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The state fire marshal's office has been called in to investigate the cause of a Sunday fire at the abandoned meat packing plant immediately east of Hind's RV Park, 12051 E. Frederic, according to Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell.

The fire was reported at 1:44 a.m. Sunday, Powell said. Nine units and 31 firefighters from Pampa Fire Department, and White Deer, Lefors and Hoover Volunteer Fire Departments responded to the scene. Pampa Police Department and

vided traffic control b smoke from the fire drifting southward ac 60, Powell said. 'We were out ther

Sunday, but were in ar checking every two ho someone would call Powell said. Most of the 47,29

structure sustained da fire. Portions of the not building received only age, Powell said. The on a 12.23-acre site.

the property is M.D. Fletcher of of the Pampa, according to PFD. The plant was unoccupied and not

connected to utilities at the time of the fire, Powell said. No one was injured while fighting the blaze. "Two factors keeping us at a dis-

tance from the fire were the structure integrity and all the trees and brush. When the metal of the building got hot it started to bend and bow, and then started collapsing," Powell said.

The state fire marshal was notified at 4:30 a.m. Sunday and is currently en route to investigate the fire, er of Powell said.

"We're still in the process of interviews for our own fire marshal," she said. Pampa has been without a fire marshal since Gary Stevens retired

The building was once a meat packing plant and in later years was used for a time as a salvage yard for vehicle parts. No 911 address was available for the location at the time of the fire, and Powell called Pampa Regional Planning Commission to get an address assigned to the property. The plant is located at 12061

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## Early voting described as 'heavy' By MARILYN POWERS

Staff Writer

Early voting in the cityand county-held elections ended at 5 p.m. Friday, with turnout characterized as "heavy" by both the county clerk and the city secretary.

The city election concerning a proposed economic development corporation drew 1,502 early voters, according to City Secretary Phyllis Jeffers. There are 11,960 Pampa residents who are registered to vote, she

The county-held election concerning nine proposed state constitutional amendments attracted 2,027 early voters, said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

"That is heavy for a con-See VOTING, Page 3

City expected

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer

close tomorrow, the Pampa

City Commission is expect-

ed to set a date for a special

meeting to canvass the vote

and declare the results of the

Pampans go to the polls

Tuesday to decide the eco-

nomic future of the city.

Voters will decide whether

to impose a half-percent

sales tax in Pampa to support

a new economic develop-

At their regularly sched-

uled meeting at 4 p.m.

Tuesday in City Hall, com-

missioners will also consider

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of proposals for a communi-

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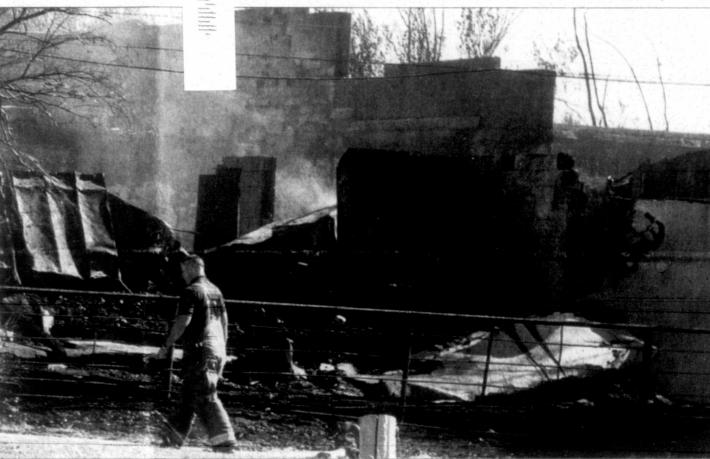
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As election day draws to a



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Hot spots send up puffs of smoke as firefighter Jerry Brock checks connections on a fire hose at the site of an early Sunday blaze at an abandoned packing plant on East Frederic. Firefighters continued to check the site throughout the day Sunday after the fire was reported at 1:44 a.m.

#### Good eating to canvass vote



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER Bobby Bichsel, right, Dough Warminski, Aaron Urbanczyk and Derrick Waminski busy themselves chopping up more Polish sausage during the White Deer Polish Sausage Festival held Sunday.

# Child abandonment trial ready to start

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Jury selection in the trial of a Pampa woman charged with child abandonment was scheduled to begin this afternoon in 223rd District Court.

Margaret Bernadine Stevens, 44, was indicted in October 2004 by a Gray County grand jury in 223rd District Court on a seconddegree felony charge of abandoning a child after Pampa Police Department officers allegedly found her then-11-year-old son living alone in a house at 414 E. Browning on Aug. 13, 2004.

Officers found the child after an anonymous call was received by Pampa emergency services that day, Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner said at the time. The caller said the child had been living alone at the house.

The boy admitted officers inside the home, which was

filled with debris, animal feces and urine, and dirty clothing, according to a PPD news release.

"There was little furniture in the house, trash was heaped in the kitchen and living room, and dirty clothes were strewn about the bedroom floors. There were several pets at the residence that were covered with fleas. Throughout the house also, feces, urine and vomit from the pets was discovered on the beds, furniture and floors," according to the police department release.

The pets included at least two cats, a Chihuahua, a guinea pig and a turtle, all of which were removed to Pampa Animal Shelter at the time police visited the home.

The boy was taken into custody by Child Protective

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#### Margueriete Nash, 100

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Marguriete Nash, 100, died Saturday, Nov. 5, 2005, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2005, in Woodlawn Cemetery in Claremore, Oklahoma, with D.L. Kanipe, a family friend, officiating. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Nash was born Feb. 8, 1905, in Oklahoma and had been a resident of Pampa for over 60 years. She was a former employee of the Gunn Brothers Stamp Store.

Survivors include a greatnephew, Frank Rehbein of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.

family requests The memorials be to the American Heart Association.

NASH, Marguriete Graveside services 3 p.m. Cemetery, Woodlawn Claremore, Oklahoma.

#### SMITH, Maurine I. -Interment, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

#### Gray County Weather .

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South southwest wind around 15

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Election Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 65. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. Calm wind becoming east southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly

cloudy, with a low around 45. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Veteran's Day: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Calm wind becoming south southeast around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 44. Saturday: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68. Saturday Night: A 20 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62.

#### Pampa PD

Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Nov. 5 Sixteen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 700

block of Murphy. A vehicle accident on private property was reported in the 100 block of South

Cuyler. Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 200 block of East Tuke and the 500 block of Doyle.

A civil matter was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

A missing person call was received from the 2600 block of Comanche.

One open door was checked. A prowler was reported in

the 1200 block of Duncan. Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1900 block of Williston, the 1300 block of Charles, and the meat packing plant on East Highway 60.

Public intoxication was

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reported in the 400 block of East Louisiana.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of North Cuyler and the 600 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance and burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville. Nothing was reported taken, and minor injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. The incident was verbal only.

Injury to a child was reported in the 800 block of East Foster. Minor injuries were reported.

Indecency was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2700 block of Navajo. A compact disc player valued at \$100 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo. A compact disc player, compact discs and a scanner were taken, for a total estimated loss of

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 700 block of North Hobart. Prescription medications were taken from a purse. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Eleven traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky, the intersection of Kentucky and Perry streets, and the intersection of Brown and Hobart

An abandoned vehicle was towed from the 700 block of West Brown.

Fire department assistance was rendered on Highway 60 East and in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

A civil matter was reported in the police department

were checked.

A welfare check was made in the 100 block of North Hobart.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1300

block of North Duncan. A suspicious vehicle call

was received from the intersection of Francis and Somerville streets.

A suspicious person call was received from the 900 block of South Banks. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

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A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of Williston

Criminal trespass was reported in the 100 block of South Russell and the 2700 block of Rosewood.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 700 block of North Russell.

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 900 block of Wilcox. Minor injuries were reported. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of Jean. An estimated \$150 damage was done to paint on the front of a building.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of Dogwood. A compact disc player valued at \$400 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Naida. A go-cart valued at \$100 was

Ray Madrid Soto, 41, 933 Wilcox, was arrested in the 900 block of Wilcox for family violence/bodily injury.

Christobal Vega, 46, 14095 County Road 2, was arrested in the 900 block of South Banks for driving while intoxicated and unlawfully carrying a firearm.

Gray County Sheriff's

#### Sheriff

Office reported the following arrest today. Monday, Nov. 7

Billie Lewis, 28, 1031 N. One business alarm was Sumner, was arrested in VOTE FOR Growth. Vote reported. Two open doors cooperation with Pampa Police Department for excessive acceleration, driving while license is suspended, failure to appear, violating a promise to appear, and speeding.Pampa

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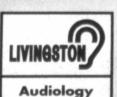
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Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Wednesday, Nov. 2 1:24 p.m. — A 1995 Ford Bronco, driven by Schanda Gaylene Green, 34, 109 N. Wynne, and a 1998 Cadillac Deville, driven by Mary Mercer, 73, 640 N. Nelson, collided in the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets. No injuries were reported. Green was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign and no insurance:

Friday, Nov. 4

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Services representatives

after they were called to the

scene. He remained in CPS'

temporary managing con-

servatorship after that date. Information gathered by

police indicated that the boy

had been living alone at the

Trial

11:22 An p.m. unknown vehicle and driver and a 2002 Chevrolet Trailblazer, driven by Timothy Frank Davis, 33, 1825 Hamilton, collided in the 1800 block of Hamilton. The unknown vehicle and driver then fled the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sunday, Nov. 6 11:38 a.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by Isabela Escobedo, 17, 1031 N. Sumner, and a 2006 Harley-Davidson Roadking, driven by Ken Edgar Cargal, 51, 1138 S. Faulkner, collided in the 800 block of South Hobart. No injuries were reported. Escobedo was cited for failure to control speed and no proof of insur-

10:56 p.m. — A 2003

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bring food to him once or

twice a week, according to

boy were also aware of the

situation, and one had taken

him to register for school,

where his mother was liv-

ing, and had lost the phone

"The boy did not know

according to the release.

Two adult sisters of the

the PPD news release.

Chevrolet Tahoe, driven by Rafael Ramos, 33, 828 N. Nelson, collided with a horse, owned by Wallace grass fire. Bruce, 2200 W. Kentucky, in the 2100 block of West Kentucky. The horse received the only injury reported. No citations were issued.

#### Fire

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

Saturday, Nov. 5 8 a.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1400 block of South Hobart on a good intent standby for the Special Olympics bowling tournament.

4:11 p.m. - One unit and number she had given him. Officers believed he had last seen relatives on

release said. The boy's mental competency was in question at the time of the incident, said then-31st District Attorney Rick Roach when the incident occurred

Thursday, Aug. 12," the

CPS caseworkers Nita Stevens'

two personnel responded to

5:42 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 500 block of Doyle on a medical assist.

Sunday, Nov. 6 6:42 p.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1500 block of West

Kentucky on a smoke scare. 6:56 p.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2900 block of Rosewood on a smoke scare.

#### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today. Sunday Nov. 6

boyfriend, Larry Davis, both testified in custody hearings that the boy is a "special needs" child.

Stevens denied leaving her son to live alone at the house, and said at one custody hearing that Aug. 13, 2004, was the first time she had left him there by himself. She said that the debris throughout the house was caused when a dog at the

Highway 152 and Gray ICU unit responded to the block of East Brown and County Road 4 1/2 on a intersection of highways 60 transported a patient to and 70. No transport.

11:39 a.m. - A mobile unit responded to the 300 Pampa Regional Medical 3:15 p.m. – A mobile ICU Center.



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# Voting

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stitutional amendment election," she said. Total registered Gray County voters number 14,542.

"This was a heavy

turnout," Jeffers said of the early ballot total.

Mail-in ballots will continue to be accepted in both elections through tomorrow.

The polls will be open in both elections from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. tomorrow. The city voting place is M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Voters wishing to cast their ballots in the countyheld constitutional amendment election will have to go to their precinct's polling place.

County polling places tomorrow are: Precinct 1, Lefors Community Center; Precinct 2, Lovett Memorial Library, Pampa; Precinct 3, Grandview-Hopkins School; Precinct 4, Lovett Memorial Library, McLean; Precinct Travis School; Elementary Austin Precinct Elementary School; and Precinct 7, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

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ters and personnel, and the public works department, said Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner.

The commission will also consider authorizing City

Manager John Horst to purchase and maintain public safety software from Tyler Technologies, Inc., for the city's police and dispatch services. The total cost of the software is \$127,230

Commissioners expected to consider selling three vacant lots on the west side of Hobart next to the railroad tracks. West Texas Landscape has offered the city \$300 for the lots.

The commission will hold a planning session following their regular meeting Tuesday.

The agenda for the plansession includes ning repairs to City Hall, a complaint tracking system, additional water rights for the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, creating a charter study committee, developing a comprehensive master plan, renovation of Tyng Street from Starkweather to Cuyler, an emergency operations center, records retention and

# Death row escapee captured in Shreveport

HOUSTON (AP) — A death row inmate who walked away from the Harris County Jail in street clothes and was later found while intoxicated and talking on a pay phone in Louisiana waived his extradition hearing today and will be returned to Texas.

Convicted killer Charles Victor Thompson, who was taken into custody Sunday night, made a video appear-

Judge Ramona Emanuel in Shreveport, La. Authorities said he would be transported to Houston when the paperwork was completed.

"I don't want to waste the taxpayers' money Louisiana," Thompson said

as he waived extradition. Thompson escaped Thursday, using a smuggled set of clothes and a fake identification badge to get errors" by jail personnel, Harris County Sheriff's Lt. John Martin has said.

Thompson, 35, was convicted in 1999 for the shoot-

ing deaths a year earlier of his ex-girlfriend, Dennise Hayslip, 39, of Tomball, and her new boyfriend, Darren Keith Cain, 30.

#### past guards. His escape ance before state District resulted from "multiple Appraisal board to meet Tuesday

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer Gray County Appraisal District's board of directors equipment. will meet at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in the conference

room of the appraisal district, 815 N. Sumner. The industrial appraiser's contract with the district is

puter software contract. Board members will vote on whether to buy computer

- An update of the board's policy concerning the appraisal review board is also on the agenda, along with expenditures for August and September.

This West Texas town per- will always remember you sonalized its Hurricane have done. Katrina relief effort with a \$14,597 donation to the city

of Biloxi — with one dollar representing each resident of Hereford. The check was presented to A.J. Halloway, the mayor

of Biloxi, Miss., on Friday night during halftime of the Hereford-Palo Duro football game at Whiteface Stadium. "We appreciate this from and honor you for what you

Dan and Sharon Evtcheson, owners of Hereford Heritage Funeral Home, set up the Katrina relief fund at a local bank and established collection points to accept donations

can say they gave \$1 for every man, woman and child," Mrs. Eytcheson said.

## Hereford makes relief effort personal HEREFORD, Texas (AP) Halloway told the crowd, "I

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# up for renewal, as is a com-

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East Frederic. PFD provided 16 firefighters, four fire trucks, and three units for the chief, deputy chief and safety officer at the fire. WDVFD pro-

vided one truck and two

firefighters. LVFD sent six

firefighters, a tanker and a

grass fire rig. HVFD had seven firefighters, two tankers and two grass fire rigs at the scene.

"I can't even begin to tell you how proud I am of these firefighters. My guys were there from the time it started 'til the time it ended. Teamwork was displayed there," Powell said. She also acknowledged other agencies providing assistance at the scene.

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# Viewpoints

# EDC: TO BE or NOT TO BE

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sentatives from both sides to why they should vote for the measure. Regardless of which give an explanation of their measure. Tonya Lewis and side you favor, be sure to exer-Corp. issue on the ballot sides give their final thoughts views before the election. Dalton Lewis tell readers why cise your right to vote. Tuesday has created a great on the vote, we invited repre- Paulette Hinkle tells readers they should vote against the

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By PAULETTE HINKLE

I have read a lot of comments about the "haves" and have nots," and how an EDC is designed to benefit a few. As a business and homeowner, I am writing to express my thoughts on Pampa's need for an Economic Development Corp.

I looked upon it with raised eyebrows. My children, who are also my business partners, will tell you that I resist change. This first generation of the EDC was a new way smelled like plain old legalized extortion to

I could not believe that we would have to pay anyone an incentive to come to our community, and if we had to pay them, I still wasn't sure if I even wanted them here. Does it sound familiar?

Well, since 1992, I have been forced to realize that in order for our family owned business to stay atop the growing business trends, the needs of a competitive company are far more than a handshake and handkept set of books. So have the needs of a community changed if it is to thrive.

With this in mind, I voted in favor of our last EDC. If not for my future, then perhaps

Oh, some things happened that I did not like. I do think that some mistakes were our full support. They serve because they made from which we can learn, but let me tell you, I never missed a meal with my family, or gave up one minute of my time to attend an EDC meeting and tell the volunteer committee of my concerns. It was a whole lot easier to be a Monday morning quarterback.

When it was time to decide the fate of our

EDC, I again voted in favor of it. The election happened, and Pampa made history. However, like many of you, I have questioned and never stopped trying to figure out how to present Pampa in her very best light.

As for our current election, I want to say In 1992, when the first EDC was brought, I have been stunned at the name calling, the accusations, and the innuendoes in some of the ads and letters to the editor.

When I participated in the candidates' forum in the most recent mayoral election, I of doing business, and quite frankly it was asked the question, "Why are you running for mayor? It can't be the money, because the position only pays \$10 per meeting." I gave an answer that night, and since then I have thought of that question many times.

Today, I would say this: Whether you live in north, south, east or west Pampa, if you are a taxpaying resident, part of that \$10 belongs to you, and that makes its worth priceless.

I honestly do not think that we have a single council member who does not feel the responsibility that comes with that \$10 bill. Nor do I think that we have any egos so big that the positions are worth the cheap shots they have had to endure.

A majority of our residents elected the council to lead us, and we need to give them

On the surface, there is a lot of activity in Pampa. The oil fields are busy, private investors are building motels, and all seems

But what happens down the road when all of this activity stops? Are we going to hit

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#### By TONYA LEWIS and DALTON LEWIS

Until five years ago, the Economic Development Corp. to most of us was just another way to promote Pampa. After all, we all want growth and jobs for our com-

When the residents realized that the EDC had taken on a negative life of its own, we voted it out and other residents from other communities applauded and asked advice. The petition it took to get the EDC matter on the ballot in 2001 had more than 1,700 voters' signatures.

City commission had only to be asked by a small group to get a new EDC tax on the current ballot. Their rallying cry is all the towns around us have one. What is wrong with being individualists?

We might have a plan for Pampa but no one has asked us. Those of us who disagree with the EDC idea are not popular with city officials since we ended all that taxpayer money their appointed EDC board was playing with.

The truth is that we like some of the people pushing for the new EDC. In some situations we would trust them like they have asked us to do. Quoting American newspaperman and author Finley Peter Dunne: "Trust everybody, but cut the cards."

When a friend who has been a poll watcher for many years went to the pro EDC group and asked if they would sign her form to be a poll watcher, they refused. Would you trust a dealer who refused to "cut the cards?"

We have read "The Texas Economic Development Corporation Handbook," Dr. William J. Weida's notes on economic

development activities, and Greg LeRoy's the Great American Jobs Scam. We have done our homework.

Greg LeRoy states, "Blindfolded public officials practice job creation guided by wolves posing as Seeing Eye Dogs. At every level, this system demeans and degrades public officials: the economic development official forced to bid for an unknown company against unknown competing sites; the school board members who have no say in the property tax abatements that will corrode their budget; the revenue director whose sober advice is upstaged by the frothy projections of an economist rented by the Chamber of Commerce ...'

He continues, "Besides creating corporate windfalls, the Great American Jobs Scam is causing all manner of collateral damage. ... It subsidizes poverty-wage companies that saddle us with hidden taxpayer costs. ... It is helping create a massive tax burden shift away from big companies onto working families and small businesses. ... You can see that ideology for yourself by going to any conference of economic development professionals and watching the public officials.

"You will never hear them crow about how well their working families are doing, about rising median incomes. ... But you will hear them touting big deals. And you will see them courting site consultants and corporate vice presidents." He concludes, "This is what economic development in the United States has become. Welcome to the Great American Jobs Scam."

Our family has four generations in

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# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2005. There are 54 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 7, 1917, Russia's Bolshevik Revolution took place as forces led by Vladimir Ilyich Lenin overthrew the provisional government of Alexander Kerensky. On this date:

History is simply a piece of paper -covered with print; the main thing is still to make history, not to write

> — Otto von Bismarck German statesman (1815 - 1898)

In 1893, the state of Colorado granted its women the right to vote.

In 1916, Republican Jeannette Rankin Montana became the first woman elected Congress.

In 1929, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City opened to the public. In 1940, the middle sec-

tion of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge Washington state collapsed during a windstorm.

1944, President In Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office,

defeating Thomas E. Dewey. In 1962, former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt died in New

In 1962, Richard M. Nixon, having lost California's gubernatorial race, held what he called his "last press conference," telling reporters, "You won't have Nixon to kick around anymore.

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# Right to bear arms protects freedom

should all applaud. The Lawsuits against gun sue Smith & Wesson inspect all of the records and facturers from politicallymotivated lawsuits.

I just read a rant by a liberal columnist on the subject, and as usual, in his hysteria, he got the facts wrong. The new law (which the president was expected to sign as of this writing) does not exempt gun manufacturers from lawsuits. If they produce a defective product that causes injury, they can still be sued. All the new law does is put them on a level playing field with every other manufacturer.

You hear a lot about the gun lobby, mainly the National Rifle Association, of which I am proud to be a life member. There is also, however, an anti-gun lobby that over time has masqueraded under different names: Its goal is to abolish the private ownership of firearms. The lobby doesn't openly admit it, but that's its aim.

With rare exceptions in a few cities and states in which no decent American should live, the anti-gun lobby has failed miserably through the democratic process. If the lobby was honest, which it is not, it would simply seek the repeal of the Second Amendment. Instead, it tries roundabout

Congress finally did ways to accomplish the goal or run down pedestrians. retailer at any time without something right, and we of disarming the populace. Nor should you be able to notice and thoroughly

These lawsuits were so ridiculous that if we had a decent class of judges, they would have been thrown out without even a hearing. A mayor in New Orleans some years ago sued gun manufacturers in an attempt to blame them for the city's sorry crime rate. Other suits try to blame the manufacturers for the actions of criminals in individual cases.

Before America's exceedingly excessive number of lawyers corrupted the civilcourt sys-

tem, the principles Charley involved in Reese liability were simple Columnist and logical. You can't

held liable for something over which you have no control. A manufacturer has no control over or even knowledge of the behavior of the end user of his product. The fact that these lawsuits were politically motivated is

shown by the absence of

such suits against other manufacturers. Nobody has sued Ford Motor Co. because some Ford owner uses his car to rob banks or kidnap children commit murder. As I said, all of these lawsuits should have been immediately dismissed, but because of the low quality of so many judges, many of them were not. Even when the manufacturers win, as they have so far, the legal costs are exorbitant. And that was the strategy of the anti-gun lobby – to bleed the companies with endless lawsuits.

America's gun manufacturers produce some of the highest-quality products in the world.

They are

Manufacturers sell to wholesalers, who sell to retailers, who in turn sell to individual customers. Some of these suits tried to blame manufac-

All gun retailers in the United States are licensed and regulated by the federal government. Agents of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms have the authority to walk into any

Senate and the House passed manufacturers were intended because some crackhead inventory. If any retailer is a law that shields gun manu- to bankrupt the companies. uses one of its pistols to engaged in hanky-panky, and the overwhelming majority are not, that is the fault and responsibility of the federal government, not the manufacturer.

To buy the anti-gun ploy would be like holding General Motors responsible for the behavior of every used-car salesman who sold a secondhand GM car. Responsibility and control of the actions of gun retailers lie squarely with the federal government and the retailers themselves, not with manufacturers.

Machiavelli remarked that the Swiss were the "most armed and most free" people in Europe. When the day comes that your government tells you it is forbidden for you to own and keep a firearm, you will no longer be living in a free country. A government that is afraid of its own citizens is undemocratic and authoritarian. The Second Amendment turers for the actions of is the canary that monitors retailers. That was stupid on our freedom. When it dies, freedom dies. Even if you don't wish to own a firearm, you should join the National Rifle Association and defend the Second Amendment against those who want the government to have a monopoly on force.

# Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Oct. 31 San Antonio Express-News on states

power when disaster strikes: Texas Gov. Rick Perry has it right when he says states, not the federal government, should be the first respon-

ders to natural disasters. Testifying before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Perry said, "This is first and foremost a state responsibility.'

Perry's voice joined the chorus of the National Governors' Association, which released a statement urging

Congress and the White House not to automatically federalize natural disaster response.

The federal government, of course, has an important role to play. But state and local officials who know the terrain are best equipped to be first responders.

What's happening in Washington can properly be called the Katrina effect judging every natural disaster by the failures that took place in Louisiana.

Local and state governments across the nation, however, learned from Katrina. The response in Texas to Hurricane Rita showed the value of that

On the other side of the ledger, the federal response to emergency situa-

tions is not always a study in perfection, as Perry noted in a recent speech to the Heritage Foundation. If the federal response to the border crisis is any indication of how it might respond to natural disasters, states shouldn't rely too heavily on Washington for help.

A better system of communications for disasters is clearly needed. The military, private charities and governmental bureaucracies must be able to talk to one another and coordinate relief

By focusing on this critical shortcoming, Washington can enhance the states on the front lines of natural disasters while bringing federal support to bear where and when it is most needed.

# Biden avoids filibuster pledge against Supreme Court nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — A veteran Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee says he doubts his party will try to block a final vote on President Bush's nomination conservative jurist

Samuel Alito to the Supreme on ABC's "This Week."

Alito, a federal appellate judge, should get a simple up-or-down majority vote on his appointment, Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., said Sunday

"My instinct is we should commit," Biden said, playing down prospects that Democrats will try to begin a filibuster that would require

replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Bush's fellow Republicans hold 55 seats.

"I think that judgment 60 of the 100 senators to won't be made until the bulk

approve Alito's selection to of us have had a chance to actually see (Alito) and speak to him. But I think the probability is that (a vote) will happen," Biden added.

Other committee Democrats, however, said it was too soon to tell whether a filibuster might be necessary, citing initial concerns about Alito's conservative record on the bench.

# Court steps into military trials dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to consider a challenge to the Bush administration's military tribunals for foreign terror suspects, a major test of the government's wartime powers.

Justices will decide whether Osama bin Laden's former driver can be tried for war crimes before military officers in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Chief Justice John Roberts, as an appeals court judge, joined a summer ruling against Salim Ahmed Hamdan. He did not participate in Monday's action, which put him in the difficult situation of sitting in judgment of one of his own rulings.

The court's intervention piles more woes on the Bush administration. which has already suffered one set of losses at the Supreme Court and has been battered by international criticism of its detention policies.

"I think it's a black eye for the Bush administration. This opens a Pandora's box," said Michael Greenberger, a Justice Department attorney in the Clinton administration and law professor at the University of Maryland.

In 2004 justices took up the first round of cases stemming from the government's war on terrorism. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, who is retiring, wrote in one case that "a state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens.'

Arguments in the Hamdan case will be scheduled next spring, in time for O'Connor's successor to take part. Bush has named Samuel Alito, an appeals court judge, to replace her. In his lower court decisions Alito has been deferential to government.

The announcement of the court's

move came shortly after President but that will likely be stalled now. Bush, asked about reports of secret U.S. prisons in Eastern Europe for terrorism suspects, declared anew that his administration does not torture sus-

"There's an enemy that lurks and plots and plans and wants to hurt America again," Bush said during a joint news conference in Panama City with President Martin Torrijos. "So you bet we will aggressively pursue them but we will do so under the law."

Hamdan's case brought a new issue

'A state of war is not a blank check for the president when it comes to the rights of the nation's citizens.'

> Sandra Day O'Connor Supreme Court Justice

to the court — the rights of foreigners who have been charged and face a military trial in a type of proceeding resurrected from World War II. Trials of Hamdan and three other low-level suspects were interrupted last year when a judge in Washington said the proper process had not been followed.

The men are among about 500 foreigners, many swept up in the U.S.-led war in Afghanistan, who have been held at the U.S. military prison in Cuba. The government had planned to proceed with a military trial for another foreigner, Australian David M. Hicks, with a pretrial hearing later this month,

Guantanamo Bay has become a flash point for criticism of America overseas and by civil libertarians. Initially, the Bush administration refused to let the men see attorneys or challenge their imprisonment.

The high court in 2004 said U.S. courts were open to filings from the men, who had been designated enemy

Retired military leaders, foreign legislators, historians and other groups had pressed the Supreme Court to review the case of Hamdan, who like many Guantanamo inmates began a hunger strike over the summer.

A three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, including Roberts, ruled against Hamdan, finding that the 1949 Geneva Convention governing prisoners of war does not apply to al-Qaida and its members.

The ruling was handed down shortly before Roberts was named to the Supreme Court.

Ethics experts have disagreed over whether Roberts should have recused himself from that case, because he was being interviewed for the Supreme Court while the matter was pending.

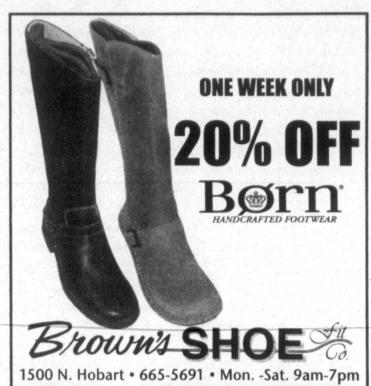
The administration argued that it was unnecessary for the court to hear Hamdan's case because the Pentagon had relaxed the rules for tribunals, enabling classified information to be shared with defendants "to the extent consistent with national security, law enforcement interests and applicable

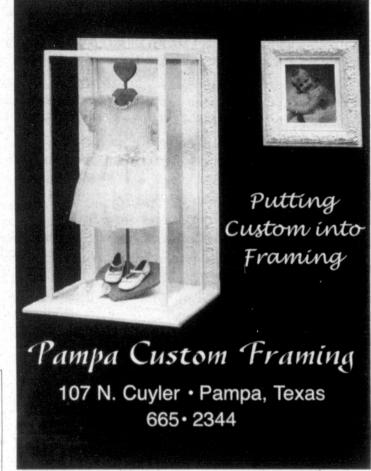
The government also changed the structure of the panels that will hear the cases and decide the men's punishment, with death sentences possible

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I have heard many say they are not voting in this election because their vote doesn't matter. Others have said they are not going to confusing

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the same brick wall that we have hit in the past? Or are we going to try and be more prepared and diversify. I think a 4B EDC gives us our best shot at being ready and it is a way we can all take part.

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In today's world, if I were an outside corporation looking to relocate or start up, I might not need your incentives, but I would want to know that your town has a pro business mindset and one of the best ways to show

that is by having an Economic Development all. Corp. I don't know if an EDC is the answer to everything, but I do know from the successes of the last one, and the successes I see munity, and I need the happening in other area vote because it is all so very communities, it will give us a potential solution that we won't have without it.

> We will make mistakes, I am sure we will. I used to think that the only people who did not make mistakes were those who did nothing at all. I was wrong. The people doing nothing are mak-

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are in our mid-30s, married 13 years. We have four wonderful young sons, ranging in age from 11 to 2, and I'm expecting our fifth and final child. Abby, you would not believe the number of people who feel free to make comments like, "You DO know how to prevent pregnancy, don't you?" or begin to lecture me about how much it's going to cost to send them all to college. I am a college graduate, with a career that I love and for which I am well-paid. My husband is also college-educated and successfully self-employed. We are by no means short of money. I think these things get said because we are perceived as younger than we actually are. (People often assume we're in our mid-20s, but still it's rude and oftentimes hurtful.) Our children are healthy, happy and well-cared-for.

Please give me some advice, because I'm about to lose it with the next person who says such things to me. -- MOM WHO LOVES A LARGE FAMILY

sumptuous comments that people make, trying to be funny, trying to be "helpful" or simply out of intrusiveness. Rather than losing your temper, try to handle them with humor. For those "wits" who say, "You DO know how to prevent pregnancy, don't you?" smile and reply, "Of course we do, but our dream has always been to have a large family." (What are they going to tell you -- that you're wrong?) And to the person who lectures you about the cost of higher education, give a wink and grin, and say, "Thanks for pointing that out. When the time comes, we'll hit you up for a loan."

DEAR ABBY: I am a 14-year-old girl whose father is an alcoholic. Dad needs sad and depressed that my dad is always drinking. My mother has decided to move

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away with my little brother and me. She says it's for our own good because she doesn't want us to suffer what she did when she was a child. I understand and agree with her, but what is Dad going to do if we leave him? Is he going to drink more than he already does? Is he going to die? Please help me. -- SCARED ABOUT DAD, PATERSON, N.J.

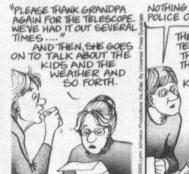
**DEAR SCARED**: When you, your brother and your mother leave, your father will come face-to-face with what his addiction to alcohol has cost him. I can't predict what his reaction will be. On the one hand, he may drink more. On the other, it could be the shock he needs to propel him into sobriety. Of one thing I am sure: At 14, it should not be your responsibility to "save" your father. Only he can do that. I hope that once you are all resettled, your mother will help you and your brother to join Alateen. Alateen is an international group that was started in 1957 to provide support to young people like you, whose lives have been **DEAR MOM:** There is no end of pre- affected by someone else's drinking. Once you attend a meeting, you will find you have a lot in common with everyone you meet there. To find out more about them, visit www.al-anon.alateen.org.

> DEAR ABBY: What do you think about church leadership (the minister and board of trustees) who would invite the congregation to an afternoon meeting in the sanctuary to address a conflict between members and leadership, and then turn off the air conditioning for the meeting in sweltering 100-plus degree heat? -- JUST WON-**DERING IN DALLAS**

DEAR WONDERING: They may have been implying what you could expect if help, but he doesn't want to get it. I'm very you didn't come around to their way of

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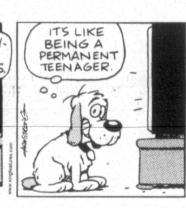




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#### Crossword Puzzle

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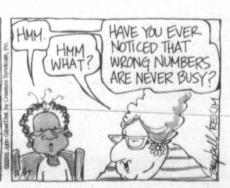




#### Flo & Friends







"What happens if you run out?"

#### Blondie





# Sports Day

# Tri-Champions: Pampa claims share of District 3-4A crown

Pampa head football coach Bryan Wood made his way to Plainview Friday night to have a look at the team Pampa will face Saturday afternoon in meeting.

bidistrict game - Big Spring. The Steers were in Plainview to meet the undefeated Bulldogs in the final game of the regular

a Class 4A Division II Region I

Just the night before, Wood and his Harvesters rolled Caprock, 48-0 on the artificial turf of Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo to secure the No. 1 seed in the opening round of Class 4A Division II, Region I playoffs.

Little could Coach Wood know the hard work his team put in over the past

With the playoff seedings set, few months would continue to pay off. While Wood took in the Big Spring/Plainview game, Hereford was busy hosting Palo Duro in a 3-4A



Pampa offense against Caprock Thursday.

the Herd and take the district title in

Hereford would then be relegated to third place, behind Pampa. Someone forgot to let Hereford in on the game

The Hostile Herd all but dominated Palo Duro in an impressive

34-20 upset. In doing so, Hereford, Palo Duro and Pampa all claimed shares of the

District 3-4A title. Though it doesn't change the playoff pairings, the three teams now enter their respective games this weekend, knowing they can be introduced as a District 3-4A Tri-

Champion. Pampa (5-5, 4-1) will face the Big Spring Steers (3-7) Saturday at Most had figured the Dons to drop Lowrey Field in Lubbock in a game scheduled to start at 3 p.m.

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#### **FOOTBALL FAUX PAS**

# Sorry Casey, my bad; Owens owed nothing

podge' or 'potpourri' type columns too often, but I have so much I want to comment on, I find this one necessary. I hope you will understand.

Sorry Casey, My Bad

First up, my humblest apologies to freshman quarterback Casey Trimble. In my haste to write about how he was given the chance to take the field Thursday in the varsity win over Caprock, I suggested in Friday's Sports Day that he had led his 9th grade team to a win over Randall just days before. This was not only incorrect, but to have done so would have been a direct violation of the rules that govern high school athletics. I realize apologies are also due Coach Wood, his staff, as well as PHS Athletic Director Dick Dunham. However, I think they would agree the real victim here would be Trimble. Taking the field Thursday was exciting and worth mentioning. While other papers might

will go unnoticed unless the hometown sports writer does something with it. As the saying goes, the road to nowhere is paved with good intentions. I meant well. Still, my bad.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



**Terrell Owens** 

What's worse than a braggadocio buffoon? One that demands the world stop and take notice of his deeds. Philadelphia Eagles receiver Terrell Owens has been suspended for conduct detrimental to his team by Eagles ownership. As if fighting both physically and verbally with his teammates wasn't bad enough, Owens berated the today? give the game some mention, it is ownership, management and coaching

I really don't like doing 'hodge- often the story within the game that staff for not orchestrating some sort of royal coronation in observance of Owens' 100th career touchdown pass which he secured a couple weeks ago in the Eagle's win over San Diego. For not stopping the game to knight him Sir All-That-And-A-Bag-Of-Chips. Hey, did you know Mr. Pompous Pants has his own Web site? And the first thing that shows up on it is mention of his great achievement. The second paragraph of the brief article actually begins with "Terrell Owens, perhaps you've heard of him ... ". Later, whoever the author of this piece is adds how Owens should have no problem moving up the NFL TD list in the next few years, noting they hope he does so "in Eagles green for a long time." He

#### might reach the next plateau, but I doubt it will be for the team based in the city of brotherly love. I wonder where Owens and Oakland Raiders owner Al Davis will be having lunch

# Rose Jr. turns himself in

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pete Rose Jr., the son of baseball's all-time hits leader, surrendered to federal authorities Monday to face charges that he was distributing GBL, a drug sometimes used as a steroid alternative.

The 35-year-old Rose could face a maximum of 20 years in prison. The Drug Enforcement Administration said his arrest was part of a larger investigation into a major GBL trafficking organization.

The indictment said Rose admitted that he received GBL from a person in Tennessee while a member of the Chattanooga Lookouts, the Double-A affiliate of the Cincinnati Reds.

He also said he supplied half the players on that team with the drug. According to Rose, teammates would take -GBL to "wind down" after games.

Rose played most of his career in the minor leagues, but made it to the majors for 11 games with the Reds in 1997. Last season he played for the Long Island Ducks of the independent Atlantic League.

The GBL investigation began in 1999 and has included one of the largest seizures of GBL in U.S. history.



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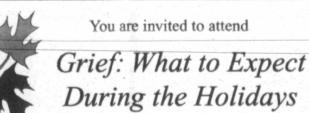
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# Area high school football bidistrict playoff pairings

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**CLASS 5A bidistrict DIVISION II Region I** 

EP Coronado (7-2) vs. Lubbock Monterey (5-5), 2 p.m. Paso's Saturday, Thunderbird Stadium

Abilene (10-0) vs. Weatherford (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Brownwood

Southlake Carroll (10-0) vs. Irving MacArthur (9-1), 6 p.m. Saturday, Irving's Texas Stadium

Cedar Hill (7-3) vs. Allen (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Irving's Texas Stadium

El Paso Eastwood (6-4) vs. Amarillo (9-1), 1 p.m. Saturday, Odessa's Ratliff Stadium

Midland (8-2) vs. North Crowley (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium Denton Ryan (7-3) vs. South Grand Prairie (9-1), noon Saturday, Irving's

DeSoto (6-4) vs. Plano (10-0), 9 p.m. Friday, Irving's Texas Stadium

**CLASS 4A bi-district** DIVISION I Region I

El Paso Andress (7-2) vs. El Paso Del Valle (6-3), 8 p.m. Friday, El Paso's Sun Bowl Amarillo Palo Duro (7-3) vs. Plainview (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Memorial Stadium

Denison (6-4) vs. Mineral Wells (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie

Azle (6-4) vs. FW Arlington Heights (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Burleson

**DIVISION II Region I** 

EP Chapin (9-1) vs. EP Parkland (7-2). 8 p.m. Thursday, El Paso's Sun Bowl Pampa (5-5) vs. Big Spring Texas (3-7), 3 p.m. Saturday, WF Rider (8-2) vs. Aledo (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Denton's Collins Athletic Complex Arlington Seguin (7-2) vs. FW Southwest (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Grand Prairie Canutillo (7-3) vs. EP Riverside (10-0), 8 p.m. Friday, EP

Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Riverside Hereford (6-4) vs. Frenship (9-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field Sherman (3-7) vs. Stephenville (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Denton's Collins Athletic

Complex Springtown (6-4) vs. FW Western Hills (9-1), 9 p.m. Friday, Irving's Texas Stadium

**CLASS 3A bi-district DIVISION I Region I** 

Canyon (9-1) vs. Cooper (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Woodrow's Pirate Stadium Seminole (5-5) vs. Abilene Wylie (8-2), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Midland's Communications Stadium

Vernon (5-5) vs. Gainesville (9-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wichita Falls' Memorial Stadium Decatur (7-3) vs. West (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Southlake's Dragon Stadium

DIVISION II Region I Perryton (6-3) vs. Muleshoe (8-2), 8 p.m. Friday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium Monahans (10-0) vs. Snyder (9-1), 5:30 p.m. Friday,

Midland's Grande Communications Stadium Breckenridge (7-3) vs. Sanger (7-3), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Birdville Fine Arts and Athletics Complex

Bridgeport (5-5) vs. Comanche (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saginaw

Borger (6-3) vs. Littlefield (7-3), 2 p.m. Saturday, Amarillo's Bivins Stadium Midland Greenwood (5-5) vs. Sweetwater (9-1), 7 p.m. Thursday, San Angelo Stadium Iowa Park (4-5) vs. Pilot Point (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Justin Northwest Little Elm (7-3) vs. Whitney (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Burleson Region II Bonham (7-3) vs. Roosevelt (5-

4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Wylie Emory Rains (7-2) vs. Crandall (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mesquite's Hanby Stadium Gilmer (9-1) vs. Daingerfield (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Mount Pleasant Canton (9-1) vs. White Oak (5-

7:30 p.m. Friday, Gladewater Van Alstyne (6-4) vs. Madison (8-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Van

Mount Vernon (5-5) vs. Wills Point (5-5), 7 p.m. Thursday, Greenville

Pittsburg (3-6) vs. Jefferson (4-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Longview Brownsboro (8-2) vs. Tatum (10-0), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Kilgore

**CLASS 2A bi-district DIVISION I Region I** Wall (10-0) vs. Kermit (4-6), 7

Thursday, Midland's Grande Communications Stadium Early (9-1) vs. Colorado City (9-2), 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Abilene's Shotwell Stadium Post (7-3) vs. Tulia (7-3), 7 p.m. Thursday, Lubbock's Lowrey Field

Sanford-Fritch (8-2) vs. Henrietta (7-3), 2 p.m. Wichita Falls' Saturday, **Memorial Stadium** Region II

Boyd (8-2) vs. Eastland (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Saginaw Boswell Grandview (7-3) vs. Troy (6-4),

7:30 p.m. Friday, Alvarado Argyle (7-3) vs. Scurry-Rosser (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Birdville Fine Arts/Athletic Complex Anna (5-5) vs. Pattonville

Prairiland (5-5), 7:30 Friday, Denison **DIVISION II Region I** 

Crane (9-1) vs. Ozona (8-2) 7 p.m. Friday, San Angelo's San Angelo Stadium Bangs (8-2) vs. Hawley (5-5),

Idalou (8-2) vs. Lockney (5-5), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Plainview's **Bulldog Stadium** Canadian (10-0) vs. Electra

(6-4), Saturday, Canyon Alpine (5-4) vs. Sonora (9-1), 7 p.m. Friday, Odessa's Ratliff Coleman (5-5) vs. Anson (6-4),

7:30 p.m. Friday, Jim Ned's Indian Stadium Abernathy (7-3) vs. Friona (8-Saturday, 2), 7:30 p.m. Plainview's Bulldog Stadium

Spearman (7-3) vs. Childress (8-2), 5 p.m. Friday, Canyon's Kimbrough Memorial Stadium

**CLASS 1A bi-district** Region I Stratford (9-1) vs. Memphis (5-5), 5 p.m. Friday,

Amarillo's Bivins Stadium Nazareth (10-0), bye New Deal (9-1) vs. Morton (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Levelland's Lobo Stadium Wink (8-2), bye Sunray (6-4) vs. Quanah (8-7:30 p.m. Friday,

Bushland Bovina (7-3), bye Hale Center (6-4) vs. Seagraves (7-3), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Shallowater McCamey (10-0), bye

SIX-MAN bi-district Region I Wheeler (9-1) vs. Happy (8-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Groom Meadow (10-0) vs. Crowell (7-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jayton Wellman-Union (7-3) vs. Fort Davis (8-2), 7:30 p.m. Friday,

Highland (10-0) vs. Robert Lee (6-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Robert

#### A SEASON TO REMEMBER

# WT Buffs seeded No.1

CANYON - The West Texas A&M University Buffalo football team is the No. 1 seed for the NCAA-II Southwest Region Playoffs, as the playoff field was announced today (Nov. 6) by the NCAA.

The Buffaloes, ranked #12 in the AFCA DII Top 25 Poll, won the Lone Star Conference Championship Saturday night at Stephenville, with a wild 30-26 comefrom-behind win over #22 Tarleton State University. It was WTAMU's second fourth-quarter rally in a row and fifth of the year, as well as the and sixth time this season the Buffaloes have come from behind to win. It also was WTAMU's fifth win by eight points or less and sixth game overall.

In their first-ever NCAA-II Playoff appearance, the Buffaloes will host a second-round contest on Saturday, Nov. 19 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium against the winner of fourth-seed University of Nebraska-Kearney and fifth-seed Pittsburg State University who play next Saturday, Nov. 12. The game will either Noon or 1 p.m. Central Time, which will be announced sometime later this week.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, Nov. 7 at 8 a.m. Season-ticket holders have until Friday, Nov. 11 at 5 p.m. to claim their respective seat. There will be a limited number of reserved seats available to the general public for \$15. General admission tickets are \$10 for adult, including senior citizens, as no senior citizen discount will be valid, as mandated by the NCAA. Students (properly identified grade school, high school and college students of the participating institutions) are \$3. No discounts, passes or complimentary tickets of any type will be available, also as mandated by the NCAA. The NCAA also does not allow any noisemakers of any kind at Championship events.

The rest of the Southwest Region field including No. 3 Angelo State University hosting No. 6 Northwest Missouri State University, with the winner advancing to play No. 2 Washburn University. The winner of the WTAMU vs. Pittsburg State/Nebraska-Kearney winner will face the winner of the Washburn vs. Northwest Missouri State/Angelo State winner in the Regional Final and National Quarterfinal game on Nov. 26.

The other No. 1 seeds are Presbyterian College in the Southeast Region, whose region champion is paired with the Southwest Region champion in the National Semifinals on Dec. 3, Grand Valley State University from the Northwest Region and Shepherd College from the Northeast Region.

The complete NCAA-II Playoff Bracket is posted on www.ncaasports.com.

# The AP Top 25

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The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 5, 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 (57)	9-0	1,617	1	
2. Texas (8)	9-0	1,568	2	
3. Miami	7-1	1,452	5	
4. Alabama	9-0	1,450	4	
5. LSU	7-1	1,328	6	
6. Penn St.	9-1	1,271	10	
7. Notre Dame	6-2	1,201	8	
8. Virginia Tech	8-1	1,147	3	
9. Georgia	7-1	1,097	11	
10. Ohio St.	7-2	1,076	12	
11. Oregon	8-1	943	15	
12. Florida	7-2	905	13	
13. Texas Tech	8-1	753	16	
14. UCLA	8-1	693	7	
15. Auburn	7-2	680	17	
16. West Virginia	7-1	677	18	
17. Florida St.	7-2	605	9	
18. TCU	9-1	536	20	
19. Wisconsin	8-2	438	14	
20. Fresno St.	7-1	410	21	
21. Michigan	6-3	372	22	
22. Colorado	7-2	312	25	
23. Louisville	6-2	242	24	
24. Georgia Tech	6-2	109		
25. Northwestern	6-3	82	_	

Others receiving votes: California 38, UTEP 27, Boston College 24, Boise St. 23, Oklahoma 16, South Carolina 14, Minnesota 12, Iowa St. 5, Iowa 1, South Florida

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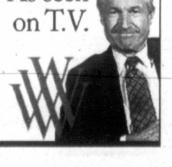
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# Meetings and events

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

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ber or the Athletic Office, 669-4830.

#### BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Nov.

You have to play it cool this year, as many different factors could impact you. You often find others more than ready to criticize and play devil's advocate. Know that comments are coming from each person's experiences and are not meant to be disagreeable. You also might not be realistic about your home life, and maybe you need this vagueness. If you move, choose to be near water. Many count on you, and you often feel weighed down. Ultimately, all of this will work out for the better. You have a way of surmounting difficulties and problems. If you are single, relationships might often be contentious, though your desirability is high. If you are attached, learn to agree to disagree. AQUARIUS always has a different outlook

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\* It is going to take more than determination to get through the day. Obstacles demand creativity, or at least by delegating the problem, you'll encourage others to help. Others have suggestions that might not be workable. At least they care. Tonight: Let off steam with friends

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\* You are fiery, especially when confronted with negativity. It might be wise to step back and avoid the present tango. Others have great ideas. Implementing them might be a whole different story. Tonight: Work late. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* You would be well-advised to distance yourself from strong feelings and hot situations. You must tune in to your higher self, or else you could be embroiled in messes you would prefer to stay out of. You might not understand how very angry you are at someone. Tonight: Stay in your head. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Investigate what is going on before you do or say anything. Everyone seems to have a different opinion of what must happen. It might be wise to listen and, even if you strongly disagree, say othing. Tonight: Let others sound off. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\* You might feel unusually glum or out of control. Truly, many planetary forces are at work, which you cannot control. Let others deal with what comes up. Become shy and reticent - yes, you! Tonight: Go along with another's plans. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* You have very little control of

what is going on. Stick to what you can do yourself, and don't get involved in office or domestic politics. You will be all the happier as a result. Keep your head down and stay out of hassles. Tonight: Choose a stress-buster. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* You might have many great ideas, but they fall on deaf ears. Everyone is doing his or her own thing. Problems or different styles mark the day's happen-You will want to kick up your heeis. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

ings. Be smart; look at the cup as halffull and keep your nose clean. Tonight \*\* You might want to reach a decision. but now is not the right time. Others are extremely opinionated and difficult.

Hassles appear left and right. Stay close

to home, or close your door if need be Tonight: Lie low.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You can talk all you want, but getting a consensus could be tough. Others have personal problems, and their minds are elsewhere. Follow your intuitive sense. Screen out extra flak. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* Sometimes you might be put off

by someone's attitude, especially regarding former agreements. Let it go for now, as you might not be able to resolve much. You will find that others are simply flaky, argumentative or difficult. Tonight Think through an issue AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\* The Moon might be in your sign. and you might be OK, but the truth remains that others might be hostile, argumentative or just depressed. Stay out of the activity. Do your thing. Tonight: Conjure up an idea in your imagination. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* You might be argumentative, frus-

trated or downright out of sorts because of others. If you can vanish, close your door or stay home, all the better. Loosen up and relax by staying out of the way of others. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

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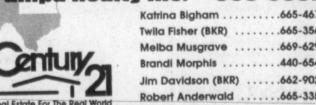
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