

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

COOPER, John Augustus — 10 a.m., White Deer United Methodist Church, White Deer.
WATSON, Willard 'Bill' — 11 a.m., Pioneer Pavilion at Pioneer Cemetery, outside of Cross Plains.

Hannah Fae Chapman, 83

WHEELER — Hannah Fae Chapman, 83, of Wheeler, died Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006. Services were planned for 10:30 a.m. today in Wheeler First Baptist Church with the Revs. Jack Tom Riley, nephew of the deceased of Iowa Park, and Dennis Williams, pastor, officiating.

Burial was to be in Wheeler Cemetery under the direction of Wright Funeral Home of Wheeler.

Mrs. Chapman, a lifelong Wheeler County resident, was born Aug. 18, 1923, at Fairlie, Texas, to George Thomas and Mary Ann Riley. She attended school at Briscoe, graduating from Briscoe High School.

She married Oddie Albert Chapman in

1954 at Sayre, Okla.; he died in 1991.

Mrs. Chapman worked at Clay Grocery Store for several years and operated a flower and gift shop in Wheeler. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, Don in 1979; five brothers; and two sisters.

Survivors include two sons, Jim Atherton of Hoover, Ala., and Von Chapman of Wheeler; a stepdaughter, Tootie Nickell of Amarillo; two sisters, Wilma Barker and Minerva Jones, both of Wheeler; a brother, Earl Riley of McLean; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church in Wheeler.

John Augustus Cooper, 89

John Augustus Cooper, 89, of White Deer, Texas, passed away on September 17, 2006, in Panhandle, Texas.

Services will be on Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at 10 a.m. at the White Deer United Methodist Church with the Rev. John Dorn, retired UMC pastor of Shamrock, Texas, and Pam Lehman, pastor of the White Deer UMC, White Deer, Texas, officiating.

Burial will be in the White Deer Cemetery, White Deer, Texas. Arrangements are by Minton-Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle, Texas.

Mr. Cooper was born on March 7, 1917, in Joplin, Mo., to Benjamin Harrison and Mischa Arabell McDaniel Cooper.

Mr. Cooper was a resident of White Deer for 45 years. He worked as a Production Superintendent for Dorchester Gas Company and retired after 35 years of service.

John was a loving family man with a great sense of humor and a passion for baseball as a player and a coach. As a history buff, he could recall many a story. He also served as a Chaplain for the Oddfellows.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marguerite; a son, John Benjamin Cooper in 2000; two brothers; and one sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Anna and husband Terry Lewis of Panhandle, Texas, and Debbie and husband Buddy Cummins of San Antonio, Texas; two sons, David and wife Wandee Cooper of Las Vegas, Nev., and Charles and wife Sharon Cooper of Aurora, Colo.; one brother, Andy and wife Bobbie Cooper of Santa Maria, Calif.; and two sisters, Maribell Ash of Joplin, Mo., and Louise StClair of Joplin, Mo.; grandchildren, Kara Lewis, Chris Cooper, Melissa Smith, Carol Ann Foster, Scott Cooper, Tiffany Cooper and Gregg Cooper; five great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials be to: White Deer United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 835, White Deer, TX 79097; Garretson Retirement Center, P.O. Box 1239, Panhandle, TX 79068; BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or Shepherd's Helping Hands, P.O. Box 1155, Pampa, TX 79066.



Cooper

Edith Eldora Bell Keahey, 88

HYATTSVILLE, Md. — Edith Eldora Bell Keahey, 88, died Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006 in Hyattsville.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday in Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville. Burial will be at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

Mrs. Keahey was born Aug. 18, 1918 in Kingsmill, Texas. She was reared on a farm southwest of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1937 and had worked at Montgomery Ward and La Nora theater.

Mrs. Keahey traveled extensively during World War II as her husband, Maj. George Keahey, was a pilot who flew 50 missions during the war.

Survivors include a sister, Doris Hanson of Garland, Texas; three nieces; and three nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie and Marnie Bell, her husband, two brothers, Ben Bell and Max Bell and one sister, Madge Kirk.

Willard 'Bill' Watson, 84

Willard "Bill" Watson, age 84, passed away Sunday, September 17, 2006, at Brownwood Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 20, 2006, at the Pioneer Pavilion with Charles Copeland officiating; burial will follow in the Pioneer Cemetery.

He was born in Halyke, Massachusetts, on June 10, 1922, to Henry B. and Alice Graw-Watson. He married Jo Veda Fleming on June 24, 1956, in Cross Plains, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Jo Veda of Brownwood; two sons, Alton Watson and his

wife, Anetta of Fritch and Billy Watson and his wife, Leigh Ann of San Angelo; daughter, Julie and her husband, Rob Robinson of Henderson, Nev.; five grandchildren, Chris and Janice Robinson of Henderson, Nev., and Zack, BJ, Abby Watson of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to Heart of Texas Baptist Encampment in Brownwood, Texas; Pioneer Cemetery in Pioneer, Texas; or Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in May, Texas.



Watson

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 80. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear,

with a low around 55. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly

sunny, with a high near 81. Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 75. West wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ten traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 1900 block of North Banks.

Motorist assistance was rendered at an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of East Craven, the 200 block of East Brown, and the 600 block of North Christy.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Somerville.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 2400 block of Charles and an unreported location.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Juniper, the 300 block of North Nelson and the 800 block of North Nelson.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby. Keys were found in an unspecified block of Ballard Street.

A missing person call was received from the 600 block of North Wells.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 200 block of Tignor, the 400 block of Doucette, and the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of North Christy and the 1100 block of Juniper.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

A disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy. Minor injuries which did not require medical attention were reported. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault with injury was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan. Minor injuries which did not require medical attention were reported. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Information was received from the 300 block of North Starkweather concerning a window on a vehicle being shattered.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Two cell phone accounts were opened in the victim's name, resulting in an estimated loss of \$2,204.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway. A cell phone of unknown value was taken.

Theft and criminal mischief were reported at Fenton Motors, 123 N. Hobart. A license plate holder on a vehicle was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$30.

Burglary was reported at Douglas Paint and Body, 317 E. Brown. A television, DVD player, painting tools, two sanders, saw, floor jack, and battery charger were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,820.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee. A DVD player valued at \$30 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 900 block of East Francis. A wallet, contents and cash were taken, for a loss estimated at \$40.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$55 was taken.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Tuesday, Sept. 12

3:16 p.m. — A 2000 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Dave Lynn Thomas, 45, of 201 W. Kingsmill, collided with a vehicle exiting a private drive in the 1400 block of Charles. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Thursday, Sept. 14

1:03 p.m. — A 2003 Ford Taurus, driven by Peggy Nabors Ervin, 54, of 965 Cinderella, collided with a parked 1997 Ford F-150, owned by Thomas Lane Keith, 1044 Cinderella, in the 1100 block of Cinderella. No injuries were reported. Ervin was cited for failure to maintain a single lane of travel.

Friday, Sept. 15

12:30 p.m. — A 1997 Buick LeSabre, driven by Vallie Harris Futch, 81, of 1929 N. Zimmers, and a 1995 Toyota Camry, driven by Georgia McGuffin Holland, 81, of Miami collided at the intersection of 21st Avenue and Hobart Street. No injuries were reported. Futch was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

Saturday, Sept. 16

3:42 a.m. — A 1986 Ford F-250, driven by Jesus Rene Torres Jr., 20, of 413 N. Somerville, collided with a legally parked 2001 Pontiac Grand Am, owned

by Ladawnetta Beth Shackelford of 845 E. Craven, in the 400 block of North Dwight. Torres and his vehicle then traveled onto private property, striking two chain link fences. No injuries were reported. Torres was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

7:10 a.m. — A 1997 Honda Odyssey, driven by Javier Alejandro Banda, 17, of 1124 Duncan, left the roadway in the 400 block of North Ballard and struck a concrete barrier. No injuries were reported. Banda was cited for no driver's license and no insurance, and was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail.

Monday, Sept. 18

7:22 a.m. — A 2006 Buick Rendezvous, driven by Kerry Lee Parsley, 58, of 921 S. Schneider, and a 2005 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Neal Allen Gardner, 38, of 1820 Coffee, collided at the intersection of Gillespie and Craven streets. No injuries were reported. Parsley was cited for failure to yield right of way at an open intersection.

10:10 a.m. — A 1999 Bobcat 773, operated by David Heredia, 22, of Borger collided with a gas meter in the alley between the 2500 blocks of Aspen and Duncan streets, and broke the gas service line connected to a residence. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Sept. 18

Jesus Moises Mata, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and driving while intoxicated.

Jerry Williams, 47, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of South Christy by Pampa Police Department for simple assault.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 18

10:11 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2500 block of Aspen on a gas leak.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

12:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of North Somerville on a lifting assist.

Ambulance

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

Saturday, Sept. 16

10:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 800 block of West 25th.

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee. Call was disregarded en route.

10:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to County Road 11 and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Sunday, Sept. 17

9:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Harlem and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1200 block of Williston.

11:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Sept. 18

9:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Terry and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTX.

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Gray and Maple. No transport.

4:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

6:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

2:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

NASA delays space shuttle return after mystery object spotted

HOUSTON (AP) — NASA delayed the planned landing of space shuttle Atlantis by at least a day today after engineers spotted an object that may have accidentally flown out of its cargo bay.

Landing had been scheduled for Wednesday morning. But a poor weather forecast and concerns that something crucial floated out of the space shuttle prompted the delay, space shuttle communicator Terry Virts told the crew.

NASA wanted an extra day to do a detailed photographic analysis of the shuttle and its cargo bay area, NASA spokesman Doug Peterson had said earlier. Already NASA had been using cameras to scan the cargo area.

Mission control spotted the baffling object — the size of which was not immediately determined — with a video camera in the shuttle's cargo bay. The object, which circled the Earth in the same orbit as the shuttle, probably came out of the cargo bay around 2:45 a.m. EDT today because some jets had just been fired on Atlantis, Peterson said.

"It's something that we didn't expect, but it's something that we're taking a real close look at," Peterson said. NASA ordered Atlantis to keep the camera running all night instead of stowing it ahead of the planned landing attempt as usual.

Even before the problem with

the unexplained object surfaced, NASA had said weather could affect Wednesday's scheduled landing. A storm front moving through Florida could delay landing from 5:59 a.m., when the sky would still be dark, until 7:34 a.m. or until Thursday or Friday. Weather requirements are more stringent for dark sky landings because they are more difficult.

In preparation for the landing, the Atlantis crew had packed, checked flight controls — similar to those on an airplane — and test fired small jets that are used to guide the shuttle. The commander and pilot used simulations to practice their landing skills.

They also participated in a rare

conference call with two other spacecraft also currently in orbit.

"It's a little crowded in the sky this morning," said Jeff Williams, a resident of the international space station the shuttle undocked from on Sunday after delivering and installing a solar panel addition.

"We were wondering if we had to hire some more air traffic controllers for the increased traffic up here," responded Michael Lopez-Alegria from the Russian Soyuz capsule that launched from Kazakhstan on Monday. He's part of the team that will be taking over from Williams' crew.

During the 10-minute conversation, while the space station and shuttle hovered over Australia and

the capsule over the Black Sea, the astronauts reminisced about their time together, the times to come and the latest drama in the cosmos.

The three space station astronauts pulled an alarm and donned protective gear after an Elektron oxygen generator overheated Monday, spreading smoke and a burned-rubber smell and leaking potassium hydroxide, an irritant that is used to power batteries. NASA said the leak was not life-threatening, and the crew cleaned up the spill.

During their mission, the Atlantis astronauts officially resumed construction of the international space station after a four-year hiatus.

Southside Senior Citizens Center provides many community services

By **GLORIA CAPTAIN**
Southside Senior Citizens
Director

The Southside Senior Citizen Center's greatest accomplishment for the year 2005 is our donation meals on Tuesday and our fellowship meal on the second Thursday of each month.

It gets better each year we provide for the public.

We thank the United Way for granting us the privilege to do this.

Last year, we served over 3,000 people on our Tuesday



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meal, not including the meal on wheels on Saturday. It is very successful and wonderful, knowing we help our fellow men in our city.

We are open for many church functions, banquets,

birthdays, reunions and many other functions which the city of Pampa use the center for.

It is a great joy to know we provide needs for our community.

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2006 fund-raising campaign.

Taxes

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Dallas, John E. Nichols of Freeport, Michael S. Stevens of Houston, John R. (Bob) Garrett of Tyler, L. Curtis Culwell of Garland, Timothy P. Roth of El Paso,

John David Franz of Hidalgo, Gary O. Boren of Lubbock, Robert E. Garrett of Amarillo, Brooke Leslie Rollins of Fort Worth and Rolando B. Pablos of San Antonio.

"Earlier this year, we provided Texas property owners with the largest property tax cut in state history - a 33 percent reduction in their

school property tax rates over the next two years," Perry said. "Now we need to address the rest of that equation: the silent tax hikes of rising appraisals."

Perry wants the commission to develop its own independent recommendations while keeping the plight of the taxpaying public foremost on its mind.

Tralee

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town and proceed to City Hall. Pampa High School drummers will beat a drum to represent how often a person is affected by domestic violence. Last year, the drum sounded every 19 seconds.

Military personnel, including veterans and those in the reserves, may wear their uniforms and

participate in the march. Others such as emergency services personnel and Boy Scouts may also wear their uniforms and march, Covil said. Others whom the center hopes will participate in the march include clergymen.

Bikers Against Child Abuse, a motorcycle group, will be represented by some of its Pampa members in the march. Amarillo members may also participate, Covil said.

The nominations for the winner and runners-up will

be read on the steps of City Hall. Last year's honorees received certificates of recognition after their nominations were read, and were featured in The Pampa News.

The 2004 Most Honorable Man was George Kilcrease. Last year's honor was shared by Darryl Hughes and Marty Fields.

Deadline for nominations to be received at the Tralee Office is 5 p.m. Oct. 2.

"Please take this opportunity to honor the man in your life," Covil said.

Jobs

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door. "We take them, rinse them out and crush them," White said. "Then we send them off."

"It is a benefit to the landfill," Horst said. "Anything we can keep out of the landfill certainly helps. It will extend the life of our landfill. It's a win-win situation for everybody."

"The city's helping us get going on that," White said. But the workshop does more.

"We have several contracts," White said. "We used to have the paper contract with the hospital."

One of the prices of progress, she said, is that everybody is going to electronic communications such as emails and text messaging, so there's less paper to recycle.

"We have a box contract with several companies," White said. "One of our big ones is Titan."

Employees from the sheltered workshop pick up the flat, folded boxes and bring them back to the workshop facility where they unfold them, staple them and glue them and then deliver them back to the company.

"We load them and

unload them," White said. "We do everything. They order the boxes, the glue and the staples for us. We bring them up here and put them together."

She said the men at the workshop particularly like putting the boxes together, but the workshop also provides other job opportunities for their clients.

"We have picnic packs," White said.

The workshop employees put a spoon, a fork, a knife, a napkin, salt, pepper, sugar and sweetener in plastic bags and seal them.

"The Lions Club in Perryton order all their picnic packs from us," White said. "We sell them quite a few."

This provides work for the sheltered workshop clients.

"The clients get paid for what they do up here," White said. "For every box they put together, they receive so much."

For every picnic pack that they put together, they receive a given amount.

"This is their job," White said. "They are productive citizens."

She said she and Horst have talked about other recycling programs.

Horst said they have talked about expanding the recycling effort to tin cans, as opposed to just aluminum cans.

"We have a container where metal cans can be tossed," Horst said.

He said the city has talked with the workshop about rinsing out those cans and removing the paper labels.

"The recycler will not take if they haven't been rinsed or have the paper labels on," Horst said. "We're trying to work out the logistics of that. We're also looking at the feasibility of them taking care of our plastic recycling program."

"We will try anything," White said.

She said they set up a test period and see what it will cost, what the materials are and what the labor will be.

"Like on our paper contracts," White said. "If they bring us paper, we charge them so much a pound. We sort it, shred it and take the staples out."

They also replace the brooms on the street sweepers for the city.

"We strip wire," White said. "We take the insulation off of it."

The sheltered workshop has 37 clients in Pampa, White said.

"We do have two that come over from Skellytown," she said. "They only come over once a week. We have 10 or 12 that work out in the community, but they come out here and work also."

Troops

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Abizaid said that right now the current number of troops "are prudent force levels" that are achieving the needed military effect.

His comments came as U.S. political leaders continue to face declining public support for the war in Iraq, as they head into the coming congressional elections.

Abizaid, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Peter Pace are expected to meet with members of Congress later this week.

Late last year, military leaders had said they hoped to reduce troop levels to about 100,000 by the end of this year. But Abizaid said Tuesday that the rising sectarian violence and slow progress of the Iraqi government made that impossible.

"I think that this level probably will have to be sustained through the spring," he told military reporters. "I think that we'll do whatever we have to do to stabilize Iraq and Afghanistan and use the military power of the U.S. to do that."

Abizaid cautioned that the solution to much of Iraq's violence is not necessarily "throwing more American units at the problem."

Instead, he said it is vital that the Iraqi government improve the political and economic conditions in the embattled country, as part of an effort to get the "angry young men" off the streets. And he said there will be more emphasis on the U.S. military teams that are training the Iraqi army and police forces.

There are currently 147,000 U.S. forces in Iraq. Rumsfeld extended the one-year deployment of an Alaska-based brigade in July, as part of the effort to stem the escalating violence in Baghdad.

Capitol gunman had cocaine on him

WASHINGTON (AP) — An armed man ran through the U.S. Capitol after crashing his vehicle on the Capitol grounds Monday in the worst breach of security since a gunman killed two police officers in 1998.

Acting Capitol Police Chief Christopher McGaffin identified the intruder as Carlos Greene, 20, of Silver Spring, Md. He said Greene, tackled after a foot chase through the Capitol, was armed with a loaded handgun and had crack cocaine in his possession.

Greene appeared to be under the influence of a controlled substance and "exhibited signs of seizure," McGaffin said. He was taken to Greater Southeast Community Hospital.

Police planned to charge Greene with federal felony possession of a handgun and assault of a police officer, McGaffin said.

"This was unacceptable by my expectations for Capitol Police," McGaffin said. "It was an unfortunate breach of our security."

He said Greene, driving an SUV stolen earlier in the day, slammed into a police vehicle blocking an entrance to a major construction site on Capitol's east side, across from the Supreme Court.

Greene drove into the site, stopping at a skylight for the new Capitol Visitors Center, which opens next year, McGaffin said, adding that Green then bolted up the Capitol steps, entering the building through a third-floor construction door. He then made his way to the basement on the opposite side of the building before

being subdued by police outside an office for distribution of flags that lawmakers present to constituents.

McGaffin said there was no information that Greene was brandishing his weapon and said police chasing him chose not to use deadly force. He praised Capitol police for their actions in capturing the intruder, but said there would be a review of security measures and protocols.

Greene entered at "an access point that must be available to construction vehicles," he said, and "there is a risk. That's why we have concentric rings of security."

The incident occurred shortly before 8:00 a.m. EDT., and the Capitol was locked down for about an hour before reopening for staff and tourists. The House was not in session on Monday and the Senate didn't convene until Monday afternoon.

The visitors center is being built in part to provide an extra layer of security before people enter the Capitol following the 1998 shooting deaths of two Capitol police officers.

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Viewpoints

Meanings of some words change over passage of time

It's strange how the meaning of some words can change over time. Take the word "partner," for instance.

Until not so long ago, when I heard that word, it usually meant a business associate, as in business partner. If the business wasn't exactly on the up and up, the persons referred to might be called partners in crime.

The Old West version of the word, "pardner," generally meant "pal" or "sidekick" or some other variation of friend, ally or acquaintance.

A few years ago, I finally heard how the word "partner" was being used these days. I was watching one of those shows on the cable television channel which is devoted mainly to homes and gardens.

The show featured unusual homes around the country. The occupant or occupants would lead the crew on a tour of the residence and talk about its special or unique features.

I noticed that two men who were pointing out the artwork in their home were referred to as partners. As in, "Bill and his partner, Bob."

I kept hearing the word used in this manner, and finally figured out that it was being used to refer to two people in a same-sex relationship, not two people in a business arrangement.

It was not that I couldn't figure out that the two were intimate. It was just that I'd never heard of someone's "significant other" referred to by the relatively cold and impersonal (or so I thought) word, "partner."

If such a term is going to be used to describe such a relationship, why describe it at all? Why feel the need to point out that the two are more than just friends and neighbors? After all, some years ago, we wouldn't introduce to the general public an intimate couple who were living together as "lovers."

I never thought this new use for an old word would be extended to

heterosexual relationships, too, but lo and behold, I heard it used that way just two weeks ago.

I was watching one of the many documentaries being aired about 9/11. A woman's boyfriend, who had perished in one of the twin towers of the World Trade Center when they fell that day, was

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Staff Writer



referred to as her partner.

She talked about his last words to her, in a phone message he left on her voice mail just after his building was hit by one of the planes. It was obvious they were in love with each other.

So why use the cold, impersonal word "partner" to describe their relationship?

There are numerous ways to refer to the people in such a relationship. Why not use one of them?

The word "partner" just sounds so out of place and inadequate in such circumstances. It also sounds deceptive.

I am not saying that same-sex relationships are acceptable or not acceptable. That is not the purpose of my column today. I know how I feel about the subject, and of course I think I'm right. Everyone else has their opinion on the subject, too, and I'm not out to argue with anyone today, except on how new uses for old words aren't always the best use for those words.

There are new terms in use today, too, which I never heard in school.

If someone had come up with the phrase "world-wide web," we might have thought they were talking about a horror movie featuring giant spiders which took over the globe.

"Politically correct" might have been interpreted as getting the answers right on a test in government or civics class.

"AIDS" were things that helped us, not killed us.

Mention of a cell phone would probably make us think inmates were being allowed phones in their cells. And if any of us had seen the flip phones now in use, we would have thought they were Star Trek communicators.

It's interesting to note how our language mutates to fit the times. It's also confusing now and then.

I do know one thing. If I have a partner, it means I'm in a business relationship with that person. There are plenty of tried and true ways to refer to the people I love without coming up with a new, comparatively impersonal and cold way to describe them.

Even if they're just pardners of mine.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2006. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Sept. 19, 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

On this date: In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1796, President Washington's farewell address was published. In it, the nation's first chief executive wrote, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1906, addressing the annual dinner

of The Associated Press in New York, Mark Twain said, "There are only two forces that can carry light to all the corners of the globe — only two — the sun in the heavens and The Associated Press down here."

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1955, President Juan Peron of Argentina was ousted after a revolt by the army and navy.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he wouldn't be allowed to visit Disneyland.

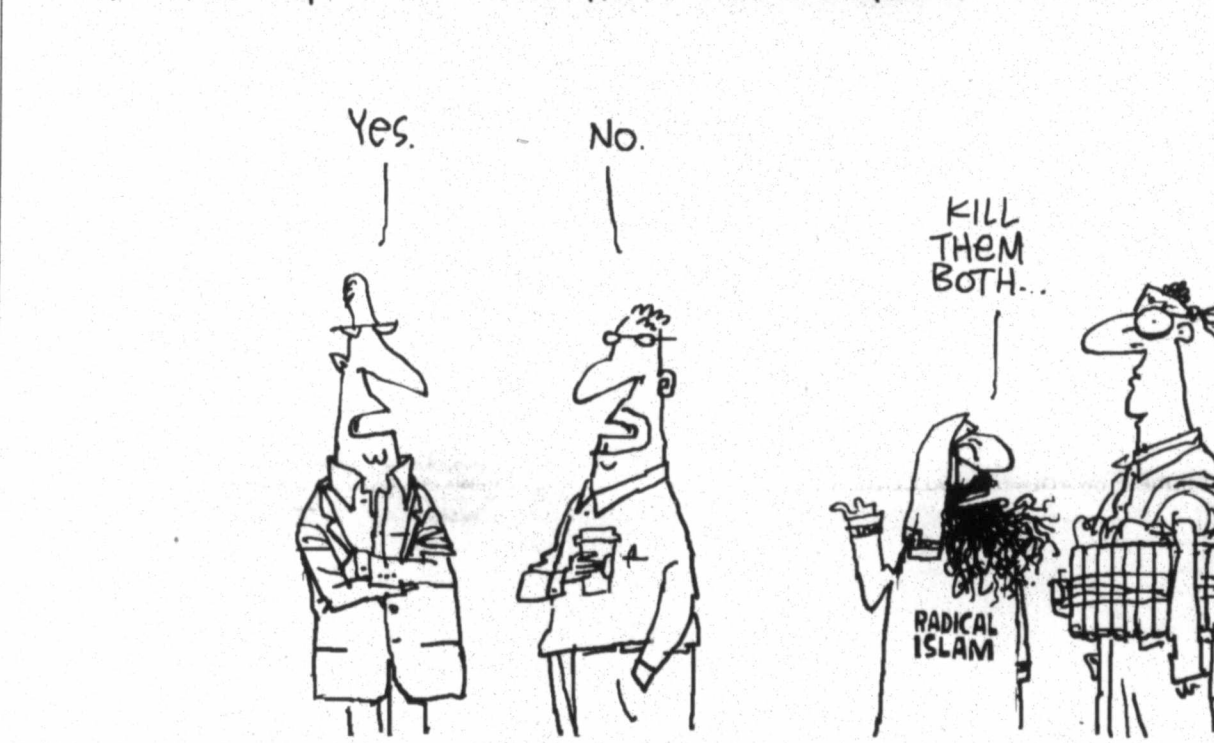
In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

'He who is unable to live in society, or who has no need because he is sufficient for himself, must be either a beast or a god; he is no part of a state.'

— Aristotle
Greek philosopher
(384 B.C.-322 B.C.)

SHOULD THE POPE APOLOGIZE FOR HIS REMARKS ABOUT ISLAM?



Today's contempt of the Constitution

Each year since 2004, on Sept. 17, we commemorate the 1787 signing of the U.S. Constitution by 39 American statesmen. The legislation creating Constitution Day was fathered by Sen. Robert Byrd and requires federal agencies and federally funded schools, including universities, to have some kind of educational program on the Constitution.

I cannot think of a piece of legislation that makes greater mockery of the Constitution, or a more constitutionally odious person to father it — Sen. Byrd, a person who is known as, and proudly wears the label, "King of Pork." The only reason that Constitution Day hasn't become a laughing-stock is because most Americans are totally ignorant of, or have contempt for, the letter and spirit of our Constitution.

Let's examine just a few statements by the framers to see just how much faith and allegiance today's Americans give to the U.S. Constitution.

James Madison is the acknowledged father of the Constitution. In 1794, when Congress appropriated \$15,000 for relief for French refugees who fled from insurrection in San Domingo (now Haiti) to Baltimore and Philadelphia, James Madison said disapprovingly, "I cannot undertake to lay my finger on that article of the Constitution which granted a right to Congress of expending, on objects of benevolence, the money of their constituents."

Today, at least two-thirds of a \$2.5 trillion federal budget is spent on "objects of benevolence." That includes Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, aid to higher education, farm and business subsidies, welfare, etc., ad nauseam. James Madison's vision was later expressed by Rep. William Giles of Virginia, who condemned a relief measure for fire victims. Giles insisted that it was neither the purpose nor a right of Congress to "attend to what generosity and humanity require, but to what the Constitution and their duty require."

Some presidents had similar constitutional respect. In 1854, President Franklin Pierce vetoed a bill to help

the mentally ill, saying, "I cannot find any authority in the Constitution for public charity," adding that to approve the measure "would be contrary to the letter and the spirit of the Constitution and subversive to the whole theory upon which the Union of these States is founded."

Constitutionally ignorant people might argue that the Constitution's "general welfare" clause justifies today's actions by Congress. Here are my questions to you: Has our Constitution been amended to authorize federal spending on "objects of benevolence"? Or, is it plain and simple constitutional contempt by Congress, the president, the courts and, worst of all, the American people? Or, am I being overly pessimistic and it's simply a matter of constitutional ignorance?

Walter Williams
Columnist



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Sept. 10**
Austin American-Statesman on property tax increases:

With considerable help from a robust local economy, local governments appear to be holding the line against major property tax increases on most homeowners this year. There was widespread fear this spring that a spike in appraised values would send tax bills through the roof.

Taxpayers should take note. That conclusion is based on a review of newly adopted or proposed tax rates and a comparison of average and median home values for an Austin home-

owner. Our review shows that the owner of an Austin home with this tax year's median appraised value \$160,401 will pay \$64 less in total property taxes, if the same home was appraised at last year's median of \$151,000. At the median, half of the homes are appraised at a higher value, half lower.


Art Cory, chief appraiser of the Travis Central Appraisal District, said there is a growing number of upscale homes, which he defines roughly as those valued at \$700,000 or more. When he got here 18 years ago, Cory said, there were just 22 homes in Travis County valued at \$1 million or more, compared with about 3,000 today.

Yet, Cory noted, even owners of expensive homes or homes whose val-

ues jumped greatly in a short time have some protection from sudden, huge property tax increases, because state law imposes a 10 percent cap on how much a taxable home value can rise in a single year.

Some credit for holding down property tax increases goes to Gov. Rick Perry and the Texas Legislature, which this year enacted legislation to reduce school property taxes. But the savings are offset somewhat by the rise in property values. The owner of the median appraised home will save about \$36 in Austin school taxes, and the owner of the average appraised home actually will pay slightly more, \$28 but would have paid \$251 more without the rate cut.

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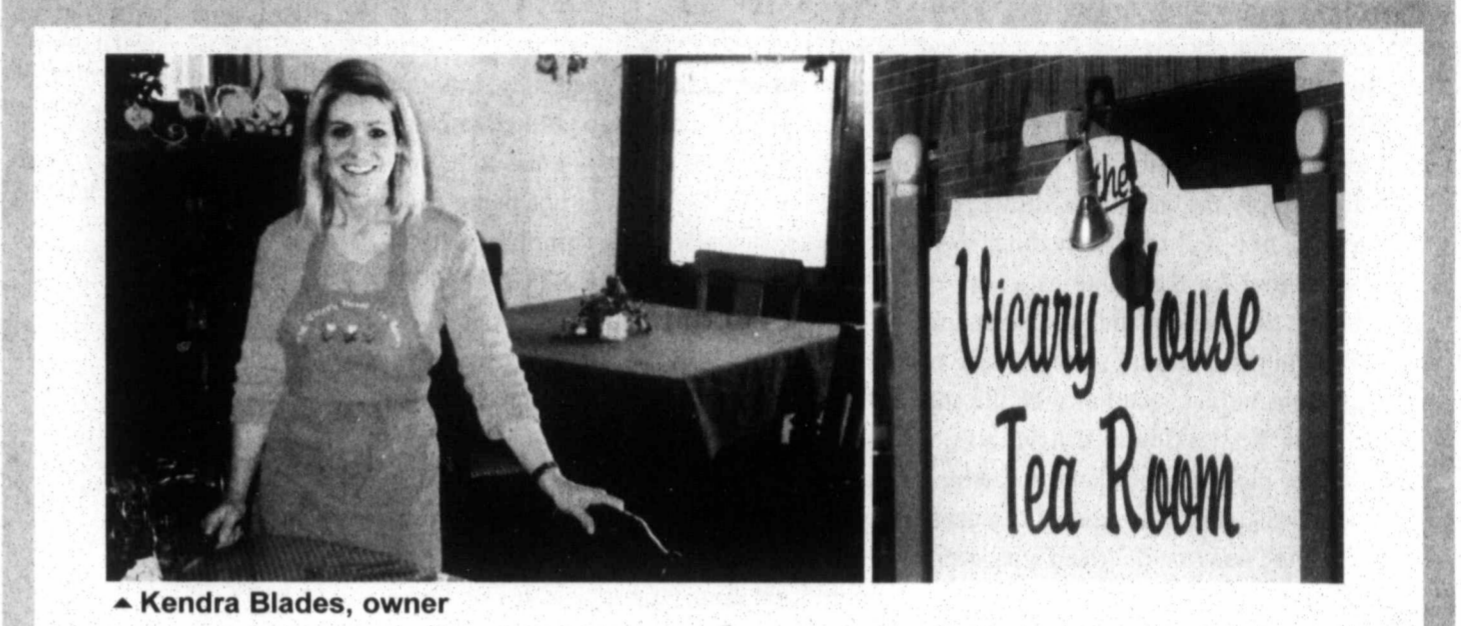
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Kendra holds a bachelor's degree in home economics from Texas Tech University. She is the daughter of long-time Pampa residents Carl and Pat Kennedy, both of whom, she said, helped renovate the home at 303 N. Frost into a restaurant.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: While I agree wholeheartedly with your reply to "Hurt in Holstein, Germany" (8-11), regarding the gift of candy, I would like to add some insight to the German culture. I am married to a German man, lived there for five years, and enjoyed the opportunity to immerse myself in their customs and way of life. I learned that not only are birthdays celebrated more widely in Germany (more parties and such), but it is also custom for the birthday person to supply the cake, eats, drinks, etc. Commonly, one will take something in to work or school for the group as a way of celebrating. So I understand quite well how the family in that letter hit upon the idea of sharing the American candies with the student's class. It would indeed have been a treat for her classmates to have something from another country, instead of the usual treats. While I can't say I agreed with every custom and cultural difference, I have never regretted having had the opportunity to experience them. It is in this way that we learn and grow. -- **BEEN THERE, LEARNED A LOT, PORTLAND, ORE.**

DEAR BEEN THERE, LEARNED A LOT: Thank you for sharing your insight. Many readers echoed your sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt's" host family was simply following a common German custom. Yes, it's different from what we do here in America, but Hurt would do well to consider how generous it is to give "gifts" to others on one's birthday, rather than sitting back and receiving, as we do in the U.S.A. -- **ERICKA S., AUSTIN, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: Here in the Pacific Islands, when a family receives goodies from outside of the islands, it's expected they will be shared by everyone in the community. There is no more heartwarming feeling than sharing. I hope "Hurt" at least learns

the value of sharing -- if anything -- from her stay in Germany. Otherwise, it will have been a colossal waste of time for her to have been there. If this world is at war, it's no wonder. We are not willing to share. -- **ISLAND BOY, SAIPAN**

DEAR ABBY: That exchange student needs to lighten up. In Germany, tradition dictates you take candy to your classmates. But not just "any" candy -- it has to be special. The host family was not being rude; they were actually being complimentary. -- **FORMER EXCHANGE STUDENT TO THE USA FROM THE U.K.**

DEAR ABBY: My family moved to the Netherlands when I was a child, and I attended school there from grade two to grade seven. It was customary for each "birthday" boy or girl to bring treats for the teacher and class once a year. It was something we all enjoyed very much. As adults, the "birthday" person is expected to hold an open house, so friends and family can drop by with gifts, and the host or hostess provides the coffee, baked goods and chocolates. Perhaps they have similar customs in Germany. -- **KATHERINE A., NAPLES, FLA.**

DEAR ABBY: Sharing the family's gift with others was a way for them to indeed "share the wealth." I lived in Austria for 15 years. They loved it when I'd bring candy from the U.S. that they didn't have in Europe. -- **JOHN N., BAXTER, MINN.**

DEAR ABBY: "Hurt in Holstein, Germany" should realize that sharing the candy was an honor, not an act of ingratitude on the part of her host family. No opportunity to teach the world about our culture should be missed. -- **TEACHER IN MEMPHIS, TENN.**

For Better Or For Worse



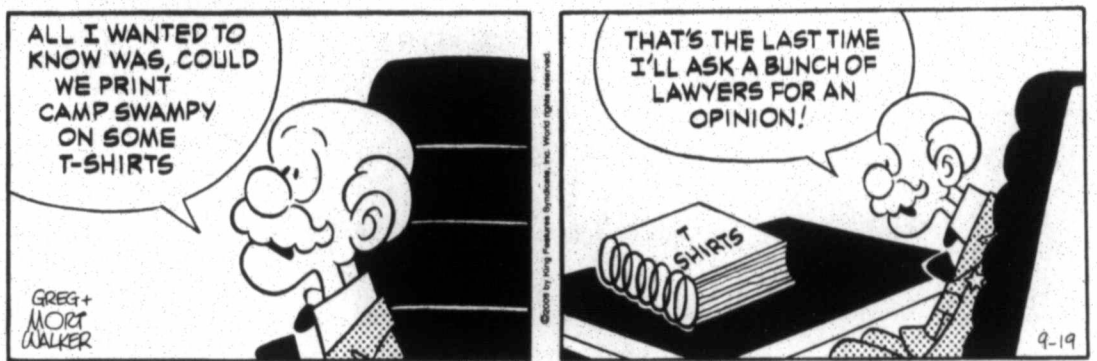
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 Home that's a dome
- 13 It takes the pot
- 15 Tennis court divider
- 16 Drops on the lawn
- 17 Veggie
- 18 Tax cheat's worry
- 20 Brooch part
- 23 Tissue transplant
- 27 Haughtiness
- 28 Stench
- 29 Country on the Red Sea
- 31 Sticky
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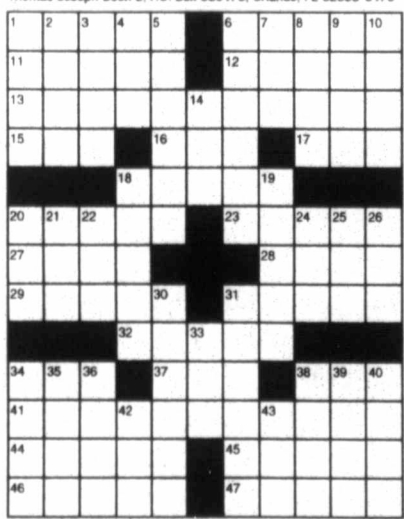
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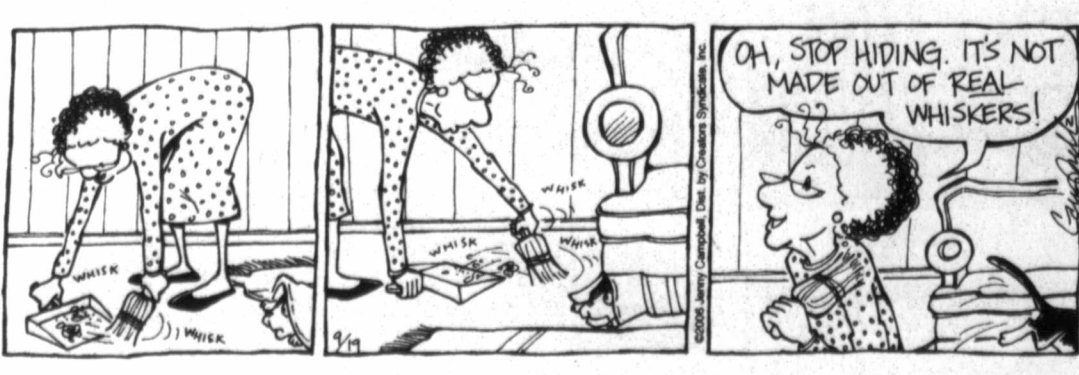
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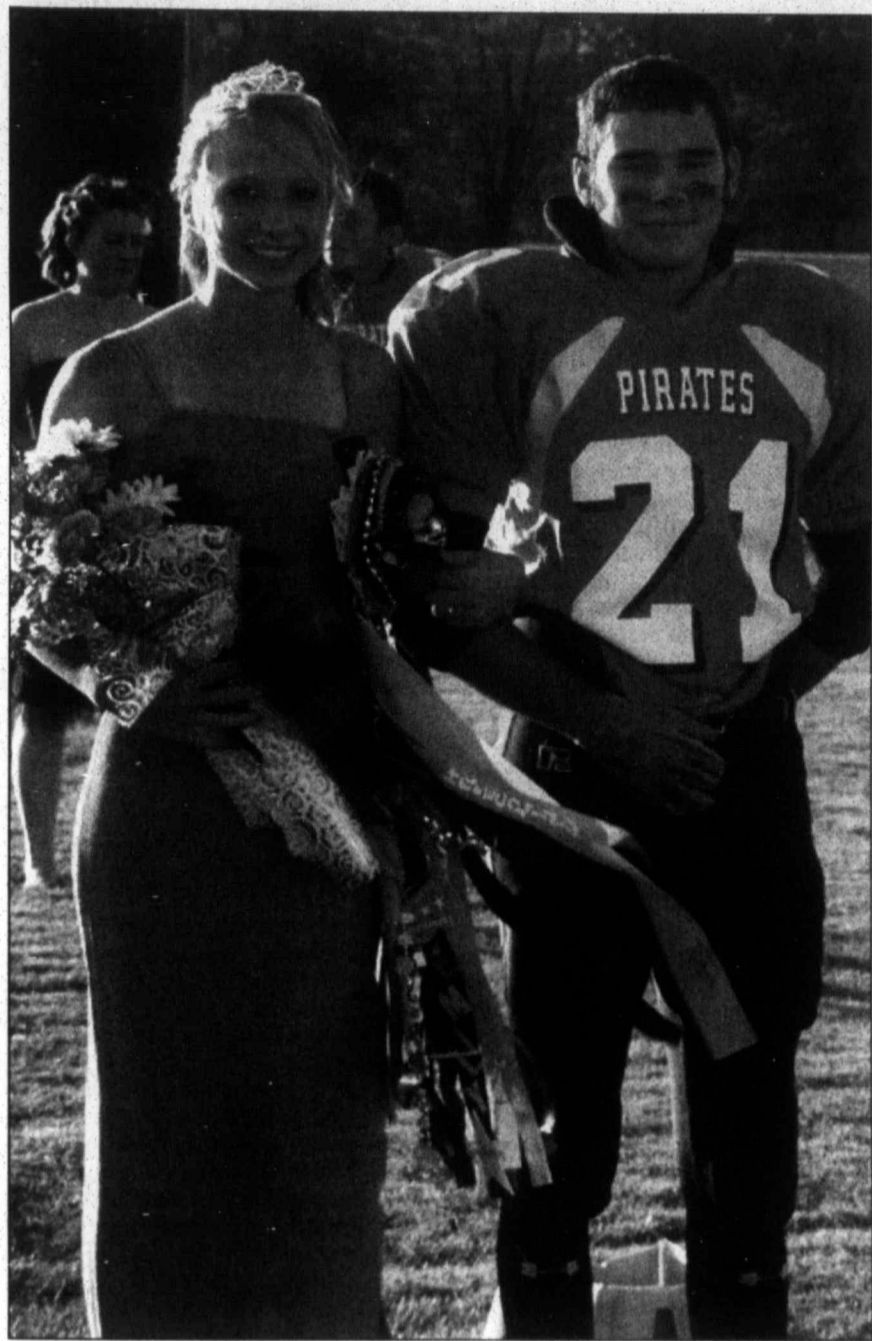


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

King and queen



Courtesy photo

Sophomore Emily Jackson and Senior Brent Roberson were named Lefors High School homecoming queen and king during a pre-game ceremony Friday night. The Pirates hosted Lazbuddie, defeating the Longhorns by way of the 45-point mercy rule, 58-8.

Pampa High School tennis, volleyball host Dumas to open district season today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Volleyball

Today marks the start of District 3-4A play for two Pampa High School teams. Coach Sonia VanGilder and her Lady Harvester volleyball team will host Dumas tonight at 7:30. The Demonettes (25-5) enter the game ranked second in the state (4A) by the Texas Girls Coaches Association. Pampa finished the non-district schedule at 15-10.

"A win tonight is possible. We just have to play as a team and fight hard to the end," said VanGilder, who has been preaching team unity throughout the season. "We are focusing on one goal, winning together as a team."

Tennis

"I think that we are ready to get the district season under way," said coach Emily Laurence as her Pampa High School tennis team starts the district season today by hosting Dumas. Matches are scheduled to begin at 3:30 p.m.

In sizing up today's opponent, Laurence said, "Dumas is projected to be the best team in our district, but they haven't had to play us yet." She added, "We have nothing to lose today so if the kids play

hard we have a good chance of winning."

Pampa fans may have seen members of the tennis team wearing shirts with "RTD" printed on the backs. Those three letters are the rallying call for this year's Harvester team — Return to Dominance. What will it take to put Pampa back on top of District 3-4A? "For us to return to dominance we must be aggressive and give 100 percent on the court," according to Laurence.

Among the key matchups this afternoon, Laurence says she is most interested in seeing how the guys play. "We match up pretty well throughout the lineup with their guys," she said. "We should be able to win if we play hard and stay positive."

The key to a Pampa win this afternoon according to Laurence is for her team to come out of doubles on top so the Harvesters are not playing catch-up the rest of the afternoon.

Football

The Pampa Junior High 7th and 8th grade teams take to the fields this afternoon against an always tough Westover Park squad. The 7th grade A and B teams will play at Westover Park in Amarillo with the games beginning at 5. The 8th grade games will be played in Pampa at the PJHS field. Games will begin at 5 p.m.

T.O. hopes to be back in time for Philly

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Terrell Owens played in a Super Bowl for Philadelphia seven weeks after getting a plate and several screws put in his ankle. Now he's hoping another plate and three more screws in his right hand will enable him to play against the Eagles on Oct. 8.

Owens had a plate screwed into his broken right ring finger and his recovery time is estimated at two to four weeks, but he's likely to do all he can to rejoin the Dallas Cowboys in 20 days for his much-anticipated return to Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jevon Kearse's season is over because of a severe knee injury the star defensive end sustained in Philadelphia's overtime loss to the Giants on Sunday.

Kearse badly sprained multiple ligaments in his left knee when his leg knocked against Mike Patterson while the two brought down Eli Manning on New York's first possession of the extra period. Kearse reached for his knee immediately after the play, was helped off the field and carted to the locker room.

Gerlich named new Lady Buffs coach

CANYON — After a nationwide search that produced many highly-qualified candidates, the West Texas A&M athletic department has announced Monday that Krista Gerlich will take over as head coach of the Lady Buff basketball program.

"I am thrilled and honored to be the head women's basketball coach for West Texas A&M University," Gerlich said. "I have the upmost respect for Coach Schneider and the program he has built over the past 25 years, and I am looking forward to the challenge of continuing the great tradition of Lady Buff Basketball. Athletics Director, Michael McBroom and the President of the University, Dr. Patrick O'Brien, both have a tremendous vision for the athletic department and the University. I appreciate the opportunity they are giving me to share in that vision and become part of the West Texas A&M family."

Gerlich joins WTAMU after spending the last three seasons at Texas Tech, where she assisted Women's Basketball Hall of Fame coach Marsha Sharp, helping lead the Lady Raiders to a 64-30 record and two NCAA appearances. In addition to her time on the Lady Raider bench, Gerlich has enjoyed successful coaching stops at the University of Texas-San Antonio, Lockney High School, Taft High School and Reagan High School, both located in San Antonio.

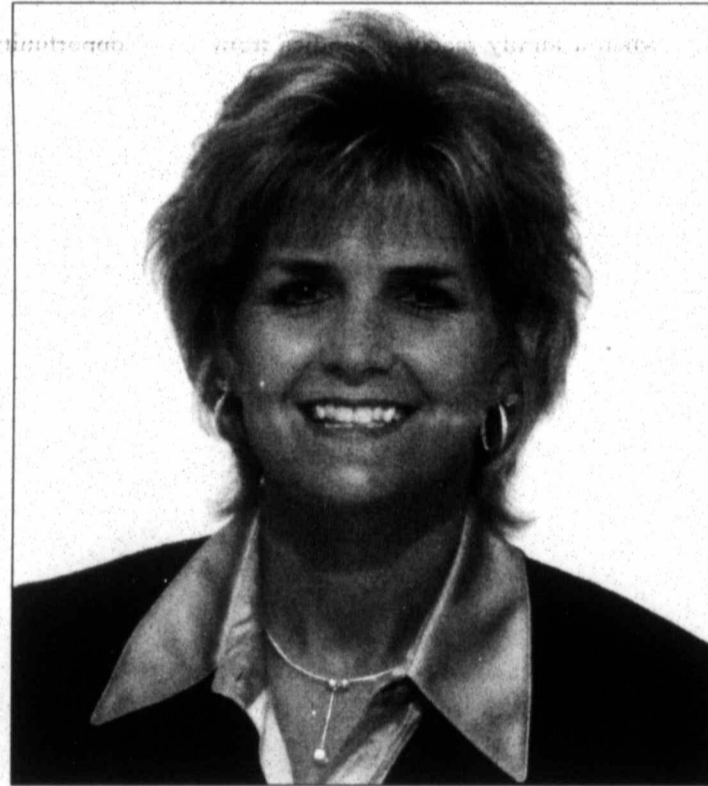
A native of Spearman, Gerlich was a standout as a high school player earning All-State honors on three occasions

while attending Spearman and Sudan High Schools. Gerlich continued her basketball career at Texas Tech where she received All-Southwest Conference accolades three times and helped lead the Lady Raiders to the 1993 National Championship. Gerlich received her Sports and Exercise Science degree from Texas Tech in 1993 and continued her education by earning her master's degree in Education Administration from Texas A&M-Kingsville in 1997.

"Krista Gerlich clearly stood out among a field of highly qualified candidates as the one coach who best fits our ideals and expectations for Lady Buff basketball," WTAMU athletics director Michael McBroom said. "Lady Buff basketball has a great tradition of winning, and I am confident Coach Gerlich is well-prepared to lead the program to new heights."

Gerlich, takes over for Bob Schneider, who spent the last 25 seasons at the helm of the Lady Buff basketball program and announced his retirement on Aug. 15. She inherits a program that posted a 28-4 record last season and captured the Lone Star Conference Championship.

"Coach Gerlich is a great coach and recruiter, and will be a role model for not only our players, but for young basketball players throughout the Panhandle," McBroom added. "We expect great things from Coach Gerlich, and I'm confident she will deliver."



Courtesy photo

Krista Gerlich was named Monday to succeed Bob Schneider as head coach off the WTAMU Lady Buffs basketball program.

FALLING STAR

Clarett headed to prison

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — His mother crying in the courtroom behind him, Maurice Clarett stood before a judge as a common criminal in the town where not so long ago he was a king.

Gone was the glory of having led Ohio State to a national championship as a freshman tailback, along with the can't-miss prospect of an NFL career.

In their place stood a prison term of at least 3 1/2 years, the product of a plea deal Clarett took Monday as he was about to be tried on allegations that he robbed two people at gunpoint.

"He was up here," Clarett's attorney, Michael Hoague, said minutes later, raising his arm up to eye level. "He got down here," he said, lowering his arm to his waist. "And he's going to be back up here again."

Clarett was sentenced to 7 1/2 years with release from prison possible after 3

1/2 years. He also agreed to serve five years of probation for the robbery outside a bar early on New Year's Day and carrying a concealed weapon.

"It's in a range that will allow him to get his life back together after his release," Prosecutor Ron O'Brien said.

For Clarett, still just 22, the plea bargain preserved the chance he could one day resurrect a career he had tried to keep going until the night last month that he led police on a highway chase in a sport utility vehicle with four loaded guns. Officers had to spike the tires to stop him and use pepper spray and handcuffs to subdue him when his bulletproof vest stymied their stun guns.

"There are institutions in Ohio that actually have opportunities to work out and train for football and other athletics," Hoague said.

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Oswalt leads Astros past Reds, 5-3

HOUSTON (AP) — Roy Oswalt doesn't have an explanation for his domination of the Cincinnati Reds. He just wants to keep it going.

Oswalt pitched 6 2-3 innings in another strong performance against Cincinnati, leading the Houston Astros to a 5-3 win Monday night.

Oswalt (14-8) allowed two runs and eight hits to improve his career record to 17-1 when facing the Reds. He struck out eight and didn't walk a batter before departing with muscle spasms in his neck.

Oswalt was 15-0 against Cincinnati until April 28, the longest streak without a loss for one pitcher against one team in major league history. He lost that day but started another streak against the Reds with a win at Cincinnati on Aug. 23.

"I don't try to figure it out," Oswalt said. "It's not like it's the same players. They've changed almost all the players since I've been here. They're a whole different team so I don't know."

"Hopefully, they don't turn the tables and win 17 in a row over me." The Astros kept their fleeting wild card hopes alive as they crept to within six games of the lead pending the outcome of the Dodgers-Padres game

later. The Reds slipped to 5 1/2 games back in the wild-card race.

Oswalt, who is 5-0 with a no-decision in his last six starts, had just given up a pinch-hit home run to Ray Olmedo and a single to Ryan Freel in the seventh when he called team officials to the mound before leaving the game.

"It's no big deal," Oswalt said of the injury. "I got a little too far out on a curveball in the third inning when it first happened. I felt better and better after that, but in the sixth I threw another curve and it tightened up again. I don't think I'll miss any time with it."

Manager Phil Garner is glad to hear that.

"He's one of those rare pitchers," Garner said. "We're blessed with a couple of them. Every time they go out, they have good stuff."

Shortstop Adam Everett saved a run for Oswalt in the second inning. Chris Denorfia hit a sharp grounder up the middle with runners on first and third. Everett made a spectacular horizontal dive to grab the ball and flipped it from his glove to second baseman Craig Biggio to start an inning-ending double play.

"That turned the game around," Garner said. "It turned the momentum our way."

Reds manager Jerry Narron also pointed to Everett's big play.

"We had some guys swinging the bats well," Narron said. "Roy Oswalt's as good as there is but we got some pretty good swings at him. If Dino's ball goes through the outfield, we score early off him."

"Dino hits a rocket for a double play and (Brad) Ausmus hits a blooper for a hit, but that's just baseball. That's part of it."

In the bottom half, the Astros loaded the bases and Ausmus hit a two-run single to center. After Oswalt sacrificed the runners over, Biggio and Mike Lamb hit back-to-back, run-scoring singles to make it 4-0.

Dan Wheeler allowed pinch-hitter Todd Hollandsworth's solo homer in the ninth before finishing for his sixth save in eight chances.

Kyle Lohse (2-4) went six innings for the Reds and allowed four runs and six hits with three walks. Cincinnati is 2-7 in Lohse's nine starts with the team.

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High School Poll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here is The Associated Press' high school poll after week three, with first place votes in parentheses, records, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking in last week's poll:

Class 5A	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Southlake Carroll (18)	2-0	197	1	
2. Lufkin (2)	3-0	180	2	
3. A&M Consolidated	2-0-1	135	4	
4. Smithson Valley	3-0	132	5	
5. Eulless Trinity	2-0	112	6	
6. Austin Westlake	2-0-1	97	7	
7. Galena Park North Shore	3-0	92	8	
8. Katy	2-0	66	9	
9. Richardson Berkner	3-0	31	10	
10. Garland	2-1	12	3	

Also receiving votes: Cedar Hill 11, Spring Westfield 10, Los Fresnos 6, Lubbock Monterey 4, Killeen Ellison 3, SA Madison 3, EP Coronado 2, Dallas Carter 2, Richardson 2, Bryan 1, Irving MacArthur 1, S. Grand Prairie 1.

Class 4A	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Copperas Cove (13)	3-0	188	2	
2. Texarkana (3)	3-0	166	3	
3. Stephenville (2)	3-0	138	4	
4. Corpus Christi Calallen	3-0	123	5	
5. La Marque	3-0	119	6	
6. Highland Park (2)	3-0	83	8	
7. Rosenberg Lamar Consolidated	3-0	79	7	
8. Aledo	3-0	61	10	
9. Brenham	2-1	55	1	
10. Waco	3-0	32	x	

Dropped out: Wolfforth Frenship. Also receiving votes: Keller Fossil Ridge 14, Springtown 8, Edcouch-Elsa 6, Rosenberg Terry 5, Marshall 4, Wolfforth Frenship 4, McKinney North 4, New Braunfels Canyon 4, Plainview 3, EP Riverside 2, Denton Ryan 1, Lindale 1.

Class 3A	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Cuero (15)	3-0	194	1	
2. Gilmer (5)	3-0	181	2	
3. West Orange-Stark	3-0	142	3	
4. Giddings	3-0	140	4	
5. Texarkana Liberty-Eylau	3-0	110	5	
6. Hutto	3-0	96	6	
7. Palestine	3-0	68	7	
8. Celina	3-0	66	T8	
9. Dallas Madison	2-0	35	10	
10. Decatur	3-0	11	x	

Dropped out: Sweetwater. Also receiving votes: Liberty Hill 11, Rio Hondo 6, Midland Greenwood 6, Caldwell 5, Cameron Yoe 4, Sweetwater 4, Canyon 4, Monahans 4, Carthage 4, Bellville 3, Royse City 2, Madisonville 1, Needville 1, Wimberley 1, Hondo 1.

Class 2A	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Newton (12)	2-0	173	3	
2. Tatum (6)	2-1	167	4	
3. Jefferson	3-0	137	5	
4. Lexington	2-1	125	6	
5. Blanco	3-0	107	8	
6. Mart	2-1	97	2	
7. Early	2-1	72	10	
8. Crawford (2)	1-1	69	1	
9. Hempstead	2-1	25	7	
10. Altair Rice	3-0	23	x	

Dropped out: New Boston. Also receiving votes: Paradise 23, New Boston 17, Marlin 14, Troy 9, Arp 9, Corrigan-Camden 7, Childress 7, Stratford 5, Hooks 4, Troup 4, Hamilton 2, Wallis Brazos 2, Littlefield 1, Sonora 1.

Class 1A	Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Windthorst (17)	3-0	196	1	
2. Alto (3)	3-0	174	2	
3. New Deal	3-0	151	3	
4. Chilton	1-1	125	5	
5. Goldthwaite	3-0	124	6	
6. Roscoe	3-0	99	7	
7. Wolfe City	3-0	79	8	
8. Iola	1-1	46	4	
9. Nazareth	3-0	21	x	
10. Grapeland	2-1	10	9	

Dropped out: Albany. Also receiving votes: La Villa 9, Joaquin 9, Memphis 8, Falls City 8, Lovelady 7, Electra 4, Rocksprings 4, McCamey 4, Albany 4, Wink 3, Hull-Daisetta 3, Tenaha 2, Axtell 2, Bremond 2, Lorenzo 2, Anton 1, Harper 1, Normangee 1, Petrolia 1.

TEXAS BASEBALL

Rangers 8, Mariners 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kevin Millwood wasn't like so many other pitchers the Rangers have tried to persuade to come to Texas. Their hitter-friendly ballpark didn't bother him.

Not even after he lost his first two starts there. "I stuck to my guns. The field doesn't bother me, and it still doesn't," Millwood said. "I just finally got to where I was pitching a little better and getting a few wins here."

Millwood allowed one run over seven innings for his 16th victory — his fourth straight at home — in the Rangers' 8-1 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night.

After leading the AL in ERA last season, the free agent signed a \$60 million, five-year contract. He lost to Boston in the season opener and was 1-3 in his first five home starts. Only now does he have a winning record (7-6) there.

"He didn't look around and say, 'Oh my goodness, it's this, it's this,'" manager Buck Showalter said. "He said, 'I'm not real sure, but I'm going to go out there every fifth day and if I'm good enough, it'll work out over the long haul.'"

It has for Millwood (16-10), who surpassed the 200-inning mark for the first time since 2003. The right-hander has won 16 games for the fourth time, the most since he was 18-8 for Atlanta in 2002.

"I just wanted to pitch well," said Millwood, whose last two scheduled starts include the home finale Sunday. "So far, it's turned out to be an OK season."

Michael Young and Gary Matthews Jr. both had their third straight multihit games and Nelson Cruz hit a three-run homer for the Rangers.

Young went 2-for-4 with his 49th double to increase his major league-leading total to 205 hits. That's two more than Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki, who went 0-for-4. Matthews was 3-for-5.

Carlos Lee put the Rangers up with a two-run double in the third after Matthews singled and Young hit a double to right. Hank Blalock followed with another double to make it 3-0. Matthews had a leadoff single in the fifth and scored on an error.

With 11 games left, the Rangers extended their team record for doubles to 340 — 33 shy of the major league record shared by the St. Louis Cardinals (1930) and Boston Red Sox (1997 and 2004). Young matched Rafael Palmeiro (1991) for second on Texas' season list, one shy of Juan Gonzalez's 50 in 1998.

Felix Hernandez (11-14), Seattle's 20-year-old right-hander in his second season, matched his season high with nine strikeouts in five innings, but he gave up four runs and five hits.

Polanco hopes to play at KC

CHICAGO (AP) — Detroit Tigers second baseman Placido Polanco said he hopes to play this weekend at Kansas City, contradicting his assessment a day earlier that he was finished for the season because of a separated left shoulder.

A contrite Polanco said a cortisone shot he got

Saturday, the first of his career, had initially caused him pain that was similar to the discomfort he felt in the days following the injury. That's one factor he blamed in his premature season-ending declaration. He was also upset by the slumping Tigers' 10-inning loss to Baltimore.

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"We're hoping he can do that, and stay in shape and be focused on that."

A bearded Clarett, wearing handcuffs and jail-issued clothing, remained expressionless throughout the hearing.

"I'd like to apologize for my behavior, and I accept the time that was given to me," Clarett said in Franklin County Common Pleas Court.

After the judge accepted the deal, Clarett looked over at his mother in the first row of the gallery. She sobbed and held his 8-week-old daughter while sitting next to his girlfriend. As a true freshman, Clarett led Ohio State to the 2002 national championship, scoring the winning touchdown in the second overtime in the title game against Miami.

That was the last time he played for the Buckeyes, and his life has spiraled out of control ever since.

He was suspended for lying to NCAA investigators before the 2003 season and dropped out of school. He lost a U.S. Supreme Court case challenging the NFL's requirement that players wait three years after high school before turning pro. The Denver Broncos made Clarett a surprise third-round pick in the NFL's 2005 draft, only to cut him during the pre-season.

"It's really a shame that someone puts themselves in that position," Broncos coach Mike Shanahan said Monday. "I'm just hoping when he does get out that he's learned his lesson and comes back with a mind-set that he's going to be pro-

ductive (in society)."

Authorities said Clarett flashed a gun and robbed two people of a cell phone early Jan. 1. He turned himself in around the time that many of his former Buckeyes teammates were putting the finishing touches on a Fiesta Bowl victory over Notre Dame.

Clarett had been drinking heavily on New Year's Eve, Hoague said. But the attorney did not explain why Clarett had a gun in his waistband.

"Obviously, that was a bad decision," Hoague said.

Clarett's attorneys said the guns police found in the SUV belonged to Clarett and came from his mother's house. They said he had the guns because he was trying to give them to acquaintances to hold for him, but the attorneys did not elaborate.

Clarett's father, Myke, issued a statement that said he watched the last year of his son's life in anguish.

"Somewhere along the way, that positive energy and focus turned into something else. Something that only Maurice can verbalize and he has chosen not to do so at this time," he said.

Had Clarett been convicted on all charges, he would have faced three to 34 years in prison. Assistant Prosecutor Tim Mitchell said he expects Clarett will serve just over 4 years, with his last six months spent outside prison at a community-based corrections facility.

A victims' assistant from the prosecutor's office read a statement from the robbery victims, who said the ordeal has been hard on all aspects of their lives.

"Mr. Clarett, we hope you will use this opportunity to help someone along the way," it read.

AP Top 25 Poll

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 16, 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. Ohio St. (59)	3-0	1,617	1
2. Auburn (2)	3-0	1,507	3
3. Southern Cal (2)	2-0	1,494	4
4. West Virginia (2)	3-0	1,419	5
5. Florida	3-0	1,354	7
6. Michigan	3-0	1,301	11
7. Texas	2-1	1,179	8
8. Louisville	3-0	1,127	12
9. Georgia	3-0	1,104	10
10. LSU	2-1	1,085	6
11. Virginia Tech	3-0	934	14
12. Notre Dame	2-1	902	2
13. Oregon	3-0	837	18
14. Iowa	3-0	833	16
15. Tennessee	2-1	583	13
16. TCU	3-0	530	20
17. Oklahoma	2-1	513	15
18. Florida St.	2-1	456	9
19. Clemson	2-1	407	—
20. Boston College	3-0	393	23
21. California	2-1	386	21
22. Arizona St.	3-0	384	22
23. Nebraska	2-1	160	19
24. Penn St.	2-1	143	25
25. Boise St.	3-0	109	—

Others receiving votes: Alabama 94, Miami 64, Rutgers 46, UCLA 40, Michigan St. 33, Wisconsin 29, Missouri 22, Georgia Tech 18, Texas A&M 9, Texas Tech 9, Arkansas 2, Purdue 2.

Three charged in connection with shootings of Duquesne University basketball players

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Police today arrested one man on charges stemming from the weekend shootings of five Duquesne University basketball players and said another suspect was still at large and considered armed and dangerous.

Brandon Baynes and William Holmes, both 19, fired on the players early Sunday after a dance on cam-

pus, police said.

Baynes was arrested Tuesday and was expected to be arraigned on charges of aggravated assault, reckless endangerment, carrying an unlicensed firearm and criminal conspiracy.

Holmes was still at large but police had an arrest warrant for him on the same charges.

Astros

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"I lost my command for a couple of hitters there in a row," Lohse said. "After that I felt I came back and it's just one of those things you wished hadn't happened. I felt like I kept us in the game after that."

"It's tough when you're going up against a guy like Oswalt."

Adam Dunn and Rich Aurilia had consecutive doubles in the sixth

inning to get Cincinnati's first run.

Freel dove for Luke Scott's hit into center field in the seventh and missed it, giving Scott a run-scoring triple and a 5-2 lead. Notes: Oswalt recorded his 1,000th career strikeout when he fanned Lohse in the third inning. ... Dunn's first-inning double ended an 0-for-15 streak, his longest without a hit this season. ... Freel attempted to get his career-high 38th steal of the season in the seventh, but was thrown out by Ausmus to end the inning. ... Olmedo's homer was his first of the season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 20, 2006:

What you accomplish could be quite stunning this year if you don't get stuck in a dogmatic frame of mind. Resist falling into old grooves. You will see that much that surrounds you could rapidly change if you flow and don't try to buck trends. You will be witness to people changing — as well as yourself. New, dynamic relationships will be born as the result of this personal transformation. If you are single, you might discover that what you want is not what you think you want. If a relationship doesn't feel right, back out. If you are attached, your life will flow in a new direction together if you accept and respect your differences. PISCES tests your limits.

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)

★★★ The unexpected occurs when you least expect it. Isn't that how it always is — especially lately? You might want to think through a decision more carefully. You want concepts and actions to be as grounded as possible. Tonight: Easy works. Don't push yourself or anyone else right now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ A lot is going on around you that has an impact. Think carefully about what you want and need to do to shore up key details involving a project. Though you cannot control everything, you can at least make sure that your planning is as tight as possible. Tonight: Ever playful.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ You come from a centered space.

Much happiness can occur if you don't try to program or control situations. How you see others might not be exact or as they really are. Stay open to potential and growth. Much occurs when you least expect it. Tonight: Expect this to be a late night.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your ability to understand what is happening takes you in a new direction. For many, it is as if you have reversed course. Help fill in the blanks with a discussion or conversation. Tonight: Catch up with friends.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Knowing how you want to spend money and where you are heading could make a big difference. Allow yourself greater flow if you suddenly decide that your choices were off or that you need to reverse course. Tonight: Happy as can be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be somewhat different from in the past. How you understand someone and how he or she really is could be in direct conflict. Listen carefully to what is being shared with you. You don't have to vocalize an opinion. Tonight: Make it your night on the town.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★ Establish stronger ground rules. You might not be sure of what you want to do yet, but once you are, let others know. Sometimes wavering can cause more problems than you realize. Listen to what is being shared. Tonight: Do some long-overdue thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Aim for what you want, and expect to achieve just those results. You might not be sure of what to do about a swift change. What you can be sure of is

change. Don't try to hang on to the tried-and-true. Tonight: With friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Keep on top of a situation and don't let it get out of control, if possible. At the same time, recognize that you aren't Superman or Superwoman, so what will be will be. Answer a question with openness. Tonight: Do only what you must.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Events, discussions and people force you to stretch beyond your limits. You see a situation in a much clearer and more direct light. You might want to see life from another perspective. Tonight: Read between the lines.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Deal with others directly and with care. Just the same, if you are witness to a mini upset, don't become overly concerned. Let the air clear, and you will come to terms with an inevitable change. Tonight: Happy with one special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ The only mistake you can make is being stuck in a situation. Your way of looking at things could rapidly change if you relax. Listen to someone more closely. This person needs to have you hear him. Tonight: Out and about.

BORN TODAY

Author Upton Sinclair (1878), actress Sophia Loren (1934), pianist "Jelly Roll" Morton (1890)

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