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Carolyn Hall, STD/HIV nurse for the Department of State Health Services in Pampa, takes a last look at her examination room at 736 S. Cuyler upon her retirement today.

Retiring nurse faced danger during career

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Carolyn Hall, RN, will miss her clients upon her retirement, even though she risked serious illness and even death, in more ways than one, to provide services to them.
Hall, an STD/HIV nurse for the Department of State Health Services in Pampa, planned to spend today, her last work day, at a luncheon and party to be held in her honor at the department's Canyon offices. The get-together marks the close of an 18-year career as a public servant.
Hall, a Pampa native,

spent all 18 years of her health department work record in Pampa. She provided testing and healthcare to Panhandle residents, including some infected with the HIV virus, which can develop into the deadly condition known as AIDS.
Her work took her outside state offices to make visits to clients at area prisons and residences. But one of her most dangerous encounters occurred several years ago at the then-Texas Department of Health offices in the 800 block of West Kentucky, a former doctors' clinic across
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Governor candidates wind down strange, historic race

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry shared a stage with President Bush, Carole Keeton Strayhorn and Chris Bell traveled the state and Kinky Friedman remained laid back at home as a governor's race that once promised to be both strange and historic rushed to a close.
In Dallas Monday night for a Republican rally with Bush that has become a tradition, Perry pointed to legislation on education funding and lower property taxes as accomplishments during his tenure.
"We've built a better Texas than ever before," Perry said. "The future in Texas has never been brighter."
Strayhorn, one of two independents on the ballot, kept to her campaign theme of "education, education, education" on the final full day of campaigning before today's election.
"This is a race where, just throw away the usual rule books and the usual political pundit stuff because it is going to be the people who are speaking tomorrow," Strayhorn said in San Antonio, wearing her signature red blouse and black suit.

Bell, the Democratic nominee, followed his own biography on Monday, starting in his birthplace of Amarillo and wrapping up the day in his current hometown, Houston.
This morning, Bell and his wife, Alison, voted at a public library branch in Houston. It took the couple about 20 minutes to vote, and Bell chatted with others in line. He signed a voter guide for a woman who wished him luck.
"I think we've done everything that we possibly could do given our resources," Bell said. "I think we fought a great fight. We really haven't left anything on the table. Now it's just up to the voters."
Monday, Bell told a raucous group at a rally at the Democratic Party headquarters in Dallas that he's the only real alternative for ousting Perry.
"Now it's time to get the remaining Democrats who may have Strayhorned or become a little bit Kinky," he said, drawing laughter and cheers.
Friedman also is running as an independ-

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Health fair



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Miguel Pacheco, left, accepts a replica of a badge from Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department at Monday's health fair, which was held from 4 to 6 p.m. at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Area businesses and organizations exhibited their services at the fair.

Robot programming



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Harry Paul Haiduk, instructor of science at West Texas A&M University, instructs Pampa High School freshman Ashlyn McNeely in how to program robots using Java programming language. Haiduk, a PHS graduate, has authored a number of computer science textbooks and is a recognized leader in innovative software-development methodology. He developed the PHS outreach initiative with the help of his daughter, Amanda Haiduk, a 2005 WTAMU graduate who now teaches math at PHS.

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Record

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Office reported the following arrests today.

Sunday, Nov. 5

Justin Reed Ensey, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 1900 block of Christine by Pampa Police Department for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Monday, Nov. 6

Darren Lee Munn, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Cinderella by PPD for evading arrest/detention, two counts of burglary of a motor vehicle, failure to identify as a fugitive, and capias pro fines for running a stop sign, public intoxication, and failure to appear.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

Brent Keith Crossman, 48, of Pampa was arrested in the 1100 block of Cinderella by PPD for fictitious inspection/tampering and possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Leonardo Alonzo III, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of East Brown by PPD for no driver's license and no proof of insurance.

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

Monday, Nov. 6

11:40 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill on a medical assist.

2:43 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 2800 block of Charles on a false alarm.

2:59 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of West Wilks on a medical assist.

3:48 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner for a fire prevention program.

7:21 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 11000 block of Highway 60 on a natural gas leak.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

12:12 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Crane on a gas odor.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Nov. 6

9:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Powell and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

11:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Plains and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of West Wilks and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Grape and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Helton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

2:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Deane and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Reception to honor artist



Pampa's Artist of the year Darlene Holmes will be honored at a reception by Pampa Fine Arts Association from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler. The exhibit will remain open during museum hours until Dec. 12.

Nurse

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the street from National Bank of Commerce.

A new patient from Borger had just settled herself in a chair next to Hall's desk when the woman's boyfriend entered the clinic and found his way to Hall's office, armed with a shotgun and yelling that he didn't want any diseases.

"He had a sawed-off shotgun. He jumped flatfooted onto the corner of my desk," Hall said.

"I had taken a class on suicide prevention. That's what calmed me," she said.

The man looked out the window of Hall's office and noticed that police cars had arrived at the clinic, and was afraid they would shoot him.

"He got off the desk. I kept trying to talk to him," Hall said. "I remembered from the class to be calm, take control, and defuse the situation. I kept saying, 'Sir, please let me have the gun.'"

He slammed a handful of shotgun shells onto Hall's desk, and she thanked him while she continued to try to persuade him to give her the weapon.

"He was worried they'd shoot him. I told him they wouldn't shoot me if I went out with the gun, and he gave it to me," Hall said.

She then went out the door of her office with the shotgun, only to be confronted by several police officers.

"When I went out the door, I didn't know the police were in the building. I had the gun with me," Hall said. "The officers said to throw the gun down. I did. They told me to get on the ground, and they cuffed me. The first thought that came to my mind was, 'This is how I will die.'"

An officer who arrived on the scene recognized Hall

and told the others who she was. The man was then arrested, and Hall and the woman were told to go to the police department and give statements concerning the incident.

Her encounter with an armed and angry man did not sour her on her work. "I'm really going to miss the people," she said concerning her retirement.

Hall grew up in Pampa. Her parents owned the Lone Star Cafe, across Foster Avenue from the Coney Island Cafe. She attended Horace Mann Elementary School until sixth grade, when she and her family moved to Plainview.

The family returned to Pampa in time for Hall to attend ninth grade here, then a second move to Plainview resulted in Hall finishing high school there in 1966.

She married Ken Hall, Pampa/Gray County emergency management coordinator, and the couple had three daughters. She later went to Amarillo College School of Nursing and became a registered nurse in 1986.

Hall's first nursing job was at Coronado Medical Center in Pampa. She then became Pampa's first nurse for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, which provides nutritional and health support for low-income women and children.

The state's sexually-transmitted diseases and HIV program came next for Hall, and she spent the majority of her career in that program. She has been responsible for services provided to residents of 20 Panhandle counties, including prisons at Pampa, Childress and Dalhart.

Testing and treatment have not been her only activities. Hall has also worked with Genesis House and Worth the Wait, providing a

monthly program on STDs and HIV to the organization's young clients. She has also provided information on STDs and HIV at area health fairs and other events.

The spread of STDs and HIV has not slowed in the Panhandle, Hall said.

"STDs are still prevalent. And all 20 counties have HIV in them," she said.

The counties Hall covered are Gray, Carson, Wheeler, Hutchinson, Roberts, Armstrong, Childress, Donley, Hall, Cottle, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Dallam, Sherman, Hansford, Ochiltree, Lipscomb, Hartley, Moore, and Oldham.

Her caring is still evident in her concern for her customers.

"I'm really going to miss the people," she said.

Race

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ent. In early voting, which finished Friday, slightly more than 1 million people cast ballots in person or by mail in the 15 most populous counties, amounting to 13.21 percent of registered voters in those counties. That's almost exactly the same as the last governor's race in 2002, when 13.05 percent in the top 15 counties cast early ballots.

The highest percentages this time were in Williamson County, with 18.76 percent voting early, and Travis County, with 17.42 percent, according to

the Secretary of State's Office. The lowest among those counties was Hidalgo in the Rio Grande Valley, with 7.69 percent.

Secretary of State Roger Williams has predicted 36 percent of the state's registered voters, the same percentage as four years ago, will cast ballots in this election.

Meanwhile, Perry's campaign continued to answer questions Monday about Perry's statement Sunday that he agreed with a conservative pastor at a San Antonio church who said those who don't confess their sins to Jesus Christ are going to hell.

Perry's opponents criticized the remark as an insult to other religions.

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Viewpoints

Election day will eliminate all those annoying, bothersome ads

Today is election day. That means that tomorrow we will no longer be bombarded with campaign commercials and advertisements. I can hardly wait.

Of course, the unthinkable might happen, and there might be a runoff election in one or more races. But at least the majority of the offices up for grabs will have been filled, with no need for further messages from the candidates.

Campaign strategy for many regional, statewide and national offices has been quick to include the most up-to-the-minute methods for getting the candidates' names and messages to the voters. It didn't take long for the possibilities inherent in radio and television broadcasts to be realized and capitalized upon by public office hopefuls.

When computers became commonplace, so did Web sites for incumbents and their challengers.

Print media advertising, mail,

personal appearances and telephone calls are also used to reach out and touch the voters.

About the only method of communication I haven't seen is a candidate's message in my e-mail.

The almost constant hammering on our senses to get our votes is bad enough, but it's made even worse by the nature of some of that hammering.

Negative campaigns, in which a candidate slings mud at his or her opponents, are a commonplace way to sway voters. These campaigns are usually long on telling the public why the opponent shouldn't be elected and short on why the candidate of choice should be elected instead.

I think one of the television commercials I've heard recently takes this a step further and slings mud at the mudslingers by pointing out that it's easier to talk trash about someone else than to try to come up with a workable plan of

action and communicate it effectively.

Well, of course that's true. We all know that it's easier and more fun to repeat nasty gossip, regardless of whether or not it's true, about someone else than it is to explain and defend some of our own actions and beliefs.

I suppose one thing that bothers

those who amass the most money get the most exposure and, as a result, the most name recognition, which any pollster will tell you is very important for attracting votes. A voter faced with a choice between someone they've heard about and someone they've never heard of before will likely pick the familiar name, even if they're not sure they agree with all of that person's campaign platform. It's a matter of picking a nut you know something about rather than a goofball that might for all you know do the exact opposite of what you want.

Media that includes visual images can also skew the public opinion in favor of the most photogenic candidate, and believe me, some of those candidates make the most of it. I'm thinking in particular of one statewide race in which one of the candidates, to my eye at least, appears to realize he may be more visually appealing than his

opponents. He appears to have practiced his facial expressions and gestures, and it wouldn't take much convincing to make me believe he's had a few acting lessons so as to make the best impression.

The sad truth is that such irrelevant things may be just the very items that nudge a voter into the charismatic one's camp. And that's no reason to vote for someone.

One other thing which is worrisome at election time is voter turnout. It's the norm for only a relatively small percentage of registered voters to actually cast ballots. This means that a few are choosing our government officials and thus directing the path of our region, state and nation. And that's not what a democracy is all about.

The polls will be open until 7 p.m. If you are a registered voter and haven't cast your ballot yet, please do so. You might just save us all from more smut campaigns by preventing a runoff.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



me about the whole business, aside from my pet peeve of mudslinging, is that not everyone gets equal shouting space in the media. Not all the candidates have the same amount of funds available to them to buy expensive air time, print ads and postage. The upshot is that

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 7, the 311th day of 2006. There are 54 days left in the year. This is Election Day.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1874, the Republican Party was symbolized as an elephant in a cartoon drawn by Thomas Nast in "Harper's Weekly."

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

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

In 1940, the middle section of the Tacoma Narrows Bridge in Washington state collapsed during a windstorm.

In 1944, President Roosevelt won an unprecedented fourth term in office, defeating Thomas E. Dewey.

In 1962, former first lady Eleanor Roosevelt died in New York City.

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

In 1972, President Nixon was re-elected in a landslide over Democrat George McGovern.

In 1973, Congress overrode President Nixon's veto of the War Powers Act, which limits a chief executive's power to wage war without congressional approval.

In 1998, John Glenn returned to Earth aboard the space shuttle Discovery, visibly weak but elated after a nine-day mission.

Ten years ago: The U.S. liquor industry voted to drop its decades-old voluntary ban on broadcast advertising. Thousands of Communists marched through Moscow to mark the 79th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution. A Nigerian Boeing 727 jetliner crashed en route to Lagos, killing 142 people. NASA's Mars Global Surveyor blasted off from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on a mission to map the surface of the Red Planet. (It went into orbit around Mars the next year.)

Five years ago: The Bush administration targeted Osama bin Laden's multimillion-dollar financial networks, closing businesses in four states, detaining U.S. suspects and urging allies to help choke off money supplies in 40 nations.

'It's not the voting that's democracy — it's the counting'

— Tom Stoppard
British author and dramatist



Diversity adulation academic stupidity

There are some ideas so ludicrous and mischievous that only an academic would take them seriously. One of them is diversity. Think about it. Are you for or against diversity? When's the last time you said to yourself, "I'd better have a little more diversity in my life?" What would you think if you heard a Microsoft director tell his fellow board members that the company should have more diversity and manufacture kitchenware, children's clothing and shoes? You'd probably think the director was smoking something illegal.

Our institutions of higher learning take diversity seriously and make it a multimillion-dollar operation. Juilliard School has a director of diversity and inclusion; Massachusetts Institute of Technology has a manager of diversity recruitment; Toledo University, an associ-

ate dean for diversity; the universities of Harvard, Texas A&M, California at Berkeley, Virginia and many others boast of officers, deans, vice-presidents and perhaps ministers of diversity.

George Leef, director of the John W. Pope Center for Higher Education Policy in Raleigh, N.C., writes about this in an article titled "Some Questions about Diversity" in the Oct. 5 issue of "Clarion Call." Mr. Leef suggests that only in academia is diversity pursued for its own sake, but there's a problem: Everyone, even if they are the same ethnicity, nationality or religion, is different. Suppose two people are from the same town in

Italy. They might differ in many important respects: views on morality, religious and political beliefs, recreation preferences and other characteristics.

Mr. Leef says that some academics see diversity as a requirement for social justice — to right historical wrongs. The problem here is that if you go back far enough, all groups have suffered some kind of historical wrong.

The Irish can point to injustices at the hands of the British, Jews at the hands of Nazis, Chinese at the hands of Indonesians, and Armenians at the hands of the Turks. Of course, black Americans were enslaved, but slavery is a condition that has been with mankind

throughout most of history. In fact, long before blacks were enslaved, Europeans were enslaved.

The word slavery comes from Slavs, referring to the Slavic people, who were early slaves. White Americans, captured by the Barbary pirates, were enslaved at one time or another. Whites were indentured servants in colonial America. So what should the diversity managers do about these injustices?

When academics call for diversity, they're really talking about racial preferences for particular groups of people, mainly blacks. The last thing they're talking about is intellectual diversity.

According to a recent national survey, reported by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni in "Intellectual Diversity," 72

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Walter Williams
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 30
Austin American-Statesman on the big business of Halloween:

It is almost impossible not to notice how big Halloween has become in the past several years.

But \$5 billion big?
That's how much Americans will have spent on Halloween this year by the time the kids are sorting their candy, according to the National Retail Federation. The average consumer will have spent just under \$60, making it hard to think of the holiday as Beggar's Night. A little more than third of that money will have gone toward a cos-

tume. Expect to see more little princesses and adult witches at the door tomorrow night, the federation's sales figures say. A third of the money will be spent on candy and another third on decorations and greeting cards.

Halloween spending this year is expected to be up about \$1.7 billion over last year, but the federation's explanation for the big increase is a little thin on analysis. "The spending increase," the survey says, "is largely due to a surge in celebrating."

Speaking of scary, the NBA regular season play begins tomorrow with a major change: The league is going to an all-synthetic ball, and not everyone likes it.

Among the gripers is Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, who

asked a group of physicists at the University of Texas at Arlington to compare the old and new balls and publish the results. The report is available on Cuban's blog, www.blogmaverick.com.

The physicists found the ball easier to grip but lacking the bounce of the leather balls. "The new synthetic balls display measurably reduced return height than the leather balls about 5% less on average, when dropped from about four feet," they wrote.

But the biggest problem seems to be that they get dirty. "The balls retain dirt. Lots of it," Cuban says on his blog. "By the end of a game or two, the nets look like there have been kids throwing

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Marine pleads guilty to assault, conspiracy in case

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — A Marine pleaded guilty Monday to aggravated assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice before testifying that his squad executed a civilian he thought was an insurgent.

Lance Cpl. Tyler A. Jackson, 23, entered the pleas through his attorney, Thomas Watt, at a military court hearing.

He was the third serviceman to plead guilty to

reduced charges in return for his testimony in the case, in which seven Camp Pendleton-based Marines and a Navy corpsman were charged with killing 52-year-old Hashim Ibrahim Awad.

Jackson said the shooting occurred after the squad hatched a plan to kidnap an insurgent who was suspected of being responsible for several explosions, including one that killed four Marines.

Three members of

Jackson's unit went into the village of Hamdania on April 26 and returned with a prisoner who was then shot by the side of a road on the orders of squad leader Sgt. Lawrence G. Hutchins, Jackson said.

"Sgt. Hutchins ordered us to get on line," Jackson testified. "Everyone fired rounds, including myself, but I fired my rounds above him. I knew he was going to be shot, but I didn't want to be the one to do it."

Jackson said that to his knowledge the man was a known insurgent. He learned later that it was Awad, he said. He said another serviceman told him that if anyone asked about the incident, he should "stick to the story," Jackson testified.

Previously, two other servicemen testified that a shov-

el and AK-47 were placed near the body to make it appear Awad was an insurgent planting a roadside bomb.

"If we were ever asked about the incident or how it came about, we would tell the story of the man who was digging a hole on the side of the road," Jackson said.

Petty Officer 3rd Class

Melson J. Bacos, a Navy corpsman on patrol with the Marines, was the first to make a deal in the case. He pleaded guilty to kidnapping and conspiracy and was sentenced to a year in prison. Last month, Pfc. John Jodka III pleaded guilty to assault and conspiracy to obstruct justice in the incident.

Williams

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percent of college professors describe themselves as liberal and 15 percent conservative. Liberal professors think their classrooms should be used to promote a political agenda. The University of California recently abandoned a provision on academic freedom that cautioned against using the classroom for propaganda. The president said the regulation was "outdated."

Americans, as taxpayers and benefactors, have been exceedingly generous to our institutions of higher learning. That generosity has been betrayed. Rich Americans, who acquired their wealth through our capitalist system, give billions to universities. Unbeknownst to

them, much of that money often goes to faculty members and programs that are openly hostile to donor values. Universities have also failed in their function of the pursuit of academic excellence by having dumbed down classes and granting degrees to students who are just barely literate and computationally incompetent.

What's part of Williams' solution? Benefactors should stop giving money to universities that engage in racist diversity policy. Simply go to the university's Web site, and if you find offices of diversity, close your pocketbook. There's nothing like the sound of pocketbooks snapping shut to open the closed minds of administrators.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

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dirt at them. We need to find a way to keep the balls clean and let every team know, so if a fan touches one after a game they don't get grossed out."

Overloaded circuits. We're being assaulted by e-mail, instant messages, cell phone calls, text messages and blogs, and it's taking a toll. According to a Newhouse News Service account, a

research firm estimates 22.3 trillion e-mails and 3 billion instant messages and 81 billion text messages will be sent this year. All that "screen sucking" might be messing with our minds.

"Never in history has the human brain been asked to track so many data points," psychiatrist and author Edward Hallowell writes in the Harvard Business Review. Asked to do more than is possible, the brain can't think clearly, he said.

What to do? Go to the gym, eat properly, get plenty of sleep and turn off the phones and Blackberries.

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This Week: Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving Together

Sure, Thanksgiving is about Pilgrims and history — and turkey, of course! But the best part about Thanksgiving is getting together with family and friends and remembering all the things for which we are thankful.

Today's Kid Scoop is for everyone in the family and features activities you can all do together!

Make Thanksgiving Dinner Place Cards

Stuff You'll Need:

- Manila file folders (one per person)
- newspaper
- scissors
- glue stick

- Cut off the folded end of a file folder to make a strip about 3-4 inches deep. Make one for each person coming to Thanksgiving dinner.
- Cut out from the newspaper the letters that spell each person's name. Glue them onto one side of the place card.
- Decorate the place cards with pictures from the newspaper.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple, multiple-step written instructions.

Turkey Trails

Start at the beginning of Trail A. Have a family member or friend start at Trail B. Who can reach the finish line first?

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Zany Turkey Day Tale

Pass the giggles! Ask a family member to give you seven nouns, one plural noun, one verb and one adjective. Then, fill in the blanks and read the story aloud. Let the laughter begin!

One Thanksgiving, we invited a _____ NOUN to the big feast. It was a huge mistake.

Our guest had horrible _____ NOUN manners, and enjoyed smearing _____ NOUN in people's hair. Our guest then decided to _____ VERB around Uncle Lou and cover Aunt Madge with _____ PLURAL NOUN.

Later, our delicious _____ pie ended up in our _____ NOUN.

This year, we invited a _____ NOUN.

Hopefully, our new recipe for _____ NOUN stuffing is a success!

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use nouns, adjectives and verbs in writing.

Stuffed with Sillyness

Each family member gets 60 seconds to see how many drumsticks they can find on this page. Whoever finds the most doesn't have to clear the table!

Standards Link: Visual Discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Extra! Extra! Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Give each person at your Thanksgiving feast a page of the newspaper. See who can be first to find these things on their page:

- A number greater than 100
- A proper noun
- Three different adjectives
- A location
- A date
- Three different pronouns

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Your parents are always reminding you to say it. Now you can amaze them by saying **Thank you** in seven different languages! Match the **Thank you** to the country from which it comes.

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Tak (takg)	FRANCE
Gracias (gra-see-us)	DENMARK
Merci (mehr-see)	JAPAN
Kiitos (kee-toas)	POLAND
Danke (dahn-kah)	FINLAND
Arigato (ahree-gah-tow)	MEXICO
Dziekuje (dsyne-koo-yeh)	GERMANY

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

TURKEY	R Y R O T S I H A S
LOCATION	E D T L T H A D M D
PILGRIMS	D A N O I U J I H R
CARDS	L N K C S E R U G A
ADJECTIVE	O K R A C G N K J C
FEAST	F E I T L T S A E F
HISTORY	M V I I I N P G L Y
DINNER	T V P O L A N D I A
MERCI	E R E N N I D L F E
JAPAN	
POLAND	
HUNT	
FILE	
FOLDER	
DANKE	

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE LESSON LIBRARY

The Gift of Appreciation

Does it feel good when someone says *thank you* to you? Now you can give that feeling to someone else! Look through today's newspaper and find an article about someone helping others. Write a letter to the editor thanking the person.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write letters that show awareness of audience and establish a purpose.

Write On!

Thanksgiving Memories

Work with a family member to write a page filled with favorite Thanksgiving memories and traditions. Before the big feast, read it aloud to everyone gathered at the table.

Kid Scoop Together: FAMILY TIME

Thanksgiving is a time to talk! After you eat some of your Thanksgiving meal, take a break from feasting to find out about the older people at the table.

Snoop into the past of one or more by asking "When you were my age..."

- What did you eat on Thanksgiving, and who did the cooking?
- How did you celebrate Thanksgiving?
- What were you thankful for?
- Did you have a pet?
- What were your hobbies?
- Did you watch television? What was your favorite show?
- What chores did you do around the house?
- How did you get spending money?
- What did you like to spend it on?
- What was your favorite story your grandparents told you?

Standards Link: Spelling Comprehension: Ask for clarification of stories and ideas.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **APPRECIATE**


The verb appreciate means to be thankful or grateful for something.

"I appreciate you reading me the newspaper article, Thomas," said Mr. Davis.

Try to use the word appreciate in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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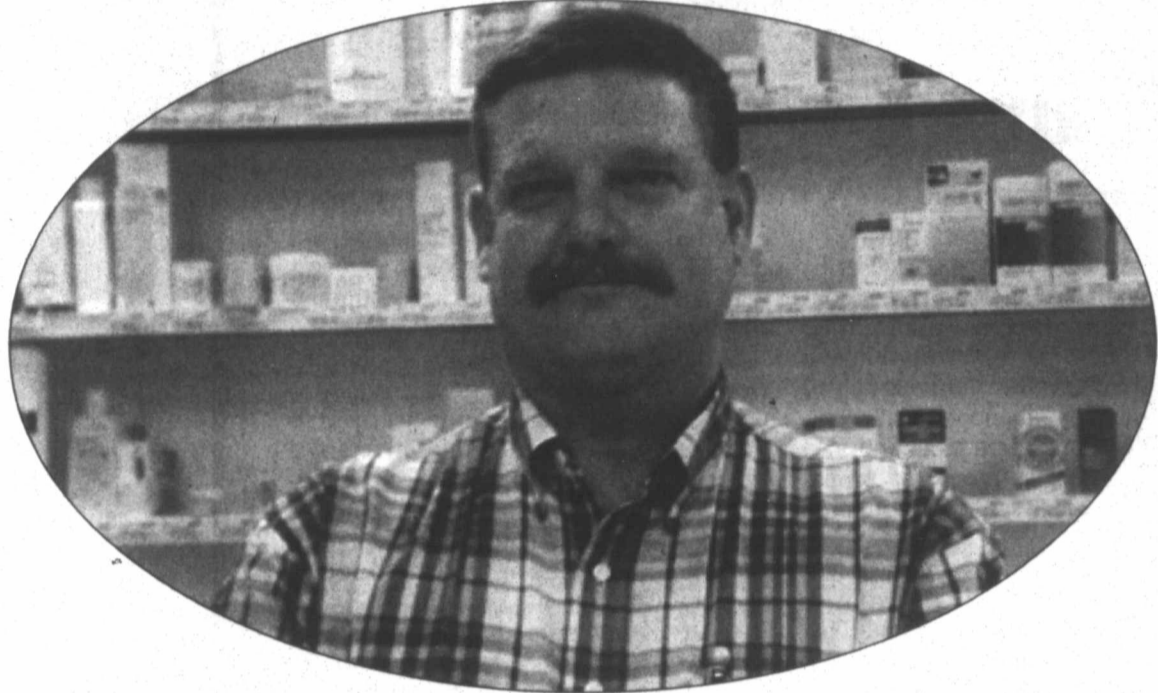
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The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

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any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

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"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



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Grandparents Day



Mary Grace Little enjoyed having her grandmother, Janet Little of Oklahoma City, with her recently during Grandparents Day at Community Christian School of Pampa. The students recited a poem and Bible passage for their guests.

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 noon. The Almost Live Band will perform 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 6-6:30 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 give-aways 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 woodcarving 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 fea-

ture 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.

Association gearing up for fall roundup

AMARILLO — The Fall Roundup of the Cowboy Poetry Breakfasts will begin at 8 a.m. Nov. 11 at the Big Texan. Southwest Cowboy Poets Association Heritage Awards will be presented to Mary Ann Lee, former co-owner of the Big Texan Steak Ranch, and to Marianne McNeil Logan.

This makes the 166th monthly breakfast for the association.

The roundup is part of the 15th Anniversary Celebration which started last month, and will continue through December's breakfast.

Logan is a nationally known poet. She was awarded the Poetry Society of Texas' highest honor as the 2004 winner of the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award. Logan was instrumental in having the Southwest Cowboy Poets relocated to the Big Texan from the Civic Center in 1991.

Logan has been the coordinator of the Cowboy Poetry events since they started at the Annual Old West Days held at the Civic

Center in 1998. She helped Jake Holster and Buck Ramsey establish cowboy poetry in the Texas Panhandle.

Together Logan and Lee organized the monthly breakfasts at the Big Texan which first began in October of 1991.

Jake Holster assisted by setting up additional opportunities for cowboy poets to perform. He was the emcee until three years ago when poor health prevented his attendance.

In 2004, Holster received the Cowboy Culture Event Award at the American Cowboy Culture Awards Show during the 16th

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing about the letter from "In Love in Kansas" (10/2), whose priest is predicting that if she marries her fiancé, the marriage won't last. When my husband and I were married, the priest who married us was the same one who had seen my parents through their divorce and divorce counseling. Therefore, he had a negative view of every member of our family. The entire time we were in premarital counseling, which is required in my religion, "Father John" was very pessimistic and went so far as to repeatedly try to talk my fiancé out of marrying me. Well, it didn't work. We got married. On our wedding day, the entire ceremony was videotaped from start to finish. Little did we know until we viewed our videotape that on this keepsake, Father John, who had just pronounced us man and wife, said directly to the camera, "Don't blame me for this. I tried to talk them out of it." Needless to say, my husband and I were both stunned and horrified. My advice to "In Love in Kansas" is, if this is the attitude of her officiate, change officiates! Father John was a man I had known for several years. He knew my family well and still behaved this way. Had I known what was going to happen, I never would have let him marry us. - **TOO TRUSTING IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR TOO TRUSTING: The mail that letter generated has been all over the map on this subject. However, I can think of only one excuse for your priest's behavior - he must have had two sips too many of the sacramental wine. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The young woman who is about to be married and is disturbed by the priest's comments should heed his warning. My daughter ignored her priest's advice that she and her fiancé, "Brad," were "not compatible," saying, "He didn't understand the questions." To date, her

husband has fathered an illegitimate child, given her an STD, spends a lot of time on "hunting" vacations - and I caught him with another woman. Because I told my daughter what I witnessed, Brad has forbidden me any contact with the kids. So you see, the priest was right! - **THE CREEP'S MOTHER-IN-LAW**

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I had a similar experience when we were wed. We were both in the military at the time and had been assigned the base chaplain for our ceremony. It seems our priest didn't approve of married women serving in the military, so he suggested to us that in a "successful" marriage the wife stayed home. He even took it one step further: During the ceremony he expressed his doubts about whether our marriage would last. Happily, we proved him wrong. We are celebrating our 20th anniversary this year. My advice to "Kansas" is: Don't worry about the naysayers. Work on your marriage every day and enjoy each other. - **20 YEARS AND COUNTING**

DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years ago, my priest, "Father Gregory," told me the same thing. I was very offended. Yet as time has passed, almost everything Father Gregory predicted has come true! All of the problems we ignored prior to our marriage have come back to haunt us. "In Love in Kansas" should get specifics from that priest about why he has these feelings. It could save her a lot of grief. Please pass this on. - **SAD IN SAN DIMAS**

DEAR ABBY: That letter had a familiar ring. A priest told my girlfriend that she shouldn't marry me, too. Well, we've been married 34 years now. We're so glad she didn't listen. - **RICK IN AUDUBON, N.J.**

For Better Or For Worse



Zits



Garfield



Beetle Bailey



Marvin



Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
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 - 7 Regarding slang
 - 11 Veer suddenly
 - 12 Eye drop
 - 13 Fit
 - 15 Recital sight
 - 16 Invasion
 - 18 Portent
 - 21 Soft mineral
 - 22 Salem's state
 - 24 Lennon's love
 - 25 Squirrel's prize
 - 26 Sticky stuff
 - 27 Improvise
 - 29 Price
 - 30 Tidy
 - 31 Rational
 - 32 Singing groups
 - 34 One way to bargain
 - 40 A few bucks?
 - 41 California tar pits
 - 42 Night fliers
 - 43 Made blank
- DOWN**
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 - 2 Possess

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- 17 Lacking
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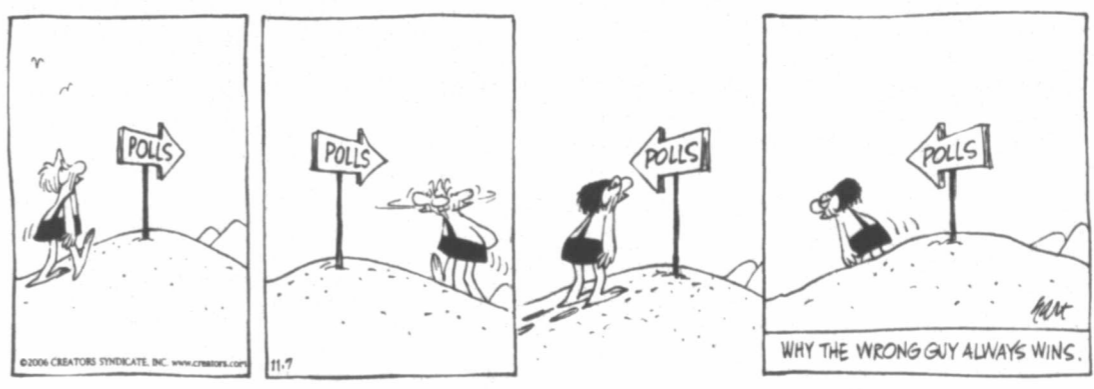


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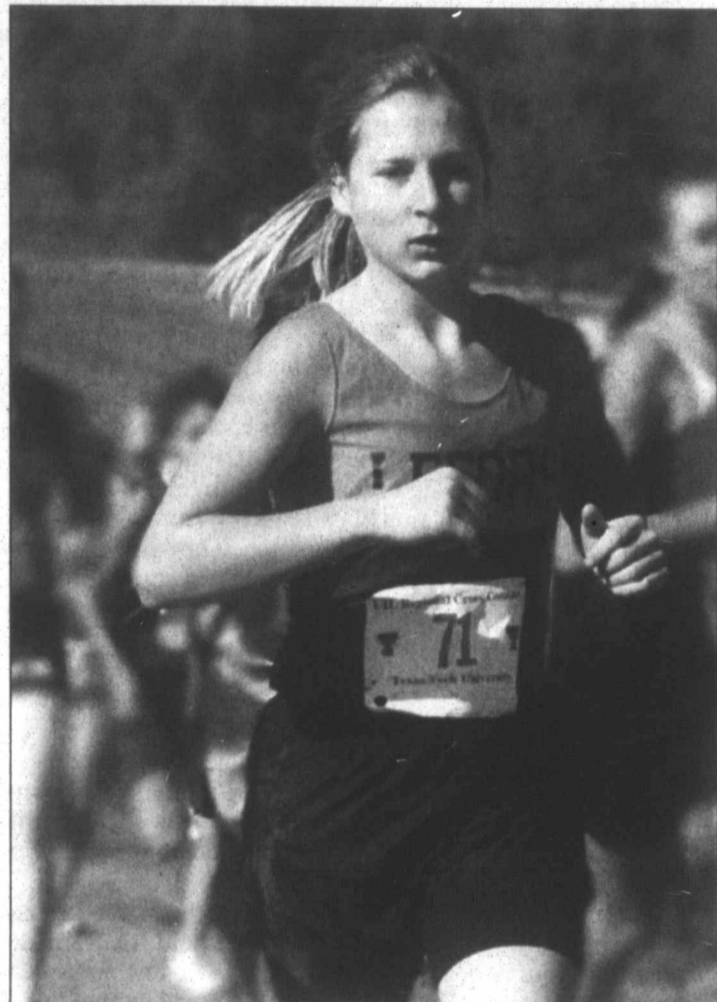


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Sports Day

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Pampa's Soria, Lefors' Miller State bound

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

A pair of local runners will represent our region as well as their schools at the UIL Texas State Cross Country Meet Saturday in Round Rock.

Pampa High School's Faby Soria and Lefors High School's Valerie Miller advanced to State via regional qualifiers in Lubbock last weekend. Soria posted a sound 11:45 to take 8th place (4A), while Miller ran to a 10th place finish (1A) with a solid time of 12:42. Miller's performance also helped spark the Lady Pirates on to an overall 15th place team finish out of 23 schools competing in the regional qualifier.

Soria's appearance at State will bring to an end a five year drought for the Harvesters.

The State meet will be held at Old Settler's park in Round Rock. Tickets are \$5 per session.

The State Meet schedule is as follows:

- Girls Conference 4A, 10:00 a.m.
- Boys Conference 4A, 10:20 a.m.
- Girls Conference 5A, 10:50 a.m.
- Boys Conference 5A, 11:10 a.m.
- Girls Conference 1A, 11:40 a.m.
- Boys Conference 1A, 12:00 noon
- Girls Conference 2A, 12:30 p.m.
- Boys Conference 2A, 12:50 p.m.
- Girls Conference 3A, 1:20 p.m.
- Boys Conference 3A, 1:40 p.m.

Lady Harvesters open season today

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Head coach Troy Fry and his Lady Harvester basketball team will travel to Amarillo today to open the 2006-2007 season against the Lady Sandies. The junior varsity squad, led by coach Janyth Bowers, will get things started at 4:30, followed by the varsity game at 6.

The Lady Harvesters look to contend for the District 3-4A title this year and advance to their third consecutive post-season appearance.

Five seniors account for half of Fry's roster this season, including guard and scoring phenom Britteni Rice, who is expected to sign a college letter of intent Wednesday afternoon.

Senior McKinsie East instantly gives Pampa size and strength at the post position. East missed last season due to a knee injury. Junior post Haili Kotara proved she was capable of filling the void last year. And that season's worth of

experience gives coach Fry plenty of depth at the post position.

Expect the Lady Harvesters to be tough once again this season, especially when district begins.

VARSITY ROSTER

Jersey #	Name	Grade	Position
#3	Krishna Henderson	Junior	Forward
#5	Britteni Rice	Senior	Guard
#12	Halei Skinner	Senior	Guard
#14	Carlyn Teichmann	Freshman	Guard
#15	Jasmaine Moore	Junior	Guard
#20	Amber Brown	Junior	Guard
#22	Kelsie Wyatt	Senior	Forward
#23	Tamara Trevathan	Senior	Guard
#34	Haili Kotara	Junior	Post
#40	McKinsie East	Senior	Post

Pirates may be making history

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lefors Pirates may have done more than just beat Miami Friday night. Much more.

Head coach Joey Czubinski led his team to an impressive 54-6 win over the Warriors, and in the process, may have led the Pirates into the playoffs.

"Special game. Special result. Special circumstances. It was a night we will never forget," Czubinski said.

The post-season future for Lefors actually depends on the outcome of this week's meeting between Follett

and Miami. The Warriors will need to beat Follett by 28 points, perhaps more, in order to keep Lefors out of the playoffs. Still, Czubinski likes his team's odds of extending the season. Enough so he and his staff will scout one possible opponent Friday night as the Pirates are open this week. "We plan on scouting Motley County this week," Czubinski said.

A playoff appearance by the Pirates would be the first for Lefors since 1974. The first ever for the school since it switched to Six-Man.

In summing up his team's performance against Miami, Czubinski said,

"We had a great game and made great plays in all three phases of the game — offense, defense and special teams. We put it all together."

The offense churned out 352 total yards, 316 by way of the ground. Cameron Klein ran for three TDs and returned an interception for another. Brent Roberson also had three rushing touchdowns.

The Pirates' defense allowed just 123 yards the entire game. A phenomenal accomplishment in the wide open Six-Man game.

Seahawks get healthy against Raiders, 16-0

SEATTLE (AP) — The Oakland Raiders made the Seattle Seahawks look much better than they've been lately.

Oakland's latest Monday night debacle resulted in another shutout, nine more sacks allowed and defensive end Tyler Brayton kneeing Seattle's Jerramy Stevens in the groin late in Seattle's 16-0 victory through rain and wind.

Craig Terrill had three of the sacks against Raiders quarterback Andrew Walter and Maurice Morris ran 30 times for a career-high 138 yards to help Seattle (5-3) — playing without injured league MVP Shaun Alexander and Pro Bowl quarterback Matt Hasselbeck — get a needed win after losing three of its previous four games.

Oakland (2-6), coming off two straight victories, became the first team in NFL history to be shut out twice on Monday night in the same season. The Raiders lost 27-0 at home to San Diego in the opening week — and allowed nine sacks in that game, too.

However, this night may be remembered most for Brayton's knee to the inside and upper half of Stevens' thigh

at the end of a running play with 1:54 remaining.

Brayton and Stevens were pushing and grabbing at each other's shoulders away from a 4-yard run by Mack Strong with 1:54 remaining in the hot-tempered game that Seattle was leading 13-0. Brayton abruptly ended the clutch by raising his right knee into Stevens as an official watched just yards away.

"I made a mistake," said Brayton, who is often quiet off the field but fiery on it. "I let my emotions get the best of me — and that's not a good thing when you do that."

Brayton got a penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct and was ejected. The four-year veteran walked directly off the field into the locker room while the Qwest Field crowd chanted derisively.

"He'll be disciplined by the league, for sure," said Raiders coach Art Shell, a league vice president for football operations before returning to coaching this season.

Stevens said Brayton was frustrated after getting blocked repeatedly on running plays as the Seahawks ground out the final minutes.

Meetings & Events

Basketball

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will host a meeting Wednesday night at 7:15 in the school library. Members and those interested are encouraged to attend.

Football

The Pampa High School Football Booster Club will host a meeting Monday, 7 p.m. at the Ready Room located in the PHS athletic offices.

Organizers say the meeting is being held in order to elect new officers for the 2007 season. Preparations for this year's end of season banquet will also be discussed.

All freshmen, sophomore and junior parents are encouraged to attend.

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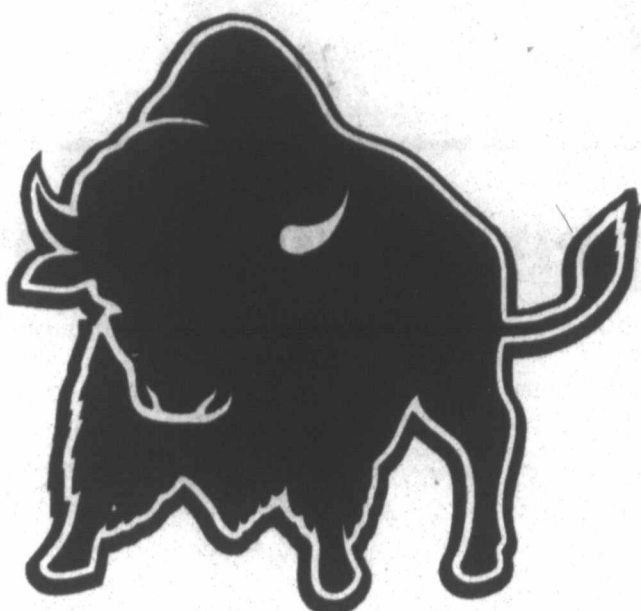
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NCAA D-II Poll: Buffs still in tight playoff/title chase

INDIANAPOLIS—The NCAA Division II Football Committee has released this week's NCAA Division II football poll. The top 12 teams by region are listed along with their records through games of November 4, 2006.

Northeast

1. Shepherd (9-0)
2. Bloomsburg (9-1)
3. Bryant (7-2)
4. Merrimack (7-3)
5. Southern Connecticut State (7-3)
6. California (Pennsylvania) (8-2)
7. C.W. Post (7-3)
8. Slippery Rock (7-3)
9. West Chester (7-3)
10. American International (6-3)
11. Indiana (Pennsylvania) (7-2)
12. West Liberty State (7-3)

Northwest

1. Grand Valley State (10-0)
2. North Dakota (8-1)
3. South Dakota (8-2)
4. Nebraska-Omaha (7-2)
5. Northwood (7-2)
6. Winona State (8-2)
7. Ferris State (7-3)
8. Bemidji State (8-2)
9. Wayne State (Michigan) (6-4)
10. Michigan Tech (5-4)
11. Minnesota Duluth (5-4)
12. Central Washington (6-4)

Southeast

1. Newberry (10-0)
2. North Alabama (9-0)
3. North Carolina Central (10-0)
4. Elizabeth City State (9-1)
5. Delta State (8-2)
6. Valdosta State (7-2)
7. Wingate (7-3)
8. Albany State (Georgia) (7-3)
9. Presbyterian (6-4)
10. Carson-Newman (7-3)
11. Arkansas Tech (7-3)
12. Virginia Union (7-3)

Southwest

1. Northwest Missouri State (10-0)
2. Chadron State (10-0)
3. Missouri Western State (9-1)
4. Tarleton State (6-3)
5. Abilene Christian (8-1)
6. West Texas A&M (9-1)
7. Midwestern State (8-2)
8. Pittsburg State (8-2)
9. Fort Lewis (6-4)
10. Southwestern Oklahoma State (6-4)
11. Washburn (6-4)
12. Nebraska-Kearney (5-4)

NOTE: Earned access to the playoffs can be gained by a conference if a conference representative finishes in the top 10 of the final regional rankings.

Paterno wants to coach

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Joe Paterno wants to coach this weekend, but don't look for him to pace the sidelines in his blue Penn State jacket and rolled-up khakis. The 79-year-old coach was listed in good condition at Mount Nittany Medical Center following an 80-minute operation a day earlier on his fractured shin bone and two torn knee lig-

aments. The injuries stemmed from a sideline collision during last week's loss to Wisconsin. He was expected to be remain in the hospital through Tuesday, assistant athletic director Jeff Nelson said. Paterno plans to coach Saturday against Temple, though it's unclear if that means from the sidelines or a coach's box.

Jackson returns to Tech practice

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Jarius Jackson, Texas Tech's leading scorer, returned to practice after being dismissed from the team last week. Coach Bob Knight said

last week that Jackson had been dismissed for academic reasons. He left open the possibility that Jackson could return to the team at a later date.

Warriors edge Mavs; Spurs drop Knicks

Warriors 107, Mavericks 104
DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson walked off a basketball court with a hand on the shoulder of his pal Del Harris plenty of times. Never under circumstances this wild, though.

Nelson and the Golden State Warriors crashed the Dallas Mavericks' celebration of last season and continued their slow start to this season with a 107-104 victory Monday night.

While Nelson's return to his old stomping grounds was the major story line, the Mavs added to the drama with forward Josh Howard spraining his ankle, coach Avery Johnson and point guard Jason Terry getting ejected, then botching a final sequence — with no help from the officials.

"I never expected this win," said Nelson, who came out of retirement late this summer to take over the Warriors. "I didn't think we'd be able to beat a good team at this point of the season, but I was wrong. I'm very proud of my squad. You take the win when you can get it."

Nelson and Mavs owner Mark Cuban are squabbling over \$6 million, which is likely why there was no formal recognition for the winningest coach in Mavs history. Still, he received a warm ovation from fans and took pride in the unveiling of a banner recognizing Dallas for being the 2005-06 Western Conference champions.

"At 66, you don't find a lot of emotion except for love and death. But it was a special (night) for me," Nelson said.

Jason Richardson put Golden State ahead 107-97 with a layup with 2:26 left, but Dallas rallied to get within a 3-point of forcing overtime.

Jerry Stackhouse missed one with about 5 seconds left, then Anthony Johnson got the rebound and headed for the 3-point line. He instead passed to Devin Harris in the corner. Harris passed it back and time expired before Johnson could shoot.

All the while, Del Harris — who took over when Avery Johnson was tossed before halftime — was near

midcourt screaming for a timeout. He had been hollering since before Stackhouse's shot.

"You could pretty much hear him through the monitor," said Johnson, who was watching on television.

When Harris complained to official Dan Crawford, he apologized and gestured that he couldn't hear Harris over the crowd. Nelson smiled, laughed and gave Harris a pat on the back, then they left the court together.

"It was like a player being traded, coming back and wanted to do well against his old team," said Richardson, who scored 22 points. "He wanted this game and we wanted to play hard and get it for him."

Spurs 105, Knicks 93

NEW YORK (AP) — Tony Parker and the San Antonio Spurs looked at the group of Knicks who came out for the second half and realized it wasn't the same one that started the night.

And then the Spurs knew they were in for a game.

"The second group played harder, that's for sure," Parker said.

Parker scored 24 points, including five down the stretch to halt New York's frantic comeback attempt, and the Spurs held off the Knicks 105-93 on Monday night.

Reserve Brent Barry added 19 points for the Spurs, who blew almost all of a 23-point lead after Knicks coach Isiah Thomas went deep into his bench with his team seemingly out of the game late in the first half.

That nearly worked.

"I'm a fighter myself and I want people who are going to fight and compete," Thomas said. "And if you're not going to fight and compete, then I'm the president and we can give you a pink slip, too."

The Knicks used a 20-2 run in the fourth quarter to pull within 92-91 with just over 4 minutes to play on a jumper by Stephon Marbury, who had the Madison Square Garden fans on their feet after they heavily booed him during a horrendous game Saturday night.

"The fight has to be in us every sin-

gle night," Thomas said. "I thought our young guys, when they came in, maybe because they were a little naive about the league and maybe didn't know who they were playing against, they only know one way to do it, and that's to fight. They fought their tails off and consequently gave some of our veteran players the courage to fight."

But Parker knocked down a jumper, and after Tim Duncan converted a three-point play, Parker nailed a 3-pointer that gave the Spurs a 100-91 lead with 1 1/2 minutes left.

Duncan and Manu Ginobili each scored 15 points and Parker had 10 assists for the Spurs, who won on consecutive days following a victory in Toronto on Sunday.

"It's been kind of tough the second night of back-to-backs, we don't have the same juice," Ginobili said, referring to the Spurs' struggles in those situations last season. "But I think today we did a great job. They just surprised us for a moment. They started making shots and going at us, and we know they can do it because they have talent and strength to push us."

San Antonio made 13 3-pointers, five by Barry.

Marbury scored 18 points and Nate Robinson added 15 for New York, which dropped its third straight following a season-opening victory at Memphis.

Leading by six early in the second quarter, the Spurs held the Knicks scoreless for more than 4 minutes during a 22-5 burst. Parker had two beautiful passes on consecutive possessions, finding Duncan for an alley-oop in transition, then firing a behind-the-back pass in the corner to Barry for a 3.

"In the NBA, a coach's nightmare is going up 20 in the first half, because you know it is going to turn at some point," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "There's too many possessions, too many 24-second clocks. Emotion shifts very quickly."

The Spurs led 52-29 with 3:34 remaining in the half. Thomas then sent out four new players who helped the Knicks close the half with a 12-2 spurt that made it 54-41.

WTAMU will host Southwest Tourney

CANYON — After an impressive run through the regular season, that culminated on Saturday night with its 25th consecutive win which earned the team the Lone Star Conference Championship, the West Texas A&M volleyball team has earned the right and been selected by the NCAA to host the NCAA-II Southwest Regional Tournament. Play will begin with four matches on Thursday, Nov. 9, at WTAMU's "The Box" and, after two semifinal contests on Friday, two qualifying teams will compete for the right to advance the Elite Eight in Saturday's Regional Final which will begin at 7 p.m.

The Lady Buffs enter the regional tournament as the field's top overall seed and will be featured in the last match on Thursday against No. 8 seed Abilene Christian at 7:30 p.m. In earlier action during the tournament's opening day, No. 3 seed Mesa State will open play at noon when it battles No. 6 Nebraska-Kearney at noon, followed by No. 4 Western New Mexico-No.5 Montana State-Billings at 2:30 p.m. and No. 2 Metro State against Fort Lewis at 5 p.m.

West Texas A&M has hosted the NCAA-II Tournament round seven times prior to this season with three of the events being held in "The Box", two at Amarillo Tascosa High School and one in the Amarillo Civic Center.

Tournament Schedule

- First Round - Thursday, Nov. 9**
 Game #1 - No. 3 Mesa State vs. No. 6 Nebraska-Kearney, 12 p.m.
 Game #2 - No. 2 Metro State vs. No. 7 Fort Lewis, 2:30 p.m.
 Game #3 - No. 4 Western New Mexico vs. No. 5 Montana State-Billings, 5 p.m.
 Game #4 - No. 1 West Texas A&M vs. No. 8 Abilene Christian, 7:30 p.m.
Second Round - Friday, Nov. 10
 Game #5 - Winner Game #1 vs. Winner Game #2, 5 p.m.
 Game #6 - Winner Game #3 vs. Winner Game #4, 7:30 p.m.
Third Round - Saturday, Nov. 11
 Southwest Regional Championship Game
 Winner Game #5 vs. Winner Game #6, 7 p.m.

MLB FREE AGENCY Clemens, Pettitte file

NEW YORK (AP) — Houston teammates Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte filed for free agency Monday, still unsure whether they want to pitch next year.

Clemens said he planned to retire after the 2003, 2004 and 2005 seasons, but came back each time to sign with his hometown Houston Astros. Pettitte, Clemens' close friend and Texas neighbor, had left the New York Yankees after the 2003 season to sign with the Astros.

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, rejoined the Astros in June and went 7-6 with a 2.30 ERA and 102 strikeouts in 113 1-3 innings. The right-hander, who has 348 wins and 4,604 strikeouts, turns

45 on Aug. 4. Pettitte was 14-13 with a 4.20 ERA. The left-hander was bothered by a strained flexor muscle in the elbow on his pitching arm late in the season.

Minnesota pitcher Brad Radke, who is expected to retire, also filed Monday along with Texas pitcher Kip Wells, Pittsburgh outfielder Jeromy Burnitz and Philadelphia shortstop Alex S. Gonzalez, who was reinstated from the voluntary retired list.

A total of 169 players have filed for free agency since the World Series, and about 20 more potentially are eligible to file by Saturday's deadline. Free agents can talk money with all teams starting Sunday.

Strahan out for a spell

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants will be minus Michael Strahan for a while.

A sprained ligament in his right foot will keep the Pro Bowl defensive end off his feet for at least a week and out of the lineup for two weeks to a month — and possibly longer.

Tests on Strahan's foot revealed a sprain to the Lis Franc ligament, one of the main stabilizers in the middle of the foot. He was

injured in the second quarter of Sunday's 14-10 win over Houston.

Strahan told FOXSports.com that the recovery period might last up to two months.

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Chicago Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher sprained the big toe on his left foot during a 31-13 loss to Miami and his status for Sunday night's game against the Giants is undetermined.

Clarke won't return as FC Dallas coach

DALLAS (AP) — Colin Clarke will not return as coach of FC Dallas after the team was eliminated in the first round of the playoffs and missed a chance to play for the MLS Cup at home for the second straight year.

FC Dallas general manager Michael Hitchcock said Tuesday that the team wouldn't renew Clarke's contract after three years as head coach.

"This team has one of the most talented rosters. We underachieved and we didn't reach our potential," said Hitchcock, who just ended his first season as GM. "A change is necessary to take that next step."

Dallas was the Western Conference top seed in the playoffs after a 16-12-4 record during the regular season, its 52 points being the second-most in the league. But Dallas was

upset by Colorado in the opening round for the second straight year.

Clarke came to Dallas as an assistant in March 2001, then became interim head coach for the final six games of 2003. He got the job full time that summer and leaves with a 41-39-20 record in regular-season games.

New England and Houston play Sunday in the MLS Cup, which for the second straight year is being played in Frisco, Texas, at the home stadium of FC Dallas.

"It's disappointing not playing in front of our fans with a chance to win the championship," Hitchcock said.

Assistant coach Steve Morrow will be interim head coach and also be a candidate to replace Clarke, Hitchcock said. Dallas hopes to have a new coach by the end of the year.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Hollywood givers' motives called into question

NEW YORK (AP) — As more celebrities get involved in helping African nations overcome debt, AIDS and poverty, some cynics have questioned whether their motives are spurred by good intentions or publicity — most notably, with Madonna's recent trip to Malawi to adopt a child.

Alicia Keys, who is hosting her annual Black Ball charity concert in New York City on Thursday, says such criticism is unfair and a disservice to those in Africa who need help.

"I think that's horrible, and I think that really degrades and tries to discourage people who do have a voice, who do have power, who do have money, who do have the ability to reach out to people and get involved in situations," the 25-year-old R&B singer told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

"I think if you make a choice to do something positive, that shouldn't be diminished. I think that takes away from what's actually going on."

Keys, who has been involved in

African causes for years, said celebrities have been in the forefront of charitable and political causes, and that's how it should be. She also said celebrities have helped direct attention to the problems in many African nations.

"I do think that it has become more on people's radars, whereas before it kind of came across as, 'Oh, it's so far away,'" she said. "It's really positive to know that it is a global community."

Keys is hosting the Black Ball concert with supermodel Iman to benefit Keep a Child Alive, which provides drugs for AIDS and HIV patients. The event will include performances by Keys; Iman's husband, David Bowie; Damian Marley; and Angelique Kidjo.

Keys, who visited Africa earlier this year, said the problems that beset some countries can seem insurmountable, but she's seen how charity can save lives.

"That's why when I speak and I use my voice, I like to emphasize the way that everyday people like you and me ... can really be a huge hero," she said. "If you don't do anything else in your life, if you can save one life — one life? It's amazing.

Imagine saving 10 or 20 or 50 or 100."

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) — Snoop Dogg was booked on one felony count of possession of a deadly weapon filed after security officers at John Wayne Airport found a collapsible baton in his

carry-on luggage.

The 35-year-old rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, turned himself over to authorities at the Orange County Jail on Monday morning. He was expected to post \$150,000 bail, said Susan Schroeder of the district attorney's office.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to three years in prison.

The Sept. 27 incident occurred as Snoop Dogg prepared to take a flight to San Francisco. At the time of his arrest, he told deputies the baton was a prop for a movie, a spokesman for the sheriff's office has said.

The weapon charge was filed Thursday and an arrest warrant was issued. Snoop Dogg's attorney, Donald Etra, has called the charge "bogus."

Snoop's spokeswoman, Meredith O'Sullivan, said in a statement Monday that "Snoop was promptly released on bail and welcomes an expedited trial which will reveal that these charges are completely unwarranted."

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— Alicia Keys
Entertainer

Poets

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National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration held in Lubbock.

During the roundup, Genny Peters will give a half-hour program and association President Ivan Cates will emcee.

Other members of the Southwest Cowboy Poet Association, cowboy/girl poets, singers, musicians, and tall-tale tellers will perform in a round robin fashion.

Visiting entertainers are invited to perform, and the programs are open to the public. For more information, call (806) 353-5617, (806) 374-4354 or contact the Big Texan.

Japan twister kills nine or more

TOKYO (AP) — A tornado ripped through a northern Japanese town on today, killing at least nine people and injuring 25 more, officials said. Several hours after the twister, two people were missing and believed to be trapped under the rubble of flattened homes and offices.

The tornado, which knocked out electricity and flipped over cars in the town of Saroma on the northern island of Hokkaido, was the deadliest tornado on record in Japan.

Local television showed a scene of devastation, with a wide swath of collapsed buildings, badly damaged cars and utility poles strewn across streets. Many of the victims were construction workers building a tunnel near the town, officials said.

Tornadoes are relatively rare in Japan.

According to the Central Meteorological Agency, the worst tornado previously recorded in Japan was just two months ago, when three people were killed on the southern island of Kyushu. The agency only has

records of tornado-related deaths going back to 1961.

National broadcaster NHK quoted a local woman, Keiko Takeda, as saying that the skies suddenly darkened over the town and when she opened her window winds were swirling outside.

"It was very strong, but it was over very quickly," she said.

The twister blacked out several hundred homes and also disturbed phone communications, police said. Some 350 police officers were being mobilized in the relief effort.

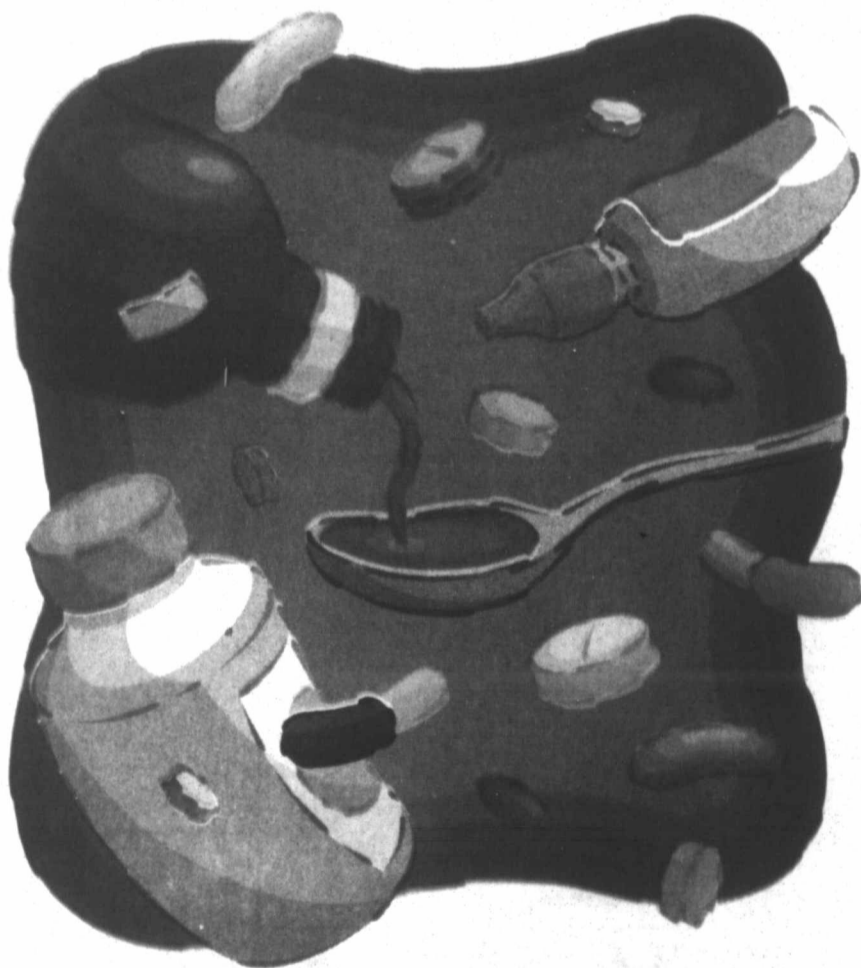
The twister hit Saroma shortly after 1 p.m., said area fire department official Nobuaki Ueda.

Ueda had no immediate details on the severity of the injuries to the 25 people, although he said 10 were able to go the hospital on their own, while the other 15 were taken in ambulances.

Hokkaido is the northernmost of Japan's four main islands.

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