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Texas Today

Attorneys file lawsuit, seek to halt execution
 HOUSTON (AP) — Attorneys for a condemned Texas inmate have filed a federal lawsuit seeking to halt his execution until they are allowed access to boxes of evidence that recently were found by police.

Dominique Green, 30, is scheduled to die Tuesday for the 1992 murder of Andrew Lastrapes Jr. in Houston.

His attorneys filed a lawsuit on Thursday against the Harris County District Attorney's Office, the Houston Police Department and the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. They allege Green's due process rights are being violated by the defendants' refusal to determine if there is any evidence in the boxes that is relevant to his case.

Houston police in August found 280 boxes of mislabeled and improperly stored evidence from 8,000 cases dating back more than a decade.

David Dow, a University of Houston law professor who is representing Green, said he does not know if the boxes contain any relevant evidence. But he said it would be unlawful to execute Green before police have time to review the evidence.

Texas border city has no more flu shots

EL PASO (AP) — Sitting at a card table in the corner of Barry Coleman's Pharmacy, a 90-year-old woman rolled up her sleeve and got one of the last flu shots available in the area.

Nearly deaf, Louise Mowbray said she hadn't been worried about finding a shot because her daughter, Jacquelyn Wehmeyer, is a health care worker. But it was a challenge, even for Wehmeyer, to track down one of those elusive shots.

After going to several clinics that had run out, Wehmeyer said she called a church friend, Coleman, who was holding a few doses for those most in need.

Pampa ISD board OKs campus plans

Members commend principals and staff for hard work

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education covered a lot of ground in two hours Thursday night, but most matters before them did not call for action.

The board did approve campus plans for all schools in the district as they were presented. Board members commended the principals and staff for their hard work in creating a plan to meet the board's goals for the district.

But they denied a request to use school facilities with fees waived for a basketball tournament. The tournament would help raise funds for the MAYB (Mid-America Youth Basketball) team to play in other tournaments during the summer.

The request did not fit the school district's local policy for allowing use of school facilities for business enterprises or personal profit-making, school officials said.

Lee Porter, board member, moved to deny the request with the "caveat" that the district work with the individual "to find another way to do this."

The board agreed to allow Pampa High School's Little Harvester and Harvester year book editors, Amanda Rasmussen and Ben Briscoe, to attend a journalism convention at Columbia University March 15-19, 2005, in New York City. PHS Publications Adviser Miranda Bailey and her mother also plan to attend as sponsors.

A waiver to allow an extra student to remain in Rebecca Lewis' second

grade class at Austin Elementary was also approved. Superintendent Barry Haenisch explained that a student had moved into the district through Celanese and another student's family was expected to be transferred out by the company. The overlap has lasted longer than first anticipated, he said, therefore a class-size waiver was needed from the Texas Education Agency.

Board members approved the textbook selection committee for 2004-2005 and bids for spring sports as presented.

Haenisch explained that the bids for sports equipment and supplies were more than the amount budgeted for each sport. He said only the amounts budgeted would be spent.

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News photo by BEN BRISCOE
 Barry Haenisch, Pampa ISD superintendent, talks with the school board members.

Citizens on Patrol reset for Nov. 6

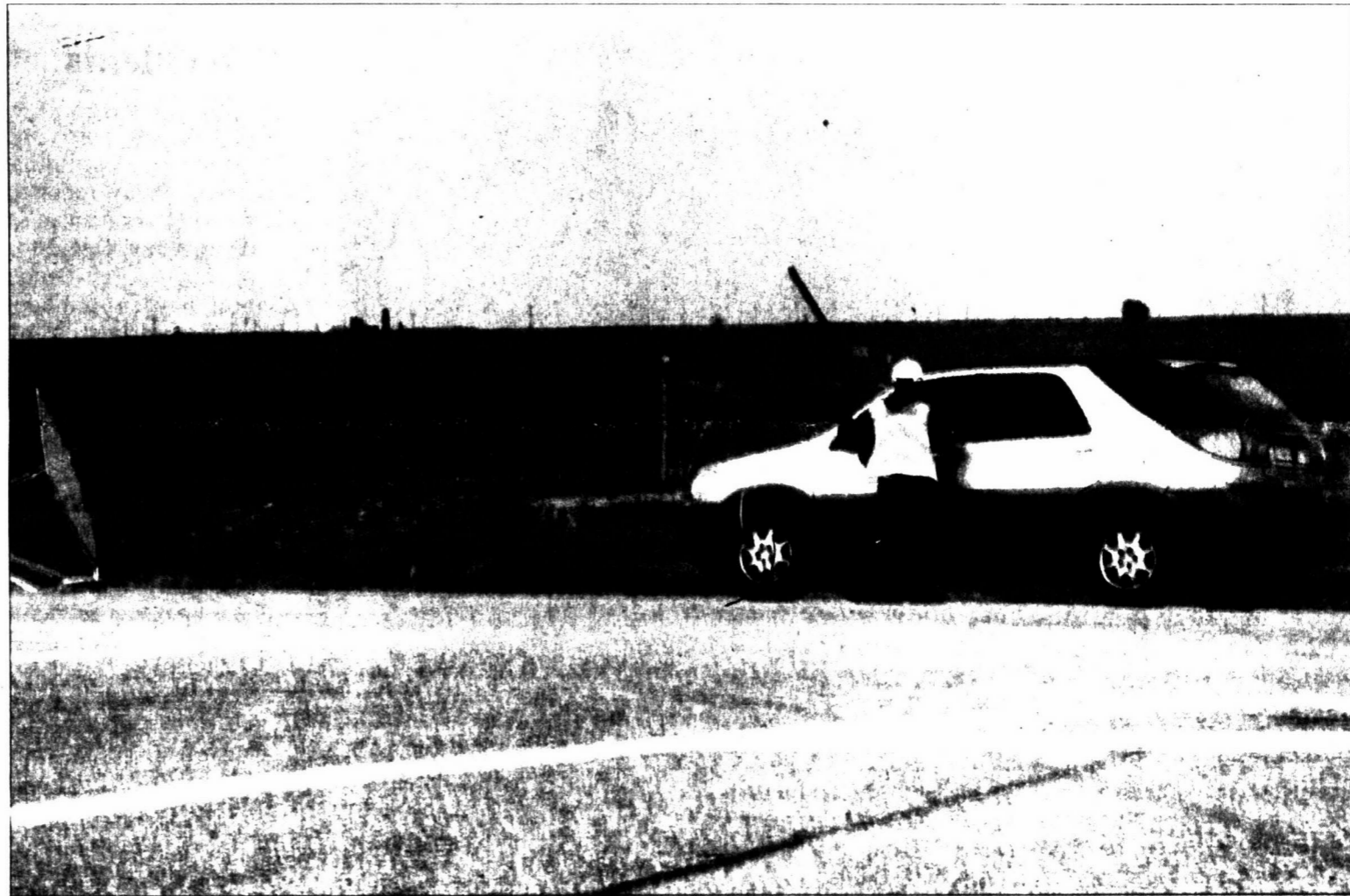
By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department's Citizens On Patrol training class for Saturday, Oct. 23 has been rescheduled to 9 a.m., Nov. 6, according to Officer Donny Brown.

Persons who successfully complete the training may patrol Pampa streets to act as an extra deterrent against criminal activity and to report any suspicious activity to the department. These citizens are not law enforcement officers, but act as extra eyes and ears for the department, Brown said.

Applications by those wishing to attend the training must be received prior to the class date.

"Anyone wishing to join the class and help make Pampa a safer, more attractive place may contact the Community Services Division at 669-5700," he said.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Motorists meet road block

Justin Fuqua of Texas Department of Transportation explains to a motorist at the intersection of Loop 171 and Texas Highway 273 that the highway was closed this morning due to an accident involving a semi tractor-trailer rig near the Thut Creek bridge. The accident occurred around 5 a.m., according to Lt. Joe Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office, and traffic was detoured for most of the morning. Motorists were asked to use the Bowers City Highway to travel to Lefors, Hoard said, while several wreckers worked to clear the accident from the highway. The truck was carrying a load of pipe which broke loose from the trailer as a result of the accident. No information was available on the cause of the wreck or the condition of the driver as of press time today.

AP Poll: In a tied presidential race, voters not happy with Bush, uneasy about Kerry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many voters are dissatisfied with President Bush's job performance but uneasy about Democrat John Kerry's ability to protect the nation, according to an Associated Press poll that found the two presidential candidates locked in a tie.

"The country is looking for a real leader — an FDR or a Kennedy," said Warren Hutchinson, an independent from Massachusetts who leans toward Kerry. "There don't seem to be any on the horizon."

Many voters believe Bush is better qualified to protect the country — an important attribute for an electorate very focused on national security. A majority consider Kerry indecisive, less solid on national security. But Kerry is seen as stronger on creating jobs.

Neither candidate has been able to gain a clear advantage. In the survey of 976 likely voters, Democrats Kerry and Sen.

John Edwards had 49 percent, compared to 46 percent for Republicans Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney. That's within the margin of error of 3 percentage points for the poll conducted Oct. 18-20.

Many polls out recently show the race even, and some show Bush slightly up. Almost one in five, 17 percent, of voters remain the target of nonstop campaigning by Bush and Kerry, the AP-Ipsos poll found. These persuadable voters say they're undecided or are tentatively backing a candidate while remaining open to changing their minds.

They are more likely than others to disapprove of Bush's job performance and believe invading Iraq was a mistake. And they are more likely than other voters to believe the nation is on the wrong track, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs.

More in this group lean toward Kerry than Bush. But persuadable voters backing Kerry are more likely to switch sides than those backing

Bush and they're more likely to trust Bush than Kerry to protect the nation.

"Kerry spent his whole time in the debates saying, 'your president has not done this or done that,' instead of saying what he would do as president," said Laurie Anuskiewicz, a businesswoman from Beckley, W. Va.

Some surveys have found that a majority of voters saying they're concerned about the risks of changing presidents at a time of terrorist threats and war.

"I'm pretty sure I'll vote for Kerry," said Mary Anne Connolly of Middletown, N.J. "It's more that I don't want Bush. I'm still not comfortable with Kerry. I'm not sure he's real strong on foreign policy."

Despite doubts about Kerry on national security and strength of leadership, Bush hasn't been able to pull away from the Democrat.

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Fajita cooks

Kristen Ladd, Jacob Green, Bobby Haley, Scott Kelly and Nathan Langford collect supplies to be used at the Community Christian School of Pampa Fajita Cookout on Friday, Oct. 22, from 11 am. to 1 p.m. at the school on Ballard Street.

Official says Iraq vote preparations on schedule, observers not essential

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Preparations for the crucial January election are "on track" and the absence of international observers due to the country's tenuous security should not detract from the vote's credibility, the top U.N. electoral expert here said. The January election is seen as a major step in Iraq's path to democratic rule. The United States, which formally ended its occupation of Iraq in June but still wields vast influence, sees the vote as a key step toward establishing a stable government. "International observation is important only in that it's symbolic," Carlos Valenzuela told The Associated Press in an interview Thursday. "I don't think that the process will be less credible without

observers, absolutely not. They are not the essence. They are not essential. They are not important. If they can come, fine, of course." To enable the vote to take place throughout Iraq, joint U.S.-Iraqi military operations are underway to break the hold of Sunni insurgents in areas south, north and west of the capital Baghdad. Iraqis will select a 275-seat assembly whose main task will be to draft a constitution. If adopted, the document will be the foundation for a second vote to be held by Dec. 15. Valenzuela rejected criticism that the United Nations was not doing enough to help Iraq prepare for the election, saying that U.N. experts have provided important assistance to the election's organizer —

the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq. He said of the 35 U.N. international staffers in Iraq, 10 were electoral experts. He said 15 more experts were being recruited and were expected to arrive in Iraq at the beginning of January. But he warned against judging the U.N. electoral role on numbers alone. "It's completely ridiculous to say that the work of the United Nations depends on the number of U.N. electoral officers because the U.N. was never supposed to do the work the Iraqis are doing and were always meant to do," he said. "People, probably naively, expected that hundreds of U.N. staff will be all over the place. That was never the mandate."

RSVP seeking donations of health items

In observance of "Make a Difference Day" celebrated Saturday, Oct. 23, Texas Panhandle RSVP is seeking donations of clean, used canes, walkers, potty chairs, shower chairs, bedding. Ensure and Depends for donation to Adult Protective Services' "Silver Star Room" which benefits area neglected or abused senior citizens. Donations will be accepted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Nov. 15 at the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program office, 321 W. 7th, Amarillo.

Workshops offered for area nonprofits

AMARILLO — Nonprofit Services Center, a program of Amarillo Area Foundation, will host two workshops by NPower, an expert in technology assistance for nonprofits, on Thursday, Oct. 28, in room 113 of Amarillo College Business and Industry Center in Amarillo. "Preparation, Planning and Peace of Mind" will be presented from 9 a.m.-12 noon. "Accepting Online Donations: Trends and Guidelines in Online Gift Processing for Nonprofits" will be offered from 1-4 p.m. The cost of one workshop is \$50. Participants may sign-up for both at a cost of \$100. All attendees will receive a free copy of NPower's new disaster preparedness guide. The deadline to register for the workshops is 5 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 26. For more information, call Karie Lynn at (806) 376-4521, e-mail karielynn@aaf-hf.org or visit www.aaf-hf.org/2004_workshops.htm on the Internet.

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He said that if booster clubs decide to pay for some of the items, however, the bidding process has already been completed. Board members heard reports on outsourcing hiring of retired teachers through JR3 Education Association from Jim Payne of Waco. They also considered changes to the PHS extracurricular contract that clarifies several areas Haensch felt had "fuzzy language." No action was taken on the contract. A report on the Pampa ISD Workers Compensation claims for 1998 through

2003 showed a significant drop in claims. The highest year was 2000 with 52 claims made and \$131,610 paid in losses. In 2003, the district received only 12 claims and paid \$6,147. "It won't be that good this year," Haensch said. "In the first nine weeks we've had 12 claims." School officials said that a local industrial safety officer is conducting safety programs for the district to help avoid more claims. Haensch reported that presently the school district has an average daily attendance of 3115, 115 students more than planned for in this year's budget. Pampa Junior High Principal Randy Stephenson explained the school's process for selecting stu-

dents for Janis Spearman's yearbook class at the board's request. Parent Kendra Blades had questioned the process at the September meeting. Stephenson said that Spearman oversees two classes of eight students each. The students who meet the selection criteria are then chosen by a random drawing, he said. He did not recommend enlarging the classes because more computer equipment and software would have to be bought. The classes need intensive supervision. Spearman's class load is "full," he said, with the present year book classes and the home economics courses she teaches. No action was taken.

Poll

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Less than half of likely voters in the AP-Ipsos poll, 47 percent, approve of Bush's job performance. A rating below 50 percent spells trouble for any incumbent, and the president has-

n't been above that threshold since before the first debate. Some 56 percent of likely voters believe the nation is on the wrong track, another warning sign. By an 18-point margin, voters believe Kerry would be best at creating jobs. They are evenly split on who would do the best job on Iraq. The president fares better

on national security issues like terrorism. A majority of likely voters approve of Bush's handling of the war on terror and foreign policy. By 7 percentage points, more believe he would do a better job than Kerry of protecting the country; Bush had a 23-point advantage in March.

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New CASA volunteers

New CASA Volunteers sworn in Oct. 6 by Judge Phil Vanderpool, center back, are, from left, Heather Seabourn, Kathy Winborne, Monta Hinkle, and Jane Adams. CASA, Court-Appointed Special Advocates, is a non-profit agency which provides volunteer advocates for children involved in the legal system.

Wernher

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to burden the middle class as the most taxed of American citizens? Furthermore, Dr., he wants, if elected, to tax what he refers to as the wealthy elite — those who make \$200,000 a year.

If elected, Sen. and Mrs. Kerry won't have to worry over their taxes, will they, Wernher?

And, Dr. von Braun, can you assure middle-class Americans — owners of small businesses who make about \$200,000 a year — that they won't carry the brunt of John Kerry's tax programs? Wernher. Wernher. I failed German as a modern language, too.

Since you're in the same neighborhood with Dr. Martin Luther King, maybe you can ask him to pray for his flock over in Amarillo over their demands of renaming Northeast 8th Street in his honor?

It's a tough call, I know, but if you could nudge Dr. King to explain to his admirers the cost of renaming Northeast 8th Street to the hundreds of business owners that have been there for years? I'll ask one more, Wernher.

Why rename a street in Dr. Martin Luther King's honor? I mean, there's an MLK street

in every town in all the 50 states — enough. Why not name a government building after Dr. King, a library, a school, erect a statue of him on some prominent piece of land in Amarillo where drivers and commuters can see it? Amarillo needs some help, Wernher, and you're the man.

I hope I haven't stressed you out, Dr. von Braun, with my questions. I have? I know doing the Lord's work with this upcoming Rapture is a worthy call and He must have mucho confidence in you.

'After all, Wernher, it takes a rocket scientist these days to figure all this mess out ...'

— Dennis Palmitier
Columnist

But Wernher von Braun, you mean so much to me, how you came to America instead of the Soviet Union, with your significant place in America's history.

After all, Wernher, it does take a rocket scientist these days to figure all this mess out — and there was/is none better than you.

Dennis Palmitier is a hometown boy, a Pampa High School graduate and a pharmaceutical sales representative.

Lady

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side, giving him her full support. She is gracious, intelligent, has her own opinions but never contradicts her husband, and she is never pushy or brash.

What about Theresa Heinz Kerry, John Kerry's second wife? How does she match up with Laura Bush?

Theresa Heinz Kerry is no shrinking violet — she is so outspoken that her husband's campaign has done everything but put a gag on her. They should — they never know what outrageous comment she's going to make next.

In the Sept. 27 issue of The New Yorker magazine Judith Thurman chronicled some of Heinz Kerry's better known verbal outrages before noting: "She dis-

missed voters skeptical of her husband's health-care proposals as 'idiots,' and, in a television interview with a Pittsburgh anchorwoman, employed the word 'scumbags' to describe some of her detractors," Thurman said.

"There are these bizarre moments that make you shudder," one Kerry adviser

'(Heinz Kerry) has also once suggested that President Bush was holding Osama bin Laden in some secret hideout ...'

— Michael Reagan
Columnist

some secret hideout, preparing to announce just before the election that he had captured the terrorist leader.

Her latest outburst is another case in point — that Laura Bush had probably never held a job. "But I don't

know that she's ever had a real job — I mean, since she's been grown up." When informed that Laura Bush held jobs as a teacher, a librarian and a mother, Mrs. Kerry backed off.

She never backed off when she told a reporter to "shove it." Fortunately she did not specify where he was to shove it, or what it was she wanted shoved. But anyone observing her could easily imagine her going that far.

Imagine having that loose cannon along with the President on a foreign trip. As the record shows, Jackie Kennedy she's not!

As for Elizabeth Edwards, John Edwards' wife, her comment about Lynne Cheney being ashamed of her daughter Mary because of her chosen life style, is all you need to know. She's not on the same planet as Mrs. Cheney.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

knowledge of law, Van Orden has managed to guide his case to the Supreme Court.

Whatever the outcome, the justices' ruling this spring will make two powerful statements.

One will define a new boundary between church and state.

The other will reiterate the law's mighty potential for any citizen with enough knowledge and nerve.

Lawyer

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resent himself. Astonishingly, armed only with that right and his intact

Calendar items

• Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Rhythm in Shoes on Oct. 26; pianist Richard Grazier on March 19; and Southern Fried Jazz Band on April 7. Each concert will get under way at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium in Pampa.

For a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 675-2631.

• Through Dec. 14, Lovett Memorial

Library will host its fall "story time" at the library for children 18 months to 4-years of age. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will read stories and prepare crafts for participants.

All story times are free and require no registration. Certificates for the summer reading game are available at the circulation desk. Children who made quilt blocks at the program need to pick them up by Oct. 1. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780.

USDA to conduct forum on rural development

PERRYTON — Bryan Daniel, State Director for Texas USDA Rural Development today announced a series of statewide forums to present communities with information on the many programs available from USDA Rural Development.

The forums will be open to all current customers, prospective customers, and all other interested individuals and entities.

The forum for Carson, Gray, Hansford, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Roberts, Ochiltree, and Wheeler counties will be held Thursday, Oct. 21, 10:30 a.m., at the Chamber of Commerce, 2000 S. Main, Perryton.

The session will feature a presentation and discussion of all USDA Rural Development programs, in both direct and guaranteed lending opportunities, for rural utilities, community facilities, business and industry, single family and multi-family housing.

"USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texans, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditionally underserved portions of the population. Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality

Through numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

of life in rural Texas," said Daniel.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life in rural communities throughout Texas. Through the numerous programs offered by USDA Rural Development, communities can improve the flow of capital to businesses and address the essential needs of housing, water, education and health care.

There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited. To learn more or

to make reservations to attend the forum, please call USDA Rural Development in Amarillo at (806) 468-8600, Ext. 4.

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Religion

Minister's musings

Don't squander a precious right, exercise your freedom to vote

So have you "early voted"? If so, may God bless you for going to the polls to make a difference!

Are you committed to going to vote on November 2nd? Praise the Lord! God will use you to help make a difference.

But this article is mainly aimed at those of you who have firmly decided not to vote or those who have not really committed to go vote on Election Day.

October 9, 2004, will go down in history as the birthday of the greatest event that took place on planet Earth in the year 2004. Afghanistan experienced the first national free election in the history of the country.

Prior to Oct. 9, common Afghan citizens had never been able to express their wishes for their nation. Can you imagine living where neither you nor your forefathers ever had a say in anything concerning your homeland? Well, everything changed in Afghanistan on Saturday, October 9,

2004. Now every Afghan child will grow up with the freedom of voting as part of their daily thinking.

Having a say in national affairs will always be part of their life. They won't grow up shocked at that freedom as their parents did.

Prior to that special day, terrorists passed the word that any woman who showed up to vote would be taking her life in her own hands.

I heard one reporter say that he had met women who had prayed before they left their homes to go vote, not knowing if they would live to return to their family.

But still they went to vote. Another reporter shared that he had not only seen many Afghan men and women enter the polling sites with

tears in their eyes, but that many of them left sobbing.

He reported that they were crying tears of joy at simply being able to vote. They were emotionally overwhelmed at the freedom to have a say in the affairs of their country.

So what is the point of this article? Please, go vote!

Whatever you have planned on Tuesday, Nov. 2, make room for a little time to go vote.

Men, please think about those Afghan men who could not hold back the tears as they cast their ballot.

Women, please, think about those Afghan women who sobbed with joy at the opportunity to have a say, something they never dreamed would happen.

Please don't take this freedom to vote for granted.

Please, go vote! God bless.

The Rev. Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



Religion News in Brief

Bishop dismisses charges over California gay marriage

WEST SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — United Methodist Church Bishop Beverly Shamana has dismissed charges filed against the Rev. Karen Oliveto for officiating at a Feb. 15 wedding for a gay couple.

In June, Oliveto left San Francisco's Bethany United Methodist Church to become assistant dean for academic affairs at Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, whose president said her actions reflected its "core values."

Shamana said the Methodist Book of Discipline seeks "reconciliation and resolution, and this goal has been achieved," United Methodist News Service reported.

The United Methodist Church officially recognizes only marriage between a man and a woman. Its May conference explicitly made performing of same-sex ceremonies a chargeable offense, following Oliveto's action.

because he supports non-discrimination but also religious students' "rights to organize in accordance with" their beliefs.

Steven Aden, attorney for the Christian Legal Society, said it is "delighted and thankful the university has decided to recognize the First Amendment rights of its religious organizations."

Blair quells speculation about conversion to Catholicism

LONDON (AP) — Britain's Prime Minister Tony Blair dismissed speculation he intends to convert from the Church of England to Roman Catholicism.

Blair commented after British newspaper quotes from the Rev. Timothy Russ, who regularly leads Catholic services at Blair's country estate, Chequers.

"If you ask me do you think he wants to become a Catholic, I would say yes," Russ was quoted as saying, and: "He didn't say to me, 'Can I become a Catholic?' What he said to me was, 'Can the prime minister be a Catholic?'"

Britain's Press Association said Blair responded to reporters, "I am saying no. Don't they run this once a year? I think they do. Every year I get this."

OSU allows religious groups to exclude non-believers

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio State University changed its nondiscrimination policy to let campus religious organizations exclude those who oppose their doctrinal and moral beliefs.

The campus chapter of the Christian Legal Society had filed a federal religious liberty suit challenging a policy requiring groups to admit anyone regardless of religion, sexual orientation, age, race or gender.

The co-president of a law school group that focuses on gay legal issues said students would react negatively.

William Hall, vice president for student affairs, said his decision was difficult

Corn Bible Academy



Meghan Lewis and Melissa Lewis, daughters of Jannie Lewis, formerly of Pampa, recently appeared in the Corn Bible Academy production of "Oklahoma." Meghan played Gertie and Melissa, Ado Annie. Rebeca Roberson of Miami was cast in the lead role of Laurey Williams. The production featured a cast of 50 students and an additional 25 crew members. Meghan and Melissa are beginning their fourth year at CBA, a 102-year-old private Christian school based in Corn, Okla.

Divestment plan gains momentum

By RACHEL ZOLL
AP Religion Writer

The idea has floated around for years on the fringes of the Middle East debate: Opponents of Israeli policy in the Palestinian territories should divest from companies doing business there.

Now, the concept is gaining ground in the heart of American Protestantism, pitting U.S. Jewish and Christian leaders against each other as they argue about how to bring peace to the Mideast.

Leaders of both faiths say the trend is born of deep frustration, as the intefadeh enters its fifth year and prospects for a negotiated settlement seem dim.

"I think, in this point in time, the frustration is reaching such a high, that things like this get traction," said Antonios Kireopoulos, an international affairs officer at the National Council of Churches, which represents 36 Protestant and Orthodox

Christian denominations.

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is pursuing withdrawal of investments from some companies with ties to the territories, following a vote this summer by its General Assembly.

Separately, the Socially Responsible Investment panel of the Episcopal Church is researching the idea.

Corinne Whitlach, executive director of the Washington-based Churches for Middle East Peace, said she knows some Methodist and United Church of Christ representatives who have fielded request from congregants that they consider divestment as well.

"The churches that I work with share the view that's very widely held that the very possibility of a two-state solution seems to be increasingly less possible," Whitlach said.

U.S. Jewish leaders have told the Protestants their approach smacks of bias, since the Christians have

made no concurrent demand that the Palestinian Authority work to end suicide bombings against Israelis. That the divestment campaign borrows from the 1980s movement against South African apartheid is even more unsettling for Jewish leaders.

Rabbi Eric Yoffie, head of the Union for Reform Judaism, last month organized a meeting of Jewish and Presbyterian leaders, including the Rev. Clifton Kirkpatrick, the Presbyterian executive officer, to iron out differences, but they failed to reach any agreement on the issue.

Relations between Jewish and mainline Protestant leaders were already poor when the divestment proposal surfaced at the Presbyterian national meeting.

The Protestants felt that some Jewish leaders had become so hawkish in their defense of Israeli policy that dialogue on the issue would not be productive.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, "Danni," is 36. She was heterosexual until she spent five years in prison. Ever since her release, she has been living in a lesbian relationship with a woman named "Marty." But sometimes she comes to my house and uses my computer to visit lesbian sites, trying to find another lover.

I hate the woman Danni is with now. I try to treat Marty with respect because I love my daughter. But I am considering trying to find a spell book and casting a spell to make Danni break up with Marty.

Do you know where I could find a book with spells in it? Marty is bigger than Danni. They got into a fist fight recently, and Danni came to me covered with bruises. Please tell me what to do. I don't know ... WITCH WAY TO TURN

DEAR WITCH: Let me "spell" a few things out to you. Your daughter should not be looking for another romance until after she has ended and healed from this one. Since her current relationship has turned violent, the book you should both be reaching for isn't a spell book it's your local phone book. If she is injured again, the police should be called and she should be taken to a hospital and her injuries photographed. Your daughter may need to obtain a restraining order to keep her girlfriend away.

The Domestic Violence Hotline -- (800) 799-7233 -- should also be contacted. It won't be the first time it has gotten a call from a gay person. The experts there can help your daughter to formulate an escape plan.

Also, please urge your daughter to contact the nearest gay and lesbian center and inquire about counseling services. Counseling will prevent her from jumping out of "the pen" and into another violent relationship.

DEAR ABBY: A few days ago, there was a gun threat at my school. Although the students are checked every day with hand-held metal detectors, and sometimes the

kind you walk through, my friends and I don't feel safe.

The hand-held scanners are used only on the fronts and sides of students not the backs and they are used only down to our knees. Security guards hold our purses, gym bags, etc. when we walk through the metal detector, and then give them back to us without looking through them.

I would like to have this changed and make sure that our school is truly safe, but I'm not sure how. Any ideas? -- FEARFUL IN KENTUCKY

DEAR FEARFUL: Speak to the administrators at your school and tell them what you have told me. If you can't bring yourself to do it, then write an anonymous note. Were I the principal of your school, and a student had spotted a hole in my security procedures that was big enough for the football team to jog through, I would certainly want to know.

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago I met a man named "Ryan." Six months into our relationship, I found out I was pregnant with my son. One of my friends finally confided to me that Ryan was living a double life he had been married for the last 10 years and has six children.

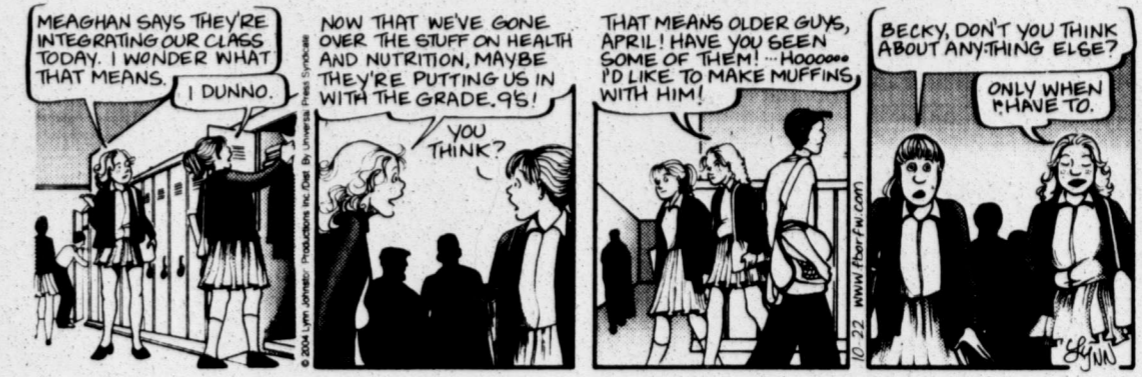
When Ryan went to jail on a drug charge, I told his wife about the affair and that we had a son. For some reason, she still wants to be with him. Ryan wrote me and said he still wants us to sleep together when he gets out.

Please tell me how I can get out of this. -- RYAN'S "HOPE" IN GEORGIA

DEAR "HOPE": Try this. Don't answer his letters, and if he calls, tell him any further communication should be through your lawyer, because the romance is over, but the child support is just beginning.

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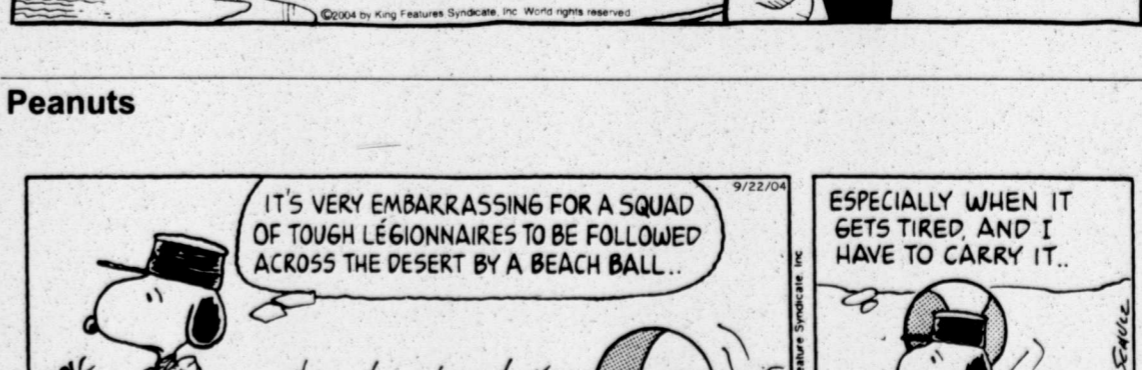
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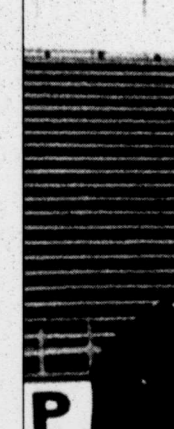


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Sports Day



Pampa Harvester JV player Ryan Torres turns upfield after receiving a Palo Duro punt.

JV beats PD 7-6

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School junior varsity football team stepped onto the artificial turf at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo yesterday afternoon toting with it an undefeated record. So did Palo Duro. Barring the unforeseen, one would leave with its record in tact.

And it would take the entire game to finally decide a winner. Both teams were quick. There was a lot of ball movement and solid gains. But ill-timed penalties, turnovers and inability to convert third-and-long plays kept each team out of the end zone much of the game.

Pampa scored a touchdown in the first half. The key to the score was what happened after. The extra point was good. It gave the Harvester's a 7-0 lead. Palo Duro would score late in the game. The key to this score was the extra point attempt. It failed. Pampa now held a 7-6 advantage.

The Dons would get one last chance late in the game to win but the Pampa defense broke up every pass attempted and wound up taking the ball over on downs. A few snaps and drops-to-the-knee later, Pampa left the artificial turf of Dick Bivins Stadium with a record of 8-0.

Pampa will put its undefeated record on the line next Thursday when they host Dumas. Kick off will be at 7 p.m.

Pampa vs. PD — Should be fun

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

District 3-4A. Pampa is 2-0. Palo Duro and 2-0. On paper, both teams are within reach of one another. And according to Harvester Head Coach Heath Parker, "Tonight should be a lot of fun."

Fun? Make no mistake, Parker knows his team will have a fight on its hands tonight. But this team sees the big picture. It knows the big game is still waiting around the corner. It is the desire to accomplish the goals within the big picture that could lead to a fun game tonight.

"We're going to do some different things against PD tonight," said Parker. "We're going to open it up. Do some things we haven't done or tried to this point."

The reason? Although a win tonight is the optimum goal,

a loss will not be devastating. Pampa has designs on going deeper into the playoffs this year. And though Palo Duro is a district foe, by UIL definition, it is a 'big school' whereas Pampa is a 'small school'. It is this that will play a bigger role in Pampa's playoff hopes. Which means, Dumas may in fact be the bigger of games the Harvesters have yet to play.

So, why not open it up tonight? Why not have fun?

Parker knows what Palo Duro brings to the table.

"They are capable of big plays on offense, defense and special teams," said Parker. "Their athletic base is just so talented."

He added, "We're looking forward to tonight. Palo Duro will show us where we are at. Still, we don't feel any pressure and plan to open it up and have some fun."

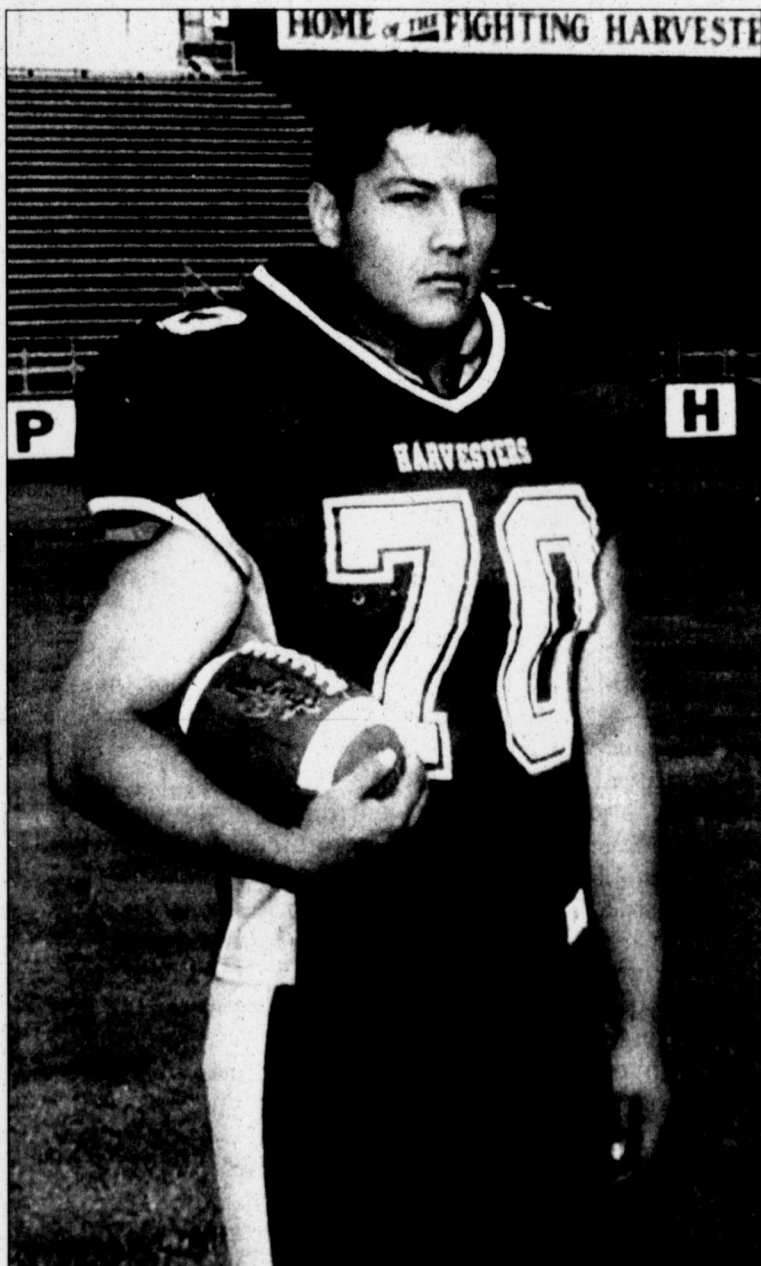
The weather may come into play as forecasters are calling for wind throughout the night.

Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. at Harvester Field.

'We're looking forward to tonight. Palo Duro will show us where we are at. Still, we don't feel any pressure and plan to open it up and have some fun.'

— Heath Parker
Head Coach, PHS Football

Senior spotlight



Senior Daniel Resendiz is one of the many Harvesters that lets his performance speak for him.

Daniel Resendiz, OL/DL

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

At 6'0", 231 pounds, Daniel Resendiz plays an important part in protecting as well as opening holes in the opposition's defense.

Daniel Resendiz
Player Jersey: #70
Player Position(s): Tackle
Player Grade: 12
Player Parent(s)/Guardians(s): Raul & Hope Resendiz
School Activities/Interests: TSA
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

Freshmen beat AHS Gold 12-7

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School freshman team got a big win on the road yesterday defeating the Amarillo High Gold Team, 12-7.

Pampa's first score came in the second quarter on a 15-yard pass from Ryne Malone to Jacob Davis for a touchdown. The extra point failed.

In the third quarter, Shavious Kelley took a quick pitch and scampered in to the end zone from five yards out. The extra point failed.

The win was sealed with under two minutes to play when Dakota Gowin snagged an interception. Final score, Pampa 12, AHS Gold 7.

The freshman are at home for the final two games of the season.

They host Caprock next Tuesday. That game is scheduled to get underway at 5 p.m.

Randall will come to town on Nov. 4.

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Horsepower and hoops

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Redneck Lawnmower Race Track will hold its end of season details.

There will be a Lady Harvester Basketball Booster Club meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 26, at the PHS library. Players and parents are encouraged to attend as important decisions will be made.

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Southside Senior Citizens Center



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Palestinians shell settlements after Israelis kill Hamas leader

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Defiant Palestinian militants pounded Jewish settlements in the southern Gaza Strip with mortar fire Friday, following the killing of a top Hamas militant in an Israeli airstrike.

The Islamic militant group threatened attacks on Israel to avenge Adnan al-Ghoul, a founder and deputy chief of the Hamas military wing. A lower-ranking militant was also killed in the airstrike Thursday night.

Al-Ghoul, 46, was a top bombmaker and was responsible for Hamas' weaponry, including anti-tank missiles and Qassam rockets the group has been firing at Israeli communities, the Israeli army said. Held

responsible for the deaths of dozens of Israelis, he had escaped previous attempts on his life.

Following the killing of al-Ghoul, around 15 mortar rounds were fired at the Jewish settlement of Neve Dekalim and adjacent military posts, damaging four houses but causing no casualties.

Settlers reported mortar shells falling on two other south Gaza settlements, but causing no damage.

One militant was killed and another gravely injured as they prepared to fire a mortar at Neve Dekalim, Palestinians and the army said. Palestinians said the dead man was a known Hamas activist. It was not

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— Mushir al-Masri
Hamas spokesman

immediately clear if the men were hit by Israeli fire or whether the mortar shell exploded prematurely.

Al-Ghoul's death dealt a tough blow to Hamas, which is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of Israelis during four years of fighting.

"Hamas retaliation will be painful and the Zionist enemy will regret this awful crime," said Hamas

spokesman Mushir al-Masri, surrounded by hundreds of supporters outside the morgue where al-Ghoul's body was taken.

Al-Ghoul had been in hiding for years, avoiding public appearances and media interviews.

Upon news of al-Ghoul's death, thousands of angry Hamas supporters took to the streets in several Gaza

refugee camps, calling for revenge and chanting anti-Israel slogans.

However, Hamas' ability to strike back at Israel has been severely weakened by a string of assassinations.

Early this year, Israel killed the group's spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, and his successor, Abdel Aziz Rantisi.

A top Hamas leader based in Damascus, Syria, was killed in a car bombing last month. Israeli security officials acknowledged involvement. Most Hamas leaders in Gaza have gone into hiding.

Al-Ghoul's killing leaves the Hamas military leadership solely in the hands of Mohammed Deif, its long-time chief. Deif, like al-

Ghoul, is high on Israel's wanted list and has been in hiding for years.

They both escaped a September 2003 airstrike aimed at a gathering of Hamas leaders in Gaza.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Saeb Erekat condemned Thursday's killing, which he said "reflects the determination of the Israeli government to continue the path of military solutions rather than negotiations."

Later Thursday, an Israeli helicopter fired a missile in the northern Gaza Strip, causing no injuries but destroying the home of a local militant leader, witnesses said. The army said it destroyed a weapons workshop.

A Brownie snack



Girl Scout Brownie Troop #221 enjoy some snacks. Above, left-right: Kassie Jerome, Cecilia Vasquez, Khilyn Shouse, Alyssa Parks, Cherish Peet, Alexis Stuart, Kaitlyn Bruce, Zoe Hulse, Kristen Duree and Carson Logue.

Weather clears for rescue of stranded climbers

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — Rangers rappelled down Yosemite's most forbidding peak and then carefully climbed back up the sheer 3,200-foot face of the snowy mountain, rescuing two climbers and carrying the bodies of two others on their backs.

The dramatic rescue Thursday on El Capitan came as other teams of park rangers airlifted out nearly two dozen other hikers and climbers stranded by an early winter storm, which brought whiteout conditions and 50 mph wind gusts as it dumped several feet of snow across the Sierra Nevada.

Two teams of rangers were dropped off by a helicopter and spent the night in deep snow on the top of El Capitan before beginning their rescue and recovery

effort Thursday morning, after the weather finally cleared.

One group rappelled down to recover the bodies of a Japanese man and woman. They were already dead when a helicopter crew managed to fly close enough late Wednesday to spot their bodies, blue and dripping with icicles, as they dangled from their ropes about two-thirds of the way up the precipice.

The Japanese climbers had been ill-prepared for the weather, a ranger said.

Each body was put into yellow mountaineering bags, then strapped into harnesses and carried up hundreds of feet by a pair of rangers, said Jen Nersesian, a park spokeswoman.

The other team, using ropes secured to thick pine trees on top of the mountain,

rescued a pair of climbers who had been told to stay put overnight on a portable ledge secured high above the valley floor.

Each were hoisted in harnesses. "They're cold and they're tired but they're in fine condition," said Nersesian.

A helicopter crew then airlifted them and the bodies of the dead climbers to the valley floor late Thursday afternoon.

Another climber had been rescued off the mountain Wednesday, and two more men who initially said they could finish their climb themselves may have changed their minds Thursday afternoon.

"They may spend the night on the wall. If they want a rescue we'll do everything we can do to get them down," Nersesian said.

Number of deaths rises in Chinese mine blast

BEIJING (AP) — The death toll in a gas explosion in a Chinese coal mine rose to 64 on Friday and chances of finding 84 missing miners alive were remote, the government said.

The disaster Wednesday in the central province of Henan was the deadliest this year in China's accident-plagued mines. Newspapers carried front-page photos of anxious relatives waiting outside the mine as haggard rescuers carried out bodies wrapped in green canvas.

President Hu Jintao ordered local officials to use "every possible means" to find the missing miners.

The blast ripped through the Daping Mine on Wednesday when 446 miners were at work, according to the government. It said 298 escaped alive.

By Friday morning, there were no reports that any survivors had been found by the 1,000-member rescue force.

"The survival chance for the missing is quite slim," the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing unidentified local officials.

The state-owned Daping Mine employs 4,100 people and is located in the Songshan Mountains, about 25 miles southwest of the major industrial city of Zhengzhou.

Most of the dead miners whose bodies had been found so far were suffocated by the toxic gas that spewed from the coal bed and ignited, state media reported.

The gas density in the mine's atmosphere shot up from 2 percent to 40 percent in less than three minutes, Xinhua said.

China's coal mines are the world's deadliest, with thousands of deaths reported every year in explosions, underground floods and other accidents often blamed on negligence or lack of safety equipment.

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