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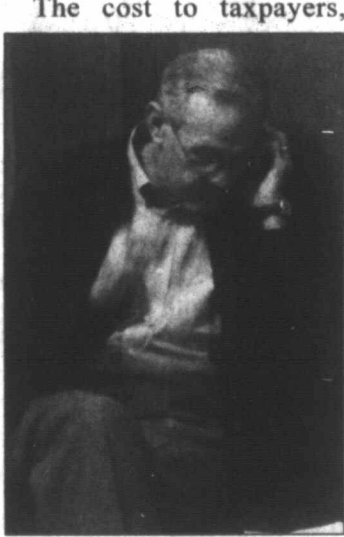
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School bond issue passes by 856 votes

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Pampa public school students will be going to classes in a brand-new junior high school and a refurbished and renovated high school as a result of Tuesday's school bond proposal election.

Voters in Pampa Independent School District approved the \$47 million bond proposition by a margin of 856, with 2,730 in favor of the bond proposal and 1,874 voting against it. Plans for the new junior high school are already under way. The current junior high school will be used as administrative offices and as space for maintenance and Pampa Learning Center.

Pampa High School will gain more science laboratory and other classroom space, as well as a new kitchen/cafeteria/dining hall/auditorium complex and other amenities. The shop building will be demolished and the space used for parking.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
Pampa School Supt. Barry Haenisch calls to pass along vote totals on the school district's bond issue that voters passed Tuesday.

according to information provided in a series of meetings in August concerning the proposed construction and renovation, will be approximately .36 per \$100 valuation for the school bond. A homeowner whose property is valued at \$50,000 would be paying \$511 in school tax for 2008. That same property would be taxed \$498 for 2007 and \$544 for 2006.

Construction on the schools will begin in approximately three years. Gray County voters favored incumbent Gov. Rick Perry more than did other voters statewide Tuesday. Perry won re-election with approximately 40 percent of all votes around the state; in Gray County, he gathered 57.67 percent of votes cast.

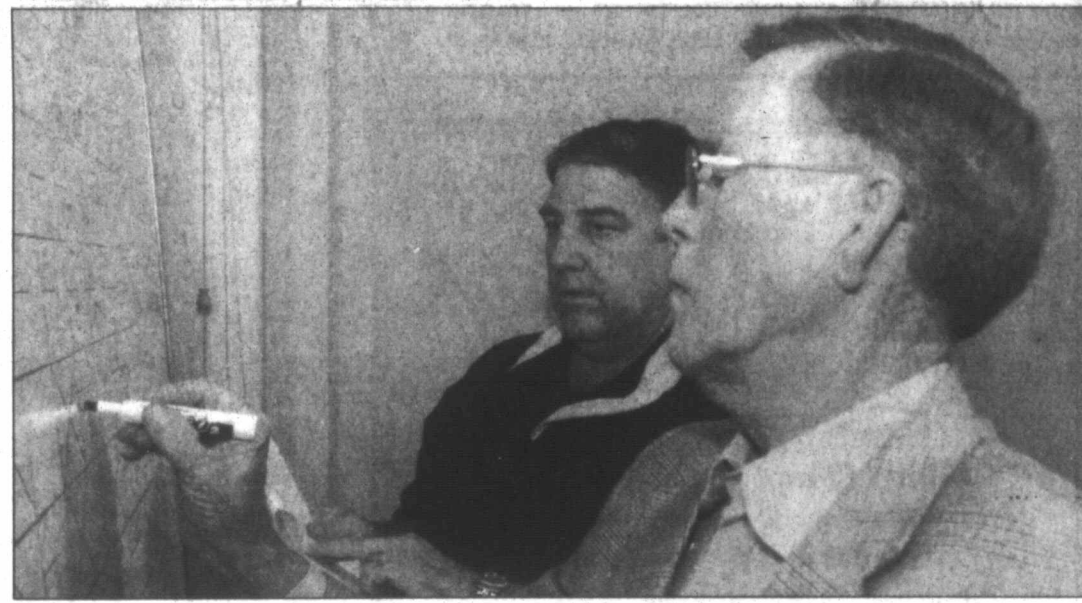
County ballot totals in the gubernatorial race were Perry, a Republican, 3,103; Chris Bell, Democrat, 550; James Werner, Libertarian, 21; Carole Keeton Strayhorn, independent, 998; Richard "Kinky" Friedman, independent, 709; and James "Patriot" Dillon, write-in, 0.

Statewide totals for Perry's challengers as of Tuesday evening were Bell, 1,301,066, or 30 percent; Strayhorn, 785,768, or 18 percent; Friedman, 551,164, or 13 percent; and Werner, 26,609, or 1 percent. No total was given statewide by the Associated Press for Dillon.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican, also won re-election in Gray County and the state Tuesday. Statewide, Hutchison got about 62 percent of all votes cast, compared to 1,544,130, or 36 percent, for challenger Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Democrat, and 104,343, or 2 percent, for Scott Jameson, a



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER
Deputy Gray County Clerk Elaine Langley, center, checks paperwork as Election Judge Esther McAdoo, right, turns in Precinct 7 ballots as Deputy Clerk Irene Maddux looks on Tuesday night. Bottom photo, County Judge Richard Peet posts vote totals on the tally board as Doug Ware, background, reads them off.



Libertarian. County voters gave Another Republican while Roger J. Waun, a Democrat, earned 47,106 votes and Jim Thompson, a Libertarian, got 5,181 votes.
County voters gave incumbent, U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, also won re-election. Thornberry received 150,251 votes, See ELECTION, Page 2

Animal scofflaws can be fined

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Anyone who has adopted an animal from Animal Control and has not had those pets spayed or neutered within 30 days of adoption will be charged with a class C misdemeanor, which carries a fine up to \$500 along with court costs.

Sandy Burns, Animal Control Officer, says she will start issuing tickets Dec. 1 to people who have not complied with this law.

When an animal is adopted, the adopter must sign "animal adoption" and "sterilization" agreements. It is clearly stated in these papers that sterilization must occur by the 30th day after the date of adoption in the case of an adult animal.

If the animal is too young to be spayed or neutered, the adopter has until 30 days after the animal becomes 6 months old for a female or 8 months old for a male. Burns pointed out this is Section 828.003 of a Texas law that has been in effect since 1992. Also, in April of this year, there was a

revision to this law adding that "an animal sterilized under this section must be identified by a microchip and/or tattoo indicating that it has been sterilized."

The new owner then has to return a form signed by the veterinarian who performed these procedures so it can be kept on file for proof that the agreement was fulfilled.

Burns said the goal of the animal control team is "to find good homes for as many animals as possible." They handle 300 - 500 animals a month at the Pampa office and 95 percent of these animals have to be euthanized due to not finding homes.

She said that having pets spayed or neutered is not only the law, but is the best option for pet and owner. Keeping the pet population down is the number one reason for sterilization. It can also be a benefit to owners by helping their pets live a healthier life.

When a pet wears a rabies tag, it is not See ANIMALS, Page 3



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Animal Control Officer Sandy Burns holds one of the many animals up for adoption at the Hobart Street Park office. This male puppy is a dachshund/chihuahua mix and is approximately 3 months old.

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Services tomorrow

REID, Bettye Cree — 2 p.m., St. Matthew's Episcopal Church.
 FRIAUF, Joyce Ann Wanner — 11 a.m. First Presbyterian Church, Fort Worth.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. West southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 41.

North northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 57. North northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 34. North northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Veteran's Day: Mostly sunny, with a high near 58.

South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 37. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. South southwest wind around 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 61. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Giant African snails plague Barbados

BRIDGETOWN, Barbados (AP) — A breed of giant, ravenous snails that first appeared in Barbados five years ago is destroying crops and prompting calls for the government to eliminate the slimy pests.

A nocturnal "snail hunt" recently found millions of giant African snails swarming the central parish of St. George, the country's agricultural heartland. Farmers had complained of damage to crops, including sugar cane and potatoes.

"We saw snails riding on each other's backs and moving in clusters," said David Walrond, chairman of the local emergency response office that organized the nocturnal hunt. "In some cases we saw areas of 20 to 30 square feet with hundreds of thousands of snails."

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer.
 Wheat 4.78
 Milo 5.68
 Corn 6.63
 Soybeans 5.48

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.
 OXY 47.91 +0.28
 BP PLC ADR 67.93 +0.40
 Cabot Corp 42.16 +0.55
 Celanese 19.97 -0.99
 Cabot Oil Gas 54.01 +0.34
 Coca Cola 46.85 -0.07
 VLO 51.69 +0.37
 HAL 31.40 -0.30
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Emergency Services

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7
 Eleven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 700 block of Doucette and the corner of Tuke and Gillespie.

Motorist assistance was provided at the corner of Sumner and Boyd.

Escort service was provided in the 1600 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the 2800 block of Charles and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Animal complaints were reported at the corner of Sloan and Fisher, in the 900 block of Twiford, the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of Terry and an undisclosed location.

An animal bite was reported in the 1500 block of North Christine.

Found property was reported in the Police Department lobby.

Warrant service was attempted in the 1200 block of North Williston, the 1900 block of North Duncan, the 800 block of North Wells, the 1100 block of Varnon and two attempts were made in the 1100 block of South Wells.

Welfare check was made in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

An open door was reported at the corner of Gray and Florida.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the corner of Buckler and Wells, the 1400 block of North Charles, in the 1000 block of Huff and in the 2400 block of North Charles resulting in an arrest.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of South Neel and the corner of Harvester and Christine.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of East Francis.

Assaults were reported in the 100 block of South Sumner with no injuries, in the 400 block of North Lowry which resulted in one arrest and in the 1900 block of North Nelson with no injuries and resulting in one arrest.

Narcotics violation was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella. Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and a fictitious insurance certificate were reported.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

Thefts were reported in the police department lobby and in the 400 block of Hughes. Theft of a boat seat, trolling motor, gas engine, grinder, stepladder and welding leads estimated at \$575 was reported in the 1900 block of West Alcock.

Theft by check was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. Estimated value was \$2,062.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7
 Brandi Nicole Reeves, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department in the 2100 block of North Sumner for assault causing bodily injury.

James Dale Garza, 29, of Borger was arrested by PPD in the 900 block of North Price Road on bond surrender for driving with an invalid license.

Paul Harrison Mayo, 38, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft by check.

Cheryl Foster, 37, of

Pampa was arrested by PPD in the 400 block of Lowry for no seat belt and open container.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7
 4:20 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of South Ballard on a gas leak.

4:43 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 800 block of South Russell on a gas leak.

5:31 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1900 block of North Dwight on a structure fire.

6:04 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a smoke investigation.

8:14 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on a gas odor.

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

Tuesday, Nov. 7

9:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 12000 block of East Frederick and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit of TDCJ and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local nursing facility.

11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Chisum Trail and transported a patient to PRMC.

Election

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In Gray County, Thornberry received 4,446 votes, or 84.08 percent; Waun, 706 votes, or 13.35 percent; and Thompson, 136 votes, or 2.57 percent.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, a Republican from Pampa, was challenged in his bid for re-election by Timothy Justice, a Libertarian from Lefors. Chisum was re-elected with 32,478 votes versus Justice's 5,693. In Gray County, Chisum garnered 4,160 votes, or 83.48 percent, while Justice got 823 votes, or 16.52 percent.

In the only local race which had more than one candidate, Don Fletcher got 240 votes, or 64.52 percent, to win the two-year unex-

pired term of Precinct 4 constable. His opponent, Curtis Broaddus, won 132 votes, or 35.48 percent.

Fletcher won the position in 2004 on the platform that if elected, he would vacate the office in order to save the county the amount of money used for that office. He resigned immediately upon being sworn in.

Broaddus filed as a write-in candidate for the remaining two years left on the current term of Precinct 4 constable after county commissioners declined to appoint him to fill the vacancy earlier this year. Fletcher filed as a write-in candidate after Broaddus in order to once again vacate the office if elected.

In other state races, incumbent David Dewhurst, a Republican, won re-election as lieutenant governor with 2,503,546 votes, or

about 58 percent. Challengers were Maria Luisa Alvarado, a Democrat, with 1,605,632 votes, or 37 percent; and Judy Baker, a Libertarian, with 188,193, or 4 percent.

In Gray County, Dewhurst got 4,366, or 82.32 percent; Alvarado got 749, or 14.12 percent; and Baker got 189, or 3.56 percent.

Incumbent Greg Abbott, a Republican, also was re-elected as attorney general. Statewide, Abbott received 2,544,408 votes, or 60 percent; challengers David Van Os, a Democrat, got 1,587,792, or 37 percent, and Jon Roland, a Libertarian, earned 138,855, or 3 percent.

Gray County voters also preferred Abbott, giving him 4,322 votes, or 82.28 percent. Van Os got 765 votes, or 14.56 percent, and Roland earned 166 votes, or 3.16 percent.

Other state offices in which a Republican incumbent was re-elected were those of land commissioner, railroad commissioner and State Board of Education member for District 15.

Jerry Patterson got 2,307,162 votes statewide, or about 55 percent, to be re-elected as land commissioner. His opponents were VaLinda Hathcox, a Democrat, with 1,709,442, or 41 percent; and Michael French, Libertarian, with 166,189, or 4 percent.

Patterson got 3,980 votes in Gray County, or 77.89 percent. Hathcox got 949, or 18.57 percent, while French earned 181, or 3.54 percent.

Incumbent Elizabeth Jones, a Republican, won re-election as railroad commissioner with 2,259,626 votes statewide, or 54 percent. Challengers Dale Henry, a Democrat, got 1,740,418

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Chisum a winner



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
State Rep. Warren Chisum (R-Pampa) checks his Gray County vote totals Tuesday evening with county Republican Party Chairman Doug Ware. Chisum followed election results from his office on Price Road. He won re-election with 32,478 votes. His opponent, Timothy Justice, a Libertarian from Lefors, garnered 5,693 votes.

Precinct breakdown on bond, constable

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Following are vote totals by precinct in Gray County for the school bond issue and the constable race in Tuesday's general election.

PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOND PROPOSITION

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Against.....2	Against.....517
PRECINCT 2	PRECINCT 7
For.....500	For.....440
Against.....431	Against.....330
PRECINCT 5	ROBERTS COUNTY
For.....873	For.....21
Against.....567	Against.....27

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PRECINCT 4
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Curtis Broaddus (write-in).....45
PRECINCT 6
Don Fletcher.....159
Curtis Broaddus.....87

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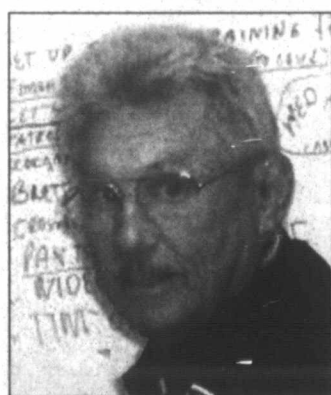
I received a letter from a resident asking about an article on U-turns and the traffic lanes downtown. I'm going to do this over three articles. We'll tackle general U-turns first.

State law says you can't make a U-turn on a hill or a curve. It also says you can't make an unsafe turn. The City of Pampa Code of Ordinances goes a little bit farther in controlling U-turns.

The city prohibits U-turns in business districts and restricts them in the other areas. We have several areas that qualify as a business district. I'll probably leave out or misstate one or two, so write me a letter.

Here we go for some of the East to West streets: Wilks-Brown-Frederic (Hwy 60) from city limit to city limit; Tyng, east of Starkweather; Atchison from Frost to Marie; Foster from Starkweather to Hobart; Kingsmill from Houston to Hobart; Francis from Ballard to Hobart; maybe a little bit of Browning; and all of West Alcock.

The North and South streets are: Hobart; Perryton Parkway; Ballard from Brown to Sunset; Cuyler from Albert to Sunset; Banks from



Courtney

Kentucky to 18th; Somerville from Atchison to Browning; and Russell, Frost, & Gray from Atchison to Browning.

Whew, that's a lot of places! I think when you visualize these streets in your mind, you will find that these are the main business areas of town. You can think of the downtown area as the place with the brick streets. The majority of these areas have businesses on both sides of the street.

U-turns can be made in non-business districts as long as they do not hinder the flow of traffic and are made safely. This will be in the residential areas. I hope this helps out everyone.

Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

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votes, or 42 percent, while Tabitha Serrano, a Libertarian, got 176,032, or 4 percent.

Gray County voters also favored Jones, with 3,950 votes, or 76.95 percent. Henry got 1,029 votes, or 20.05 percent, and Serrano earned 154 votes, or 3 percent.

Bob Craig won re-election from District 15 to the State Board of Education with 287,135 votes. His opponent, Brandon Stacker, a Libertarian, got 54,545 votes. Gray County voters gave Craig 4,208 votes, or 88.22 percent, and Stacker 562 votes, or 11.78 percent.

Other Republican wins statewide were for the offices of comptroller and agriculture commissioner. Susan Combs, a Republican, won the office of comptroller of public accounts, with 2,533,659 votes statewide, or about 60 percent. Fred Head, a Democrat, got 1,573,899 votes, or 37 percent, and Mike Burris, a

School board to meet Friday

The Board of Education of the Pampa Independent School District will hold a special meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday at the Carver Center Administration Building, 321 W. Albert.

The subject to be discussed will be consideration and possible approval of an offer for the purchase of land for a school parking lot.

Animals

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only a law, but hopefully a "ticket home" if picked up by animal control. Burns said they can track down the owner by calling the veterinarian listed on the tag. It also gives the animal a few extra days of life. If an animal is tagged, it can be held for six full days. Without a tag, it can only be held for 72 hours. The only way an animal can be held longer is if it is deemed "adoptable" and if space is available.

If a pet has been lost, go by the animal control office at the Hobart Street Park Service Center. The office is open 5 to 6 p.m. every day. To contact an officer, call 669-5775.

Libertarian, won 150,320, or 4 percent.

Combs got 4,335 Gray County votes, or 82.13 percent. Head got 781, or 14.80 percent, and Burris got 162, or 3.07 percent.

Republican Todd Staples got 2,296,982 votes statewide, for 55 percent of the total, while Hank Gilbert, a Democrat, got 1,747,629, or 42 percent, and Clay Woolam, a Libertarian, got 144,259, or 3 percent.

In Gray County, Staples earned 3,930 votes, or 77.33 percent; Gilbert, 977, or 19.22 percent; and Woolam, 175, or 3.44 percent.

The Precinct 4 constable race was the only local race with more than one candidate. Other local races with only one candidate were:

31st District Judge, Steven R. Emmert, Republican, 4,418 votes
 223rd District Judge, Lee Waters, Democrat, 1,905 votes

31st District Attorney, Lynn Switzer, Republican, 2,719

County Judge, Richard D. Peet, Republican, 2,560

District Clerk, Gaye Honderich, Republican, 2,739

County Clerk, Susan Winborne, Republican, 2,768

County Treasurer, Scott Hahn, Republican, 2,658

Precinct 2 County Commissioner, Gary Willoughby, Republican, 528

Precinct 4 County Commissioner, James L. Hefley, Republican, 876

Precincts 1 and 3 Justice of the Peace, Joe Patrick Martinez, Republican, 1,315

Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace, Kurt Curfman, Republican, 517

Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace, Mary Ann Carpenter, 869.

All local races involved incumbents with the exception of the county treasurer's race. Hahn won his party's nomination to the post after a runoff election earlier this year against incumbent Lee Cornelison.

Several judiciary races were also decided Tuesday. Candidates in each race are listed with their vote totals, with Gray County votes following in parentheses.

Supreme Court Chief Justice, unexpired term, Wallace Jefferson, Republican, 2,562,242 (2,611); Tom Oxford, Libertarian, 814,604 (275); and Charles Waterbury, write-in, 8,369 (10).

Supreme Court Place 2, Don Willett, Republican, 2,118,057 (2,323); Bill Moody, Democrat, 1,864,993 (636); Wade Wilson, Libertarian, 169,028 (121).

Supreme Court Place 4, David Medina, Republican, 2,545,057 (2,545); Jerry Adkins, Libertarian, 825,794 (347).

Supreme Court Place 6, Nathan Hecht, Republican, 2,547,873 (2,561); Todd

Phillippi, Libertarian, 806,406 (317).

Supreme Court Place 8, unexpired term, Phil Johnson, Republican, 2,550,500 (2,572); Jay Cookingham, Libertarian, 790,757 (315).

Criminal Appeals Court Presiding Judge, Sharon Keller, Republican, 2,336,469 (2,485); J.R. Molina, Democrat, 1,782,265 (565).

Criminal Appeals Court Place 7, Barbara Hervey, Republican, 2,544,646 (2,466); Quanah Parker, Libertarian, 808,573 (459).

Criminal Appeals Court Place 8, Charles Holcomb, Republican, 2,535,853 (2,563); Dave Howard, Libertarian, 798,084 (326).

Of the 14,758 registered voters in Gray County, 5,428, or 36.78 percent, cast ballots in the election. Straight party ballots totaled 1,746 for the Republican Party, 313 for the Democratic party, and 29 for the Libertarian Party.

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Viewpoints

Hillary's marriage fib is another flipflop

By **DICK MORRIS**
& **EILEEN MCGANN**

As she prepares for her presidential race, confident that New Yorkers will reelect her, Hillary Clinton is working to position herself properly to win the Democratic nomination by adjusting, tweaking and, where necessary, reversing her issue positions.

But her recent flip-flop on gay marriage, in which she said she would approve of state action to legalize it, came with some reconstructed history that tried to paper over her switch by obfuscating the historical record.

Her statement dismissed her support of her husband's Defense of Marriage Act as "a strategic decision to help derail a constitutional amendment that would have banned gay marriage."

Nonsense. I was in the room at the White House strategy meeting and was sitting next to the president when he decided to promote and sign the bill. Nobody was even talking about a constitutional amendment back then — 1995-96 — and no one in the meeting so much as mentioned the possibility.

His decision to sign the bill closely followed my

announcement of polling data that suggested overwhelming support for the legislation. His announcement to his staff and advisers that he would sign the bill was, indeed, a strategic decision, but one that related to his re-election prospects rather than to any push for a constitutional amendment.

The bill was passed by Congress because of fears that legislation in Vermont, signed by Gov. Howard

Dean, allowing same-sex "civil unions" might force other states to recognize unions formed under Vermont law. The worry was that same sex couples could force the other 49 states to recognize a marital relationship under Vermont law by invoking the U.S. Constitution's full-faith-and-credit clause, which requires that states recognize the actions of their fellow states. To forestall this possibility,

the Defense of Marriage Act tried to prohibit courts from making states recognize gay marriages or civil unions allowed by another state.

Hillary supported her husband's decision to sign the bill and has often reiterated her position. Her recent announcement that she would now approve of state action to allow gay marriage is a flip-flop, pure and simple.

During the discussion at the White House strategy meeting at which the president told us he would sign the bill, adviser George Stephanopoulos cautioned President Clinton to "give us

several days" to break the decision to White House staffers who might object. "Tell them we've created 4 million new jobs," the president said sharply, "and that they ought to go out and take a few of them."

Whenever Hillary tries to slip and slide her way through her myriad issue contradictions, amendments, qualifications and reversals, one wonders if she really thinks we believe her or not.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years. Eileen McGann, an attorney and consultant, is a CEO of VOTE.com and Legislativevote.com.

Dick Morris
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Nov. 8, the 312th day of 2006. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 8, 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

On this date:

In 1837, Mount Holyoke Female Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

In 1942, Operation Torch began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

In 1966, Edward W. Brooke of Massachusetts became the first black to be elected to the U.S. Senate by popular vote.

In 1986, former Soviet official Vyacheslav M. Molotov, whose name became attached to the incendiary bottle bomb known as a "Molotov Cocktail," died at age 96.

In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

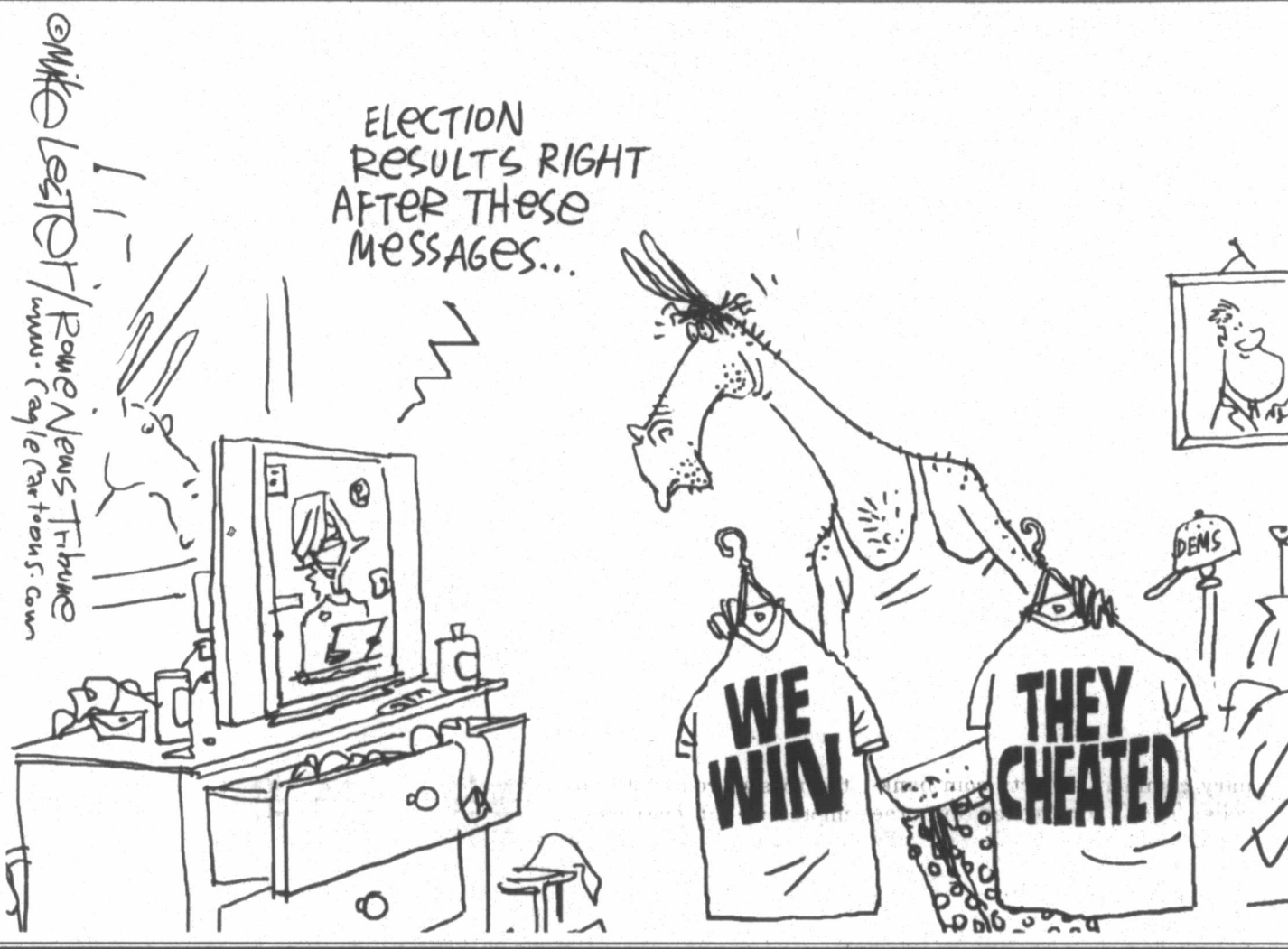
Ten years ago: Three days after his re-election, President Clinton said at a news conference that there always are "a lot of hard feelings" after elections, but he urged Republicans to put aside politically charged investigations and work with him to balance the budget and enact campaign finance reform.

Five years ago: In a prime-time address, President Bush called on Americans to defy acts of terror by strengthening their communities, comforting their neighbors and remaining vigilant in the face of further threats. U.S. jets struck Taliban targets across northern Afghanistan and fierce fighting was reported around the Taliban-held city of Mazar-e-Sharif. Tropical Storm Lingling continued to batter the Philippines; the storm left more than 200 dead.

One year ago: French President Jacques Chirac declared a 12-day state of emergency to halt France's worst civil unrest in nearly four decades.

'There's nothing that makes you so aware of the improvisation of human existence as a song unfinished. Or an old address book.'

— Carson McCullers
American author
(1917-1967)



America no longer has a conservative party

The Republican Party is not now, never was and never will be a conservative party. It is what it has always been — a representative of the rich and of big business.

It might have become a conservative party in 1964, when Barry Goldwater was nominated as the presidential candidate. The Rockefeller wing of the party, to which the Bush family has always been a part, conducted the most vicious character assassination campaign against Goldwater in modern political history. The liberal Rockefellerites preferred a crook from Texas to a conservative.

The Rockefeller wing never lost control of the party again, co-opting Nixon, Ford and even Ronald Reagan, who was forced to take George Bush as his vice president. The Bush people, within two years, ran off nearly all of the original Reagan supporters.

There was a famous quote by James Baker, the first Bush's hatchet man. He was quoted as saying: "Who else are the conservatives going to vote for?"

Well, Mr. Baker discovered that the conservatives had three choices in 1992. They could stay at home, they could vote for Ross Perot, or they could vote for Bill Clinton. I hope he thought of that while he watched Clinton's inauguration.

The hard truth is that if you are a genuine political conservative, you don't have a party. The Democrats are practically socialists; the Republicans are closer to corporate fascists. Neither one offers conservatives anything but rhetoric.

But let's define our terms, because it is my belief that not many Americans today

are really conservative. Political conservatism has nothing to do with such social issues as abortion or gay marriage. Those are moral and philosophical issues that properly belong to the state legislatures.

A true conservative recognizes that the Constitution is a binding contract that should be interpreted literally and in the context of the time at which it was written and ratified.

A Constitution that means anything a judge says it means means nothing. Abraham Lincoln and his Republican Party were the first to violate it in a blatant manner. One of Lincoln's cronies referred to it as "a worthless piece of parchment."

A true conservative is fiscally responsible. Laying debt and interest payments

on posterity is neither conservative nor liberal. It is just obscenely irresponsible.

A true conservative believes in noninterference in the affairs of other countries. Regime change is a policy favored by fascists or communists, but it has nothing to do with American conservatism. Americans have the right to govern only one country — their own. Americans have an obligation to defend only one country — their own.

A true conservative believes in a free economy and that beyond protecting the public from force and fraud, the government should not interfere in private affairs.

There are a lot of other things that define a genuine conservative, but suffice it to say that the Republican Party, with its imperialistic foreign policy, its disdain for the Constitution and the rule of law, its fiscal irresponsibility

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Oct. 28

San Antonio Express-News on the poor management of the U.S. oil reserve:

Federal officials should get serious about maximizing the potential benefits of the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve and saving tax dollars at the same time.

By striving to purchase oil when the price is low, the U.S. Department of Energy could have saved taxpayers almost \$600 million over the past five years, according to a General Accounting Office report released this month by Sens. Susan Collins, R-

Maine, and Carl Levin, D-Mich.

The senators used the report to support their efforts to force Energy Department officials to improve buying practices, as ordered in legislation that the two lawmakers successfully sponsored last year.

In a prepared statement, Collins said, "GAO recommends that the Department of Energy use a more flexible, market-oriented strategy in filling the strategic petroleum reserve, based on the principle of buying more oil when prices are low and less when prices are high."

She added that the department had ignored common sense with its inflexible approach that not only cost tax dollars but also led to government competition with consumers when oil supplies

were tight.

This type of blundering is not surprising from government agencies, but hopefully Collins and Levin can apply enough heat to improve the procedures.

Additionally, the GAO report shows that the reserve is not large enough to cope with severe supply disruptions, such as a terrorist attack on Saudi Arabian oil supplies, the senators said. An adequately filled reserve could protect American consumers from severe price increases during an international crisis.

The petroleum reserve is an important tool, and it should be used for maximum benefits.

Collins and Levin deserve support in their effort to make sure the reserve is used efficiently.

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Texans are getting the last restricted rolls of Lone Star state quarters for next 48 hours

Only residents get these last Texas State Quarters: non-residents can not have them

By D. L. COTTRELL
Universal Media Syndicate

UMS - The clock is ticking. Hotline operators are bracing for the flood of calls.

That's because the United States Mint® has forever ceased production of our beloved Lone Star state quarter. They will never be minted again.

But today, thousands of state residents are calling for some of the last remaining Texas state quarters.

For the next 48 hours only the World Reserve Monetary Exchange is offering up the last of its private hoard of Lone Star state quarters to Texas state residents only.

Those state residents who beat the deadline will be getting these restricted rolls of the last of their home state quarters at face value, in brilliant, never-circulated condition. They are only asked to cover the processing fee and shipping.

"The people of Texas are sick and tired of the whole universe always revolving around New York City and California. So, we felt Texans deserved to get some of the last of their state quarters before anyone else could get their hands on them," confirms John T. White, Executive Director of the privately owned World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"That's why we're opening our vaults exclusively to Texans for the next 48 hours," White said.

"Non-residents are restricted from getting these special state resident rolls of the Lone Star state quarters. And, you can't find these rolls at the U.S. Mint, at the Federal Reserve or at any local bank. You can't get them rolled this way anywhere else," said White.

These rolls are not just the ordinary commercial forty coin bankrolls. They were rolled into the special twenty-five coin bankrolls under the close supervision of vault workers wearing white gloves and are currently under guard at the World Reserve secured facility.

Now, they will only be released to Texas residents. And at face value, they are getting them for a real steal.

These Texas Lone Stars have never been circulated. That's why collectors hoard them whenever they can get their hands on them. "You cannot find these never-circulated coins in your pocket change. Once circulated they are handled and virtually worthless to collectors," said White.

Many of the earlier state quarters in never-circulated condition with mint contact markings have

increased dramatically in value.

"Values always fluctuate and there's never any guarantees as to how much these Texas state quarters will be worth in the future. But I can tell you that an uncirculated Tennessee state quarter has already increased in value by 1200% since its release," White said.

"We felt Texans deserve to get the last of their state quarters in the restricted rolls before anyone else can get their hands on them."

— John T. White,
Executive Director,
World Reserve Monetary Exchange

"We've put on extra staff and have earmarked all our entire vault stock. That means there will be enough of these special twenty-five coin state resident rolls for all Texans who beat the 48 hour order deadline," said White.

But with less than 48 hours remaining, and with a very limited number of coins actually minted, the demand is expected to be at record levels.

"Lots of people will be getting 10 rolls because they make such wonderful gifts. Some are even trying to get more so they can tuck them away for Christmas gifts for friends and loved ones," said White.

"To keep these quarters in their never-circulated condition, they are being carefully placed into rich gold embroidered vault bags, and special custom-tailored coin jackets for Texans only," White said.

"These vault bags turn the rolls of coins into an impressive gift. The person who receives it will feel like they just got a pot of gold. And these vault bags and custom-tailored coin jackets are available only to Texas state residents," he added.

Whether readers get these special restricted Texas State Quarters for themselves or to give as gifts, one thing is certain, this marks the end of the great coin that brought honor and pride to the state of Texas.

With such a limited supply available and only hours left to get them, Texas residents are scrambling to get all they can now.

So, for at least the next 48 hours, it looks like Texas is truly the "center of the universe." ■



TEXANS GO TO THE HEAD OF THE LINE: This is the way non-residents will have to find the remaining Texas State Quarters. But for the next 48 hours only, Texans are going to the head of the line. That's because readers of today's newspaper are getting some of the last of our home state quarters in restricted twenty-five coin rolls. These special rolls are restricted because non-residents cannot have them.



NEVER-CIRCULATED AND AVAILABLE ONLY TO TEXANS: This artist's rendition shows the beautiful state quarter honoring the great state of Texas. And for only 48 hours the last of these brilliant, never-circulated rolls of coins are only for Texas state residents.

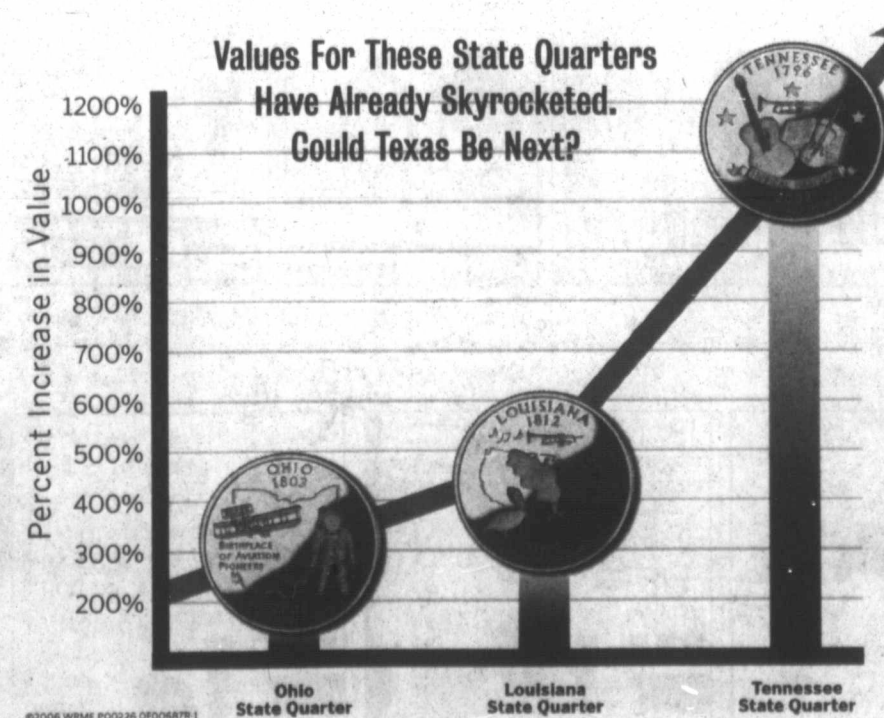
VALUABLE: The values of some uncirculated state quarters have already skyrocketed. But only residents of the great state of Texas are getting the last of these Lone Star state quarters in the special twenty-five coin restricted resident rolls. They are being delivered in the custom-tailored coin jackets for TX residents only.

Values for state quarters soar

If the past can predict the future, the last of the Texas state quarters soon may be hard to find

"It's staggering how much some of the uncirculated state quarters have already increased in value. In fact, the Tennessee State Quarter has already increased in value an astonishing 1200%. The values of the Ohio and Louisiana State Quarters have also risen dramatically since their release date," confirms John T. White, Executive Director of the privately owned World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

"It's important to get both mint marks. The values of coins can differ dramatically and there are never any guarantees. That's why savvy collectors always make sure to grab up both mint marks when they can get them. And for those who do get the last of the Texas Lone Star Quarter-Dollars it wouldn't be surprising if they were worth significantly more at this same time next year," White said. ■



Here's how residents are getting free State Quarters

Every Texas resident that beats the order deadline will also receive a free encapsulated brilliant, never-circulated Texas Lone Star Quarter-Dollar coin with each roll.

Beginning at 8:00 am today, residents of northern Texas should begin calling to get all the rolls of quarters they want. Southern Texas residents have a different number and should begin calling at 8:30 am.

If you miss the 48 hour deadline you will be turned away and required to wait for future public announcements

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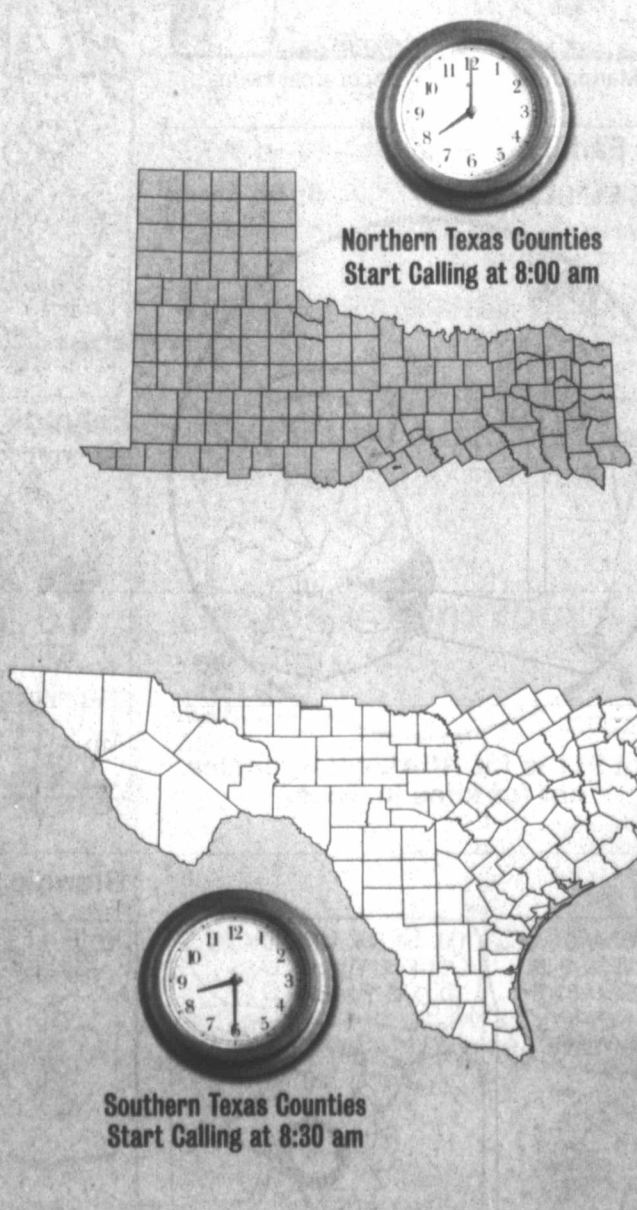
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I go to parties or functions, I often hear subtle or direct gay-bashing. The source is never married people. Married people talk about their kids. No, it is usually single men, often ones who are ex-jocks. I have also observed this behavior in different social settings and non-professional athletic competitions. The source is always single men. I'm single and live with my girlfriend. After a divorce and two kids, I don't feel the need to justify that I'm a single man who likes women. (I didn't feel that way before I was married, either.) I have never challenged these single men who put down gay people, so I don't know what's going on in their heads. I can only theorize that they "bash" gays in order to prove to the rest of us that they are heterosexual males. Could you please explain to these people that others do not think they are gay just because they're single? Today, men and women stay single longer, and sometimes, by preference or fate - never marry. Could you inform your readers what is going on out in the world - at least the ones in this Midwestern city - and suggest a retort? Perhaps when someone starts with a gay joke, the standard reply should be ...? — **SINGLE AND OFFENDED IN KANSAS CITY, MO.**

DEAR OFFENDED: I agree with your theory that men who tell gay "jokes" are probably insecure on some level about their own masculinity. And the most deeply closeted or insecure can be the most vocal in an effort to hide their own leanings and fit in. One way to discourage such comments when you hear them would be to reply, "I don't find that particularly funny. Why do you think it's funny?" Then let them try to explain. Or, you might say,

"You might think that's funny -- but has it occurred to you that someone here might have a gay relative and be hurt by that kind of humor?" I'll bet the thought that they could be surrounded by people who think they are tasteless, insecure or not too bright has never occurred to them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a stay-at-home mom with three children. My first, age 19, is from my first marriage. The 4- and 7-year-old are from my second. My husband believes that because he has provided a home for my son and continues to be the primary wage-earner, that it's not his job to help with getting the kids up for school, nor his responsibility to discipline them. He seems to feel entitled to pick and choose when he is parenting and being a husband. His "I'm the man of the house" is wearing thin, and I'm feeling hopeless. I have told him how this makes me feel, and that the kids aren't learning some necessary skills from him. Where do I go from here? — **FRUSTRATED IN SCHENECTADY, N.Y.**

DEAR FRUSTRATED: When a man has to resort to "I'm the man of the house," it usually means he's not much of a man. Please point out to your husband that one of the most important components in parenting is consistency on the part of both parents. When this man married you, he accepted partial responsibility for your son. And when he fathered more children, he should have realized that parenthood, and enforcing the rules, is a partnership. Real men stand up and be counted -- and I'm not talking about their paychecks. A marriage counselor may be able to get your husband to recognize that fact.

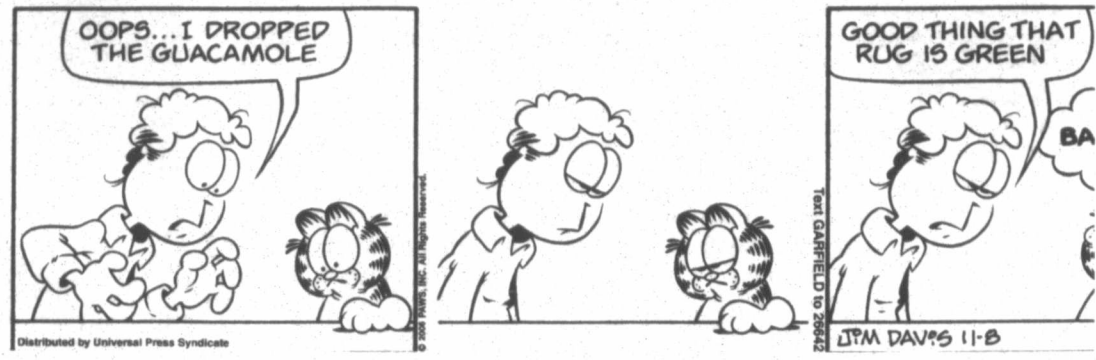
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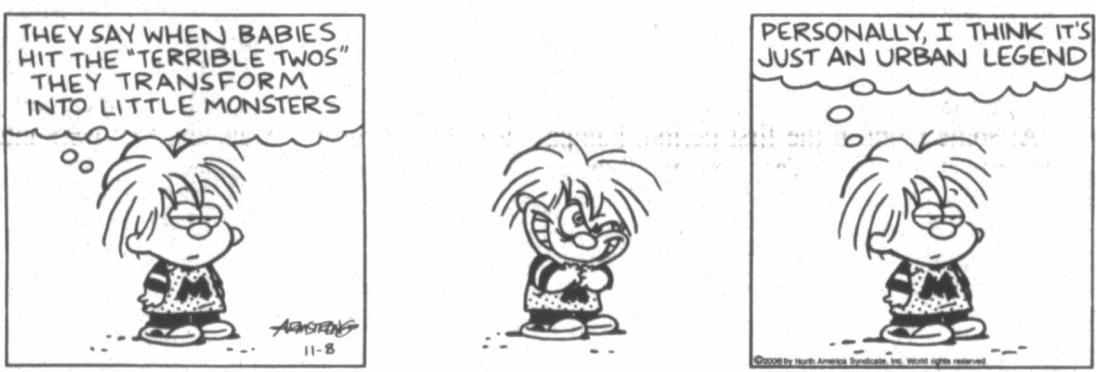
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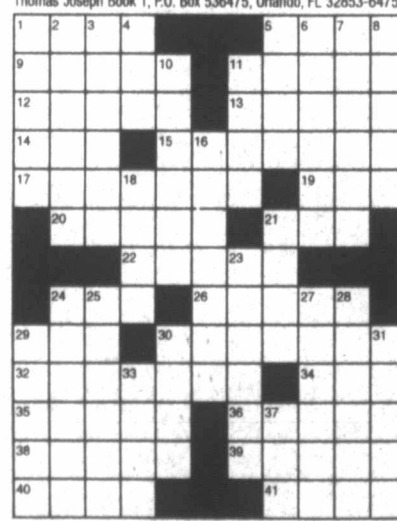
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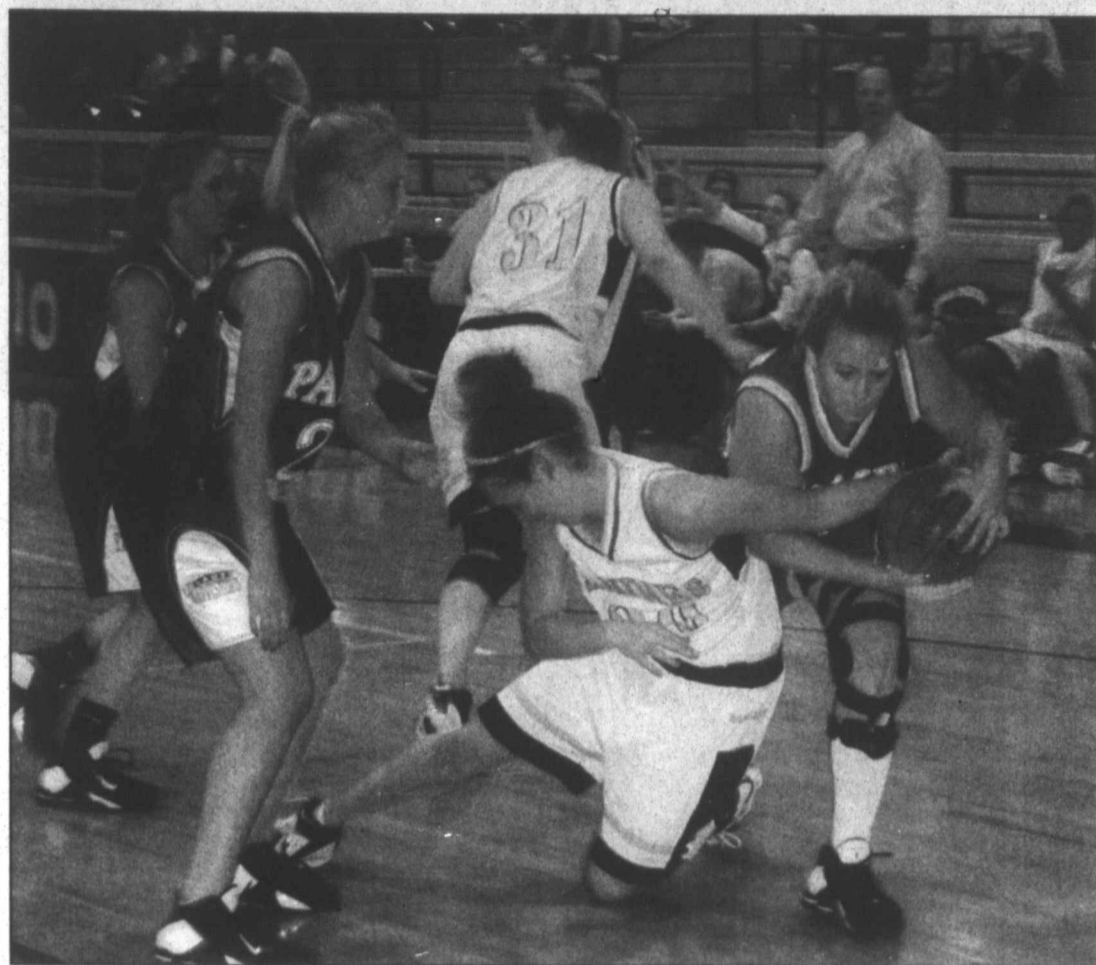
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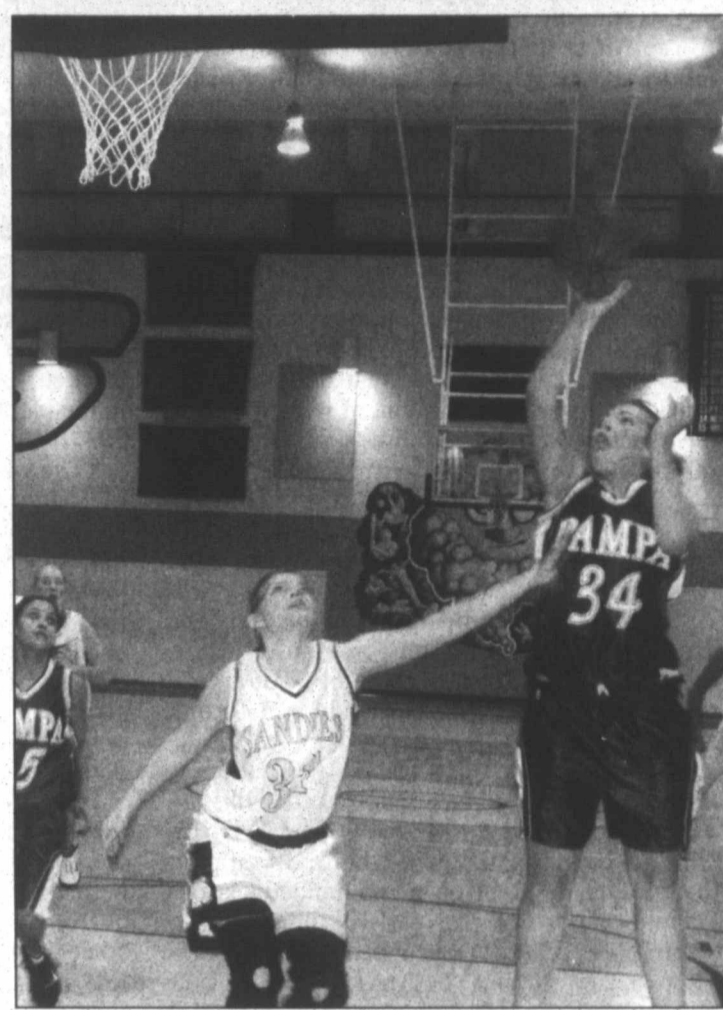
Sports Day



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With the scar still evident from last year's knee surgery, Pampa senior post McKinsie East also sports a bandage above her left eye as she battles for control of the ball Tuesday night at Amarillo High School. East received the war wound early in the opening minutes of the game.

Lady Harvester junior post Haili Kotara (#34) takes aim and fires off a short jump shot over the outstretched arm of a Lady Sandie defender.



Lady Harvesters drop season opener to Amarillo High

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Lady Harvesters 39, Lady Sandies 63

The first game out of the box is never easy. The first game out of the box, on the road against a tough opponent, is even tougher.

The Lady Harvesters made the trip to Amarillo Tuesday to open the 2006-2007 girls' basketball season against an always challenging Lady Sandie squad.

Pampa's defense kept Amarillo High from penetrating the lane early, forcing the Lady Sandies to take their shots from the 3-point line. Amarillo High was able to drain a few and took an early 11-4 lead into the second period.

At some point in the first period, Pampa senior post McKinsie East took an elbow to the left eye, forcing her to the bench.

While the Lady Harvesters were able to pick up the scoring pace in the second period, so too was Amarillo High. The Lady

Sandies still took looks from the perimeter, but began working the ball inside as well.

Pampa turnovers and missed second chances allowed Amarillo High to stretch its lead to 33-15 at the break.

Defense was key for the The Lady Sandies (1-0) in the third period as they turned Pampa turnovers into fast break points while holding the Lady Harvesters to just seven points for the period.

Entering the final period of the game, Amarillo High held a 51-22 advantage over the visiting Lady Harvesters, going on to win the game, 63-39.

Bright spots for Pampa (0-1) in the season opener would include the hustle of the team's defense. Though the Lady Sandies put 63 points on the board, many came by way of converting steals and turnovers into quick buckets.

"I thought we were a different team in the second half," said coach Troy Fry. "When you turn the ball over 16 times in the first half ... well, that's where they (Amarillo

High) got their lead."

Pampa had 29 turnovers for the game.

"Silly turnovers. You just can't have 29 turnovers and expect to win," Fry said. "Losing McKinsie (East) for much of the first half hurt us too. We were just getting our inside game going when she was injured."

Pampa is still a young team with girls playing positions they are still learning. And that's what the pre-district games are all about.

"This is a time for us to learn and get better before January," Fry said. That's when the district season begins.

In the meantime, Fry's team has no time to rest as they get ready to travel to Frenship for a three day tournament. The Lady Harvesters will open the tournament Thursday against Lubbock Cooper.

Junior Varsity
Lady Sandies 51, Lady Harvesters 31
The Lady Harvester junior varsity team

got the afternoon started at Amarillo High School Friday prior to the varsity game.

Pampa played Amarillo high close much of the first half, down just 27-16 at the half.

The Lady Sandies were able to hit a few more shots each period of the game, allowing them to maintain a lead through the final buzzer.

Still, Pampa coach Janyth Bowers liked what she saw. "Overall, I was pleased with the way the JV handled Amarillo High defensively," she said. "We stayed with them a good part of the game. They outscored us four or five points each quarter, so I was pleased with that."

Bowers said her team got some good looks at the basket on offense, "but the ball wouldn't fall."

Pampa will get another shot at Amarillo High Tuesday when the Lady Sandies come to Pampa.

The 9th grade Lady Harvesters lost to Borger Monday, 63-30. They will host Borger Saturday.

Mavs' Howard out Rangers interview Howe as bench coach

DALLAS (AP) - The struggling Dallas Mavericks will be without Josh Howard for two weeks because of a sprained left ankle.

Howard was hurt Monday night in the second quarter of a 107-104 loss to Golden State that dropped the reigning Western Conference champs to 0-3 for the first time since 1993-94. Howard stayed in Dallas on Tuesday while teammates left for a three-game, six-day road trip.

An MRI taken Tuesday showed a second-degree sprain.

The two-week time frame means he'll miss at least six games. He could return Nov. 20 at Charlotte or at home the next night against Washington. The native of Winston-Salem, N.C., likely will aim for the game in his home state.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Art Howe interviewed Tuesday with the Texas Rangers about being the bench coach for first-time manager Ron Washington.

While Howe's hiring seemed imminent, the Rangers said they wouldn't have any announcements Tuesday about more staff changes.

Washington was named the Rangers manager Monday. He said during his introduction that he wanted Howe, a major league manager for 14 seasons and one of his former bosses, to be his bench coach.

The Philadelphia Phillies, who just three weeks ago hired Howe to be Charlie Manuel's third-base coach and infield instructor, gave Texas permission to speak with Howe.

Howe's interview in Texas came on the same day the rest of the Phillies coaches were in Philadelphia for the start of that team's organizational meetings.

Howe was Oakland's manager from 1996-2002, when Washington was on his staff the entire time. That was Washington's first big-league coaching position, and he remained with the Athletics until replacing Buck Showalter in Texas.

"I admired the way he did things and how sharp he was," Washington said Monday. "Art is the kind, I don't think he has an ego. He's about helping everybody."

The 59-year-old Howe also managed the Houston Astros (1989-93) and New York Mets (2003-04).

Biggio would like to stay an Astro

HOUSTON (AP) - Craig Biggio hopes to reach a deal with the Astros on a one-year contract by Saturday to avoid filing for free agency.

Barry Axelrod, Biggio's agent, said progress has been made on a contract and that he continues to negotiate daily with Houston general manager Tim Lincecum.

"We're slowly edging toward getting something done," Axelrod said Tuesday. "We're working hard at it. I don't think either side is excited about Craig filing for free agency. We would rather get it done without having to do that."

Players may file for free agency through Saturday and are eligible to sign with any team beginning the next day. Axelrod said the second baseman would rather not file for free agency because of his long relationship with the team and how it might be perceived to some.

Biggio had 135 hits last season to push his career total to 2,930. He had 33 doubles, 21 home runs and 62 RBIs, batting .246.

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Rockets outlast Grizzlies, 86-80

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) - Shane Battier enjoyed the standing ovation. He liked the victory even more.

Yao Ming scored 11 of his 24 points in the fourth quarter, leading the Houston Rockets over the Grizzlies 86-80 Tuesday night in Battier's return to Memphis.

Battier spent five seasons with the Grizzlies before he was dealt to Houston during the summer. The Grizzlies handed out posters of one of their most popular players before the game.

"I wanted to win this game and not for any revenge sort of reasons," Battier said. "I had five great years here. It's not about that. I wanted to get this team off to a great start and we've already surpassed the amount of wins we had in the Southwest Division last year. It was an important game for us."

After going 1-15 against the Southwest Division last season, the Rockets are 2-0 against division rivals two weeks into November.

"That's a big step being 2-0 in the division," Tracy McGrady said. "But I'm kind of jealous of (Battier) that he can come back and get a standing ovation. I go to Orlando and Toronto and they kill (me)."

Yao scored nine of Houston's first 10 points in the final period to help the Rockets withstand a comeback try by the Grizzlies. The Grizzlies, who never led in the game, cut a seven-point lead deficit to 72-71 on a one-handed slam by Dahntay Jones over Yao early in the quarter.

The Rockets (2-2) regrouped quickly as Yao hit two free throws, Luther Head made a 3-pointer from the left corner and McGrady sank two free throws for a 79-71 lead. McGrady later added a key three-point play, driving in from the right side and making the free throw for an 84-75 advantage with 1:19 left.

McGrady had 19 points and nine rebounds

for the Rockets, who overcame 24 turnovers and 42 percent shooting. Battier added 12 points in 42 minutes.

Memphis (1-3) was led by Stromile Swift, acquired in the trade for Battier. He scored 15 points. Eddie Jones added 14.

"I'm not all that happy with (Battier) that he got out of here with a win," Jones said. "But as far as the (standing ovation and poster giveaway), I can't complain. He's done so much for this franchise over the years. And his character, it's amazing."

The Grizzlies, playing without All-Star forward Pau Gasol, were unable to stop the Rockets' interior game. Houston had 36 points in the paint and outrebounded the Grizzlies 45-33.

"The way we rebounded the ball was disgusting," Jones said.

Memphis made a run to start the third quarter. Mike Miller hit consecutive 3-pointers to tie the game at 45-, but the Rockets answered with nine straight points, mostly coming off second-chance opportunities.

The Grizzlies trailed by 11 before Jones scored 13 of their final 16 points to trim a nine-point deficit to 45-39. Jones hit a fallaway 3-pointer in the left corner to end the half.

Notes: Swift, whose knee and ankle injuries forced him to miss most of training camp and the Grizzlies' first three games, was activated before the game. Swift entered early in the first quarter. ... Miller, the Grizzlies' second-leading scorer at 18.7 points per game, was held scoreless in the first half. He attempted only two shots in 16 minutes. He finished with 10 points. ... Miller snapped his scoreless string with consecutive 3-pointers to open the third quarter, but was whistled for a technical foul after missing his third and complaining of a no-foul call.

Steal attempt



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa's Victoria Campbell (right) hustles after the ball during Tuesday's junior varsity game at Amarillo High. The Lady Harvesters lost to the Lady Sandies, 51-31.

Wednesday's Sports Briefs

BASEBALL
DOWNERS GROVE, Ill. (AP) - Johnny Sain, a three-time All-Star who teamed with Warren Spahn to make up one of baseball's most fabled pitching tandems, has died. He was 89.

Sain's best year was 1948, when he and Spahn led the Boston Braves to the World Series, where they lost to Cleveland. It was during that season when the famous saying was born: "Spahn and Sain and pray for rain."

Sain was 139-116 with a 3.49 ERA in 11 seasons, mostly with the Braves and New York Yankees.

PRO BASKETBALL
PHOENIX (AP) - Jalen Rose signed with the Phoenix Suns and is expected to be in uniform at San Antonio on Wednesday.

Rose, who received a \$14.5 million buyout from the New York Knicks last week, will receive about \$1.5 million in his one-year deal with Phoenix.

AUTO RACING
CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) - Crew member Craig Curione was suspended indefinitely by NASCAR for shoving Kevin Harvick on pit road at Texas Motor Speedway.

Former NFL quarterback Shuler wins; Ryun, Swann lose bids on Election Day

(AP) - Former NFL quarterback Heath Shuler had a theory about his win in a U.S. House race.

"They talk about these sports analogies that I use, but let me tell you what," Shuler said in his victory speech. "It is about teamwork."

Shuler beat a Republican incumbent for a congressional spot in North Carolina, track great Jim Ryun lost his race and Super Bowl star Lynn Swann fell short Tuesday in elections involving ex-athletes.

Shuler's race had been considered a tossup, and was one of the closely watched campaigns in the effort by Democrats to regain control of the House of Representatives.

Ryun, a Kansas Republican and once the world-record holder in the mile, lost in his bid for a sixth term in the House.

"I am really, really grateful for all that you have done," Ryun said in conceding. "There are so many rich stories and rich memories. I cherish those."

Swann, the Hall of Fame receiver whose football career was one long string of successes, was beaten in his bid to become Pennsylvania's governor.

Kentucky Sen. Jim Bunning, the Hall of Fame pitcher, does not go before voters until 2010. Tom Osborne, the former Nebraska congressman and longtime Cornhuskers football coach, lost in a gubernatorial primary.

Shuler, a Heisman Trophy runner-up at Tennessee who spent four exceptional seasons in the NFL with Washington and New Orleans, defeated Rep. Charles Taylor, an eight-term

Republican incumbent.

The 34-year-old ex-quarterback was born in the hills of western North Carolina and trumpeted what he called "mountain values." He opposed abortion, supported gun rights and environmentalism and said the administration had gone astray on Iraq.

At a ballroom in Asheville, N.C., Shuler supporters chanted, "Heath, Heath, Heath" and clapped along as an aide sang "Rocky Top" — the Tennessee fight song.

Ryun lost to Democrat Nancy Boyda. It was a rematch of the 2004 contest that Ryun won easily. Ryun had been an ardent supporter of Republican policies, and Boyda's campaign featured the slogan of "Had Enough?"

Swann, who won four Super Bowl crowns with the Pittsburgh Steelers, was unable to maximize his celebrity buzz.

The 54-year-old Republican lost to Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell. Swann began the day trailing by double digits in the polls.

Swann, a political newcomer, was trying to become Pennsylvania's first black governor but was up against an experienced opponent and skilled fundraiser.

Swann positioned himself as a reformer, promising to slash business taxes and tighten state spending.

"Changing Harrisburg is bigger than Lynn Swann or any one individual campaign," he said.

In other congressional races: — Baron Hill, a Democrat and former basketball player at Furman, held his seat in Indiana.

— Rick Renzi, R-Ariz., a former captain and linebacker at Northern Arizona, won another term in Arizona.

— Former Stanford women's basketball star Angie Paccione made a bid to unseat a Republican in Colorado.

— Italo Zanzi, who competed at the Pan American Games as a U.S. team handball player, lost to a Democratic incumbent in New York.

Away from Capitol Hill, Joe DeNucci, a middleweight boxer who twice lost to Emile Griffith, won his race to remain Massachusetts state auditor.

Fred Hemmings, a former world surfing champion, won another term as a state senator in Hawaii. Mike Nifong, the district attorney prosecuting three Duke lacrosse players, was a winner in Durham, N.C.

Among the ballot measures, voters in Sacramento rejected a tax increase that would have partially financed a new Kings arena.

Sports and family also crossed paths.

— Sen. George Allen, R-Va., son of the former Washington Redskins coach, was in a key race with former Navy Secretary Jim Webb.

— The mother of Drew Brees of the New Orleans Saints lost her bid for a spot for a place on a Texas appeals court. The quarterback had asked Mina Brees to stop using his picture in her TV ads, and even threatened to sue her.

— In Maryland, Michael Steele lost in his Senate race against Rep. Benjamin Cardin. Steele holds a unique distinction in politics: Mike Tyson's former brother-in-law.

PLAYER DEATH

Shooting ruled a homicide

MIAMI (AP) - Police searched for clues today in the killing of University of Miami lineman Bryan Pata, the shooting marking the team's fourth death in the last decade.

Pata, a popular figure on campus, practiced Tuesday afternoon and was shot Tuesday night at his apartment complex. It was the latest shock to a Hurricanes team touched by tragedy and turmoil, including a separate gun case this season and a wild on-field brawl last month.

The 22-year-old senior who grew up in Miami was pronounced dead in the parking lot outside his apartment. His death was ruled a homicide, Miami-Dade police spokesman Roy Rutland said.

Pata's mother, Ronette Pata, stood outside his apartment Tuesday night wearing a replica of her son's jersey.

"My son had a problem with nobody," a tearful Pata told WTVJ-TV in Miami. "He's gone. He's gone."

Word of Pata's death spread quickly around campus, and grief counselors were summoned for his teammates. Another team meeting to discuss a memorial was scheduled for today, and no decision had been made about the status of Saturday afternoon's game against No. 23 Maryland.

"We're trying to get through a hard time right now and it's going to take time," Miami quarterback Kirby Freeman told The Associated Press after a team meeting at the university's athletic complex. "And that's what being a close football family is all about. We're going to help

each other with this."

School officials said coach Larry Coker was "numb" over the news. The athletic department released a statement urging anyone with information about Pata's death to call police.

"Bryan was a fine person and a great competitor. He will be forever missed by his coaches and teammates. We offer our thoughts and prayers to his family," the university said in a statement.

Atlantic Coast Conference commissioner John Swofford was working with Miami officials to gather information, conference spokeswoman Amy Yakola said.

Rutland said police were called at 7:30 p.m. to the scene and found Pata's body. He lived about 4 miles from campus. No motive was released, and Miami-Dade police did not say who made the 911 call after the shooting.

"Right now, we're just gathering ourselves and just trying to pull ourselves together," athletic director Paul Dee told the AP.

The 6-foot-4, 280-pound defensive lineman was in his fourth year with the Hurricanes and was expected to be selected in next spring's NFL draft. He appeared in 41 games, making 23 starts. Pata played primarily defensive tackle this season, totaling 13 tackles and two sacks.

"Pata was a guidance counselor, in a way, of our football team," Freeman said. "He wasn't the captain of the team, yet people would look to Pata for direction on the way things are going. He was definitely a great leader."

Huskers look to break through

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) - Nebraska coach Bill Callahan says he can't speak for the rest of the Big 12 North, but he thinks his team is closing the gap on the South.

Callahan said Saturday's game at No. 24 Texas A&M will be another chance for the Huskers to measure themselves. The Huskers are 0-2 against the South this season, losing 22-20 at home to Texas and 41-29 at Oklahoma State.

"We competed well against Texas. ... We didn't finish that particular game the way we wanted," Callahan said Tuesday. "We didn't fare very well down at Stillwater. This will be another test for us, another gauge as to where we're at and how we compare with some of those southern teams."

The Huskers are 2-6 against the South in

Callahan's three years, with the wins against lowly Baylor.

If Callahan is judging his team's progress by score differential, the Huskers have improved. They lost 70-10 to Texas Tech and 30-3 to Oklahoma in 2004. They narrowed the margins to 34-31 against Tech and 31-24 against Oklahoma in 2005.

The North is 3-13 against the South this season, with Colorado and Missouri beating Texas Tech and Kansas State defeating Oklahoma State.

"For whatever reason, teams up here haven't beaten teams down there," Nebraska quarterback Zac Taylor said. "Next year it might be 13-3 for us."

Taylor said he and his fellow players generally don't get caught up in the talk about the South's superiority.

QB sets Six-Man record

RICHLAND SPRINGS, Texas (AP) - How's this for capturing the quirkiness of six-man football: When Tyler Ethridge of Richland Springs set what is believed to be the national record for career touchdown passes, it came on a toss to his center.

"It was supposed to be a deep slant route to another receiver, but they stayed with him. So I checked off and threw to my center," Ethridge said.

"He made it look easy. He kind of pranced into the end zone."

Ethridge's 26-yard toss to Justin Fox in the first quarter of Friday night's game against Eden was the 149th of his career.

Record-keeping is scarce in six-man football, but Ethridge surpassed what was believed to be the previous mark of 148 set by Nathan Strand of

Greenville (Texas) Christian, who last played in 2004.

Fox, the center who is an eligible receiver in six-man, made the catch along the sideline and scored unchallenged, giving the Coyotes a 62-0 lead on the final play of the first quarter. Richland Springs went on to win 96-0 in a game stopped at halftime by the 45-point mercy rule.

"I didn't realize that pass was the record until all of my teammates came up to me," Ethridge said. "That's when the emotions really hit me hard. These guys — my teammates they're all that matter to me."

"I don't deserve all the credit I'm getting. All I do is throw the ball. They're the ones who catch it and do what they have to do to get in the end zone."

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

11-8 CRYPTOQUOTE

ZPVGL TPV PRUL GVCL CLRJG
ZPEJS ZPRZ ZPL CVGZ
ECDVMZRJZ ZPEJF EJ ZPL
TVMOX EG OVUL. ZPL DVVM
SJVT ZPRZ EZ EG CVJLA
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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NATURE HATH GIVEN MEN ONE TONGUE BUT TWO EARS, THAT WE MAY HEAR FROM OTHERS TWICE AS MUCH AS WE SPEAK. — EPICTETUS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Nov. 9, 2006: This year you seem to vibrate excitement and new possibilities. You have a way or style that attracts many people. Your perspective helps open doors, not only for you but also for others. Traveling, education and socializing with different people often introduce you to new thinking. Please don't make anything more complicated than necessary. Stay open to possibilities and people. You might become confused by family or personal demands. You don't need to let it happen. Creativity stems from you. If you are single, you will meet special people this year. You might have a difficult time deciding what type of relationship works for you. If you are attached, walk in your sweetie's shoes more often. That type of understanding will warm up your relationship. CANCER helps you gain a perspective.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ If you are willing not to be the lead player, events will proceed with comfort and ease. Your priorities will make a difference, especially to one key individual in your life. Your fire and energy add to each developing situation today. Tonight: Snuggle in.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You will want to say what you think, and for the most part, others are ready to hear it. Perhaps the only clincher is that others also want the same reception, if not more, from you. Are you ready to give it? Tonight: Happy nearly anywhere, if you have company.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might be going overboard or being excessive, be it spending, eating or some other indulgence. Knowing what you want makes a difference. You will want to understand where an associate is coming from. Ask and listen. Tonight: Rein yourself in.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ All signs have days that are close to perfect. This one is just that. Think in terms of expressing your authenticity and personality. Rethinking a decision might be important and certainly is not out of the question. Tonight: All smiles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Take your time making plans. In fact, decide that it is OK to make no plans if that is what makes you comfortable. You need to take care of yourself first. Tonight: Happy as can be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Sometimes you could find it difficult to cover all your bases simultaneously. Don't drive yourself wild. Understand that you aren't the only one in the same situation. Listen to what some feel might be overly dramatic. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Your take-charge attitude comes out. If nothing else, this new style pleases you. A financial matter can now be resolved with greater moneymaking potential. Understanding keeps you centered and others happy. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You see the high road and not all the other sometimes painful alternatives. You might not realize how lucky you are to have so much innate understanding. Look around. Others might

need a nudge or two. Tonight: Easy does it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Work with individuals in an effort to reveal your true intent. Share more of yourself than you have in the past. You might be amazed by the response you'll get. Consider options more carefully than in the past. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Accept others as they are, and you'll be on the path to success and happiness. Sometimes the Goat gets a touch critical or angry. Don't bother. Know what you want and where you are heading. Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Sometimes you might feel overwhelmed by what is happening in your life. You might want to listen to someone's suggestion. Focus on getting one project done at time. Please do not scatter. Tonight: Find your favorite chair.

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Pajama Day



A "Pajama Day" was staged recently at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School by the school's booster club to raise money for an air conditioner for the gym. Above: (back row, left-right) Teresa Dyson, first grade teacher, Mackenzie Smith, Haydyn Ostrom, Hannah Chilton, Jonae Whinery, Destiny Portillo; (front row, l-r) Megan Dickinson, Trey Hon, Allison Whitson, Justin Beller, Jordon Shook and Chelsea White.

Womack gets protective order against Georgia man

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) — Country music star Lee Ann Womack has secured a temporary protective order to keep away a man she says was stalking her.

In a petition filed last week in Chatham County Superior Court, Womack's lawyers claim Mark Borer, 36, of Tybee Island, Ga., has been stalking her for the last year, the Savannah Morning News reported.

Borer appeared outside Womack's parents' house in Jacksonville, Texas, while she was visiting in November 2005, according to the petition. Womack also claimed that last month, she received "various disturbing and harassing" letters from Borer. She said she does not know the man.

The singer sought the protective order to keep Borer

away from her at Monday night's Country Music Association Awards in Nashville, Tenn. Womack, who won album and single of the year in the 2005 ceremony, was not nominated this year but appeared at the awards show.

Superior Court Judge Penny Haas Freeseemann signed a 30-day order preventing Borer from coming within 1,000 feet of Womack, her family, or her production company, LAW Productions. It also prevents him from contacting Womack or her family by phone, e-mail or any other means.

If he violates any terms of the order, he can be arrested.

Freeseemann scheduled a Dec. 1 hearing to determine whether a permanent order should be granted.

Hundreds march in Mexico to protest fence

CIUDAD ACUNA, Mexico (AP) — The mayor of a Mexican city on the Texas border led about 400 people on a 55-mile march Tuesday to protest U.S. plans for new border fence.

Evaristo Perez, mayor of Ciudad Acuna, said the march along the Mexican side of the border to the city of Piedras Negras — across

from Eagle Pass, Texas — aims to unite border communities against the U.S. plan to build 700 miles of fencing on the border.

"We want to raise consciousness, to awaken the border giant that lives from Tamaulipas all the way to Baja California," Perez said of the march, which began Tuesday. The marchers were expected to arrive in

Piedras Negras on Thursday or Friday.

Last month, President Bush signed a bill to build the fencing and add more vehicle barriers, lighting and infrared cameras.

President Vicente Fox has called the plan "an embarrassment for the United States."

Consumer borrowing down in September

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer borrowing fell in September by the largest amount since the recession of the early 1990s, weakened by a huge drop in auto loans.

The Federal Reserve reported Tuesday that borrowing declined at an annual rate of 0.6 percent in September, compared with a 4.6 percent rate of increase in August. Borrowing fell by \$1.2 billion in September — the biggest drop since a \$1.78 billion decrease in April 1992.

It was the first decline since March, when borrowing marked a far milder decrease of 0.24 percent.

Borrowing for auto loans slipped at an annual rate of 3.2 percent in September, reversed from an increase of 3.5 percent the previous month. September loans in that category dropped by \$4.05 billion, the largest fall since the \$4.81 billion decline in October 1991.

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The overall economy has lost momentum due to the housing slump. The struggling auto industry slashed jobs last month, as did companies involved in home building, furniture making and real estate — casualties of the souring housing market.

Fresh evidence came Tuesday, when luxury home builder Toll Brothers Inc. forecast a 10 percent drop in quarterly construction revenue. Beazer Homes USA Inc. posted a 44 percent decline in fourth-quarter earnings due to lower demand for new homes.

Voters' view of job avail-

ability, wage growth and other economic conditions was playing a role in the nationwide balloting in Tuesday's midterm elections.

President Bush's approval rating on the economy is at 40 percent, according to a recent AP-Ipsos poll. Those surveyed trusted Democrats more than Republicans to handle the economy.

Wall Street extended its November rally Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrials to a new trading high as investors anticipated a business-friendly outcome of the elections.

Reese

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bility and its erosion of personal liberty, is not by any stretch of the imagination a conservative party.

It wouldn't be a bad idea for people to sit down with a pencil and paper and list what they actually believe. Clarifying their own political philosophy might make them less susceptible to the demagoguery and political propaganda that characterize our present age.

When the Founding Fathers laid the burden of self-government on us, they didn't do any favors for the ignorant and lazy-minded. Tom Jefferson observed that those who expect to be ignorant and free expect what never was and never will be.

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