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Voters begin early balloting on 16 propositions

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Nine Gray County voters cast their ballots Monday during the first day of early voting for the Nov. 6 general election, according to Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne.

"That is a very low turnout," Winborne said.

Early voting continues weekdays through Nov. 2 in the first-floor non-jury courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, except for Oct. 29 and 30, when the

polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

There are 16 constitutional amendment propositions on the ballot. Voters who reside in the City of Pampa also have the opportunity to vote on a proposition that would allow Pampa Fire Department firefighters to engage in collective bargaining. Registered voters in 10 households in an area of the county which is included in Miami Independent School District may also vote for a school trustee. Candidates are Shawn E. Ishmael,

Kay Thompson and Rusty Early.

Proposition 1 of the constitutional amendments on the ballot is a clarification of the state constitution which assures that Angelo State University will continue to receive funds from the higher education fund and that this provision of funds will not be affected by the fact that the university has been transferred from the Texas State University System to the Texas Tech University System.

Proposition 2 provides for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educa-

tional loans to students. It also permits the Legislature to authorize the coordinating board to enter into bond enhancement agreements with appropriate entities with respect to the bonds.

Proposition 3 authorizes the Legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of one of two values. The values are the most recent market value of the residence

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Authorities warn of jury duty scam

The FBI and other law enforcement agencies around the country have reported the resurgence of an old trick known as the jury duty scam.

In this scam, potential victims receive calls from people posing as court officers. The caller informs the victim that he or she failed to appear for jury duty and that a warrant has been issued for his or her arrest.

After alarming the victim, the caller then seeks to "confirm" the victim's Social Security number and other personal information. After divulging this information, the victim is often told that the entire matter can be instantly dismissed by paying a fine.

All the victim needs to do is provide a credit card or checking account routing number.

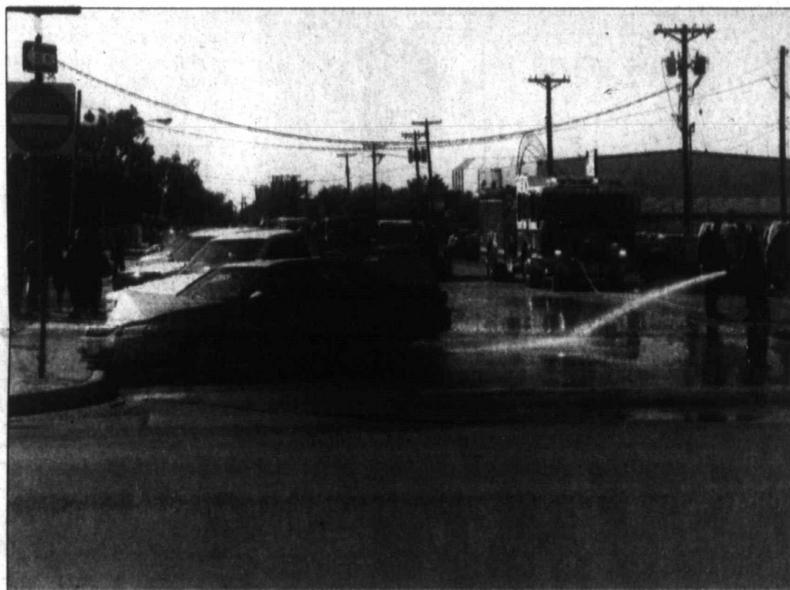
By the time the call ends, the scammer has all the information necessary to open lines of credit under the unsuspecting victim's name. Identity thieves can quickly empty the victim's bank accounts or run up staggering credit card bills.

As with many ploys to obtain consumers' personal information, it is likely that many of these identity thieves are actually thousands of miles away, often in other countries and out of reach of U.S. law enforcement.

Under this scheme, criminals simply go through the phone book hoping that sooner or later someone will provide the sensitive information they need to steal an identity.

This ploy is particularly See SCAM, Page 3

Accident scene



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Several vehicles were reportedly involved in an accident at about 3:30 p.m. Monday near the intersection of Randy Matson Avenue and Duncan Street. Pampa Fire Department and Pampa Police Department responded to the scene. No ambulance transport was made from the scene, which required hosing down by PFD personnel.

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Red Ribbon founder to make appearance at Palo Duro

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

The red ribbon is a symbol for a drug and alcohol free nation that was started by Geneva Camarena, in honor of her husband Enrique, or "Kiki" as he was known, after he was tortured and murdered by drug cartel in 1985.

Geneva Camarena will give a Red Ribbon message on how everyone can continue her plight from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Palo Duro High School auditorium, 1400 N.

Grant in Amarillo. She wrote a book "A History of Red Ribbon Week" and will have a book signing immediately following her speech that evening.

Kiki Camarena was working for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration in Guadalajara, Mexico, as an undercover agent investigating the major drug cartel that had eluded the Mexican army, police and government in the past. He infiltrated many of the drug trafficking gangs and successfully

helped to break up many of them.

Even though he had been able to stay undetected by most of the drug traffickers, one group managed to identify him. According to numerous sources, on Feb. 7, 1985, he left his office to meet his wife for lunch and five men kidnapped him off of the street. His body was found about one month later in a shallow grave.

In his honor and to continue his fight against illegal drugs, his family and friends began to wear red satin ribbons. Many groups of parents

were starting to form coalitions against drugs and alcohol and they adopted the red ribbon symbol and the memory of Camarena.

The National Family Partnership organized the first Nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988 and thousands of schools across the nation celebrate this week during the month of October.

For more information about Geneva Camarena's speech and book signing, contact Teresa Kenedy at 806-326-2228.

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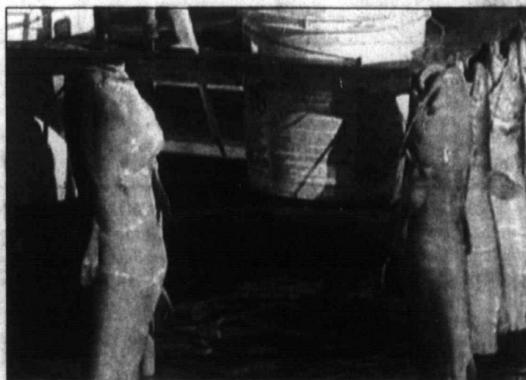
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This is a recent catch at Lake Meredith.

Wind delays closing of boat ramp

FRITCH — Temporary closure and repair of the Sanford-Yake Marina boat ramp at Lake Meredith will be delayed until Wednesday due to high winds. Employees of the Maintenance Division and members of the Lake Meredith dive team will be installing additional sections of steel matting to once again lengthen the launch ramp. There will be no boater access to the lake on that day.

As the lake level has dropped, the grade of the Sanford-Yake ramp has diminished from 10 percent to approximately 6 percent. This requires boaters to back farther out into the water in order to launch their boats.

Lake Meredith has dropped more than 15

inches in the past month, setting new record lows on an almost daily basis. As of noon Monday, the lake sits at a depth of 51.75 feet. The low water levels have forced the closure of both the Double R boat ramp at Harbor Bay and the Fritch Fortress boat ramp, as it is now too shallow to launch at those areas.

Despite low water levels, the public is encouraged to visit the lake.

"People think that just because the water levels are dropping, there is no water in the lake," Chief of Interpretation Rozanna Pfeiffer said. "There is still plenty of water

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Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming southeast.

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Obituaries

Ethel M. Balcom, 77

Ethel M. Balcom, 77, died Monday, October 22, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Balcom was born January 3, 1930, in Reed City, Michigan. She married Harley Balcom in 1978 and

he preceded her in death in 1996. She had been a resident of Pampa for the past 4 years. She attended the Carpenter's Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Susan Sinyard and Wanda Smillie, both of Pampa; one son, Everett Beech of Cadillac,

Michigan; one sister, Evelyn Rehkopf of Chaparral, New Mexico; one brother, Robert Schoenborn of Gloucester, Virginia; 13 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and ten stepchildren. She was preceded in death by a brother, Richard

Schoenborn, two sons, Billy Beech and Roy Beech, Jr., and two stepchildren.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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Emergency Services

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

Four traffic stops were made. One stop in the 1000 block of Alcock resulted in an arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 700 block of North Dwight. The incident involved an abandoned vehicle.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby and the 100 block of East Randy Matson Avenue.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1400 block of North Zimmers, the 300 block of West Kentucky, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 700 block of North Christy, the 1800 block of North Nelson and the 1100 block of Clark.

Lost property was reported on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Found property was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. A firearm was found.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of Malone.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 900 block of South Wells, the 2600 block of Fir and the police department lobby.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1700 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of Navajo and at One Medical

Plaza. Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Frost. The back of a garage was spray painted. Estimated cost of damage is \$20.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 2400 block of Alcock.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Two alarms were reported.

Fraud was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks.

Forgery was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. The incident involved two counterfeit \$20 bills.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. A cell phone valued at \$179 was taken.

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

Monday, Oct. 22

Benito Lopez, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Alcock by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication, no driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Luis Lopez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for minor in possession, second or more offense, and disorderly conduct/indecent exposure.

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

Monday, Oct. 22
 11:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported one patient to Triumph Healthcare in Amarillo.

2:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to BSA in Amarillo.

2:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to a local nursing facility.

3:21 p.m. — A mobile

ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one patient to PRMC.

6:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to BSA in Amarillo.

9:00 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2400 block of Alcock. No transport.

9:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Sierra and transported a one patient to BSA in Amarillo.

Tuesday, Oct. 23
 12:17 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

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

Monday, Oct. 22
 3:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident.

ORU engulfed in scandal

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Oral Roberts returned to his namesake university Monday and denied the lurid accusations that have threatened to engulf the school, telling students and employees in a chapel service that "the devil is not going to steal ORU."

Making his first visit to Oral Roberts University in three years, Roberts said at the service that his son Richard Roberts, who took a leave of absence as the school's president last week, eventually will return to his position, the Tulsa World reported.

Three former professors sued the university Oct. 2 for wrongful termination, claiming they were dismissed after they turned over to the board of regents a copy of a report documenting moral and ethical lapses on the part of Richard Roberts and his family.

Oral Roberts, 89, said in the chapel serv-

ice that he has moved back to Tulsa from California, where he has lived for several years. The crowd gave him standing ovations.

The 5,700-student Bible Belt university will begin mediation this week with the three former professors, he said.

Gary Richardson, attorney for the professors, said Monday that he had no desire to go to mediation so long as ORU "denies doing anything wrong."

"There's been smoke in this city about this stuff for years," Richardson said.

The lawsuit and attached report accuses Richard Roberts and his wife, Lindsay, of lavishly spending university funds and improperly asking that students get involved in a local political race.

King Tut exhibit to return to Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — A popular exhibit including objects buried with Egypt's King Tutankhamun will return to the United States next year with three stops, beginning in Dallas.

The exhibit opening Oct. 3 at the Dallas Museum of Art will be followed by stops at two yet-to-be-name museums.

"Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" drew nearly 4 million visitors during its two-year, four-city tour that wrapped up this fall after stops in Los Angeles, Fort Lauderdale, Chicago and Philadelphia. When the exhibit opened in 2005, it was the first time in more than 25 years that treasures from King Tut's tomb were shown in the U.S.

"I want everyone in Texas to know that the

boy king is coming to town, and I personally invite everyone to see this great exhibition so that a new generation of people will experience the history and magic of the boy king," said Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said in a news release from the Dallas Museum of Art on Monday.

Next year's exhibit will include artifacts that are new to the show and haven't been seen before outside of Egypt.

With artifacts between 3,300 and 3,500 years old, the exhibit gives a glimpse into the life of Tutankhamun and other royals. Tutankhamun died under mysterious circumstances around age 18 or 19, in the ninth year of his reign.

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Election

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homestead as determined by the appraisal entity, or 110 percent or more of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year. The amendment insures that the appraised value of a residence homestead for property tax purposes will not increase by more than 10 percent per year.

Proposition 4 authorizes the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment. Texas agencies that could benefit from this amendment include the Texas Building and Procurement Commission, the Parks and Wildlife Department, the adjutant general's department, 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.

Proposition 5 authorizes 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. The parties would be able to 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. The programs providing the funding in such agreements would include those for downtown revitalization and improvements.

Proposition 6 authorizes 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 would 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. This amendment would apply to certain cases where the public use for which the property was acquired through eminent domain no longer exists or a prescribed deadline was not met.

Proposition 8 clarifies certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds. Among the specifics of the proposition is a waiver of the one-year waiting period between home equity loans at the borrower's request in the event of a declared emergency such as a natural disaster.

Proposition 9 authorizes the Legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizes a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a veteran is entitled. Currently, the tax exemption allowed to disabled veterans is classified into categories corresponding to the ranges of disability ratings of the veterans. The proposition would shift disabled veterans with certain ratings to the next higher category,

making them eligible to receive a greater exemption.

Proposition 10 abolishes the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals. No one currently holds the office in any county in Texas, according to the Texas Legislative Council.

Proposition 11 requires 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, or of any other non-ceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes.

Proposition 12 provides 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 would authorize 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 would permit 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. The mandatory retirement age is 75 years.

Proposition 15 requires the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizes 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 provides 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. The assistance would be in the form of creating adequate sewer and water supply services for residents.

Shuttle Discovery blasts off on formidable mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Discovery and a crew of seven rocketed into orbit today in pursuit of the international space station, where a formidable construction job awaits them.

Discovery blasted off at 11:38 a.m., ducking through clouds. It carried a

giant Tinkertoy-type link that must be installed at the space station before European and Japanese laboratories can arrive.

Despite a forecast calling for rain right at launch time, the weather ended up cooperating. And a chunk of ice on plumbing between the external fuel

tank and Discovery — 4 inches by 1 1/2 inches — was deemed too small by NASA to pose a serious launch hazard. It appeared to be melting as the countdown entered its final minutes.

Launch director Mike Leinbach wished the crew good luck and Godspeed just before liftoff.

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for boating and fishing, plus now there is more shore line and beach area. People who don't own boats

now have more opportunity to fish from the shore. We are seeing some huge fish being pulled from the lake."

Boaters are reminded that as fall approaches, they should pay close attention to weather conditions and seek shelter immediately in case of strong winds or thunderstorms. They

should also ensure that every person on board has a personal flotation device and that their boats meet all safety requirements.

For questions about lake access or lake conditions, please contact park headquarters at 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas, or phone 806-857-3151.

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effective because it causes victims to react immediately out of fear, rather than taking the time to reflect about the information being requested.

While citizens could face legal consequences for fail-

ing to respond to a valid jury summons, legitimate court officers would never leave threatening messages on someone's voicemail to demand personal information and immediate payment of a fine.

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NEVER hand over personal information in response to an unsolicited telephone call or e-mail, no matter how legitimate it might appear.

For more information, contact the Office of the Attorney General at (800) 252-8011 or visit the Attorney General's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us.

Deputies probe theft of welding equipment

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's deputies are investigating a theft reported by Curtis Well Service at about 3 p.m. Monday.

A representative of the business told deputies that two oxygen/acetylene gauges, two cutting torches and two sets of hoses had been taken from the back of the company's yard, located in the 1000 block of Price Road. Estimated total value of the missing items is \$250.

It is unknown when the incident occurred, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoad. The case is under investigation. No witnesses or suspects were identified.

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Viewpoints

More nominations needed for Honorable Man honor

This year's Most Honorable Man will be named today at Tralee Crisis Center's fifth annual Honorable Man March, an event which gives local residents the opportunity to recognize men who most closely fit their definition of "honorable."

It's a great way to honor men who exhibit positive, non-violent, exemplary traits. The only problem is, there must not be very many of that type of man around here, judging by the number of nominations received by the center.

Six men were nominated this year. Half a dozen. Out of a town of more than 17,000 residents.

There are probably several reasons for the low number of nominations. Some men (and women) just don't like public recognition,

and so even though they may possess the most sterling qualities in the world, their near and dear ones may have decided that it would be unkind to subject them to public scrutiny by nominating them.

Others may have been nominated in the past, and thus already been recognized at a previous Honorable Man March.

Some people might know of the perfect man for the honor, but just didn't know about the march or the opportunity to nominate that man for the title of "Most Honorable Man."

Sadly, other men just don't fit the title.

What is your idea of an honorable man? The same traits may be repeated by everyone you ask, but the relative importance of each trait

probably shifts a little with each response.

Some of the traits I believe define an honorable man include:

Honesty. An honorable man tells the truth. After all, if he is leading an honorable life, he should have no reason to lie.

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Faithfulness. An honorable man is monogamous. He does not engage in intimate encounters with anyone other than his spouse.

Responsibility. An honorable

man takes responsibility for himself, his own actions and the welfare of his family. He contributes his share to the continued existence of his household, whether it is in terms of financial support, emotional support or day-to-day tasks.

Non-abusiveness. An honorable man uses non-abusive methods of interacting with others and solving relationship problems. He does not engage in physical, mental or emotional abuse in order to settle an issue.

Selflessness. An honorable man puts the welfare of others before himself. He is concerned with the well-being of his family and also gives of himself and his assets to better the situations of others.

Protectiveness. An honorable man does not put his loved ones in

danger or allow them to be unnecessarily exposed to risk of any kind.

Law-abiding. An honorable man does not break the law. This includes the use of any illegal substances and overuse of other substances which can affect his physical, mental or emotional state.

The above traits may sound like a tall order, and everyone should at least get an A for effort on them. But it is possible to be honorable, whether you are male or female, young or old or somewhere in-between.

Maybe it all boils down to the Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 23, the 296th day of 2007. There are 69 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 23, 1707, the first Parliament of Great Britain, created by the Acts of Union between England and Scotland, held its first meeting.

On this date:

In 1864, forces led by Union Gen. Samuel R. Curtis repelled Confederate Gen. Sterling Price's army in the Civil War Battle of Westport in Missouri.

In 1915, tens of thousands of women marched in New York City, demanding the right to vote.

In 1925, talk show host Johnny Carson was born in Corning, Iowa.

In 1942, during World War II, Britain launched a major offensive against Axis forces at El Alamein in Egypt.

In 1944, the World War II Battle of Leyte Gulf began, resulting in an Allied victory.

In 1946, the United Nations General Assembly convened in New York for the first time at an auditorium in Flushing Meadow.

In 1956, a student-sparked revolt against Hungary's Communist rule began; as the revolution spread, Soviet forces started entering the country, and the uprising was put down within weeks.

In 1973, President Richard Nixon agreed to turn over White House tape recordings subpoenaed by the Watergate special prosecutor to John J. Sirica.

In 1983, 241 U.S. Marines and sailors in Lebanon were killed in a suicide truck-bombing at Beirut International Airport; a near-simultaneous attack on French forces killed 58 paratroopers.

In 1987, the U.S. Senate rejected, 58-42, the Supreme Court nomination of Robert H. Bork.

Ten years ago: British au pair Louise Woodward, charged with murdering a baby in her care, testified at her trial in Cambridge, Mass., that she had never hurt 8-month-old Matthew Eappen, saying, "I love kids." The International Whaling Commission opened the way for an American Indian tribe, the Makah, to resume traditional whale hunts for the first time in seven decades. The Florida Marlins beat the Cleveland Indians, 8-7, in Game 5 of the World Series.

Five years ago: Gunmen seized a crowded Moscow theater, taking hundreds hostage and threatening to kill their hostages unless the Russian army pulled out of Chechnya.

'It is the characteristic of the most stringent censorships that they give credibility to the opinions they attack.'

— Voltaire
French author and philosopher
(1694-1778)



Documentary focuses on higher learning

The average taxpayer and parents who foot the bill know little about the rot on many college campuses. "Indoctrinate U" is a recently released documentary, written and directed by Evan Coyne Maloney, that captures the tip of a disgusting iceberg. The trailer for "Indoctrinate U" can be seen at www.onthefencefilms.com/movies.html.

"Indoctrinate U" starts out with an interview of Professor David Clemens, at Monterey Peninsula College, who reads an administrative directive regarding new course proposals: "Include a description of how course topics are treated to develop a knowledge and understanding of race, class, and gender issues." Clemens is fighting the directive, which applies not to just sociology classes

but math, physics, ornamental horticulture and other classes whose subject material has nothing to do with race, class and gender issues.

Professor Noel Ignatiev, of the Massachusetts School of Art, explains that his concern is to do away with whiteness. Why? "Because whiteness is a form of racial oppression." Ignatiev adds, "There cannot be a white race without the phenomenon of white supremacy."

What's blackness? According to Ignatiev, "Blackness is an identity that can be plausibly argued to arise out of a resistance to oppression."

Bucknell professor Geoff Schneider agrees, saying, "A

lot of our students, I think, are unconsciously racist."

Both Ignatiev and Schneider are white.

The College of William & Mary and Tufts and Brown universities

established racially segregated student orientations. At some universities, students are provided with racially segregated housing, and at others they are treated to racially separate graduation ceremonies.

Under the ruse of ending harassment, a number of universities have established speech codes. Bowdoin College has banned jokes and stories "experienced by others as harassing." Brown University has banned "verbal behavior" that "produces

feelings of impotence, anger or disenfranchisement" whether "unintentional or intentional." University of Connecticut has outlawed "inappropriately directed laughter." Colby College has banned any speech that could lead to a loss of self-esteem. "Suggestive looks" are banned at Bryn Mawr College and "unwelcomed flirtations" at Haverford College. Fortunately for students, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE) has waged a successful war against such speech codes.

Central Connecticut State College set up a panel to discuss slavery reparations. All seven speakers, invited by the school, supported the idea. Professor Jay Bergman questioned the lack of diversity on the panel. In

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Walter Williams

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 15

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on enhanced finances:

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board has been giving low-interest loans to college students through the Hinson-Hazlewood Student Loan Program since 1965.

The loan money comes from the sale of state bonds, and the board pays off the bonds when the students repay their loans.

Under the state constitution, Texas voters must approve the sale of these bonds, and they have done so six times since 1965 — the last time a \$400 mil-

lion bond package in 1999. Coordinating Board officials expect current funds to run out by next spring, and they say that approval of \$500 million in new bonds would provide money for eight or nine years of additional loans.

If that was all there was to this proposed amendment, the decision would be easy. It's hard to be against low-interest loans that make it possible for kids to go to college, right?

But there's more.

The amendment also would let the Legislature pass a law permitting the Coordinating Board to enter into "bond enhancement agreements." Typically, lawmakers pass such enabling legislation even before voters approve a constitutional amendment. The Senate

Finance Committee considered a "bond enhancement agreement" bill in May but dropped it because there wasn't enough time for lawmakers to fully understand it.

So where does that leave voters? Are they supposed to be financial geniuses and figure this out on their own?

Bond enhancement agreements allow bond issuers like the Coordinating Board to stretch their money. They allow practices that are, if not commonplace, at least well-known in the financial community: agreements providing for such things as payments based on changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates, as well as hedges such as options, puts or calls to

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Hallowed House



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"Hallowed House" is back. Calvary Baptist Church will host this original production at 6:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30 and Wednesday, Oct. 31 at the church. Created by the church, Hallowed House centers on the two titans of good and evil in the fight for earth. It will conclude with a scene of Christ's triumph on the cross. Above: David Whitson, from left, Kody Martin, Cindy Nunn, Mistie West and Rick Crosswhite at the top. For more information or for reservations for groups of 15 or more, contact the church.

Woman faces death in baby case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Rejecting an insanity defense, a jury convicted a woman of killing an expectant mother, cutting the baby from her womb and taking the infant home.

Jurors deliberated for about four hours Monday before finding Lisa Montgomery, 39, guilty of kidnapping resulting in death in the 2004 attack on 23-year-old Bobbie Jo Stinnett. Montgomery's attorneys must now try to persuade the same jurors to spare their client's life.

The jury was to take a break Tuesday and begin hearing evidence Wednesday in the penalty phase of the trial. Prosecutors said they plan to seek the death penalty. Jurors can also recommend life in federal prison without the possibility of parole.

In reaching their verdict, the jury was asked to determine why — not whether — Montgomery attacked Stinnett on Dec. 16, 2004, at Stinnett's home in Skidmore. Jurors could have acquitted her outright or found her not guilty by reason of insanity.

After the verdict was read, Montgomery dried her eyes and one of her attorneys patted her back. Her husband, Kevin, and Stinnett's husband, Zeb, showed no emotion.

Defense attorneys claimed Montgomery was suffering from pseudocyesis, which causes a woman to falsely believe she is pregnant and exhibit outward signs of pregnancy. They portrayed her as a victim of severe mental illness whose delusion of being pregnant was being threatened, causing her to enter a dreamlike state

when the killing took place.

They also argued that she had post-traumatic stress disorder brought on by mental, physical and sexual abuse in her childhood.

Prosecutors said Montgomery is not criminally insane and was faking mental illness to help her defense. They said she had a history of pretending to be pregnant to get attention and avoid work.

By the fall of 2004, prosecutors said, Montgomery was facing mounting pressure to have a baby.

Her relatives were telling Kevin Montgomery and his parents that Montgomery was incapable of having children after undergoing a tubal ligation in 1990. And Montgomery's ex-husband, Carl Boman, told her he suspected she was faking the pregnancy and that he

Alumni try to save Antioch

YELLOW SPRINGS, Ohio (AP) — Hanging by a chain from the ceiling in the main hallway of Antioch Hall is a black sign that reads: "Office of Transition."

The placard points Antioch College students to the place that can help them transfer from the private liberal arts college that is known for its social activism and creative approach to education and is now on the brink of shutting its doors because of a funding crisis.

The administration's plan to temporarily close the school has rallied alumni to help raise money. So far, they have received cash or pledges worth about \$15 million.

"This is the only chance we'll ever have because if we blow this, it's gone," said Rick Daily, executive director and treasurer of the Antioch alumni association.

School officials announced this summer that because of declining enrollments, heavy dependence on tuition and a small endow-

ment, Antioch will close after the spring term, reorganize and reopen in 2012. They have not said how much money they needed to raise.

The college, founded in 1852, is the flagship for Antioch University, which has five other campuses in Ohio and on the East and West coasts.

"Our financial situation hasn't changed since the June meeting," Toni Murdock, chancellor of

Antioch University, said Friday. "The financial situation was extremely severe regarding our cash flow to the point that the entire university was in jeopardy."

Murdock believes the alumni must have a plan to sustain Antioch College for the next three years.

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response, two members of the African Studies department published a letter criticizing Bergman, saying, "The protests against reparations stand on the same platform that produced apartheid, Hitler and the KKK." Such a response, as Professor Bergman says, is nothing less than intellectual thuggery.

For universities such as Columbia and Yale, military recruiters are unwelcome, but they welcome terrorists such as Columbia University's invitation to Col. Mohammar Quadaffi and Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Yale admitted former Taliban spokesman Sayed Rahmatullah Hashemi as a student, despite his fourth-grade education and high school equivalency degree.

On other campuses, such as Lehigh, Central Michigan, Arizona, Holy Cross and California Berkeley universities, administrators banned students, staff and faculty from showing signs of patriotism after the 9/11 attacks. On some campuses, display of the American flag was banned. The pledge of allegiance and singing patriotic songs were banned out of fear of possibly offending foreign students.

Several university officials refused to be interviewed for the documentary. They wanted to keep their campus policies under wraps, not only from reporters but parents as well. When college admissions officials make their recruit-

ment visits, they don't tell parents that their children will learn "whiteness is a form of racial oppression," or that they sponsor racially segregated orientations, dorms and graduation ceremonies. Parents and prospective students are kept in the dark.

The Intercollegiate Studies Institute (isi.org) has published "Choosing the Right College," to which I've written the introduction. The guide provides a wealth of information to help parents and students choose the right college.

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

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protect against exposure to risk.

Significantly, several other state agencies already use these agreements to stretch bond dollars: the Veterans Land Board, the Water Development Board, the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs and the University of Texas System.

The Star-Telegram recommends a yes vote. U R L : http://www.dfw.com

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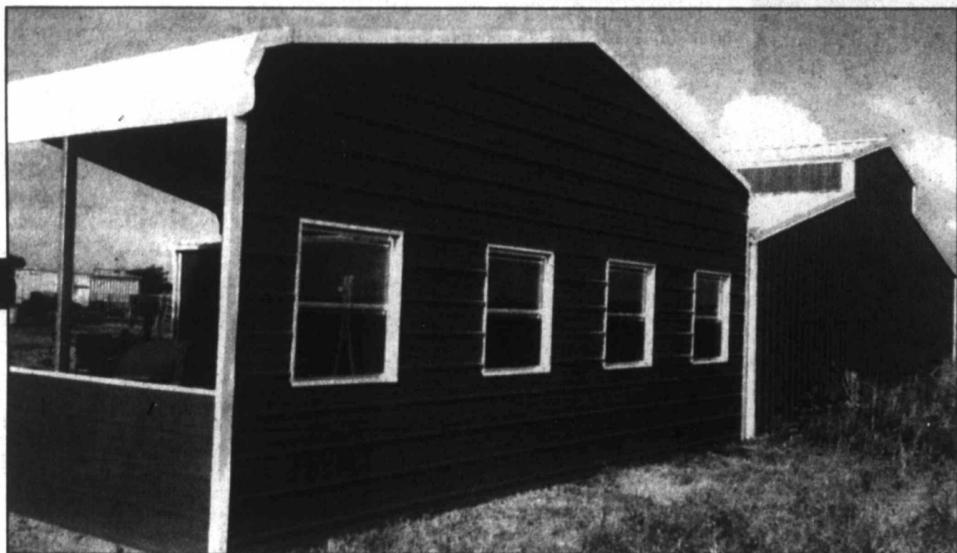
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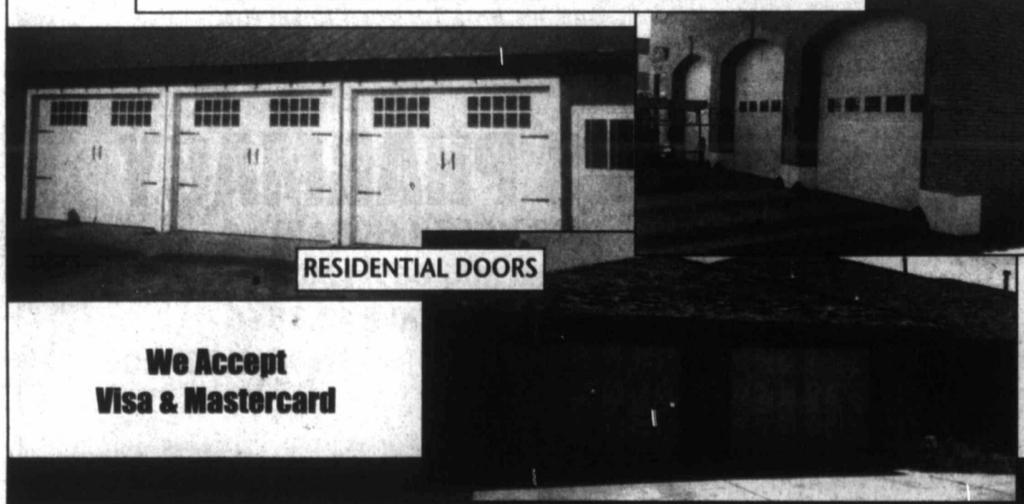
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California wildfire destruction may worsen; 270,000 forced to flee

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Thousands more residents were ordered to evacuate their homes today, bringing the number of people chased away by the wind-whipped flames that have engulfed Southern California to at least 270,000.

The dozen wildfires have burned more than 700 homes and set 245,957 acres — 384 square miles — ablaze, and the destruction may only be the start for the region. Today's forecast called for hotter temperatures and more explosive Santa Ana gusts.

The blazes bedeviled firefighters as walls of flame whipped from mountain passes to the edges of the state's celebrated coastline, spreading so quickly that even hotels serving as temporary shelters for evacuees had to be evacuated.

Wanda Tomkinson, 79, fled the Doubletree hotel in Del Mar with her husband and their Boston Terrier after employees called each room to tell customers they had to leave. The couple, carrying medication, clothes, tax records and a dog bowl, said they were relying on a family friend to take them in.

If not, Tomkinson added, "the Lord'll take care of us."

As the fires spread, most out of control, smaller blazes were merging into larger, more fearsome ones. Evacuations were being announced in one community after another as firefighters found themselves overwhelmed by gale-force Santa Ana winds, some gusting to 70 mph.

As dawn broke, authorities issued a new round of mandatory evacuations to residents in parts of San Diego County. About 3,800 homes were told to evacuate in Wildcat Canyon and Multh Valley, and another 1,800 in North Jamul and Indian Springs. State officials warned that the total

estimate of evacuees in the region could rise, because officials were still working to determine how many people had fled.

At Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, about 40 aircraft that included F-18 fighter jets, C-130 cargo planes and Marine helicopters were evacuated to other bases in California and Arizona.

President Bush declared a federal emergency for seven counties, a move that will speed disaster-relief efforts. The wildfires claimed one life, in San Diego County, and injured 42. At least 16 of the injured were firefighters.

Fire crews and fleeing residents described desperate conditions that were sure to get worse. Temperatures across Southern California were about 10 degrees above average and were expected to approach 100 degrees today in Orange and San Diego counties.

"We are getting very strong northeast winds. They are very erratic, causing us to modify our procedures," said Capt. Don Camp, a spokesman for the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

The fires were exploding and shooting embers in all directions, preventing crews from forming traditional fire lines and severely limiting aerial bombardment, he said. "Lifesaving is our priority. Getting people out from in front of the fire — those have been our priorities," Camp said.

Thousands of residents sought shelter at fairgrounds, schools and community centers. The largest gathering was at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, where evacuees anxiously watched the stadium's television sets, hoping for a glimpse of their neighborhood on the local news.

San Diego County was ablaze from its rural north to

its border region with Mexico, where the wildfires that started Sunday claimed their only fatality to date: Thomas Varshock, 52, of Tecate, a town on the U.S. side of the border southeast of San Diego. His body was found Sunday afternoon, the San Diego County Medical Examiner's Office said, although no other details were released.

At least 250,000 in San Diego alone were told to leave. Public schools were closed, as were campuses at the University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University.

In the northern part of the county, 500 homes and 100 businesses had been destroyed as a wildfire exploded to 145,000 acres and marched toward the Pacific Coast enclave of Del Mar, forcing a partial evacuation.

The scope of the infernos was immense and was reminiscent of the blazes that tore through Southern California four years ago this month, killing 22 and destroying 3,640 homes.

The fires have been made worse by fierce Santa Ana winds. The winds — which sweep through Southern

California's canyons in fall and winter — are stronger than normal, turning already parched scrubland into tinder. They generated walls of flame that bore down on housing developments in a wide swath.

Homes have burned from the beaches of Malibu to the mountain retreats east of Los Angeles and south through Orange and San Diego counties to Mexico.

East of Los Angeles, a two-front fire destroyed at least 160 homes in the Lake Arrowhead area, the same mountain resort community where hundreds of homes

were lost four years earlier.

One of the blazes, near Green Valley Lake, was so intense that firefighters were forced to pull back. It jumped Highway 18 and was headed toward the community of Running Springs, said Steve Lowe, a fire information officer with the San Bernardino National Forest.

Touring an evacuee camp at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger pledged to do everything in his power to assist the firefighting effort and help those who have lost their homes.

Pumpkin patch



COURTESY PHOTO

The 3-, 4- and 5-year-old Mother's Day Out classes at First Christian Church in Pampa recently visited the pumpkin patch at West Texas Landscape. The 3-year-olds are under the direction of Amy McDowell. Kayla Lindley had charge of the 4- and 5-year-old group. Above: Hunter, Drew, Rieley, Adyson, Ashley, Krista, Klaire, Sydney, Stephen, Baileigh, Dillon, Kasey, Gracie, Harley, Kaiden, Devin, Moses, Landry, Natalie, Cynric, Drake, Ethan, Jaden and Jaidyn.

Kid Scoop

This Week: Veggies

Who's Afraid of Veggies?

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The Kid Scoop Poll: What is your favorite veggie?

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Vegetable Adjectives

Adjectives are words that describe things. Hairy, funny, big, small are all adjectives. Look through today's newspaper for ten or more adjectives. Use these in sentences about vegetables.

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use adjectives in writing and speaking.

Write On!

Vegetable Poems

Write a poem about your favorite vegetable. Why is it your favorite? Why should other kids give it a try?

Kid Scoop Together: Weird Garden

Ask a pal for words to complete this silly story. Then read it aloud.

My mom loves gardening and growing yummy vegetables. She also grows _____ Her _____

ADJECTIVE NOUN

weighed over 100 lbs. and won a prize at the county fair.

Each fall, mom makes many jars of _____

ADJECTIVE NOUN

jelly, which is great on _____

NOUN

She will also _____ to town and share bushels of _____

VERB PLURAL NOUN

with her _____ friends.

ADJECTIVE

One night, we heard an odd noise. Mom ran to the garden and cried, " _____!" A giant stalk had grown, and on each branch was a _____

ADJECTIVE

The local _____ newspaper sent a reporter and a photographer.

NOUN

This morning, right on the front page, was a photo of my mother and a _____

ADJECTIVE

_____!

NOUN

Standards Link: Grammar: Understand and use nouns, adjectives, verbs and interjections in writing and speaking.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: After reading your response to "Desperate Mom in Miami" (Aug. 10), who was being married and wasn't sure if she should take her 4-year-old son on her honeymoon because she was afraid he'd be traumatized if he was left for 12 days, I have to respond. Of course he will be traumatized if his mother leaves him for that long! "Desperate" has been living with this man since her child was 6 months old. They have already had their honeymoon, so they should go away for only the weekend without her son. Come on, Abby, it's an impressionable 4-year-old -- not an older child! — **T.C. IN WADSWORTH, OHIO**

DEAR T.C.: I stand by my reply. While I did find it curious that "Desperate" had planned a 12-day honeymoon and then was uncomfortable about leaving her son with her mother and the boy's father, by age 4 children tend to be somewhat independent. The honeymoon will present the perfect opportunity for her son to get used to having other people around him. Other mothers with similar experiences offered helpful suggestions. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You were spot-on in your advice to "Desperate Mom." Her separation anxiety (and that of her son) will be lessened with a little advance planning. She should buy some children's books, record herself reading them, and leave them with the boy's caregivers to listen to each night before bed. She should also get some little cars or other low-cost toys, wrap them, and have Grandma and Daddy reward the boy's "grown-up behavior" at the end of the day. A 30-minute calling card will allow her son to talk to Mommy for a short time every other day or in case of emergency. The mother should also send postcards to arrive while she's gone, praising him as a big boy and closing with, "See you soon." — **SANDY IN CIRCLE PINES, MINN.**

DEAR ABBY: I was recently married, and

a 5-year-old daughter was part of the package. We took our honeymoon a couple of months later and explained to her what it was: a vacation for two people to take when they get married -- and children don't come. Period. We told her we would call to say hi and bring back a small gift. She understood completely and was excited to spend extra time with my husband's mother and sister. She would not have enjoyed the trip we were taking, and I'll bet "Desperate's" son would feel the same way. Honeymoons are not for kids -- both for their sakes and the parents'. — **THE STEPMOM**

DEAR ABBY: When I married for the second time, I had four children whom I left at home with my mother. Before I left, I assembled a goody bag for each of them -- one for each day I would be gone. Inside I placed a short letter telling them where I was likely to be on that day, and some of the things I might be doing. I also included a few pieces of candy and a small toy. Every night before they went to bed the kids would open their goody bags and find a treat from me. They looked forward to it, and were able to tell from the number of bags left how many more days I would be gone. They enjoyed their toys and treats, and their separation anxiety was greatly diminished. — **WORKED FOR ME IN NEW HAMPSHIRE**

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Desperate Mom" was correct. The idea of children being "traumatized" by a disrupted schedule has gotten out of control. My friend sheltered her two boys from almost everything. They're now 18 and 20, and not only have almost no coping skills, but are also fearful of any social situation. I believe too many parents use "traumatized" as an excuse to avoid dealing with normal situations when they arise, and it is a disservice to their children. — **MICHIGAN MOM**

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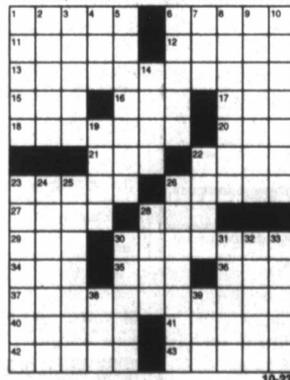
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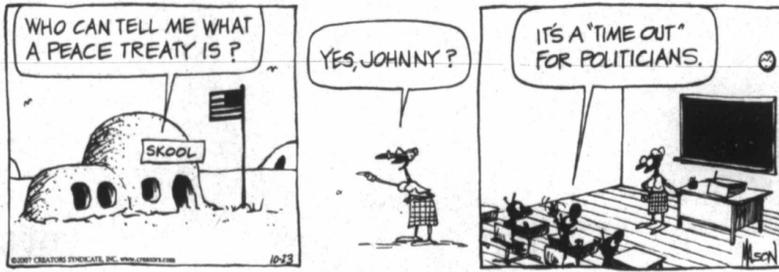


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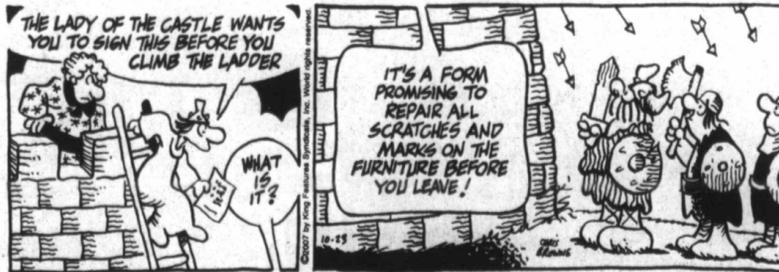
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Sports Day

Pampa tennis defeated by Randall

The Pampa Harvester tennis team was defeated by Randall Saturday in Pampa, in their last meet of the fall season.

The Harvesters picked up two wins in boys singles, two wins in boys doubles and one win in girls singles, making the final score 5-14.

James Vaid and Bryce Hendricks both won their matches in boys singles, and also won their doubles match as partners against Randall.

The team of Myles Foreman and Garrett Coutts also won their doubles match against Stephen Townsend and James Lopez, 7-5, 6-2.

Megan Barnett picked up a 1-6, 6-4 (10-6) win over Randall's Amber Siebert in girls singles.

All results from the Randall meet are as follows:

Boys Singles

Jack Ware def. by Davis 6-3, 6-4

Kevin Frels def. by McKenzie 7-5, 6-1

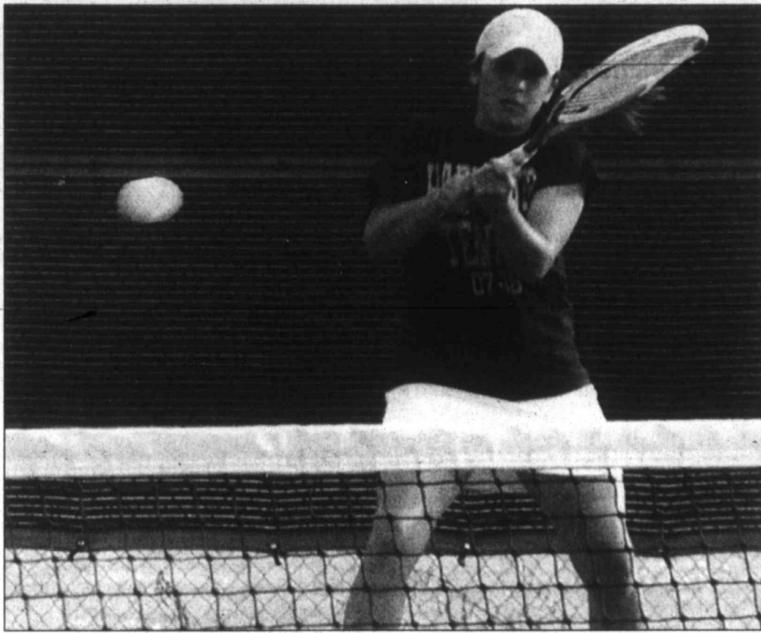
Myles Foreman def. by Martin 7-6, 1-6 (10-6)

James Vaid def. Townsend 6-4, 2-6 (11-9)

Garrett Coutts def. by Lopez 6-3, 6-3

Bryce Hendricks def. (unavailable)

Matt Kelley def. (unavailable)



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa's Ashley Hernandez hits a backhand last week in Hereford. Against Randall in Pampa, Hernandez was defeated in singles 6-0, 6-1 by Amanda Plast.

Boys Doubles

Frels/Ware def. by McKenzie/Davis 6-2, 6-1

Foreman/Coutts def. Townsend/Lopez 7-5, 6-2

Girls Singles

Katie O'Neal def. by Wright 6-1, 6-0

Rachel Lee def. by Shea 6-1, 6-2

Ashley Hernandez def. by Plast 6-0, 6-1

Sammi Finney def. by Kjerstad 6-1, 6-0

Megan Barnett def. Siebert 1-6, 6-4 (10-6)

Alyssa Hoelting def. by Lawliss 6-3, 6-0

Lauren Coutts def. by Lamberth 8-2

Girls Doubles

Lee/Hernandez def. by Shea/Wright 6-1, 6-1

O'Neal/Barnett def. by Plast/Lawliss 6-3, 6-3

Gage/Coutts def. by Siebert/Lamberth 6-0, 6-2

Mixed Doubles

Hoelting/Kelley def. by Martin/Kjerstad 6-1, 6-1

Lady Harvesters finish season with loss to Randall

In their second match against the Lady Raiders and their last match of the season, the Lady Harvesters were defeated by Randall 14-25, 9-25, 14-25 Saturday at McNeely Field House in Pampa.

"These scores do not reflect the game that went on in the gym," head coach Tandi Hudson said, "we did play well and we had long rallies it was just that Randall finished the point in the end."

Leading the team was Jessica Miner, who had six kills, 10 digs and one block. Krishna Henderson had five kills and 10 digs, Kara

Stephens had six kills and one block, and Taryn Eubank had three kills and 11 setter assists.

Kelby Doughty had 12 setter assists and six digs.

"I feel that Randall was a very strong team and we handled them great at times," Hudson said, "We have a lot to look forward to next year with all the good things that have been happening this year on Varsity, JV, with the Freshmen and especially at the Junior High. Thank you to every body that supported us this year and we will see you next year."

Optimist girls basketball to choose teams tonight

Tonight at 6, players for this season's Optimist Club Girls Basketball League will be put into teams, according to commissioner Roy Lott.

There are currently 37 girls registered for the 5th - 6th grade age group, and 22 girls in the 3rd - 4th grade.

There will be four teams in each age group, and one team from Miami will compete in the 3rd - 4th grade age group.

Rather than drafting players this year, teams will be divided evenly with numbers of A players and B players.

AP poll: 1 in 5 sports fans tries to bring good luck to their favorite sports teams

WASHINGTON (AP) — It didn't take Heather Pate long to figure out why her beloved Auburn University football team had begun losing. It was the pink toothbrush.

Pate, a lifelong fan of the school, has long refused to own anything with even a hint of red, the color of archival Alabama. That puts her among the one in five sports fans who say they do things in an attempt to bring good luck to their favorite team or avoid jinxing them, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll released Tuesday.

The survey showed no real difference by gender, race or education in whether people try finding a way to

help their team win. But those who do tend to be younger and make more money than those willing to risk letting the athletes determine a game's outcome. They also are more likely to be single.

A nurse from Eldridge, Ala., Pate said she refuses to own a red car or purchase anything crimson. So when she recently had to spend time in a hospital after the birth of her twin sons, she was aghast when she noticed someone had brought her a pink toothbrush. Auburn promptly dropped two straight games.

It was all because of that "red toothbrush," Pate, 28, said this week after

responding to the AP survey.

There was no significant difference among the fans of various sports in how superstitious they were, the poll showed.

Twenty-four percent of college basketball fans admitted to trying something lucky to help their team and 20 percent of professional basketball followers said the same thing. Fans of professional baseball, and of college and professional football, fell in between.

Other fans who answered the poll had their own techniques for influencing the final score.

8th grade A team takes 2nd place in Dumas

The 8th grade A team volleyball team competed in the Dumas tournament this past weekend, where they took 2nd place.

First beating Dumas 25-15, 22-25, 15-11 and Canyon 25-10, 25-19, the girls advanced to the Championship match against Westover.

"We played a great game but came up a little short in the 3rd game," coach Deanna Polasek said.

Pampa was defeated by Westover 19-25, 25-19, 12-15.

As a team, the 8th grade A team had 11 blocks, nine service aces, 13 kills and 47 digs.

Leading individually were Alanna Stephens with three service aces, two kills and five digs, Delaney Clendening with three blocks, five kills and 10 digs, Stephanie Allen with two blocks, one service ace and one kill, and Kailyn Troxell with two blocks, four kills and 12 digs.

Other players were Caitlin Sieck, McKinlee Stokes, Lindsey Brown, Kirsten Kuhn and Heather Coffee.

Colts dominate Jaguars 29-7, take commanding lead in AFC South

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Indianapolis and Jacksonville are in all-too-familiar positions.

The Colts are unbeaten after six games for the third consecutive year and alone atop the AFC South. The Jaguars, meanwhile, are once again chasing the defending Super Bowl champs.

And the gap may be wider than ever.

Yep, all that talk about Indianapolis being better this season just might be true.

The Colts dominated every aspect of their showdown against Jacksonville on Monday night, easily winning 29-7 and once again taking charge in a division they've controlled the last four years.

"This was a pivotal game for us," quarterback Peyton Manning said. "We put a lot of emphasis on this game."

It showed, too.

Joseph Addai and Kenton Keith combined for 141 yards rushing, Manning and Reggie Wayne picked apart Jacksonville's secondary, and the Colts (6-0) avenged their most embarrassing loss of last season.

Indianapolis also improved to 3-0 in the division and left Jacksonville (4-2), Tennessee and Houston trying to make up ground again.

"We're in the front seat, we're driving and everybody has to play catch-up to us," defensive end Ed Johnson said.

The Colts joined Green Bay (1929-31) and St. Louis (1999-2001) as the only teams to start 6-0 for three straight years. They made this one look easy, backing up assertions by Indianapolis' coach Tony Dungy and Jacksonville coach Jack Del Rio that the Colts are simply better than they were

last year.

But not all the Jaguars were ready to give Indy that much credit.

"They executed the best and made the least amount of mistakes, but I don't think they're better than they were last year," running back Fred Taylor said. "We kind of stubbed our own toe a little bit."

The Colts knocked quarterback David Garrard out of the game — and out of the lineup for at least a couple of weeks — bottled up Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew and extended their winning streak to 11 games.

Taylor and Jones-Drew spearheaded last year's 44-17 rout in Jacksonville. The Jaguars ran for a franchise-record 375 yards — a defensive meltdown that proved to be a turning point for Indy. The team fixed its run defense down the stretch en route to winning the

Super Bowl.

Jacksonville tried to catch the Colts off guard from the start Monday night, calling on Garrard to throw on eight of the first 11 plays. It backfired. Jacksonville's lackluster receivers dropped several balls, and then Garrard left the game because of a badly sprained left ankle.

Manning had plenty of time to throw and, with Marvin Harrison still nursing a sore knee, hooked up with Wayne all over the field. Manning finished 23-of-37 for 259 yards, with a touchdown and an interception. He also ran for a score. Wayne caught nine passes for 131 yards.

"They don't really give up too many big plays," Manning said. "They do try and make you go the long route, and we did that. It was nice to finish some of those drives with touchdowns."

Indianapolis built a 17-0 half-time lead with three long drives. Manning exposed Jacksonville's secondary, and Addai and Keith picked up crucial yards between the tackles.

Jacksonville's lone touchdown, a 1-yard run by Jones-Drew, followed his 65-yard kickoff return to start the second half.

Little else went right for the Jaguars, who failed to convert two fourth-down plays in the first half, gave up three sacks and finished with three turnovers.

Garrard was 8-of-12 for 72 yards. Gray was 9-of-24 for 56 yards with two interceptions and a fumble. Now, he moves into a starting role while Garrard recovers and the Jaguars chase Indy — again.

"It's definitely a setback," Jags receiver Ernest Wilford said. "But we've got a good football nucleus here."

Instant replay coming, just not soon enough for Skinner and the Tribe

By TIM DAHLBERG
AP Sports Columnist

They'll emerge from their deep depression sometime early next spring because that's the time baseball fans always find renewal. One day the skies will turn from gray to blue, pitchers and catchers will report in Winter Haven, Fla., and only the most bitter in Cleveland will

still be blaming Joel Skinner.

Between now and then there will be some painful times, none so painful as Wednesday night when the Red Sox open at home in Boston against the Colorado Rockies in the first game of the World Series.

If anyone in Cleveland is watching on television, they'll be doing so at their

own risk.

The image of Skinner holding both arms in the air will be replayed just as sure as cameras will incessantly show B-list celebrities who just happen to have television shows on FOX. Following that, we're sure to be treated to a shot of an incredulous Kenny Lofton glaring at the third-base

coach.

Cleveland fans have a right to be angry after being so close. Their starting pitchers should shoulder some of the burden, but Skinner is an easy and convenient target.

While they're at it, though, they should channel some of that anger Bud Selig's way. Without his opposition to instant replay,

the Indians might well be in the World Series no matter how many runners Skinner held at third base.

Not only that, if instant replay was in use they might well have been playing the San Diego Padres. Padres fans are still trying to come to terms with Matt Holliday's phantom tag of home, while people in

Cleveland will have a long, cold winter to digest their own blown call.

It didn't get the attention afterward because that was focused on Skinner's decision to hold Lofton on third. But who knows what might have happened had Lofton not been called out when he tried to stretch a single into a

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double with his team down 3-1 in the fifth inning of Game 7.

Manny Ramirez played Lofton's shot off the Green Monster perfectly and threw a strike to second base to get Lofton. But replays showed that the tag by Dustin Pedroia missed Lofton's outstretched hand and he touched the bag before it hit his body.

With instant replay, the call would have been overturned and Cleveland would have had a runner on second with no one out. The next two batters both singled, and the Indians would have tied the game at the very least, and could very well have gone ahead.

And Indians fans can only ponder how much more aggressive Skinner would have been two innings later had their team had control of the game instead of being behind.

Baseball's refusal to join the technological revolution is to many a charming throwback that both pre-

serves the spirit of the game and gives grown men a chance to occasionally prance about and act silly when things don't go their way. And that's fine for the most part over a long 162-game season where the calls tend to eventually even themselves out.

But this year it might just have made a difference which teams made it to the World Series. And because of that, there's a good chance it won't be long before the sight of umpires huddled around a video screen is a common one in ballparks across America.

"I am willing to say we'll at least talk about this if people want to talk about it," Selig said during the National League championship series.

That was a departure from norm for Selig, who believes that instant replay will take a human element out of the game and slow it up even more. He's right about both of those things, but the tide of opinion is turning and he may not be able to hold out much longer against the increasing number of owners and general managers in baseball who believe the time

has come to hop on the instant replay bandwagon.

Since the NFL made it easy for fans to love instant replay, almost every sport besides baseball has embraced the use of cameras to settle disputes. College football uses it, the NBA is expanding its use to include the review of flagrant fouls, and for the first time this year players had clear evidence to challenge what was in and what was out at Wimbledon.

Purists may cringe at its use in baseball, and I don't blame them. I'd rather watch a manager go at an umpire for a few minutes than watch an umpire look at a video screen, and it doesn't bother me that there will always be an element of human error that can decide a game.

Instant replay is coming, and the odds are now it will be coming sooner than most expected.

Unfortunately, for Joel Skinner, it didn't come soon enough.

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Rockies won two of three at Fenway in June, now return for World Series

BOSTON (AP) — The Green Monster in left field. The Pesky Pole in right. Screaming fans all over the place.

The aura of Fenway Park can intimidate visitors. Not the Colorado Rockies. They've seen and heard it all before and done quite well.

In a three-game series in mid-June, they came to the historic ballpark with a losing record and beat the first-place Boston Red Sox twice. In the finale, Jeff Francis had one of his best starts of the year, Josh Beckett had one of his worst and the Rockies won 7-1.

On Wednesday night, Francis and Beckett will meet at Fenway again in Game 1 of the World Series.

"It was loud. It was energetic," Francis said of his last visit. "Those fans are into the game at all points. There is no limit. You have to get all 27 outs before you can relax."

Beckett was 9-0 when he faced Francis. He lasted just five innings, giving up six runs, 10 hits and one walk with a season-low one strikeout. He allowed two homers, including a grand slam by Garrett Atkins in the third inning over the 37-foot high Green Monster in left field.

"It was a fun run," Beckett said after the game of his unbeaten streak.

Boston won the opener of that series 2-1 when Tim Wakefield allowed one run in eight innings and Jonathan Papelbon struck out two and picked up the save. The next day, Colorado tagged Curt Schilling for six

runs in five innings in a 12-2 victory.

"They took it to us pretty good, I remember that," Boston's Dustin Pedroia said Monday. "They came in here and just beat on us. They swung the bats good. They pitched well. So we're going to have to make some adjustments. But I think we're two totally different teams since then."

The Rockies certainly are.

Just 33-33 after that series, they finished the regular season at 90-73 with a win over San Diego in a one-game playoff. Then they swept Philadelphia and Arizona in the first two postseason rounds, giving them 21 wins in their last 22 games.

"They had an incredible run to this point," Schilling said. "They're going to play us tough."

The Red Sox also have changed.

Rookie Jacoby Ellsbury replaced slumping Coco Crisp in center field for the last two games of the seven-game AL championship series against the Cleveland Indians and could start again Wednesday, although he'd be hitting lefty against left-hander Francis.

The Red Sox also are on an offensive tear. In winning the last three games against Cleveland after falling behind 3-1, they hit .381 (40-for-105) with three homers and outscored the Indians 30-5.

"The way we turned it on in the series against Cleveland, I couldn't be prouder of them," Boston hitting coach Dave Magadan said.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ★★ Yes, you have snap, crackle and pop. The issue might be who is at the receiving end. Your focus remains critical. Your family might appreciate a cleanup campaign. Tonight: Go until you are too tired to move.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★ Words and actions are easily misread. Slow down and think, especially if you are feeling offended. Recognize that many people are out of whack. At this time, you need to first ground yourself and then make decisions. Tonight: On top of your game.

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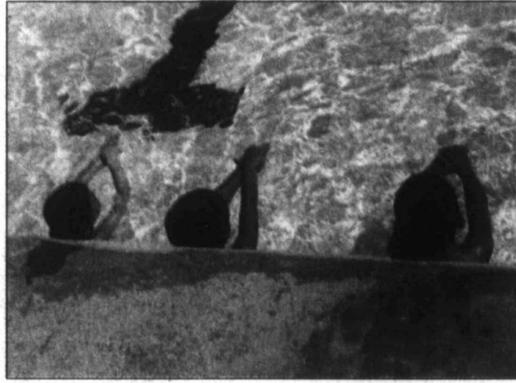
By JANA GREGORY
Area Red Cross CEO

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—Gregory is CEO of the Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross. 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.

Tainted Chinese goods cause fear, uncertainty

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said today that the recalls of tainted Chinese products were causing fear among U.S. consumers.

He said both countries needed to work together to address safety issues that have been raised about a host of Chinese products from tainted toothpaste to toys containing lead paint.

"Recent and repeated reports of tainted food and product imports are causing fear and uncertainty in American consumers and harming the 'Made in China' brand here in the United States," Paulson said in a speech to a conference on U.S.-China relations.

He said China must make bold moves to refocus its economy, fight off protectionist forces and address the growing concerns about tainted Chinese imports.

Paulson said the effectiveness with which China addresses the safety concerns will have long-term implications for U.S.-China trade relations. He cautioned that policymakers in both countries should focus on science-based safety decisions rather than "protectionism or retaliation."

Last year, the administration began a new series of high-level talks with the Chinese aimed at addressing growing trade tensions between the two nations that have been triggered by America's record trade deficits with China. U.S. manufacturers and many members of Congress blame those deficits on unfair trade practices by the Chinese such as keeping the value of China's currency artificially low against the U.S. dollar to gain trade advantages.

Paulson said China should

allow its currency to rise at a faster rate against the dollar, a change that he said would make it easier to implement other needed economic reforms in the country and to control rising Chinese inflation.

"Bold structural policies are needed to shift China's growth away from heavy industry, high energy use and dependence on exports towards greater reliance on domestic demand, greater production of services and greater provision of material well-being to China's population," Paulson said.

Paulson said that the needed reforms in China were being resisted by "increasingly influential Chinese businesses."

"In my judgment, the greatest risk to China's long-term economic security is that protectionists prevail and Chinese reforms proceed too slowly," Paulson said.

On Friday, Paulson succeeded in getting the backing of finance ministers from the Group of Seven major industrial countries to toughen its language urging China to move more quickly to let its currency appreciate.

Even with all the recalls of Chinese imports, the U.S. trade deficit with China is on a pace to exceed last year's record. Members of Congress are pushing legislation that could impose economic sanctions on China unless the country moves faster with currency appreciation.

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