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The speaker is Andy Cavalier.

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MPAC renovation



Steel is being erected on a new concrete slab in front of the MPAC building at Pampa High School, part of the renovation and construction at the high school thanks to the bond election that passed last year.

Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

Wheeler grand jury hands up 6 indictments

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Wheeler County grand jury handed up indictments for five third-degree felonies and one state jail felony Thursday in 31st District Court.

Alfred Earl Ashley, 43, was indicted for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Oct. 2, 2006, Ashley allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of psilocybin.

Karl Clifton Brandt, 47, was indicted for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On Nov. 13, 2006, Brandt allegedly possessed one or more grams but less than four grams of methamphetamine.

Gilbert Luna, 35, was

indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Dec. 17, 2006, Luna allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.

On Sept. 16, 1997 and May 19, 1992, he was convicted in Wheeler County Court of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

Eric L. Lunsford, 37, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Nov. 15, 2006, Lunsford allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.

On Feb. 28, 1996 he was convicted in 5th District Court in Eddy County, N.M. of an offense relating to the

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This year's Top O' Texas Rodeo called huge success

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The numbers are in and the Top O' Texas Rodeo was a huge success. According to the rodeo association's figures, the attendance this year was much higher than in previous years. The rodeo association had a meeting Monday evening and members were excited to talk about the attendance numbers and to start planning for

next year's event.

"The rodeo this year was just outstanding," Rodeo Association Office Manager Cindy Kempf said. "Our total attendance was up 538 people from last year. There were approximately 1,200 people who came and ate the free barbecue Thursday night. On Friday night, we just had a phenomenal crowd even though it rained. The people that came that

night were great because they didn't leave when it started raining. Most of them just took cover during the rain and then went back up in the stands and enjoyed the remainder of the rodeo.

"Saturday night's crowd was just beyond our wildest dreams. We had 1,710 people in the stands that evening and of course it didn't hurt that we had perfect weather also. At

the meeting last night, our treasurer Scott Hahn said that Saturday night's crowd was the largest he's seen for a Saturday night since he's been on the board for about 10 years. All of the guys are so excited to start planning next year's rodeo because they were so encouraged by the turnout and the town's support this year. It's great to

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Meredith boat ramp work continues

FRITCH — The Double R boat ramp at Harbor Bay will be closed temporarily on Wednesday as Lake Meredith maintenance personnel begin preparations to lengthen the ramp once again. Depending upon weather conditions, the extension should be completed within 14 days.

The Fritch Fortress boat ramp remains closed as work continues to lengthen it. Concrete has been poured, but it must "cure" before the steel landing mats can be reinstalled. The Fritch Fortress ramp is expected to reopen by Sept. 18.

Boat launch traffic should use the

Sanford-Yake Marina boat ramp until Fritch Fortress and Double R ramps are reopened. Boaters will have to back farther out into the lake to launch their boats, due to the decrease of lake water levels.

Visitors are reminded that as lake levels continue to drop, hazardous conditions will exist in some areas of the lake. Boaters should obey all hazard buoys and be aware of sandbars, limbs, and other submerged obstacles. For questions about lake access or lake conditions, contact park headquarters at 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas, or telephone 806-857-3151.



Concrete is poured at Fritch Fortress last week.

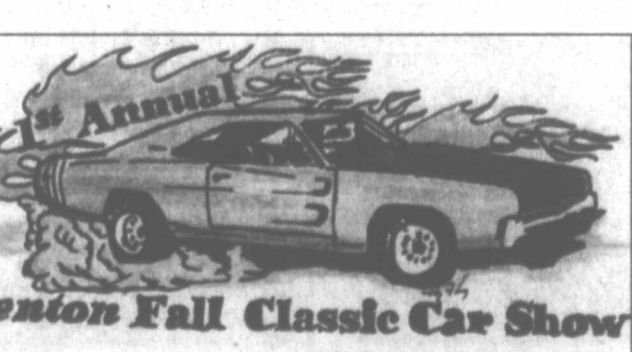
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Fenton car show to benefit Coffee blood center

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The 1st annual Fenton Fall Classic Car Show will be held Saturday in conjunction with a blood drive and all of the proceeds from the car show will benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

Angela Moyer, a sales representative at Fenton Motors, came up with the idea of an event which would be fun for area resi-



dents and also benefit a good cause. "We are very excited to have this car show and

we've tried to make it as much fun as possible while also helping out Coffee Memorial Blood Center," Moyer said. "All blood donors will receive a free T-shirt and the first 100 entries into the car show will also receive a T-shirt and a dash plaque. We wanted to include the spectators in the event so we decided to put a bucket in front of each car in the competition and those in attendance can put money in there for the car they like the best. The car that receives the most donations will get a trophy and the

money will go to the blood center."

Fenton Motors will also award trophies to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each class. There will be two other trophies also for the best in show and the manager's pick, which will be chosen by Fenton manager Harry Fisher. Contestants can also win a variety of prizes that have

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Wednesday **Thursday** **Friday**



Mostly sunny **Mostly sunny** **Mostly cloudy**

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.
 Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57.
 Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.
 Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
 Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
 Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. East-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HUPP, Clara "Quarles" — Graveside services 11 a.m. Memory Gardens Cemetery.
PATRICK, Rev. I.L. — 2 p.m. First Baptist Church.
SPEER, Melissa 'Missy' — Graveside services 10 a.m. Alanreed Cemetery.

Clara 'Quarles' Hupp, 92

Clara "Quarles" Hupp, 92, died Saturday, September 8, 2007, in Borger. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Eric Hupp, a Missionary Minister and a grandson and Eddie Reynolds a grandson, officiating. Mrs. Hupp was born October 4, 1914, in Quail, Texas. She married Jacob Forrest Hupp on May 7, 1933, in McLean. He preceded her in death on January 15, 1994, after 61

years of marriage. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1993 moving from McLean. She was a former employee of Marie Foundations. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Hupp McLean, the McLean Study Club and the Order of the Eastern Star. Survivors include on daughter, Waneta Reynolds and husband John of Borger; two sons, Jack Hupp and



wife Edwina of Richmond and Ray Hupp and wife Katy of Pampa; four grandsons, Eddy Reynolds of Alvin, Kevin Hupp of Austin, Scott Hupp of Sugarland and Eric Hupp of Tulsa; two granddaughters, Jonetta Crain of U.A.E. and Mitzi Bowman of Austin; 12 great grandchildren; three brothers, H.P. Quarles and Wayne Quarles, both of Wyoming and Johnny Quarles of Lubbock;

two sisters, Frankie Derr of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Eddie Mae Sargent of Baytown. She was preceded in death by a grandson, R.F. Hupp on August 7, 2005; two brothers, Winfred Quarles and George Quarles; and two sisters, Bertie Gallegly and Anna Howard. **MEMORIALS:** Jordan Chapel Builders, c/o Ray Hupp, 1817 Lee, Pampa, Texas 79065 or to your favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Josephine Lane Lawson, 90

Josephine Lane Lawson, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died

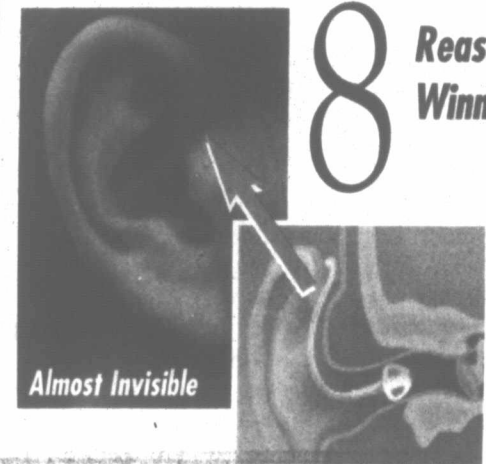
Sept. 10, 2007, at Plano, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mrs. Lawson was born Jan. 19, 1917, in Arnett, Okla., to R.W. and Ada Kincaide Lane. She came with her parents to the Texas Panhandle in 1921. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1934 and attended West Texas State University. Josephine married Kermit B. Lawson on Dec. 3, 1939. After living in Carson County for several years, they moved to Pampa in 1959. Kermit preceded her

in death on Jan. 1, 2001. Mrs. Lawson was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women. She was a former member of the Church Women United in Panhandle and Pampa. Through the years, she participated in a variety of civic activities in Pampa and Panhandle. Survivors include two daughters, Mary Joanne Lawson Watkins of Plano and Naomi Kay Lawson Carter and husband Richard of Overland Park, Kan.; three brothers, Howard Lane

and wife Christina in Panhandle, Don Lane and wife Susanne of Pampa, and Noble Lane and wife Iona of Houston; one grandson, Mark Allen Watkins and wife Deborah of Sachse, Texas; several nephews; and a niece. **MEMORIALS:** First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or to a favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

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Emergency Services

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

Monday, Sept. 10
 Belma M. Garcia, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

William Kirkham, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on bond surrenders for purchasing/furnishing alcohol for a minor, two counts of driving while intoxicated with two prior convictions, unlawfully carrying a weapon after going off bond and criminal trespass/enter after going off bond.

Kolbye Dale Johnson, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of Charles by PPD for no driver's license, no seat belt and possession of a dangerous drug.

Tuesday, Sept. 11
 Jacob Edward Benegas, 29, of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO for violating a protective order and assault causing bodily injury.

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

Monday, Sept. 10

1:34 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Foster on a gas leak.

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

Monday, Sept. 10
 9:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

1:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Frost. No transport.

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Grandparents Day



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Rhonda Kidd, left, of Lefors and Terry Miller of Pampa eat lunch with their grandson, Braden Kidd, a third-grader at Travis Elementary School, during Grandparents Day Monday at the school.

Charges

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operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated, and the charge was a third or subsequent offense.

Richard Joe Monk, 25, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Oct. 2, 2006, Monk allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of psilocybin.

Carolyn Lone Elk, 55, was indicted for tampering with a government record with intent to defraud or harm. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 9, 2005, Lone Elk allegedly defrauded the Texas Health and Human Services Commission by knowingly and intentionally making a false entry on a form used for determining eligibility for food stamp benefits.

Bell schedule change

Pampa High School will have an early release on Thursday and Principal Danny Seabourn has released the bell schedule for that day:

- 1st period 8:00 - 8:45
 - 2nd period 8:50 - 9:30
 - 3rd period 9:35 - 10:25 - announcements
 - 4th period 10:30 - 11:10 - 9th grade A lunch
 - 5th period 11:15 - 11:55 - 9th grade B lunch
 - 6th period 12:00 - 12:40 - 10th, 11th, 12th grade lunch
- Upper class lunch students will not return to campus and will be dismissed at 12 p.m. Freshman will be in their 6th period class and will be dismissed at 12:40 p.m. Buses will run at 12:40 p.m.

Rodeo

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see people enjoy an event that you've worked hard on for a year."

One thing that probably helped make this year a success was having the rodeo in August instead of June. Kempf said that having it the week before school started helped ensure that most of the residents were back in town and finished with summer vacations. The rodeo had a lot of competition last year in June because there were numerous events, such as a few ranch rodeos, Miami's cow calling contest and families starting their summer vacations.

The association is not sure if they can keep the rodeo at the same time next year, but are trying to keep the dates as consistent as

possible so area residents can count on the rodeo being at approximately the same time each year.

"The entire association would like to thank Pampa and the surrounding towns for all of their support during this year's event," Kempf said. "We know that we cannot be successful without the people who attend the rodeo, so we just want to say thanks for coming out even though the weather was not great on two of the nights. It felt like the whole community was involved in the rodeo because the women from the Desk and Derrick Club sold tickets, the police and fire departments helped by providing traffic control and the ambulance was on standby in case of accidents. Our sponsors are our lifeline and we need to thank them also for their support and help in pulling off this year's event."

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Robber licked woman's toes

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A man who robbed a woman of her keys and cell phone took off her shoes and licked her toes, police said.

Commander Kevin Casper called the attack "weird sexual behavior."

The 24-year-old woman was leaving work around 1 a.m. Saturday when the 27-year-old suspect approached her and demanded her keys and phone, authorities said. After that, he removed her shoes.

The woman was not hurt, police said.

Police arrested the man a few minutes later.

Show

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been donated by area merchants for a raffle.

Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m. Saturday and the entry fee is \$10. The blood drive will start at 9 a.m. and run all day through 4 p.m. Judging for the cars, which will be done by the competitors themselves, will end at 4 p.m. and awards will be presented at 5 p.m.

The classes that are available for cars are pre-1950's, each decade through 2000 has its own class, street rod / roadster, muscle, import, open, custom, Corvette and special interest. For trucks, there are classes for mini-truck, open truck, pre-1960's and a class for each decade from 1960 through 2000.

For information of the car show or blood drive, contact Moyer at 663-0013.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
 SPECIAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 6, 2007

PROPOSITION 1 (HJR 103)

HJR 103 would update the constitutional reference to Angelo State University to conform with the statutory transfer of that institution from membership in the Texas State University System to membership in the Texas Tech University System.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

PROPOSITION 2 (SJR 57)

SJR 57 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to issue up to \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and to enter into bond enhancement agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

PROPOSITION 3 (HJR 40)

HJR 40 would authorize the legislature to limit the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes in a tax year to the lesser of the most recent appraisal valuation, or 110 percent, or a greater percentage as determined by the legislature, of the appraised value in the preceding tax year.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

PROPOSITION 4 (SJR 65)

SJR 65 would authorize the legislature to permit the Texas Public Finance Authority to issue up to \$1 billion in general obligation

bonds, the proceeds of which would be dedicated to maintenance, construction, repairs, and equipment purchases, as authorized by the legislature for the following state agencies: the Texas Building and Procurement Commission; the Parks and Wildlife Department; the Department of the Adjutant General; the Department of State Health Services; the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired; the Texas Youth Commission; the Texas Historical Commission; the Texas Department of Criminal Justice; the Texas School for the Deaf; and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

PROPOSITION 5 (SJR 44)

SJR 44 would authorize the legislature to permit cities with a population of less than 10,000 to hold an election to allow the city to enter into an agreement with a property owner to temporarily freeze taxes on property either in or adjacent to an area approved for funding under the Downtown Revitalization Program or the Main Streets Improvements Program administered by the Department of Agriculture.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

PROPOSITION 6 (HJR 54)

HJR 54 would authorize the legislature to exempt from ad valorem tax one motor vehicle owned by an individual that is used by the individual for both business and personal use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional

amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an individual and used in the course of the owner's occupation or profession and also for personal activities of the owner."

PROPOSITION 7 (HJR 30)

HJR 30 would allow a governmental entity to sell property acquired through eminent domain to its immediately previous owner at the original purchase price, if the public use of the property has been canceled, if no progress is made toward that public use by a prescribed deadline, or if the property is unnecessary to accomplish that public use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

PROPOSITION 8 (HJR 72)

HJR 72 would clarify home equity loan procedures and protections and make conforming changes to the written disclosure provided to the borrower at the loan closing. The amendment would establish that the status of whether property is an agricultural homestead for the purpose of receiving homestead protection, would be determined by whether it was designated for agricultural use on the date of the loan closing. The amendment would provide that a declared state of emergency (e.g., following a natural disaster) would justify execution of a second home equity loan on the same property less than one year after the first home equity loan. It would provide that non-substantive omissions on a loan application would not affect the agreement. It would require a borrower to receive a copy of all executed loan documents, and a disclosure list of fees and costs at closing. It would prohibit the use of preprinted checks for the use of unsolicited loan advances to obtain a home equity line of credit.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

PROPOSITION 9 (SJR 29)

SJR 29 would authorize the legislature to exempt all or part of the market value of the residence homesteads of veterans certified as having a service-connected 100 percent

disability rating. SJR 29 would also clarify the progression of property tax exemptions available to veterans who are less than 100 percent disabled.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

PROPOSITION 10 (HJR 69)

HJR 69 would remove constitutional references to the former office of inspector of hides and animals.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

PROPOSITION 11 (HJR 19)

HJR 19 would require a vote taken in either house of the legislature to be recorded by record vote, if the vote was on final passage of a bill, other than local bills, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment, or any other resolution that is not purely ceremonial. The record vote must be archived and available for public viewing on the Internet for at least two years.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, and to provide for public access to the Internet for those record votes."

PROPOSITION 12 (SJR 64)

SJR 64 would authorize the Texas Transportation Commission to issue up to \$5 billion in general obligation bonds for highway improvement projects, the proceeds of which will be used to pay for projects, costs, and payments owed under related credit agreements.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

PROPOSITION 13 (HJR 6)

HJR 6 would authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates conditions of release

in a family violence case and permit the legislature to authorize the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders in a family violence case.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

PROPOSITION 14 (HJR 36)

HJR 36 would limit a state justice or judge's service to December 31st of the fourth year of the term if he/she is elected to all or part of a six year term, and reaches mandatory retirement age during the first four years of said term.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

PROPOSITION 15 (HJR 90)

HJR 90 would require the legislature to establish the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas, and would provide for its management, duties, and powers. It would authorize the issuance of up to \$3 billion in general obligation bonds to be used for operations and grants for the purpose of scientific research of all forms of human cancer.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

PROPOSITION 16 (SJR 20)

SJR 20 would authorize the issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board to provide financial assistance to economically distressed areas of the state to help provide adequate sewer and water supply services for residential use.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: "The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

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Viewpoints

No call registry not completely fool-proof

I have written before about the love/hate relationship I have with telemarketers. They love to call me, and I hate to hear from them.

I signed our telephone number up for the national Do Not Call Registry as soon as I heard about such a thing being available. Magically, the number of calls from people trying to sell everything from studio portraits to, ironically enough, telephone service took a nose-dive.

A few callers remained, however. I wondered why.

I found out that being on the Do Not Call list does not prohibit certain businesses from calling me with offers. The Do Not Call registry is managed by the Federal Trade Commission and

enforced by the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission and state law enforcement.

Because of limitations in the jurisdiction of the FTC and FCC, calls from companies with which we have an existing business relationship would be exempt from observing our inclusion on the Do Not Call list.

In other words, if we have telephone service with the American Can and String Co. at our house, they can call us to try to sell us goods and services even though we are on the Do Not Call list.

Two types of calls we've been getting a lot of lately at home are those for surveys and ones for non-profit organizations.

Yep, you guessed it. The National Do Not Call Registry does not prohibit telephone surveyors from calling every Tom, Dick and Harry in the country to ask their questions.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

with the appropriate stuffing, and all I had to do was address the things to my friends and neighbors and stick them in the nearest mailbox to help the charity solicit donations from said friends and neighbors.

I don't know how other people handle their

charitable donations, but I choose the organizations I donate to with care and proceed to send them my donations, without any outside help from fund-raisers or mail solicitations.

I don't mean to sound like Scrooge about calls from charities, but on the other

hand, I think that calling my home to ask me to help them raise money is an invasion of my privacy and my home, not to mention very presumptuous of them.

And then there are the political calls. These are more seasonal than the other types of calls, because their number increases as we get closer to an election, and then magically die out immediately after the election dust settles.

Most of these types of calls that I've answered out of curiosity are pre-recorded messages. They sound like commercial advertisements broadcast on the telephone rather than television or radio.

These are easier for me to deal with. There is no live

person on the other end, so I don't feel as guilty about hanging up in the middle of the spiel. There is no life-or-death health issue or other humanitarian issue involved, so I don't worry about being mean-spirited by cutting them off.

Two features of some telemarketing-type calls which have become more commonplace have caught my notice.

If you've ever listened to a few of these callers, have you noticed that quite a few of them seem to use English like it's their second (or third or fourth) language?

Some of these callers have such strong accents that I can't understand them. I also can't make them understand

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 11, the 254th day of 2007. There are 111 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 11, 2001, in the single worst act of terrorism committed on U.S. soil, nearly 3,000 people died when two hijacked jetliners crashed into New York's World Trade Center, causing the twin towers to fall, a commandeered jetliner smashed into the Pentagon and a fourth hijacked plane crashed in western Pennsylvania. The day is marked as Patriot Day.

On this date:

In 1789, Alexander Hamilton was appointed the first U.S. Secretary of the Treasury.

'A hero is no braver than an ordinary man, but he is braver five minutes longer.'

— Ralph Waldo Emerson
American poet and essayist (1803-1882)

In 1814, an American fleet scored a decisive victory over the British in the Battle of Lake Champlain in the War of 1812.

In 1857, 450 years ago, the Mountain Meadows Massacre took place in present-day southern Utah as a 120-member Arkansas immigrant party was slaughtered by Mormon settlers.

In 1941, Charles A. Lindbergh sparked charges of anti-Semitism with a speech in Des Moines, Iowa, in which he said "the British, the Jewish and the Roosevelt administration" were trying to draw the United States into World War II.

In 1967, "The Carol Burnett Show" premiered on CBS.

In 1971, former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev died at age 77.

In 1972, the troubled Munich Summer Olympics ended.

In 1973, Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a violent military coup.

In 1974, an Eastern Airlines DC-9 crashed during a landing attempt in Charlotte, N.C., killing 71 of the people on board.

In 1989, the exodus of East German refugees from Hungary to West Germany by way of Austria began.

Ten years ago: The Army issued a searing indictment of itself, asserting that "sexual harassment exists throughout the Army, crossing gender, rank and racial lines." Scots voted to create their own Parliament after 290 years of union with England.

Five years ago: With words of comfort and resolve, President Bush joined the nation in remembering "how it began and who fell first" in the terrorist attacks one year earlier.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON SEPT. 11, 2001?



How economics shapes property rights

Economic theory does not operate in a vacuum. Institutions, such as the property rights structure, determine how the theory manifests itself. Similarly, the law of gravity isn't repealed when a parachutist floats gently down to earth. The parachute simply affects how the law of gravity manifests itself.

Failure to recognize the effect of different property rights structures on outcomes leads to faulty analysis. Think about several questions. Which lake will yield larger, more mature fish — a publicly owned or a privately owned lake? Why is it that herds of cows flourished and buffaloes did not? Who will care for a house better — a renter or owner?

The answer to each question has to do with the property rights structure. In a publicly owned lake, every-

one has the right to the fish. In order to assert his right, the person has to catch the fish. This leads to overfishing because the person who tosses back an immature fish doesn't benefit himself. He benefits someone else who will keep the fish. It's a different story with a privately owned lake. The owner needn't catch a fish in order to assert his rights and can let the fish mature. It's the same principle with buffalo and other wildlife that's publicly owned. Through various rules and regulations, governments, though imperfectly, attempt to solve this property rights problem with licenses, fishing and hunting seasons and setting limits on

Walter Williams
Columnist



catch and size. Private property rights force the owner to take into account the effect of his current use of the property on its future value. A homeowner has a greater stake in what a house is worth 10 or 20 years from now than a renter. An owner would more likely make sacrifices and take the kind of care that lengthens the usable life of the house. But owners have methods to make renters share some of the interests of an owner through requiring security deposits against damage.

There's a completely ignored aspect of the effect of restrictions on private property rights and that's restrictions on profits.

Pretend that you're an owner of a firm. There are two equally capable secretaries that you might hire. The pretty secretary demands \$300 a week while the homely secretary is willing to work for \$200.

If you hired the homely secretary, your profits would be \$100 greater. But what if there were a 50 percent profit tax? The profit tax reduces your rights to profit and reduces your cost of discriminating against the homely secretary. Instead of foregoing \$100 without the profit tax, you'd forego only \$50 by hiring the pretty secretary. The more the cost of doing something goes down, predictably, the more people will do of it. Wherever private property rights to profits are attenuated, we expect more choices to be made by noneconomic factors such as

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 3

The Dallas Morning News on The Labor Equation:

To some, writing about immigrant labor on Labor Day might seem un-American. To the contrary, immigrant labor is a big part of America's past, present and future.

This fact often is lost in contentious debate, a battle that most recently has shifted to the federal government's pending crackdown on businesses that employ illegal workers.

Make no mistake. We support employer sanctions as an element of immigration reform. Half a solution

isn't a solution, however, only a recipe for unintended adverse consequences. The sooner Congress realizes this and approves comprehensive reform, the better.

Right now, legal and illegal immigrants make up around 13 percent of the nation's workers, the highest percentage since the 1930s. By some estimates, immigrants hold about one of every three unskilled, low-wage jobs in America. These are jobs Americans aren't filling.

Now move to the other end of the scale. In this country, foreign-born workers account for about 25 percent of scientists and engineers, half of doctoral computer science and math degrees and 60 percent of doctoral engineering degrees. These are jobs

that not enough Americans possess the skills to perform.

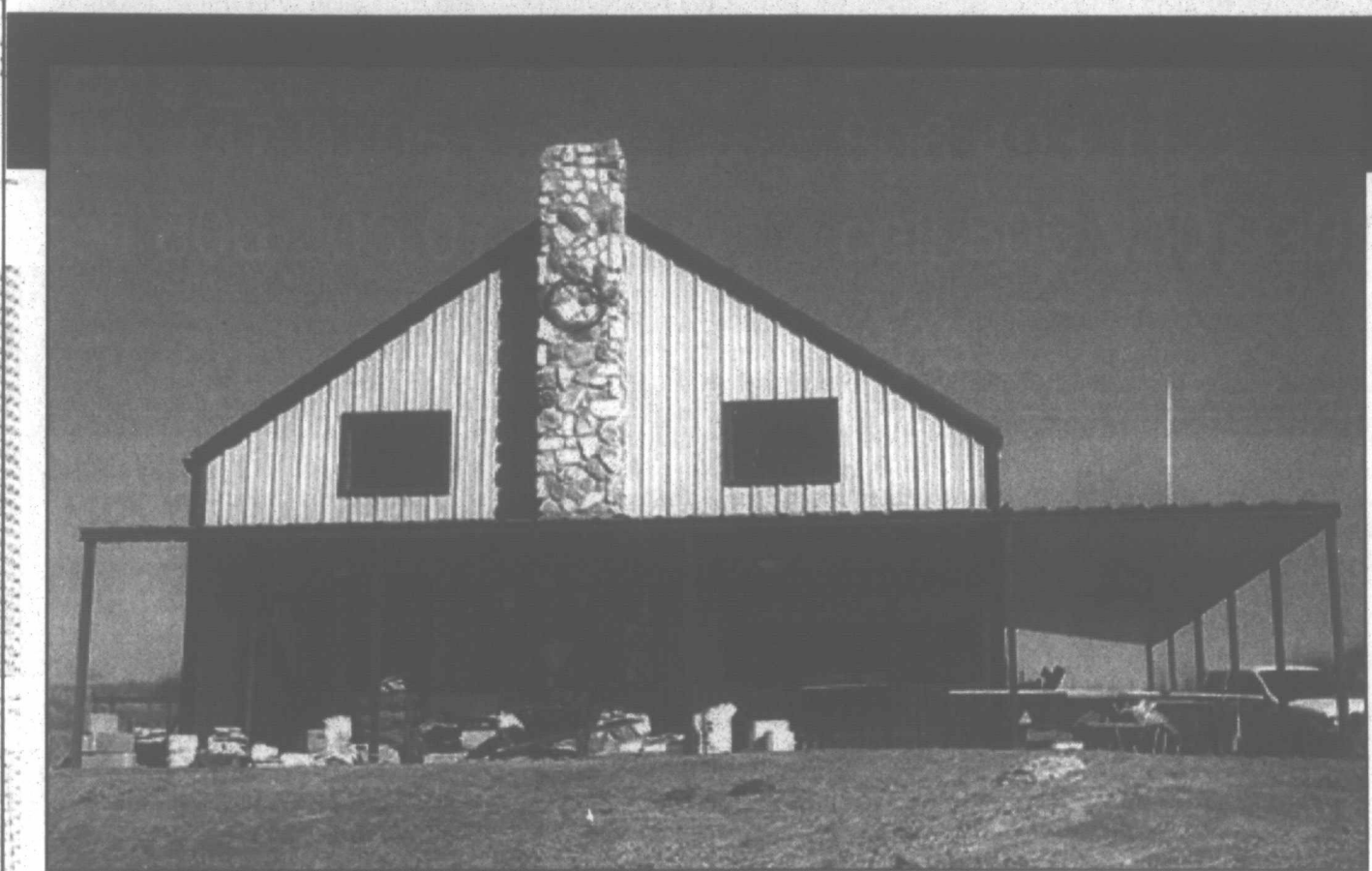
Yet when Congress nixed a proposed guest-worker program and with it the prospect that more than 12 million illegal immigrants could leave an underground economy it also killed an increase in H-1B visas, designed to increase the pool of foreign-born high-tech talent available to U.S. companies.

Congress' decision could well lead to critical worker shortages at both ends of the wage and skills scales. Low-wage illegal immigrants probably will go deeper into the shadows, while the scarcity of certain high-tech skills will further encourage businesses to outsource that work overseas.

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TERRORIST

Video describes 'caravan' of martyrs

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Osama bin Laden urged sympathizers to join the "caravan" of martyrs as he praised one of the Sept. 11 suicide hijackers in a new video that emerged today to mark the sixth anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon.

Al-Qaida traditionally issues a video every year on the anniversary, with the last testament of one of the 19 hijackers involved in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. This year's video showed hijacker Waleed al-Shehri, addressing the camera and warning the U.S.: "We shall come at you from your front and back, your right and left."

The new message came days after the world got its first current look at bin Laden in nearly three years, with the release of a video Saturday in which the terror leader addressed the American people.

The latest videotape, of the hijacker's testament, had not yet been posted on extremist Web sites. But IntelCenter, a monitoring group in suburban Washington, said it had obtained the 47-minute video and provided it to Associated Press Television News.

It begins with an audiotape introduction by bin Laden. While his voice is heard, the video shows a still image of him, raising his finger. In the image, bin Laden has the same dyed-black beard and the same clothes — a white robe and cap and beige cloak — that he had in Saturday's video.

Powers

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me, but that's not so unusual where telemarketers are concerned. After all, very few of them understand one of the shortest words in the English language — no.

Another thing is that a few calls have featured a pre-recorded message which asks the call recipient to hold as all representatives are currently busy with other calls.

This, to me, is the ultimate insult. How dare a telemarketer, who is already at the bottom of my favorite callers list, play a pre-recorded message asking me to hold for their sales pitch when I don't even want their call in the first place?

With my luck, if I did humor the caller and actually wait for the next available representative, it would be a grade-school dropout from Bangladesh asking me to address 100 envelopes, stuff them with political surveys and widget advertisements and mail them to everyone I want to alienate for life.

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race and other physical attributes. That's especially the case in nonprofit entities like government and universities.

You say, "Hold it, Williams, government and universities have preferential hiring policies in favor of racial minorities; so you're wrong."

No. When it was politically expedient, government and universities were the leaders in racial discrimination against racial minorities. Now that it's politically expedient to discriminate in favor of racial minorities, government and universities are in the forefront. For example, in 1936, there were only three black Ph.D. chemists employed by all of the white universities in the U.S., whereas 300 black chemists alone were employed by private industry. In government, blacks were only 1 percent

of non-Postal Civil Service workers in 1930.

By the way, where did blacks make their entry into white universities? If you said in sports, the moneymaking part of the university, go to the head of the class.

There are numerous issues and problems that are otherwise inexplicable unless we take into consideration the property rights structure.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Labor

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After this spring's bruising battle, Whether they cut laws, build homes or work in America's high-tech professions, immigrants are vital to America's economic well-being. And that's a Labor Day message worth remembering.

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This Week: Constitution Day
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The Preamble will be recited on Monday, September 17 at 2:00PM (in the Eastern time zone). Draw on each clock below the time it will be in each time zone when it is 2:00PM Eastern time.

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THE THREE BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

The United States (our Federal Government), each state government, and each local government has three branches of government jobs elected by the people.

Why are there three branches of government?

The founders of this country wrote a document called the United States Constitution. This document set down important laws and described how American government would work.

The Founding Fathers wanted to make a government that did not allow one person to have too much power. While under the rule of the British King, they had seen how this could be unfair.

To solve the problem of giving one leader too much power, the authors of the Constitution decided to set up three separate branches of government — executive, legislative and the judicial. Each would have its own responsibilities, and all would work together to make the country run smoothly. Power is shared between these three branches in a system of checks and balances. (These checks and balances have nothing to do with your parent's bank account!) Each branch of the government checks the power of the other two in order to maintain a balance of power.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how the U.S. Constitution serves to limit the powers of government (e.g., separation and sharing of powers, checks and balances, Bill of Rights).

Celebrate Constitution Day September 17!

Join people across America as they recite the Preamble to the United States Constitution with General Colin Powell. Here it is:

We the People of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Find the two bells that are the same.

People are urged to ring bells after reciting the Preamble. The bell-ringing is being led from Valley Forge, Pennsylvania where George Washington led an important battle in the Revolutionary War.

HOW CHECKS AND BALANCES WORK

Each branch of government has no more or less power than the others, creating an equal balance. Think of them as see-saws: if any of them had too much power, our government would be out of balance!

LEGISLATIVE

When the Legislative Branch (the Senate, the Unicameral, House of Representatives, the City Council) creates a new law, the Executive Branch (the President, the Governor, the Mayor) has to agree to it before it can be put into effect.

EXECUTIVE

If the Executive Branch does not agree with the law, it has the power to veto, or cancel it.

JUDICIAL

If the Judicial Branch (the United States Supreme Court, the State Supreme Court, county and district courts) thinks a law goes against the Constitution, that branch of government can judge a law to be illegal.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand that the U.S. Constitution serves to limit the powers of government with checks and balances.

Double Double Word Search

GOVERNMENT FOUNDERS CHECKS BALANCES BRANCH POWER SUPREME VALUES PROBLEM THREE STATE COLIN LAWS STAR VETO

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

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

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The Preamble of the U.S. Constitution starts with *We the People of the United States* ... Find examples in the newspaper of people working together to accomplish a goal. Cut out pictures and place on a bulletin board and add to this throughout the school year.

Standards Link: Civics: Understand how a constitutional government has shaped American society.

Write On! Children's Bill of Rights

Write a Bill of Rights with at least five rights you think all children should have.

Standards Link: Civics: Know how to distinguish among national, state and local governments.

Kid Scoop Together: Try This At Home

The Constitution of the United States protects the freedom of the press and freedom of speech. That makes it possible for citizens to get all of the news and to write and say what they want (as long as it is true!).

Newspaper reporters interview people to get the information for their news reports. With your learning buddy, select and read one article in today's newspaper. As you read, discuss what questions you think the reporter asked to get the information in the article. Complete the following:

Headline: _____

Question a reporter might have asked: _____

Fact from the article that answered that question: _____

Question a reporter might have asked: _____

Fact from the article that answered that question: _____

Standards Link: Speaking: Ask questions to gather information; Reading Comprehension: Distinguish fact from opinion.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **CONSTITUTION**

The noun constitution means the written record of the basic laws by which a state, nation or other organization is governed.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Robin in Newark, Calif." (July 12), who stated that he was annoyed because people thought his son was his grandson. I have had a similar problem all my life. I am a 12-year-old girl. My father is 67. Kids ask me if he is my grandpa. When I was really young, I'd say, "No! He is my father!" Now that I am a little bit more mature, I say, "No. He is my brother's father." It's cheesy, but they get the hint. — **MARCI IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR MARCI: I like your answer. You're a wise young lady with a clever sense of humor. The letters I received from readers of all ages prove it's all "relative," regardless of how you say it:

DEAR ABBY: My dad had an even better comeback when he was asked whether my younger sister was his grandchild. He would say, "No, she's my sister." It was just a funny comeback that wasn't offensive to anyone. — **LOVES HER DAD**

DEAR ABBY: I just read the letter from "Robin," who would become upset when people asked if his baby was his grandson. My father was a judge in upstate New York when he married my mother. Two years later, when he was 50 and she was 38, I came along. I can still remember how Dad would respond when someone would ask if I was his granddaughter. He would chuckle proudly and say, "No, she's my daughter," and beam. The person who asked would be momentarily surprised, and then smile. Everyone felt good about it. Robin, you've got bragging rights. Revel in them! — **STEPHANIE IN ALABAMA**

DEAR ABBY: My husband, Joe, is 75, and we have a 2 1/2-year-old son. Joe goes through the same thing -- people assume that he is "Grandpa." Unlike Robin, we love people's reaction when we tell them he is "Daddy." People think my husband is in his late 50s and are surprised he has a son who is so young. Imagine the look on their faces when we tell them his real age. He has gotten handshakes, high fives, thumbs-up and pats on the back. People remember us because of our son. We enjoy the reactions, conversations and, sometimes, the friendships we have made because of our situation. Please tell Robin to take it in stride and be proud that he has a chance to be a daddy at his age. I know my husband is. — **BRENDA IN OZONA, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: My husband, a college professor, took our 18-month-old son, Charles, to school with him one day. One of the students commented about his "grandson." When he came home, his ego was thoroughly deflated. I had a T-shirt made for our little boy that said, "He's My Dad" on the front and "Not My Granddad" on the back. Charles wore the shirt frequently. That was more than 20 years ago. Charles has grown into a wonderful young man ... but I'm not sure my husband ever completely recovered from that student's comment. — **I'M THE MOM**

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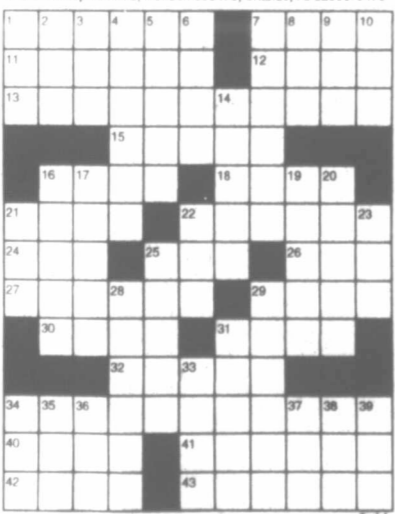
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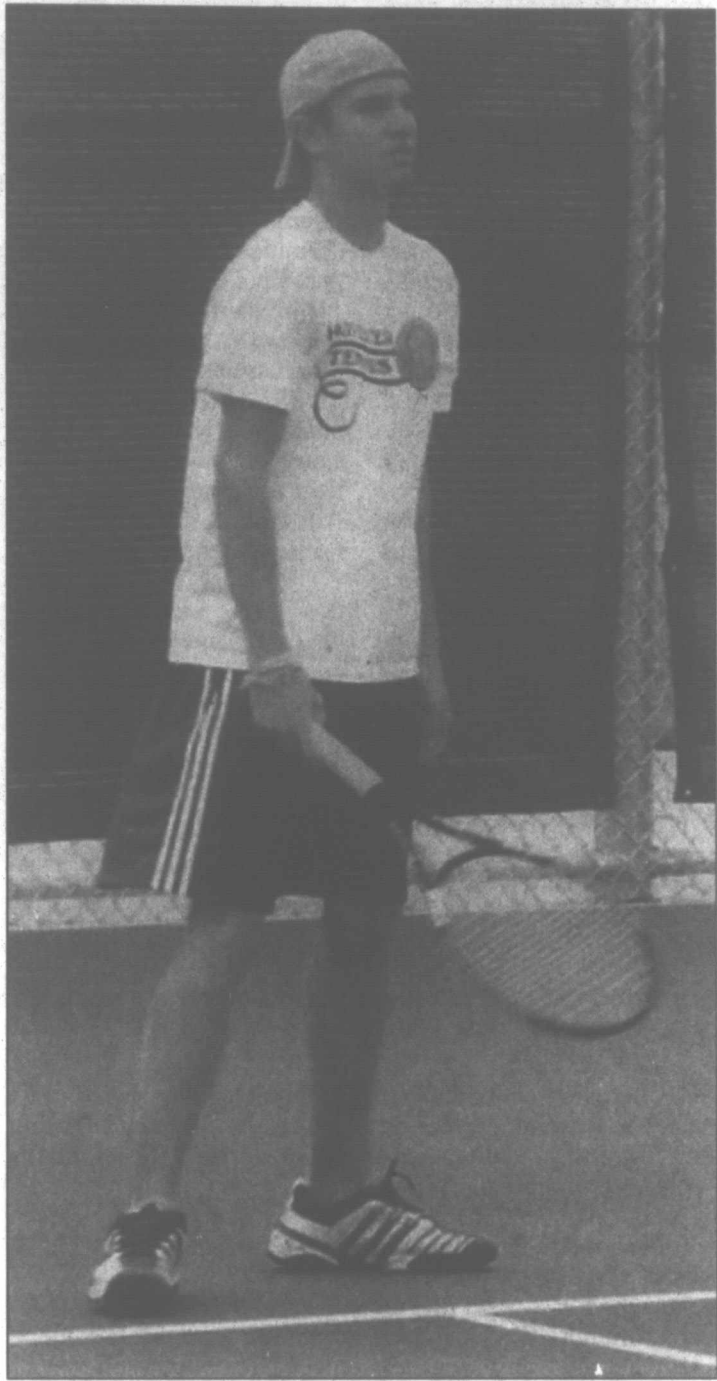


Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Tennis prepares for district play next week



By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

This week is what is known as "Green and Gold Week" for the Pampa High School tennis players, as they prepare to begin district competition next week.

"Green and Gold Week" consists of various team-building activities in which all players participate while getting ready to take on district.

The players split up into two teams - the green team and the gold team - and compete in several different sports and activities.

In the end, after a tournament held on Saturday, one team is declared the winner.

In Saturday's tournament, each player will team up with someone from the community, well out of high school and outside of the tennis program, as their doubles partner.

The road to district competition this season has not been an easy one for the team, but they hope to use this week and all available practice time to improve their game.

In late August, the team traveled to Wichita Falls to compete in their first tournament of the season.

In the first round at Wichita Falls, Pampa lost 0-19 to Wichita Falls.

In the second round, Ashley Hernandez, Alyssa Hoelting and Kevin Frels picked up the only singles wins, and the team of Jack Ware and Myles Foreman were the only doubles win-

ner as Pampa lost to Keller 4-15.

Pampa lost a heartbreaker to Burkburnett in the third round, 9-10.

With the team totals tied at 9-9, Pampa's Rachel Lee faced Burkburnett's Courtney Carpenter, but was unable to finish the match, giving Burkburnett the win.

Katie O'Neal, Ashley Hernandez, Sammi Finney, Megan Barnett and Krisa Whitley all picked up wins in girls singles against Burkburnett.

The girls doubles teams of Lee and Hernandez and O'Neal and Lauren Coutts also both picked up wins.

Kevin Frels picked up two wins against Burkburnett, one in singles and one with doubles partner Tyler Morris.

In the fourth and final round for Pampa at Wichita Falls, the Harvesters faced Plainview and lost 4-10.

Alyssa Hoelting and Myles Foreman both picked up wins in singles, and the boys doubles teams of Kevin Frels and Tyler Morris and Jack Ware and Foreman picked up wins against Plainview.

On Sept. 4, Pampa welcomed the Bulldogs from Borger on their home courts.

Ware, Frels, Garrett Coutts and Bryce Hendricks picked up wins in boys singles, and the teams of Ware and Frels and Foreman and Coutts won matches in doubles.

Lee, Hernandez, Barnett, Whitley, Hoelting and Lauren Coutts all won match-

es in girls singles, and the teams of O'Neal and Coutts, Barnett and Whitley, Hernandez and Lee and Finney and Hoelting each picked up wins.

Pampa defeated Borger 15-4.

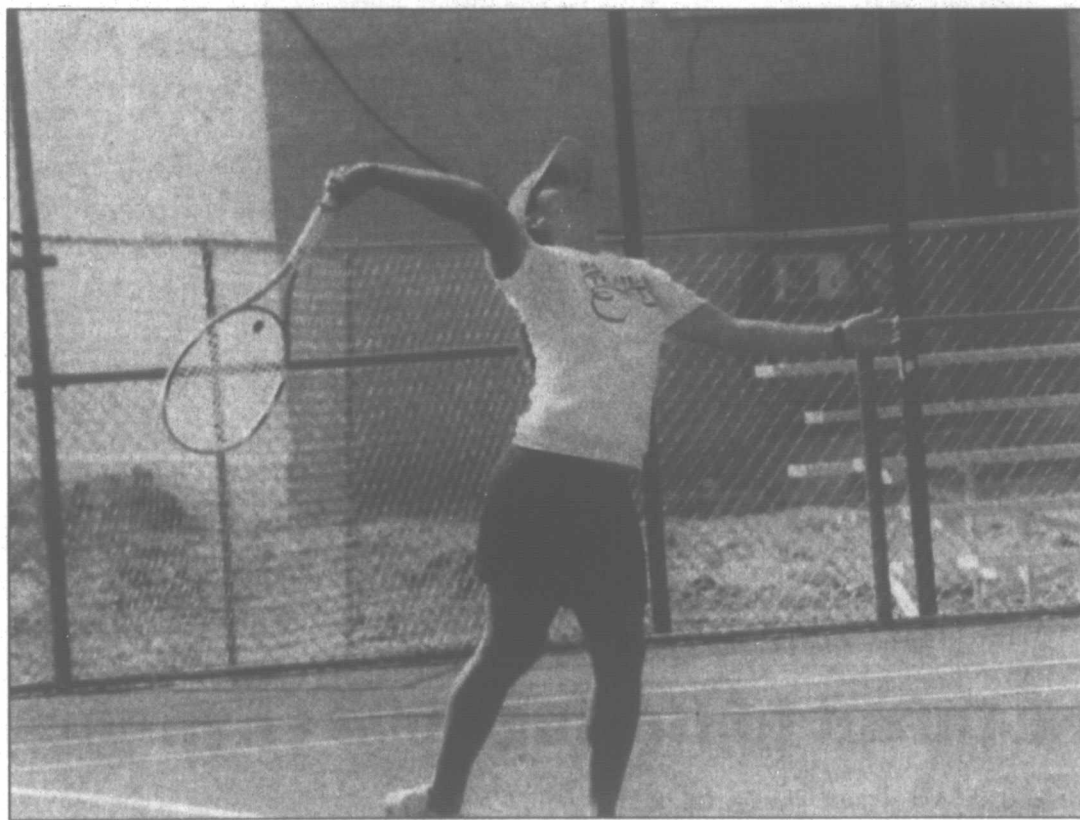
This past Saturday, Pampa traveled to Canyon to face the Canyon High Eagles.

Jack Ware ended up fin-

ishing as the only winner at the meet, defeating Canyon's Cullen Dees 6-1, 6-3.

Following the events of this week, "Green and Gold Week," the Harvester tennis players will play in the "Green and Gold" scrimmage Saturday, then travel to Dumas to take on the Demons next Tuesday as their first district meet.

Courtesy photo
Pampa junior Jack Ware defeated Canyon's Cullen Dees to record the Harvesters' only winning match at this past weekend's meet in Canyon.



Courtesy photo
Ashley Hernandez serves to Borger during last Tuesday's meet in Pampa. Hernandez won 6-2, 5-7, 10-8 against Allison Grider in singles and won 7-5, 6-4 in doubles with partner Rachel Lee.

Bills saddened after Everett sustains serious neck injury

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Bills punter Brian Moorman stood on the sideline desperately waiting for teammate Kevin Everett to get up or show any sign he was OK.

When the reserve tight end failed to do so as he was immobilized and carefully loaded into an ambulance after sustaining a severe spinal cord injury, Moorman knew it was serious.

"It brought tears to my eyes," Moorman said Monday, recalling how a day earlier he watched helplessly during the Bills season opener against Denver, hoping for the best, but fearing the worst.

Those fears were confirmed Monday when the team's orthopedic surgeon, Andrew Cappuccino, announced Everett will unlikely be able to walk again after sustaining a "catastrophic" and life-threatening injury.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," said Cappuccino, a day after he spent four hours in surgery reconstructing Everett's fractured spinal cord.

"By life, I'm an optimist," Cappuccino

added, when asked the chances of Everett regaining full movement in his body. "But as a scientist and a clinician, I have to tell you that, statistically, the chances of that occurring are very small."

For Moorman, Everett's injury brought back memories of watching on TV when Mike Utley, the former Detroit Lions guard, injured his neck and was paralyzed below the chest after a collision during a game in 1991.

Utley, Moorman recalled, at least was able to give what's become a famous "thumbs up" sign as he was taken off the field.

"That's what I was waiting for, and that's what everybody else was waiting for," Moorman said, his voice cracking with emotion. "And to have to walk back to the sideline and not see that made for a tough time."

Everett was hurt after he ducked his head while tackling Denver's Domenik Hixon during the second-half kickoff. Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

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Lefors Cross Country



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Lefors juniors Emily Jackson (left) and Valerie Miller lead the 111 varsity girls runners at the Wolf Creek Class cross country meet Saturday. Jackson finished 40th and Miller placed 10th.



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Lefors high school cross country team: Valerie Miller, Emily Jackson, Gabriel Miller, Lacie Johnston, Taylor Overstreet.

West Texas A&M Women's Soccer head coach reaches 150th win

CANYON, Texas - West Texas A&M women's soccer head coach Butch Lauffer recorded his 150th career win this weekend when the Lady Buffs defeated St. Mary's, 2-0, at The Pitch Saturday afternoon. Lauffer started the women's soccer program at WTAMU in 1996 and since then, he has coached the Lady Buffs to 10 or more wins in all but one season. Lauffer's overall record with the women is now 150-54-10 (.724).

"So many people contributed to this accomplishment - coaches, players, administration - it's not just me," Lauffer said. "But this is a validation of my work and what we all have been trying to do here."

One of the people who has helped Lauffer reach the 150 win mark is assistant coach Chad Webb, who has been a member of the coaching staff for 10 years. Webb played for the Buffaloes from 1992-1995 then was a student assistant for one season and a graduate assistant for four

seasons before accepting his current full-time position.

Over the course of the past 11 years, the women have won either the Lone Star Conference regular season or Tournament title six times, winning both in 2001. That same year, the Lady Buffs made their first-ever NCAA-II National Tournament appearance. WTAMU made a second consecutive NCAA-II National Tournament appearance in 2002 after winning their second-straight LSC regular season crown. Three seasons ago, the Lady Buffs won their third consecutive LSC Championship and made the NCAA-II Midwest Regional Finals.

Lauffer has coached two players to All-American status; Kathy Clutterbuck became the first women's soccer honoree when she was named to the third team in 2001, followed by Sarit Shenar earning first team honors in 2004 and third team honors in 2006. Shenar

was also named to the Academic All-American Second Team in 2006.

A number of international players have also come to Canyon to be a part of Lady Buffs soccer; currently, the team has many players who also have played for their senior national teams, including Miriam Dominguez (Mexico), Nadia James (Trinidad & Tobago), Elisabeth Markussen (Denmark), Jenelle Nedd (Trinidad & Tobago), and Adi Stein (Israel).

In Saturday's win, junior forward Elisabeth Markussen scored both goals for WTAMU; the first was unassisted while the second came off of a through-ball from sophomore midfielder Adi Stein that split the Rattler defense.

"The jury is still out on this year's team because we haven't played any conference games yet," Lauffer said. "But their cohesiveness and unselfishness so far has shown their potential to be special."

Soccer boosters host first annual soccer tournament

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will host the first annual 3-on-3 soccer tournament Sept. 29-30.

The tournament will help the booster club raise funds to purchase equipment and pay for travel expenses for the high school soccer teams for the upcoming school year.

There will be four different age groups for the tournament - under 6, under 8 through under 14, under 15 through under 18 and adults.

Team fees vary with each age group, with under 6 being \$80, under 8-under 14 being \$100, and under 15-under 18 and adults being \$125.

There can be up to five players on each team, and a medical release is required for all players.

All players will receive a T-shirt. For more information on the tournament, or to register contact Michelle Dyson at 663-0737 or by email at kmdyson@nts-online.net

Lake Meredith to host annual Small Fry Fishing Tournament

FRITCH - Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will once again host the annual Small-Fry Fishing Tournament, to be held on Saturday, September 22 at the Stilling Basin at Spring Canyon. Registration will be from 8:00 am - 9:00 am, with the tournament expected to conclude around 1:00 pm.

This event is a wonderful fun-filled opportunity for families to share in one of the best recreational activities available in the Texas Panhandle. Last year several hundred children participated in the tournament. Age groups will be from 6-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-14 years, with prizes awarded in each age category. An adult must accompany each participant.

In past years, support from businesses and individuals has allowed the Small-Fry Fishing Tournament Association to put on the tournament with no cost to the children. Youth of all income levels are invited to participate without having to pay an entrance fee.

Working sessions on the tournament are held on a regular basis. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the next session on Sunday, September 9 at 3:00 pm at Lake Meredith headquarters, located at 419 E. Broadway in Fritch. Volunteers are also needed to help on the day of the tournament. For more information, contact Win Bishop at 806-857-2541.



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Participants from last year fish from a dock at Lake Meredith.

China says terrorism, separatists pose threat to Beijing 2008 Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — China believes terrorism is the biggest threat facing next year's Olympic Games and has called for closer international cooperation to prevent possible attacks, state media said Tuesday.

"Although the general security situation for the Beijing Olympics remains stable, we still face the challenges of terrorism, separatism and extremism," Public Security Minister Zhou Yongkang was quoted by the China Daily newspaper as saying.

"Terrorism in particular poses the biggest threat," Zhou told a security conference in Beijing on Monday, the paper said.

Zhou proposed more information sharing between international security forces and the establishment of an early risk warning mechanism, the paper said, without giving details.

Zhou's remarks appeared on the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks in the United States — an event that

helped dilute U.S. and other foreign criticism of China's heavy-handed tactics toward ethnic separatists it accuses of terrorism.

Experts say the terrorist threat to the Olympics is relatively low, but warn that Beijing faces a growing long-term threat from Islamic separatists among the Uighur population in western China's Xinjiang region.

However, only one or two terrorist groups are capable of carrying out attacks in

northeast Asia, and their ability to operate within China's tightly controlled society is very limited, said Singapore-based terrorism expert Rohan Gunaratna, author of the book "Inside al-Qaida — Global Network of Terror."

"The threat (to the Beijing Olympics) is medium to low. The threat from the outside is very low," Gunaratna said.

However, Gunaratna warned Beijing's counterterrorism capabilities remain relatively weak, especially in

its understanding of groups based outside its borders. "I expect they'll improve a lot before the Olympics," he said.

China has not joined in military operations in Iraq or Afghanistan, and has not so far been a target of al-Qaida or other Islamic terror groups.

It recently appointed a special envoy to focus on conflicts in the Middle East, but Beijing's involvement in the region has mainly been limited to economic contacts

and calls for a negotiated settlement to the Palestinian question.

Although Uighur separatists have launched occasional bombings and assassinations, the last serious incidents were a decade ago.

In a rare publicized action, China said it raided a terror camp in Xinjiang run by the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, or ETIM, killing 18 militants it says had links to al-Qaida and the Taliban.

O'Reilly's goal rallies U.S. to 2-2 draw with North Korea

CHENGDU, China (AP) — For those who thought the U.S.-North Korea matchup might be the best of the women's World Cup, they weren't disappointed.

The United States rallied for a 2-2 draw Tuesday, with Heather O'Reilly scoring in the 69th minute in the Group B opener for both teams.

It was end-to-end action in front of an enthusiastic crowd of 35,000. It was counterattacking. And it was the two quickest teams in the world facing each other: the top-ranked Americans against the best team in Asia.

"I hope you enjoyed the game as much as I did," U.S. coach Greg Ryan said. "It was two great teams. North Korea is a fantastic team."

"There were chances for the U.S. to win and for North Korea to win," Ryan added. "We knew what a difficult group this would be — and it is proving to be very difficult."

The Koreans scored twice while the U.S. was a player short for several minutes in the second half, before O'Reilly tied the match with a shot from about 10 yards into the top corner of the net.

The United States extended its unbeaten streak to 47 games spanning 2 1/2 years under Ryan.

Played in a light rain at Chengdu Sports Center Stadium, the match had the feel of a final rather than a group-play opener. The final of the 16-team tournament is Sept. 30 in Shanghai.

Abby Wambach gave the U.S. a 1-0 lead in the 50th minute with a long-range shot that goalkeeper Jon Myong-hui got her gloves to but was only able to deflect into the top corner of the net.

Minutes later, Wambach

knocked heads with another player in a scramble around the goal and left the field with blood pouring from her face, leaving the Americans with 10 players.

North Korea scored twice in her absence. Ryan made a decision not to replace her, which he almost regretted.

"It was a very tough call," he said. "The doctor said they could get her back within just a few minutes. Abby is such an important player to this team. I thought we could withstand playing 11 against 10."

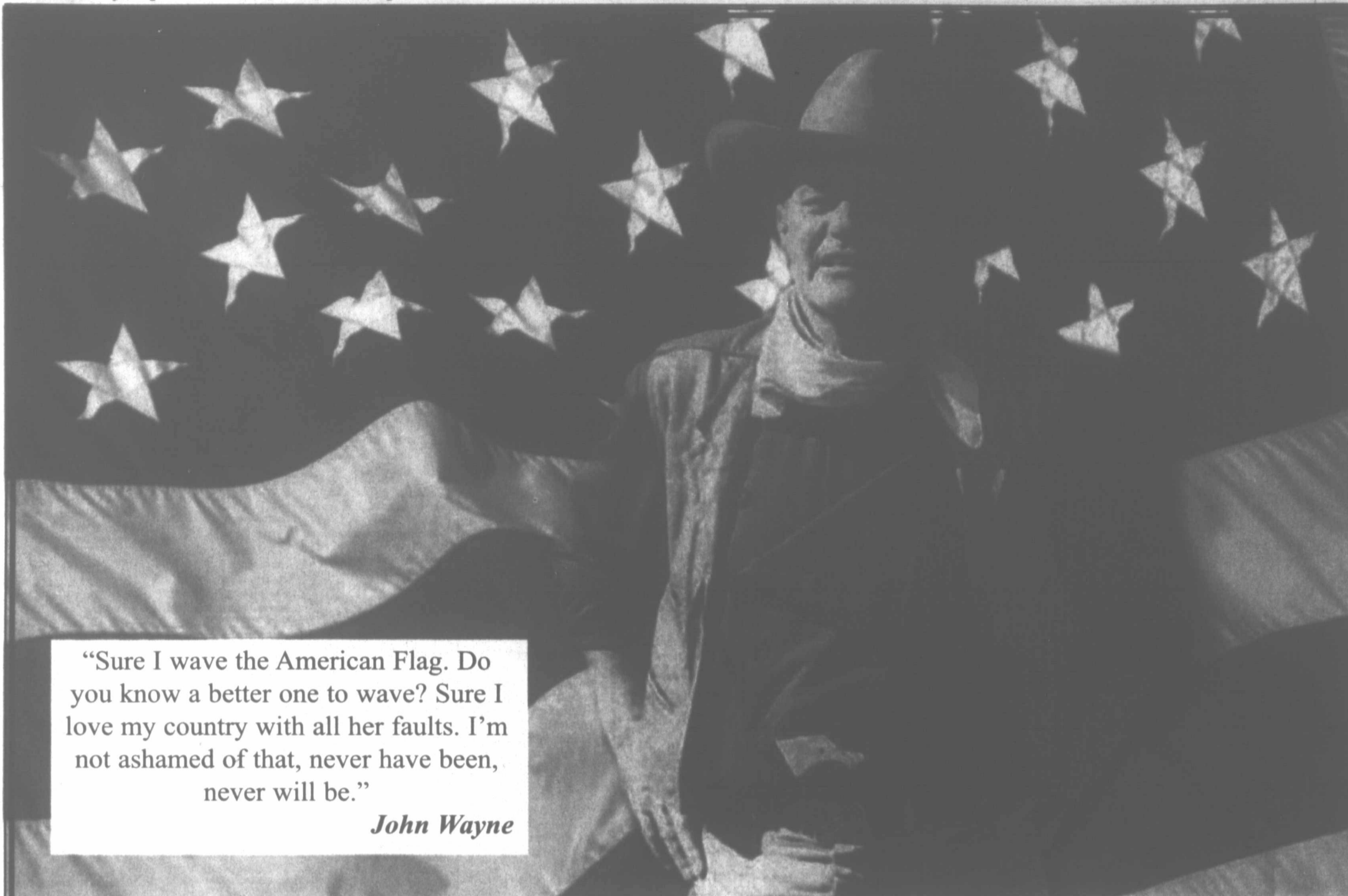
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