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2,153 voters cast early ballots; 'really good turnout'

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Early voting for Tuesday's general election ended at 5 p.m. Friday, and 2,153 Gray County voters took advantage of the opportunity to avoid the rush Tuesday by casting their ballots early.

"That's a really good turnout, especially for a non-Presidential election year," said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

Six gubernatorial candidates, including two independents and one write-in, may result in a runoff election being required. A runoff election

is held whenever none of the candidates in a race gets votes totaling 50 percent of all votes in that race plus 1 vote.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. Voting locations are: Precinct 1, Lefors Community Center; Precinct 2, Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston; Precinct 3, Grandview-Hopkins School; Precinct 4, Lovett Library, McLean; Precinct 5, First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson; Precinct 6, Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan; and Precinct 7, M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner.

Voters are asked to bring their yel-

low voter registration cards with them to the polls. Registered voters who do not have their cards may present their driver's licenses, but this slows down the flow of voters through the polling places, according to election officials.

Pampa Independent School District's proposition to issue \$47 million in bonds for renovation and construction involving the junior high and high schools is included on the ballots. Voters wishing to vote in the school district election are able to do so at the same location and on the same ballot, said Winborne.

Voters eligible to vote in the

school bond election have that election included on their electronic ballots, she said. Those not eligible to vote in the school election will vote on ballots that do not include the bond election.

Precincts 4 and 6 may vote on one of two write-in candidates for the unexpired term of Precinct 4 county constable. Curtis Broadus filed as a write-in candidate for the unexpired term of Don Fletcher, who vacated the office upon winning the 2004 election and being sworn in. Fletcher's promise to voters was

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Dancers all in a row



Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

Judge Richard Walker of Dallas demonstrates proper technique on Sara Johnson of Lubbock while the other teen and senior dancers watch during auditions Friday for the Dance Masters of America competition that was held at M.K. Brown Auditorium this weekend.

Man's arrest could solve some other car burglaries

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department is recommending that residents of north Pampa who recently had their vehicles burglarized check with the department to see if any of their property has been recovered, according to Assistant Chief Dennis Burton.

"We have some property we're trying to identify," Burton said. "Anyone who has had a motor vehicle burglary in the north end of town may want to check."

The property was recovered in connection with the arrest earlier today of a Pampa man for burglary of a motor vehicle in the North Crest area.

Police were dispatched to the 1100 block of Cinderella after a call was received at 5:10 a.m. reporting that a man was seen breaking into a vehicle there, Burton said.

"The vehicle owner ran out of his house with a gun, and the man took off running," Burton said. "Officer Nathan Lewis got in a foot pursuit through yards, over fences, and

down the alley. The man was caught and handcuffed."

Darren Lee Munn, 37, of Pampa was booked into Gray County Jail on charges of evading arrest, two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, failure to identify as a fugitive, and capias pro fines for running a stop

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Farmer bachelors answer casting call

By BETSY BLANEY
Associated Press Writer
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP)

— Move over Eva Gabor. Your "Green Acres" rerun days as city-girl-turned-farmer's-wife appear to be numbered.

Farmers and ranchers flocked here last weekend for the first of four open casting calls nationwide for a new reality TV show from the producers of "American Idol" and "The Price is Right." In "The Farmer Wants a Wife," city girls and others will vie for a chance to become a farmer's bride. Micah Keeney said he

came to Lubbock to see if he could find a single woman willing to live on his land in nearby Shallowater. He lives alone in a small, old farmhouse on more than 3,700 acres, where he tends to cotton, cattle and hay.

"I've been waiting for something like this for a while, and I want to be on TV," said Keeney, 24.

The show will air next year on one of the major television networks, said Billy Kemp, the head of casting for Fremantle Media. Its format isn't finalized. It could

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Pampa News photo by KERRI SMITH

This is one of three houses moved Friday from the site where the new CVS Pharmacy will be built at Hobart and Kentucky. Dennis Kirk, supervisor from Four Way House Moving in Lubbock, said his company is recycling these structures instead of destroying them and taking the remains to the dump.

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Obituaries

Neva Weeks Carruth, 82

Neva Weeks Carruth, 82, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, at the First Christian Church with Rev. Barry Loving, pastor, and Paul Carruth, youth minister, officiating.

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

Mrs. Carruth was born Feb. 12, 1924, in Lipscomb County, Texas. She married Fred Elton Weeks on Feb. 9, 1944, in Canadian. He preceded her in death on March 10, 1995. She later married Clyde Carruth in October of 1995. He preceded her in death in on April 19, 2003.

Mrs. Carruth was the business manager of the Pampa Clinic for 27 years and was the owner and real estate broker of Neva Weeks Realty for 26 years. She was a member of

First Christian Church, Pampa Chamber of Commerce, the Pampa Senior Citizens Center, and was a past president of the Pampa Board of Realtors.

Survivors include one son, Larry B. Weeks and wife Patsy of Amarillo; a sister, Sally Detrixhe of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Barbara West and husband Russell of Houston and Yvonne Winegeart of Pampa; one stepson, Dayne Carruth and wife Beverly of Pampa; two grandchildren, Angela Weeks and Melissa Root, both of Amarillo; and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX 79065 or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Betty Cree Reid, 83

Betty Cree Reid, 83, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2006 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Reid was born Nov. 4, 1923, in Whizbang, Oklahoma, and had lived in Pampa most of her life. She married Raymond Edward Reid on May 26, 1945, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on July 7, 2001.

She was co-owner of Cree Oil Co. She was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Reid was a very accomplished artist and traveled the world, recording her experiences in her paintings. She will be remembered for her passion for people and her joyful laugh.

Survivors include two daughters, Diane Reid and Shelley Reid, both of Tucson, Ariz.; a son, Raymond Reid II of Argyle; a brother, William R. Cree of Abilene; and two grandchildren, Ashley Smith and Stephen Smith. She was preceded in death by a brother, George B. Cree, Jr.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family would like to give special thanks to Mrs. Reid's dear friend, Louise Adkism, and to her Carebears, Betty Renfro, Melba Lang, Faye Miller, Evelyn Reger, Elda Silva, Lynette Marciel, Joanne Taylor, and Christine Griffin.

Memorials may be made to cancer research.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Frank Smith, 70

CHILDRESS — Frank Smith, 70, died Saturday, Nov. 4, 2006, in Childress.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2006, in Central Christian Church with the Rev. Jim West officiating.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home of Childress.

Mr. Smith married the former Yvonne

Watson Sept. 7, 1957 in Amarillo. He was a former city manager of Pampa.

Survivors include his wife, Yvonne of Childress; a son, Bruce Smith of Childress; a daughter, Sherri Crownover of Tulsa; a sister, Jean Ricks of Childress; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Twenty-five traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1200 block of South Nelson, the 1000 block of Twiford, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, and the intersection of Hobart and Rham streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets, the 1200 block of North Hobart, 25 miles north of town on Highway 70, and on two occasions in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Calls concerning animals were received from the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, the 800 block of Brunon, the 500 block of Red Deer, the 700 block of North West, the 1600 block of West Somerville, and the 2300 block of Navajo.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 500 block of North Nelson, the 2300 block of Alcock, the intersection of Kentucky and Perry streets, Naida Circle, and the 12000 block of East Frederic.

Warrant service was attempted on two occasions, resulting in at least one arrest.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Harvester and Browning streets, the 1200 block of North Wells, and the 600 block of North Wells.

A civil matter was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Gray and Cook streets and the 2800 block of Charles.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Magnolia.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 400 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Linda Drive, the 1000 block of North Somerville, and the 600 block of Plains.

Criminal trespass was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Linda Drive. Hot sauce was thrown on the driver's side of a vehicle, resulting in damage estimated at \$5.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles. A vehicle window valued at \$250 was broken out.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 900 block of East Gordon.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

A threat was reported in the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway and in the police department lobby.

Assault by threat was reported in the 1900 block of Duncan.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 900 block of North

Somerville, the 1900 block of North Christy, the 1200 block of East Francis, the 1900 block of North Christine, and the 1300 block of Duncan, where the incident was verbal only and no injuries were reported.

A domestic disturbance and simple assault were reported in the 300 block of Anne. No injuries were reported.

Assault/family violence was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Williston. Minor injuries which did not require medical attention were reported. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported on two occasions.

Assault was reported in the 700 block of East Francis and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Sex offender registration was reported in the police department lobby.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

Public intoxication was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Driving while intoxicated, failure to maintain financial responsibility, and no driver's license were reported in the 200 block of East Browning. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported in the 1900 block of Christine.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Identity theft was reported in the 1200 block of Williston.

Theft was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 2600 block of North Hobart, and the 1600 block of Coffee.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart. Tools valued at \$50 were taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 500 block of West Foster. Keys and a pocket knife were taken, for a loss valued at approximately \$106.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather and the 300 block of North Nelson.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Sumner, the 900 block of Cinderella, and the 900 block of Terry Road.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Nov. 4
Forest Gilchrist King, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of Williston by Pampa Police Department for assault causing bodily injury.

Michael Rodriguez Longoria, 44, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for theft under \$50.

Arciniega Cruz, 45, of

Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of East Browning by PPD for driving while intoxicated, no insurance, and no driver's license.

Kevin Brown, 27, of Oklahoma City, Okla., was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Sunday, Nov. 5
Venus Bernai, 46, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of East Francis by PPD for issuing a bad check.

Dustin Jefferis, 27, of Alanreed was arrested by GCSO for expired registration, no insurance, and failure to appear.

Monday, Nov. 6
Ashton Johnson, 20, of Pampa was arrested at Pampa Regional Medical Center by PPD for disorderly conduct.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Nov. 5
11:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Red Deer and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit of TDCJ and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the corner of Hobart and McCullough and transported a patient to the Lifestar landing zone in White Deer.

4:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the corner of Hobart and McCullough and transported two patients to PRMC.

6:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of East Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Plains and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Coronado Nursing Center and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Nov. 6
5:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 4
7:22 p.m. - Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a sprinkler malfunction.

Sunday, Nov. 5
12:32 p.m. - One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of Jupiter on a lift assist.

4:48 p.m. - Three units and eight personnel responded to the corner of Hobart and McCullough on a vehicle accident.

5:58 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of West 19th on a false alarm.

Services tomorrow

CARRUTH, Neva Weeks — 10 a.m. First Christian Church.
SMITH, Frank — Memorial services 2 p.m. Central Christian Church in Childress.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 66. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. Calm wind becoming west southwest between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. West southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north northwest.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. West southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny,

with a high near 75. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming north northwest.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 62. North northwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat 4.76
Milo 5.57
Corn 6.51
Soybeans 5.42

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

OXY 47.03 -0.23
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VLO 51.05 +0.54
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Japan cracks down on bogus restaurants

TOKYO (AP) — Are the chefs slicing the raw tuna correctly? Is the rice sticky enough? Is that paprika in your sushi roll?

Tokyo is launching a campaign to crack down on restaurants abroad that bill themselves as authentic Japanese — but fall short of culinary standards at home.

A panel of food experts was appointed Thursday to discuss a certification system

that would presumably certify restaurants that serve dishes served in the true Japanese tradition.

Though short on specifics, the system would promote "authentic Japanese culinary culture" abroad, according to the Agriculture Ministry.

It's not just Japanese traditionalists who want to weed out the fakes. The system will also promote Japanese agricultural exports.

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DWI law glitch noted in New York

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Drinking a shot of beer in New York could get you arrested for drunken driving. At least that's the way the state law reads.

Lawmakers this year approved a bill that sets the standard for driving while intoxicated at 0.18 grams of alcohol in a person's blood.

A person's body might produce that much alcohol naturally, said Ed Fiandach, a DWI lawyer in Rochester.

Instead of using grams, the law should have used blood-alcohol content as a measure.

"It was a typo," said Assemblyman David Gantt, who heads the transportation committee that approved the bill before it went to the Legislature. "If you go through our laws,

mistakes are made all the time. We're human beings."

The purpose of the law is to set a level — 0.18 percent blood-alcohol content — that bans prosecutors from taking pleas to a lesser count of driving while impaired, similar to a traffic ticket. The law also would increase the penalties for a 0.18 blood-alcohol content.

The law was supposed to go into effect last week. But prosecutors won't be able to enforce it until legislators fix the typo, said Kristin Splain, who heads the DWI bureau in the Monroe County District Attorney's Office.

Gov. George Pataki signed the bill into law in September.

Vote

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that, if elected, he would resign and thus save county taxpayers the cost of having a constable for that precinct.

Fletcher filed as a write-in candidate in response to Broadus' filing, and said he would once again vacate the office if elected in order to continue the cost savings to the county.

Statewide races include those for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, commissioner of the general land office, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, and assorted judges.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, is being challenged by

Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Democrat, and Scott Lanier Jameson, a Libertarian.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Republican, is facing Roger J. Waun, a Democrat, and Jim Thompson, a Libertarian.

Gov. Rick Perry, a Republican, is facing five opponents in his bid for re-election. They are Chris Bell, a Democrat; James Werner, a Libertarian; Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Richard "Kinky" Friedman, both independents; and James "Patriot" Dillon, a write-in candidate.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, is also up for re-election, and faces Timothy Justice, L-Lefors.

Area and local races, other than that for Precinct 4 constable, consist of unopposed incumbents.

They are: Lee Waters, Democrat, 223rd District judge; Steven R. Emmert,

Republican, 31st District judge; Gaye Honderich, Republican, district clerk; Lynn Switzer, Republican, 31st District attorney; Richard Peet, Republican, county judge; Susan Winborne, Republican, county clerk; Joe Patrick Martinez, Republican, Precincts 1 and 3 justice of the peace; Kurt Curfman, Republican, Precinct 2 justice of the peace; Mary Ann Carpenter, Republican, Precinct 4 justice of the peace; Gary Willoughby, Republican, Precinct 2 county commissioner; and James L. Hefley, Republican, Precinct 4 county commissioner.

Scott Hahn, who won the Republican nomination over incumbent Lee Cornelison for county treasurer in last year's elections, is also unopposed.

School bus injuries skyrocket

CHICAGO (AP) — New national data show school bus-related accidents send 17,000 U.S. children to emergency rooms each year, more than double the number in previous estimates that only included crashes.

Nearly one-fourth of the accidents occur when children are boarding or leaving school buses, while crashes account for 42 percent, the new research shows.

Slips and falls on buses, getting jostled when buses stop or turn suddenly, and injuries from roughhousing are among other ways kids get hurt on school buses, the data found.

Injuries range from cuts and sprains to broken bones, but most are not life-threatening and don't require hospitalization. And while the numbers are higher than pre-

viously reported, they represent a small fraction of the 23.5 million children who travel on school buses nationwide each year, the researchers said.

The researchers said the results provide a strong argument for requiring safety belts on school buses, something industry groups say is unnecessary and is more than many school districts can afford.

Safety belts, particularly lap-shoulder belts "could not only prevent injuries related to crashes," they could also keep kids seated "so they're not falling out of their seats when buses make normal turns or brake," said lead author Jennifer McGeehan, a researcher at Columbus Children's Hospital's Center for Injury Research and Policy in Columbus, Ohio.

"Our study shows that there needs to be continued vigilance on school bus safety," McGeehan said.

The study appears in November's Pediatrics, being released Monday.

The research, involving nonfatal injuries treated in emergency rooms, is based on 2001-2003 data from a surveillance system operated by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Some 51,100 children up to age 19 were injured during the study period, or about 17,000 annually, the researchers said.

Data from the government's National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through 2005 show that about 8,000 children are injured each year in school bus crashes but on average fewer than nine are killed — numbers that have remained stable for the last decade or so, the agency said. The tally is based on police reports, and not all injuries resulted in emergency room treatment.

Show

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be one farmer or rancher in each of as many as 13 episodes or it could be a different one each week, Kemp said.

"We don't expect the turnout we get for 'American Idol,'" Kemp said. "This is a very, very different kind of show."

It won't be like "Green Acres," in which Lisa Douglas, played by Gabor, begrudgingly gave up her life in New York City to join her husband, Oliver Wendell Douglas, portrayed by Eddie Albert, in his dream of living the farmer life.

The premise of the show is to make a match between young farmers with no time to date and women who dream of living a traditional, small-town lifestyle.

FremantleMedia has already launched "The Farmer Wants a Wife" in Belgium, Norway and the Netherlands.

Other casting calls were scheduled for Lincoln, Neb., Des Moines, Iowa; and Springfield, Mo. Producers are accepting applications from across the country.

Those casting the show are looking for single men 25-35 years old who live and work on a farm or ranch, preferably someone who has crops and animals.

"We're not looking for any one thing in particular," said Rebecca Greenberg of Fremantle Media.

Casting for the show's women will begin later.

Doug Wilde drove about 200 miles from Wall for the casting call.

"I've probably gotten 10 phone calls and e-mails from kinfolk and friends" asking if he had heard of the show, the 28-year-old Wilde said. "It sounds like a good deal."

Arrest

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sign, public intoxication, and failure to appear. "Since he was a fugitive from justice, the charges are enhanced," Burton said.

Property recovered from the scene leads police to believe that Munn may have been involved in other vehicle burglaries in north Pampa, Burton said.

Munn remains in jail as of press time in lieu of \$2,000 bond on the evading, burglary, and failure to identify charges, for total bond of \$8,000, according to jail records.

Court to take a look at abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans still will be chewing over election results Wednesday morning when the nine Supreme Court justices file into their courtroom for two of the biggest cases of the young term.

Voters in some states will be deciding whether to impose restrictions on abortions; one proposal would outlaw almost all abortions in South Dakota.

In the marble courthouse across the Capitol, this most politically charged of issues also will be under consideration.

The court will be discussing whether to uphold the first nationwide restrictions on an abortion procedure since the justices' landmark ruling in Roe v. Wade in 1973 that established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

Almost everything about a procedure opponents call partial-birth abortion is disputed, including how many take place each year and even its name.

Abortion rights advocates call the term an oxymoron that incongruously links abortion and birth as part of a political strategy to chip away at the Roe ruling.

"It's intended to obfuscate and in that, it's been successful," said Dr. David Grimes, the former chief of the government's abortion surveillance program. He now is affiliated with Planned Parenthood of

America.

Abortion opponents argue that the name aptly describes "a rarely used and gruesome late-term abortion procedure that resembles infanticide," as the Bush administration said in its legal filings. Most of the procedures, medically known as dilation and extraction abortions, appear to take place in the middle third of pregnancy.

There were 1.3 million abortions in the United States in 2002; all but about 130,000 came in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy. The early abortions are not at issue.

Estimates of the late-term abortions at issue range from 2,200 a year to upward of 5,000, although the data is far from precise.

What makes the method "gruesome" for some — a federal judge who struck down the law also described it that way — is that it involves partially extracting a fetus from the uterus, then cutting or crushing its skull.

But the dispute is not over whether a woman may end a pregnancy, but how the abortion should be performed.

The administration, for instance, argues that law does not restrict a more common dilation and evacuation method in which the fetus is dismembered in the uterus and then removed in pieces.

Lawyers for Planned Parenthood and doctors who

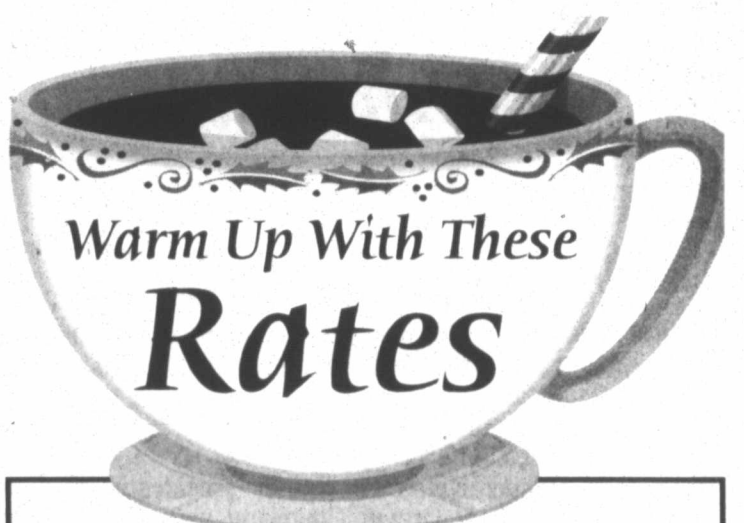
challenged the ban say medical decisions, including which abortion method is safest for a patient, must be left to doctors. They also worry the law could apply to almost all second-trimester abortions, threatening doctors who perform them with up to two years in prison.

They are attempting to keep the focus on women such as Carrie Elliott, who was overjoyed to learn she was pregnant last fall at age 40. But by mid-January, when Elliott was nearly 20 weeks pregnant, genetic testing had confirmed that her fetus had a severe form of a rare disorder, cat eye syndrome, including failing kidneys.

"We wanted her so badly," Elliott said in a halting voice in a recent telephone interview from her home in the southwestern United States. "but we made the decision to let her go."

Elliott and her husband, Corey, said they simply did not have information early enough to decide on an abortion in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy.

"More so now than ever, I really feel these kinds of decisions are best left to the woman, the partner and the doctor. Period," she said.



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Viewpoints

John Kerry is Democratic Party's Kamikaze Kid

If the American people need a single reason why they desperately need to vote to keep the Congress in Republican hands next Tuesday they need only look at Massachusetts Democrat Senator John Kerry and recoil from what they behold, the way a vampire recoils when confronted by a cross.

It's not that the defeated 2004 Democrat candidate for PRESIDENT is by himself a major threat to the safety and welfare of the United States. We narrowly escaped that dreaded fate two years ago, and by now it should be obvious that politically he's going nowhere. That became clear when Sen. Kerry gassed up his plane, took off and crashed Kamikaze-like onto the deck

of his party's ship, sinking it just days before it was to come into port and thenceforth rule the electoral waves.

With the crew jumping overboard in a frantic effort to avoid being anywhere near John Kerry, it's obvious his hopes for a future in presidential politics were burned to a crisp in the wake of his suicide mission.

The real reason why L'affaire Kerry matters to the commonweal is the fact that his views and opinions are not his alone: John Kerry is the face and voice of the Democrat party. What he believes, they believe; what he wants (except for another shot at the presidency), they want.

When John Kerry stands up and implies that the mem-

bers of our armed forces now engaged in a bloody and dangerous war on behalf of the American people are a bunch of poorly educated high school dropouts, he is expressing what his colleagues in the Democrat leadership believe. The only difference between Kerry and the rest of his party's bigwigs is that they aren't stupid enough to say so in public.

Those Democrats who haven't scurried for cover in a frenzied attempt to separate themselves from the outraged reaction of the American people to Kerry's disgusting charges are now

attempting to convince us that Kerry didn't really mean what he said when he told a high school audience, "You know, education, if you make the most of it, you study hard, you do your homework and you make an effort to be smart, you can do well. If you don't, you get stuck in Iraq."

They can't deny he said what he said. So they try and tell us he didn't mean what he said. What they are really saying is "BELIEVE us and not your lying ears. You didn't really hear what you heard."

Attacks on American troops are nothing new for

John Kerry. Remember, this is the man who came back from his brief four-month tour of duty in Vietnam to charge his fellow American servicemen with rape and murder.

This is the same John Kerry who just last year told CBS's Bob Schieffer, "And there is no reason, Bob, that young American soldiers need to be going into the homes of Iraqis in the dead of night, terrorizing kids and children, you know, women, breaking sort of the customs of the — of — the historical customs, religious customs."

These sentiments, however, are not merely his own, they echo those of his fellow Democrats. John Murtha, for example, charged Marines in Haditha with cold-blooded murder. Senator Dick Durbin

compared our interrogators at Guantanamo to the monsters who worked for Pol Pot, one of the greatest mass murderers in history, and those who worked in the inhuman Soviet gulags and in the Nazi death camps.

For decades, like John Kerry, Democrats have displayed their utter contempt for the American military. They showed it when they insured America's defeat in Vietnam when they cut off funding for the military and they now say they will do the same in Iraq.

If the voters want their country to follow John Kerry's example, shout "Banzai" and gas up and take off in a Kamikaze mission against their own safety

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2006. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency.

On this date:

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederacy.

In 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1906, Republican Charles Evans Hughes was elected governor of New York, defeating newspaper publisher William Randolph Hearst.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric sign outside the New York Times building.

In 1944, British official Lord Moyne was assassinated in Cairo, Egypt, by members of the Zionist Stern gang.

In 1956, President Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1976, Benjamin L. Hooks was chosen to be the new executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, succeeding Roy Wilkins.

In 1986, former Navy radioman John A. Walker Jr., the admitted head of a family spy ring, was sentenced in Baltimore to life imprisonment.

Ten years ago: A day after being re-elected, President Clinton threw a party on the White House lawn; that same day, he received resignations from the secretaries of state, defense, energy and commerce. A cyclone struck southeastern India, claiming an estimated 1,000 lives.

Five years ago: Billionaire Republican Michael Bloomberg won New York City's mayoral race, defeating Democrat Mark Green. The Federal Reserve slashed its federal funds rate, the key benchmark for overnight loans, by a half-point to 2 percent, its lowest level in 40 years. Baseball owners voted 28-2 to eliminate two major league teams by the 2002 season.

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— Elsa Maxwell
American socialite
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Washington needs cleansing of crackpots

While everyone is being distracted by the war in Iraq, Tom Cruise's impending wedding and George Clooney's deep concern for the people in the Darfur region of Sudan, the knuckleheads in Washington are laying the groundwork for a sure-enough war — a war we won't win.

The latest step was Little Emperor George's proclamation that nothing will be allowed to keep us from the militarization of space. The emperor and his crazy neo-conservative advisers apparently want to conquer not only the world, but outer space, too.

This insanity began in the first Bush's administration, continued through the Clinton administration and has begun to blossom in the Little Emperor's regime. Instead of seeing the end of the Cold War as a golden

opportunity for lasting peace, the crazies in Washington saw it as an opportunity for

lasting American military dominance of the whole planet.

If you keep this goal in mind, then a lot of what happened makes sense. When the Warsaw Pact was disbanded, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization also should have been disbanded. After all, it was just a war alliance against the Soviet Union.

Instead, NATO was expanded right up to the borders of Russia. The Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty was unilaterally abrogated. Other nuclear-disarmament treaties were tossed in the trash can. Rather than help Russia tran-

sition from communism to a free market, the U.S. sent sharpies who helped the oligarchs steal

most of the country's wealth during the drunken presidency of Boris Yeltsin.

Furthermore, NATO's mission changed from a defensive posture to an offensive mission. The bombing of Serbia, a traditional ally of Russia, was designed to send a message to Russia; the bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Belgrade was a message to Beijing. At the same time, using democracy or terrorism as an excuse, the U.S. has sought to install governments unfriendly to Russia in the former Soviet republics and to establish

military bases on the perimeter of the country.

Unfortunately for the crazies in Washington, the Russians replaced their drunk with a smart guy, Vladimir Putin. By the way, all the bad-mouthing of Putin is coming from the oligarchs who fled justice in Russia. They have plenty of money to hire the best whores in the fields of public relations and journalism to bad-mouth a Russian leader who wants to put them in jail where they belong. Of course, they want regime change — another drunk who would invite them back to steal what they missed the first time.

The Chinese were not intimidated, either. Both countries see Bush's anti-missile defense system for what it really is — an offensive weapon to be used in

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

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Houston Chronicle on the mismanagement of the children's health insurance plan:

A week before Halloween, appropriately, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn released a damning dissection of the billion-dollar reorganization of state public assistance program eligibility and enrollment. The lurid details of fiscal waste, bureaucratic incompetence and denial of health care protections for vulnerable children make for some very scary reading.

In handing a contract worth \$899 million to Bermuda-based Accenture, a

spin-off of disgraced Arthur Anderson, Texas Health and Human Services commissioners were more concerned about ensuring profits for the company than about enrolling qualified Texans in the Children's Health Insurance Program and other forms of public assistance.

Strayhorn, who is running for governor as an independent, compiled her report in response to a request by three state lawmakers to research the Integrated Eligibility and Enrollment contract awarded to Accenture. According to the comptroller, the project is now \$100 million over budget and behind schedule while CHIP rolls have dropped by 27,567 and Medicaid by nearly 60,000 children since Accenture began operations.

"My conclusion is that this project has failed the state and the citizens it was designed to serve," Strayhorn wrote in a cover letter to the legislators.

She's calling for cancellation of the contract and the creation of a task force to oversee the transition from Accenture while stopping the hemorrhaging of tax dollars.

The report focuses on the 6,000-plus page contract between Accenture and the state, describing it as vague, misdirected and loaded with "perverse incentives" that actually reward the company for stringing out applications for eligibility. "Essentially, the contract does not provide Accenture with incentives to provide services efficiently, but

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rather to process as many transactions as possible," the report states. "Furthermore, since Accenture is compensated separately for receiving mail, but not for phone calls, it is in the company's best interests to limit or minimize phone calls and increase the use of mailed or faxed documents."

Accenture is also paid separately each time an applicant is asked to submit additional information. According to the report, the company is effectively encouraged to send incomplete applications to the state for denial rather than contact the client by phone to complete the case. "Accenture's incentive is to process applications with as many paper-based 'touches' to the client as possible, rather than to provide eligibility quickly and efficiently."

Although Health and Human Services officials claimed the Accenture deal would save the state \$646 million in administrative costs in the first five years, plans to lay off thousands of state workers have been postponed because of the company's inability to perform. As a result, the state

had to hire temporary workers to replace those who had left and pay retention bonuses to keep staff on the job. Implementation of call centers run by the contractor also have been delayed.

State Rep. Sylvester Turner, a Houston Democrat, said the privatization effort must be reconsidered. "What has happened is children have not been adequately served, there have not been cost savings at all, and we've had to bring back many of the state employees who were laid off in order to assist Accenture in doing its job."

Strayhorn deserves credit for putting together a comprehensive, well-documented examination of a disastrous bureaucratic bungle. It demonstrates the value of having an independent voice in Austin willing to tackle problems rather than ignore them for partisan purposes.

The Chronicle has endorsed Strayhorn's independent bid for governor and hopes she can complete the clean-up of the Accenture mess after moving into the governor's mansion.

Texas oil, gas industry honors oilmen

AUSTIN — C. C. "Charlie" Winn of Corpus Christi, chairman and president of Winn Exploration Co., Inc., and Claiborne P. Deming of El Dorado, Ark., president and CEO of Murphy Oil Corporation, recently received the Texas oil and gas industry's most prestigious honor -- Texas Oil & Gas Association's Distinguished Service Award.

Each year, the Association bestows the Distinguished Service Award on an independent producer and a senior executive of a major energy company which operates in Texas in recognition of their extraordinary service to the oil and gas industry and to the nation during their business careers.

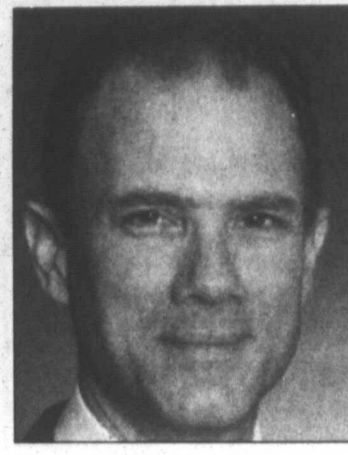
Winn is the founder of the family-owned Winn Exploration Co., Inc. located in Corpus Christi and has operated or participated in oil and gas wells in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Montana, Nebraska,



Winn

Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Wyoming, Australia and Canada.

Winn is a former Director of the First National Bank and Highland Park State Bank, both of San Antonio. He has served on the Board of Trustees for Texas A&I University for eight years and earlier on their Development Board. Later, he served on the Baylor University Council for Institutional Development and on the Advisory Board of Santa Rosa Medical



Deming

Center in San Antonio.

In September 2001, Winn was recognized by the Texas House of Representatives for his "contributions to the communities of Eagle Pass and Uvalde and to the State of Texas." And, in 2003, he was named South Texan of the Year. Mr. Winn and his wife, Patsy, have four surviving children and nine grandchildren.

Deming was named to the positions of President and CEO of Murphy Oil in October 1994. Prior to

assuming those positions, he served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer and had served previously as President of Murphy Oil USA, Inc., a major operating subsidiary.

Mr. Deming graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976 and earned his juris doctorate in 1979 from Tulane University.

Mr. Deming is President of the El Dorado Education Foundation, past President of the South Arkansas Symphony and the United Way of Union County, and is a member of the Tulane Law School Board of Advisors as well as the A.B. Freeman School of Business of Tulane University Board of Advisors. He is a Director of the American Petroleum Institute and a member of the American Bar Association, Arkansas Bar Association and Louisiana Bar Association.

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in conjunction with a nuclear first strike. We couldn't afford a system to cover the country, but one that might pick off the leftovers after an American first strike is feasible.

So China and Russia have come together in a strong, strategic alliance nobody would have thought possible 20 years ago. It is a military, economic and energy alliance with one purpose -- to frustrate the U.S. attempt at world dominance.

These neoconservative crazies are dangerous people. They are sick with the same hubris that brought down the British Empire. It is one thing to bully Third World countries; it is quite another to play that game with nuclear powers.

One Asian former head of intelligence has written that China already has the technology and weapons to put our aircraft carriers on the bottom of the sea as easily as sinking a sampan.

The world doesn't need this madness. Washington needs to be cleansed of these crackpots before they stupidly unleash a nuclear holocaust. The Russians and Chinese are among Earth's most brilliant people, and they are not taken in by political blathering. It is extremely dangerous to be doing things that they reasonably can assume is leading to a strategy of a nuclear first strike.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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and security, they will vote to put the Kerrycats in control of Capitol Hill.

Should they do so they will rightly earn the scorn and contempt of future generations of Americans who will have to live in the wreckage they created.

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

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White House praises Iraqis for handling of Saddam's trial

WACO, Texas (AP) — The White House said Sunday that President Bush is confident the Iraqi government and U.S.-led forces are prepared to deal with a spike in violence following the Saddam Hussein verdict. Bush recognizes that extremists and other Saddam

loyalists might react violently, but the president believes Iraqi leaders and American and Iraqi security forces can keep contain any outbreaks, presidential counselor Dan Bartlett said.

"Today is great day for the Iraqi people and world peace," Bartlett told The Associated Press from Washington.

"Saddam Hussein was one of the most brutal dictators the world has ever seen. President Bush is particularly proud of our men and women in the United States military. Without their sacrifice, today's verdict would have never happened," Bartlett said.

Before leaving his Texas ranch for campaign stops in Nebraska and Kansas, Bush planned to make a statement on Saddam's conviction. The former Iraqi leader was sentenced to hang for crimes

against humanity in the 1982 killings of 148 people in a single Shiite town. The decision came two days before crucial congressional elections in the U.S.

White House press secretary Tony Snow, with the president in Texas, said the verdict is evidence Iraq is creating an independent judiciary. He said it was "absolutely crazy" to think that the verdict was timed to coincide with the elections.

"I think American voters ought to be heartened by it," Snow said told the AP. "This is getting the Iraqis to stand up on their own. You can't have civil society without rule of law."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said the conviction was a "hopeful reminder to all Iraqis that the rule of law can triumph over the rule of fear and that the peaceful pursuit of justice is

preferable to the pursuit of vengeance."

"The United States government and the American people applaud those brave Iraqis, whether they be judges, prosecutors, or defense attorneys, who continue to work every day in the name of justice, democracy, and the rule of law for Iraq," Rice said in a statement.

Snow said the verdict will force Saddam loyalists to rethink their strategy.

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada said the verdict brought long deserved justice for Iraqis. But he said Iraq has descended into a civil war and that Iraqis "have traded a dictator for chaos" since the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003.

Neither option is acceptable, he said, when U.S. troops who are caught in the


middle.

Reid urged Bush — "on this day of justice" for Iraqis — to explain to Americans how he intends to change course so U.S. troops will have a strategy to complete the mission.


Snow countered Reid's remark with Bush's campaign mantra:

"You've got Democrats out saying it's a failed policy, but they don't have a policy," Snow said.

The top Democrat on the House International Relations Committee said the verdict was just. But Rep. Tom Lantos, D-Calif., said in a statement that it must not distract Americans from the more pressing issue: "The need for a change in the direction of our country's policy toward Iraq, both the conduct of the war effort and our attempt at reconstruction."



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Former DA a suicide as warrant served

TERRELL, Texas (AP) — Former Kaufman County District Attorney Louis "Bill" Conrath Jr. killed himself as police tried to serve an arrest warrant for soliciting sex with a minor, authorities said.

Conrath, 56, was chief felony assistant attorney for nearby Rockwall County at the time of his death Sunday.

Police forced their way into Conrath's Terrell home after hearing a gunshot when

he refused to answer the door, a police spokesman said. The officers found Conrath with a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He later died at a hospital in Dallas, about 30 miles west of Terrell.

Police in the town of Murphy in nearby Collin County said Conrath had solicited sex from a decoy posing online as a 13-year-old. Murphy police were attempting to serve an arrest

warrant and a search warrant for Conrath's computer when he shot himself, Murphy Police spokesman Sgt. Snow Robertson said.

The Dallas Morning News reported in its Monday editions that the sting was a joint operation between Perverved Justice, an Internet watchdog group, and NBC's news magazine "Dateline." The sting lured men seeking sex with children to a house in Murphy, about 20 miles northeast of Dallas.

Murphy police said Conrath had not gone to the house but believed he would.

Robertson said there was nothing police could do to prevent Conrath's death, which happened while an NBC crew waited outside on the street.

"When somebody decides to do this, there is nothing

you can do," he said.

There had been no contact between "Dateline" and Conrath, according to an NBC statement to the newspaper.

Conrath was Kaufman County's elected district attorney for more than two decades before resigning in 2002 to run for a judgeship. He lost and later took the Rockwall County job.

Murphy Mayor Bret Bishop told the newspaper that he hopes Murphy won't be used again as a trap for child predators.

"We're going to do whatever we need to do to make sure this doesn't continue," he said. "I think it's a noble cause, but our police department is hired to serve and protect our citizens, and not to expose them to outside threats."

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Historic aircraft carrier moved first time in 24 years for repairs

NEW YORK (AP) — After 24 years on the Hudson River, mammoth tug boats began easing the legendary aircraft carrier USS Intrepid away from its dock today for two years of overdue restoration and repairs.

Six powerful tugboats were guiding the massive vessel out of its berth after crew members symbolically cast off a mooring line. Helicopters flew overhead and police, Coast Guard and other ships were gathered on the river. Ship horns blared and a police band played.

"As it slowly moves on the tide today, let us remember the sacrifice of those who fought and died for our freedom and values," Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton said at a sendoff ceremony attended by military personnel and other elected officials. "Let us remember that the Intrepid stands for countless men and women who have served, who are serving today and will serve our country in the future."

Monday's departure was timed to take advantage of yearly high tide so the tugs

could pull the 27,000-ton ship, which no longer generates its own power, out of the slip where it has rested in up to 17 feet of mud. Removal of 600 tons of water from the Intrepid's ballast tanks gave the ship added buoyancy, and dredges removed 15,000 cubic yards of mud to create a channel from dockside to deeper water.

Once out in the Hudson's main channel, the tugs will take the Intrepid on its stern-first, five-mile trek down river to a shipyard at Bayonne, N.J., past the former

World Trade Center site, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty.

Before the World War II warship's departure, Hector Giannessa stood on the flight deck Monday morning.

"On March 25, 1944, I was standing on this deck almost in the exact spot as today when a kamikaze crashed into the deck and killed 79 of my shipmates. I was spared," he said.

The World War II flattop, which also served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, will return in 2008 to a

rebuilt pier, to resume its mission as the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, drawing hundreds of thousands of tourists a year.

Retired Rear Adm. J. Lloyd "Doc" Abbot, 80, who

served two years as Intrepid's skipper in 1960-62, was named honorary commander for the day.

"It was the best job I ever had," Abbot said today.

Fired evangelist apologizes for 'sexual immorality'

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Members of the New Life Church were stunned and brought to tears by the Rev. Ted Haggard's confessions of "sexual immorality," then accepted his plea for forgiveness with open arms.

Haggard, who had been a leading evangelist and vocal opponent of gay marriage, apologized Sunday in a letter read from the pulpit of the 14,000-member church he founded.

Some in the standing-room-only crowd wiped away tears and embraced each other as they heard Haggard's words read by a member of the board that fired him a day earlier.

"The fact is I am guilty of sexual immorality. And I take responsibility for the entire problem," Haggard wrote. "I am a deceiver and a liar. There's a part of my life that is so repulsive and dark that I have been warring against it for all of my adult life."

After services, Patty Erwin knelt

near the back of the 8,000-seat auditorium and said a prayer for Haggard.

"We all love him because he's a part of our family. You don't just throw away a sister or a brother," said Erwin, who's been coming to the church for 15 years. "Desperately, we love him, and we wouldn't be here if we didn't."

Haggard, 50, resigned last week as president of the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents 30 million evangelical Christians, after a man claimed to have had drug-fueled trysts with him.

He also placed himself on administrative leave from New Life, which he founded in the 1980s. Its independent Overseer Board fired him Saturday.

In his letter, Haggard said "the accusations that have been leveled against me are not all true, but enough of them are true that I have been appropriately and lovingly removed from the ministry."

He did not specify which accusations were true. Haggard had acknowledged Friday that he paid Mike Jones of Denver for a massage and for methamphetamine, but said he did not have sex with him and did not take the drug.

The letter was read to the church by the Rev. Larry Stockstill, senior pastor of Bethany World Prayer Center in Baker, La., and a member of the board that fired him. Haggard asked for forgiveness for himself and for his accuser.

In a separate letter, Haggard's wife drew laughter when she promised to remain with her husband and said church members no longer had to worry about her marriage being so perfect she couldn't relate to them.

Neither Haggard nor his wife, Gayle, attended.

Youngsters were sent from the room before elders began discussing the church crisis.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** will host "Music and a Meal" from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. every Tuesday during the month of November. Various groups will be featured at 12 p.m. The PHS Show Choir will perform Tuesday; Almost Live Band, Nov. 14 and 21; and Eighth Grade Girls Chorale Group, Nov. 28. To find out more, contact Meals on Wheels at 669-1007. Cost of the meal will be \$5.

• **Pampa Book Club** will meet and discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, Wednesday. The club meets at 10 a.m. the second Wednesday of every month in the Texas Room at Lovett Memorial Library.

• **Leadership Perryton** and Arkhoma Transports, Inc., will present G. Eric Gordon of Dallas from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday at Frank Phillips College Allen Campus. Registration for the free seminar, titled "The Five Steps That Guarantee Success," will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information call (806) 435-2754 or (806) 435-6575.

• **The Working Ranch Cowboys Association 11th World Championship Ranch Rodeo** will be staged Thursday through Sunday in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."

• **First Ag Credit, 424 N. Hobart**, will celebrate Veterans' Day Friday with giveaways and refreshments. The Canadian office will also be observing the open house.

• **First Christian Church** of Pampa at 18th and Nelson will hold a bazaar from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Saturday. Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, pie and a drink will be served from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at a cost of \$5 per person. Takeout will be \$5 for spaghetti and sauce or \$6 for spaghetti, sauce, bread and pie. The bazaar will also include handmade gift items, homemade jams, pies, cookies and a silent auction.

• **Working for Progress** will meet at 7 p.m. Nov. 14 in the conference room of Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. Clean-up sites will be announced. All interested persons are invited to attend. Currently, the organization is in need of equipment and donations as well as volunteers. For more information, call 669-7616, (214) 417-2840 or 669-3553.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m., Nov. 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Ochiltree Expo Center** in Perryton will be the site of a "Satellite Arts and Crafts Festival" from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 19. The event is being sponsored by the Satellite Advisory Board. For more information, call (806) 435-4970.

• **Golden Spread Woodcarvers** will stage its fifth annual woodcarv-

ing show "Artistry in Wood" from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Nov. 18 and from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Nov. 19 in the Regency Room of Amarillo Civic Center. Admission is free to the public. The show will feature local woodcarving artists as well as several from nearby states. A juried competition will be held and some art may be offered for sale. The club meets the first and third Saturday of each month at the Panhandle Arts Institute to provide woodcarving instruction.

• **The submission deadline** for the Texas Photographic Society's 22nd Annual Members' Only Show for amateur and professional photographers is Nov. 20. The show will open from Jan. 25-Feb. 23 at the Art Gallery at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio. For more information, call (210) 824-4123. Entry forms are available at www.texasphoto.org on the Internet.

• **Pampa Meals on Wheels** will hold a bake sale fund-raiser Nov. 21. For more information or to find out how to help, call Meals on Wheels at 669-1007.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live On Stage" has released its current concert schedule. The schedule is as follows: "Puttin' on the Hitz, A Salute to Irving Berlin," 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15, Borger High School Auditorium; Bronn and Katherine Journey, harpist and vocalist, 7:30 p.m., March 19, M.K. Brown Auditorium. Membership fees are \$30 for adults, \$70 for families; and \$15 for students. For more information, call 665-0343 or 665-2631.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Larry and I have been married for 12 years. We have never kept secrets from each other -- but I have one that I have never told him. It happened 20 years ago. I was a single mom. My daughter and I lived in a poor neighborhood. It was raining and I didn't have a car or money for a bus, so I hitched a ride. A man picked us up. He took us to her grammar school; I thanked him and got out. After I got my daughter inside, I went back out. The man was still there. He told me to get in and offered to take me where I needed to go. Like a dummy, I got back in the car. He drove to a secluded area, parked, told me he had a knife and said he would kill me if I didn't perform a sex act on him. I complied because I thought he meant what he said. Later he drove me back downtown and, when he stopped for a light, I jumped out. I never looked back. I never told anyone, not even the police. I was too ashamed. Should I tell my husband now? I don't want to hurt him or our marriage. I feel like such a fool! -- **ASHAMED IN IDAHO**

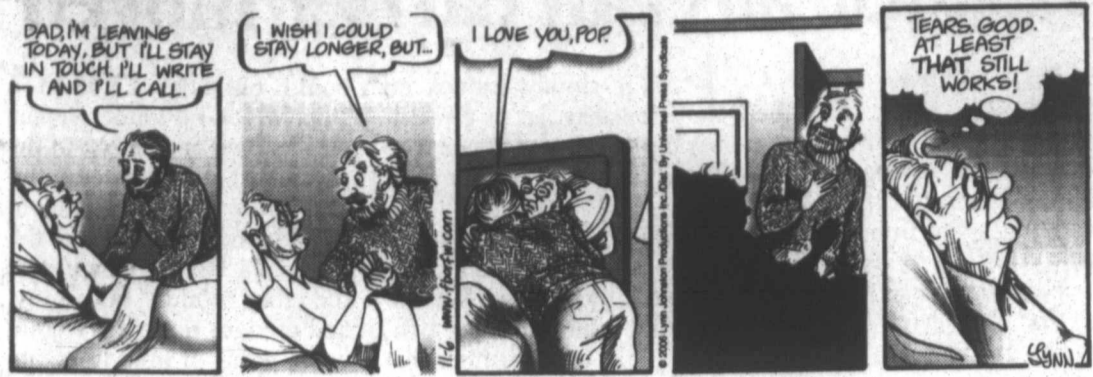
DEAR ASHAMED: You're not a "dummy" and you're not a "fool." You were in a bind, you were trusting, and you were assaulted. The person who should be ashamed is the criminal who perpetrated the act -- not you. You were the victim, and you weren't at fault. Victims are never at fault for the crimes committed against them. Not knowing your husband, I can't decide for you whether or not disclosing the assault would be good or bad for your marriage. However, if you will call the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN), the

counselors there will connect you with a crisis center in your local area -- as they do for countless victims of sexual assault all over the country -- and they can help you make this important decision. The toll-free number is (800) 656-4673. Please don't wait any longer to get the help you need to finally close this sad chapter in your life.

DEAR ABBY: Our family just returned from a funeral, and "Aunt Mabel" is enjoying one of her favorite pastimes. She loves to discuss in great detail the survivors' reactions. She will tell anyone who will listen the exact reaction of each loved one when they heard the bad news and how they are "holding up." I hate the thought that she'll be discussing me that way someday. It violates my sense of privacy for the people she is gossiping about. This isn't just a nervous reaction on her part. Aunt Mabel will be telling the same stories with relish three years from now. Is this a common topic of conversation? Are there some privacy issues here? What would be an appropriate reaction next time she launches into her blow-by-blow of grief? -- **MABEL'S NIECE**

DEAR NIECE: You have described someone who has nothing else to talk about and who takes pleasure in the pain of others. The next time Aunt Mabel raises the subject, tell her that hearing about people's emotional pain depresses you. Then ask her if she's seen any good movies lately -- or the latest episode of "Dancing With the Stars."

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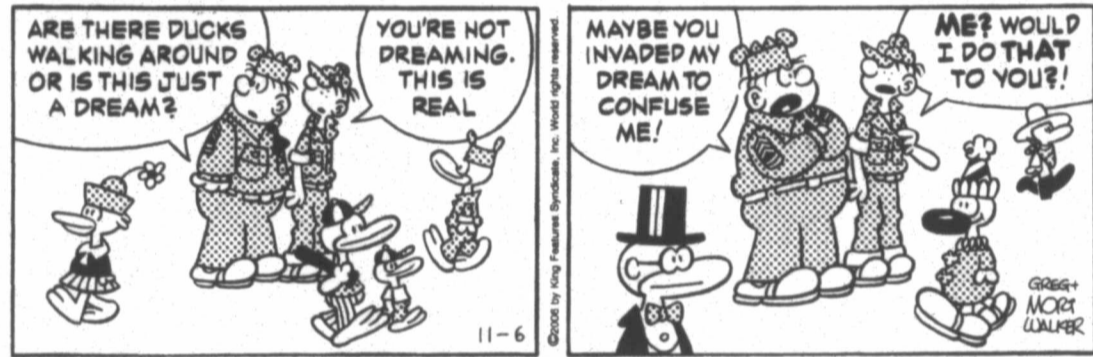
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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 12 Like Poe tales
- 13 Be real
- 14 Soccer scores
- 15 Vaccine type
- 17 Hire
- 18 Wrong
- 22 Dinghy or dory
- 23 Contract violation
- 27 St. Patrick's Day celebrants
- 29 Chapel topper
- 30 Mailed, as an entry form
- 32 -- about (roughly)
- 33 Not many
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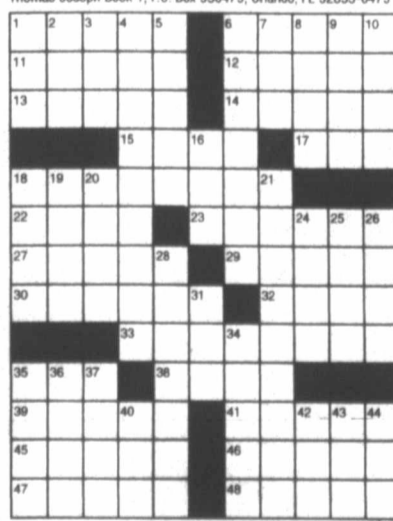
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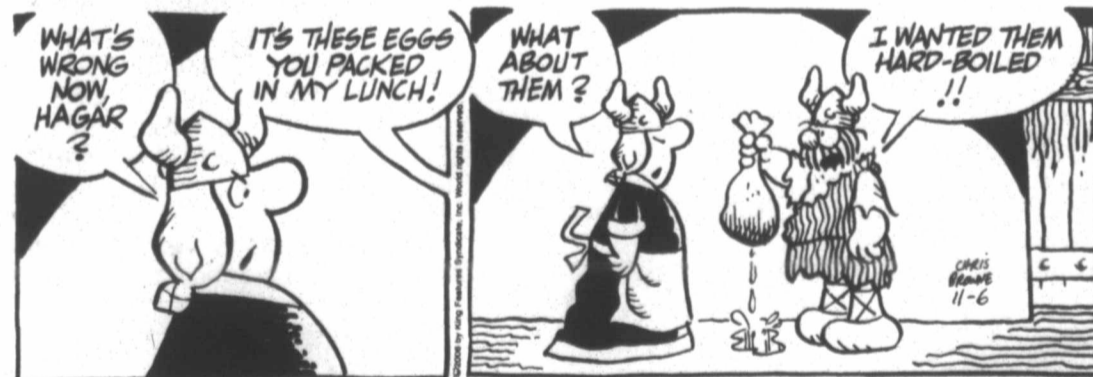
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Sports Day

Referees gone wild: Yellow flags flooded the field Friday night

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Referee Larry Bowyer tucks a penalty flag back into his belt during the game between Pampa and Dumas Friday night.

To those Pampa fans who attended the football game in Dumas Friday night, I ask, "Did you happen to see what I think I did?"

Before I go any further, and out of respect for coach Mike Washburn and his team, let me congratulate Dumas on a spirited performance and a great 14-7 win.

This was a super game through the first half. There is something about the Harvesters that always motivates the Demons to raise their game to a new level. A testament to the respect held for the Pampa football program, no matter the records of either team.

Dumas, aided by Pampa miscues, was able to keep the Harvesters at bay most of the half. That is until Brett Ferrell hit Craig Crowell for a TD with time on the first half game clock all but expired.

Pampa appeared to have gained some much needed momentum which fueled fans' excitement for what might be ahead in the second half.

The Harvesters' defense gave the offense sound opportunity to make a move for much of the third quarter. Yet, it seemed every play in which Pampa was able to advance the ball, even score, was negated by a penalty. Holding and illegal motion would become the calls du jour.

One, two, maybe even three would be understandable, perhaps even expected. But what I saw on the field Friday night was simply inexplicable. The shower of yellow had almost no end.

I have no idea how many holding and motion penalties Pampa ended the night with. You stop trying to keep count in your head when you think to yourself, "Maybe I should

have brought a calculator."

Pampa had the ball for much of the third quarter, even scored a touchdown on a long run from Chase Harris that was called back. Got within the shadow of the goal post a short time later on another long run, this one by Michael Robinson. There were other passes and runs, the majority of which were called back by penalty.

I try to stay away from the effects of the game. I mean, unless the call is against the opponent, the parents and fans in the stands will always disagree with the referee and verbally let them know how much so.

As the third period went on Friday night, the decibel level of the Harvester nation's disdain was burying the needle. And the effect of the amber avalanche was beginning to show on the faces of Pampa's players and coaches.

How could it not impact them?

Even the usually reserved head coach of the Pampa Harvesters, Andy Cavalier, had a couple "You gotta be kidding me" moments.

I asked Cavalier by e-mail Saturday what he felt about the plethora of penalties. It seemed to me his team was getting hammered by the officials. I also wanted to know if he thought the flags were warranted.

"As far as the penalties in the second half, you're right. It was definitely a game where we were called for many more infractions than our opponent," he said.

"In my opinion they weren't all warranted, but the referees have a split second to make a call and call it as they see it."

True. But some were wondering just what the officials were seeing.

Pampa all but dominated the third quarter. But each spark of life was extinguished with the simple throw

of a yellow flag.

Pampa's supposed penalty woes also allowed precious time to evaporate off the game clock, making things tougher still.

"It's a shame that they (officials) decided to make all of their calls against us," noted Cavalier. "But that's the way it went and we have to be able to overcome that."

Frankly, the Harvesters did overcome it. But all those flags were like a rolled up newspaper to the nose of a naughty dog and the officials were tossing them around as though Pampa had a discipline problem throughout the second half.

The frustration of which was evident along the Harvester side line in the fourth quarter. The "what do we have to do?" look on the players' faces spoke volumes.

"Dumas won that game, however, because of our miscues, not because of the calls that went against us," Cavalier said. "And that is my fault as the head coach."

Yes, the Harvesters made some critical mistakes. But nothing they could not, and have not, overcome under normal playing conditions. The yellow rain that fell Friday night in Dumas made conditions anything but normal for those in green, gold and white.

"Was the game made more difficult because of those calls?" asked Cavalier, who answered, "Yes, no question."

"Our kids played extremely hard, they overcame lots of adversity, and in the end I could not put them in position to win the game."

God bless you Coach Cavalier. But game preparation and in-game adjustments should be based on how to outthink and defeat the team across the field, not the men dressed in black and white stripes.

Redskins drop Cowboys with late field goal

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) - With six seconds on the clock, Bill Parcells thought the game would come down to one final field goal by Dallas Cowboys kicker Mike Vanderjagt.

Five seconds later, he watched Washington Redskins kicker Nick Novak hit a 47-yard field goal to defeat his Cowboys, 22-19 and end a wild final few seconds between these NFC East rivals. The game featured three field goal attempts - two by the Redskins and one by the Cowboys - in the final 31 seconds.

"It's a tough pill to swallow," Parcells said. "It's one of those games that could go either way."

Vanderjagt's chance to win it - a 35-yarder with six seconds left - was blocked by Troy Vincent. The ball bounced around until Sean Taylor picked it up and made a weaving, tackle-busting return into Dallas territory as time expired. Dallas' Kyle Kosier was called for a facemask penalty on the return, tacking on another 15 yards - and meaning regulation would continue for one more play.

This allowed Joe Gibbs to watch his team go from blowing a chance for a last-minute victory to preventing a last-minute loss to pulling out a win with no time left on the clock.

"Gosh," the Hall of Fame coach said, "I don't know if I've experienced

anything like that."

Novak came through by sneaking the ball inside the right upright. With his arms up, Novak ran about 50 yards back downfield, and several of his teammates piled on top of him, led by Vincent.

A five-time Pro Bowl defensive back in his 15th year in the league, Vincent was signed last month after the Buffalo Bills released him from their injured reserve list. He'd never blocked a kick in his career, he said, and wasn't even told until Saturday night that he'd be on field-goal duty.

"A win is a win," Vincent said, "and it's good to get back in the win column."

"It's a short walk from the outhouse to the penthouse," said Novak, who had missed from 49 yards with 31 seconds left. "This is what a kicker dreams about. There are ups and downs, and this was the up."

Parcells wouldn't assess specific blame, saying he'd have to review the game film first.

"Whatever it was," he said, "it was a bad mistake by somebody on our team. It was a tough one, a very unusual end to a game."

The Redskins (3-5) snapped a three-game losing streak and dropped Dallas (4-4) into a second-place tie in the NFC East with idle Philadelphia.

In many ways, the Cowboys could only blame themselves, with all kinds of miscues and, perhaps, errors in judgment: a safety on their first offensive possession; a failed 2-point conversion early in the second quarter ("I go by the chart," Parcells said); and plenty more errors that wasted another fine performance by quarterback Tony Romo in his second NFL start.

"When you've got that much going for you, and you screw it up like that, it's how you end up 4-4," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said.

There was, of course, the flubbed field goal by Vanderjagt, who came in 5-for-5 in the fourth quarter this season. And that key flag on Kosier, one of 11 times Dallas was penalized for 153 yards. Without that penalty, the game would have gone to overtime.

"It's a heartbreaker," Parcells said, "and I really don't have too much to say."

Another flag came on Terrell Owens for excessive celebration: He pretended to take a nap by using the football as a pillow after his 4-yard touchdown catch from Romo put the Cowboys ahead 19-12 in the third quarter.

Later in that quarter, a wide-open Owens dropped a long pass when he was behind the defense and seemed certain to give Dallas a two-touchdown lead.

Giants have hard time dispatching Texans

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - At least it was close this time.

The Houston Texans (2-6) dropped their NFL-high 12th straight road game with a 14-10 loss to the New York Giants (6-2) on Sunday. But unlike in past road games where Houston has been blown out, the struggling team turned in a respectable performance against the NFC East leaders.

Houston led 10-7 before Jeremy Shockey's short touchdown catch midway through the fourth quarter.

The Texans were driving when rookie linebacker Gerris Wilkinson forced fullback Jameel Cook to fumble at the Giants 35 after a short catch. Cornerback Corey Webster recovered with 5:11 to play, and the Giants ran

out the clock for the win.

It's just the latest in Houston's road woes. The Texans haven't won away from Houston since beating the Jaguars in December 2004 and have just eight road victories in their five-year franchise history.

David Carr, who rebounded from last week's benching with a strong performance, was left pondering what might have been.

"If we don't learn from this situation that we had today, then shame on us because we should," he said. "And realize that we had opportunities to win the game and we just didn't do it."

Tiki Barber led the Giants with 115 yards on 17 carries and scored the Giants first touchdown on a 16-yard

run in the first quarter. He started the winning drive with a 13-yard catch on a swing pass and then had a 12 yard run. The 10-year veteran who plans to retire after this season kept the drive alive with a 7-yard run to the Houston 12 on a third-and-6.

"Let's face it, we didn't play well today, but we didn't fall down, we didn't give ourselves up," Barber said. "We fought through it, we came away with the big win, we made the plays down the stretch when we had to. We deserve credit for that."

Shockey, who had season-best eight catches for 66 yards, capped the drive with a 2-yard toss from Eli Manning, who went to his tight end often with Plaxico Burress sidelined with back spasms.

Correction

In Sunday's Sports Day, Devan Shultz was incorrectly identified as the Pampa Harvester who caught the touchdown pass from quarterback Brett Ferrell. Craig Crowell made the catch.

GOLF NOTES

Scott nabs PGA win

ATLANTA (AP) - With a trophy in hand, Adam Scott can now call this his best year.

His most consistent season was missing only a PGA Tour victory, and Scott took care of that Sunday in the final event, closing with a 4-under 66 to capture the Tour Championship by three shots over Jim Furyk.

Scott turned the season finale into a snoozer, playing mistake-free golf at East Lake until it no longer mattered. Hundreds of fans headed for the parking lot when the 26-year-old Australian made the turn with a three-stroke lead.

It was the perfect way to end the PGA Tour season for Scott. His goal was to be in contention more often, and he accomplished that with nine top 10s, six of those finishes no worse than third.

Coming off a missed cut last week at Innisbrook, he fixed his flaws earlier this week and ran away from the 27-man field at East Lake.

It was his fourth career PGA Tour victory, and it earned him the last spot at Kapalua for the winners-only Mercedes-Benz Championship that starts the 2007 season.

Scott finished at 11-under 269 and earned \$1.17 million to finish a career-high third on the PGA Tour money list with nearly \$5 million.

Furyk shot a 65 to match the low round of the week, but never got closer than two strokes and trailed by as many as five on the back nine. But he finished out his

year with bogey-free golf over his final 31 holes, and his strong play was rewarded with a consolation prize when he captured the Vardon Trophy for the first time with the lowest adjusted scoring average on tour.

Furyk's average was 68.86, while Scott was second at 68.95. Tiger Woods had the lowest average (68.11), but failed to play the required 60 rounds. Woods skipped the Tour Championship, although he still would have come up one round short.

Mizuno Classic

MIE, Japan (AP) - Karrie Webb ended Annika Sorenstam's Mizuno Classic winning streak at five, closing with a 6-under 66 for a four-stroke victory over Kaori Higo in Japan's lone LPGA Tour event.

Sorenstam shot a 70 to finish five strokes back at 9-under 207 on the Kashikojima Country Club course. The Swedish star also failed in her second attempt in a month to win an LPGA Tour event a record six times.

Sorenstam began the streak in 2001 at Musashigaoka and won four times at Seta. Last year, she became the first LPGA Tour player to win a tournament five straight times and matched the record she shares with Mickey Wright for victories in an event. The 36-year-old Sorenstam also had a chance to win the Samsung Championship for the sixth time last month, but lost a final-round lead to Lorena Ochoa.

AP Top 25 Poll

(AP) - The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 4, 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. (65)	10-0	1,625	1
2. Michigan	10-0	1,554	2
3. Louisville	8-0	1,441	5
4. Texas	9-1	1,438	4
5. Auburn	9-1	1,320	6
6. Florida	8-1	1,314	7
7. Southern Cal	7-1	1,173	9
8. California	8-1	1,136	10
9. Notre Dame	8-1	1,096	11
10. West Virginia	7-1	1,024	3
11. Arkansas	8-1	1,020	12
12. LSU	7-2	996	13
13. Tennessee	7-2	744	8
14. Boise St.	9-0	742	14
15. Rutgers	8-0	721	15
16. Wisconsin	9-1	689	17
17. Oklahoma	7-2	667	18
18. Wake Forest	8-1	509	22
19. Georgia Tech	7-2	493	20
20. Virginia Tech	7-2	333	23
21. Oregon	7-2	308	24
22. Boston College	7-2	230	16
23. Maryland	7-2	178	—
24. Texas A&M	8-2	137	21
25. BYU	7-2	92	—

Others receiving votes: Nebraska 63, Clemson 33, Oregon St. 33, Hawaii 11, Houston 2, TCU 2, Tulsa 1.

Duncan, Spurs tame Raptors, 103-94

TORONTO (AP) - Tim Duncan showed that he's regained his health following a season of battling a foot injury.

He scored 26 points and Tony Parker added 19 to lead the San Antonio Spurs to a 103-94 victory over the Raptors on Sunday.

Hobbled last season by plantar fasciitis, Duncan averaged a career-low 18.6 points and 11.1 rebounds.

He came into training camp proclaiming himself "100 percent" fine. Duncan used his quickness and spin move against Toronto, something that wasn't always there last season.

"It's gone. Luckily enough it's gone," Duncan said. "I don't wish that on anybody. That's a tough thing to go through. It was a constant pain last year that never really went away throughout the year."

The Spurs are happy to have the old Duncan back.

"It's great to see Timmy moving with that kind of quickness again and knowing that the bank shot isn't far behind," Brent Barry said. "When Tim is playing at that high level we force teams to do so many different things. It allows us to open up the outside of our game."

Barry made five 3-pointers and finished with 16 points for the Spurs, who shot 50 percent in bouncing back from a loss to Cleveland in their home opener on Friday.

Chris Bosh had 19 points and 17 rebounds for the Raptors, who dropped to 1-2 on the season.

Bosh missed half the preseason with plantar fasciitis.

Duncan asked him about it and Bosh told him he's doing better.

"I'm alive," Bosh said.

San Antonio went on a decisive 8-0 run after Bosh's layup cut the lead to five with 3:11 remaining in the game.

Duncan made two free throws, Parker sank a long jumper and Manu Ginobili added two layups to give the Spurs a 101-88 lead with 1:13 left.

Duncan missed 10 of his 19 free throws in Friday's loss, but went 6-for-7 against Toronto, including the two that started the late run.

"Free throws for a lot of years have been our Achilles' heel. It's good to have Timmy, who hasn't shot them well, to step up and make two when it was important," San Antonio coach Greg Popovich said.

Duncan had 16 points in the second half and Parker had 12, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

"That's the most active I've seen Tim," Toronto's Morris Peterson said. "Once he gets position on the low post you don't have to look at the basket, the ball goes in. He plays angles well. That's why they call him 'The Big Fundamental.'"

Bush, who looked up to Duncan growing up, finished 8-for-18 from the field. The All-Star forwards guarded each other.

Toronto's Andrea Bargnani - the No. 1 pick in the draft - played 12 productive minutes, scoring eight points against San Antonio's reserves.

NOTES: The Spurs played the first of back-to-back games after flying from San Antonio on Saturday. The Spurs play in New York on Monday night. ... Bosh had a career high 22 rebounds March, 25, 2005, at Philadelphia.

... The Raptors started last season 0-9. ... Longtime Raptor fan Samuel L. Jackson sat courtside. ... San Antonio's Matt Bonner received a huge ovation when he entered the game. The fan favorite was traded to the Spurs as part of the Rasha Nesterovic deal.

Harvicks knocked down by Riggs crew member

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - An unidentified crewman for Scott Riggs' team knocked driver Kevin Harvick, his wife and a NASCAR official to the ground on pit road Sunday, minutes after the Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway.

It was apparently in retaliation for an incident late in the race.

Harvick was close behind Riggs when the latter crashed while running third on lap 332 of the 339-race event. It appeared Harvick's car took the air off the rear deck of Riggs' car and Riggs was unable to maintain control.

Jay McCormick Jr., a public relations representative for Harvick, said Kevin and DeLana Harvick were walking to the infield media center for a post-race interview when two Riggs crewmen made several comments to them.

"They were just talking a little smack, which is normal, and then one of them came up and gave Kevin a push in the back," McCormick said. "Kevin

fell into DeLana and she fell into a NASCAR official and all three of them fell to the ground."

He said the men ran away but Mike Dillon, competitive director for Richard Childress Racing, which fields Harvick's car, went after them and took the man who pushed Harvick to the NASCAR hauler.

The Harvicks were not injured, but the NASCAR official, identified as John Sacco, was taken to the infield medical center with what was reported to be a sprained ankle.

"Those guys decided they wanted to take matters into their own hands and trip my wife in front of their pit box," Harvick said. "That's a little bit unnecessary, so we're not too happy about that."

Team officials for Evernham Motorsports, which fields Riggs' car, said there would be no immediate comment on the situation and NASCAR officials said they were investigating the incident.

SENDING THEM HOME HAPPY

Hornets ground Rockets, 96-90

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - The Hornets had watched the New Orleans Saints' triumphant return to this rebuilding city and were determined to experience the same type of euphoria in their home opener.

"You don't want to come out here with all the press and all these people and send them home disappointed," Hornets forward David West said. "We wanted to make sure we sent them home happy."

West played a leading role in doing just that Sunday night, scoring 22 points while Chris Paul tied a career high with 16 assists as the Hornets beat the Houston Rockets 96-90 for their third victory in three games.

Peja Stojakovic overcame cold shooting in his first two games and hit five 3-pointers, finishing with 16 points as the Hornets brought the fans in a sellout crowd of 18,202 to their feet as the final seconds ticked away.

Like the Saints, the Hornets also won their first two games of the season on the road to set the stage for their first home opener in New Orleans since they were displaced to Oklahoma City by Hurricane Katrina before the start of last season. Still based in Oklahoma, the Hornets will play five more games in New Orleans this season before their planned full-

time return in 2007-08.

"As well as the Saints have been doing, we felt like we had to do our part," said Paul, who spoke by phone to Saints rookie Reggie Bush after the Saints' victory in Tampa Bay started what turned out to be a good day for local sports fans.

Pro sports have been good to the long-suffering fans here so far this fall, with both the Saints and Hornets winning home openers before exuberant sellout crowds and surging to the top of the standings early in their respective seasons.

"I don't see why it can't be Hornets and Saints fever at the same time," Paul said. "We root for them. They root for us."

Houston appeared ready to put a damper on the night when Luther Head's short jumper gave the Rockets a 77-76 lead with about nine minutes to go. But the Hornets surged ahead with a 14-3 run that began with Tyson Chandler's rebound and dunk.

Chandler had another putback during the run while reserve Bobby Jackson, who had 12 points, added a three-point play on a fast-break layup after he had stolen the ball from Tracy McGrady.

Shane Battier led Houston with 18 points, while Yao Ming, hindered by

early foul trouble, finished with 17, 12 points below his average through Houston's first two games. McGrady scored 14 but was only 5-of-15 from the field as Houston shot only 40.5 percent, including 9-of-27 from 3-point range.

"Yao and Tracy are the main cogs on our team and everything we do is focusing on them, so when Yao is not out there it totally changes the dynamic of our team," Battier said. "We did a decent job of staying in the game without one of our two best players. It's much better when he's out there."

Rafer Alston had 13 points for Houston and Head finished with 10.

Paul scored 12 points and directed the hard-running Hornets to a 19-0 advantage on fast-break points. Rasual Butler scored 11 for New Orleans, hitting all three 3-pointers he took.

"We talked about trying to get up and down the court as fast as we can. It is a point of emphasis every time we play Houston that we try to play up-tempo," Hornets coach Byron Scott said.

Yao had three fouls in the first five minutes of the game and spent the rest of the half on the bench. He ended up playing less than 28 minutes for the whole game.

Thompson murder case goes to trial

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) - The 1988 murder of racing legend Mickey Thompson and his wife may be the ultimate cold case, having remained unsolved for nearly 19 years.

But Thompson's sister wouldn't let it drop off investigators' radar and the case, which involves the glamorous world of top flight auto racing and a daredevil driver allegedly caught in a feud over money, will finally come to trial today.

Michael Frank Goodwin, Thompson's estranged business partner, is accused of killing the racing superstar and his wife, Trudy.

"This has been a long endurance race for justice," Thompson's sister, Collene Campbell, said recently. "We don't plan to drop out till we get to the finish line."

Goodwin, 61, is charged with two counts of murder with the special circumstances of lying in wait and committing multiple murders. Prosecutors, however, have decided not to seek the death penalty.

His lawyer maintains there is no physical evidence or witness putting Goodwin at the crime scene or linking him to arranging the killings of the Thompsons.

"We've always main-

tained this case is based on baseless suspicion," said defense attorney Elena Saris. "The whole defense team feels that if the jury is allowed to hear the truth, Michael will be acquitted."

But prosecutors contend circumstantial evidence leads directly to the former concert promoter, who merged his motocross racing business with Thompson's before the pair had a bitter falling out. They say Goodwin became so consumed with anger after losing a \$750,000 judgment to Thompson that he set out to kill him.

The racer, who was 59 when he died, was inducted posthumously into the Motorsports Hall of Fame of America in 1990. He set hundreds of speed and endurance records and was the first person to travel more than 400 mph on land. He also built and drove racing's first slingshot dragster.

He and his 41-year-old wife were leaving for work in March 1988 when they were ambushed outside their home in the gated Los Angeles suburb of Bradbury.

The two men who shot the couple before fleeing on bicycles were never caught, and prosecutors are expected to argue they were hired by Goodwin.

Rangers hire Ron Washington as manager

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Ron Washington was hired as manager of the Texas Rangers after serving as coach of the Oakland Athletics the past 11 seasons.

"It's a done deal," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said in an e-mail today.

The Rangers planned to introduce Washington during an afternoon news conference. Washington is getting a two-year contract that includes two additional option years.

Washington was chosen over four other candidates to replace Buck Showalter. The Rangers fired

Showalter after an 80-82 season, their sixth losing season in seven years since last making the playoffs in 1999.

The other finalists were Rangers bench coach Don Wakamatsu and Japan Series-winning manager Trey Hillman, an Arlington native and the Rangers' former director of player development. Both had interviewed with Daniels and owner Tom Hicks last week.

New York Mets third-base coach Manny Acta and Phillies minor league manager John Russell, a former Rangers catcher who caught one of Nolan Ryan's seven no-hitters, also interviewed but neither met with the

owner.

Washington, first interviewed last month, met with Hicks, Daniels and other Rangers officials during a second interview Sunday. He had also been a candidate in Oakland to replace fired A's manager Ken Macha.

Wakamatsu has been the Rangers' bench coach the past four years and still has a year left on his contract in Texas.

Showalter was 319-329 in four seasons. The New York Yankees and Arizona Diamondbacks both won the World Series the year after Showalter left them.

Colts still undefeated with win over Pats

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) - Peyton Manning got help from an unlikely source — his defense — and the Colts remained the NFL's only unbeaten team.

The Patriots also were victimized for the first time by Adam Vinatieri as Indianapolis won 27-20 Sunday night. With his once adoring fans booing, he kicked two field goals in his first game against New England since leaving as a free agent.

But he also missed twice in the second half.

A steady Manning kept the crowd quiet for most of the game and threw for 326 yards and two touchdowns. The Colts, who began the game with five interceptions in seven games, intercepted Tom Brady four times. They allowed no touchdown passes, only two scoring runs by Corey Dillon and two field goals by rookie Stephen Gostkowski.

Gostkowski replaced Vinatieri, the longtime Patriots kicker whose field goals in the final seconds won two Super Bowls.

Indianapolis (8-0) entered the game with the only perfect record after

Chicago lost to Miami 31-17 earlier Sunday. The Patriots (6-2) ended a four-game winning streak and dropped a second straight to Indianapolis after winning six in a row.

The Colts became the only team to start consecutive seasons at 8-0 since the Green Bay Packers did it three straight years from 1929-31. And for the first time in his brilliant career, Manning has thrown for 300 yards in three consecutive games.

The Patriots had one last chance after Vinatieri missed from 37 yards with 1:55 left. But on the Patriots' second play, Brady was intercepted one last time by Cato June.

For the first time in six games, the Colts never trailed as Manning threw the first of his two touchdown passes to Marvin Harrison, a 5-yarder, on their opening possession. Harrison finished with eight catches for 145 yards, just 56 yards fewer than Brady's total of 201 yards passing.

The Colts began the day tied for 21st in points allowed. But the first sign the defense would be a positive factor came when Antoine Bethea ended the

Patriots' first drive with an interception in the end zone. Manning, now 4-10 against the Patriots, then drove the Colts 68 yards to his first scoring pass to Harrison.

The Patriots tied the game on Dillon's 1-yard run on the second play of the second quarter. Indianapolis countered with an 82-yard drive capped by Joseph Addai's 2-yard touchdown run, before New England tied it again on Dillon's 4-yard run.

Then Terrence Wilkins returned the kickoff 70 yards to the Patriots 29 and Vinatieri put the Colts ahead for good 17-14 with a 33-yard field goal with 1:46 left in the half. New England's final possession before intermission ended on Bob Sanders' interception at the Indianapolis 3.

Vinatieri's miss on a 37-yarder early in the third quarter was his first failure in 16 attempts this season and ended a string of 12 possessions in which the Colts scored 10 times. The only two times they failed in that stretch were at the end of their last two first halves, when Manning knelt down with the ball.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** You might be up for seeing life a lot differently. As a result, you feel rejuvenated. You are able to express yourself in a way that touches many. Be willing to open up and share more of yourself. A friend might make a great suggestion. Tonight: Hang out.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** Curb any flagrant or wild spending. You do want to make a difference — don't you? Loosen up and allow greater give-and-take in your life. An expenditure might be necessary but, on some level, is also a pleasure. Do some price comparison. Tonight: Your treat.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You are on a roll, my dear Twin. Review a matter with greater

direction, precision and knowledge. A caring gesture has a lot of impact. You want to look at something in a very different way. Gain understanding rather than judge. You, and others, will be happier. Tonight: Claim your power.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Know when to step back. Though you might be an idea person, you could have difficulty turning a situation around. Examine possibilities; examine options. You will be happier. Make no decisions just yet. Play the waiting game. Tonight: Vanish for a while.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Zero in on what you want or prefer. You will impact those in your immediate circle. Trust that you are coming from a very caring space. Act spontaneously. You find that others will respond in a big way. Tonight: Happy wherever you are.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** Understand what needs to happen with a boss or some situation in which you are the main force. How you verbalize what is on your mind could make a huge difference in the end result. Keep communication a high priority. Tonight: On top of it all.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** Look beyond the obvious when dealing with key people. Displaying wisdom and understanding could define events and how you feel. Expenses could go overboard. Express what is on your mind. Tonight: Movie night.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** You have a unique charm that turns others around before you know it. Loosen up and enjoy a special person or associate. Optimism surrounds many of your decisions. You are more than will-

ing to take a risk. Tonight: Togetherness works.
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House election roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — A half-dozen Republican congressmen ushered into office in the 1994 GOP tidal wave that tossed Democrats from power may be swept out on Tuesday, casualties of a Democratic surge fueled by voter anger over the Iraq war.

On the eve of the midterm elections, Republicans are hoping their acclaimed get-out-the-vote operation will ensure majority control. But some say privately they have a slim chance of retaining the House after a grueling campaign centered on turmoil in Iraq, President Bush's sagging approval numbers, political scandals and corruption investigations.

"It all gets down to Republicans turning out the vote," said Rep. Tom Reynolds, R-N.Y., chairman of the House GOP's election effort.

Sidelined for 12 years, Democrats appear poised to win the House in a shift that likely would elevate Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California to speaker, the nation's first woman to hold that office, and herald in at least two years of Democratic rule.

"We are playing offense across this country, in every region of this country," boasts Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois, the head of the House Democrats' campaign committee. "I'd rather be us than them."

At least 50 Republican seats are endangered, many with incumbents facing fierce challenges from Democrats who have sought to capitalize on the public's intense disenchantment with one-party rule.

Among those GOP lawmakers in hard-fought races are several vying for seventh terms, first elected in the Republican revolution of 1994.

Back then, the party gained 52 seats to end four decades of Democratic control with promises of balancing the budget and enacting term limits. Hankering for a change in the status quo, voters that year elected Newt Gingrich's hard-charging followers who proposed the vaunted Contract with America.

Gingrich's disciples in the most competitive races this year include:

—John Hostettler in Indiana, a leading voice for social conservatives who was among six House Republicans to vote against authorizing force in Iraq in 2002. He is all but certain to lose to Democrat Brad Ellsworth, a county sheriff, in the district dubbed the "bloody eighth" for its razor-thin election victories.

—Steve Chabot in Ohio, a lawyer from Cincinnati who is considered somewhat of a maverick in the party despite his conservative voting record. He faces a spirited challenge from John Cranley, a Cincinnati city councilman who failed to unseat Chabot in a challenge six years ago.

—Barbara Cubin in Wyoming, a fifth-generation resident of the state and a conservative who champions its mining and agriculture industries. Wyoming hasn't elected a Democrat to Congress since 1976, and Cubin's race against Democrat Gary Trauner, a businessman, only recently became competitive.

—Gil Gutknecht in Minnesota, who has an occasional independent streak. In the late 1990s, he concluded that Gingrich as speaker had been "a disappointment to everybody" and that the GOP revolution had been exaggerated. Democrat Tim Walz, a high school teacher, is challenging him.

—Charles Bass in New Hampshire, a moderate who has focused on the environment and opposed the Bush administration's proposal to drill for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He is in a rematch with Democrat Paul Hodes, a lawyer who ran against Bass in 2004.

—J.D. Hayworth in Arizona, a fierce critic of illegal immigration who advocates strong U.S. borders. He opposed the president's proposal for an expanded guest-worker program until border controls are improved. Former state Sen. Harry Mitchell, a Democrat, is trying to unseat him.

Senate election roundup

WASHINGTON (AP) — The fate of a clutch of endangered Republican incumbents, including some from states that heavily supported President Bush two years ago, will determine who controls the Senate for the rest of the Bush presidency. Both parties are spending millions of dollars in last-ditch efforts to influence those contests.

By contrast, few Democratic incumbents are in danger this year. Nearly every Democratic senator seeking re-election seems assured of another term, polls suggest.

Not so with Republicans. Facing difficult re-election battles are Republican Sens. Conrad Burns of Montana, George Allen of Virginia, Mike DeWine of Ohio, Rick Santorum of Pennsylvania, Jim Talent of Missouri and Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

Furthermore, Republicans face a strong challenge in Tennessee for the now-GOP seat held by retiring Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist.

Democrats also were hopeful for an upset victory over Arizona Republican Sen. Jon Kyl, where polls have shown a tightening contest in recent days between the incumbent and former state Democratic Party chairman Jim Pederson, a shopping mall developer.

Democrats need a gain of six seats to win back the Senate, which they last controlled in 2002. Republicans now control 55 seats in the 100-member chamber.

Republicans are facing headwinds that include an increasingly unpopular war in Iraq, a president with low approval ratings, voter disgust over a slew of congressional scandals and the historic pattern of midterm losses in the sixth year for the party holding the White House.

"The political environment has been very

tough for Republicans for many, many months," acknowledged Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina, who heads the Senate Republican campaign effort. "No question about it."

Republicans picked up Senate seats in both the 2002 and 2004 elections. But strategists in both parties expect Democratic gains on Tuesday. Even if Democrats don't reclaim the Senate, they are clearly within striking distance of doing so.

And any pickup will increase their leverage in a chamber where strict rules dictate that 60 votes, rather than a simple 51-vote majority, are needed to advance any controversial piece of legislation or nomination.

With time running out, voter turnout has become the focus of both parties.

"The Bush team has been magnificent at turning out the vote in the last three elections. And this is their final challenge," said GOP strategist Scott Reed.

Sen. Charles Schumer of New York, chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said, "The big battlegrounds are no longer Democratic states in the Northeast and the Middle West, but have become the border states of Missouri, Tennessee and Virginia."

"And I think that shows the trend being in our direction. A year ago, nobody would have thought that," Schumer said.

In the final days, "this is an election that is about the intensity of our base versus the intensity of their base," said GOP pollster and strategist Ed Goetas.

For Democrats, the Iraq war is providing most of the momentum. "It's generated their money, it's generated their activism." But on the Republican side, the threat of terrorism, taxes and fear of Democratic leadership of Congress are the big motivators, Goetas said.

CCPC Student Government



Clarendon College Pampa Center recently announced its Student Government for 2006-07. Above: Front row, from left, Raenna Cowan, at-large; Lindsey Jennings, treasurer; Alicia Driscoll, vice president; (back row, l-r) Carol Bookout, at-large; Peter Espino, at-large; Neichelle Green, president; and Timothy Justice, secretary.

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