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Turkey trot



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Wild turkey walk the links at Pampa County Club on a morning trek looking for breakfast. The birds will try to keep warm with the cooler temperatures this week.

New power plant to boost capacity

HOBBS, N.M. - A new, clean-burning, natural gas-fired power plant using a fraction of the water needed by other generators will bring additional power capacity to southeastern New Mexico and West Texas by the summer of 2008.

Xcel Energy and Lea Power Partners, LLC announced a new contract Tuesday that calls for Lea Power to develop the 550-megawatt combined-cycle generating plant near Xcel Energy's Maddox and Cunningham generating stations west of Hobbs.

Project development assistance is provided by Genova Power Solutions, LLC of Plano, Texas, an independent power project developer. Colorado Energy Management, LLC of Lafayette, Colo., a subsidiary of Centennial Energy Resources, LLC, will construct and operate the new plant.

Lea Power Partners is wholly owned by ArcLight Energy Partners Fund III, L.P., of Boston, Mass.

Xcel Energy has agreed to purchase power from the new plant for 25 years to supply a growing demand for power in its Texas and New Mexico service area. The agreement provides Xcel Energy an option to acquire the plant in the future.

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Gray extension agent looking for 4-H recruits

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

Gray County Extension Agent Brandon McGinty is looking for a few good youth and a few good adults.

"The Gray County 4-H Club is going to have a booth at the Health Fair Nov. 6 from 4 to 6 p.m.," McGinty said. "It's going to be our annual 4-H enrollment drive where we try to recruit youth within the whole county to come and enroll in 4-H and become active and involved."

He said the Gray County 4-H Club has projects ranging from livestock to clothing to food to equine activities to shooting sports.

"We also have some small animal projects," he said. "There could be an interest for youth."

He said there's no cost to enroll but said there may be costs associated with some projects.

"Some projects do cost money," McGinty said, "such as the livestock projects just in terms of animal purchase and feed."

He said there may also be some entry fees for showing the animals at district and state competitions.

"What we use 4-H for is to help kids recognize responsibility, money handling skills, applications, resumes, things such as that that help them later on in their high school careers and help them fill out scholarships that can assist with college," McGinty said.

He said 4-H helps them get involved with the community. It helps them with public speaking

skills and social skills.

"It just helps them meet other youth that have the same likes or wants or needs that they have," McGinty said.

He said they are also recruiting adult volunteer leaders to help with project areas.

McGinty said the 4-H has three clubs within the county. One is in McLean. Two are in Pampa.

"We would hope that the community will come out and see what 4-H has to offer," McGinty said.

Pampa artists show in Dumas

A pair of Pampa artists, Linda Nowell and Lois Minnick, will display their art at The Art Center, 1810 S. Dumas Ave. in Dumas beginning Sunday with a reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Their works will be on display daily until Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Nowell is a self-taught pottery artist that creates both functional and artistic styles. She attends ceramic workshops and classes in Oklahoma City, Taos, N.M., and San Angelo to keep her talent honed. As far back as 1999, she has earned awards at the Oklahoma Arts Festival, the Spirit Echoes Show in Austin, and the National Ceramic Show in San Angelo. Her work is in galleries in the Texas Panhandle and Santa Fe, N.M.

Minnick states her interest in art started in her junior high school days. She developed her love for painting in oils by attending classes with Dord Fitz. Her interest in pastels, her medium of

Favorite saint day



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

For All Saint's Day at St. Matthew's Day School, students were encouraged to dress up as their favorite saint. Standing from left are students from Suzanne Wagner and Sharian Langley's class, Emily Hendricks, Brock Ferguson, Colton Kelley, Sholby Reeve, and Caleb Snapp. Sitting from left are Avery Sprinkle, Allyson Gutierrez and Caitlyne Budd.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

COUTS, Caroline Odell Baggerman — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.
HOGAN, Robert Jefferson "Chuck" Sr. — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.
SECRET, Newt — 4:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, Pampa.
TOPPER, Herman — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Borger.

Caroline Odell Baggerman Coutts, 77

Caroline Odell Baggerman Coutts, 77, of Pampa, died Oct. 30, 2006, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Church of Christ minister Joshua Ellis officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Coutts was born Jan. 31, 1929, in Gray County and attended school in Grandview. She married William Edward Coutts on July 31, 1949, at her parent's home; he died Jan. 3, 1990.

The daughter and granddaughter of early Gray County pioneers, Mrs. Coutts was active on the family farm and supported Gray County Livestock Show for many years. She was awarded an honorary chapter farmers degree in 1996 by Pampa Future Farmers of America.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Carl Coutts on Dec. 5, 1971; a brother,

Johnny Baggerman in 1967; and a sister, Mildred Miller on Nov. 10, 2000.

Survivors include five sons, John Coutts, Joe Coutts, Clint Coutts and Charley Coutts, all of Pampa, and William Edward "Bill" Coutts of Caldwell; four daughters, Charlet Coutts, Linda Coutts and Marilyn Coutts Bridges, all of Dayton, and Janneice Coutts Pool of Eunice, N.M.; five brothers, Vernon of Amarillo, Ruben of Groom, Nace of Claude, Franklin of Lubbock and James of Mount Pleasant; three sisters, Margaret Whatley of Groom, Irene Baggerman of Amarillo and Roselle Baggerman Collingsworth of Pampa; 23 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; 11 stepgrandchildren; and 15 step-great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Coutts

Robert Jefferson 'Chuck' Hogan Sr., 85

MOBEETIE, Texas — Robert Jefferson "Chuck" Hogan, Sr. 85, of Mobeetie, died Oct. 31, 2006, at Mobeetie.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie with the Rev. Tom Stribling, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Happy, officiating.

Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Hogan was born Nov. 6, 1920, in Miami, attended school at the "Little Red Schoolhouse" north of Pampa, and graduated from Pampa High School. He married Louise Almond on June 3, 1945, in Pampa.

He was a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Mobeetie, a Boy Scout leader in Pampa, a member of the old Mobeetie Jail Museum board, and he supported numerous charitable organizations.

Mr. Hogan was a rancher in Wheeler County

since 1951. Before ranching, he worked for Gulf Oil and Cree and Hoover Drilling Co.

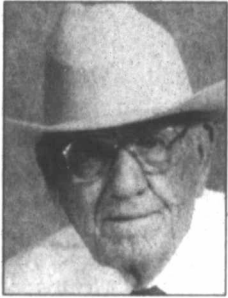
He was a veteran of the U. S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He was an avid sports fan and was a founding member of the "Hoover Hogs."

Survivors include his wife, Louise Hogan, of the home; one son, Robert J. Hogan, Jr. and wife Geniva of Keiser, Ark.; one sister, Martha Parker of McLean; two grandsons, Mike Farrell and Joe Farrell, both of Elk City, Okla.; three great-grandsons; one great-granddaughter; six nephews; three nieces; and a host of great nieces, great nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by a son, Walter Earl Hogan; two sisters, Cleo Shannon and Lorita Harlow; a brother, E. W. Hogan, Jr.; and a nephew, Talley Timmens.

MEMORIALS: Heifer International or Wheeler Boy Scout Troop #472.

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



Hogan

Donald 'Donnie' Dwayne Johnson, 56

AMARILLO — Donald 'Donnie' Dwayne Johnson, 56, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006, at Amarillo.

Graveside services are scheduled at 1 p.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Martin Road Chapel in Amarillo.

Mr. Johnson was born June 8, 1950, in Pampa, to Delbert and Aline Johnson. He

served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Survivors include his father, Delbert Johnson of Pampa; three sisters, Linda Gauthier of Palestine, Mary Scott and Patty Harlan, both of Pampa; several nieces and nephews; several great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous relatives and friends.

Newt Secret, 85

Newt Secret, 85, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 31, 2006 in Pampa. Services will be at 4:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 3, 2006, at the First Presbyterian Church with Nancy Ruff, CLP, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Secret was born Oct. 12, 1921, in Hope, Ark., and had been a resident of Pampa since 1950. He married Miriam "Mim" Schmidt on Jan. 1, 1947, in Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Secret played semi-professional baseball for the Pampa Oilers in the late 1940's. After his baseball career, he continued to coach and mentor youth in the sport.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Navy during World War II and was discharged as a seaman first class. He was a salesman for Wearever before starting his life insurance business in Pampa with Franklin Life Insurance Co.

Later, he worked for Pioneer American Life Insurance, American General Life, and in the 1970's, he began working for AFLAC selling cancer insurance. He retired in 2002 as a regional manager for AFLAC.

Mr. Secret was a dedicated member of Optimist International, serving in every administrative capacity in the Pampa Optimist Club. He was especially involved in the Optimist baseball program, where he not only coached and umpired, but played a critical role in the founding of the club in the 1950's, including construction of the base-

ball fields and eventually the gymnasium.

He received many commendations for his dedicated Optimist work. He was also very involved as past president of both the band and choir booster clubs for Pampa High School. He was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, Pampa Shrine Club, and Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church where he served in all administrative positions.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam "Mim" Secret, of the home; three daughters, Renee Steele of Gladewater, Rebecca Secret of Bethel, Maine, and Stephanie Hazlewood of Round Rock; a son, Richard Secret of Salem, Ore.; one sister, Beden McCullough of Pampa; five granddaughters, Rachel White, Alison White, Catherine White, Christina Secret, and Sherry Leighty; two grandsons, Geoffrey Hazlewood and Graham Hazlewood; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jefferson Waldo and Ettie Cunningham Secret; by two brothers, Earl and J. W.; and by two sisters, Florence Thomas and Norine Turner.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Optimist Club Scholarship Fund, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

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



Secret

Emergency Services

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

Seven traffic stops were made. One stop resulted in an arrest.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 100 block of East 27th Street and the 1200 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart and the 1500 block of North Hobart.

One accident was reported at the corner of Buckler and Hobart.

Two calls concerning animals were received from the 300 block of North Sumner and the 800 block of South Barnes.

Thefts were reported in the 500 block of West Foster where an ice chest valued at \$45 was stolen from a pickup, the 2700 block of North Hobart where cooking utensils, bed spreads, a cutting board, refrigerator magnets and a sewing machine valued at \$765 were taken, and the 1000 block of North Hobart where \$708 in cash was taken.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.

Violation of a city ordinance, a junk vehicle, was reported in the 300 block of Jean.

Escort service was provided in the 400 block of Elm.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of South Prairie.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 900 block of Terry.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

A 911 hang-up call was received from an undisclosed location.

Sex offender register was reported at two undisclosed locations.

Warrant service was provided in one location that resulted in an arrest.

Assisting other agencies was provided at the intersection of Huff and Neel, and the 400 block of North Ballard.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900 block of Vamon.

Crossing guard duty was provided in the 1200 block of South Nelson.

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Record

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Burglary was reported in the 2700 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors where a windshield valued at \$400 was damaged.

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

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Gary Jerrigan, 39, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of a controlled substance.

Tammie Knight, 45, of Lefors was arrested by Lefors City Marshall for theft of service.

Joseph Huffman, 24, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 100 block of West Foster for expired motor vehicle inspection and no liability insurance.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Marcos Resendez, 35, of Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 800 block of West Crawford for resisting arrest, terroristic threats, disorderly conduct language, expired motor vehicle inspection, expired registration, no driver's license and no insurance.

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

Saturday, Oct. 28

4:36 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1600 block of Banks on

a natural gas leak.

Sunday, Oct. 29

7:04 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of North Dwight on a medical assist.

9:36 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

9:48 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 600 block of Jupiter on downed power lines.

Monday, Oct. 30

12:21 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1700 block of Evergreen on a gas odor investigation.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

10:50 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 100 block of South Faulkner on a trash fire.

12:57 p.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 200 block of East Foster for a fire prevention program.

2:07 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of Charles on a service call.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 30

11:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to BSA.

4:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to the 2300 block of Beech.

10:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100

block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

8:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to Clements prison unit in Amarillo.

1:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Terrace and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Nov. 1

4:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Faulkner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Somerville and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Plant

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A megawatt can power up to 1,000 homes. The addition of 550 megawatts is an obvious benefit in a region where economic growth has driven demand for electric power upward by as much as 8 percent in the past year. And because the plant features a dry condensing system, it will use approximately 10 percent of the water required by a traditional power generating station. This frees up valuable freshwater supplies for people and agriculture.

Another benefit for the region will be a reduction in emissions. The new plant is more efficient at converting natural gas to electric power with fewer emissions than neighboring plants. And the additional power provided by the new generators means the older, less-efficient plants can scale back their power output and thus reduce their emissions.

"Xcel Energy has a long tradition of protecting the environment and conserving natural resources in

New Mexico and West Texas," said David Eves, CEO of Southwestern Public Service Company, an Xcel Energy company. "The new generating station promises to deliver the energy needed to keep our economy growing without adversely affecting our natural environment."

The new plant will consist of two combustion turbine generators, two heat-recovery steam boilers and one steam turbine generator. Exhaust gases from the combustion turbines convert water into superheated steam in the boilers, which then power the steam turbine generator. This configuration is known as "combined cycle" because it combines more than one generating method into a single unit.

Traditional steam-turbine generators require large volumes of water to condense their steam back to a liquid form once it has run through the power cycle. The new station's dry-condensing system works more like an automobile radiator where air is used for cooling instead of evaporated water.

"We believe these are the right technologies for the

region we serve, and we look forward to a great relationship with Lea Power as we use these technologies to serve the needs of energy customers in this area," Eves said.

For Lea County and the surrounding area, the new plant has both short-term and long-term impacts on the local economy. Local contractors and suppliers will benefit during the construction phase, and once completed, the plant will provide a drawing card for future industrial development in the area.

"Xcel Energy is a great regional and community partner," said Beth Cunningham, president and CEO of the Economic Development Corporation of Lea County. "This announcement reaffirms Lea County as a major energy corridor. This is just the beginning of the job creation in our area. Congratulations, Xcel Energy."

Construction on the plant is expected to begin by the spring of 2007, with power coming online by the summer of 2008.

Artists

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choice, was heightened by going to workshops with

Neldene Matusvich, Ben Konis and Steven Napper.

She has won awards from organizations including the Lone Star Pastel Society. Exhibited works can be seen locally and in the Cibola Art Gallery in

Mountainaire, N.M.

Nowell and Minnick have both been named Artist of the Year by the Pampa Fine Arts Society in previous years.

Hunger awareness



Courtesy photo

Hoping to raise world hunger awareness, the youth at First United Methodist had a 30-hour hunger strike Oct. 28, which included placing 1,208 crosses on the church lawn and the same number of finger prints on a large banner for the church sanctuary. The figure represents the number of children in the world who die each hour due to hunger. They report having collected enough to save 40 children for a month and are working through Nov. 5 to increase their donation to the World Vision Project. Helping post the crosses are Allison Pfitzner, left, Kayla Cox and Chelsie Griffin.

Virginia sheriff, others indicted

ROANOKE, Va. (AP) — A sheriff and 12 uniformed employees were charged in a racketeering indictment unsealed today that claims drugs and guns seized from criminals were resold to the community.

A U.S. Postal Service employee, a probation officer and five citizens also were charged in the 34-count indictment. The charges include racketeering conspiracy, firearms charges, narcotics distribution, obstruction of justice and perjury.

"It is disgraceful corruption," said John Brownlee, U.S. attorney for western Virginia.

William R. Reed, one of the indicted citizens, told investigators he was a middleman in the distribution ring and paid a sheriff's sergeant to use a house he owned for drug distribution, according to the indictment.

Reed began cooperating after he was arrested last year on charges of possession with intent to distribute narcotics.

The indictment alleges that cocaine, steroids, marijuana, other narcotics and guns seized by the Henry County Sheriff's Office have been sold to citizens like Reed for dis-

tribution since 1998.

Sheriff Frank Cassell was charged with impeding the investigation by the FBI and federal drug enforcement agents and money laundering. He was in custody and faced an afternoon bond hearing Thursday.

Fourteen others also were in custody and police had been in contact with the rest of those indicted except for one defendant who was at large, Brownlee said.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office declined to comment. A sheriff's dispatcher referred questions to state police; an officer who answered the phone there referred calls to the U.S. attorney's office.

Cassell has been sheriff since 1992 in the rural county of about 58,000 residents along the North Carolina line.

The region's textile and furniture industries have been in decline and its unemployment rate is higher than the state average. The area is best known for the Martinsville Speedway, where NASCAR races are run twice a year.

The sheriff's office has 122 employees, according to its Web site.

2 critically wounded in Phoenix parking lot

PHOENIX (AP) — A gunman stepped from a car and shot two people in an office parking lot today, and police said they were searching for a fired security guard.

One of the victims was another security guard at the Pitney Bowes office, and the other was an office employee. Both were in critical condition but were conscious and speaking when they were taken to a hospital, said police Sgt. Joel Tranter.

"I don't know if he knew these employees," Tranter said. "One of these (victims) was a relatively new employee. But it's not a random act that he just chose this business."

Police closed off surrounding businesses as they searched for the shooter.

Pitney Bowes spokeswoman Sheryl Battles said about 150 employees work

at the building but no one else was injured. The company shut down the office for the day and was providing counseling for employees, she said.

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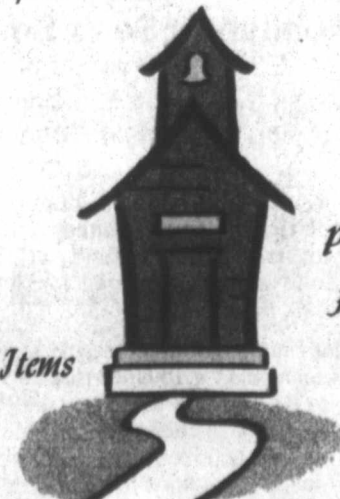


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Viewpoints

Falling furniture is *not* a syndrome

I have finally discovered something positive about being a poor relation. And that would be, you ask? Well, that I can actually feel good about not having the savings to buy new furniture.

According to the American Home Furnishings Alliance, furnishing the home can be risky business.

For example, I bet you've never considered the tipover factor when assessing a couch or chair for your living room.

Now, no laughing. This is a serious matter. After all,

furniture falling knows no socio-economic barriers. It is a threat that may occur in any abode regardless of how modest or how grandiose.

"According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission," a press release from the alliance said, "an estimated 8,000-10,000 people are injured by falling furniture each year."

I wonder how many of those eight- to 10-thousand were fatalities?

Er, never mind.

To combat this rather unsettling problem, the ASTM "is at the forefront of efforts to revise the ASTM

voluntary standard so that all furnishings covered by the standard would arrive in consumer's homes with a new warning label and a 'tip restraint' kit."

Skyla Bryant

News Editor

and dressers, the news release said. And, whew! Underwriters Laboratories has one for television stands.

Other dangers posed by your seemingly innocuous recliners, sofas and chairs? Upholstery flammability. A tip from the ASTM? Candles and upholsteries don't mix. What a shocker.

Be especially aware of recliners. According to the information provided by

ASTM, recliners are now safe for adults.

"Voluntary industry guidelines," the ASTM said, "have made today's reclining chairs safe for adult use, but children should never be allowed to play or climb on reclining chairs, particularly when the chair is open."

As for dressers and chests of drawers, yanking too hard on sticky drawers may result in falling furniture. Don't overload bookcases for the same reason, and remember to choose entertainment centers/TV stands with a strict eye toward size limitations. Never outfit blanket

chests, toy chests and other storage bins with an automatic lock (for obvious reasons) and watch your head in case the lid accidentally slams shut.

ASTM recommends furniture with a gold tag.

The tag represents only those manufacturers participating in a voluntary program instituted by the Upholstered Furniture Action Council.

The tag verifies that the furniture maker kept to certain safety criteria during construction of the piece or pieces.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Nov. 2, the 306th day of 2006. There are 59 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 2, 1947, Howard Hughes piloted his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (popularly known as the "Spruce Goose"), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

On this date:

In 1783, Gen. George Washington issued his Farewell Address to the Continental Army near Princeton, N.J.

In 1795, the 11th president of the United States, James Knox Polk, was born in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

In 1865, the 29th president of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding, was born near Corsica, Ohio.

In 1889, North Dakota and South Dakota became the 39th and 40th states.

In 1906, Italian movie director Luchino Visconti was born in Milan.

In 1936, the British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurated "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

In 1948, President Truman surprised the experts by being re-elected in a narrow upset over Republican challenger Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1959, game show contestant Charles Van Doren admitted to a House subcommittee that he'd been given questions and answers in advance when he appeared on the NBC TV program "Twenty-One."

In 1976, former Georgia Gov. Jimmy Carter became the first candidate from the Deep South since the Civil War to be elected president as he defeated incumbent Gerald R. Ford.

In 1986, kidnappers in Lebanon released American hospital administrator David Jacobsen after holding him for 17 months.

Ten years ago: A tentative labor contract was reached between General Motors Corp. and the United Auto Workers, averting a national strike.

Five years ago: President Bush, saying the war in Afghanistan was unraveling Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, chided critics for clamoring for more action, and said the U.S. military campaign would not pause for the Muslim holiday of Ramadan. The government reported that the nation's unemployment rate had shot up to 5.4 percent in October.

One year ago: The Bush administration released details of its potential flu pandemic strategy, saying a pandemic that hit the United States would force cities to ration scarce drugs and vaccine and house the sick in hotels or schools if hospitals were to overflow. A Detroit church packed with 4,000 mourners celebrated the life of Rosa Parks in an impassioned, song-filled funeral.

'The amount of sleep required by the average person is just five minutes more.'

— Anonymous



A hidden online gem: Usenet, part two

In my last column, I discussed the wonderful world of "Usenet." Billed as the planet's largest bulletin board, this system allows anyone on the Internet to view messages from anyone else.

As a little review, remember that the Usenet is divided into thousands of "newsgroups," or sub-bulletin boards. Each newsgroup exists to discuss one particular topic. The organization of these newsgroups is hierarchical. In other words, a newsgroup with the name of "rec" is for discussions on all things recreational. Rec.Humor, therefore, would be for joke-telling.

Think of a Usenet message (posting) as "public e-mail." Usenet messages look exactly like e-mail messages except they aren't "sent" to an e-mail address. They are "posted" to a newsgroup. Because of the danger of viruses, only plain-text messages are allowed on the Usenet. Since all viruses are binary, not plain text, this

seems pretty safe. After all, you can't get a virus by reading a text message.

That fear, though, prevented the exchange of legitimate programs and other binary files, so someone invented the process of "uencoding." (Yes, the word begins with two U's.)

Uencoding allows a binary file to be changed to a plain text format so that it can be posted to the Usenet. A person on the receiving end can download the uencoded file and, using a special program, uDEcode it back to its original binary form.

Most Usenet readers have this capability built in, and most times, the uencoding and udecoding is invisible to the user. For instance, in the newer versions of Netscape and Internet Explorer, if you happen upon a uencoded file, they

will automatically udecode them so you can view (or listen) to them. Two newsgroups that contain uencoded files are alt.binaries.clipart and alt.binaries.sounds.mp3.

Be careful, though. Remember, anyone can post ANYTHING to newsgroups. No moderator exists. Sometimes, you might find inappropriate pictures or pirated songs in the newsgroups.

Because of this free-for-all Usenet attitude, another problem exists: SPAM. Unsolicited advertising is called "spam." Anytime you have received junk e-mail or seen an advertisement on the Usenet, you have been "spammed." A person that sends such drivel is a "spammer."

However, quite a few people are tempted into the "spam industry" by the

seemingly free nature of the Internet. After all, when a person can post a message, viewed by millions, at no cost, why not use it for advertising?

As I've stated before, the Internet is like a Wild West town with no sheriff. When a crime is committed, the "townspeople" take care of it. And, in the case of the Internet, many of the vigilante townspeople are talented hackers. Trust me, that's the last group of people you want coming after you.

My point is that whatever you do, DON'T advertise in the newsgroups. Use them as they were meant to be used, to facilitate the exchange of useful information between like-minded people.

So, what do you do if your Internet Service Provider does not have Usenet access? Check out some of the free Usenet services available. My favorite is Google Groups (<http://groups.google.com>).

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 18

Odessa American on political campaign antics:

One thing is certain: Raj Bhakta loves attention. The Pennsylvania congressional candidate, best known as one of the many failures Donald Trump fired on his "Apprentice" television show, came to the Texas Rio Grande Valley recently to pull a publicity stunt on the river.

The idea certainly was creative. But it didn't work, and it raises concerns about the ease with which he was able to find protected animals and endanger them to make a point.

Bhakta got a hold of three elephants and hired a six-piece mariachi band, then took them to an area near the mouth of the Rio Grande. He said he planned to have the mariachi lead the elephants across the river to show how easy it would be to enter this country from Mexico.

Of course, he had to get into Mexico first, then cross back into the United States. And although the area isn't blocked by any fence or National Guardsmen, Bhakta didn't quite make it into Mexico.

A group of "tick riders," hired by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to patrol the natural habitat along the river on horseback, came upon the group and started asking questions. They reportedly called other officials, and were

soon joined by officials from both the USDA and Border Patrol, which has an inspection station nearby.

Interestingly enough, some witnesses said that when the officials showed up, many people in Bhakta's entourage scattered; you'd have thought they were illegal immigrants or something. As it turned out, at least one of them was taken in as an undocumented immigrant. Bhakta, who was born in India, is a legal U.S. resident but didn't have his papers. Customs and Border Protection officials reportedly detained him for four hours before proof of legal U.S. residency could be ascertained.

In the end it appears that the system worked. Even though the only physical

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Costume party



Bright Beginnings Child Care recently celebrated Halloween with an annual costume party. Above: (Back row) Zaurhya Soria, Debbie Smith holding Sydnei VanGilder, Barbara Wildcat, Susan Collinsworth with Clint Cross, Sue Warren with Dimitri Long and Jose Hernandez, Cindy Griffith with Kevin Martinez, Malachi Mathis; (front row) Vangie Hancox with Gabriel Solis and Eliana D'Jeses.

Former commander of U.S. forces in Iraq retires in San Antonio

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — Lt. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who served a tumultuous year as commander of all U.S. forces in Iraq, retired from the Army on Wednesday, calling his career a casualty of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal.

"That's the key reason, the sole reason, that I was forced to retire," Sanchez said for a story in today's editions of The (McAllen) Monitor. "I was essentially not offered another position in either a three-star or four-star command."

international controversy. He was criticized by some for not doing more to avoid mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners.

An Army spokeswoman declined comment early today.

The Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Green, concluded last year that allegations of criminal wrongdoing by Sanchez were unsubstantiated.

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barrier on the border is the river, Bhakta and his group were stopped by government officials. The undocumented immigrant was detained in this case Bhakta himself until he could prove he was in this country legally. And although he told a reporter that they had enough time to cross back and forth 15 times, its curious then that they didn't.

And although Bhakta said that as "the band played on, the elephants splashed away," people who were at the scene noted that the animals didn't appear to have gotten wet.

Most concerning about this stunt is the apparent ease with which Bhakta was able to get the three elephants from the Shrine Circus. We don't know if Shrine officials were aware of his intentions, but we do know that elephants are strong swimmers. But we don't know how these animals

weighing a couple of tons each would fare in the deep sediment, hydrilla and other obstacles that have entangled many crossers and led to untold numbers of deaths.

Elephants are protected species, and few would argue that they deserve better consideration. In the end they did OK. Because they were in a quarantined area, USDA officials took the animals into custody for a few hours and gave them a good going-over before releasing them back to their trainer. The elephants got themselves free health checks and free tick baths. Bhakta said he was inspired to perform, and film, his elaborate stunt after sitting by the river and watching a half-dozen men cross the river "with complete immunity." Capturing that scene would have made his point quite clearly, probably better than hiring three elephants and a mariachi.

After all, the block-the-border crowd insist they're motivated by concerns about our homeland security. And we've never heard of a single elephant flying a hijacked plane into a building.

Usenet

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You can participate in many of the discussions. However, binary files cannot be decoded. For access to those files, check out Giganews.com.

If you are brand new to the Usenet, visit news.announce.newusers.FIRST. And, before posting to ANY newsgroup, read it's FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) document. Check them out at the Internet FAQ Archive (<http://www.faqs.org>).

Be careful. The Usenet can be a bit addictive. Have fun!

Bodies of three people found dumped in South Carolina ditch

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Police found three bodies dumped in a ditch near a downtown apartment complex early Thursday, and all appear to have been killed during the night, authorities said.

It wasn't immediately clear where the three died or how, Columbia police spokes-

woman Lauren Leach said.

Richland County Coroner Gary Watts said authorities were having difficulty reaching the bodies, but he wouldn't elaborate.

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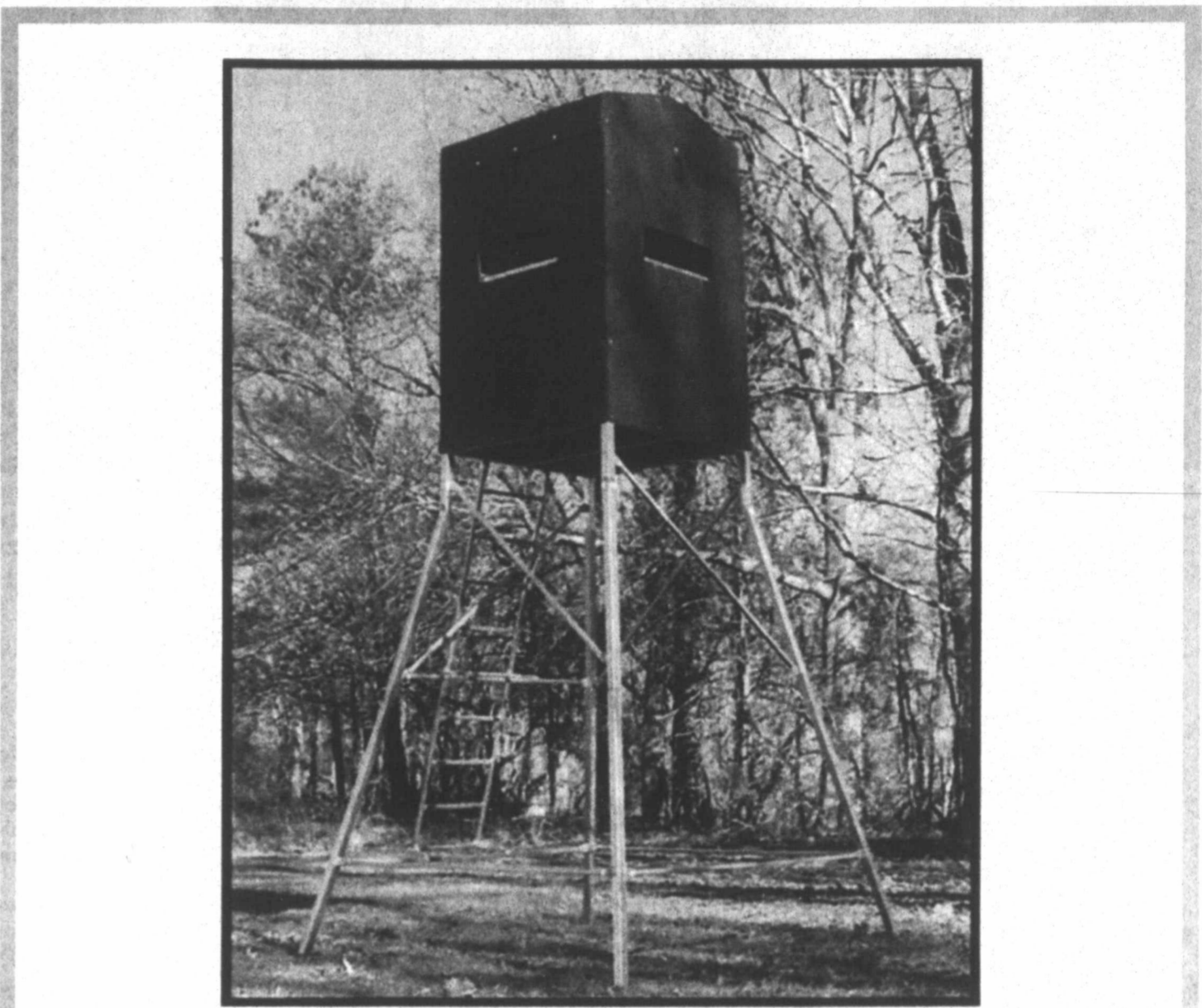
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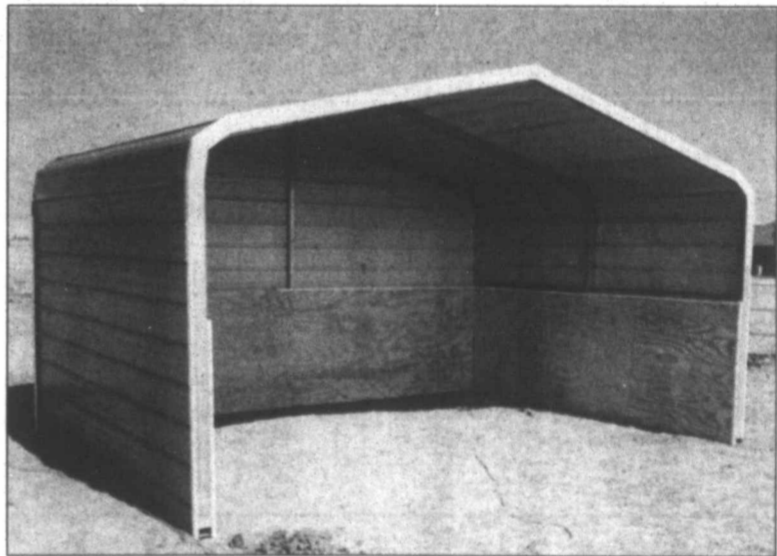
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Riverbeds, rocky outcrops, small mesas and other land features give the lie to the claim that the Panhandle landscape is flat, barren terrain. Some formations feature layers of material and hollowed-out cavities that might serve as shelter for passing wildlife. This view can be seen in Roberts County.

Productivity slows as wage pressures mount

WASHINGTON (AP) — The productivity of American workers slowed to a standstill in the summer, while wages were rising at the fastest clip in more than two decades — a combination likely to raise inflation concerns at the Federal Reserve.

The Labor Department reported today that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, showed no change in the July-September quarter, while labor costs rose by 3.8 percent. For the past year, wages and other labor costs are up by 5.3 percent, the fastest increase since 1982.

While rising wages and benefits are good news for workers, they raise concerns about inflation especially at a time when productivity is slowing. If companies decide to pass on their higher payroll costs by boosting the price of their products, that could translate into increased inflation.

In other economic news, orders to factories for manufactured products rose by 2.1 percent in September, the biggest increase in six months, but virtually all of the strength came in a surge in orders for commercial aircraft. The Commerce Department said that orders

for long-lasting durable goods were up 8.3 percent, offsetting a 4.6 percent drop in demand for food, gasoline and other nondurable products.

The increase in durable goods, which was revised up from an initial estimate last week of a 7.8 percent gain, reflecting a huge 189.7 percent surge in demand for commercial aircraft. Excluding airplanes and other transportation products, factory orders would have fallen by 2.4 percent. The drop in nondurable goods was attributed in part to lower prices for petroleum products.

In a third report, the number of newly laid off workers filing claims for unemployment benefits unexpectedly shot up last week to the highest level in more than three months. A total of 327,000 fired employees filed benefit claims, up by 18,000 from the previous week.

The Labor Department said that the total number of jobless claims, which are adjusted for normal seasonal variations, was the highest since early July, raising concerns about whether the slowing economy is finally beginning to push companies to lay off workers.

Meanwhile, reports from the nation's largest retailers indicate that consumers may have taken a breather in October after going on a shopping spree in September. But analysts said significant declines in gasoline prices should boost retail sales in the upcoming holiday season as consumers will have more to spend on other items.

Merchants beating expectations for October included Limited Brands Inc. and Bebe Stores Inc., while retailers reporting disappointing results included Costco Wholesale Corp.

The flat productivity reading in the third quarter was the poorest showing since a 0.1 percent decline in productivity in the final three months of last year. Over the past four quarters, productivity has risen by 1.3 percent, the weakest showing since a 1.1 percent rise in early 1997.

The 3.8 percent rise in the cost of labor per unit of output followed even bigger gains of 9 percent in the first quarter and 5.4 percent in the second quarter. Those increases pushed labor costs up by 5.3 percent for the year ending in September, the biggest gain since late 1982.

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Miss Teen Gray County will represent her county at the Miss Teen Texas Pageant to be held at the Scottish Rite Auditorium in San Antonio May 4-6, 2007.

The contestants will compete in personal interview, fitness wear, fun fashion wear and evening gown.

There is no talent or swimsuit competition.

The young woman chosen as Miss Teen Texas will receive a scholarship and prize package valued at more than \$15,000 and the opportunity to represent Texas at the 2007 Miss Teen International Pageant.

The American Heart Association and The United Way are the official charities of this pageant.

The reigning 2006 Miss Teen Texas is Michelle Jones of Spring. As Miss Teen Texas, Michelle speaks to

children about "The Dangers of Tobacco." Her goal is to educate children about the detrimental effects of smoking after her grandmother died from lung cancer in 2004, after a lifetime of smoking. She has partnered with Tobacco Free Kids to promote the cause.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR READERS: On Tuesday, I shared the responses I received from women to a letter from a lady, "No Hugs Please," (9/13) in Alabama. She asked what could be done about "Uncle Harry," a man in his mid-70s who insists on bear-hugging almost all of the women he meets. The letter generated many responses from male readers. And I thought you might be interested to see how they felt he should be "handled." Read on:

DEAR ABBY: May I offer a method that's fast, effective and creates very little attention: When Uncle Harry approaches with open arms, the woman should hold her upper arms close to her chest and slide her forearms up and in front of her breasts. Clenching her fists will provide strength to her upper arms. This position will protect her breasts from contact with Uncle Harry and increase the circumference for her upper body, making a bear hug more difficult. While holding this posture, she should make direct eye contact and firmly say, "No!" Nothing more. A wishy-washy response will not be effective. He may object, cajole or question, but regardless of what he says, or how many times he persists, her only response should be to repeat, "I said, 'No!'" or, "I do not want you to hug me." In the unlikely event that he gets loud in an attempt to embarrass her, he's the one who will look like the fool. And anyone who observes the scene will look at her in admiration. — **AN OLD MAN WHO KNOWS WHAT WORKS**

DEAR ABBY: Uncle Harry undoubtedly is a sexually abusive pervert. His wife may be "one of the finest Christians in the area," but you can depend on the fact that she already knows about and tolerates his behavior. The other "Christian women"

who do not object when he gropes them simply accept his abuse and support his rationalization of "Christian fellowship." Don't confuse spirituality with reality. What can be done about Uncle Harry? Go to court for a restraining order, or continue to be victims. — **NEIL IN SAN FRANCISCO**

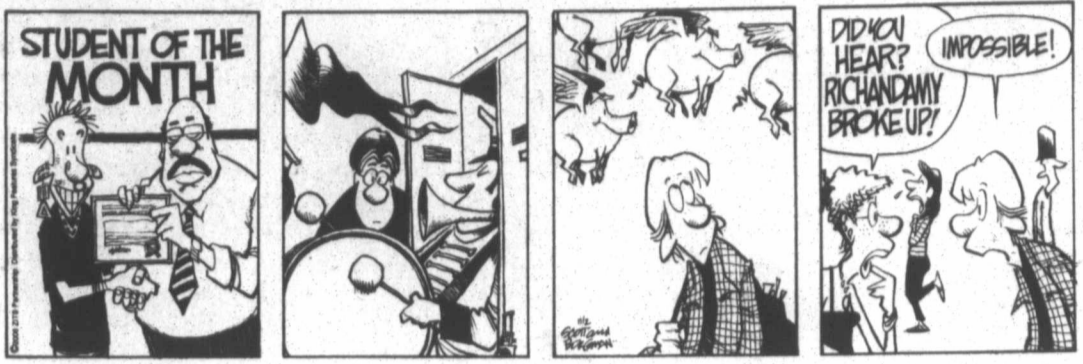
DEAR ABBY: My doctoral minor was in human sexual behavior, and Uncle Harry's groping is neither normal nor acceptable. His family needs to see he receives adequate professional help, and soon, before he "graduates" to a more serious type of activity. If this doesn't help, there are two sure-fire remedies: First, the offended ladies should complain to their local police about his unwanted sexual molestations (they're criminal acts). His family might be embarrassed by the press coverage, and a judge may demand professional treatment. The other remedy is for each offended lady to give him a swift with-all-their-might knee to the crotch. His family may need to see that he gets medical treatment -- and professional help -- but it's better than what some irate husband may do to him. — **PH.D. IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.**

DEAR ABBY: I know a lady who had the same problem, and after three warnings, she finally became fed up. She was a black belt in karate. Needless to say, it worked like a charm. And after another woman did the same thing to the man, he started being an even better "Christian." If the men won't put a stop to it, then the ladies have no choice and must act. This type of behavior does not stop on its own. — **ON THE LADIES' SIDE IN N.Y.**

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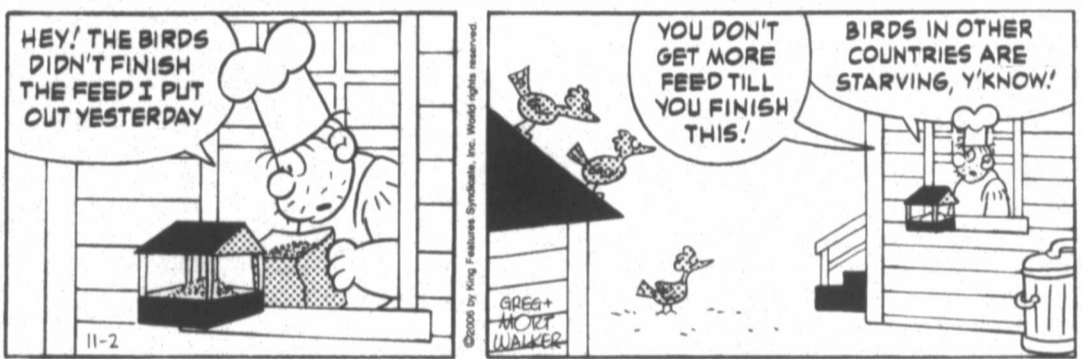
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Sports Day

FOOTBALL

JV, 9th grade face Demons this afternoon

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School 9th grade and junior varsity football teams will take to the field this afternoon when each team squares off against the Dumas Demons.

The freshman squad will make the trip to Dumas to face the Demons. That game is set to begin at 5 today.

The junior varsity team will host the Demons at Harvester Field beginning at 5.

The varsity team will be on the road Friday night for an important meeting at Dumas in a game with District 3-4A playoff implications.

Season complete, PJH moves on to basketball

The Pampa 7th and 8th grade football teams hosted Perryton Tuesday afternoon at Harvester Field to wrap up the 2006 season. While the 7th grade was able to end the season on a positive note, the 8th grade, though competitive, fell to the visiting Rangers, 26-6. "We were only able to field one team. Still, this is a competitive bunch of kids," said coach John East of his 8th grade team. "It's just been a tough year for this group." East said he had a couple of key players missing Tuesday due to injury and others that had opted to focus on the upcoming basketball season instead of the gridiron. The 8th grade group also lost a key component to their sports programs when Cole Sander moved to Oklahoma City. "We'll focus on basketball now and see if we can get these kids' confidence back to where they deserve it to be," said East.

The 7th grade Gold team powered its way to an impressive 40-0 win over Perryton. Jesse Cruz led the scoring with

a touchdown with 2:50 left in the first period, scoring on a 4-yard run. Colton Adams took care of the 2-point conversion run.

The next Pampa score came courtesy of Sam Cain who recovered a fumble and ran 20 yards for a touchdown midway through the second quarter. Laketon Harris made the extra point run.

Cruz scored on a 15-yard TD run in with 1:41 left in the first half. Adams made the extra point run.

Pampa was up, 24-0 at half-time.

With 6:13 left in the fourth, Colin Sutherland scampered 20 yards for a touchdown with Laketon Harris running in the extra point run. The last touchdown came with 1:17 left in the game. Hunter Woods scored from four yards out. The extra point run by Rudy Rodriguez was good.

The Gold team finished the season with a solid 7-1 record.

In the second game of the afternoon, the Pampa Green team had its best game of

the year, taking the Rangers 12-0.

With 3:47 to play in the opening quarter, Trevor Smith scored on a 25-yard pass from Reid Miller. The extra point run, however, failed.

Pampa stayed tough throughout the game, keeping Perryton out of the end zone. The Green team scored its final points of the season with 50.6 seconds left in the game when Latigo Collins ran for a 15-yard TD. The extra point again failed, but Pampa had its fourth win of the season.

The defensive team, led by Miller with two interceptions, included great efforts by Ty Linder, Antonio Jara, Cody Parks, Smith, Adrian Hernandez, Shane Smith, Joe Vizcaino, Cole Engle, Daniel Hulsey and Collins. Coach Darrel Adkins said, "All of these young men had an outstanding night. They played hard and shut a very good Perryton offense down, allowing no points."

The Green team went 4-4 this season.

Celtics open season without Auerbach

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The New York Knicks have a different look on the sideline and the Detroit Pistons sure aren't the same in the middle.

However, the biggest change in the NBA comes in Boston, where the Celtics opened a season without Red Auerbach watching for the first time.

The first full night of games included a ceremony in Boston on Wednesday night where the Celtics honored their former coach and executive, who died of a heart attack Saturday at 89. He had seen all 56 previous Celtics season openers — 16 ended with championships — and planned to attend this one.

Despite 29 points and 19 rebounds from Paul Pierce, the Celtics lost to the New Orleans Hornets 91-87.

"We wanted to win so bad," Pierce said. "We wanted to win for the fans. It was definitely emotional in my play."

Rookie of the Year Chris Paul had 20 points and 10 assists for the Hornets in the opener of his second season.

"Red Auerbach, he's the man," Paul said. "Being point guard, I had to make sure we stayed under control."

New York showed an improved offense under Isiah Thomas in a 118-117 triple-overtime victory at Memphis, but defense might be a problem in Detroit with Ben Wallace gone. The Pistons struggled to protect the rim in a 105-97 home loss to Milwaukee.

In other games, it was: Orlando 109, Chicago 94; Philadelphia 88, Atlanta 75; Indiana 106, Charlotte 99; New Jersey 102, Toronto 92; Minnesota 92, Sacramento 83; Cleveland 97, Washington 94; Utah 107, Houston 97; Portland 110, Seattle 106; Phoenix 112, the Los Angeles Clippers 104; and the Los Angeles Lakers 110, Golden State 98.

Thomas wants the Knicks to play at a quicker pace than they did last season while going 23-59 under Larry Brown. They built a 19-point lead over the Grizzlies, but blew all of it in the fourth quarter before getting their president and general manager a victory in his first game as their coach.

"It feels good to get Isiah and the team started right," guard Jamal Crawford said. "(But) we have to learn to finish. We had them down 19. We should have pushed it to 30."

Quentin Richardson made two free throws with 12 seconds left in the third overtime and led New York with 31 points.

"We showed that we have great courage and fight, and we found a way to win," Thomas said. "I have a lot of respect for our guys."

Suns 112, Clippers 104

Shawn Marion had 27 points and 10 rebounds, Steve Nash added 20 points and 11 assists, and Phoenix won its home opener.

Amare Stoudemire, looking strong after missing virtually all of last season following knee surgery, had 15 points in 24 minutes. Elton Brand scored 28 points and grabbed 13 rebounds for the Clippers in their season opener.

Cavaliers 97, Wizards 94

Larry Hughes scored 27 points, LeBron James added 26 and Cleveland beat visiting Washington.

Hughes added nine rebounds and five assists. As usual, James stuffed the box score with 10 rebounds and five assists in 40 minutes.

Caron Butler scored 23 points and Antawn Jamison had 20 for the Wizards. Gilbert Arenas had just seven points on 2-of-12 shooting but added 11 assists.

Lakers 110, Warriors 98

Ronny Turiaf had career highs of 23 points and nine rebounds, Lamar Odom scored 22 points and Los Angeles beat Golden State for its second victory in two days without Kobe Bryant.

Odom added nine rebounds and nine assists as the Lakers followed up their surprising victory over Phoenix the previous night with a thorough road thumping of the Warriors in coach Don Nelson's inauspicious debut.

Trail Blazers 110, SuperSonics 106

Zach Randolph scored 30 points to help Portland spoil the 40th and potentially final season opener for Seattle.

Brandon Roy, the Pac-10 player of the year last season at Washington,

was brilliant in his hometown during his NBA debut. He had 20 points on 10-for-16 shooting.

Timberwolves 92, Kings 83

At Minneapolis, Mike Bibby picked up two technical fouls at a critical juncture of the fourth quarter and Minnesota's Kevin Garnett finished with 24 points and 12 rebounds.

Bibby was expected to miss the first two weeks of the season with an injured thumb. He had 16 points and five assists before he was ejected.

Jazz 107, Rockets 97

Derek Fisher had 13 points and six assists in his Utah debut and led a decisive run down the stretch.

Carlos Boozer had 24 points and 19 rebounds and Deron Williams also had a double-double with 18 points and 10 assists for Utah.

Tracy McGrady led the visiting Rockets with 25 points.

Magic 109, Bulls 94

Dwight Howard had 27 points and 11 rebounds, and Jameer Nelson scored 21 points as host Orlando surprised Chicago, which beat defending champion Miami by 42 points the night before.

76ers 88, Hawks 75

At Philadelphia, Allen Iverson scored 32 points as the 76ers improved their mark on opening night to 39-19.

Atlanta lost its eighth straight opener.

Nets 102, Raptors 92

Jason Kidd had 14 points, 10 assists and 10 rebounds for his 76th career triple-double, and Vince Carter added 25 points and 11 rebounds for host New Jersey.


Anthony Parker, the free agent signed after playing in Israel, had 22 points to lead the Raptors.

Pacers 106, Bobcats 99

At Charlotte, N.C., Jermaine O'Neal and Sarunas Jasikevicius scored 20 points apiece and Indiana pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Emeka Okafor had 19 points, 13 rebounds and a team record-tying six blocks for the Bobcats, who lost Gerald Wallace in the second quarter to dizziness, neck and back injuries after he hit his head on the floor following a flagrant foul by Danny Granger.

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Dolphins' Taylor close to sack milestone

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Jason Taylor's sack list is impressive, starting at the top with two-time Super Bowl MVP Tom Brady.

The New England Patriots' quarterback has been sacked 8 1/2 times by Taylor, most of anyone on the list.

In 10 seasons with the Miami Dolphins, Taylor has also sacked John Elway, Peyton Manning and most recently Brett Favre. He has sacked two Hasselbecks (Matt and Tim), two McCowns (Josh and Luke) and teammate Daunte Culpepper (then with Minnesota). He has sacked one Carr (David) and five Jets.

Add it all up, and Taylor takes 99 1/2 sacks into Sunday's game at Chicago. If he sacks Rex Grossman for the first time, Taylor will become the 23rd player to reach the 100 milestone since sacks became an official statistic in 1982.

"It's a lot of takedowns," he said Wednesday. "If I do get to that, it'll be great to have the individual honor. But this is the consummate team game, and I would trade 99 of them for a chance to play in the big game."

That would be the Super Bowl, which Miami last reached in 1984. Taylor, a main-

stay on the Dolphins' defense since his rookie season in 1997, has yet to reach even an AFC title game and hasn't been on a playoff team since 2001.

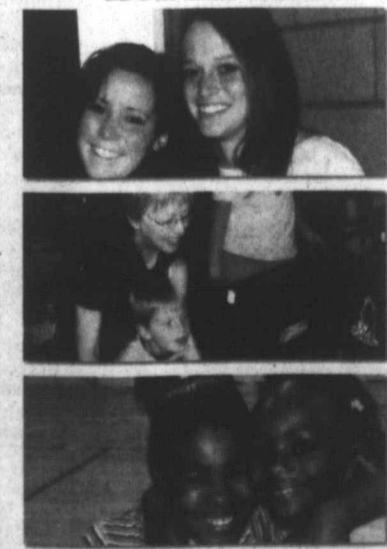
The drought will likely continue this year, considering that Miami is 1-6. For Taylor, the frustration of losing dwarfs the significance of 100 sacks, even though he'll join Michael Strahan and Simeon Rice as the only active players to reach the milestone.

"It's great to be among the couple of dozen guys who have done it," he said. "But I only have one thing in mind now — getting to the big thing."

At 32, Taylor's racing the clock to reach a Super Bowl, but he shows no sign of slowing down. He leads the NFL with 83 sacks since 2000 and has six in the past four games.

"He's relentless in trying to get to the quarterback," coach Nick Saban said. "Since I've been here, just as many of his sacks probably have come on second moves than just beating a guy with speed up the field. That's what has made him outstanding."

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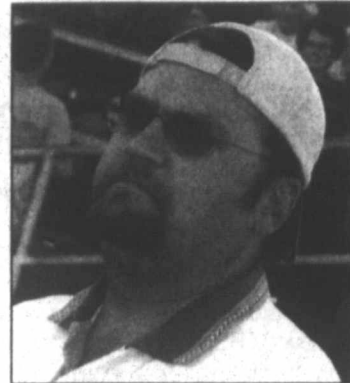
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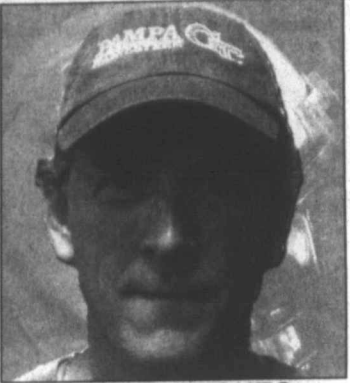
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F-5 question: 'Is arm tackling a lost art?'

Stevens
 "You bet it is. And the root of this evil is any and all media programming that rewards those hits that look so wicked and spectacular. Who doesn't love it when a kamikaze corner back lays wood on an unprotected receiver led into the mousetrap that is the secondary either by his quarterback or his coach. Pow! And with the shot comes candidacy for replay segments like "Jacked Up" or "Plays of the Week", not to mention the pain and memory loss of the poor soul that got his clock cleaned."

Who doesn't like it? The aforementioned coach for one. He should hate it. He ought to do all he can to discourage it. Perhaps the fans should start giving it some serious thought as well. For every snot-knocking "look here on me" collision, countless yards are given up by the defense because — rather than sticking their arms out and wrapping a guy up — defenders are seeking that one awesome "you're gonna need some BC headache powder boy" moment.

You see it every fall Saturday and Sunday. Defenders with arms at their sides or tucked up against their chest, throwing shoulders rather than reaching out and touching someone. At times, they too are injured in the missile attack. And when they (defenders) do remember they have arms, they use them — and the hands attached to them — to try to tackle and tear at the ball instead of the man running with it. The magic bean may become dislodged once in a while, but are the yards

gained in exchange for simply not tackling properly when the pigskin isn't stolen really worth it?

Smith
 "I don't think so. I'm really not a student of the game, but I think there are some who still understand the concept. I do wonder if Michael J. understands the concept of time. The man is always late with his sports pages. Maybe he should learn to 'wrap up' a little sooner. Wait, you're not going to print that are you?"

Hooper*
 "I don't think that it is a lost art, but with that said there are a lot of players today (mainly talking NFL) that prefer to go for the "kill shot" and shoulder the ball carrier. Still there are many great players who rarely miss a tackle because they understand the importance of wrapping up. Zach Thomas is a perfect example. He did it in high school and still does it well today in Miami. Maybe that's why he doesn't get many highlights on Monday Night Football's "Jacked Up" segment. But stats speak for themselves. He has the record for the most tackles in Dolphin

history and is on the brink of breaking the all time NFL record. Enough said.

By the way Michael J., glad you asked this question. Shane Stokes tried to tackle me in the hallway at the office Tuesday following my comments about him last week. Guess what? He missed! Whiffed! Tackled nothing but air! See, he tried to shoulder me to which I responded with a juke move and then high stepped all the way to my office for the score. You gotta wrap'em up Stokes!"

Boring
 "I don't think it's a lost art. Look at the leading tacklers on any team and you will see that the person wraps up. There are those Roy Williams' out there that really don't get a chance to wrap up due to the fact that the runner loses his balance after the initial hit. Zach Thomas is a leading tackler and always wraps up. Look at the leaders of the F-5. Shane Stokes wraps up, Michael J. does not: Hooper never gets the chance, he's a cheerleader."

Stokes
 "I think defensive linemen and linebackers still wrap up and tackle with more traditional style. However, defensive backs nearly all try to mimic Roy Williams' "blow you up" style of tackling. Some can and some can't. I know if you are a running back against Dallas and you get through the defensive line, you better find #31 before he finds you."

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Thursday's Sports briefs

TRACK AND FIELD
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Track coach Trevor Graham was expected to be indicted as early as Thursday for obstructing the same federal probe he helped spark three years ago by mailing vials of a designer steroid to anti-doping authorities.

Graham will be charged with making false statements to investigators, two Justice Department officials with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity because the charges had not been made public.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — John L. Smith will not return next year as Michigan State's football coach but will complete the rest of this season.

Smith is in the fourth year of a six-year contract that pays him about \$1.5 million annually.

PRO FOOTBALL
HEMPSTEAD, N.Y. (AP) — Curtis Martin's season ended because of a lingering knee injury, and the New York Jets' star running back isn't sure if he'll ever play again.

The Jets placed the 33-year-old Martin on the reserved physically-unable-to-perform list with a bone-on-bone condition in his right knee, ending his season before it ever got started and throwing his career in doubt.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Tennessee Titans suspended cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones for one game as punishment for his long list of off-field incidents. Jones won't play Sunday against Jacksonville.

BASEBALL
NEW YORK (AP) — Reliever Guillermo Mota was suspended for 50 games after testing positive for a performance-enhancing substance, becoming the third player penalized this year for violating Major League Baseball's toughened drug policy.

In announcing the suspension, the commissioner's office did not say why Mota was suspended.

NEW YORK (AP) — Don Mattingly is moving up to New York Yankees' bench coach next season, a promotion that makes him the early favorite to one day succeed Joe Torre as manager.

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Community mourns firefighters as police seek arsonists

POPPET FLAT, Calif. (AP) — Dozens of people displaced by a wind-driven wildfire packed into a local RV park for an emotional meeting where law enforcement officials vowed to catch those responsible for starting the blaze that killed five firefighters.

Residents of Twin Pines and Poppet Flat gave a standing ovation during the gathering Wednesday night after a U.S. Forest Service employee broke down while announcing the firefighters' funerals.

"This is a very sad and difficult time for all of us. We can't express how much your support and love means to us," said Gabriel Garcia, district ranger for the San Bernardino National Forest, as he fought back tears.

Officials declined to talk about the ongoing arson investigation, other than to say it was "evolving." They assured residents they were aggressively pursuing leads.

"Since the 26th of October, my anger has not dissipated and my resolve has not weakened," said Riverside County Undersheriff Neil Lingle. "I want to be able to look at each one of you and say, 'You will see justice.'"

A man described by authorities as "a person of interest" in the deadly Esperanza arson fire was arrested late Tuesday for investigation of two wildfires set in the region earlier this year.

Raymond Lee Oyler, 36, was being held in connection with two June fires in the Banning Pass area, a windy corridor that carries Interstate 10 between mountain ranges west of Palm Springs.

Riverside County prosecutors had not filed any charges against Oyler, who was expected to appear at his first court hearing on Thursday. The case was still being investigated, said Ingrid Wyatt, a spokeswoman for the district attorney. Oyler remained jailed in lieu of \$25,000 bail.

The Esperanza fire was set shortly after 1 a.m. on Oct. 26 in Cabazon, a city 90 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Stoked by Santa Ana winds, it destroyed 34 homes and charred 40,200 acres — or about 60 square miles — before being contained Monday.

Investigators interviewed Oyler on Oct. 27 and served a search warrant on his Beaumont residence Monday, according to a Sheriff's Department statement that described his detention as a "probable cause arrest."

Authorities stressed that Oyler was only being held in connection with the June fires.

"Oyler is not a suspect in the 'Esperanza Fire,' but is a person of interest," the statement said.

Two young men were picked up by sheriff's deputies for questioning on Monday and were then released. Authorities have said they would be questioning multiple people.

A reward for information leading to an arrest has reached \$550,000.

In Joplin, Mo., police and court records show Oyler had several traffic violations and other mostly minor run-ins with the law from 1997 through 1999.

Pulitzer winner William Styron dies at age 81

By HILLEL ITALIE

AP National Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — William Styron, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "The Confessions of Nat Turner" and other novels whose explorations of the darkest corners of the human mind and experience were charged by his own near-suicidal demons, died Wednesday. He was 81.

Styron's daughter, Alexandra, said the author died of pneumonia at a hospital in Martha's Vineyard, Mass. Styron, who had homes in Martha's Vineyard and Connecticut, had been in failing health for a long time.

"This is terrible," said Kurt Vonnegut, a longtime friend. "He was dramatic, he was fun. He was strong and proud and he was awfully good with the language. I hated to see him end this way."

A handsome, muscular man, with a strong chin and wavy dark hair that turned an elegant white, Styron was a Virginia native whose obsessions with race, class and personal guilt led to such tormented narratives as "Lie Down In Darkness" and "The Confessions of Nat Turner," which won the Pulitzer despite protests that the book was racist and inaccurate.

His other works included "Sophie's Choice," the award-winning novel about a Holocaust survivor from Poland, and "A Tidewater Morning," a collection of fiction pieces. He also published a book of essays, "This Quiet Dust," and the best-selling memoir "Darkness Visible," in which Styron recalled nearly taking his own life.

Styron was a liberal long involved in public causes, from supporting a Connecticut teacher suspended for refusing to say the Pledge of Allegiance to advocating for human rights for Jews in the Soviet Union. In the 1990s, Styron was among a group of authors and historians who successfully opposed plans for a Disney theme park near the Manassas National Battlefield in northern Virginia.

Although he was often cited along with Vonnegut and Norman Mailer as a leading writer of his generation, he produced little over the past 15 years. Styron was reportedly working on a military novel, yet published no full-length work of fiction after "Sophie's Choice," which came out in 1979. He

did remain well connected, whether socializing with President Clinton on Martha's Vineyard or joining Arthur Miller and Gabriel Garcia Marquez on a delegation that met with Cuban leader Fidel Castro in 2000.

"He was always generous to me as a younger writer," said E.L. Doctorow, who, like Styron, has been published for decades by Random House. "He stood in my mind as a sort of writerly presence, an iconic Southern writer."

The son of a shipbuilder, William C. Styron Jr. was born in Newport News, Va., to a family whose history extends to colonial Virginia. He was awed by the torrential fiction of fellow Southerner Thomas Wolfe

and knew by his late teens he wanted to be a writer. His own life offered strong material.

At age 13, his mother died, transforming him into a "hell raiser" with an unhealable wound

of guilt. He served as a lieutenant in the Marines during World War II and in 1945 was stationed in Okinawa. He was to take part in the invasion of Japan and didn't expect to come out alive.

The battle never took place; the United States dropped the atom bomb instead.

"Some of my problems I think came from a continuing anguish over my mother's death and if I had gotten shot it would have been, I suppose, some kind of completion. It's hard to say how that would have worked out," Styron told The Associated Press in a 1990 interview.

"When I was a young Marine platoon leader, there was this incredible sense of fate. The myth at that age is you're going to live forever. Well, I never believed that and my friends didn't. I thought I was going to die."

After the war, Styron graduated from Duke University and moved to New York, where he worked briefly as a copy editor at McGraw-Hill until the publisher fired him "for slovenly appearance, not wearing a hat, and reading the New York Post."

With extra free time and financial help from his family, Styron was able to complete "Lie Down in Darkness," detailing the destruction of a Southern family in a tempest of alcoholism, incestuous longing, madness and suicide.

'He was strong and proud and he was awfully good with the language.'

— Kurt Vonnegut
Novelist and friend

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