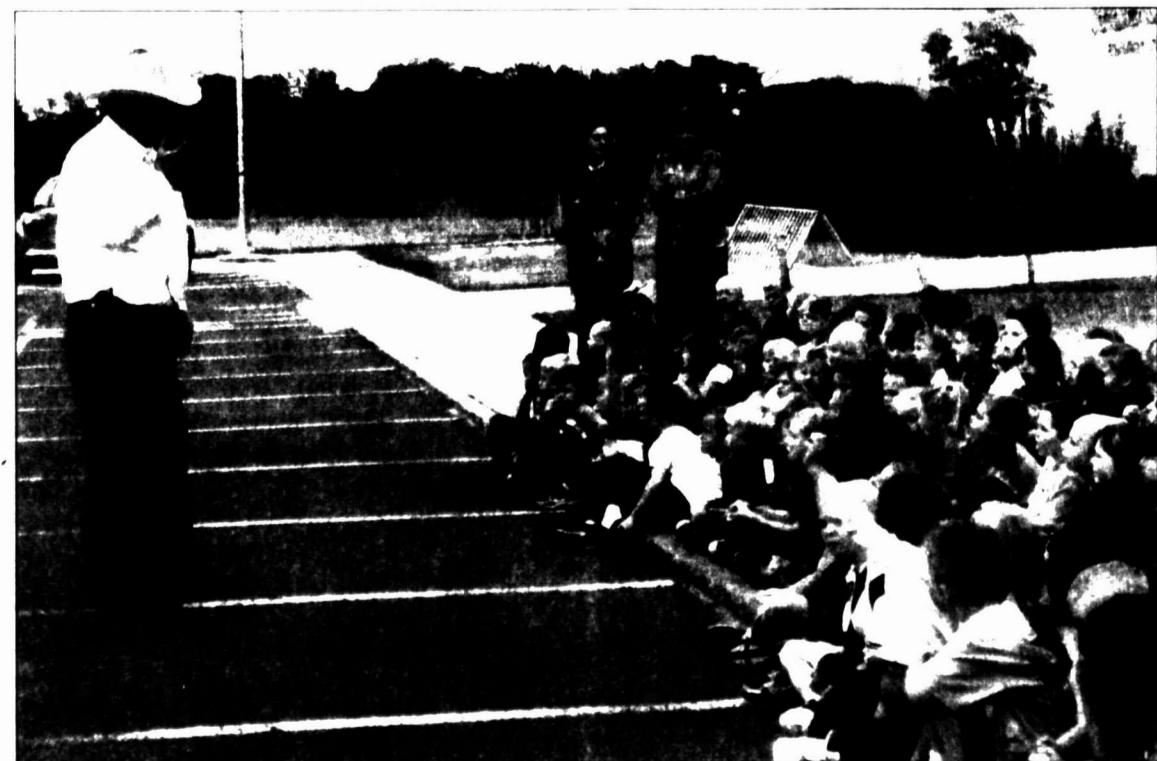
The week has its roots in the Great Chicago Fire, which killed some 300 people, left 100,000 homeless, and destroyed more than 17,000 structures on Oct. 9, 1871. On the Chicago fire's 40th anniversary in 1911, the Fire Marshals Association of North America, the oldest membership section of the National Fire Protection Association, decided to observe the anniversary with National Fire Prevention Day, to increase awareness

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Pampa News photo

Pampa Firefighter Tom Hoover gets down on the level of Anna Ford, left, and Payton Hicks, right, during a fire prevention program at For Heavens Sake Day Care at Calvary Baptist Church this week. Payton seems most interested in the helmet he's wearing.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa Fire Marshal Gary Stevens answers questions from Austin Elementary School during a fire prevention program this week.

Fire safety tips

Most fires can be prevented

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Following are some fire safety tips provided by the National Fire Prevention Association. National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3-9.

HOME HEATING

Place space heaters at least 36 inches away from anything combustible. Never leave space heaters on when you are not in the room or when you go to bed, and never leave children or pets unattended with space heaters.

Drying wet materials over space heaters is a fire danger.

Check the wiring of electric heaters for fraying or splitting.

Use only the fuel recommended by the manufacturer for liquid fuel-powered heaters, and always add fuel only when the heater is turned off and cooled down.

Have your chimney inspected by a professional prior to the start of every heating season and cleaned if necessary. Creosote, a chemical substance that forms when wood burns, builds up in chimneys and can cause a chimney fire if not properly

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Obituaries

William Andrew "Bill" Brown, 40

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — William Andrew "Bill" Brown, 40, died Oct. 3, 2004, at Las Vegas, Nev. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

friend to us all. He will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, C.C. and Norma Hayter. Survivors include his wife, Saiyoot Brown; three daughters, Lilly, Diana and Lisa; one son, Simon; and three grandsons, Darren, Austin and Jordan, all of Las Vegas, Nev.; his parents, Fred and Beverly Brown of Lefors; his brother, Carl Brown of Pampa; his sister, Cheri Van Houten and her husband Don; four nephews, Chad, Rikke, Christopher and Andrew Van Houten; and one niece, Samantha Van Houten, all of Pampa.

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

Addie Lou Skaggs, 89

WARSAW, Mo. — Addie Lou Skaggs, 89, former Lefors resident and retired school teacher, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, in Warsaw, Mo. Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Reser Funeral Home in Warsaw, Mo., with Dr. Larry Nail officiating. Burial will be in Shawnee Cemetery at Warsaw.

moved to Warsaw, Mo., where they were members of First Baptist Church. She held a bachelor of science in education degree from Emporia State University. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and three brothers. She is survived by her husband of Warsaw Health and Rehabilitation Center in Warsaw, Mo.; two daughters, Marjorie Stotler and son-in-law, Gus, of Chelsea, Ala., and Judy Duncan and son-in-law, Gary, of Chillicothe, Mo.; a son, Robert J. Skaggs of Dallas, Texas; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Craig Duncan, Tom Duncan, Casey Duncan, Lance Stotler, Phillip Stotler, and Ray Stanford.

Services tomorrow

JOHNSON, Debra "Debbie" Cipriani — Graveside services, 11:30 a.m., Holy Cross Cemetery, San Antonio.
SKAGGS, Addie Lou — 10:30 a.m., Reser Funeral Home, Warsaw, Mo.

Advertisement for Immuna-Flu featuring a photo of a woman and a bottle of the product. Text includes 'Immuna-Flu work's naturally by helping to strengthen your body's natural immune system defenses!', 'Dr. Abraham's Immuna-Flu Fight Colds and Flu Naturally', and 'ARE YOU ONE OF THE THOUSANDS THIS MAN AND HIS PRODUCTS HAVE HELPED?'.

Large advertisement for Pampa Shrine Club Fall Bar-B-Que. Text includes 'Pampa Shrine Club at the Sportmans Club on S. Barnes', 'Fall Bar-B-Que Sunday, October 10th 11:30 to 2:00', 'Adults \$9.00 Children \$5.00 6 and Under Free', 'Beef • Sausage and all the fixins Plus Dessert!', and 'Take Out Welcome!'.

Debra "Debbie" Cipriani Johnson, 43

VICTORIA — Debra "Debbie" Cipriani Johnson, 43, died Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Victoria. Graveside services are to be at 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 9, 2004, at Holy Cross Cemetery in San Antonio with Father Gabriel Oduro-Tawiah officiating. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 8, followed by Rosary at 7 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home in Victoria. Arrangements are by Colonial Funeral Home of Victoria.



Johnson

Franz Cipriani. She was employed in the payroll department of Victoria Independent School District. She was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by both her parents and a sister, Patricia Cipriani.

Survivors include her husband, Grant Johnson, of Victoria; two daughters, Maggie and Katie Johnson, both of Victoria; and a sister, Catherine Nelson of

Victoria. Mrs. Johnson was born Oct. 16, 1960, in Augusta, Ga., to Lawrence and Margaret South Texas or the United Way. Memorials may be made to Hospice of South Texas or the United Way.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Oct. 7 Harassing e-mails were reported in the 1200 block of North Duncan.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 100 block of Deane Drive. Charges were filed.

Burglary was reported in the 400 block of Houston. An unknown amount of coins was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported at Page Federal Credit Union, 807 N. Sumner. A window was broken, for estimated damages of \$200.

Danasty Dawn Mize, 19, 812 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 300 block of North Dwight for no seat belt, no insurance, and violation of a promise to appear.

Friday, Oct. 8 Julie Ann Flores, 40, Borger, was arrested at One Medical Plaza for public intoxication.

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Monday, Oct. 4

5:45 p.m. — A 2002 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Amanda Jo Regalado, 30, 1021 S. Wells, and a 1981 Chevrolet C10 pickup, driven by Jesus Reydesel Soto, 25, 1079 Prairie, collided in the 700 block of West Crawford. No injuries were reported. Regalado was cited for unsafe passing — right. Soto was cited for an improper turn — wide right.

Thursday, Oct. 7 7:54 a.m. — A 2003 Ford F-250 pickup, driven by Payton Lea Baird, 17, Amarillo, and a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by Rusty Lee Payne, 38, 2420 Comanche Trail, collided in the 2200 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported. Baird was cited for no proof of liability insurance and failure to control speed.

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

Thursday, Oct. 7 Ernesto Granillo Castillo, 47, 727 E. Denver, was arrested for sentencing to Texas Department of Corrections on a charge of

driving while intoxicated. John Andrew Rosales, 26, Albuquerque, N.M., was arrested for a probation violation on a charge of injury to a child.

Fire

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

Thursday, Oct. 7 8:49 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 500 block of South Somerville.

9:51 a.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program at St. Vincent's School, 2300 N. Hobart.

10:02 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a lifting assist in the 1200 block of Williston.

10:34 a.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program at St. Matthew's School, 727 W. Browning.

12:53 p.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning.

2:33 p.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Community Day Care, 1916 W. Kentucky.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 76. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 72. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 50.

East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 70. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Columbus Day: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high

near 72. South wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Stocks

Table with columns for stock names and prices. Includes items like Coca Cola, VLO, HAL, IRI, NOI, KMI, XCEL, Kerr McGee, NOM, Limited, Williams, MFD, Cabot Corp, Cabot Oil Gas, JCP, COP, SLB, Tenneco, CVX, Wal-Mart, OKE, NS Grp, New York Gold, Silver, West Texas Crude.

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MUSIC FESTIVAL Venue Change due to rain, now at MK Brown, Oct. 8 & 9, 3 p.m.-midnight. \$25 for 2 day pass or \$15 per day. Ages 6-10 1/2 price, 5 & under free. www.reflectionsfestival.com

BEST KEPT Secrets is getting a makeover! We will be closed Oct. 11 & 12 and possibly Oct. 13. Please call if you need something. 665-4190, 1925 N. Hobart.

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In memory of PFAA founder

Ted Gikas, shown here at the counter of the Coney Island Cafe that he owned with his brother John Gikas approximately 50 years, signed the Pampa Fine Arts Association charter in 1966 along with Bill Chambliss and George Cree, Jr. This weekend's PFAA Arts & Crafts Festival at M.K. Brown Auditorium will be held in his memory. Organizers hope to use a part of the proceeds from the festival to set up a scholarship in his name. Gikas died Monday in the Texas Veterans Home in Big Spring.

Round

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economy overall while Kerry will point out that the country has lost jobs overall under the Bush administration, a first since the

Depression.

Kerry called the number "disappointing" and contended that even the jobs that have been created under Bush pay less and offer fewer benefits than those that have been lost. "The president does not seem to understand how many mid-

dle-class families are being squeezed by falling incomes and spiraling health care, tuition and energy costs," he said in a statement.

Hard sparring over Iraq on the eve of the debate offered a preview of the discussion to come.

A final report from the

chief U.S. weapons hunter in Iraq concluded that Saddam Hussein had no stockpiles of chemical or biological weapons, had no programs to make either them or nuclear bombs, and had little ability — or immediate plans — to revive those programs.

New rule eases class size limit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — State regulators say more children can be placed in public school classrooms without parent input.

Texas Education Commissioner Shirley Neeley informed school superintendents statewide of the change in a letter this week. She outlined new options for seeking waivers from a state law that limits class sizes to 22 students per teacher in pre-kindergarten through fourth grade.

Under the new rule, school boards can authorize superintendents to submit waivers directly to the state. That would bypass the need to bring the matter before the board at a public meeting where parents can voice their opinions.

"Commissioner Neeley's letter in effect tells school superintendents how to pack

children into larger classes without parents knowing until it's too late," John Cole, president of Texas Federation of Teachers, told the San Antonio Express-News.

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Kids

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of the dangers of fire. President Woodrow Wilson issued the first national Fire Prevention Day proclamation in 1920. President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed the first National Fire Prevention

Week in 1925.

Smoke detectors are available from Pampa Fire Fighters Association to anyone who does not have one in their home. Harkcom said. Persons needing a smoke detector may call 669-5800 or go by Central Fire Station to apply for one. Members of the association will go to the person's home to install the detector if needed, said an association spokesman.

Tips

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cleaned. Use a sturdy screen in front of the fireplace. Burn only wood. Never burn paper or pine boughs, which can float out the chimney and ignite a neighboring home. Never use flammable liquids in a fireplace.

Be sure a wood or coal stove bears the label of a recognized testing laboratory and meets local fire codes. Chimney connections and chimney flues should be inspected at the beginning of each heating season and cleaned periodically.

Burn only wood, and be sure the wood stove is placed on an approved stove board to protect the floor from heat and hot coals.

Portable propane heaters with self-contained fuel supplies are prohibited for home use.

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY

Keep burning candles well away from decorations or other combustible materials. Don't leave children unattended in a room with lit candles, and always keep candles, matches and lighters out of the reach of children. Never display lighted candles in windows, near exits or as decorations on Christmas trees.

Decorate with lights labeled by a testing laboratory. Outside, use only lights labeled for outside use. Don't overload electrical outlets, and always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed. Never put lights on a metal-Christmas tree.

Avoid using candles during parties. If smoking is allowed, provide guests with large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. After the party, check inside and under upholstery and in trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering.

If decorating with a real Christmas tree, choose a fresh one and put it in a stand designed not to tip over. Place the tree well away from heat sources and keep it constantly in water. Artificial trees should be labeled as flame-retardant. Don't hang stockings on your fireplace if you plan to burn a fire in it.

Leave fireworks to the professionals. They are designed to burn hot and/or explode. Even sparklers burn at temperatures of 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit.

HOME COOKING

Loose clothing should not be worn when cooking, as it can be ignited by hot burners. Turn pot handles inward so pots and pans won't be pulled or knocked off the stove. Never leave the kitchen when something

is cooking. Don't store items on the stove top, and turn appliances off when not in use.

Guard against splattering hot grease, and know what to do in case of a grease fire.

Don't plug too many devices into one outlet, and don't overload extension cords. Replace frayed or cracked cords before using the appliance. Never stand in or near water when using electrical appliances.

If a pan fire starts on the stovetop, carefully slide a lid or larger pan over the fire, then turn off the burner. Never pour water on a grease fire.

If a pan fire starts in the oven, turn off the heat and keep the door closed to suffocate the flames. Call the fire department if the fire does not go out immediately.

If your clothing catches on fire, do not run. Stop, drop to the ground, and roll over and over to smother the flames. Cover your face with your hands if you can.

Run cool water over the skin for 10 to 15 minutes if a burn occurs. Do not put butter or other ointment on the burn. Severe burns should be treated by a doctor.

Know what type of fire extinguisher to buy and how to use it properly.

ESCAPING A FIRE

Have two accessible ways out of each room. Practice how to escape before a fire occurs, and know the escape route.

When traveling, select a hotel or motel with automatic sprinklers and smoke detectors. Locate the two exits nearest your room and count the number of doors between your room and the exits.

When flying, pay attention to the flight crew's safety procedure presentation and locate the two exits nearest your seat. Count the number of seat rows between you and each exit.

At home, check all obstacles to escape, such as furniture blocking a window or door, windows painted shut, and deadbolt locks placed too high for children to reach and disengage.

Make sure you have the proper number of smoke detectors and that they are all operating. Teach everyone to recognize the sound of the detectors and know what to do if they hear it.

Once outside, never return to a burning building under any circumstances.

Establish a meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home. Call for emergency help from a neighbor's phone.

If you encounter smoke on the way out of your home, use your alternative exit. If you must escape through smoke, draw low under the smoke where the air is cooler and cleaner.

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Viewpoints

Presidential debates and polls are useless

An article in the Sept. 29 edition of the Amarillo Globe News read: "Thornberry Succeeds Goss on Intelligence." I'm not making this up - those were the exactamundo words.

Why do newspapers do this? Is it their means of adding humor to an otherwise, depressing read? If so, I'm in favor, although Mr. Goss may be unhappy upon reading that Mr. Thornberry is more intelligent. To delve a tad deeper, why does Congress name Thornberry's committee, the House Intelligence Committee?

Intelligence is really not on my mind, if you'll pardon the pun; it's the presidential

debates - the first of the 2004 campaign just completed Sept. 30. I could not bring myself to watch Bush and Kerry go at it; mostly on the account that I've already made my decision where my vote will go; and watching anything political on television creates a nervousness within me that I can do without.

No, apathy is not a part of my vocabulary. I think presidential debates are useless, and have been since the Lincoln-Douglas debate. Hard to top the Lincoln-Douglas debate, for the art of debating has gone downhill ever since. No, I may be older than some readers, but I was not in the audience

when Lincoln and Douglas did their orations; I was in the audience created by the history book.

My first presidential debate was the Kennedy-Nixon debate, circa 1960. Though only 11 years old in 1960, I remember the debate to this day. John F. Kennedy kicked Richard Nixon's butt. In fact, that debate cost Nixon his first shot at the presidency, and he could not grab any Eisenhower coattails to the White House.

JFK could talk the talk, and his debating skills gave him the margin to defeat Nixon at the polls. "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country." Need I say more?

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



Okay, I've never voted for a Democrat for president, but at 11 years of age, I would have voted for Kennedy in a New York second. I think JFK stood the soap box as easily as Lincoln. JFK's assassination resulted in LBJ; whose Great Society gave us escalation in Vietnam, Medicare, viewing

gall bladder surgery scars, and beagles lifted by their ears. With that kind of comedy, a debate with Goldwater was inconsequential.

I can't recall the Nixon-Humphrey debates in 1968, for I was deep into what a 19-year-old was after in those times - having fun while looking over my shoulder at the local draft board because of Vietnam.

Yes, I was somewhat distracted by women, partying, school, and the possibility of dying in some far off swamp; but, I did vote my first time in 1968 for a president. Today, I still wonder who would have been the greater president, JFK or

Nixon? We'll never know about JFK, but despite the Watergate issue, ole Tricky Dick was a pretty formidable president. In fact, there has not been a stronger president since Nixon; particularly with foreign policy.

Because of Watergate, we got Carter and Ford in 1976. Yawn. For a history buff, witnessing a Speaker of the House of Representatives become vice president, then president is a highlight for me. Ford could not shed the Nixonness and succumbed to Carter in one of the worst debating mistakes I've ever heard - about Eastern Europe not being suppressed

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 8, the 282nd day of 2004. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted while another deadly blaze broke out in Peshtigo, Wis.

On this date:

In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce, died in Concord, N.H.

In 1890, American aviation hero Eddie Rickenbacker was born in Columbus, Ohio.

In 1918, Sgt. Alvin C. York almost single-handedly killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted for murder in the death of the infant son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

In 1944, "The Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet" made its debut on CBS Radio.

In 1945, President Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers, 2-0.

In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

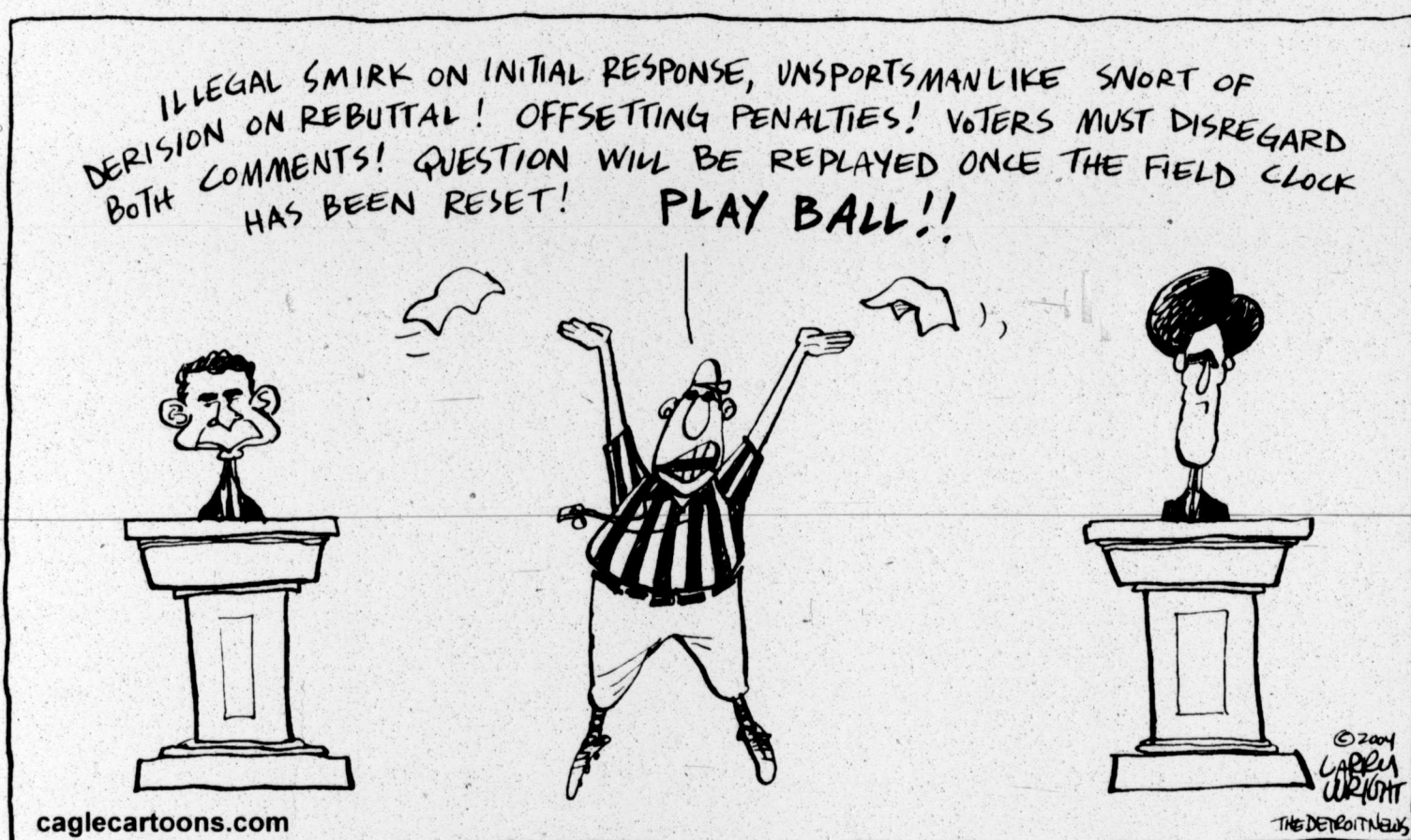
In 1985, the hijackers of the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro killed American passenger Leon Klinghoffer.

Ten years ago: President Clinton, responding to the massing of Iraqi troops near the Kuwaiti border, warned Saddam Hussein not to misjudge "American will or American power" as he ordered additional U.S. forces to the region.

Five years ago: A damage award to State Farm auto insurance customers swelled to nearly \$1.2 billion after a judge in Illinois ruled that the nation's largest auto insurer committed fraud by using generic auto-body repair parts. (The \$730 million award of actual and punitive damages came on top of a jury's \$456 million verdict in the same class-action lawsuit.) President Clinton dedicated a new U.S. embassy in Ottawa, Canada. Laila Ali, the 21-year-old daughter of Muhammad Ali, made her professional boxing debut by knocking out opponent April Fowler 31 seconds after the opening bell in Verona, N.Y.

'Politics are usually the executive expression of human immaturity.'

— Vera Brittain
British author



ABC: Iraq, al Qaeda connection

If you believe what John Kerry and his stooges in the media say, there was never any connection between Saddam Hussein and Osama bin Laden and his terrorist al Qaeda organization.

During the debate between Vice President Cheney and John Edwards the other night, Edwards attacked Cheney for maintaining that there was a real connection between the two, and the media rushed to claim that there is no evidence of any such connection.

Among them was ABC News, which either has a very short memory or is willing to cover up what they know about the connection. And they know plenty

— they just won't talk about it. The fact is, ABC interviewed bin Laden and had disclosed the ties that existed between Baghdad and the master terrorist as far back as 1999 when Bill Clinton was president.

Here's what ABC News reported on January 14, 1999: Citing an alleged key military adviser and a man believed to be "privy to bin Laden's most secret projects" who had been apprehended, ABC News said: "The U.S. government alleges he was under secret

orders to procure enriched uranium for the purpose of developing nuclear weapons. These are allegations bin Laden does not now deny.

"It would be a sin for Muslims not to try to possess the weapons," bin Laden told ABC. "But how we could use these weapons if we possessed them is up to us."

Commented ABC: "With an American price on his head there weren't many places bin Laden could go unless he teamed up with another international pariah, one also with an interest in

weapons of mass destruction. "Osama believed in the enemy of my enemy is my friend and is someone I should cooperate with. That's certainly the current case with Iraq," an ABC reporter involved with the bin Laden interview said.

And the ABC narrator added, "Saddam Hussein has a long history of harboring terrorists, Carlos the Jackal, Abu Nidal, Abu Abbas - the most notorious terrorists of their era all found shelter and support at one time in Baghdad."

"Intelligence sources say bin Laden's long relationship with the Iraqis began as he helped Sudan's funda-

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Private team accomplishes impossible

The terms were simple enough. Be the first to fly three people or the equivalent weight 62 miles high. Do it a second time within two weeks. Collect a \$10 million prize.

SpaceShipOne and its team completed the feat Monday and won the Ansari X Prize, sponsored by the Dallas family of the same name.

Peter Diamandis, who founded the prize, said he hoped it would have the same effect on space travel that the Orteig Prize had on

air travel 77 years ago. In 1927, Charles Lindbergh claimed that \$25,000 prize by flying nonstop from the United States to Paris.

His flight established the practicability of trans-Atlantic air travel.

The X Prize seems likely to do something similar. Already businesses are planning space tourism ventures.

Marion C. Blakey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, observed the privately funded space flight and said it felt like it must have felt to be at Kitty Hawk for the Wright brothers' first powered flight.

SpaceShipOne's flight marks a major milestone in aerospace history, made poignant by the death the same day of Gordon Cooper, one of the first seven astronauts.

The private team did for about \$25 million what the world's most powerful governments decades ago spent billions to accomplish.

The giving and winning of the Ansari X Prize also confirmed that this is an era of great personal fortunes.

A \$50 million prize for the first private orbital flight is in the works.

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Pampa Lions plan broom, mop sale

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Debates

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by the Soviet Union. Carter ate Ford's political lunch to become president, and subsequently, the worst president in modern times. Carter, though a sincere man, did more to damage the presidency than Nixon's lying. About the only thing memorable from Carter's four years was brother Billy and his beer; hence, the Reagan Revolution. Yep, watched a little of the Reagan-Carter debate. One thing about Carter — a humanitarian of the first order; which, unfortunately, does not work for the presidency and never will.

After the Reagan-Carter debate, I made a mental note to let the TV rest, mostly because of all the second guessing by know-it-all pundits of the network news agencies. I find news much more interesting and settling if I read it in the local rag, so it was easy to miss the debating's of Reagan-Mondale, Bush-Dukakis, and Bush-Clinton. The great thing about being an American is voting, and by voting, we are victims of our own device; meaning, we get what the majority elects, and live with the consequences for the next four or eight years. Number 41's thousand points of light and family values could not overcome Clinton's "It's the economy, stupid." Democracy is a device that ensures we shall be governed no better than we deserve (George Bernard Shaw). We deserved better...

Gore the bore and George Walker Bush. No, I said I stopped watching debates — I

read, folks — much better for my brain cells. As you've read, it will never take a presidential debate to finalize my choice for a president. Albert Gore? Come on Democrats, you could have done better. The highlight (for me) of the 2000 presidential election was when Gore blamed Houston's smog on Bush, not when Gore and the Democrats cried over Florida and purposely overlooked an important little item in the Constitution called the Electoral College. Besides, any Texan would know that Houston's smog was created by all those Yankees running from the economical woes of the north.

Now, I read that President Bush, by frowning and grimacing during the first encounter with Kerry, lost a few points in some of the polls. I see a problem with polls, okay?

I would dance a jig on the court house square to have read this quote from President Bush in the newspaper: "My fellow Americans. In closing this farce called a debate, you may have noticed some frowns and grimaces cross my face — so, I wish to explain them (frowns and grimaces) to you, the voters. First, this Miami humidity is hard to bear and I don't like seafood, much less, a hurricane or four. Secondly, John Kerry stands for everything that I am against and I feel he is a wrong choice to lead this great country — and furthermore, I just don't like the *%#."

Dennis Palmitier is a graduate of Pampa High School and a pharmaceutical sales specialist.

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mentalist government in their efforts to acquire weapons of mass destruction. Three weeks after (Clinton's bombing of a Sudanese pharmaceutical factory) on August 31st, bin Laden reaches out to his friends in Iraq and Sudan. Iraq's Vice President arrives in Khartoum to show his support for the Sudanese after the U.S. attack.

"ABC News has learned that during these meetings senior Sudanese officials acting on behalf of bin Laden asked if Saddam Hussein would grant him asylum. Iraq was indeed interested. ABC News has learned that in December an Iraqi intelligence chief (who in 1999 was Iraq's ambassador to Turkey) made a secret trip to Afghanistan to meet with bin Laden."

During the meeting, ABC says their sources reported that "bin Laden was told he would be welcome in Baghdad."

ABC News was not alone in revealing this trip. In 1999, The Guardian, a British news-

paper, reported that Farouk Hijazi, a senior officer in Iraq's mukhabarat (Iraq's intelligence service), had journeyed deep into the icy mountains near Kandahar, Afghanistan, in December 1998 to meet with al Qaeda men. Mr. Hijazi is "thought to have offered bin Laden asylum in Iraq." The Guardian reported.

ABC News continued: "Intelligence sources say they can only speculate on the purpose of an (Iraqi-bin Laden) alliance. What could bin Laden offer Saddam? Only days after he meets Iraqi officials, bin Laden tells ABC that his network is wide and there are people prepared to commit terror in his name that he does not even control."

Here's what bin Laden told ABC News: "It is our job to incite and to instigate. By the grace of God we did that."

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Some religious experts ask: How would Jesus vote?

AUSTIN (AP) — Just a few miles from George W. Bush's former office at the state Capitol, a panel of religious experts weighed a question with relevance to many people of faith: How would Jesus vote?

It's a complex topic that can't be boiled down to simple political terms, said religious leaders who attended a recent Texas Faith Network conference in Austin.

James C. Moore, co-author of "Bush's Brain: How Karl Rove Made George Bush Presidential," drew laughter and applause when he offered his view to the moderate to left-leaning crowd of about 250 clergy and lay leaders.

"If ever there were a bleeding-

heart liberal, it was Jesus Christ," Moore said at Congregation Agudas Achim synagogue. "I think the carpenter from Galilee was the original Democrat."

Many at the conference voiced concerns that the religious right dominates discussions of faith and morality in politics. They complained that issues such as abortion and gay marriage seem to take priority over hunger, corporate crime and even the war in Iraq.

Some research has found that white Christians who attend worship services at least once a week are far more likely to vote Republican, while less frequent worshippers and those who are not religious tend to lean Democratic.

Many analysts have criticized Democrats for failing to more effectively reach religious voters.

"I think the carpenter from Galilee was the original Democrat."

— James C. Moore
author

"The sound bites and the headlines have co-opted people of faith," said the Rev. Tom Heger, pastor of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Manchaca, south of Austin. "It would be a surprise to a

lot of folks to discover that there are some very faithful, regular church attendees who aren't going to vote for Bush."

Conservative pastors such as Jerry Falwell and Pat Robertson "would have us believe that morality is all about where you stand on abortion, how you treat homosexuals. I think that is simply wrong," said John D. Moyers, senior fellow at the Washington-based Center for American Progress.

The presidential race pits President Bush, a Republican who openly professes his evangelical Christian beliefs, against Democratic Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, a Roman Catholic who is more hesitant to discuss his

faith publicly.

The Rev. Timothy Tutt, pastor of United Christian Church in Austin, declined to say whom he will support in November, but balked at the perception that Bush is the only choice for people of faith.

"As I read the Scriptures and as I understand faith, God's side is the group that's feeding the poor, caring about children, making sure that people have enough food to eat — not killing others," said Tutt, who opposes the war in Iraq.

Juan Galvan, Texas president of the Latino American Dawah Organization, a group of Hispanic Muslims, said he's certain Jesus would not vote strictly for Republicans or Democrats.

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Boston archdiocese forms committee to review closings

BOSTON (AP) — The Boston archdiocese is asking a panel of community leaders to review its ongoing reconfiguration, though the committee won't revisit the sometimes bitter parish closings that have already occurred.

The eight-person committee formed by Boston Archbishop Sean O'Malley will review procedures in hopes of making improvements as the closings continue.

To date, 28 parishes have closed. Another 54 parishes are slated to shut down under the massive consolidation, which O'Malley has said is necessary because of declining attendance and financial woes.

Two churches have staged high profile sit-ins rather than shut down — St. Albert the Great in Weymouth and St. Anselm in Sudbury. The new commit-

tee won't address those situations, though it hopes to learn from them, said Peter Meade, the committee co-chairman and an executive at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts.

"The churches that are closed, are closed," he said.

A spokesman for St. Albert's said the panel must have power to review past decisions to close vibrant parishes, or it's meaningless.

"If this doesn't include a review of those parishes that have already been closed then the process has no value whatsoever," Colin Riley said.

Mary Akoury, a longtime parishioner at St. Albert's, said O'Malley's move indicates the round-the-clock vigils at the two parishes are exposing a flawed reconfiguration process.

"They're not openly coming out and

saying the process was flawed but the fact they're starting to look at it means there's a part of them that may be admitting that," she said.

St. Albert's, which parishioners have occupied since Aug. 29, challenged the archdiocese's right to sell the building in court, though a judge has rejected their argument that the church belonged to parishioners and not the archdiocese. Church members said they'd continue to press the case in court, and have appealed to the Vatican. St. Anselm's has also appealed to the Vatican.

Committee members were chosen by early this week and the first meeting is scheduled for next week. As yet, the panel has no specific timeline to finish its review or make recommendations, Meade said.

Westside Church of Christ to be site of gospel meeting

Westside Church of Christ will host a gospel meeting, Oct. 18-22, featuring Paul White of Amarillo. White will teach five lessons on "Growing in the Grace and Knowledge of Christ." Meetings are set at 7:30 p.m., nightly, Oct. 18-22, at Westside Church of Christ, 1612 W. Kentucky.

Topics are as follows: Monday - "The Search for Integrity"; Tuesday - "Jesus, Do You Care?"; Wednesday - "Learning Lessons from Jonah"; Thursday - "Our Golden Calves"; and Friday - "Finding the Faith to Finish."

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Accept God's laws or face rejection

"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone,' but by every word of God." (Luke 4:4) "Get thee behind me, Satan, for it is written thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve." (Luke 4:8)

The words of Jesus that I have just quoted tells us clearly that he was ardent in keeping the written law of his father. The third time Jesus replied to Satan he used the term, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Luke 4:12) This is equal to saying, it is written in God's law. What Jesus said was enough to send Satan away. We can readily see the need of knowing God's law and how to use it.

I read a story of a missionary who was captured and imprisoned with no Bible. The missionary was saddened when she came to realize how little scripture she knew by memory. To the missionary, it was like trying to do a job with insufficient tools. The word of God is the best weapon we can have against temptation.

Every day Satan is ready to tempt every Christian he can. He will laugh to scorn the Christian who refuses to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season. Moses made a choice to suffer affliction with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for

a season. (Hebrews 11:25)

To disobey God's law has always brought trouble and sorrow. Cain, after killing his brother, Abel, said, "My punishment is greater than I can bear." (Genesis 4:13) No person, church or nation, can disobey God's command and not suffer his rebuke.

Jesus Christ, God's only begotten son, found a need to use the law that he established many centuries earlier. That law was so powerful and pure that the devil could not withstand it.

If God could find a nation who loves God wholeheartedly and serves him fervently, there would not be enough terrorists to overthrow that nation.

From the beginning, the devil has hated God and his laws. He sat out immediately to make man doubt and disbelieve God and his law. Satan began to put questions in the mind of Eve about God's

love and care for mankind. Eve and Adam both fell into Satan's trap. All mankind upon the earth was now out of fellowship with God. God's highest order of creation is now in rebellion against him, because Satan succeeded in getting Eve to question and doubt God's law. Adam and Eve were no longer welcome in the beautiful Garden of Eden. (Genesis 3:24) Today, the person who tries to annul the commandments of God will face rejection by the same God as did Adam and Eve.

Anyone using God's law for unholiness will be rejected. False prophets operating for the love of money, and the love of popularity, will hear Jesus say, "Depart from me. I never knew you."

According to Luke 13:24-

28, many people are going to be disappointed at the judgment of God.

Jesus could have reminded those false prophets that, "It is written, 'When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.'" (John 16:13) That was a case where people settled for a wrong spirit. In many cases, people are settling for an emotional spirit that requires no selling out of self and worldly habits. (Revelations 20:6) They who are not made holy by the atoning blood of Jesus will suffer the second death which is described in verse 14. "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death." It is written, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my word shall never pass away." (Matthew 24:35)

Wicked men may defile and deny God's laws and his standards, but they are forever fixed and settled in heaven and earth. Our acceptance of his laws will determine our acceptance or rejection by Christ.

A good prayer to live up to was prayed by King David. "Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me and know my thoughts and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." (Psalm 139:23-24) Amen.

Archie Cooper



Pentecostal Holiness

"Every day Satan is ready to tempt every Christian he can. He will laugh to scorn the Christian who refuses to enjoy the pleasure of sin for a season."

— Rev. Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness

Religion in Brief

Evangelical Lutherans sanction church over gay ordination
MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — An Evangelical Lutheran congregation that ordained an openly gay man two months ago has been censured by its supervising bishop.

Bishop Craig Johnson of the Minneapolis Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America sent a letter last week to Bethany Lutheran Church in Minneapolis "censuring and admonishing" the congregation for the Aug. 1 installation of associate pastor Jay Wiesner.

The denomination bars ordaining gays unless they remain celibate.

Johnson said he had asked Bethany Lutheran not to ordain Wiesner at least until after the denomination had decided whether the gay ordination ban should stand and whether the church

should bless same-sex couples. Evangelical Lutherans were expected to vote on those issues next year at their churchwide assembly in Orlando, Fla.

Johnson said he would not take any disciplinary action until after that vote, but he said the congregation had "willfully disregarded" his request.

"You pre-empted the ELCA's process by your decision," Johnson wrote. "This has put ordained leaders in our synod and the larger church in a difficult position with their congregations."

"You have broken an important and vital covenant with your fellow congregations."

Wiesner, who previously was Bethany's pastoral minister for outreach, said he has received nothing but "overwhelming support" from the

congregation since his ordination.

"There are many gay and lesbian clergy who are unable to serve, and many are doing so in the closet, which is sad," Wiesner said. "Bethany has come to a conclusion that they want to be a positive influence in this process, with the hopes that the ELCA will move forward."

South Carolina Methodists welcome their 1st female bishop
COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — The Rev. Mary Virginia Taylor has become the first female bishop in the South Carolina's United Methodist Church.

While women have been ordained for years, it is new for South Carolina to have a woman in the leadership of such a large denomination in the state. About 248,000 Methodists worship in 1,331 churches in South Carolina.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 28-year-old, unattractive guy who is in love with my best female friend. "Chrissy" is 25 and a single mother. I have always adored her. We met in high school in 1996.

In 2002, Chrissy ran into an old high school boyfriend who was addicted to drugs and has psychological problems. She fell back in love with him, and soon they were dating. He was insecure about her having friends, especially someone of the opposite sex, so he gave her an ultimatum -- him or me. She chose him. A year later they had a baby. When Chrissy finally got it through her head that he was never going to change or give up drugs, she broke up with him.

Being the good guy -- or fool -- that I am, I became close with her again. Over time, I have gotten to know her son and have treated him like he was my own. I do anything and everything for them. I would like to have a real relationship with Chrissy. It makes me sad that she'd rather go out with guys who don't really care for her (she admits it herself) than see how much I love her. I want so much to be with her, but I know she doesn't see me in that light.

I don't know what to do. I don't want to say something because if I do, she'll pull back and probably stop seeing me altogether. My friends say I should speak up or stop seeing her, but I can't. To quote a song, "I'd rather live in her world, than without her in mine."

I pray every night for God to grant me this one prayer. What can I do to make this work?

—DESPERATELY SEEKING "CHRISSEY"

DEAR DESPERATE: You've done enough already. Your belief that you are unattractive may be part of your problem. Beauty is in the eye of the beholder, and

Chrissy may be just plain masochistic about men. If Chrissy is unable to recognize the value of what you have to offer, it would be healthier for you to distance yourself and find a woman who's a better judge of men.

I agree with your friends that it's time to lay your cards on the table. You deserve to have a loving relationship. Love is at its best when it's mutual. When it's not, it's torture. So stop torturing yourself and allowing yourself to be taken for granted. Remember: Some of God's greatest blessings are unanswered prayers.

DEAR ABBY: We are a group of women who get together to play poker a couple of evenings a week. We are all well-educated and comfortably retired. Two of us have very slight regional accents.

In our group is a woman I'll call "Winifred," who is funny, accommodating and good-hearted. However, Winifred has appointed herself our English teacher without our permission. She delights in correcting us for what she considers mispronounced words. We are proud of our accents and have never asked to be corrected. We find it not only rude, but embarrassing. How can we discourage Winnie without breaking up the group?

— ACES HIGH IN THE EAST

DEAR ACES HIGH: The next time Winnie corrects you, smile and say, "We've done all right with these accents so far. It's part of what makes us unique. So please stop trying to make us sound like everyone else. We're happy as we are." If she takes offense and folds, deal her out. The alternative is tolerating more of her rudeness.

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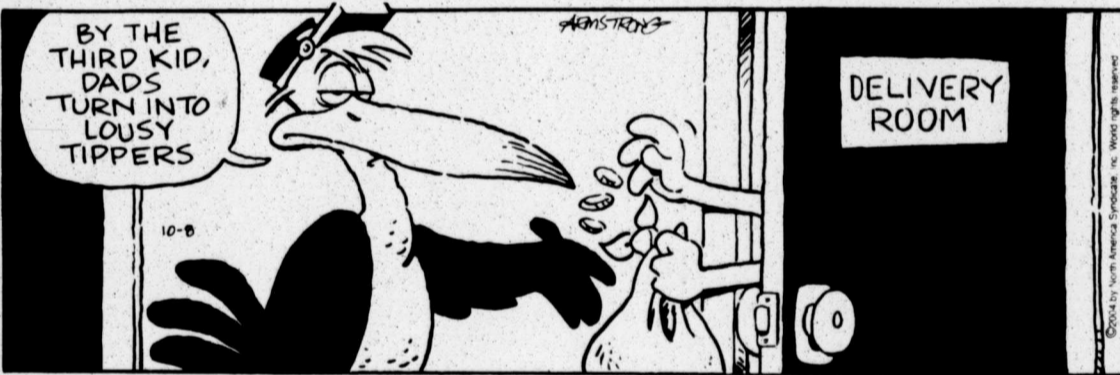
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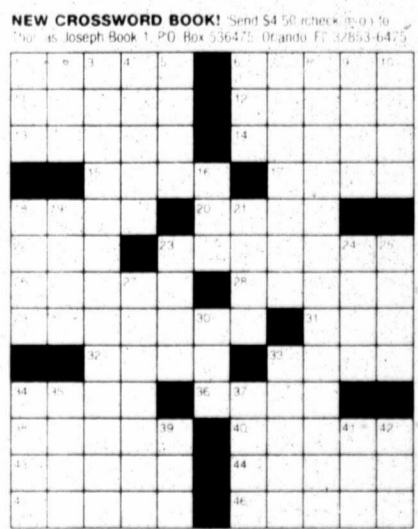
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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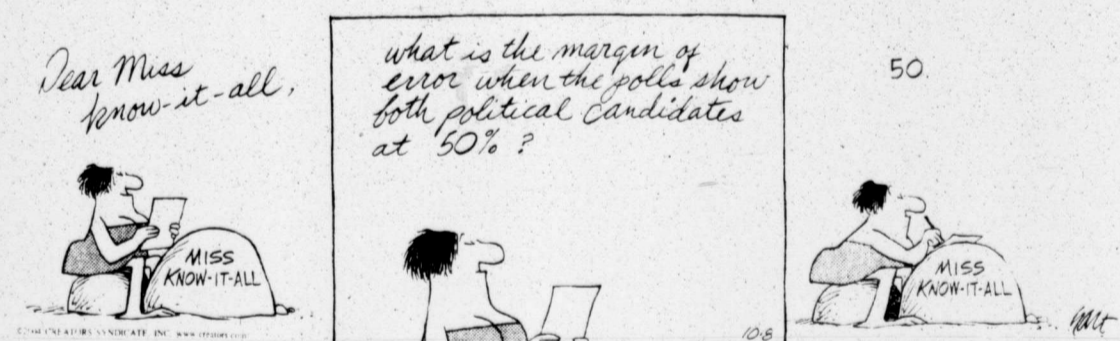
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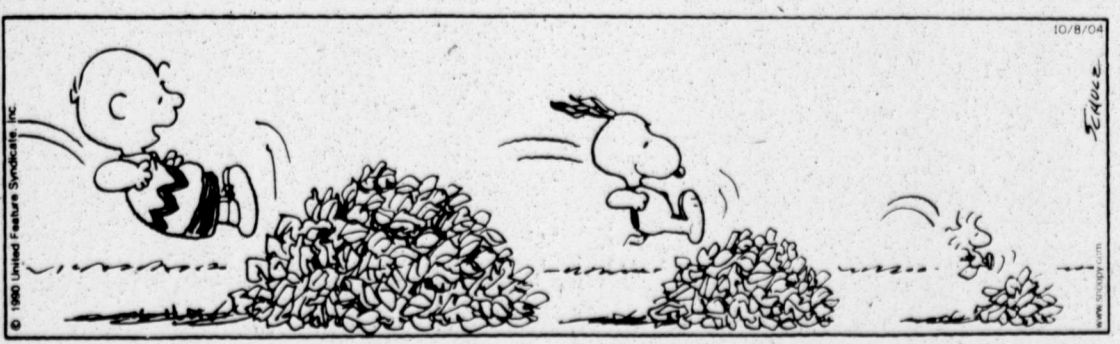
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Sports Day

Let the district games begin

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Head Coach Heath Parker says they talk about it almost all year long. And though it really doesn't affect, nor change, the way in which he and his staff prepares the Pampa High School varsity football team, they know it's there.

"It" is District 3-4A competition. And it is here. The Harvesters, 2-3 overall entering tonight, host the Randall Raiders to open district play. Parker says there is something special about district games. "Every district game is usually a battle. A tough fight, start to finish." He expects tonight to be one of those games.

'Every district game is usually a battle. A tough fight, start to finish.'

— Heath Parker
Head Coach, PHS Football

When asked what the mood has been like during practice this week, Parker said, "The mood has been good. Fortunately, unlike us adults, the kids have a short memory and are ready to play." The Harvesters lost at home last week to Plainview, 32-21. They also lost a key player on defense in James Coffee. Coffee suffered a broken leg late in last week's game and will force the coaching staff to institute some personnel changes tonight.

Also notable in last week's game was Brittin East suited up and roaming the Harvester side lines for the first time this season. East, who had undergone back surgery earlier in the year, has been cleared by doctors to play. He will be suited up and ready to go tonight.

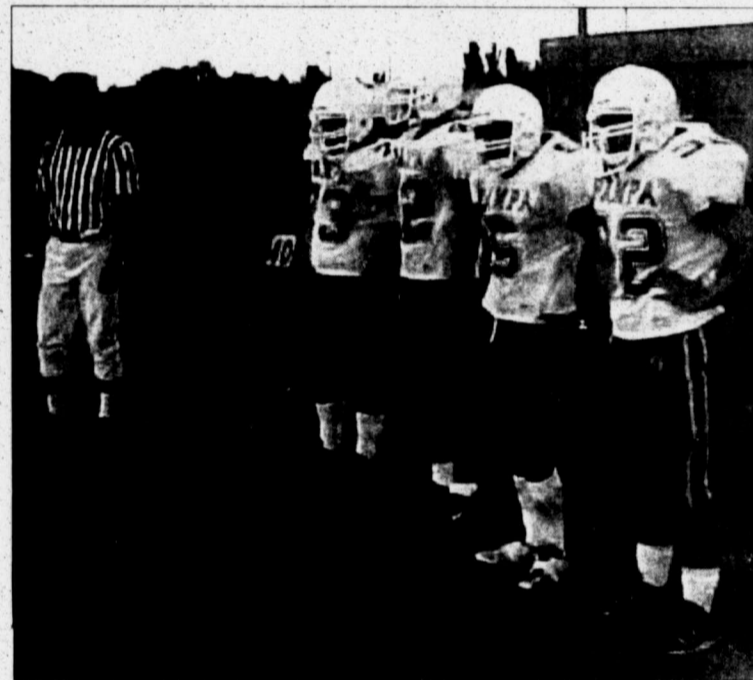
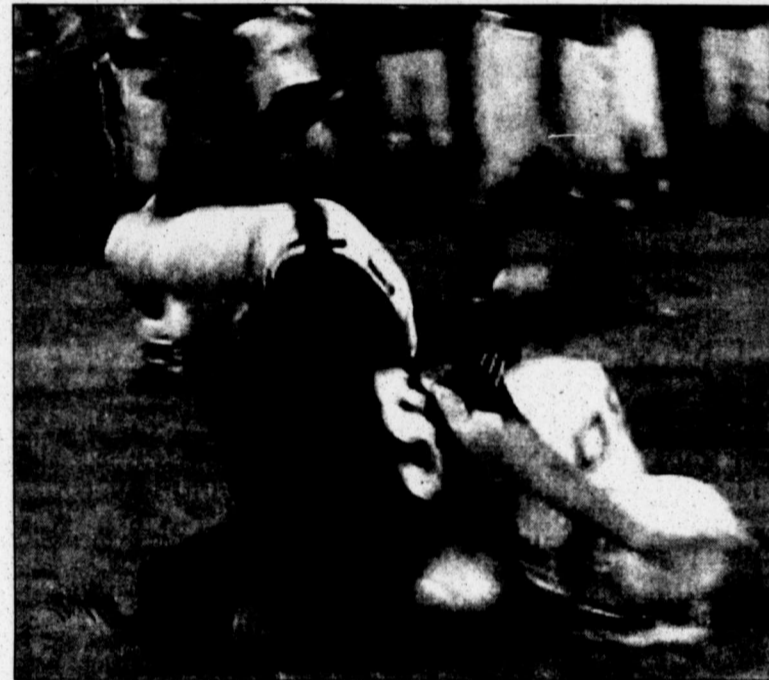
In the Raiders, Pampa faces a team that will offer different looks on defense and an offense that features nifty running back, Colt Sicher. The Raider's average nearly 340-yards of offense per game. "We've got to keep the Sicher contained at the line of scrimmage," Parker said. "We cannot let him break into open field. He's tough to catch once he does."

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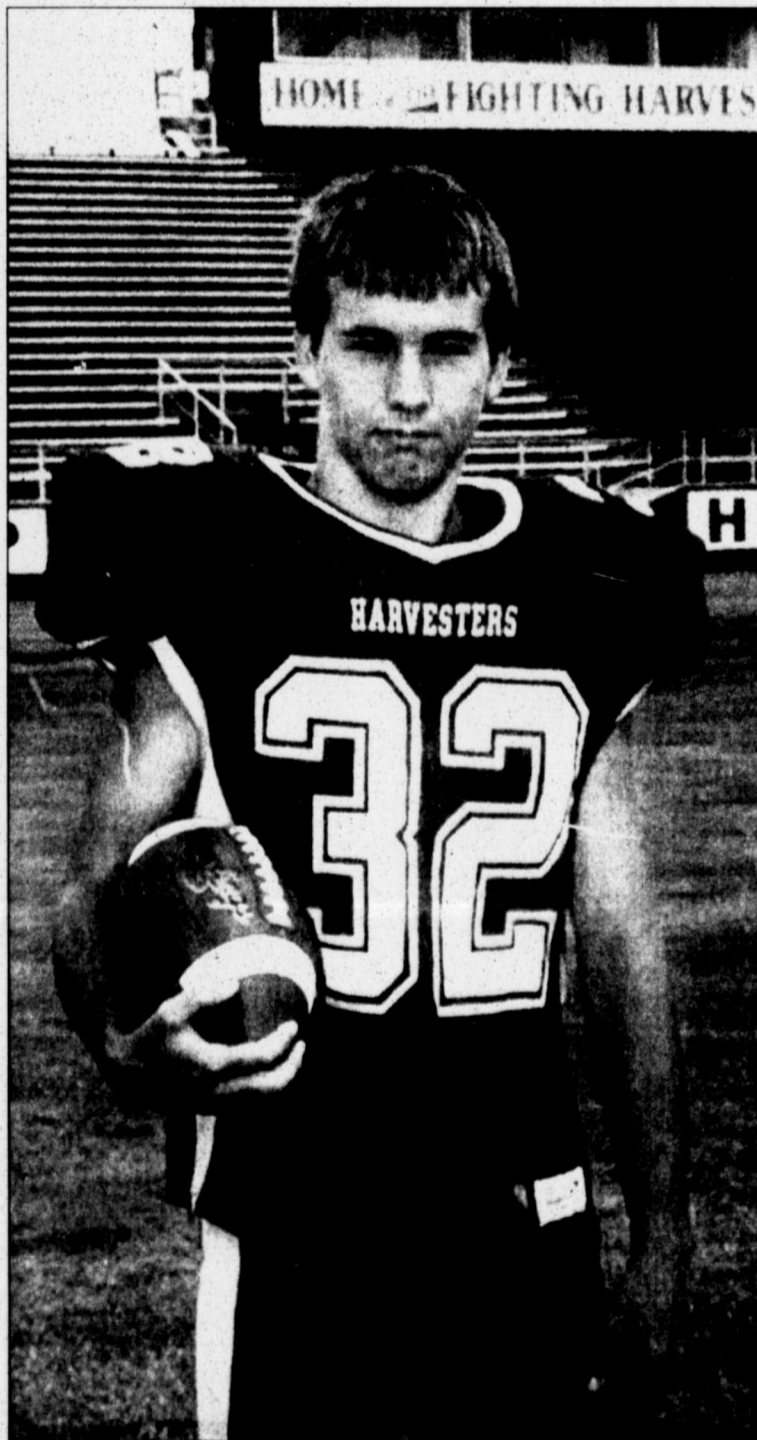
Perfect performers



The Pampa Junior Varsity team continued its perfect season with a 16-0 win over Randall yesterday. Bradley Johnson, above, gets ready to take a snap from center in the second quarter. Johnson handed off to Michael Robinson who scored on a short touchdown run. Taylor Fatheree (below left) takes a Raider runner to the ground. Team Captains were (bottom right) left to right, #73 Chris Reams, #42 Chase Brewer, #5 Marcos Camps and #32 Chris Stabel.



Senior spotlight



Pampa High School Senior Russell Angel poses for team pictures prior to the start of the season.

Russell Angel, Rec/LB

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

At 5'10", 160 pounds, Russell Angel is quick and has solid skills.

Russell Angel
Jersey: # 32
Player Position(s): Weak Linebacker
Player Grade: 12
Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Treacy & Lynn Angel
School Activities/Interests: Auto Tech & Football
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

A bonding experience

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Quick. Think of a bonding experience you shared with a friend or family member. Perhaps it was a teammate. It was probably a unique, maybe even pleasant experience you keep locked away in your mind. You recall and share it when the mood or opportunity presents itself. The Pampa High School Freshman football team now has such a memory.

Coach Doughty and his club had no idea the Sept. 23 visit to Hereford would come back to bite them in the well, end. But it did. Those who ate at the McDonalds after the game found out earlier this week they may

have been exposed to Hepatitis A. As a precautionary measure, everyone who ate there, coaches, bus drivers and players, were encouraged to get an immunization shot. Those shots were administered yesterday. Not a shot you want to take unless absolutely necessary. Later that day, the Freshman team, globulin and all, boarded a bouncy bus and headed for Dumas. These are tough young men.

In a cruel twist of fate, they fell to the Demons, 15-14. "It was a bonding experience. Not a day they will soon forget," Doughty said.

7th, 8th grade football results

The Pampa 8th grade A football took its 3-1 season mark to Perryton yesterday and came away with a 22-0 victory. In the game, Sergio Salazar scored on a 14-yard run. Thomas Fraser ran in the extra point. Casey Trimble, with time running out in the first half, peeled off an amazing 65-yard touchdown run. Salazar took care of the extra point. The two would later hook-up for a 33-yard TD pass from Trimble to Salazar. Chase Herriman snagged his fourth interception of the season in the game as well. The 8th grade A-team is now 4-1.

The 7th grade B football team hosted Perryton yesterday. Perryton topped Pampa 22-8. Ryan Jimenez scored on a 83-yard kick off return and Gabriel Rodriguez ran the extra point in. The A-team is now 2-2.

Both squads are in action again next Thursday against Plainview.

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

Other games of interest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Other games of local and regional interest include:

Lubbock Monterey @ Amarillo High
Palo Duro @ Dumas
Borger @ River Road
Gruver @ Stratford
Tascosa @ Central
Caprock @ Hereford
Plainview @ Andrews
Perryton @ Dalhart
Canadian @ Boys Ranch

West Texas High @ Highland Park
Booker @ White Deer
Vega @ Sunray
Shamrock @ Claude
Lefors @ Wheeler
McLean @ Miami
Kress @ Valley
Groom @ Lazbuddie

Unless otherwise noted, all games scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Safety first for Texas, OU

DALLAS (AP) — It takes a big police force to handle the crowd expected for Texas-OU weekend, and hundreds of law officers are assigned to that beat.

Along with an increased police presence downtown for the traditional flood of fans, about 300 officers will be on hand for Saturday's Red River Shootout. That's double the regular staffing at the State Fair of Texas.

The playbook also includes closed-circuit cameras at the Cotton Bowl to monitor the 70,000 fans and prevent trouble.

Away from the game, University of Texas and University of Oklahoma fans are invited to Dallas' West End downtown, where live music is scheduled and a jumbo TV will show the action.

Nebraska, Tech will be passing this time

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — For the first time in the series between Texas Tech and Nebraska, both teams will be throwing the ball regularly Saturday.

Nebraska (3-1, 1-1 Big 12) is using a short passing attack this year under new coach Bill Callahan after years of emphasizing the run. The Huskers already have more than half the passing yards (745) they had last season (1,422) and have thrown 120 times compared to 192 last year.

The new wrinkle for the Huskers is old hat for Tech (3-2, 1-1).

Tech leads the nation in offense (411 yards per game) and passing yards as quarterback Sonny Cumbie is averaging 417 yards per game and has 11 touchdowns in Tech's spread offense.

"They have an unwavering commitment to what they do," Callahan said.

"They throw it and then they throw it again and then throw it some more, and then they're going to throw it more on top of that. They've got a lot of confidence in the players and system they have."

Nebraska's defense has been solid, ranking fifth in the nation at 255 yards allowed per game. The Cornhuskers allow 198 yards passing a game.

"They are a very aggressive defense" said Cumbie, who has completed 178 of 293 passes for 2,085 yards. "They're a typical Nebraska defense. We will have our hands full."

Cumbie has thrown 11 interceptions, but some stemmed from tipped passes or bounced off receivers' hands.

"We've addressed it and hope to get better on it in the next few games," Cumbie said. "I need to throw the ball better."

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Pampa's defense, ranked second in 4A, can be tough. It has allowed its share of big plays to this point, but has

also proven stout and stingy, including a number of three-and-out series and a few key goal-line stands.

On offense, quarterback Tyler Doughty leads the 4A with 783 passing yards and 4 touchdowns. Seth Foster has been on the receiving end of many of those passes, catch-

ing 19 for 293 yards and two touchdowns, an average per catch of 15.4 yards.

Parker says on of the areas his team needs to improve on is the ability to keep an opponent down. He reflects back to both the Plainview and Amarillo High games as examples.

In those games, Pampa held the lead at the half. They held it midway through the third quarter last Friday night. "We need to take advantage of these opportunities when they present themselves," said Parker.

Parker also noted that the penalties, 12 of them last week, is not the norm for his team and would like to correct that problem. "It's not who we are."

All in all, tonight's game should be a dogfight. It should test the will and stamina of each coach and player. It should be a typical District 3-4A football game.

The weather should not be much of a factor. Skies should be mostly clear with temperatures dipping into the low 50s to mid 40s by game time.

In other words, typical football weather for this time of year.

Kick-off scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Dirty laundry



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7th grade quarterback Alex Clendening, is wrapped up by a Perryton defender during last night's home game. Pampa lost 22-8.

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Braves 4, Astros 2, 11 innings

ATLANTA (AP) — Rafael Furcal can escape his troubles when he's at the ballpark.

It's the one place where he doesn't think about what awaits him at the end of the postseason.

"I forget everything except the field, put a lot of concentration on the game," the Atlanta Braves shortstop said. "Then, after the game, when I go to my house, I think of all my problems."

Set to report to jail when Atlanta's season ends, Furcal is trying to keep it going as long as possible. He hit a two-out, two-run homer in the 11th inning that gave the Braves a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Thursday, evening their NL-playoff series at one game apiece.

"It was awesome," teammate Adam LaRoche said. "For as much pressure as has been put on him, knowing what's going to happen to him after we're done. I don't know how he's able to do it."

Furcal was in court just hours before Game 1, being sentenced to 21 days in jail for violating probation with his second drunken-driving arrest in four years.

His sentence was put off until the day after the Braves' season ends. Furcal, who had three hits and three RBIs, ensured that it won't finish with Saturday's Game 3 in Houston.

The Astros were on the verge of a commanding lead in the series when manager Phil Garner went to closer Brad Lidge in the seventh. During his longest outing of the season, he gave up the tying run to force extra innings.

"I'm just upset at myself for not getting the job done," said Lidge, who went 2 2-3 innings. "You can't think about how long you're going to be out there."

Both teams went to extraordinary means — the Astros looking to go two-up in the best-of-five series, the Braves realizing they needed a split before playing twice at Minute Maid Park, where Houston has won 18 straight games.

Braves rookie Charles Thomas singled with one out in the 11th off Dan Miceli and stole second. Pinch-hitter Eli Marrero

popped out to the catcher, but Furcal golfed a 1-2 splitter deep into the right-field seats, flipping his bat in the air about halfway down the line to celebrate his first postseason homer.

The Astros, who have never won a postseason series, routed the Braves 9-3 in Game 1 and were ahead 2-0 going to the seventh with 20-game winner Roy Oswalt on the mound.

But NL East champion Atlanta fought back, managing to overcome some shaky baserunning — two were thrown out at the plate — and plenty of other wasted chances before Furcal came through.

The Braves outhit the Astros 14-4, holding Houston without a hit for the final 5 1-3 innings.

Realizing the importance of the game, the Braves used closer John Smoltz for three innings, his longest stint since September 2001. To keep him in the game, they let Smoltz bat in the bottom of the ninth, and he came through with his first hit since 1999.

Smoltz was already in the clubhouse when Furcal ended it with only the second walk-off homer in Braves' postseason history, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

"This is huge. It changes everyone's mind-set," Smoltz said. "I was screaming as much as I've ever screamed."

Lidge came in after Furcal's run-scoring single off Oswalt in the seventh but couldn't hold a 2-1 lead. LaRoche came through with an RBI double in the eighth.

The Astros claimed the wild card by winning 36 of their last 46 games. Garner, who took over at the All-Star break when Jim Williams was fired, stuck with the win-at-all-costs philosophy.

"We've been doing that for two months," he said. "Every game has been just as important as this game."

Antonio Alfonseca, the last of four Atlanta pitchers, got the win with a perfect 11th.

The Braves played the game under protest, contending that Garner feigned a problem with the phone line to the bullpen to give Lidge more time to warm up in the seventh.

"I forget everything except the field, put a lot of concentration on the game."

— Rafael Furcal
Shortstop, Atlanta Braves

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BID

The City of Pampa, will receive sealed bids for the following: 11:00 A.M., October 14, 2004, at which time will be opened and publicly in the City Mission Chambers, Floor, City Hall, 1st Floor, City Hall, Pampa, Texas.

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British, UAE TV stations say British hostage has been killed

British, U.S. military cannot confirm the report

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — British hostage Kenneth Bigley has been killed by his captors in Iraq, television stations in the United Arab Emirates and Britain reported Friday. The Britain government and the U.S. military in Iraq said they could not confirm the report.

The head of news at Abu Dhabi TV in the United Arab Emirates, Nart Bouran, said the report was based on "informed sources" in Baghdad, but he would not comment when asked if a videotape had been received. The broadcast did not say when Bigley was supposed to have been killed.

In Britain, Sky News TV quoted an unidentified British government source as saying Bigley was dead.

A Foreign Office spokesman said, "We are trying urgently to corroborate reports that Mr. Bigley has been killed, but have not yet done so."

Bigley's brother, Paul, who lives in Amsterdam, said: "I have heard these reports and I am looking into them right now."

U.S. military officials in Iraq said they have not found a body they suspected was Bigley's.

Abu Dhabi TV said only that it was confident in its sources and would not say if it had a tape of the killing. There have been past claims

about hostages being killed — including Bigley — that could not be substantiated.

No postings surfaced immediately on Islamic Web sites, where such claims often are posted, about Bigley being killed following the Abu Dhabi report Friday.

Bigley's Irish-born mother Lil, 86, who has been treated at a hospital emergency room several times during the crisis, was at the family home in Liverpool on Friday afternoon, with her other sons,

Stan, 65, and Philip, 49. The whereabouts of Kenneth Bigley's son, Craig, 33, were not immediately known.

A police woman was stationed outside the house amid a swarm of TV cameras and reporters.

Bigley, 62, was abducted Sept. 16 with two Americans from their residence in an upscale Baghdad neighborhood by the militant Tawhid and Jihad group, led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

The Americans, Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, were decapitated. Graphic videos of their slayings were posted on the Internet, along with videotapes of Bigley pleading with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to save him.

Blair's government repeatedly has said it was willing to talk to the kidnappers about

the hostage's release, but it would never pay a ransom or meet any political demands.

On Friday, Cabinet minister Patricia Hewitt said on Sky TV, "We cannot get into the business of negotiating with terrorists, with hostage takers, with these evil people who have inflicted such appalling suffering already on Ken Bigley and his family."

The last direct word from the hostage came Sept. 29, when a video of a tearful Bigley appeared on al-Jazeera TV. Kneeling behind bars, he claimed his captors did not want to kill him and he accused Blair of lying and doing nothing to secure his release.

Friday's Abu Dhabi TV report came a day after Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi hinted there might be progress in efforts to secure Bigley's release.

"There are certainly areas which are quite good," Allawi told British Broadcasting Corp. television. "We are trying very hard. The situation is dynamic. We don't know whether it will produce a good result."

On Monday, Paul Bigley had said he believed his brother had been given to a more moderate group in Iraq. His comments came amid media reports in Kuwait claiming that the fundamentalist Tawhid and Jihad group was considering selling the hostage to another militant group.

On Sept. 25, an Internet posting claimed that the al-Qaida-linked group had killed Bigley. Britain's Foreign Office described the Web site where the claim appeared as "discredited."

Martha Stewart reports to prison

ALDERSON, W. Va. (AP) — Martha Stewart reported to prison before sunrise Friday to begin serving a five-month sentence for lying about a stock sale, slipping all but unnoticed past waiting supporters and reporters.

The celebrity homemaker said on her Web site she was looking forward to returning to work in March and enjoying "many brighter days ahead."

Stewart, 63, was convicted last March of lying to investigators about why she sold stock in a biotech drug maker in December 2001, just before its price plunged. She was allowed to remain free pending appeal but asked to begin serving her time anyway, saying she wanted to reclaim her life.

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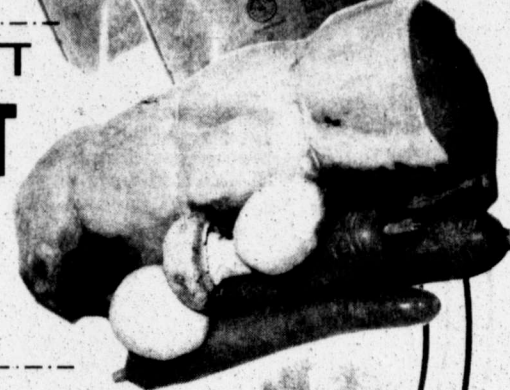
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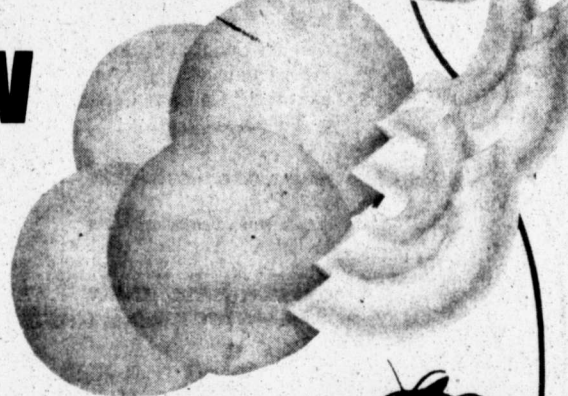
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