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Brown recluse spiders continuing threat to people

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

The brown recluse spider, *Loxosceles reclusa*, is part of the arthropod phylum, which are animals with segmented body parts that make up approximately 75 - 80 percent of the world's living animal species.

In this part of the United States, people should be aware of this type of spider, what a bite usually looks like and what type of medical inter-

vention to take in the case of a bite.

According to information from the Web site www.wikipedia.org, the brown recluse spider is usually between .25 and .75 of an inch, which is about the size of a quarter including its legs. It is normally a tawny brown or deep yellow color and usually has a marking on its back that looks like a violin, which is why the spider is sometimes called the fiddleback.

One characteristic that is different than most spiders which have eight eyes, the brown recluse has six eyes arranged in three sets of two. Only a few other spiders have their eyes arranged this way. Another difference is the web this spider makes. Instead of the normal circular web most spiders use to trap insects, the brown recluse has a careless and randomly constructed web that is only used for nesting purposes.

These spiders are nocturnal and prefer hot, dry, abandoned quiet environments like woodpiles, sheds, closets, garages, cellars, under beds and other places that are generally undisturbed. They can often be found in shoes, dressers or bed sheets that are not used very often. When dwelling in human residences, they seem to prefer cardboard, possibly because it mimics the rotting tree

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Driver safety class offered next week

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

A driver safety class, sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, will be offered next week for anyone interested in a refresher course on driving.

Even though this class is designed to improve the awareness and safety of the "more mature" driver, it is open to the public and there is no age limitation of those who can sign up and attend.

This class is not designed to eliminate a traffic citation in the state of Texas.

The three-year certificate of completion received after the class may qualify some recipients for an automobile insurance premium reduction, as determined by their insurance company.

You do not have to be an AARP member to take the class. There is a \$10 fee for the workbook that is provided.

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Water main woes



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

In their office some 10 feet below the ground's surface, Julio Cervantes, left, and Ollie Lowe with the city of Pampa try to restore a water main. Public Works Director Richard Morris said the installation of new water main valves at Barrett and Wilks in order to fix more water main problems at Love and Brown is part of the 50-year-old infrastructure problem the city is trying to repair with recent expansion of the city budget.

Junior CASA volunteers plan fund-raising dance

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

A fund-raising dance for junior high school students and high school freshmen will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the Impact building, immediately west of the Pampa High School football field in the 100 block of West Randy Matson Avenue.

Proceeds from the dance will go to the JCV Teens in Action. JCV is the Junior CASA Volunteers, a group of teenagers affiliated with CASA, or Court Appointed Special Advocates, a non-profit organization whose volunteers act as advocates for children who were removed from abusive and/or neglectful homes. The Pampa chapter is known as CASA of the High Plains.

Admission to the dance is \$5 per person. Bottled water and snacks will be available for purchase.

"There will be at least 12 adult chaperones, maybe more," said Ofelia Marszal, volunteer coordina-

tor for CASA.

"Once they come in, they can't leave," Marszal said of those attending the dance. "If they leave, they can't come back."

R.T. the DJ will be the disc jockey for the dance and will play a variety of music.

"The money goes to JCV, who plan to donate it to CASA," Marszal said of the profits from the dance.

JCV currently has 12 members, with more expected to come to the organization's next meeting, Marszal said.

The volunteer group is one result of a service project begun last May for the National Junior Honor Society.

"I had Beanie Babies I wasn't going to use any more," said JCV member Kirsten Kuhn. "I knew CASA gave things out to children, and I wanted to donate them."

She met Marszal, who told her

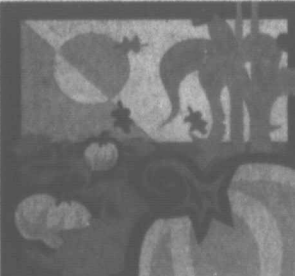
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Junior CASA Volunteers, from left, Lindsey Brown, Megan Pirtle, Autumn Chidester and Kirsten Kuhn are shown with fall leaves and pumpkins which will be used to decorate the Impact building, immediately west of the Pampa High School football field, for a fund-raising dance. The dance will be from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday and will be for junior high school students and PHS freshmen.

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Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. Windy, with a south-southeast wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South-southwest wind 10 to 20 mph becoming west-northwest. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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BP PLC ADR	68.98	+0.38
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Celanese	38.74	+0.33
Cabot Oil Gas	34.95	-0.05
Coca Cola	57.32	-0.03
VLO	68.33	+0.07
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Anadarko	53.19	+0.22
XOM	92.69	+0.32
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Limited	23.02	+0.30
Williams	34.18	+0.31
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COP	87.99	+0.69
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New acquisition



This "spudder," dating back to the 1920s or 1930s, was recently donated to White Deer Land Museum of Pampa by Rick Chester. The move was accomplished by Curtis Well Service and overseen by Eddie Jo Roberts.

COURTESY PHOTO

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Four traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was reported in the 3000 block of North Rosewood.

Accidents were reported in the 100 block of South Faulkner and the intersection of Francis and Starkweather.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations, resulting in two arrests.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of West 30th, the 600 block of South Barnes, the 400 block of North Roberta, the 1300 block of North Garland, the 2700 block of Rosewood, the intersection of Barnes and McCullough, the 1200 block of North Hamilton, twice in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill, once in the 500 block of North Doyle, the 1300 block of East Francis, the 600 block of South Barnes, the 1400 block of North Zimmers, the 1900 block of North Banks, the 1600 block of North Christy, the 300 block of North Davis, the 1500 block of North Christy and the 400 block of West Atchison.

Thefts were reported in the police department lobby, the 300 block of North Hobart and the 100 block of North Cuyler where a Nintendo Gameboy valued at less than \$50 was taken.

Criminal mischief was reported in

the 300 block of East Foster and the 500 block of South Schneider where a rear window valued at \$200 was broken on a 1999 Dodge Durango.

Assaults were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1000 block of East Murphy.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of South Sumner.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Varnon.

An abandoned vehicle was noted in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct calls were reported in the 100 block of North Nelson and the 400 block of East 17th.

An alarm was reported in the 400 block of North Faulkner.

A threat was made in the 800 block of South Sumner.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

of Amarillo was arrested by GCSO on a motion for enforcement of child support.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Larry Gene Caviness, 51, of Pampa was arrested by PPD for DWI, third or more offense.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Sept. 26

10:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Wynne and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of East Frederic and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

5:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Anne and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Beryl and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to another location.

11:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Tignor and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 26

Kory Harris, 29, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on warrants for unlicensed driver and failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia, no valid driver's license, expired registration and a capias pro fine for failure to appear.

Kevin Dewayne Nickelberry, 38,

Texas Today ...

Inmate set to die Thursday for killing parents
 LIVINGSTON (AP) —

Attorneys for a man condemned for killing his parents nine years ago hoped the U.S. Supreme Court's announcement this week that it planned to review the legality of lethal injection would spare him from a trip to the nation's busiest death chamber Thursday night.

Carlton Turner Jr.'s scheduled lethal injection hinged on an appeal lawyers were trying to ally with the high court's decision Tuesday to review the case of two Kentucky inmates who contended lethal injection caused unconstitutional pain.

Hours after the high court's announcement, a hastily prepared appeal attempting to make a similar argument failed to win a reprieve for another Texas inmate, Michael Richard. He was executed Tuesday night by injection in a procedure similar to the one in Kentucky.

Report details donations in Texas politics
 AUSTIN (AP) — Texas statewide and legislative

candidates raised a combined \$158 million for their 2006 campaigns, according to an extensive new study by a nonprofit group that tracks political fundraising.

The online report "Money in PoliTex," released Thursday by Texans for Public Justice, analyzes campaign funds raised by 378 candidates for top statewide offices and the Legislature. Those who won the 173 races raised two-thirds of all the money.

The top individual donors in Texas' 2006 election to all campaigns were home-builder Bob Perry and his wife Doyleene of Houston, who gave a combined \$7.16 million, followed by businessman James Leininger and his wife Cecilia of San Antonio, who contributed \$5.55 million.

There were 142 people or couples who gave totals exceeding \$100,000 last year. Lawyers and lobbyists made up the largest interest group that gave money to candidates, having donated \$23 million overall.

Goliad County wary of proposed uranium mine

GOLIAD (AP) — Fearing contamination of the Evangeline Aquifer, Goliad County has joined with ranchers, environmentalists and economic development groups to fight a proposed uranium mine.

The Goliad County Groundwater Conservation District said it measured an increase in minerals and iron in wells during the past year as Uranium Energy Corp. explored for uranium in the area. The minerals resulted in clogged filters and discolored water.

Goliad County, which has about 7,000 residents and is located about 80 miles southeast of San Antonio, has already allotted \$200,000 for the campaign.

Uranium Energy Corp., which has offices in Canada and the southwestern United States, is seeking a permit from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality for a full-scale mining operation.

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National Employ Older Workers Week being celebrated

AUSTIN — Texas joins the rest of the nation promoting the hiring of older workers during Employ Older Workers Week through Saturday. Established by the U.S. Department of Labor, this special week recognizes the contributions that older Americans continue to make to our nation's economy and to acknowledge employers who establish age-friendly work environments by training and recruiting

qualified older workers. With the growing population of older people and the anticipated shortages of skilled workers, many seniors are choosing to remain in the workplace well past retirement age. Data released earlier this month by the U.S. Census Bureau indicates that 23.2 percent of people between ages 65 and 74 were either working or job hunting in 2006, an increase of nearly 20 per-

cent compared to 2000 statistics. "Employers recognize that mature workers contribute strong work ethic and valuable experience to their businesses," said Texas Workforce Commission Chair Diane Rath. "Older workers benefit from the opportunity to acquire newer skills necessary to meet the demands of today's changing workforce needs." Census bureau statistics suggest

that the number of Texans age 55 and older is expected to increase from its current 4.6 million to more than 5.1 million by 2010 and 10.3 million by 2040. The Texas economy is expected to mirror the rest of the nation's efforts in relying significantly on the contributions of workers in this talent pool. In Program Year 2006, the Department of Labor allocated more than \$23 million to Texas for

the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP), which provided on-the-job training and employment opportunities to more than 6,500 qualified older Texans. SCSEP was established more than 40 years ago to serve the employment needs of people age 55 or older with limited financial resources.

Museum display



World War II memorabilia is displayed in one showcase in the new wing of Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Spider

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bark which they naturally inhabit.

A local physician, Dr. Vijay Mohan, has seen and treated many people in the local area who have suffered from brown recluse bites. He said that many people that are bitten by the brown recluse do not even know when this occurs. Most bites are minor and do not need medical attention. The person may notice slight redness in the area and experience some itching or irritation three to five days after the bite.

"If someone had more venom injected during the bite, a dull pain and discomfort may begin about four to six hours after the bite," Mohan said. "Mild symptoms of nausea, vomiting and malaise may occur in some patients. This discomfort may be controlled with Tylenol or Ibuprofen in addition to ice packs. The patient should never put heat on the bite because that may spread the venom."

"A more serious bite may look like a pin prick in the center, which is bluish purple or black, that is surrounded by a pale halo and an area of redness. The worst bites may cause a person to have chills, joint pain and

blood in the urine. Many times these bites are misdiagnosed because they can also look like shingles or chicken pox, but if the center turns blue or black, the person should seek medical attention immediately to avoid more damage to the skin and surrounding tissue."

The Wikipedia Web site and Mohan do agree that the treatment for a brown recluse bite is controversial and this is why many doctors are reluctant to follow a strict protocol. No antivenom is available at this time. Thorough cleansing of the bite area, elevation of the affected limb, application of ice and the administration of analgesics is routine. A tetanus shot is usually recommended also.

"Personally, I've had very good results from hundreds of cases when I administer a steroid shot around the bite area if the patient is seen early enough," Mohan said. "Hyperbaric oxygen treatments can also help, but these are not available in Pampa, but are in Amarillo. The medicine Dapsone has been helpful to many patients, but this is also very controversial when used for treatment."

"Dapsone is a medication used to treat leprosy in the past. It was found to help with brown recluse bites in the 1950's and I read an article about this treatment in JAMA in 1983. It reduces necrosis and helps to diminish cutaneous damage from one of the potent enzymes which is present in the venom of the spider. But, if

a person has a deficiency in G6PD (glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase), they can have side effects from Dapsone. This deficiency is present in people of Mediterranean descent and also in about 14 percent of African Americans. There is a blood screening test that can be done to detect this G6PD deficiency, but it takes almost a week to get the results back and that usually is too long to wait."

In some cases if the patient lets the wound go too long and necrosis has occurred, surgery is required to cut out the dead tissue. If the surgeon has to take out a large portion of skin and tissue, a skin graft and plastic surgery may be required.

Mohan explained several ways that people can try to avoid an encounter with a brown recluse spider and most of these have to do with eliminating the spider's habitat.

"People should perform routine thorough house cleaning," Mohan said. "Especially in garages, attics, closets and basements. All firewood, building materials and debris should be moved away from houses if possible. Window screens and door sweeps should fit tight. A professional exterminator could be considered for pest elimination. And finally, when people are going to wear shoes or clothing that has been stored for a while or hasn't been worn for a long time, they should shake them out thoroughly."

Dance

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about the services CASA provides to abused and neglected children. Kuhn became interested in CASA, and agreed to become a junior volunteer. Five teens joined her in doing volunteer work for the organization.

Other fund-raising activities by JCV include a food drive, candle sales and participation in the City-Wide Garage Sale in August.

Junior volunteers perform various services in

exchange for donations to their cause. These services may include painting, yard work, dog walking and helping the elderly with tasks such as grocery shopping.

Fund-raisers such as fun days in local parks and the upcoming dance are also held by the group to raise money for CASA. The next fund-raiser will be a joint effort between members of JCV and the local National Junior Honor Society.

Teens age 13 and up are eligible to be Junior CASA Volunteers, Marszal said.

For more information, call CASA at 669-7638.

Safety

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ed and you may pay at the door on the first day of class. Checks will be accepted if made out to AARP. The instructors for this class are Estell Allen and Leo Kenner, AARP-DSP volunteer instructors.

The class will be held from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Oct. 4 at the First Christian Church at 1633 N. Nelson. Those attending need to attend both sessions to make up the eight hour class.

There are a variety of ways to register for the class.

To register by phone, call Allen at 806-655-2279 or 806-367-1760 or Sudie Reeder at 669-6200.

To register by mail, send a check to AARP-DSP, 4 Mesa Dr., Canyon, Texas 79015-1708.

To register by e-mail, type AARP Class on the subject line, list your name, address, phone number and date of class in body of e-mail and send to elle@amaonline.com.

Registration forms are available at First Christian Church also.



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Viewpoints

Don't be an easy target for potential rapists

Last week, I featured the first half of an e-mail offering safety tips and precautions to help those of us among the fairer sex avoid becoming rape victims.

Here is the second installment of that e-mail copied verbatim ...

Part Two:

9) These men said they would not pick on women who have umbrellas, or other similar objects that can be used from a distance, in their hands. Keys are not a deterrent because you have to get really close to the attacker to use them as a weapon. So, the idea is to convince these guys you're

not worth it.

10) Several defense mechanisms he taught us are: If someone is following behind you on a street or in a garage or with you in an elevator or stairwell, look them in the face and ask them a question, like what time is it, or make general small talk: "I can't believe it is so cold out here," "we're in for a bad winter." Now you've seen their face and could identify them in a line-up; you lose appeal as a target.

11) If someone is coming toward you, hold out your hands in front of you and yell STOP or STAY BACK!

Most of the rapists this man talked to said they'd leave a

woman alone if she yelled or showed that she would not be afraid to fight back.

Again, they are looking for an EASY target.

12) If you carry pepper spray (this instructor was a huge advocate of it and carries it with him wherever he goes), yell I HAVE PEPPER SPRAY and holding it out will be a deterrent.

13) If someone grabs you, you can't beat them with

strength but you can by outsmarting them. If you are

grabbed around the waist from behind, pinch the attacker either under the

arm (between the elbow and armpit) OR in the upper inner thigh VERY, VERY HARD. One woman in a class this guy taught told him she used the underarm pinch on a guy who was trying to date rape her and was so upset she broke through the skin and tore out muscle strands — the guy needed

stitches. Try pinching yourself in those places as hard as you can stand it — it hurts.

14) After the initial hit, always GO for the GROIN. I know from a particularly unfortunate experience that if you slap a guy's parts it is extremely painful. You might think that you'll anger the guy and make him want to hurt you more, but the thing these rapists told our instructor is that they want a woman who will not cause a lot of trouble. Start causing trouble and he's out of there.

15) When the guy puts his hands up to you, grab his first two fingers and bend

them back as far as possible with as much pressure pushing down on them as possible. The instructor did it to me without using much pressure, and I ended up on my knees and both knuckles cracked audibly.

16) Of course the things we always hear still apply. Always be aware of your surroundings. Take someone with you if you can and if you see any odd behavior, don't dismiss it, go with your instincts!!! You may feel a little silly at the time, but you'd feel much worse if the guy really was trouble.

Skyla Bryant

News Editor



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2007. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1964, the government publicly released the report of the Warren Commission, which found that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy.

On this date:

In 1779, John Adams was named to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1825, the first locomotive to haul a passenger train was operated by George Stephenson in England.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner occurred when the steamship Arctic sank with 300 people aboard.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

In 1939, Warsaw, Poland, surrendered after weeks of resistance to invading forces from Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union during World War II.

In 1942, Glenn Miller and his Orchestra performed

'I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am most certain of the first time.'

— Josh Billings
(Henry Wheeler Shaw)
American humorist
(1818-1885)

together for the last time, at the Central Theater in Passaic, N.J., prior to Miller's entry into the Army.

In 1954, "Tonight!" hosted by Steve Allen, made its network debut on NBC-TV.

In 1956, Olympic track and field gold medalist and Hall of Fame golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias died in Galveston, Texas, at age 45.

In 1979, Congress gave final approval to forming the Department of Education, the 13th Cabinet agency in U.S. history.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture.

Ten years ago: The space shuttle Atlantis blasted off, docking hours later with the problem-plagued Russian Mir station to drop off American David Wolf and pick up Michael Foale.

Five years ago: President George W. Bush said the United Nations should have a chance to force Saddam Hussein to give up his weapons of mass destruction before the United States acted on its own against Iraq, but told a Republican fundraising event in Denver that action had to come quickly.



Great church resources on the Internet

Many people equate the Internet with an endless bookshelf, containing the sum total of all human knowledge. While that belief is a little misplaced, it is not entirely incorrect. Over the years, thousands of books, especially those out of print, have been archived to sites around the Net, making them available to anyone on the planet. And, as you can probably guess, the most sought after text is also the most popular printed tome, the Bible.

Whether you are a minister, Sunday school teacher, or a theologically interested individual, the Internet offers a wide array of online religious resources.

Bible Gateway. Of the bunch, my favorite is Bible

Gateway (<http://www.bible-gateway.com>). It's comprehensive, but easy to navigate interface makes any religious search a breeze. You can search through a variety of Bible versions: NIV, KJV, NAS, plus 24 more. In addition, you can have them translated into 30 languages including Arabic, Chinese, Croation and Russian.

Their homepage allows you to search by passage and keyword very easily. To search for a passage type in a reference in standard book-chapter-verse format. For instance, typing

"Psalm 30:2-7" will give you that set of verses. Keyword searching is self-explanatory. Simply type the word or words you want to search for and the system will display all the verses containing them.

For those of you needing more research options, check out the Topical Index link. If you like doing comparative studies (seeing the same verse in multiple Bible versions), click the "lookup passages in multiple versions" link. Simply enter your verse reference and check all the versions you want to contrast.

It's that easy.

"Keyword search" also gives you many options. The drop-down list below the blank gives you many ways to adjust your search. Basically, it allows you to find verses that only contain ALL of the words or verses that contain ANY of the words.

If you are trying to find a specific quote, type in as much as you know and choose "exact phrase." Finally, have you ever wondered how your pastor knew how many times certain words were used in the Bible? When you search for words, you can check the total number of results for the answer.

Be sure and check out the See CHURCH, Page 5

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 17
Austin American-Statesman on a bigger student loan purse:

At a time when Texas students are relying more on loans to pay for college, the states pot of money for student loans is drying up. And if the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Boards loan program is not replenished soon, it will be nearly depleted by 2009. That would be a huge loss for Texas families.

There still will be plenty of private

lenders that can pick up the slack, so its legitimate to ask why the public should care that the government is in the business of lending money to students for college. The answer is that the state government student loan program does not make a profit. That means the public benefits with lower interest rates and favorable repayment arrangements. The government loans wont be sold to third-party lenders, as is a practice in the private sector, and interest wont be capitalized.

Constitutional amendments rarely ignite public attention, but we urge you to pay attention to this one. By approving Proposition 2 on the Nov. 6 ballot,

voters will authorize the state coordinating board to issue \$500 million in bonds to restock the student loan program. The good news is that the bond debt wont increase taxes or fees. The bonds will be paid back by borrowers, as has been the case for the decades the loan program has been in business. Its worth repeating that there is no cost to Texas taxpayers.

This is a critical time for the state loan program. Students across Texas are relying more than ever on student loans to finance their college education, according to the higher education

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COURTESY PHOTO
Katy Happ, left, and Charlie Hinson participated in the cake walk at a carnival staged by the Salvation Army on a July 4th weekend.

Salvation Army spreads hope with help of United Way funds

Besides providing a multitude of programs and services for the community at large, The Salvation Army, a United Way agency, often assists individuals in need.

Whether its providing a couple with a roof over their heads while they get on their financial feet or sending volunteers to serve food and drinks to emergency personnel during extreme situations such as occurred with the wildfires across the Panhandle in recent years, The Salvation Army is in the business of doing good.

"Our greatest accomplishment for the last year," said Capt. Mark L. Martin, of the local Salvation Army, "was helping one man see hope in the future."

"He came to us two weeks out of prison, paroled to a house full of drugs, and no work to be found without a car," Martin said. "His request was to have help with a ticket to his sister's in Arkansas. After checking all the

information he gave us, and finding everything he said to be true, we put him in a motel for observation.

"The following Friday we took him to the Amarillo bus station. On the way, we gave him a new Bible and talked about new goals for a new start in life. With tears in his eyes, he thanked us and left. Maybe a month later, we received a letter from his mother who lives in Colorado letting us know how he was doing."

At the time of the letter, the man was still with his sister, the mother said. She thanked Capt. Martin for "taking care of her son when he was at his lowest."

—This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2007 fund-raising campaign.

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"match whole words only" checkbox on the right. I discovered how important this option was when I tried to search on the keyword, "ear." Without this option checked, the system returned verses containing earth, bear, hearing, etc.

The Sound of Scripture. One of the major sections of Bible Gateway is entitled, "audio Bibles." You can find it by clicking on "additional resources" on the left. Here, you can listen to any verse read aloud in a variety of languages. While some of the files are MP3, most are in Flash or the Real Audio format, necessitating an installation of the free Real Player (<http://www.real.com>).

The quality was impressive, but the verses I tested were being read by a British Shakespearean actor with attitude. I chuckled during a few of his "dramatic pauses."

Other Sites. Finally, scroll down from the Audio Bibles link and check out "study tools." This page is one of the best collection of research links I've found on the Net. A number of great, non-copy-

righted commentaries help shed historical meaning and insight on some of the more perplexing verses.

If you come across an unfamiliar word or person in the Bible, check out the vast number of lexicons, dictionaries and encyclopedias. Some references even have audio clips giving the correct pronunciation.

For those of you needing a little inspiration every day, you can sign up for various e-mail "verse-a-day" services. And, if you choose to read the entire Bible yourself, you can find some great reading plans that will guarantee completion in one month, six months or a year.

If discussion and debate is more your thing, check out the Study Bible Forum link. You can give your 2-cents on a variety of subjects. However, be prepared to back up your viewpoint with Biblical references.

Started in 1993 by Nick Hengeveld, the Bible Gateway has quickly grown into the most popular site of its kind on the Net. You'll find that this site is an indispensable tool for clergy and laymen alike. Hey, it sure beats flipping through a 30-pound exhaustive concordance!

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Loans

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coordinating board. That trend is hitting middle- and higher-income students hardest 80 percent relied on loans to help pay for college in 2006. Coordinating board officials are tracking another trend: Half of lower-income students who receive grants (free money based on need) also are relying more on loans to help finance college.

Loans have become an increasingly larger portion of college financial aid packages because of rising tuition, housing and other costs, and because the pool of grant funding has shrunk overall as

college enrollments expand. At the University of Texas, a student will spend \$19,238 a year on tuition, housing, books and other fees. Statewide, the average for those costs is \$15,641. Since 1998, the loan program has lent \$659 million to 58,591 Texas students.

In 2000, the coordinating board adopted a bold initiative to increase participation in higher education by 630,000 students by 2015. Money is a strategic part of meeting that goal because college is not free. Texas is hardly prepared to respond to those trends with a shrinking pool of student loan money. Proposition 2 will help Texas stay in the business of helping students go to college. Voters should approve Prop 2. URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

Nurse gives birth to ninth child in SUV in West Virginia

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — David Harrah thought he had time for coffee before racing his pregnant wife and their eight children 15 miles to the hospital.

Think again, Daddy. Sherry Harrah gave birth

shortly before dawn Tuesday to the couple's ninth child inside the family's new Ford Expedition alongside U.S. 119 in front of a Toys 'R' Us.

"I told him I wasn't going to make it," Harrah said Wednesday from her bed at Charleston Area Medical

Center's Women's and Children's Hospital. "He didn't know what to do because my water broke."

As a labor and delivery nurse at Cabell Huntington Hospital, Harrah said she knew time was of the essence.

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Austin choir



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Austin Elementary School's fifth grade choir performed at a Friday assembly recently. Pictured from left are Lauren McCollum and Kamry Scott.

DANCE

Local studio adds to faculty

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center has introduced Sherry Fogerson to their faculty.

Fogerson is now teaching gymnastics and cheer-dance, which is a combination of gymnastics and cheerleading. She taught classes at the Graves Dance Center once a week this summer and this fall is teaching classes one or two times a month.

"Sherry lives in Lubbock and is driving from there each time she comes to teach a class for us," Graves said. "We are so excited to have her teaching cheer-dance classes for us because she's had such great success over the years."

Graves has added cheer classes and is going to start a competitive cheer group in two age groups, age 7-10 and age 11 and older. She said they hope to be ready for competitions by spring next year.

Fogerson coached a group of dancers

who recently won the National Championship for "Showstoppers" for the 2007-2008 year.

"I've taught and coached quite a few cheerleaders who have gone on to win state and national finals," Fogerson said.

"I've worked with the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and also performed with the Apache Belle Dancers at Six Flags. I taught three sisters in the late 1970's and early 1980's that all made Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader at different times. They wrote a book about their experiences in that organization and mentioned me in there also. I just love being involved

with and teaching cheer, dance and gymnastics and hope to continue for years to come."

Fogerson has her own studio in Lubbock and also works with kids in the Lubbock school system. She is the coach for NCA champion cheerleaders, a member of USA Gymnastics and a member of Dance Masters of America and NBTA Twirling Association.



Fogerson

Lab tech fired for biting 3-year-old boy

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A laboratory technician was fired after the parents of a 3-year-old boy claimed she bit his shoulder during a blood test, a hospital spokesman said.

Faith Buntin took her son Victor to St. Vincent Hospital on Friday to have blood drawn because of recent recalls of toys involving lead. She said she saw the worker put her mouth on Victor's shoulder as she restrained him so another lab worker could

draw the blood.

"I looked at her like that was the craziest thing that I'd ever seen," Faith Buntin said Tuesday. "She looked at me and smiled and said, 'Oh, it was just a play bite. He's not hurt.'"

Buntin said she saw teeth marks on the boy's left shoulder after they went home, and her husband drove the child back to the hospital, where he was prescribed antibiotics.

Bill O'Reilly fights back against charges that he's racially insensitive

NEW YORK (AP) — Fox News Channel's Bill O'Reilly said Wednesday his critics took remarks he made about a famed Harlem restaurant out of context and "fabricated a racial controversy where none exists."

He criticized the liberal group Media Matters for America as "smear merchants" for publicizing statements he made on his radio show last week.

O'Reilly told his radio audience that he dined with civil rights activist Al Sharpton at Sylvia's recently and "couldn't get over the fact that there was no difference" between the black-run restaurant and others in New York City.

It was just like a suburban Italian restaurant, he said. "There wasn't any kind of craziness at all," he said.

O'Reilly told The Associated Press that Media Matters had

"cherry-picked" remarks out of a broader conversation about racial attitudes. He had told listeners that his grandmother — and many other white Americans — feared blacks because they didn't know any and were swayed by violent images in black culture.

"If you listened to the full hour, it was a criticism of racism on the part of white Americans who are ignorant of the fact that there is no difference between white and black anymore," he told the AP. "Circumstances may be different in their lives but we're all Americans. Anyone who would be offended by that conversation would have to be looking to be offended."

His radio show was a conversation with Fox News contributor Juan Williams, author of a book about the coarseness of some black culture. Williams defended O'Reilly during a Tuesday appear-

ance on "The O'Reilly Factor."

'You and I have gone to dinner before in Harlem, and I've never heard you say anything offensive. I'm going to listen to the tape and I'm going to give a judgment.'

— The Rev. Al Sharpton

"It's so frustrating," Williams said. "They want to shut you up. They want to shut up anybody who has an honest discussion about race."

Sharpton, appearing on O'Reilly's TV program Wednesday, acknowledged that he found accounts of what O'Reilly said "disturbing and surprising," but added that he had not heard the radio broadcast.

"You and I have gone to dinner before in Harlem, and I've never heard you say anything offensive," said Sharpton, speaking from Baton Rouge, La. "I'm going to listen to the tape and I'm going to give a judgment."

The controversy was similar to one that enveloped presidential candidate Joe Biden last winter. When Biden praised rival Barack Obama as "articulate" and "clean," many saw this as a way of conveying those were unusual characteristics for blacks.

Sylvia's manager Trenness Woods-Black told the New York Daily News that O'Reilly's

remarks were "insulting" and showed he has little knowledge of the black community.

At one point on the radio show, Williams mentioned that too many people see little else in black culture beyond profane rap. "That's right," O'Reilly said. "There wasn't one person in Sylvia's who was screaming, 'M.F.-er, I want more iced tea.'"

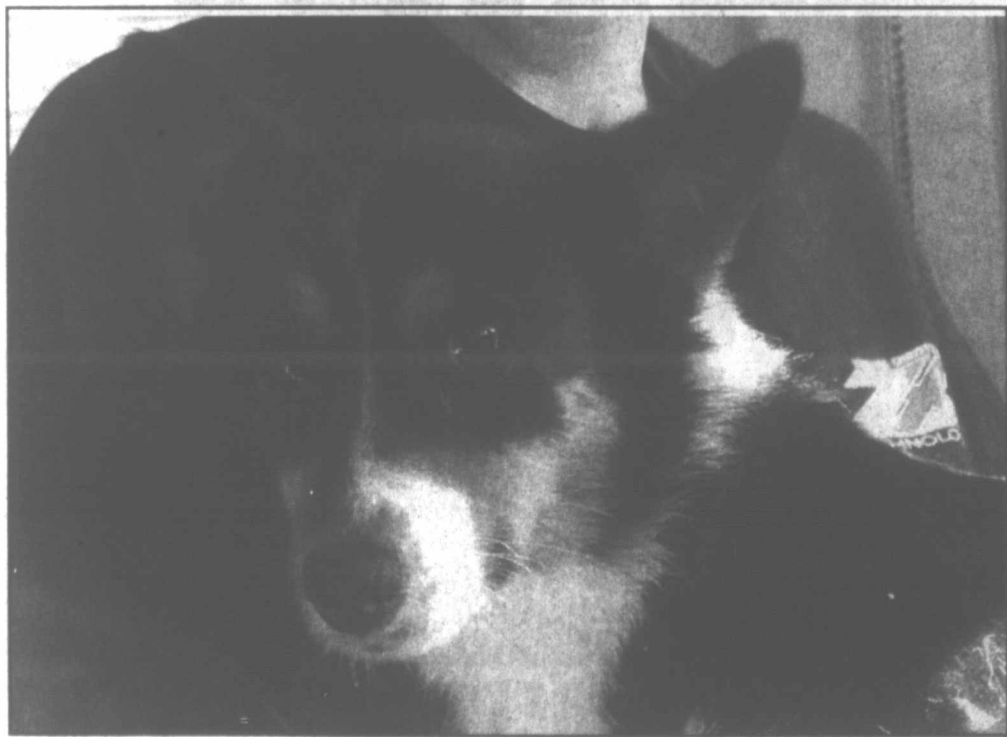
Karl Frisch, spokesman for Media Matters, said it is typical for O'Reilly to criticize his group for merely reporting what he says.

"We didn't call him a racist," Frisch said. "We said his comments were ignorant and racially charged, and we stand by that."

O'Reilly said that the Williams conversation was carried on more than 400 radio stations and that there wasn't one complaint from a listener.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm 34 years old and have two wonderful kids ages 12 and 8. I am a single mother, employed part time. I live with my parents and need some advice. I recently met someone. He is a 35-year-old firefighter who coaches football and has a child of his own. The night we met it was nice. We engaged in physical activity. He said he was interested in me, and I told him likewise. He called me the next two days - - and that was it! I have called him several times since the last time he called me, and everything seemed fine with him. However, we have not really had a long conversation. He said he wanted to get to know me better, so I don't understand why he doesn't call me anymore. I e-mailed him that if he wanted me to stop calling, then I would appreciate it if he would just let me know. But he hasn't told me anything. I don't know if he's just really busy with work or what, but I really like this man and enjoyed his company, and wonder if he enjoyed mine too. Please help me understand what the problem is. — **LOST IN GUAM**

DEAR LOST: The problem is you engaged in "physical activity" with him too soon. Now the mystery is gone, the excitement of the chase is gone, and he is gone. While it might be nice of him to say goodbye, silence sends a message that speaks volumes. It's saying he is no longer interested.

DEAR ABBY: Over the years I have enjoyed seeing the letters in your column about the kind, helpful things people do -- the good deeds that brighten someone's day. I would like to offer one from my own family. When my son was 5, he was a very active little boy. I was forever "losing" him in stores. I would usually find him hiding in clothing racks, etc. One day I couldn't

find him. After a frantic search, I finally found him in the women's restroom helping an elderly woman in a wheelchair with the doors. I began to scold him when she said, "Please don't do that. He was the only one who offered to help me." It was then that I realized what a caring little boy he was -- and still is today as a grown man. — **NANCY IN SANTA CLARA, CALIF.**

DEAR NANCY: Your little boy was, indeed, kind and empathetic. However, the incident you have described happened many years ago. Today, I am sad to say; parents must impress on their young children the possible danger of wandering away with an adult they don't know.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem I have never seen in your column. My jealous husband created a fictional online character and contacted me through a Christian support e-group. I began corresponding with this person via e-mail. This was a character designed to match all my preferences. When he offered to meet in person, I refused, but he continued to increase the intimacy of the messages until I eventually expressed dissatisfaction in my marriage. That is when my husband revealed that HE was my fantasy friend. Now neither of us is sure we can trust each other -- after 18 years of marriage. Should I forgive and forget? — **BETRAYED IN CLEVELAND**

DEAR BETRAYED: Yes, and so should he. From where I sit, this could be a golden opportunity to improve your marriage through marriage counseling. Maybe if your husband tries harder to be the man he knows you want him to be, he will have less to worry about in the future. (And you will have less to be dissatisfied about.)

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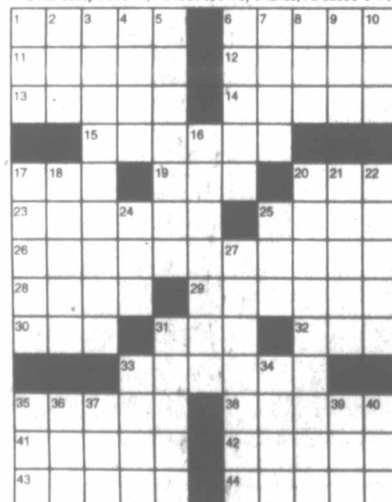
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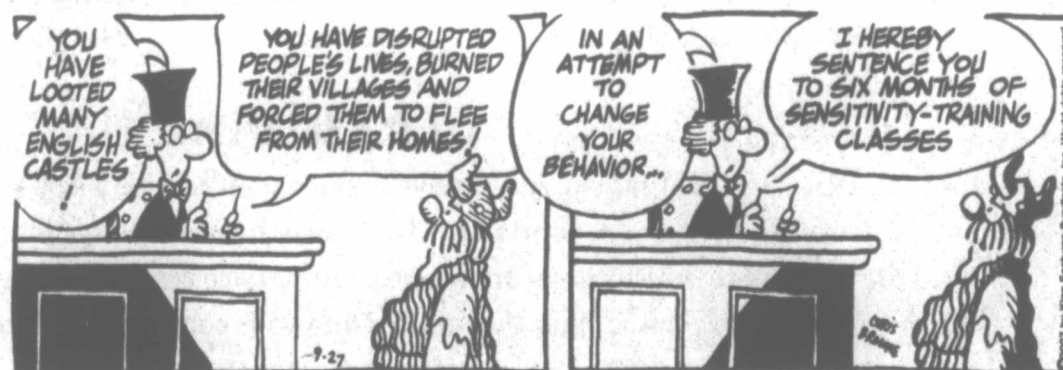
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Sports Day



Courtesy photo
Pictured here is the 8th grade A team with their consolation trophy: (back row, L-R) Stephanie Allen, Autumn Chidester, Kailyn Troxell, Delaney Clendening and Caitlyn Sieck. (front row, L-R) Alanna Stephens, McKinlee Stokes, Kirsten Kuhn, Lindsey Brown and Heather Coffee.

8th grade A, B volleyball share similar outcome at tournament in Canyon

The 8th grade A and B volleyball teams traveled to Canyon this past weekend to compete in the Canyon Tournament against teams from around the area.

The A team, coached by Deanna Polasek, took the consolation trophy home after getting through three matches.

In their first match against Dumas, Pampa lost 19-25, 16-25.

"The scores may not look as close, but the games actually were," Polasek said. "We had great blocks, serves, hits and all around good defense and offense."

Their first match in the consolation bracket was against Borger, who they defeated 25-12, 25-20.

For the consolation win, the girls took on Plainview and won 25-13, 25-16.

"They played very well together, this is a great group of girls to coach,"

Polasek said, "I am excited for these girls and their continued success."

Individual results from the A team are as follows:

Kailyn Troxell - four blocks, 14 serves, five serve receives, 19 hits and three digs.

Caitlyn Sieck - three serves, three serve receives, four hits and two digs.

Kirsten Kuhn - 24 serves, four serve receives, eight hits and two digs.

Stephanie Allen - one block, ten serves, one serve receive and two hits.

Heather Coffee - five serves, two serve receives, one hit and one dig.

Autumn Chidester - two blocks, 25 serves, five serve receives and 17 hits.

Delaney Clendening - one block, 11 serves, 14 serve receives, 19 hits and 3 digs.

Lindsey Brown - 13 serves, eight serve receives, one hit and three digs.

McKinlee Stokes - three serve receives and two digs.

Alanna Stephens - two blocks, five serves, four serve receives, two hits and one dig.

The 8th grade B team, coached by Stefani Goldsmith, also won in the consolation bracket.

In their first match against Dumas, the B team lost, then won their second match against Borger.

In the final match against Plainview, the girls played with aggressive serve receives and hits and won for the consolation.

As a team, the girls totaled 40 serves, 35 good serve receives and 20 hits.

Team members are Laura Kirkland, Miranda Patterson, Samantha Powell, Megan Pirtle, Kaitlyn Grant, Harley Mayfield, Courtney Ward, Ellen Cambern, Margo Mendoza, NaKayla Hardman, Callie Coleman and Danielle Savoie.

Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
Sept. 26, 2007

1st Place (60)
Bill Hammer
Johnny Gilbert
Joe McGray
Dwayne Ferguson

2nd Place (63)
Bill King
Dick Dunham
Charlie Rand
Jim Osborne
Gary Brewer

3rd Place (63)
Travis Taylor
Charlie Byrum
Waldon Haynes
B.F. Dorman

4th Place (63)
Harley Knutson
Jim Bridges
Carroll Pettit
James Gray

Cloest to the Pin
Pat Montoya (#6)
Jim Brashears (#15)

Scott Verplank points to Captain Jack for U.S. Presidents Cup success

MONTREAL (AP) — Phil Mickelson let Scott Verplank do almost all the talking when they were asked about the United States' Presidents Cup success and Ryder Cup failures.

"We've talked about it, to be honest with you," Verplank said.

He recalled a late-night conversation last year after the 18 1/2-9 1/2 Ryder Cup loss to Europe in Ireland. The rout was the Americans' third straight loss and fifth in the last six matches, a sharp contrast to their 4-1-1 Presidents Cup mark.

"Jim Furyk and I were sitting in the hall of the hotel trying to figure it out and, of course, neither one of us knew what we were talking about," Verplank said Wednesday. "I can't put a finger on it and I don't know if Phil can or not."

Lefty couldn't. Verplank then hit on a possibility when asked about the challenges of alternate-shot play, the format for Thursday's opening Presidents Cup matches at Royal Montreal.

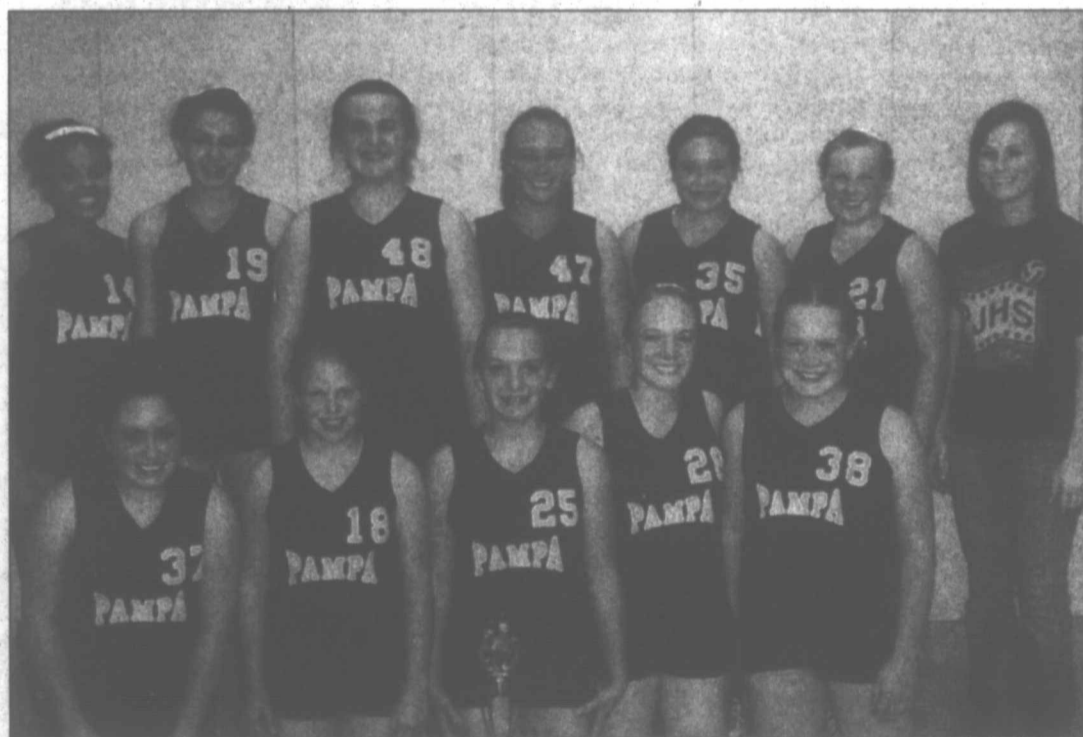
That possibility: Jack

Nicklaus.

"I think the thing that I've noticed between Ryder Cup and here is Jack is very much, 'Guys, do what you want to do. Have a great time. Tell me what you want to play with,'" Verplank said. "Ryder Cup has been captains a little bit more, coming up and saying, 'You're playing with him and he's playing with him.'"

"I don't know if that makes any difference. I think most guys — Phil, you could probably answer — are comfortable with picking who they want to play with. Wouldn't you agree with that? I think that's helped in this event."

"Last time I played Presidents Cup, Justin Leonard and I knew we wanted to play together. We had been talking about it for 10 years and played pretty good. Jack says, 'Hey, if that's what you want to do, let's do it.' I had not particularly noticed that being that simple in the Ryder Cup. Does that sound right, Phil?" Mickelson agreed, drawing laughter by diplomatically saying only "Yes."



Courtesy photo
Pictured here is the 8th grade B team: (back row, L-R) Danielle Savoie, Courtney Ward, Harley Mayfield, Callie Cambern, NaKayla Hardman and coach Stefani Goldsmith. (front row, L-R) Margo Mendoza, Miranda Patterson, Megan Pirtle, Kaitlyn Grant and Samantha Powell.

Don Nelson ready to forget contract trouble and rebuild the Warriors

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Don Nelson settled into a chair at the Golden State Warriors' training complex, adjusted his blue-and-gold polo shirt and heaved a happy sigh.

There's clearly nowhere else the 67-year-old coach would rather be at the start of another NBA season. But Nelson acknowledges he was reluctantly willing to walk away from the once-woeful Warriors this summer over a few million dollars.

In a lengthy interview Wednesday, Nelson said he would have been just as heartbroken as Warriors fans if he hadn't reached a compromise on his contract stalemate earlier in the month so he could return for the next period in probably the final revitalization project of his career.

"I hate negotiations," said Nelson, whose summer also included legal wrangling over his contract with his previous employer, the Dallas Mavericks.

"They're never fun, but they're necessary, so I was ready to go," he said. "I was hoping for two (guaranteed years), but you don't always get what you want in life, and I felt the right thing to do was accept their terms and come in. ... I thought it was time for somebody to blink first, and it was me."

Nelson's new deal raised his salary for this season and 2008-09 from \$3.1 million to \$5.1 million — but now the final year of his original three-year contract is at the team's option. The deal puts Nelson among the league's top 10 coaches in salary, which he said was his reason for negotiating.

King and Queen



Courtesy photo
As announced before Friday's varsity football game, Jack Peircy and Katie O'Neal were crowned as Homecoming King and Queen.

Risking Cleveland puts Reagan in last place

Week 5

High School
Frenship at Abl. Wylie
Hereford at Plainview
Amarillo at Midland
Abl. Cooper at Lbk. Coronado
College
California at Oregon
West Virginia at S. Florida
UNC at Virginia Tech
Professional
Houston at Atlanta
Chicago at Detroit
Pittsburgh at Arizona
Cumulative Totals
Reagan 24-15
Smith 28-11
Hooper 26-13
Facio 24-15
Stokes 25-14



JORDAN REAGAN
Last week: 6-4
Abl. Wylie
Hereford
Midland
Abl. Cooper
California
West Virginia
Virginia Tech
Houston
Detroit
Pittsburgh



SEAN SMITH
Last week: 6-4
Frenship
Hereford
Midland
Lub. Coronado
Oregon
West Virginia
Virginia Tech
Houston
Chicago
Pittsburgh



DONNY HOOPER
Last week: 7-3
Abl. Wylie
Hereford
Midland
Lub. Coronado
California
West Virginia
Virginia Tech
Houston
Chicago
Pittsburgh



BINO FACIO
Last week: 7-3
Abl. Wylie
Plainview
Midland
Abl. Cooper
California
S. Florida
UNC
Houston
Chicago
Pittsburgh



SHANE STOKES
Last week: 6-4
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20. New Boston	204

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Beckham heads back to London after father has heart attack

LONDON (AP) — David Beckham arrived in Britain on Thursday to visit his father, who has been hospitalized after suffering a heart attack.

The English soccer star, who hasn't played a game since Aug. 30 because of a right knee injury, took the first flight from Los Angeles to London after hearing the news and arrived at Heathrow airport at about noon.

"His father had a heart attack," Beckham's publicist, Simon

Oliveira said. "David was made aware of it late last night. He caught the first available flight and he'll be arriving in London."

Beckham, wearing dark glasses and a brown jacket and jeans, sat in first class on the 12-hour flight and was the first person to leave the British Airways plane. He was met by two airline officials who had a car waiting on the tarmac.

The Los Angeles Galaxy player arrived at the hospital at about 1:40 p.m. but declined to answer ques-

tions on his way in.

The 59-year-old Ted Beckham was taken to a hospital near his home in east London on Wednesday night, and then transferred to another hospital.

"We can confirm that he is a patient," Barts and The London NHS Trust spokeswoman Michelle Alexander said. "He's in stable condition at the London Chest Hospital."

Oliveira said Ted Beckham had surgery and is in intensive care.

Ted Beckham is divorced from the player's mother, Sandra. The pair also have two daughters, Joanne and Lynne.

In 2005, Ted Beckham published a book called "David Beckham: My Son." It was reported that the book led to a falling out between the two Beckhams because Ted did not get David's permission before writing it, but the pair have since reconciled.

David Beckham is one of the biggest sports personalities in the

world. The England midfielder and former captain joined Manchester United in 1989 at the age of 14, debuted in 1992, and won six Premier League titles and a Champions League medal before transferring in 2003 to Real Madrid. He joined the Los Angeles Galaxy this summer on a five-year, \$32.5 million contract.

Beckham's wife, former Spice Girls singer Victoria, was flying back to Britain from Japan, publicist Jo Milloy said.

Rockies, Padres win, move up in NL West; Diamondbacks lose 5-1 against Pittsburgh

By The Associated Press

When Colorado's offense had a rare quiet night Josh Fogg stepped up.

And with a 2-0 win over the Los Angeles Dodgers on Wednesday, the Rockies found themselves in unfamiliar territory.

Fourteen games over .500. Winners of 10 straight. Not only in the thick of a wild-card race, but the NL West division chase as well.

The first two have never happened before for the Rockies. The last one hasn't occurred since 1995, when the

Rockies finished a game behind the Dodgers and settled for the wild card.

"The goal we set coming out of spring training was to win the division," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said. "We've never turned our back on that. ... There's an urgency to play well, that's all they're doing. They're playing to win. They're having a blast."

The Arizona Diamondbacks lost their second straight in Pittsburgh, falling 5-1 to the Pirates in a game they could scarcely afford to lose.

The San Diego Padres, whom the

Rockies swept this past weekend, beat the San Francisco Giants 11-3 behind Jake Peavy. The wild card-leading Padres are now one game behind Arizona.

In other NL games, it was: Washington 9, New York 6; Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 2; Florida 7, Chicago 4; St. Louis 7, Milwaukee 3; and Houston 7, Cincinnati 6.

The Rockies won despite being held hitless by Derek Lowe (12-14) and two relievers after the third inning, when they scored the game's only two runs.

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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.

9-27 CRYPTOQUOTE

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"V G C W D H P N J," B S J W S L C P F V

"T A V C N Z C." J T A V C N Z C.

— A C N F P N K A P N D W S

Yesterday's Cryptoquote: NEVER ASK A FAVOR OF A MAN UNTIL HE HAS HAD HIS DINNER.

— PUNCH

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 28, 2007:

You walk your talk and expect others to do the same. You get results but also know how to mobilize others' energy. Allowing people to feel as if they are masters of their own destiny is important. They are anyway, but bringing the message home adds to their power. Others appreciate your empowering words and actions. If you are single, someone quite important will enter your life. He or she will help you grow as well as love. If you are attached, let your sweetie carry much more of the weight of the relationship this year. He or she will want to play an even stronger role. TAURUS is gentle but stubborn.

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)
★★★★ Work with money and others' perceptions. You are more energetic than many realize, with a sense of direction. You might want to understand what makes others tick. Careful — don't get involved in a problem. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Your instincts come forward when dealing with others. Your personality melts others' barriers. Don't get into confusion or a misunderstanding. It isn't worth it. Be clear with someone in your immediate environment. Tonight: Develop a habit of working through tension with exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want to listen to someone who is wise. Be careful how you deal with this person. Listen to what is being shared by an individual who punctuates

your daily life and might have a greater impact than you are aware of. Tonight: Take some personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Zoom in on what you want. An excess of ingenuity and high energy earmarks your choices. If you want to guarantee success, then focus on what you want rather than what might be up for discussion. Tonight: Christen your weekend in style.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation or approach a problem differently. Your ability to touch others on a deep level emerges. Investigate possibilities that surround your work and professional status. You make waves. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You will want to do something far differently. You make waves when few others can or will. Listen to someone who will make a difference. A strong action might not be appropriate at this point, unless you are ready for an equally strong reaction. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ If possible, let someone else make the first move. You might not be comfortable with what is being said. Realize that someone else is managing and in control. Look at yourself as being along for the ride. Use care where you discharge your anger. Tonight: Another suggestion might be even better than you think!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Listen to what is going on around your associates and friends. Take your cues from those around you. In fact, the wise Scorp will encourage others to run with the ball. People need to understand the responsibility and strength of

your leadership. Tonight: Act like it is Friday night!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Tame your enthusiasm and fire, if possible. Emphasize accomplishment instead of socializing. Of course, if you can mix the two together, all the better. Partners or anyone you have business associations with could become touchy in the next few weeks. Tonight: Forget tomorrow, or even an hour ago.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You might be taken aback by someone's newfound confidence. Or perhaps you are noticing this person for the first time in your life. With this perspective, you might want to adapt or change the nature of your bond. Tonight: Sultry fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might decide to look at basics — not a bad idea, as currents sweep around you. You don't want to lose yourself in another emotional drama. Maintain free will through eyeing situations as clearly as possible. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Conversation breeds ideas. Don't back away. In fact, consider adding to your repertoire of possibilities. It is always good to open doors. You can walk through one of these doors today. Why not? Tonight: Hang out.

BORN TODAY
Actress Brigitte Bardot (1934), actress Naomi Watts (1968), TV host Ed Sullivan (1901)

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Falcons QB Michael Vick tests positive for marijuana; judge imposes some new restrictions

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick is now likely one misstep from jail.

The disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback tested positive for marijuana earlier this month, a violation of the conditions of his release as he awaits sentencing in federal court on a dogfighting charge that already jeopardizes his freedom and career.

Now, he's incurred the ire of the judge who could sentence him to up to five years in prison in the dogfighting case. On the day of Vick's guilty plea, U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson warned that he wouldn't be amused by any additional trouble.

Hudson, who will sentence Vick on Dec. 10, on Wednesday ordered him confined to his Virginia home between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. with electronic monitoring. He also must submit to random drug testing.

If Vick fails another drug test, he likely will wind up like co-defendant Quanis Phillips — incarcerated since his Aug. 17 plea hearing. Phillips

failed a drug test when he had the electronic monitoring and random drug testing requirements.

Vick's positive urine sample was submitted Sept. 13, according to a document by a federal probation officer that was filed in U.S. District Court on Wednesday.

Because Vick violated the conditions of his release, Hudson could take that into consideration during sentencing, said Linda Malone, a criminal procedure expert and Marshall-Wythe Foundation professor of law at the College of William and Mary.

"Every judge considers pretty seriously if they feel that the defendant has flouted the conditions for release," she said.

"It's certainly not a smart thing to do."

Especially not when his behavior is being watched so closely, not only by the court that allowed him to remain free, but by the public whose forgiveness he's seeking.



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If the Red shirt thing is new to you,
 please read....

Last week, while traveling to Chicago on business, I noticed a marine sergeant traveling with a folded flag, but did not put two and two together. After we boarded our flight, I turned to the sergeant, who'd been invited to sit in first class (across from me), and inquired if he was heading home. No, he responded. Heading out, I asked? no. I'm escorting a soldier home. Going to pick him up, I asked? No. He is with me right now. He was killed in Iraq I'm taking him home to his family. The realization of what he had been asked to do hit me like a punch to the gut. It was an honor for him. He told me that, although he didn't know the soldier, he had delivered the news of his passing to the soldier's family and felt as if he knew them after many conversations in so few days. I turned back to him, extended my hand, and said, thank you. thank you for doing what you do so my family and I can do what we do. Upon landing the airplane in Chicago the pilot stopped short of the gate and made the following announcement over the intercom.

"Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps join us on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign." Without a sound, all went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane. His action made me realize that I am proud to be an American. So here's a public "Thank you" to our military men and women for what you do so we can live the way we do."

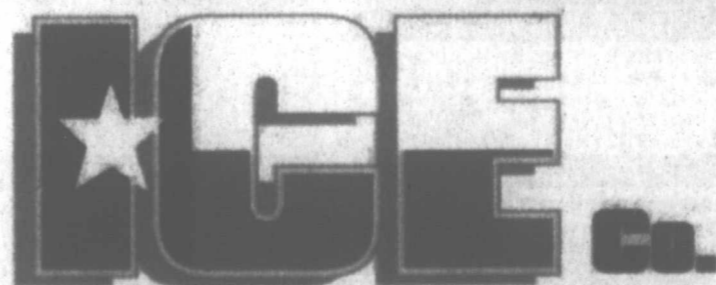
RED FRIDAYS

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing red every Friday The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the "silent majority." We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for our country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing. Many Americans, like you, all our friends, and me simply want to recognize that the vast majority of America support our troops.

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect begins on Friday -- and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that ... every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar, will wear something red. By word of mouth, press, TV, -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red, much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends, and family, it will not be long before the USA is covered in red and it will let our troops know the once "silent" majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on. The first thing a soldier says when asked "what can we do to make things better for you?" is.. "We need your support and your prayers." Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday.

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