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Capital murder trial halted before it can begin

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A capital murder trial stopped before it started today in the Gray County Courthouse.

Joseph Landon Ridenour, 68, was scheduled to go on trial today on capital murder charges stemming from the shooting death of Evarene "Eva" Williamson Fritz, 48, at her apartment on July 15, 2003.

District Judge Lee Waters, following a pretrial hearing Friday, ruled that a videotape taken of Ridenour

following his arrest in the summer of 2003 was not admissible as evidence in the case.

District Attorney Lynn Switzer filed an appeal, and Judge Waters granted a stay until the Seventh Court of Appeals in Amarillo can review the decision.

Switzer said today that it was a procedural matter and that her appeal would receive an expedited hearing. She estimated the appeals court would rule within 30 days.

Some 250 Gray County residents

were subpoenaed for the jury panel, according to District Clerk Gaye Honderich. Jury selection was expected to begin this morning, but during a pre-trial hearing before jury selection today, the judge stood by his weekend ruling on the admissibility of the videotape made apparently with defective equipment.

"We respectfully disagree," Switzer said of the judge's ruling.

Ridenour was arrested in the early morning hours of July 16, 2003, at his apartment at 1031 N. Sumner.

Officers arrested him after the apartment manager let them into Ridenour's apartment. Police reports indicate Ridenour was in the middle of his living room holding a gun to his head when police entered. Officers at the scene said he pulled the trigger repeatedly, but the gun failed to fire.

Fritz's body had been discovered the night before in her apartment at 1200 N. Wells. Officers said she had been shot twice in the chest.

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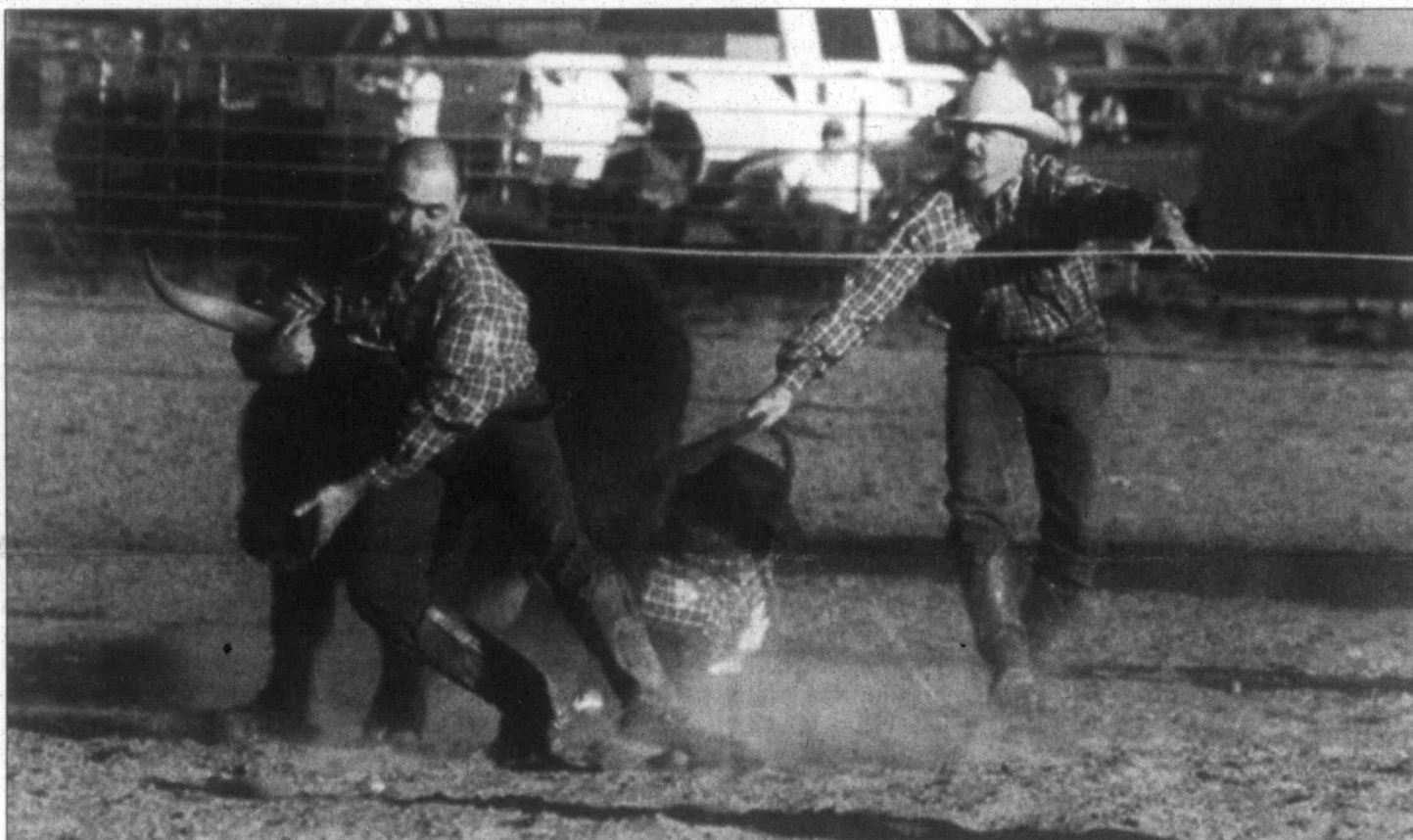
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The photo above illustrates the wild and woolly action of wild cow milking, just one of five events to be featured during the upcoming High Plains Fall Classic in Pampa.

Organizers gear up for annual rodeo

Top O' Texas Rodeo Association will play host to a full weekend of activities suitable for the entire family on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Pampa and surrounding communities are invited to the Sixth Annual High Plains Fall Classic WRCA Ranch Rodeo at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena in Pampa. The rodeo, a Working Ranch Cowboys Association sanctioned event, will begin at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday with finals to get under way at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Teams will compete in ranch bronc riding, team doctoring, wild cow milking, team penning and team branding.

The overall winning team will go on to compete in the World Ranch Championship Ranch Rodeo Nov. 10-13 in Amarillo. Prizes will be awarded to overall winners and to winners in individual events.

Pokey the Clown will preside over a WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo at 2 p.m. Saturday. A "boot scramble" is planned for children 6 and under on both Saturday and Sunday. The junior ranch rodeo will feature teams of children ages 4 to 16 competing in such events as Pony Express race, wild cow milking, cow doctoring and calf branding.

Pokey will use special hand-made "wooden" livestock for all events.

Winning team members will receive custom designed medals. The winning team in each age division will be eligible to represent the High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo at the WRCA Junior Ranch Rodeo World Championships in Amarillo in November. Entry forms are now available at the rodeo office.

Pokey will conduct a stick horse auction to raise money for Amanda Jacobs

Memorial Scholarship fund, Fellowship of Christian Cowboys and WRCA Cowboy Crisis Fund.

At 5 p.m. Saturday, a chuck wagon dinner of fajitas, beans and drinks - hosted by the association along with Keven Romines and Gerald Rasco - will be served at the rodeo grounds. Trudy Fair will entertain diners.

The WRCA is headquartered in Amarillo. Teams come from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona to compete, with several participating in World Championship Ranch Rodeo action in previous years.

"Ranch rodeos are a relatively new experience for the modern audience," a press release from the rodeo office said, "but they are the fastest growing team

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Muslim stamp issue cause for reaction

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A postage stamp which has been issued annually by the U.S. Post Office since 2001 has caught the attention of at least one area resident.

Patricia Black of Skellytown wrote to The Pampa News to express her opposition to the stamp's distribution. The stamp commemorates the two

most important festivals in the Islamic calendar. It was first issued Sept. 1, 2001 in Des Plaines, Ill., as a 34-cent stamp and has been produced annually since that time, according to Pampa Postmaster Robert Schrock.

"Every year we issue some version of it, just as we do our Christmas stamps," Schrock said.

The Eid stamp, currently a 37-cent

stamp, commemorates Eid al-Fitr and Eid al-Adha. Eid al-Fitr signifies "The Feast of Breaking the Fast" and marks the end of Ramadan, the month of fasting. Eid al-Fitr is observed by offering special alms with prayers, feasting, exchanging gifts, and visiting family and friends, according to information

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Ag chief to listen to area's farmers

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The congressional delegation from West Texas announced Friday that the country's top agriculture official has scheduled a visit to one of the country's top agriculture producing regions in October.

U.S. Reps. Randy Neugebauer, Mac Thornberry, and Mike Conaway had invited U.S. Department of Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns to hold a Farm Bill "listening session" in West Texas. Their invitation has been accepted. The event will take place in the Texas Tech University Museum Auditorium in Lubbock at 1 p.m. Oct. 5.

"I want to thank Secretary Johanns for accepting our invitation to get a first-hand look at West Texas agriculture," Neugebauer said. "The region is home to a diverse agriculture industry which has a major interest in how agriculture policy is shaped. I encourage all involved in agriculture to attend and share your input with Secretary Johanns."

The event in Lubbock is one of a series of listening sessions USDA is holding across the country to gain input from agriculture pro-

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WRCA Ranch Rodeo... September 30th - October 2nd

Woody Guthrie Day... October 1st

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Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8th & 9th

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Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. East northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.
 Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 63. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. Windy,

with a north northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.
 Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50. Windy, with a northeast wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph.
 Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around

51. South wind around 10 mph.
 Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 54.
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 82.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55.
 Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 85.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Axtbury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.32
Milo	2.95
Corn	3.88
Soybeans	4.69

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	86.40	+0.47
BP PLC ADR	69.96	-0.52
Cabot Corp	31.67	+0.28
Celanese	NA	
Cabot Oil Gas	42.61	+0.08
Coca Cola	42.61	+0.38
VEO	110.39	-2.51
HAL	65.63	+0.62
TRI	46.22	+0.04
KMI	93.56	-0.34
XCEL	19.69	-0.04

Kerr McGee	93.57	+0.68
XOM	64.11	+0.28
Limited	20.50	+0.32
Williams	23.25	+0.02
MCD	33.04	+0.40
Atmos	28.24	-0.23
Pioneer Nat	53.20	-0.17
JCP	48.01	+0.81
COP	68.78	+0.49
SLB	82.89	+0.06
Tenneco	17.33	+0.06
CVX	63.65	+0.38
Wal-Mart	43.67	+0.47
NS Grp	32.80	-0.23
NS Grp	36.90	-0.10

New York Gold.....463.25
 Silver.....7.29
 West Texas Crude.....64.19

Bush ready to tap oil reserves

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today that the government is prepared to again tap into the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to alleviate any new pain at the pump caused by Hurricane Rita's assault on the center of the nation's energy industry.

He also implied he will likely name a federal czar-like official to oversee the reconstruction of the Gulf Coast from the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. But he said that local officials must first produce a vision for how they want their rebuilt communities to look.

"I'm considering how best to balance the need for local vision and federal involvement," he said. "The vision and the element of reconstruction is just beginning and there may be a need for an interface with a particular person to help to make sure that the vision becomes reality."
 Sen. David Vitter, R-La., said Monday he had urged the president to place "a strong federal leader on the Katrina reconstruction effort" beyond the short-term relief effort. Such a "reconstruction czar" would also need to make sure there were no improprieties in awarding the lucrative reconstruction contracts, Vitter said.

"If the American people lose confidence in this effort, Louisiana and the victims of the storm are going to suffer, so we have to have those protections in place," Vitter said in an interview on NBC's "Today" show.
 With early indicators offering reason for optimism and a speedy recovery, Bush nonetheless warned Americans to expect some effect on energy supplies.
 "A lot of our production comes from the Gulf and when you have a Hurricane Katrina followed by a Hurricane Rita, it's natural, unfortunately, that it's going to affect supplies," Bush said after a briefing at the Energy Department.
 Bush also expressed concern that the storm could cause disruptions in getting gasoline to market.

Jail refuses offenders

LONGVIEW, Texas (AP) — The Gregg County Jail has started turning away nonviolent offenders and the city of Longview has agreed not to execute some warrants because the jail is close to full capacity.

The jail will accept those arrested daily and those arrested on warrants related to violent crimes, Sheriff Maxey Cerliano said.

But the jail will not accept nonviolent offenders. And the city of Longview has

agreed not to arrest those wanted on Class C misdemeanor warrants for about 15 days, he said.

"We've notified parole that we will not take those. We just can't take them," Cerliano said.

With the addition of 30 inmates from Southeast Texas prisons, the jail faced possible overcrowding.

Then, because of Hurricane Rita, the state canceled the transfers of inmates scheduled to leave.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported today the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, Sept. 24

Seventeen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of South Hobart, the 400 block of Pitts, and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets, where a vehicle that posed a traffic hazard was towed from the location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 900 block of East Browning and the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of Perry and the intersection of 20th and Evergreen.

Civil matters were reported in the 500 block of Lowry and the 2200 block of Evergreen.

One business alarm was reported. One business check was made.

A suspicious person call was received from the 200 block of Tignor.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of South Hobart and the 900 block of Terry Road.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 200 block of Tignor, the 700 block of East 16th, the 900 block of South Wells, and the 300 block of East Browning.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 600 block of Carr.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner. A bicycle valued at \$75 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 500 block of Magnolia and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, Sept. 25
 Seven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of East Browning and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets and the 1300 block of Coffee. Hit and run accidents were reported in the 1300 block of Williston and the 1000 block of Quail Place.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets, in connection with a vehicle accident.

Fire department assistance was rendered at the intersection of Tyng and Ballard streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, the intersection of Browning and Foster streets, the 400 block of North West, the 400 block of North Sumner,

and the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets, where a subject was arrested in the 500 block of East Atchison for possession of drug paraphernalia.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 900 block of North Somerville.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 300 block of Jean.

One residential alarm was reported.

Warrant service was attempted at one location, which resulted in an arrest. Warrant service was also attempted at another location.

Narcotic drug law violation information was given in the police department lobby on two occasions.

An animal complaint was received from the 200 block of North Houston.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 700 block of Scott, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of South Hobart, and the intersection of 19th and Coffee streets.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of South Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Sheltered Workshop, 1301 W. Somerville. Windows in a building and a van were shot by a BB gun, resulting in an estimated \$3,300 in damage.

Forgery was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Hazel. A dog was stolen.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

Brandon Craig Bowman, 19, 735 N. Nelson, was arrested in the 500 block of Atchison for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Cody Williams Hopson, 22, 2306 S. Dwight, was arrested in the 800 block of North Nelson for alcohol after hours and disorderly conduct/language.

Charles Brandon Stanhope, 26, 313 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 800 block of West Brown for no insurance and failure to appear.

Esmeralda Carver, 46, 900 E. Brunow, was arrested in the 1500 block of Hamilton for aggravated assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Minor injuries were reported.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 25
 7:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Navajo and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to County

road 2 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Veterans Administration hospital in Amarillo.

3:22 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Browning. There was no transfer.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston. There was no transfer.

3:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to BSA in Amarillo.

10:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 26
 00:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a fire in the 300 block of Ballard to stand by.

8:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a call in the 1900 block of Evergreen. There was no transfer.

9:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a call in the 1200 block of North Wells. There was no transfer.

3:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a call at the intersection of Browning and Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing home and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 24
 7:16 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call in the 2700 block of Navajo on a lifting assist.

3:22 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call at Browning and Rose on an automobile accident. No injuries reported.

7:06 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a call at Kentucky and Hobart on an automobile accident. No injuries reported.

Sunday, Sept. 25
 12:28 a.m. — Five units and 10 personnel responded to the 300 block of Ballard on a structure fire. Unoccupied apartments were damaged.

3:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 300 block of West Browning on a motorcycle accident. One person transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Abortion ban brought to Supreme Court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration has asked the Supreme Court to reinstate a ban on a procedure that critics call "partial birth" abortions, setting up a showdown that could be decided by the president's new choice for the court.

The appeal, which had been expected, follows a two-year, cross-country legal fight over the federal law.

"An appeals court in St. Louis said this summer that the ban on late term abortion is unconstitutional because it makes no exception for the health of the woman.

The Supreme Court has already scheduled arguments in November in another abortion case, involving New Hampshire's parental notification statute. That case also asks whether the state law is unconstitutional because it

lacks an exception allowing a minor to have an abortion to protect her health in the event of a medical emergency.

The court should review both cases, Solicitor General Paul Clement said in the appeal, which was filed Friday and released on Monday.

"This case involves the constitutionality of a significant act of Congress that has been invalidated and permanently enjoined by the lower courts," wrote Clement, the government's top Supreme Court lawyer.

The earliest that justices could take up the federal law, known as the federal Partial-Birth Abortion Ban Act, is likely next spring. By then, the court could have two new members.

The Senate is expected to vote this week on President Bush's nomination of John Roberts to be chief justice.

Bush will also soon name a replacement for retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who in the past has provided the fifth vote to strike down abortion laws without health exceptions.

In its last major abortion ruling, the Supreme Court on a 5-4 vote struck down Nebraska's so-called partial-birth abortion law in 2000. O'Connor, who voted with the majority, said that a similar law could pass muster if it were limited to that particular procedure and included an exception to preserve the mother's life and health.

Clement noted that decision, Stenberg v. Carhart, in the government's appeal, but he said that Congress determined that late-term abortions are not needed to preserve a woman's health.

United Way contribution



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
 From left, Joe Faltinek and Weldon Ellis of Conoco-Phillips present a \$1,000 check to Katrina Bigham of Pampa United Way. The donation from the corporation was made during the annual United Way fund-raising campaign, which runs through October and has a goal this year of \$303,000. United Way funds are distributed among 17 local organizations and serve 18,000 people.

2 fleeing hurricane killed near Vernon

VERNON — A crash Friday morning 15 miles east of Vernon has left two from Seabrook dead, and two others injured.

According to a Department of Public Safety press release, a 1998 Freightliner semi-truck was preparing to turn into a truck stop 15 miles east of Vernon. A 2003 GMC pickup that was traveling west struck the truck from behind.

Lane McLenna, 41, and Annie McLenna, 31, both of Seabrook, were killed in the collision.

Robin Setter-Mullens,

Rodeo

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sport in America today." A non-profit association, WRCA was organized to promote the ranching lifestyle, to preserve its legacy, to award scholarships to working cowboys and ranching families; and to give assistance to cowboys and ranching families in times of crisis. Ticket prices to the rodeo are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under. Tickets for Saturday events include the junior ranch rodeo as well as the High Plains Fall Classic. Tickets for the chuck wagon dinner will be \$7 (per plate) for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Meal tickets may be purchased in advance or at the event.

Breakfast will be served at 9 a.m. Sunday followed by Cowboy Church at 10 a.m. at the rodeo grounds. Pastor Ronnie Ferguson of McLean will be the featured speaker. Music will be provided by Justin Todd Herrod, 2003 Christian Country Music Association Nominee for Song Writer of the Year.

For further details, contact the rodeo office at 669-0434.

Sponsors for the High Plains Classic include M&H Leasing, Inc.; Rasco Construction; Hamburger Station; Gage Greenhouse; Vickie Gohene; Randy and Carla Norris; Doug and Cindy Kemp; Excel Production; The Cattle Exchange of Canadian; JLB Ranch; Roper Apparel; Larry Baker Plumbing, Heating & Air; Spradling LP; Colene Stover; National Bank of Commerce; Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance; Frank's True Value; Budweiser Distributing of Amarillo; Roper Apparel; Wal-Mart; Culberson-Stowers, Inc.; Fenton Motors; The Pampa News; Pampa Shrine Club; Mesa Vista Ranch; Lewis Meers, CPA; LOL Ranch; Chisum Ranch; Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee; Utility Oil; Britten Feed and Seed; Rex McKay; Bass Buckles and Spurs; Jim Hollingwood; National Bank of Commerce; Texas Vet Labs; Walco; and Amarillo Livestock Auction.

45, the semi-truck driver and Bill Mullens, her passenger, were taken to the Wilbarger General Hospital for treatment of minor injuries. Both are from Colorado Springs, Colo.

Stamp

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from the U.S. Post Office. Eid al-Adha comes at the end of the annual period of pilgrimage to the holy city of Mecca, according to USPS.

The "Eid mubarak" phrase featured in gold Islamic calligraphy on a blue background on the postage stamp can be paraphrased "May your religious holiday be blessed," according to the USPS.

Not everyone in this area may have seen the stamp.

"They're not a popular stamp in this part of the country," Schrock said. "I suspect we sell about 200 every season in Pampa."

"It has brought on some controversy, just like some others have. We've had several stamps that community members get frustrated with. Some people object to our Christmas stamp with the Madonna and Child on it," he said.

"To use this stamp would be a slap in the face to all those Americans who died at the hands of those whom this stamp honors," Black said in a Sept. 13 letter to The Pampa News. She listed the bombings of Pan Am Flight 103, the World Trade Center in 1993, the Marine barracks in Lebanon, the military barracks in Saudi Arabia, the American embassies in Africa, the U.S.S. Cole, and the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks on 9/11/2001 as reasons for her objection to the stamp.

"The stamp's purpose is nothing more than to com-

memorate a religious holiday," Schrock said. "The U.S. Postal Service issues such stamps because of equal rights," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office. "People have a right to worship any way they want to. We have a constitutional right to freedom of religion."

Gray County Veterans' Affairs Officer Robert Dixon said there is a contradiction in the federal post office's issuing a stamp commemorating the Muslim religion, yet a federal court in California has forbidden the part of the Pledge of Allegiance which states "under God" to be included when schoolchildren there recite the pledge.

"I do not think, under the circumstances, with so much coming forth now that there's a push to remove the mention of God from the Pledge of Allegiance and our money, that our government should be promoting another religion." Dixon said.

"According to our constitution, we as a government are not to promote any type of religion. I do not understand how the post office, which is a federal government agency, can honor a particular religion," Dixon said.

The difference in issuing Muslim commemorative stamps and those recognizing Christmas is that Christmas is a national holiday, so named by the federal government, Dixon said.

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ducers on the future of farm policy in advance of the 2007 Farm Bill. All three members of the delegation believe a key component of these sessions is for those who are directly affected by the farm policies to voice their opinion on what works and what does not.

"I am glad that the Secretary is coming to our area, and I hope producers will take advantage of this opportunity," Thornberry said. "After being involved in two farm bills, I am convinced that the most important part of the process is to hear from the folks that will be most affected."

Conaway pointed out that the 2002 Farm Bill has been a success and noted that, in particular, supporters of this important legislation have a stake in these forums.

"The 2002 Farm Bill is working well for our agriculture producers in West Texas," said Conaway, who currently serves on the House Agriculture Committee. "This is an excellent opportunity for West Texas' farmers and ranchers to voice their support for the 2002 Farm Bill and propose only limited changes to the next Farm

Bill unless greater market access for U.S. agricultural products is obtained around the world."

More than twenty listening sessions have taken place thus far. The Lubbock event will be the only

USDA-sponsored Farm Bill listening session in Texas. Although no dates or locations have been determined yet, the House Agriculture Committee also plans to hold field hearings on the 2007 Farm Bill.

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Viewpoints

The real Clinton legacy: Chinese condoms

No matter how hard the media try to rehabilitate Bill Clinton — the man who brought shame and dishonor to the presidency — he seems unable to shed the chronic misbehavior that marked his White House years, sullied his image, got him impeached and destroyed forever his hopes for any kind of legacy worth remembering.

What he did most recently, during seemingly endless TV appearances where he attacked President Bush, showed once again why he deserves to be held in contempt instead of being fawned over by a subservient media and the Democrat party, both ever anxious to pay homage to him no matter how low he

sinks. The media's slavishly obsequious behavior during his widely-publicized "save the world conference" in New York was typified by a female Italian reporter who was overheard saying that Monica Lewinski — whose groveling was of a different, more basic form — was "lucky," a remark on par with a similar gushing by one of her American sisters who once expressed the same sentiment in earthier terms, saying she would have been more than happy to perform the same lurid services for Bill Clinton that Miss Lewinski provided.

Some of the more honest journalists did admit that Clinton's attacks on President Bush were off-lim-

its, pointing out the fact that former presidents simply do not criticize their successors. It's just not done. Unfortunately, they failed to add that Clinton's criticism was also completely off base, like much of what he says.

The whole incident reminded me of one of my father's finest moments when on the day of his inauguration in 1983, just minutes after learning that the American hostages in Iran had been freed, he sent former President Carter to greet the hostages and even gave him the use of Air Force One for his mission.

Dad had no reason beyond his great compassion and decency to treat the man he had defeated after a bruising campaign — where his opponent had viciously attacked him — with such a great and generous gesture. And from that moment on he never once spoke ill of Jimmy Carter nor did Jimmy Carter speak ill of him during his eight years in the White House.

Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter may have been worlds apart in their politics, but they shared one similarity — they were both gentlemen. It's something that could never be said

about Bill Clinton, now appropriately memorialized by the Chinese by having a line of condoms named after him. Ouf media and his fellow Democrats may not have his number, but the rest of the world does. Clinton's condoms — what a legacy!

Clinton's activities on a recent weekend showed once again, that like his Democrat colleagues, he cannot stop wanting to run this country and run the world while he's at it. The man's overwhelming hunger for the spotlight marks everything he says and does.

He cannot bring himself to leave center stage and slip into the background. Nor can his fellow Democrat Chuck Schumer; when he sees a microphone the area

between him and the mike becomes a hazardous place to be. Get near either of them and you could be trampled to death as they race to get in front of the TV camera.

Clinton's ingratitude to the president who honored him once again by pairing him with his father to raise funds for the victims of Hurricane Katrina simply boggles the mind. At the very first opportunity, he turned on the man who went out of his way to twice honor him with a prestigious assignment.

Chanting the Democrat party's favorite mantra about the need to raise taxes so they can spend more of the people's money on their pet spending schemes, Bill

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 26, the 269th day of 2005. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

"The poet's voice need not merely be the record of man; it can be one of the props, the pillars to help him endure and prevail."

— William Faulkner
American author (1897-1962)

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

In 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

In 1888, poet T.S. Eliot was born in St. Louis, Mo.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1950, United Nations troops recaptured the South

Korean capital of Seoul from the North Koreans.

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

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1980, the Cuban government abruptly closed Mariel Harbor, ending the "freedom flotilla" of Cuban refugees that had begun the previous April.

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

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

Ten years ago: Bosnia's warring factions agreed on guidelines for elections and a future government. The prosecution began its closing argument in the murder trial of O.J. Simpson.

Five years ago: Slobodan Milosevic conceded that his challenger, Vojislav Kostunica, had finished first in Yugoslavia's presidential election and declared a runoff — a move that prompted mass protests leading to Milosevic's ouster. At the Sydney Olympics, the U.S. softball team completed a stunning comeback by edging Japan 2-1 in extra innings to win its second straight gold medal. Actor Richard Mulligan died at age 67.



Liberal media makes absurd statements

Grand prize for the most absurd statements about the hurricane goes to those liberal columnists who have self-righteously proclaimed that the New Orleans disaster has "forced" the American people to confront poverty.

This is an example of projection. It's the media that ignore poverty. The American people, except for that 1 percent who own practically everything, confront poverty every day. You can't drive around any American city or rural area and not see it.

To the members of the lower middle class, poverty is a pack of wolves loping behind them. One accident, one bout of sickness, one layoff, and the wolves of poverty will devour them. Ignore poverty? How ridiculous. These people know it

because they lived it and worked hard to escape it and are afraid every day of their lives they will slip back into it.

No, the media are out of touch, not only with poor people but with middle-class

people. Look at the entertainment on television. Practically all of the characters in the shows are portrayed as being more affluent than the people who watch the shows. It doesn't take long for six-figure commentators to start associating exclusively with people in their income bracket or higher. Pretty soon they think everybody is worried about his or her

401(k) and investment strategy.

Not so. The majority of Americans are worried about keeping their jobs and paying their bills. They are worried about health care. They are worried about their children's

future. This isn't liberal dogma. It's fact. We have allowed a system to develop that makes it easier for the rich to get richer and harder for the poor to escape to the middle class.

The underlying cause — and the most difficult to address — is a policy of gradual depreciation of the currency. It's usually referred to as inflation, but whatever

jargon you wish to apply, the end result is that year after year, the dollar a man or woman earns buys less. To hide this from the public, the government periodically changes the base year by which it computes inflation. To further confuse the public, the government harps on the monthly rate of inflation.

Measured in purchasing power, it takes \$4 today to buy what \$1 would buy in 1967. Now, if wages and prices rose in a uniform rate, as some imagine, everything would be equal. Trouble is, they don't. Prices, for both goods and services, far outstrip wage increases. Ever-increasing taxes chip away at living standards. Look at your telephone bill, your utility bill and your cable-

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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City of Arlington needs to be proactive now

For an indefinite time, Arlington will have, by Federal Emergency Management Agency estimates, about 11,000 new residents who once called the New Orleans area home. Many fled the storm with little or nothing.

The hurricane may have struck in Louisiana and Mississippi, but it has generated tremendous financial and social implications for numerous public and private entities in Arlington, including the city, the school district and the University of Texas at Arlington.

It is imperative that Arlington be proactive and

strategic in confronting these complex issues. This should not be left to happenstance.

The community responded extremely well and efficiently to the influx of evacuees after the hurricane. At city-coordinated shelters, the donations flowed in and volunteers showed up. Arlington's emergency operations center executed its well-conceived crisis management plans.

Some evacuees have moved on, connecting with

relatives and managing to return some semblance of normality to their lives. At the same time, many have stayed — often because they

have the fewest resources and the fewest options. For the foreseeable future, they will need ongoing assistance and jobs.

The Arlington school district now has about 1,000 more students — enough to fill a middle school — than it did after the first week of

school. Dozens of evacuees who received federal housing assistance in New Orleans now live in Arlington apartments. UTA has accepted about 300 students who otherwise would have attended classes at universities elsewhere.

In a sense, Arlington has an opportunity to get ahead of the game by planning for the next steps before federal money runs out. Representatives of the Arlington Life Shelter, who provided logistical assistance at several evacuee shelters, estimate that many

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Texas Thoughts

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Roberts' confirmation appears to be a sure thing

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Roberts' ascension to chief justice is so assured that senators debating the nomination this week may spend as much time talking about President Bush's upcoming nomination to fill a second vacancy on the Supreme Court.

Republican and Democrats alike — had already announced their support of the conservative federal appeals court judge as the successor to the late William H. Rehnquist before the Senate even started its final debate Monday afternoon.

"John Roberts is qualified, impartial and committed to upholding the

Constitution and the rule of law," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"He is precisely the kind of chief justice America deserves and I'm looking forward to debating his nomination on the Senate floor so he can be swiftly confirmed in time to lead the Supreme Court when it

starts its new term on October 3rd."

A floor vote is planned for no later than Thursday.

His Democratic supporters say they're still worried about how Roberts — Rehnquist's former Supreme Court clerk — will rule on the bench, but he is undeniably qualified for the position of chief justice.

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Finance chiefs act on debt forgiveness

WASHINGTON (AP) — Finance ministers completed a plan to forgive the debt of poor countries and grappled with ways to prevent soaring energy prices from slowing growth of the world economy.

The debt plan, which overcame crucial hurdles during weekend meetings of the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, would provide poor nations with billions of dollars to increase spending on fighting poverty, improving education and buying drugs for HIV/AIDS or malaria.

"From concert stadiums to high-profile summits, people from rich and poor countries alike have been moved by the suffering we see in so many parts of our world," World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz said at a closing news con-

ference Sunday. "They have demanded action, and with this debt relief agreement they have it."

In addition to the debt-relief agreement, the financial officials sought to develop a strategy on energy prices, including calling for more refinery capacity, less volatility in oil markets, conservation measures and exploring alternative energy sources.

A product of intense international negotiations since 1996, the debt plan would forgive an estimated \$40 billion worth of debt for at least 18 poor countries — most of them in Africa, but including Bolivia and Honduras.

"It's gratifying to see our persistence and commitment pay off," Treasury Secretary John Snow said.

The money is owed to the IMF, the World Bank and the African

Development Bank. The Group of Eight economic powers are pledging to underwrite the debt plan by covering the forgiven loan repayments.

As many as 20 other countries could get relief if they met certain conditions. That would push the total amount of debt cancellation to more than \$55 billion, to be spread over decades.

"Alleviation of that debt will help achieve a substantial poverty reduction," IMF chief Rodrigo Rato said.

Snow predicted the boards of the World Bank and the IMF would approve the debt initiative within a week. That is viewed largely as a formality, given that global leaders ironed out sticking points and other details to put the plan in place.



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TV bill. Every conceivable thing that can be taxed is taxed.

The basic unfairness of our system lies in a difference in power. The business owner, the manufacturer, the professional can raise prices and fees restrained only by the competitive factor. This problem is often solved with some unofficial price fixing. Look at the near uniformity of prices among competing brands. Call five orthodontists and get a price for braces on your child's teeth. Competition, which is supposed to keep prices down, is often nothing more than a cover to keep prices high and uniform. For all the lip service paid to free enterprise,

most American businesses and professionals hate price competition with a passion.

So while the businesses and professionals are free to increase their income as the market or their agreements allow, the working man and woman cannot. They are totally dependent on their employer. If the employer gives them a cost-of-living raise once a year, he is, in effect, not giving them a raise at all. If they try to save money, they will lose money, as the gradual inflation will eat away their capital. If you had put \$10,000 in the mattress in 1967, it would be worth \$2,500 today. The \$7,500 was stolen by a combination of Congress and the central bank, for they are monetizing the deficits that have depreciated the currency.

America is being converted into a Third World country before our very eyes. Don't give me that malarkey about being blind to poverty. We'll all see more of poverty than we want to if we don't change the system.

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of the evacuees who will remain in Arlington could become homeless once FEMA assistance ends.

But the city's window of opportunity will rapidly close. Now is the time to pull together bright minds to plan for the coming months. Arlington, by all appearances, had a good plan for crisis management. It must now develop a strategic plan for the thorny issues of helping evacuees

who remain to return to self-sufficiency.

This should not wait until the demand increases at shelters or social service agencies. Start now by pulling together the expertise to deal with the future portends.

Clinton

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Clinton proved oblivious to the simple fact that the president's tax-cut-

ting policies have given the United States the fastest growing economy in the world. His obsession with tax increases would plunge the United States into the recession that he left behind when he and his wife slipped away from the White House with a few national treasures in their trunks.

We hoped then that he was gone. He wasn't.

Will he never go away?
—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.

Events calendar

- **The deadline to sign-up for a women's fall retreat** at First Baptist Church of Pampa is today. The annual retreat, to feature international speaker Mrs. Linda Honey, is slated Friday and Saturday at the church. The theme will be "BEE' Coming A Chosen Vessel for the Lord." For more information, call 669-1155 or 669-0148.
- **The deadline to register for "Daily Living with Parkinson's Disease"** is today. The symposium, an annual event, will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a \$7 fee. For more information about the symposium, contact Amarillo Area

Parkinson's Symposium at 1-800-687-5498.

• **The late registration deadline for the ACT college admission exam** is Friday. The test will be administered nationwide on Oct. 22. Students can get registration materials from guidance counselors or register online at www.actstudent.org.

• **Ten free trees** will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout September. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive

the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Friday. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• **The local Girl Scout council** is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

• **Just Between Friends in Amarillo** will support the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project by collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals.

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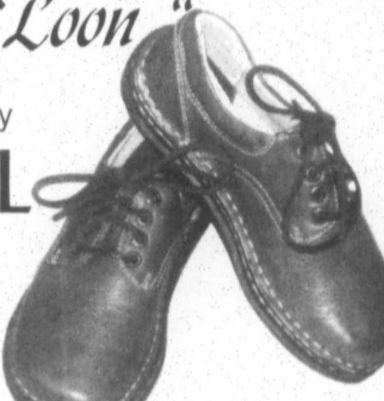
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The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank, as part of our Go Direct campaign, are encouraging all people -- whether affected by the hurricane or not -- to use direct deposit. -- **DICK GREGG, COMMISSIONER, FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

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DEAR ABBY: I am from the South and have lived in Colorado for five years, but I still have a deep Southern accent. My problem concerns a woman who works at our local grocery store. Every time I shop there, she responds to me by mocking my

accent in a very exaggerated manner. Last week, I asked her to please not do it anymore because it hurts my feelings. She said she does it because she thinks I talk funny and it makes her laugh. Should I just find another store? This is really bothering me. -- **DAUGHTER OF THE SOUTH, AURORA, COLO.**

DEAR DAUGHTER: Absolutely find another establishment in which to spend your money -- but before you do, have a little chat with the manager of the store and explain why you're taking your business elsewhere. His employee appears to have left her brains in the deep freeze, because her actions are inexcusable.

DEAR ABBY: For most of this year I have been battling a drug and alcohol addiction. I am only 14, but I have managed to almost completely stop both -- but on my bad days I fall right back in.

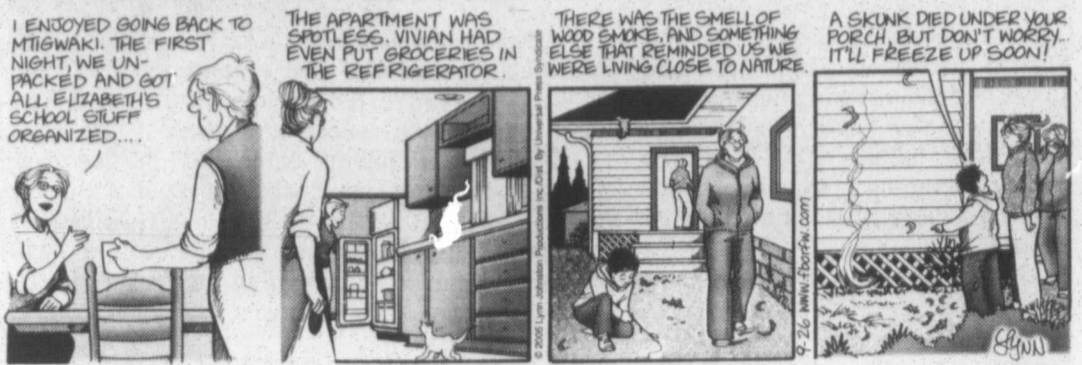
I would have the strength to stop if it wasn't for my best friend, "Stella." Stella helped me deal with my parents' divorce and a near-suicide attempt. I got her into alcohol. I have tried to stop, but she is always dragging me back into it.

Please tell me what to do. I don't want to lose Stella as a friend, but I can't keep damaging my life. -- **LOST IN CONFUSION, JACKSONVILLE, FLA**

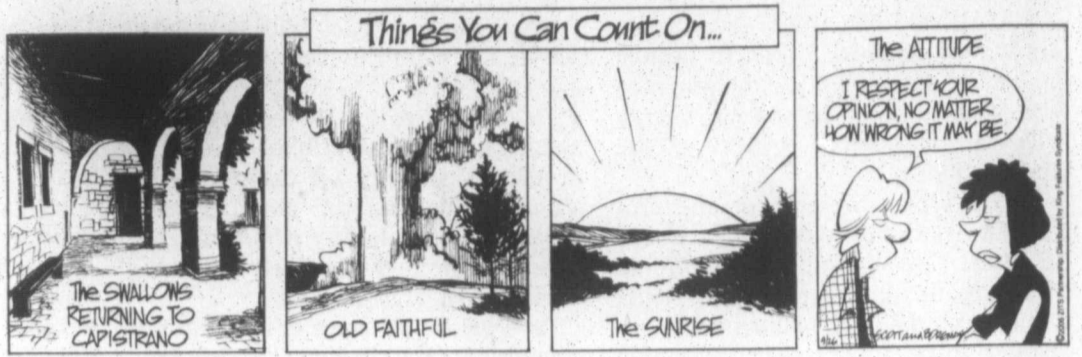
DEAR LOST: One of the keys to staying sober is cutting your ties with people who "enable" you to fall off the wagon. Your health and sobriety depend upon your developing friendships with kids who stay clean. You and Stella may be best friends, but right now you're not good for each other.

You say Stella "saved your life." Well, you now have an opportunity to save hers. Do that by telling Stella's mother that she is abusing alcohol. Plan on the fact that your friend won't like it, but please don't chicken out. It's the most direct way to ensure that she'll get the help she needs.

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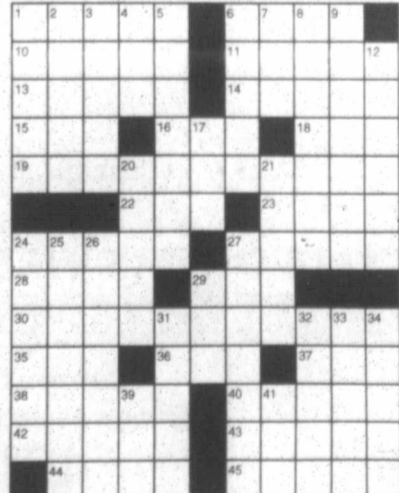
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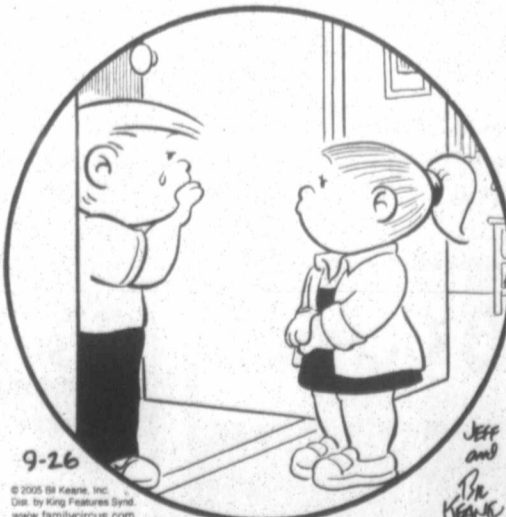
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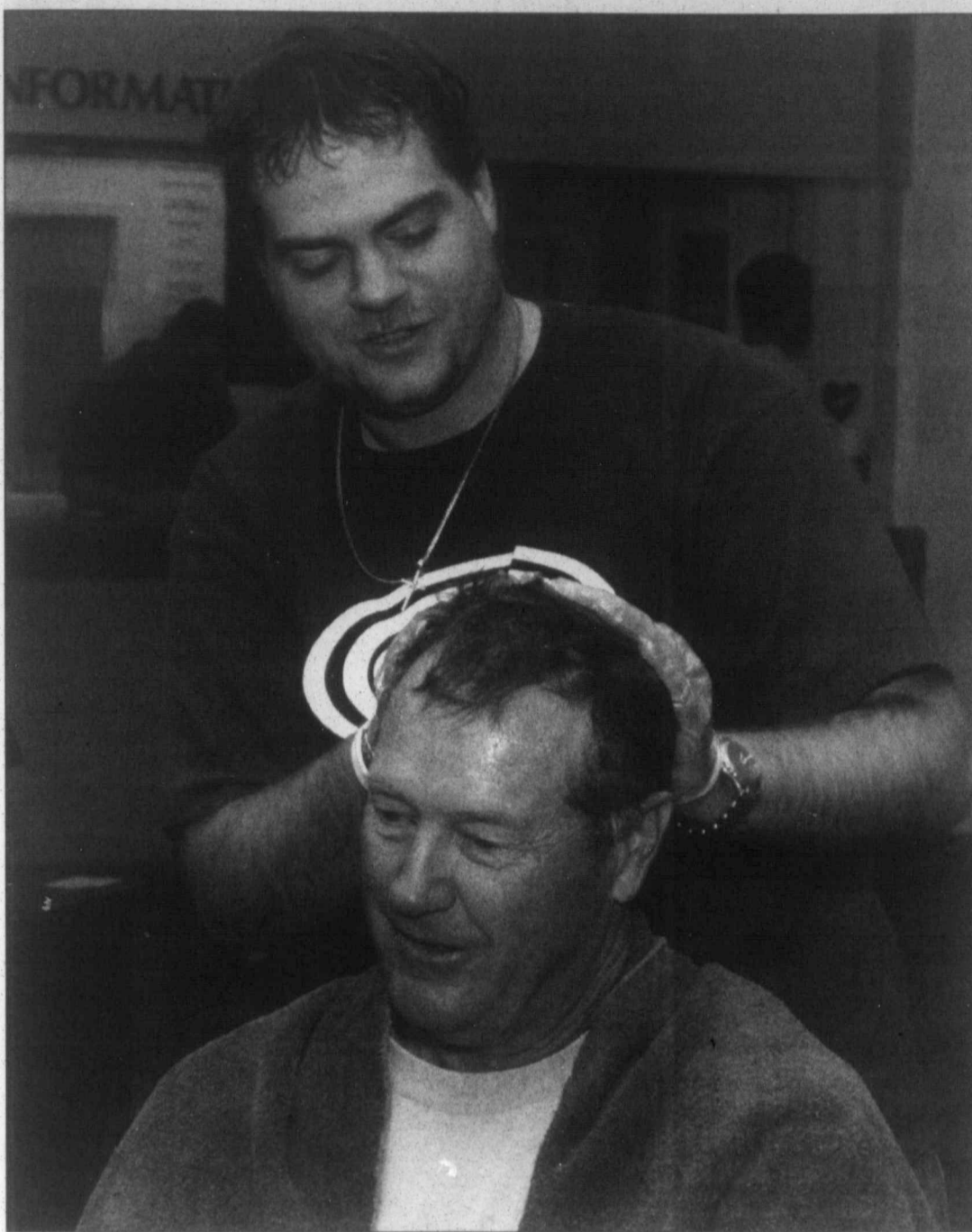


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Coach Carthel starting new trend in hair color and game attendance

He said if 10,000 fans showed up, he would dye his hair maroon. Fourteen thousand people showed up to ensure the new do. Better yet, his team won. It won a game many thought it would lose. After all, the opponent was nationally ranked (No. 3), while his team was still something of a curiosity. He and his team may have won more than just a game Saturday.

The WT Buffs defeated Texas A&M-Kingsville at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium 28-20, improving to 5-0 on the season. With the win, the Buffs will no doubt capture the attention of the Division II pollsters as well as the rest of the Lone Star Conference. What's more, WTAMU President Dr. Russell Long and Athletic Director Ed Harris look more and more like absolute geniuses.

Though I have never been big on guarantees or gimmicks to help net a desired response, to hear that Coach Carthel offered to dye his hair if Saturday's attendance surpassed 10,000, was somewhat surprising. Just not something I expect to hear from this man.

He was scheduled to receive his new look at 8 a.m. this morning. I can't wait to see how it suits him.

One thing is for sure, Carthel suits WT. He and his staff have brought pride

and excitement back to a program that has been in the cellar so long, I am shocked the light they bask in now isn't blinding them.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



The fever currently building in Canyon reminds a little of 1977 when my beloved Denver Broncos put together a magical season that included a trip to the team's first Super Bowl. Everywhere you looked was orange and blue.

Orange Crush soda was flying off the shelves and T-shirts with the soda's logo dotted the Bronco landscape.

Heck, my family had an old 1966 Ford Galaxie that I was forced to drive in my younger days that, even if only for a brief while, was considered cool.


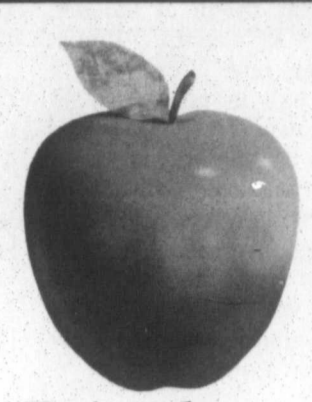
My father painted it orange with this odd, fat, white pinstripe job that ran the length of this land-yacht and tapered into these funky backward flames near where the front fenders met the headlights. He then tried shooting it with pearl. It didn't come out so good. He painted the car long before Denver sent the entire state

into a football frenzy. While out one afternoon, I was offered \$700 for the car. Even 30 years ago, \$700 was decent money. When I said the car really wasn't mine to sell, the lady moved her bid to \$1,000. We kept the car.

Irony? I would later buy a cool 1970 Chevy Malibu. It was the first car I ever financed. Payments were \$61 a month and it was all I could do to make them. I just had to have it since it was my favorite color scheme, maroon with a white vinyl top.

Congratulations to Coach Carthel and the WT Buffs.

4 Troy Reich of WTAMU's campus radio station KWTS 91.1 applies the dye that changed head football coach Don Carthel's hair color to maroon early this morning. Reich, host of WT's 'Java Talk', helped Coach Carthel follow through on a promise to dye his hair if more than 10,000 fans attended Saturday's home game against Texas A&M-Kingsville. More than 14,000 showed up to watch the Buffs go 5-0 with a 28-20 win over the Javelinas.

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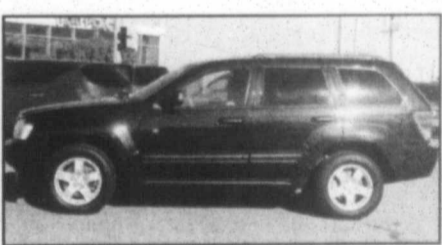



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Lady Harvesters 0-2 after losing to Hereford

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester varsity volleyball team (18-10) fell to 0-2 in District 3-4A following Saturday's loss to Hereford. McKinsie East and Jackye Barber were tough at the net, rejecting 31 shots. Logan Winkelman and Nicole Clark kept the ball in play with 35 Digs between them. And Stephanie McVay served up 49 assists in the contest. Pampa will go for its first district win of the season Tuesday when they visit Palo Duro. The JV game will begin at 6 p.m. with the varsity game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Hereford def. Pampa 25-13, 25-15, 25-18

Kills- Jackie Gerber 7, Jackye Barber 6, McKinsie East 5, Krishna Henderson 5, Nicole Clark 4, Britteni Rice 4, Nicole Clark 4.

Blocks- Barber 17, East 14, Gerber 7, McVay 7, Henderson 6, Clark 2, Rice 1.

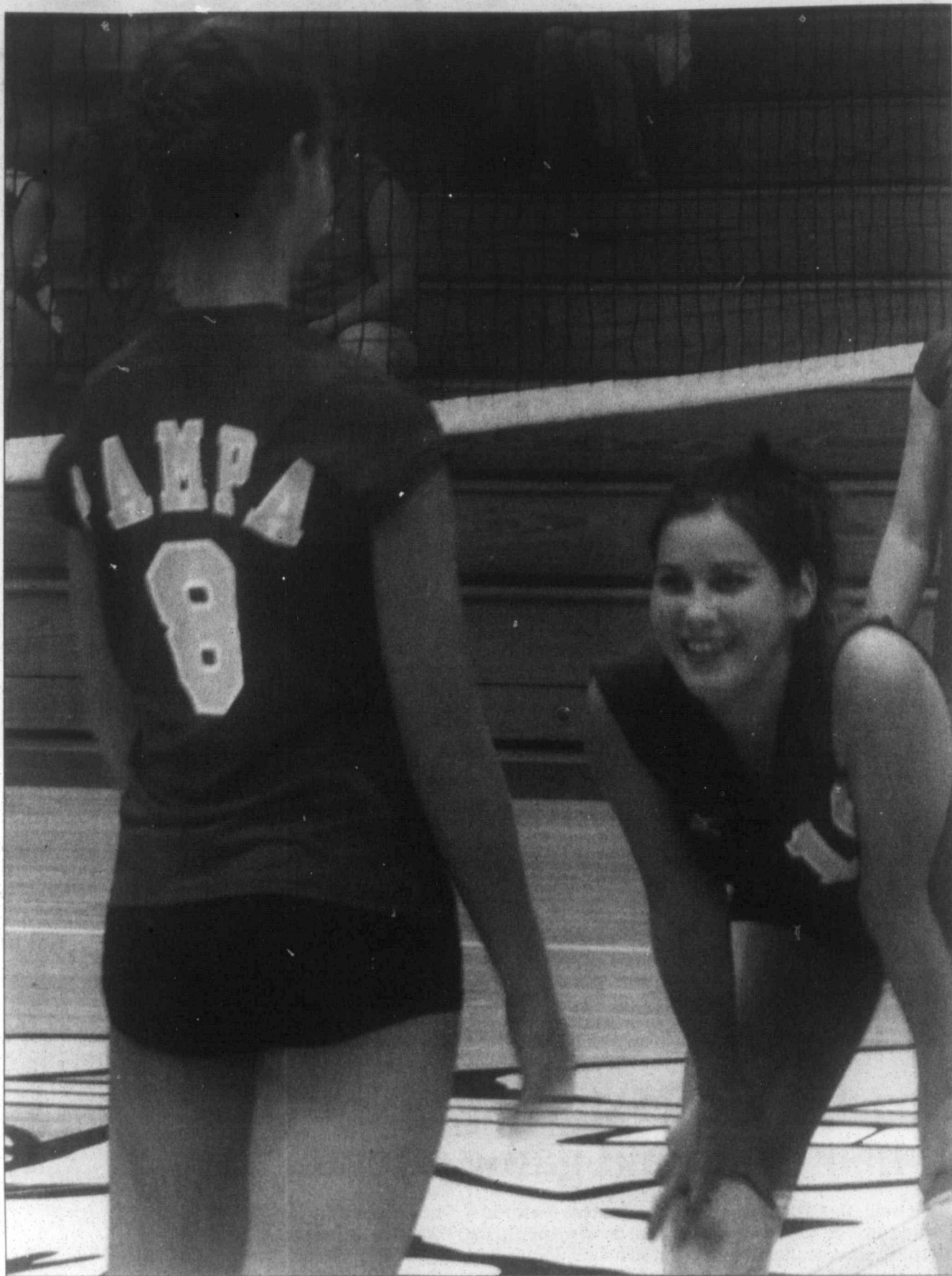
Digs- Logan Winkelman 18, Clark 17, Gerber 14, Rice 13, Cassy Tice 10, McVay 7, Barber 4, Henderson 2.

Assists- McVay 49, East 4, Rice 2, Barber 2, Gerber 2, Henderson 1, Winkelman 1.

Saves- Rice 5, Rice 3, Barber 3, Winkelman 3, McVay 3, Henderson 2, East 2, Clark 1.

Aces- McVay 3, Barber 2.

A moment to smile



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Lilly Price (#8) listens as a smiling Stephanie Jasso shares some thoughts during the Pampa JV meeting at Randall last week. The Lady Harvesters fell to the Lady Raiders in a close, hard-fought contest. The freshmen team visits Tascosa this afternoon.

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Championship Flight
1st Place (58)
J.C. Beyer
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2nd Place (60)*
Rodnie Winborne
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2nd Place (60)*
Robert Stone
Chris Pearson
Bruce Williams
Sonney Orr

2nd Place (60)*
Danny Carlisle
Tim Frost
Todd Stroud
Richard Andrade

First Flight
1st Place (61)
Lonny Fowler
Cory Fowler
Anthony Tiedt
Hesse Etheredge

2nd Place (62)
Tony Phillips
Junior Orozco
Tye Little
Jason Bryan

3rd Place (63)*
Bill Heuston
Sam Thomas
Lee Garcia
Randy Sustaire

3rd Place (63)*
Jerry Dwyer
Kelley Baker
Steve Gunther
Gerald Lilley

Second Flight
1st Place (59)
Jeremy Ash
Jason Walterscheld
Mike Elliott
Eric Palacio

2nd Place (62)*
Craig Davis
Jamie Wariner
Don Harris
Richard Hacockom

2nd Place (62)*
Marsh Gamblin
Kris Gamblin
Kyle Gamblin
Joel Morgan

2nd Place (62)*
Richard Lanham
Butch Lanham
Dondra Lanham
Cheryl Lanham

Third Flight
1st Place (60)
Kelly Cambern
John Cambern
Karrie Poole
Ken Cambern

2nd Place (64)
Sam Welch
Justin Eddins
Doug Jackson
Zach Cambern

3rd Place (66)
Hal West
Boll Powell
Monty Nelson
Dan Nicolet

4th Place (67)
James Moffett
Dave Haynie
Tom Cole
John Ferrell

Longest Drive
Jason Walterscheld

Longest Putt
Richard Andrade

Ballplayers who say they don't watch scoreboard are lying

CHICAGO (AP) — Ballplayers who tell you they don't watch scoreboards are lying. Because the Chicago White Sox were one kind of a team before the Cleveland Indians' 5-4 loss at Kansas City was posted on the big board out beyond the wall in right-center, and they were a different kind of team after it.

Just like that, Paul Konerko found his stroke and hit his first home run in more than two weeks. Then Mark Buehrle posted his first complete game in more than three months. And the White Sox went on to win without breaking into a cold sweat for the first time in more than — well, that depends on whom you ask.

Ballplayers never like to talk about pressure. The party line is that it barely exists. But you could see it lift off the shoulders of the White Sox and dissipate in the dense gray sky just like the rain showers that moved in, over and away from U.S. Cellular Field on Sunday, delaying the start of Chicago's game against the Minnesota Twins by an hour.

That delay, coupled with the Sox's staggered afternoon starting time, meant that Kansas City's 5-4 win over the Indians popped up on the scoreboard around 4

p.m., just after Buehrle got the first out in the top of the third inning. The news cranked up the volume in the stands so suddenly that Buehrle looked back over his shoulder, stepped off the mound and briefly considered a comic tip of his hat.

But at least the left-hander knew the ovation wasn't for him, or because he'd just enticed Chris Heintz into grounding out meekly to shortstop. Konerko, on the other hand, had no idea what all the shouting was about. At least not right away.

"I thought somebody jumped on the field," he recalled, "because it was loud."

Manager Ozzie Guillen, likewise, was slow on the uptake.

"I got my three kids next to me, driving me crazy," Guillen said, "and all of a sudden Ozzie Jr., when they (the Royals) scored the run, Ozzie is screaming next to me so much ... I told him, 'Make sure you stay away from me. At least for nine innings.'"

The White Sox finished off the Twins 4-1, pushing their lead over Cleveland in the American League Central back to 2 1/2 games.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2005:

You naturally manifest what you want this year. Sometimes your fortitude will be tested, and you might wonder if the end result is worth the effort. You might be surprised by how you feel once you get what you want. You will eliminate friends who are no longer in sync with you. As a result, another type of person walks into your life. At the same time, you are evaluating your life goals. If you are single and you want a romance, you will get just that. Friendship needs to be a strong part of this bond. If you are attached, the two of you need to work together to accomplish a life goal. Closeness grows through this joint effort. LEO is a loyal friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ You really don't need any more sparkle and energy, but the planets seem to bathe you in high energy and ultimate creativity. How you focus it is up to you. A child or loved one wants some attention. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Knowing when to pull out can make all the difference in what happens right now. You might opt to head home early or to work from home. You have so much energy that you can do more than your fair share. Tonight: At home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You are more verbal than you have been in a long time. You might feel

a lot better once you clear the air. You might be amazed by your level of diplomacy. You can express dissatisfaction and be heard. Tonight: Lighten up.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Take a hard look at how much you are spending right now, especially on a personal level. Some might want to spruce up the house. Be aware of your budget. There is a tomorrow — promise. Tonight: Pay bills.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Of all signs, today you can muster up whatever is needed to get where you want to be. The Moon in your sign energizes you. You also have a magnetic effect on those around you — just reach out and see. Tonight: Your wish is another's command.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ If you feel lucky with money, take a moderate risk. Others might not be up for heading in your chosen direction. Be OK with walking alone. The end results will become obvious to everyone else. Actions and results speak. Tonight: Play ostrich.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Don't slough over anything. Keep your goals high, and you are likely to achieve the results you desire. Groups and meetings help you gain needed support. You might feel as if you have a cheerleading squad behind you. Tonight: Be your gregarious self.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others follow your lead more easily right now. Speak and take the first step, and others will join in. Don't forget a commitment to an older friend or relative. You make a difference in this person's life. Tonight: Don't even think

about making it an early night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your ability to see beyond the immediate and understand the ramifications separates you from the crowds. Realize that you might need to explain to others in the easiest way possible what you perceive. Tonight: Rent a movie.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ A partner shares some critical information that might impact your approach in your professional or community life. You sense that this person is right-on, and he is. Let him pitch in. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others tap on your shoulder for feedback and information. You might not be comfortable with these sudden requests. You, like Sagittarius, can see beyond the obvious. Law, travel or education remains key. Tonight: The choice is yours.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You are determined to clear your desk or mind of a project. You might need an associate's assistance, whether you want it or not. This person has a lot of insight and helps shorten the path you are taking. Why not make your life easier? Tonight: Relax in your favorite chair.

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AP Top 25 Football Poll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

(AP) — The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 24, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (59)	3-0	1,619	1
2. Texas (6)	3-0	1,560	2
3. Virginia Tech	4-0	1,448	4
4. LSU	1-0	1,424	3
5. Florida	4-0	1,367	5
6. Florida St.	3-0	1,249	6
7. Georgia	4-0	1,242	7
8. Ohio St.	3-1	1,200	8
9. Miami	2-1	1,028	12
10. Tennessee	1-1	995	10
11. Michigan St.	4-0	905	17
12. California	4-0	892	13
13. Notre Dame	3-1	800	16
14. Arizona St.	3-1	690	18
15. Alabama	4-0	608	20
16. Texas Tech	3-0	512	19
17. Wisconsin	4-0	493	—
18. Minnesota	4-0	439	—
19. Virginia	3-0	396	23
20. UCLA	3-0	331	25
21. Boston College	3-1	326	—
22. Purdue	2-1	322	11
23. Iowa St.	3-0	297	22
24. Louisville	2-1	222	9
25. Georgia Tech	3-1	169	15

Others receiving votes: Auburn 128, Michigan 119, Texas A&M 71, Penn St. 70, West Virginia 57, Oregon 55, Clemson 23, UTEP 15, Vanderbilt 14, Toledo 10, Utah 8, South Florida 7, Colorado 6, Fresno St. 5 1-1, Iowa 2, Wyoming 1.

Bush turns attention to oil industry as job losses threatened

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned about Hurricane Rita's damage to coastal oil refineries, President Bush turned his attention to the nation's energy industry as early economic indicators offered reason for optimism and a speedy recovery.

Officials prepared to brief Bush at the Energy Department today after a weekend of monitoring Rita's damage in Texas and Louisiana.

While preliminary assessments show little damage to most refineries, a key economic Bush aide said hundreds of thousands of jobs were at risk if the storm stunted oil production.

"I remain pretty optimistic about the economy," Ben Bernanke, chairman of the White House Council of Economic Advisers, said in a speech Sunday.

However, he added, "There is of course the direct impact of the

shutting down a part of the economy, the loss of several hundred thousand jobs and reduced energy production in the Gulf."

Crude oil futures fell sharply in unusual Sunday trading as it appeared that oil rig and refinery damage from the storm was less than originally feared. A barrel of light crude for November delivery was quoted at \$62.80 on the New York Mercantile Exchange, down \$1.40.

But 16 Texas oil refineries remained shut down after the storm, and crews found significant damage to at least one in the Port Arthur area, said Energy Department spokesman Craig Stevens.

Government officials were satisfied with the response to Rita, including better stockpiling of supplies, early evacuations and more military muscle than deployed four weeks ago against Hurricane

Katrina.

But Bush, anticipating future disasters, began pushing a politically sensitive proposal to give the military a larger role in search-and-rescue missions.

"Clearly, in the case of a terrorist attack, that would be the case," he said. "But is there a natural disaster . . . that would then enable the Defense Department to become the lead agency in coordinating and leading the response effort?"

Harvester spirit



The Whinery and Steward families shows their true Harvester school spirit by posing with their "RIOT" shirts.

Dustin Whinery: "If you want me to behave, you better have duct tape."

Pamela Whinery: "Be prepared to back up could do flips at anytime."

Caylee Steward: "Just five more minutes."

Jonae Whinery: "I can do the pit bar."

Chris Steward: "There's nothing like the view from the cheap seats."

Cayson Steward: "Senior 2022."

Kevin Whinery: "I am who I am because of the Great I AM."

Dana Whinery: "I believe in the big bang. God spoke, bang it happened."

FDA chief sees new health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — The incoming head of the Food and Drug Administration says the agency must stay on top of emerging discoveries into the mechanisms of disease that may lead to new treatments that can be tailored to individual patients.

Dr. Andrew C. von Eschenbach, tapped by President Bush to at least temporarily head the regulatory agency, said Sunday that recent research will lead to a new kind of health care.

"We are discovering so much about diseases like cancer at the molecular level," von Eschenbach, a urologic surgeon by training, said in an interview with The Associated Press.

Based on these understandings, physicians will be able to devise treatments more effectively matched to a specific patient and his or her condition, he said. That's a fundamental shift: Doctors now treat illnesses based primarily on how well other people have responded to a given treatment.

Von Eschenbach has a reputation for optimism. As head of the National Cancer Institute, he outlined an ambitious goal of eliminating suffering and death due to cancer and turning it into a manageable disease by 2015 — an aim regarded by some as unlikely.

But von Eschenbach has seen cancer from both sides, having survived three diagnoses: melanoma, prostate cancer and basal cell carcinoma.

Von Eschenbach said he will stay in his post at the institute, which is the government's lead agency in researching cancer treatments, while running the FDA. He gave no indication whether he expected to be

nominated as permanent chief of the FDA.

He replaces Commissioner Lester Crawford, out only two months after the Senate confirmed him for the post.

Crawford had functioned as acting head for more than a year.

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