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Collective bargaining a hot topic for voters

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa voters are being asked to determine whether the Pampa Professional Fire Fighters, an affiliate of the International Association of Fire Fighters, will be able to engage in collective bargaining.

A proposition to adopt collective bargaining for the firefighters is on ballots for registered voters who vote in Pampa city elections. Early voting in the general election began Monday and continues through Nov. 2, with Election Day on Nov. 6.

The proposition states, "Adoption of the state law applicable to firefighters that establishes collective bargaining if a majority of the affected employees favor representation by an employees association, preserves the prohibition against strikes and lockouts, and provides penalties for strikes and lockouts."

The biggest reason the local association seeks to obtain collective bargaining is in order to retain firefighters, according to PPF President Craig Harkcom.

"Entry level is most of the time

younger guys, and they use Pampa as a stepping stone to go to bigger cities," Harkcom said. "There are some who would probably stay if we could offer more."

The situation has resulted in city fire departments being staffed with a number of new firefighters due to the constant turnover.

"One has been here a little over two years. That's the most senior one," Harkcom said of the firefighters. "We just hired two on Oct. 1. We've got four that I know of that have been here less than a year.

We're just trying to find ways to get one or two or even more of them to stick around."

The best way to retain employees, Harkcom said, is not necessarily wages but benefits such as insurance and retirement, as well as some administrative issues.

"There're not really any complaints on the pay scale. The pay scale is pretty competitive," he said.

Pampa Fire Department currently has 23 firefighters to man the central

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Honorable Man awarded to Goode

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Ronnie Goode of Pampa was named Tralee Crisis Center's Most Honorable Man for 2007 at the Honorable Man March held Tuesday evening.

Sheila Winton read her nomination of Goode at the Knights of Columbus Hall, where the march ended and the nominations were read.

"In 1985, at age 17, I ran away from home to marry someone my parents strongly disapproved of," she said. "I realized my mistake, but stayed eight years out of fear. There was no physical abuse, but there was emotional abuse."

Ronnie and Jane Goode came into her life and made a difference to her, she said.

"She is a true example of the woman I only hope the Lord molds me into," Winton said of Jane Goode.

"This man taught me about who a true godly man is," Winton said of Goode. "I was able to observe the true gentleness he treated his family with while still being the leader of the home. He taught me the true meaning of unconditional love and the difference between conviction and condemnation."

Winton divorced her first husband and when she mar-



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Ronnie Goode of Pampa was named Most Honorable Man for 2007 by Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center, at the conclusion of Tuesday evening's Honorable Man March.

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Pit bulls kill pony that was given to cancer patient

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Shetland pony which was a Make-A-Wish gift to a 4-year-old cancer patient was attacked and killed by two pit bulls Monday afternoon at a Pampa home.

Gray County Sheriff's Office received a call at about 2:45 p.m. Monday concerning two pit bull dogs which had attempted to attack a man and had killed a pony in the 1100 block of Clark Street, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. Pampa Animal Control officers were also notified of the call.

"When deputies arrived to assist animal control, they found the dead

pony lying in the yard, two pit bulls running around the area and a man in a tree," Hoard said. "The two dogs had tried to attack him, and he was forced up the tree to avoid the dogs."

Animal Control Supervisor Sandy Burns confirmed that the man, the father of the boy who is the cancer patient, was attacked first by the dogs.

"Then, when he went up the tree, they went after the horse," she said.

The boy was not at home at the time of the attack, she said.

One of the two pit bulls was captured by animal control officers and placed in the city's animal shelter, but the other eluded officers and then

charged one of the deputies at the scene.

"He shot the dog," Hoard said. "The deputy said that as he approached the dog, which he had spotted in a nearby field, the dog charged him. The deputy was in fear of his life."

It is not known whether the shot found its intended mark, Hoard said. The dog ran away and has not been located since the time of the incident.

It is unknown who owns the dogs, Hoard said.

The boy had had the pony for about two months, Burns said, and had ridden it the Saturday before Monday's attack.

"He was all smiles. He was going to ride it again this next weekend," she said. The family's home and surrounding property is within guidelines for them to legally have a pony or horse at their residence, she said.

"I'm working on trying to find out if the horse will be replaced," Burns said. "One lady said that if Make-A-Wish didn't, she would. We're going to work out something so that kiddo has a horse."

Calls about pit bulls are nothing new for animal control and law enforcement officers in Pampa, Burns said.

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Commission mulls purchase of new marquee sign

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampa City Commissioners discussed a new marquee sign for M.K. Brown Auditorium and the tax freeze petition that was rejected at a regular meeting held at 4 p.m. Tuesday.

Shane Stokes, director of community services, gave a quote to commissioners that he obtained from Time-O-Matic to have a new marquee sign built to replace the old one for M.K. Brown.

"About 10 days ago, the sign just

went dead," Stokes said. "This sign was obsolete because it was so old and we cannot get replacement parts for it any more. I called the company that we used to have a service contract with and they can't provide any parts or service for this sign. Our only option now if we want to have a sign that announces upcoming events is to purchase a new one."

The quote was for a new sign that would be the same size as the existing one, which is 4.5 feet tall by 15 feet long, and the cost would be

\$38,000 and \$5,000 for labor to have it installed. This sign would be double faced, color and fully animated.

Stokes said he is going to present the quote to the Pampa Economic Development Corp. at their next meeting and see if they can contribute part of the cost since this would benefit the tourism committee. Mayor Lonny Robbins said that the cost of this sign could be taken out of the hotel/motel tax part of the budget. Commissioners agreed that Pampa should have a sign to adver-

tise upcoming events for the town and not just for M.K. Brown.

"This sign could be an informational center for the entire town," Robbins said. "I would like to have school events posted on this as well. I'm wondering if we shouldn't get a quote on a larger sign instead of just getting the same size."

Stokes said he will contact Time-O-Matic and get another quote for a larger sign. He will let city commis-

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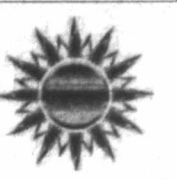
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Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 69. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. South southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BALCOM, Ethel M. — Graveside services 2 p.m. at Fairview Cemetery.
WOODRUFF, Loil Glin — Graveside services 1 p.m. at Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler.

Ethel M. Balcom, 77

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

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Fred Palmer, pastor of the Carpenter's Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of 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 10 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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Raymond Lee Cox, 32

Raymond Lee Cox, 32, died Monday, October 22, 2007, in Amarillo, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cox was born August 1, 1975 in Plymouth, Indiana, and was raised in Warsaw, Indiana. He was a 1994 graduate of Wichita Northeast Magnet High School in Wichita, Kansas, and received an associate degree from Butler County Community College in Eldorado, Kansas in 1996. He came to Pampa in

1998 from Worland, Wyoming. He married Teena Jacobs on August 14, 1999, in Pampa. He worked for Halliburton in Kansas and Wyoming and was a truck driver for Groendyke Transport in Borger for 10 years.

At the time of his death, he was an operator at Conoco-Phillips in Borger. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa.

Raymond was a devoted loving man whose life revolved around his family.

Survivors include his wife, Teena Cox of the home; one daughter, Kayla Cox of the home; one son; Weston Lee Cox of the home; his parents, Bob & Karen Cox of Wichita, Kansas; a brother: Robert

L. Cox III & wife Amy of Pratt, Kansas; his paternal grandmother, Alberta Cox of

Warsaw, Indiana; one nephew, Christian Cox of Pratt, Kansas; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jane & Robert Jacobs of Pampa; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church Youth Department, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-1981.

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Cox

Tallyn Creed Wilson

Tallyn Creed Wilson, 1 month, died Monday, October 22, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 26, 2007, at Fairview Cemetery, with Rev. Ronnie

Goode, associate pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Tallyn was born September 21, 2007, in

Amarillo.

Survivors include parents, Thomas Wilson and Tara Kent, both of Pampa; maternal grandparents, Ann Kent and Stacy Terry, both of Pampa; paternal grandparents, Patricia Lundy of

Pampa and Brady Wilson of Virginia; and maternal great-grandparents, James & Debbie Zachdny of Amarillo.

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Loil Glin Woodruff Sr, 85

Loil Glin Woodruff Sr., 85, died Monday, October 22, 2007, in Pampa, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday, October 25, 2007, at the Wheeler Cemetery in Wheeler, with Pastor Jimmie Cole of the First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Woodruff was born July 14, 1922, in Curtain County, Oklahoma. He married Dorothy Mar Hunt on April 8, 1946, in Wheeler. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II. He owned and operated a Kerr-McGee service station in Pampa for many years. He enjoyed fishing.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Woodruff of

Pampa; two sons, Gary Woodruff & wife Mary of Norman, Oklahoma, and Larry Woodruff of Pampa;

two daughters, Glenda Lewis & husband Buddy of Seminole, Oklahoma, and Carolyn Frost & husband Gary of McLean; nine grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one brother, Coleman Woodruff of Amarillo. He was preceded

in death by his parents; one son, Judge Woodruff on May 13, 2007; three brothers; and four sisters.

MEMORIALS: Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, Texas 79106.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Emergency Services

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

Twelve traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Somerville and Browning streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of South Hobart and the 1400 block of Charles.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Cuyler, the 800 block of North Hobart and the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of North Dwight and the intersection of Rosewood and Sandlewood streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Cuyler and Francis streets and the 800 block of East Frederic.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of South Hobart, the 1300 block of Terrace, the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the intersection of Crawford and Campanella streets, the 1100 block of North Perry, on two occasions in the 800 block of Beryl, the 900 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of Malone and

the 1000 block of South Christy.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 100 block of North Warren.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of Locust, the 200 block of Miami and the 1900 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Sumner. A vehicle was shoe polished.

A terroristic threat was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road.

Possession of marijuana, no insurance, expired motor vehicle registration and failure to change driver's license information were reported at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana was reported in the 900 block of North Hobart.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Sexual assault was reported in the police department lobby.

Credit card fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

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

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Curtis Lee Wine, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for unlawful restraint/serious bodily injury.

Leonard Kane, 37, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia and bond surrenders for two counts of possession of a controlled substance.

Seana Gayle Krehbiel, 32, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for fraud.

Stacy Allen Sandoval, 33, of Enid, Okla. was arrested by GCSO for possession of drug paraphernalia, failure to identify and possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Josue Ramone Vargas, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Charles Eric Wood, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no driver's license and possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

Christopher Brian Bell, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1900 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department on municipal warrants for no insurance, expired registration, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to change driver's license information.

Jessica Carol Smith, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of North Hobart by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and no insurance.

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

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Christy. No transport.

11:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Powell. No transport.

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Hoover Volunteer Fire Department responded to 117 incidents from Oct. 31, 2006 to Sept. 30.

The incidents included four structure fires, 33 wild land fires, four vehicle fires, 11 motor vehicle accidents, seven medical assists, 19 public services, 10 stand-bys, 12 hazardous material incidents, 10 good intents, four storm watches, two animal control and one train derailment.

The department received mutual aid on four incidents and assisted other departments or agencies on 12 incidents, including four major non-fire incidents.

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Couple surprised with wedding photos

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Karen and Mark Cline were teenagers when they got married and didn't have \$150 to pay a photographer for their wedding photos.

But now they've got the pictures, just in time for their 27th anniversary on Thursday. Their photographer located Karen Cline last week at the diner where she works and surprised her with a photo album.

"About a month ago, I was just cleaning out some of my old things and I found it," said photographer Jim Wagner, who's now 80. "I knew she didn't have any money back

then, and I just thought she might like to have it."

It was too much for Karen Cline. "I just stood there and cried and cried and hugged him," she said, tearing up again as she described their meeting.

She said she was 18 at the time, and felt heartsick because she and her husband, who was 19, couldn't afford to pay Wagner. Instead, all they have had was a single photo that someone else took, of her walking down the aisle.

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station downtown and the north fire station on 17th Avenue round-the-clock. The issue of staffing has become a safety issue, Harkcom said, for the firefighters.

"Sixty-five to 70 percent of the time, we're running with a minimum staff," he said. The recommended number of personnel to respond to a structure fire is 12, Harkcom said, yet the number at Pampa fires is six to eight.

"We need more firefighters than we have," he said. "We have a maximum of eight per shift right now if no one is off duty."

The low staff number can increase the likelihood for injuries and overtime pay, he said.

"With Pampa's growth, there's more likelihood of a bigger situation and more likelihood of more than one situation at the same time," Harkcom said.

"Most of the other area fire departments have the same issues we have," he said.

Borger's fire department has 19 firefighters for a population of 13,262. They do not have collective bargaining, according to a spokesman for the fire department.

Dumas firefighters also

do not have collective bargaining, according to a fire department spokesman. Dumas has a population of 14,046 with 16 paid firefighters and another 24 volunteers.

Pampa's population for 2006, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, is 17,089.

Currently, fire department issues are discussed by PFD Chief Kim Powell with city officials.

"Once it gets through a captain in the chain of command to the chief, it stops there," Harkcom said of the current system of discussing issues of interest to the firefighters. "She's the one that runs the department. We can talk to her, but the chief, city manager and directors make decisions and recommendations to the city commission. Right now, she asks our opinions, but there's no negotiating."

If the issue of collective bargaining, which was also brought before Pampa voters four years ago, passes, the state statute concerning the system would apply to both the fire and police departments.

"But the police department did not decide to do this," Harkcom said. "They're not involved."

Collective bargaining would enable representatives of the firefighters to talk directly to city commissioners.

"If this passes, it will allow us to sit down with

the city commissioners or whoever they choose to nominate as a negotiating board," Harkcom said. "Our group would be able to talk to them directly about safety issues, wages, benefits, retirement and other things that can help us draw and retain some of our new guys."

PPFF members stress in literature printed on the subject that collective bargaining will not allow them to go on strike or hold lockouts or work slowdowns, since they are emergency service personnel and are prohibited by law from doing so. All 23 Pampa firefighters are members of PPFF.

"Even if striking were legal, the Pampa Professional Fire Fighters would never leave the city unprotected," Harkcom said. "When there is an emergency, we answer the call."

Copies of a brochure concerning the proposition on the general election ballot to allow collective bargaining for Pampa firefighters are available at City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Early voting continues 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. weekdays except for Oct. 29 and 30, when the polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Election Day is Nov. 6.

Traffic stops net 4 drug arrests

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Traffic stops conducted Tuesday by Gray County sheriff's deputies resulted in four persons being arrested on drug-related charges.

A 1991 Chevrolet Blazer was stopped by deputies at about 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of Starkweather and Foster streets for a reported traffic violation. Deputies received consent to search the vehicle.

"One of the passengers gave a false identity," said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. "The deputy found evidence that he was someone else."

The man was identified as Stacy Allen Sandoval, 33, of Enid, Okla. When Sandoval was searched, a baggie suspected to contain less than one gram of methamphetamine was reportedly found in his hat, Hoard said.

Sandoval was arrested and charged with failure to identify, possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Another passenger in the

vehicle, Leonard Kane, 37, of Pampa was also arrested. He was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

The driver of the vehicle was not charged and was released, Hoard said.

Deputies at the scene were Robert Douglas, David Rushing and Zach Kidd.

A second traffic stop at 9:10 p.m. Tuesday again resulted in two being arrested on drug-related charges.

A deputy stopped a white pickup in the vicinity of the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets for failing to stop at the designated point at a stop sign, Hoard said.

The driver, Charles Eric Wood, 26, of Pampa was arrested for having no driver's license. After searches of his person and the vehicle, Wood was also charged with possession of one or more

grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

The vehicle search yielded two baggies of suspected methamphetamine inside a cup in the pickup, Hoard said.

Josue Ramone Vargas, 27, of Pampa, a passenger in the vehicle, was also arrested after a search of his person for weapons was conducted, Hoard said.

"He was found with a controlled substance on his person," Hoard said. The substance is believed to be methamphetamine.

Vargas was charged with possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Deputies at the scene were Douglas, Joe Montgomery and Rhett Rollins.

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sioners know what that price is and also what the Pampa EDC decides at their meeting.

Recently, a petition was presented to City Secretary Karen Price by members of the community regarding a tax freeze for the homes of senior citizens and disabled members of the community. Price explained that this petition could not be accepted because it did not meet charter provisions for a petition.

"Even though this petition did have enough signatures, over 500 of those who signed did not include 'Pampa, Texas' after their address and this is a require-

ment for a petition to be valid," Price said. "Another item that is required and was not on the petition is the exact wording that would be printed on the ballot if this would be in the next election for voters to decide. This petition did not have that wording so therefore we cannot accept it as a valid petition."

City Manager John Horst and Robbins said these are the reasons the petition cannot be accepted.

"We are not opposing any petition that Pampa residents want to get together and present to us, but they have to meet all of the criteria to be considered valid," Horst said.

"We have no choice but to reject this petition because the charter provisions were not met," said Robbins.

Commissioner Robert Dixon said he found out that only 1,849 people would have their homestead taxes frozen if this ordinance were passed and he does not feel this would hurt the economy of Pampa.

Robbins said he does realize that Pampa has a high tax rate, but commissioners are only collecting these taxes so the bills and expenses of the city can be taken care of.

Commissioners approved an ordinance allowing tangible personal property in transit to be taxed, a two year fire service agreement with Gray County and the list of disbursements for September, which were \$1,476,543 and the amount after balance sheet and income accounts is \$955,725.

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result of our having to pick them up. The majority of calls we respond to on stray dog complaints are about pit bulls."

Burns thinks it may be time to pass stricter ordinances concerning the dogs.

"I'm going to approach the city to do something

about these pit bulls -- some type of registration, heavier fines," she said.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no one had claimed the pit bull which was captured at the scene of Monday's attack and is being held at the animal shelter. Anyone with information concerning the incident is asked to call Pampa Police Department at 669-5700.

Odds are that animal control officers will continue to have to deal with pit bulls, Burns said.

"The population's growing faster than we can deal with them," she said.

Astronauts check shuttle for damage

HOUSTON (AP) — Discovery's seven astronauts conducted a painstaking inspection of the space shuttle today, focusing especially on three wing panels to make sure possible cracks spotted beneath the shuttle's protective coating hadn't worsened.

The inspection came on the first full day of what NASA considers to be the most complicated international space station construction mission yet. The shuttle

was to reach the station Thursday. Commander Pamela Melroy and her crew used a laser and camera-tipped inspection boom to check Discovery's wings and nose. The check is standard since a strike by a slab of fuel-tank foam created a hole in Columbia's wing in 2003, downing the shuttle.

The astronauts went a little more slowly to capture more detailed images of three of 44 wing panels where it is possible

there are cracks beneath the coating. NASA said last week that a new inspection method, conducted before flight, uncovered the possible degradation.

As the inspections were winding down late Wednesday morning, Flight director Rick LaBorde said that neither he nor others had spotted any problems of significance. The images will be examined in excruciating detail over the new few days, however, by experts on the ground.

Washington patrol voted best dressed

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — It's a look that lead-foot drivers know all too well: the crisp black bow tie and blue "Smokey Bear" hat of a Washington State Patrol trooper.

And according to a national trade group, the outfits are the best-looking state police uniforms in the country.

The patrol, which has been wearing the peaked hats and distinctive bow ties for about 70 years, recently was named America's "Best-Dressed State Law Enforcement Agency" by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers and Distributors.

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Viewpoints

Dems bumble along with leftist tendencies

In 2006, Nancy Pelosi promised the American people that if they would vote to give Democrats control of Congress, making her Speaker of the House, they would come to Washington and "drain the swamp."

More than a year later, Democrats have converted the alleged Republican swamp into a vast pit of quicksand into which America's national and financial security are slowly sinking.

Democrats chortle over the president's dismal 24 percent popularity rating, but they have to look up to see it from their own popularity rating of a tiny 11 percent.

Madame Speaker, once hailed by the media and her fellow Democrats as a

shrewd politician who would turn her tenure as the first woman to occupy the speaker's chair into a stellar performance, has been revealed as a bumbling San Francisco-style far-out liberal Democrat with nary a notion as to what this nation really stands for.

Despite their protests to the contrary, her party has revealed itself to be Marxist in every sense of the word. Without exception, the social programs they espouse are rooted in socialist doctrines. They distrust the American people to manage their own affairs without the deadly hand of the federal government gripping them by the shoulders and draining their wallets.

No matter what the prob-

lem, they have two approaches to solve it — spending vast amounts of money on socialist-style solutions, and paying for them by raising taxes — allegedly on the "rich," who appear in Democrat eyes to be any family earning more than \$50 a week.

That, however, is not the most obvious result of the voters' decision to oust the Republicans from control of Capitol Hill (a fate they brought upon themselves by acting like wild-spending Democrats). It's the revelation that the Democrat majority is

absolutely incompetent and totally unfit to govern any nation.

You need look no further than the Speaker Pelosi's willingness to poke a sharp stick into the eyes of one of America's closest allies in the war on terror, and one of our strongest supporters, Turkey.

Ignoring the fact that Turkish support is vital to our troops in Iraq, the madam of the House threw her full weight behind a resolution to condemn Turkey for something that happened nearly a century ago, and in which not a single living being in Turkey

had any part.

Why? Simply because it would please a voting bloc in Mrs. Pelosi's home state.

Fortunately, a number of her fellow House Democrats suddenly realized that she was leading them into the quicksand, and saner heads seem to be prevailing as Pelosi's political turkey heads for the chopping block.

This, however, is symptomatic of the problem of handing power to the current leftist-dominated Democrat party, which has a two-pronged approach to governing the nation — do everything possible to win elections by satisfying certain various voting blocs no matter how much their policies threaten the safety and secu-

urity of the American people, and move as far to the left as possible without revealing their total dedication to the coercive policies of Karl Marx.

To put it simply, this party is wholly owned by the unhinged George Soros, the teachers' unions, big labor bosses, trial lawyers, and assorted pie-in-the-sky liberals shaking in their boots over the imagined threat that Earth and everyone on it is in the process being barbecued by Mother Nature.

In an effort to mollify the rabid anti-war left that wants us out of Iraq now — no matter what the dreadful consequences for world peace and an oil-dependent world

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Michael Reagan
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2007. There are 68 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 24, 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

On this date:

In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1648, the Peace of Westphalia ended the Thirty Years War and effectively destroyed the Holy Roman Empire.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Chief Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Abraham Lincoln.

In 1901, widow Anna Edson Taylor became the first person to go over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, was officially dedicated (it opened to traffic the next day).

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair

Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared in Detroit, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President John F. Kennedy.

In 1987, 30 years after it was expelled, the Teamsters union was welcomed back into the AFL-CIO. (However, the Teamsters disaffiliated themselves from the AFL-CIO in 2005.)

Ten years ago: Setting the stage for an upcoming summit, President Bill Clinton rejected calls for a confrontational approach to China, arguing that isolating the Chinese would be "potentially dangerous." In Arlington, Va., former NBC sportscaster Marv Albert was spared a jail sentence after a grudging courtroom apology to the woman he'd bitten during a sexual romp.

'Seek not the favor of the multitude; it is seldom got by honest and lawful means. But seek the testimony of the few; and number not voices, but weigh them.'

— Immanuel Kant
German philosopher
(1724-1804)



All men are not equal in intelligence ...

All men are created equal. Is that a statement of fact or a political proposition?

It is a political proposition. We can see for ourselves that people are not equal. They are not equal in height or weight, in intelligence or ambition, in energy or in the circumstances of their birth. Only a fool would think that a child born in poverty has an equal chance of succeeding as a child born into a family of great wealth.

Let's look at the context in which that proposition was put forward by Thomas Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence. In his day in Europe, there were two classes of people. There was the aristocracy and there were the commoners. Members of the aristocracy had definite privileges that the commoner could never hope to have. One became

an aristocrat by birth.

The privileges of the aristocracy, it is important to note, were granted by the state. The aristocrat was not by nature endowed with any superior qualities. Some of them, in fact, were quite inferior. They were elevated by the laws or the whims of kings, not by nature.

So what Jefferson and his comrades were saying is that in America, there will be no aristocracy. The state will not grant privileges to some people and withhold them from others. In other words, all people would be equal before the law. As everyone knows, we have been struggling ever since to realize that ideal. African slaves

were not equal before the law, nor were the Native Americans.

It is to the great credit of the American people that the struggle to achieve equality before the law continues to this day. Yet it also is important to understand the difference between a political ideal and a fact of nature.

A writer once observed that the characteristic of nature's creation was profusion, not uniformity. Some modern Americans get so confused by the idea of equality that they expect uniform results. It is folly, however, to expect that children with different degrees of intelligence will achieve equal academic results. That

is as foolish as expecting every child will be a football or basketball star.

It is folly to expect that men with different amounts of ambition and energy will all achieve the same material success. It is stupid to assert that people with physical handicaps are the equal of people without them. At one time in our history, differences were accepted as natural. I was taught as a child that everyone, regardless of his or her circumstances, was entitled to courtesy and respect. I was taught as a child that the important factor in a human being was character, not wealth or position. No American should ever fawn over or scorn another human being. Wealth or position does not confer superiority. Poverty does not equate with inferi-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 14

Houston Chronicle on using cell phones while driving:

Like driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, carrying on a cell phone conversation while behind the wheel of a moving vehicle is dangerous. Study after study confirms this fact.

And like drunken and drug-addled driving, motoring about town engaged in a mobile phone call should be banned in Texas.

Several countries have taken this admittedly unpopular step to ban cell phone use by drivers or to curtail cell

phone use by younger drivers. Four states and the District of Columbia ban cell phone use in moving vehicles. Several more states have prohibitions on young drivers.

Texas lawmakers have been reluctant to support the handful of bills that have been filed in previous legislative sessions to outlaw or restrict cell phone use in cars and trucks. In the last legislative session, Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, and Rep. Garnet Coleman, D-Houston, introduced bills to ban the use of cell phones in vehicles unless the driver employed equipment allowing hands-free use. Both bills failed. Coleman has pledged to reintroduce his legislation in the 2009 session.

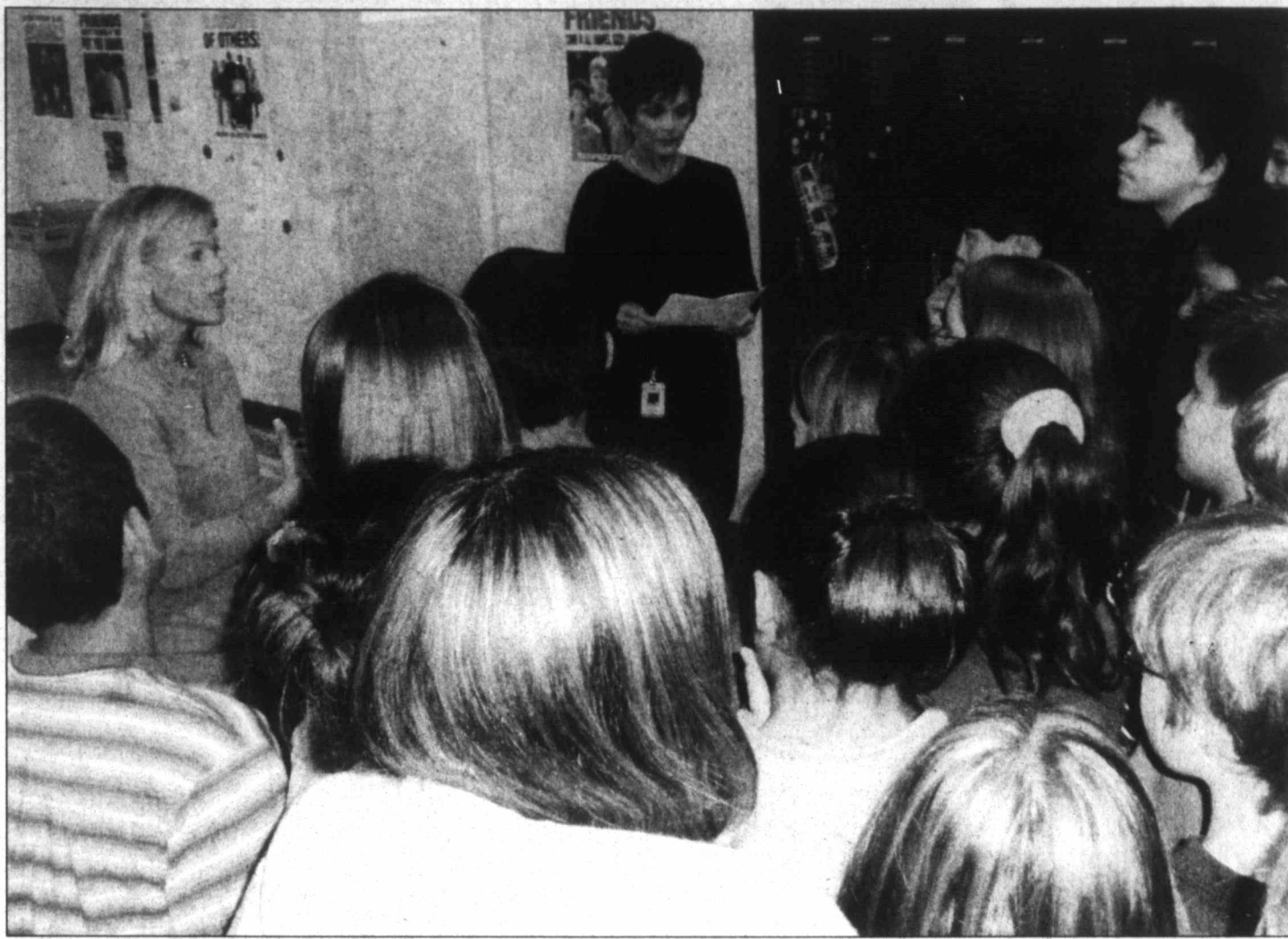
Actually, those proposals do not go far enough to ensure public safety on

Texas roadways. Research shows that the danger in talking on the phone while driving is not just holding the phone with one hand off the steering wheel. The larger peril is that the driver is engaged in conversation and distracted from driving, a task that requires a high level of concentration. Hands-free equipment does not solve this problem, research shows.

The current culture of cell phone use has seen the emergence of even more dangerous in-auto cell phone practices, including text messaging and checking e-mail while driving insanely perilous activities that involve both taking hands off the wheel and eyes off the road. Obviously, these practices should

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Holocaust reminder



Courtesy photo

Kelly Vigil and Gloria Robbins had their 6th grade classes gather in a small area of the 6th grade hall to let them have some sort of feel of how much room was in a death car during a lesson on the Holocaust. Vigil and Robbins discussed the facts about the Holocaust and read a survivor's account of the trip he had to take during the Holocaust.

Cell phones

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be strictly banned. Lawmakers' reluctance to pass cell phone restrictions, much less a total ban, for drivers of motorized vehicles is unfortunate but understandable from a political standpoint. People like talking on the phone while they drive. They conduct business, pass the time, get driving directions and take care of personal communications errands. But what they do not do well at all, according to academics who have studied the issue, is focus on the road and its many hazards.

Earlier this month, Harris County Precinct 5 Deputy Constable Jason Norling might have paid with his life because of one sport utility vehicle driver's failure to hang up and drive. Prosecutors say that driver acknowl-

edged he may have been distracted by a mobile phone conversation when he hit Norling on the busy Westpark Tollway.

Some argue that other driver distractions, such as turning toward the back seat to discipline unruly children or bending over to pick up something from the floorboard, are more likely to cause an accident than talking on a phone. This January, Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. released a survey of 1,200 drivers that indicated 73 percent talk on cell phones while driving, and that young (read, inexperienced) drivers were the worst offenders.

Nineteen percent of respondents said they text message behind the wheel. It is this sheer volume of cell phone use while driving that magnifies the cell phone hazard to an unacceptable degree.

Talking and texting at the controls of motor vehicles is a hazard that Texans should demand their represen-

tatives in Austin address, with a total ban on cell phone use by drivers, including via hands-free sets. The risk to all who use the streets, including pedestrians and cyclists, is too great.

Even if lawmakers fail in passing an outright ban on cell phone usage while driving, certain classes of drivers, including school bus operators carrying children and emergency vehicle drivers in urgent situations, absolutely should not be allowed to chat on cell phones behind the wheel.

Meanwhile, motorists shouldn't wait for the Legislature to impose a ban. Even though the cell phone may have usurped the gun as the object Texans would give up only if someone pried it from their cold dead fingers, drivers should think through the consequences of this especially irresponsible habit. Those who don't might end up dying or killing someone for the sake of their dangerous practice. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

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ority.

The attempt by some politicians to force equality of results in schools puts an impossible burden on teachers. The expectations of some parents also put an intolerable burden on some chil-

dren. Not every child should go to college. Not every child is going to make straight A's. Not every child is even going to be interested in academic subjects. The notion that those interested in vocational or commercial skills are somehow inferior to those who prefer academic subjects is obnoxiously wrong. I've needed many a plumber and electrician, but I've never needed a Ph.D.

Let us all continue to strive to achieve our ideals, but let us all not lose sight of reality. We, like all humans before us, will never achieve perfection. Our society will always be flawed. We should accept that as a challenge, because utopia, if it ever were achieved, would be insufferably dull.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Peace activists to test U.S. border security

NEW YORK (AP) — Two peace activists who were denied entry into Canada because their arrests for protesting the Iraq war landed them on an FBI-run database say they will try again to enter the country on Thursday.

The activists and their supporters presented petitions Tuesday at Canadian consulates in several U.S. cities, demanding that Canada reverse what they say is a policy that keeps foes of the Iraq war from visiting.

"The Bush administration has convinced the Canadian government to do its dirty work, to deny entry to people who are dissenting against Bush administration

policies," said Ann Wright, a retired Army colonel and diplomat who was turned back at the border along with Medea Benjamin of the anti-war group Code Pink.

Wright gave petitions that she said were signed by 15,000 people to an official at the Canadian consulate in New York. Activists left copies of the petitions at Canadian consulates in Washington, Chicago, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Wright and Benjamin learned when they tried to visit Canada in August that their names were in an FBI-maintained database meant to track fugitives, potential terrorists, missing persons and violent felons.

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economy — the Democrat Congressional leadership has sought to have it both ways — make loud noises about ending the war, while throwing up their hands and telling all those nuts in San Francisco that they are at the mercy of big, bad George Bush who is using his massive 24 percent popularity to tie their hands and frustrate their efforts to cut and run.

I won't argue that the Republicans didn't deserve to have their ears pinned back in 2006, but who knew that in getting rid of one crew of Washington insiders the nation was put in the hands of the gang that can't shoot straight, or even figure out which end of the gun to point.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I know I should be telling the world how lucky I am and I should be happy, but I'm miserable. I am a 30-something mother of two, recently divorced. I have started dating my husband's polar opposite. My ex was an alcoholic. He was in trouble with the law and could not earn a living to save his life. I not only supported us, but shouldered all the responsibility for our home and our children while he led his own life with his drinking buddies. But that is in the past. Today I am seeing "Gary." We have been dating nine months. Gary treats me like a queen and is fabulous with my children. I think he worships the ground I walk on. He's loving, affectionate, generous and caring. So why am I complaining? Because he is ALWAYS HERE. He never leaves! Yes, I get to work all day and he stops in only a few times a day, but the minute I am done, he is at my door. He usually has dinner with me or wants to take us out, so I have a hard time saying no. He respects the fact that he can't spend the night in front of my kids, but he stays until they are asleep, so the only time I have to myself is when I'm sleeping. He spends every waking hour with me and comes with me wherever I go. Gary jumps in and pays for everything before I can even pull my wallet from my purse. I feel crazy for complaining, but it makes me feel so indebted. I also feel stalked, controlled and burdened. Am I just being selfish? Is there a way to train myself to like to be spoiled? Help! — **SMOTHERED IN MICHIGAN**

DEAR SMOTHERED: You are not being selfish. You were starving for certain things in your marriage to your ex and have overcorrected in this new relationship. Please don't think you are the only person to do this. It happens quite often. You are

about eight months overdue for a frank and honest discussion with Gary about the personal space you need. You are still healing from a dysfunctional marriage, and he appears to be so smitten — or insecure — that he's preventing you from figuring out where you end and he begins. It would be interesting to know what baggage this man is carrying. Please, I urge you, set some clear boundaries before you become so upset with him that you "toss the baby out with the bathwater."

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Logan," recently started at a new school, and we are getting calls requesting play dates. So far, I have responded by offering to host, but eventually I will have to decide if I feel comfortable letting my son go to a home I'm not familiar with. I feel strongly that Logan should not go to a home where the parents — or children — own guns. How do I ask the question without passing judgment? I respect my neighbors' right to own a firearm and don't wish to challenge their choice, but I simply cannot in good conscience allow my son to play in a home with a gun. — **ATLANTA MOM**

DEAR ATLANTA MOM: Here's how to handle it. When your son is invited for a play date, say: "He'd love to come. But before I agree, I have a few questions: Who will be supervising the children? Are there any guns in the house? Do you plan on taking the children anywhere else?" They're all legitimate questions, and you don't come across as judgmental. As a parent you have a right to know.

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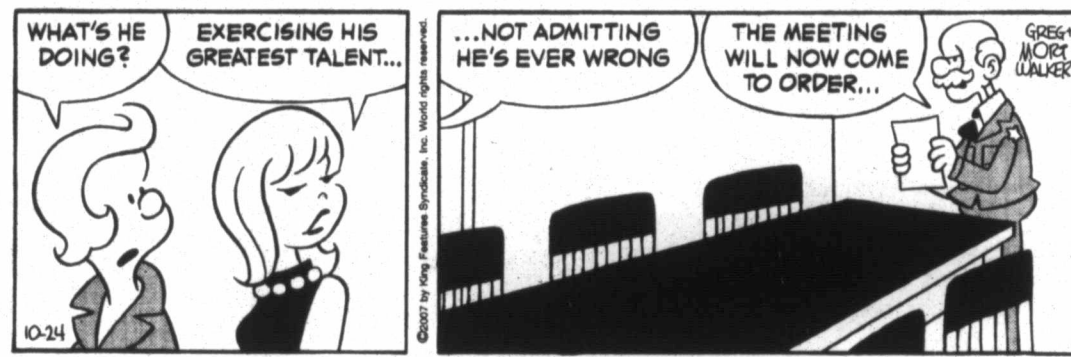
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Volleyball seniors



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Pampa. Krishna Henderson is the daughter of Keenan and Susan Henderson of Pampa, and the granddaughter of Jack and Wanda Mitchell, Robert and Martha Henderson, and the late Sherry Henderson all of Pampa. Hanna is the daughter of Claudia and Bernd Baumgartner of Austria currently living with the Martha Campbell family of Pampa as a foreign exchange student.

Courtesy photo

Youth wrestling club to begin sign-ups Thursday

Pampa Youth Wrestling, formerly the Pampa Takedown Club, will be having sign ups Thursday and Monday from 6-8 p.m. at Val Halla at the High School. If you have any questions or are unable to make one of these times please contact Carlos Regalado at 664-3263 or Wesley Patton at 440-1972.

Rams release Terrell after being charged in domestic case

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Rams released offensive guard Claude Terrell after he was arrested early Tuesday and charged with assaulting his wife at a suburban Houston hotel.

The Rams announced Terrell's release in a news release. A spokesman declined to comment further.

Police in the Houston suburb of Webster said they found a woman with "obvious signs of physical injury" after responding to a disturbance at a Hampton Inn. The woman said she was Terrell's wife and told police he had assaulted her.

The 6-foot-2, 330-pound Terrell was found at a nearby hotel, where he was arrested and charged with assault-family violence, a class A misdemeanor, police said.

Terrell has appeared in six games with three starts for the Rams (0-7) this season.

Terrell was on probation from a 2006 assault charge of causing bodily injury to a family member, according to court records. He was given a \$1,000 fine and two years of probation for that charge in February.

Chargers flee fires for Arizona; game site, time still uncertain

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The San Diego Chargers boarded a plane for Phoenix on Tuesday night, not knowing where or when they'll play their next game.

They left town because of the wildfires that chased many in the organization out of their homes, fouled the air and left Sunday's scheduled home game against the Houston Texans in doubt.

Their superstar running back knows his home survived the firestorm. Their general manager hasn't heard if he'll have a house to come home to.

While they spent Monday taking care of their families, it was time to get back to business.

"We need to get ready to play football," said general manager A.J. Smith, who evacuated his home and doesn't know if it's still

standing. The Chargers will practice at the Arizona Cardinals' headquarters in Tempe on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. They packed for any eventuality, since the NFL and the Chargers are still debating what to do about Sunday's game.

Qualcomm Stadium is being used as an evacuation center. An estimated 10,000 people were there on Tuesday, under smoky skies.

"Our attitude is, we're going to practice for three days, and give us a buzz and let us know where we're going," Smith said as the Chargers lined up at their headquarters to board buses to the airport. "Wherever it is, or whatever day it is, we'll do the best we can to get a victory against Houston. That's where it's at."

The Cardinals have a bye

Sunday, and their stadium, located in Glendale, is scheduled to host a motorcycle show Friday through Sunday afternoon.

Qualcomm Stadium general manager Erik Stover said the building can be ready to host an NFL game by Sunday, but it all depends on when the fires are contained.

"The longer it goes, the less likely," Stover said. "We're an evacuation site until we're no longer needed."

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell has been meeting with Chargers president Dean Spanos and others. Goodell said the options include playing the game in Los Angeles, at Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium — the Cardinals' former home — at Texas Stadium in Dallas or Reliant Stadium, the Texans' home field.

The precedent for playing at Reliant Stadium would be the New Orleans Saints playing a "home" game against the New York Giants at the Meadowlands after Hurricane Katrina. That move was later criticized.

Regardless, flying to Arizona is a drill familiar to 15 players on the active roster.

Four years ago to the week, the Chargers were forced to move a Monday night game against Miami — and Junior Seau's much-anticipated homecoming — to Tempe on short notice because of deadly wildfires. As it is now, Qualcomm was being used as an evacuation center and the air quality was awful.

"It's a little weird," running back LaDainian Tomlinson said. "It wasn't expected. Two times in my

career. You're just thankful you haven't lost a house. This is the closest I've come to losing one, though. It was burning on my property line."

Tomlinson and his wife had to flee their suburban home early Monday.

"I could see the fires coming," said Tomlinson, the reigning NFL MVP. "You wake up at 4 o'clock in the morning. You get the phone call, 'You need to evacuate.' I see the sky was orange, so I'm like, 'It's serious.'"

"You just adapt to it and deal with it. Everybody is. Look at all those people over there at the stadium."

Some 46 players, coaches and staff members had to evacuate, including coach Norv Turner and quarterback Philip Rivers.

Texas' Brown shooting for win No. 100 with Longhorns

AUSTIN (AP) — For all the hand-wringing and hair-pulling that comes with losses to Kansas State and close wins over Baylor and Arkansas State, Texas fans should remember this: Mack Brown has, by the numbers, won like no other coach in modern school history.

That's right. Even Longhorns superhero Darrell Royal didn't win at Brown's current clip of 80.5 percent.

Brown is shooting for his 100th Texas victory Saturday when the No. 17 Longhorns play Nebraska. That's quite an achievement considering he hasn't finished 10 seasons in Austin.

The Longhorns have won 10 games each year since 2001. Comparing that to the old-timers can be tricky because teams now play 12-game regular seasons and conference championships. Still, it's impressive when compared to Brown's contemporaries across the country.

Texas is the only team in the country to win at least 10 games the last six years. Some notable programs that have suffered losing seasons in that span include Notre Dame, Nebraska and Texas A&M.

None of this suggests Brown's record doesn't come with a few lumps, just that it might not be appreci-

ated as it should be. When Texas loses, it tends to lose in memorable ways. That five-game losing streak to Oklahoma from 2000-2004 stands out. So does that collapse in the Big 12 title game in 2001. The 41-21 loss to Kansas State earlier this season was Brown's worst home defeat at Texas.

The biggest knock on Brown's win total is that it comes with only one Big 12 championship in 2005, the same year Texas won the national title. Mention Brown's record and the most logical comparison is Oklahoma's Bob Stoops, who in nine seasons with the Sooners has won four conference titles and one national championship.

But the real point here is to remind Texas fans that Brown pulled the Longhorn program out of a decade-long rut.

From 1986-1997, Texas chewed up three coaches (Fred Akers, David McWilliams and John Mackovic) who had five losing seasons and won 10 games only twice.

From 1986 to 1989, the Longhorns were ranked in The Associated Press poll only twice and promptly lost both games to drop out. Under Brown, Texas has been ranked in the AP Top 25 for 116 consecutive

weeks, the longest active streak in the nation. The 2005 national championship was the first in 35 years.

It's understandable that Texas fans get frustrated when the Longhorns need outside kick recoveries to beat the likes of Arkansas State by eight and Central Florida by three.

Last week they were locked in a fourth-quarter battle with Baylor, a team they scored more than 60 points against the last two seasons. That's the kind of thing they went through under McWilliams and Mackovic.

Brown sometimes bristles over agitated fans who have gotten so used to winning big that he thinks they don't appreciate some of the tougher ones. But even he would admit it's better to lead a program where fans care more about wins and losses on the football field than on the basketball court (remember North Carolina, Mack?).

Critical fandom has a long history at Texas. Nearly 100 years ago, Dave Allerdice went 33-7 from 1911-1915. But midway through his final season when he went 6-3, he told the school Athletic Council he'd had enough and would be leaving because of the "super critical nature of Texas fans."

Texas A&M's tumultuous season to end with difficult four-game stretch

COLLEGE STATION — After all Texas A&M has been through in the last month, the Aggies are still tied for first place in the Big 12 South with four games left.

And what a four-game stretch.

Every opponent is ranked in the top 20 this week, starting with Saturday's home game against No. 12 Kansas (7-0, 3-0 Big 12). A&M (6-2, 3-1) visits No. 4 Oklahoma and No. 13 Missouri before its traditional finale against Texas, ranked 17th this week.

"Everybody's really got to step up," said A&M tight end Martellus Bennett. "We're the team everybody wants to beat and expects to beat."

It's already been a trying season at A&M, to say the least.

The Aggies were bombarded with questions for weeks about coach Dennis Franchione's future after he was caught giving out inside information about his team in a secretive for-pay newsletter to boosters. That scandal hit between humiliating nationally televised losses at Miami and Texas Tech.

And now this, the most difficult finishing stretch for any team in the country, going by opponents' winning percentage. The four teams have a cumulative 26-4 record.

"This four-game stretch is a grind," said running back Jorvorskie Lane. "We're just going to have to fight through it."

A rugged November has become an annual rite of passage at A&M. Last year, the Aggies wrapped up with close losses to Nebraska and Oklahoma at Kyle Field before beating Texas in Austin. In 2005, they finished with visits to Texas Tech and Oklahoma before hosting Texas, and lost all three.

"You've just got to learn that November is going to be that way," Franchione said. "Hopefully, you've gotten better in October, so you can manage this."

It's hard to know if A&M has.

The Aggies routed Nebraska 36-14 last Saturday, their first win in six visits to Lincoln since 1955. But the Cornhuskers are headed for one of the worst seasons in school history, and the Aggies lost 35-7 to Texas Tech the previous week.

"After Saturday's game, you played a pretty good game in all three aspects," Franchione said. "If this was last Tuesday, I probably wouldn't feel quite as good."

A&M has won three of its last four games and all five of its home games. The victory at Nebraska was enough to boost the Aggies' hopes for the last four games.

"For the morale of the team, it was big," said senior defensive tackle Red Bryant. "Early in the year, this team showed a lot of resilience. We really could've went in the tank."

At the start of the season, this week's game looked like the breather of the bunch.

A perennial doormat in the old Big 8, Kansas had losing records in each of its first nine seasons in the Big 12. Now, the Jayhawks are one of only five unbeaten Football Bowl Subdivision teams in the country and have earned their highest ranking since 1995.

Kansas has 27 players from Texas, and Bennett said he's not surprised how good the Jayhawks have become — though he joked that he would only expect to see them ranked this high in basketball, not football.

"But a lot of their players are from Texas," he said. "Whenever you have athletes out of Texas, you always expect to do good because that's where the best football is in high school."

The rise of Kansas fits right into the topsy-turvy college football season that's included Appalachian State beating Michigan, Stanford shocking Southern Cal and South Florida climbing to No. 2 in The Associated Press poll and the first Bowl Championship Series standings.

Rust vs. rest, stars vs. unknowns, Red Sox vs. Rockies: Series of contrasts set to start

BOSTON (AP) — Even now, after the Colorado Rockies' amazing run of 21 wins in 22 games, many fans don't know this black-and-purple clad club of Tulowitzkis and Torreabas.

Maybe that changes this week. Come Wednesday night, the Rockies will be on baseball's biggest stage, playing the Boston Red Sox in the World Series opener.

"We feel anonymous everywhere," third baseman Garrett Atkins said Tuesday. "They're household names over there, and we're just not."

A team that didn't even exist until 1993 navigated through the cracked corridors and cramped clubhouse of Fenway, then played catch in front of 37-foot-high Green Monster in left and Pesky's Pole in right. Infielder Clint Barmes plopped into a red seat in row CC to take it all in.

Josh Beckett was set to start the opener for Boston, and Jeff Francis was slated to pitch for the Rockies. Back on June 14, Beckett was 9-0 when he lost to Colorado and Francis, who pitched five scoreless innings.

Now that Francis and the Rockies are back, a whole lot more

attention is being focused on Fenway Park.

"I'm sure the Red Sox are used to this every day," he said, "but we've never seen anything like this, the bus pulling up into the parking lot, and the trailers and the satellite dishes."

Much has been made of the humid air to moisten balls at Coors Field and possible snow when the Series moves to Denver this weekend, but there were precipitation concerns in Boston, too. The National Weather Service said there was a 60 percent chance of rain for Game 1, although forecasters did not expect any precipitation to be heavy.

With Colorado coming off a record eight-day layoff since sweeping Arizona in the NL championship series, there's been a lot of debate about rust vs. rest — and what better place to discuss rust than quirky old Fenway Park, which opened in 1912 and is filled with nearly a century of baseball sounds and smells.

"We will not apologize for winning quickly," Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said to a roomful of laughter.

Last year, of course, the Tigers fumbled and flopped after a six-day

layoff and lost to the St. Louis Cardinals in five games — with a Detroit pitcher making an error every night. Teams took notice — a day ahead of Wednesday's opener, Red Sox manager Terry Francona was at the cage running pitchers' fielding practice.

In some ways, the Red Sox have become the Yankees, an October fixture attracting national attention. Manny and his do-rag, Big Papi and Dice-K are TV staples.

The Rockies? They haven't been on a FOX Saturday broadcast since July 2004 and haven't appeared on an ESPN Sunday night telecast since June 2002.

"We've been called favorites since Day 1, and look at us," David Ortiz said, "here we are dancing and just taking it easy. We just have the edge, the attitude to become champions."

Boston overcame a 3-1 deficit in the AL championship series to beat Cleveland. That was nothing compared to what the Red Sox did in 2004, when they became the first baseball team to bounce back from a 3-0 deficit in a best-of-seven post-season series, upending the Yankees. Then they swept the Cardinals for their first World Series title in 86 years, setting off a

year of celebrations throughout New England.

Now that the curse has lifted, there might be less pressure. That's not the Red Sox notion.

"1918, I wasn't even thinking about coming to life. I never paid attention to any of that," Ortiz said with a smile.

Boston took over the AL East lead for good on April 18 and ended New York's run of nine straight division titles. The Rockies were fourth in the NL West at just 76-72 when their spurt began Sept. 18. If not for two blown saves by San Diego's Trevor Hoffman, they wouldn't even have even won the wild card and made their first postseason appearance since 1995.

When Colorado came to Boston in June, the Rockies won two of three and outscored the Red Sox 20-5. Boston was 51-30 at home during the regular season and 5-1 during the playoffs, benefiting from its accumulated knowledge of Fenway's idiosyncrasies and ricochet patterns.

"A lot of special things happen here," Francis said. "It's a special baseball place: the fans, the players, the team and the city."

Since its last win on Oct. 15, Colorado had workouts and simu-

lated games. That only went so far.

"The postseason, the World Series, you can't simulate that," right fielder Brad Hawpe said. "There's nothing like that."

Both teams had some roster news on the workout day: Colorado's Aaron Cook is in and Boston's Tim Wakefield is out.

Cook, who hasn't pitched in a major league game since Aug. 10 because of a strained muscle in his side, has recovered and is down to pitch Game 4. Wakefield, a 41-year-old knuckleballer, was dropped from the roster because of a bad shoulder and likely will be replaced by Jon Lester for the fourth game.

Also, there was this: Rookie Jacoby Ellsbury will start in center for Boston in place of Coco Crisp, injured when he ran into the fence below the triangle as he caught the final out in Game 7 of the ALCS Sunday night.

So enough of the talking. Time to play.

Colorado already has been thinking ahead, perhaps obsessing.

"There's no getting away from it," Hawpe said. "This is what you think about when you wake up in the morning; it's the last thing you think about before you go to bed."

Agassi seeks injunction against Target stores over sandals bearing his name

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Lawyers for retired tennis star Andre Agassi sought a preliminary injunction from a federal judge Tuesday, alleging that Target Corp. stores continued selling sandals bearing his name without his permission.

Agassi Enterprises Inc. first sent a letter to the discount retailer in late July, demanding it stop the practice, according to a lawsuit filed Sept. 14 in U.S.

District Court in Las Vegas. Target responded by saying it stopped selling the sandals, priced at \$12.99, on the Internet, would change the product name to "Ainsley" in August and had taken reasonable measures to remove the footwear from its stores.

Agassi's company said in its injunction request that buyers were able to purchase the merchandise in August and September.

Document: Revised charges to be filed in Las Vegas against O.J. Simpson, 3 co-defendants

LAS VEGAS (AP) — O.J. Simpson and three co-defendants face additional charges in the alleged hotel room armed robbery of two sports memorabilia dealers, according to a copy of an amended criminal complaint obtained by The Associated Press.

Lawyers for the four were due in court Wednesday to discuss the revised complaint prepared by prosecutors, which increases the number of charges against them to 12.

Simpson faces a second coercion charge and the other three face two new coercion charges in the complaint, which removes Walter Alexander and Charles Cashmore from the case. They pleaded guilty to reduced charges Tuesday.

Alexander, Simpson's golfing buddy, and Cashmore, at times a day laborer, disc jockey and bartender, have agreed to testify against the aging football star and the other men who went to a Las Vegas casino hotel room to retrieve items that Simpson said belonged to him.

None of the remaining defendants were due to

appear in person for the status check Wednesday before Justice of the Peace Joe M. Bonaventure, lawyers and court officials said.

Simpson, Clarence "C.J." Stewart, Michael McClinton and Charles Ehrlich are to appear for a preliminary hearing beginning Nov. 8 on 11 felonies — including kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, conspiracy and coercion — and one gross misdemeanor, conspiracy to commit a crime.

A kidnapping conviction alone could result in a sentence of life in prison with parole.

The revised complaint alleges Simpson and Stewart conspired to persuade others to tell authorities that no guns were used in the Sept. 13 confrontation with memorabilia dealers Bruce Fromong and Alfred Beardsley at a room at the Palace Station casino hotel.

A spokesman for Clark County District Attorney David Roger declined to comment Tuesday on the complaint, which outlines two theories of kidnapping: one in which Simpson, Stewart, McClinton and

Ehrlich are accused of using trickery to lure Fromong and Beardsley to a hotel room for an armed robbery, and one in which they brought and displayed guns to prevent the men from leaving.

Simpson, 60, of Miami, has said no guns were brought to the room and he did not tell anyone.

His lawyers, Yale Galanter and Gabriel Grasso, on Tuesday criticized the district attorney for making deals with co-defendants to testify against Simpson. Grasso said there had been no discussions with Roger on any plea deal for Simpson.

"In a frenzy to accept the state's sweetheart deals, these two guys who pleaded guilty today are pleading guilty to crimes they didn't commit," Grasso said. "No robbery or any other crime ever took place."

Cashmore and Alexander are expected to be key witnesses for the prosecution at the preliminary hearing, when Bonaventure will decide whether there is enough evidence to send the case to trial.

Cashmore, 40, of Las Vegas, can testify that

Alexander and McClinton brought guns to the confrontation, said his lawyer, Edward Miley.

Miley characterized Cashmore as a bit player and Simpson as the "big fish" in a botched robbery.

"I think he's anxious to get his story out there," Miley said of his client outside the courthouse.

Cashmore said he was relieved, but declined further comment.

Alexander, 46, of Mesa, Ariz., told police following his arrest Sept. 15 that Simpson wanted armed men with him when he confronted Fromong and Beardsley to retrieve items that Simpson said belonged to him.

"I'm at peace with what I've done today and what I'm going to do," Alexander said Tuesday as he clutched a Bible outside court. "I'm not here to help or hurt O.J. Simpson. I'm only here to tell the truth."

Alexander's lawyer, Robert Dennis Rentzer, has declined to say what testimony his client would provide. He has also expressed doubt that Cashmore knew whether Alexander was armed.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You might be more pronounced and thoughtful than you have been in a while. An unexpected jolt or two might force you to regroup. You're still in a position of strength, making dynamic decisions that work for many. Tonight: Treat yourself.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ A partner could be instrumental in using your thoughts to empower an idea or project. Don't hide from questions. Be willing to reveal yourself. New information from a trusted associate helps you see yet another perspective. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Use the daytime hours to complete an important project. You keep

holding back hoping for different circumstances. Recognize that the present might be as good as it gets. Prevent a misunderstanding by confirming plans. Tonight: You might want some downtime.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Sometimes you might wish you didn't have to be so vital or instrumental to an idea. This role seems to be yours for now. Unexpected news is best understood by you approach. There could be damages if you plug your imagination into your finances. Know when to say enough and head in a new direction. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Let your sensuality emerge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Slow down and consider what is basic and important to your well-being. Sometimes you could be overwhelmed by events and people. Know when to clear out. Choose your words with care, as you might not want a problem. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You will have a tendency to say a lot and then think about what you said. You could easily feel as if you stuck your foot in your mouth. Think before making generalizations and decisions. You will be happier. Tonight: Out and about.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You will put a lot of energy into whatever is important. A project allows you to breeze through the problem without a snafu. A family member might surprise you with his or her attitude. Be open, and others will be too. Tonight: Play it easy.

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★★★★ Your creativity emerges no matter what you approach. There could be damages if you plug your imagination into your finances. Know when to say enough and head in a new direction. Your instincts guide you. Tonight: Let your sensuality emerge.

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Bills seek approval to play in Canada

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Buffalo Bills have asked the NFL owners to approve a plan under which they would play one game in Canada for each of the next five years.

While that plan hasn't been approved yet, commissioner Roger Goodell said it seemed to have general acceptance.

"It sounds like something that will work well," said Pittsburgh owner Dan Rooney, who added that his team also drew fans from Canada.

There was little action actually taken during the meetings.

The one move was to speed up its draft, cutting the time between picks in the first round from 15 minutes to 10 to help speed up a round that went a record 6 hours, 8 minutes last April. It also moved the starting time of the draft from noon EDT to 3 p.m. and limited the first day to two rounds instead of three, as it has been.

The issue that could have the biggest impact involves Buffalo's games in Toronto.

The proposal would involve the Bills playing one home game per season there for the next five years to help the team expand out its diminishing market in western New York into Canada's largest metropolitan area. While the Bills have marketed in

Canada for years, this would be the first time they played regular-season home games there.

They also would play exhibitions there in 2008, 2010 and 2012 in an effort to generate revenue unavailable in western New York, where the economy has been shrinking.

"It helps expand our market in Buffalo," team owner Ralph Wilson said. "It gives us a major metropolitan area to expand our base."

Two years ago, the Dallas Cowboys and Arizona Cardinals met in Mexico City in the first regular-season NFL game played outside the United States. This Sunday, the New York Giants and Miami Dolphins will meet in London in the second.

Goodell said at a news conference that he thought the changes in the draft would go a long way to streamlining the process, which in recent years has become an endurance test.

The change also applied to the second round, which will go from 10 minutes to seven between choices for next year's draft, which will be held April 26-27 at Radio City Music Hall in New York.

In recent years, teams have often used most of the 15 minutes in the first round, entertaining trade offers or making them.

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Honorable Man March pays homage to the good in men



Nominees for the title of Most Honorable Man for 2007 who were honored Tuesday evening by Tralee Crisis Center staff and local residents were, from left, Jim Braddock, Lewis James, Ronnie Goode, Joel Morgan, Keith Woods and John Stokes. Goode was named Most Honorable Man at the conclusion of the event.

Honor

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ried for the second time, Goode "cried tears of joy at my wedding," she said. "I receive this on behalf of all of you," Goode said to the other five nominees after he was named Most Honorable Man. "Thank you for all that you do."

Jim Braddock, John Stokes, Lewis James, Keith Woods and Joel Morgan were the other five nominees in the center's fifth annual Honorable Man event.

The march began on the steps of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill, with Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins reading a proclamation naming October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pampa.

Balloons bearing short histories of 120 women who were killed in 2006 in Texas due to domestic violence were passed out to those attending. The balloons were carried on the march from City Hall up Kingsmill Avenue and south on Cuyler Street to the Knights of Columbus Hall and were then released.

The Pampa High School band's drum line marched with the group and sounded one beat every 20 seconds, representing each time a person is a victim of domestic violence in the United States.

Members of BACA, or Bikers Against Child Abuse, also participated in the march.

Two wooden life-size cutouts of women which were placed inside the entrance to the hall represented Pampa residents Twila Busby, who was killed by her boyfriend in 1994 at

age 40, and Ethel Jane Goldsmith, who was killed by her husband in 2003 at age 31.

Braddock was nominated by Mary McCord, office manager of Genesis House, for his 16 years of volunteer work at the juvenile facility.

"He is always willing to help others," McCord said. "All he does, he does with a smile and a willingness, and nothing in return but a thank you."

Stokes was nominated by Kenneth and Opal Ray.

"He has helped so many people. He has hired men nobody else would hire and takes them to church and sees that their feet get set on the right path," Opal Ray said.

Judith Schreck nominated her father, Lewis James, and became so choked up while reading her nomination that Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of the crisis center, finished reading the nomination.

"My dad has never been a violent man," Schreck said in the nomination. "I have seen my dad give money, food and a ride to anyone who is in trouble."

"I was married to a violent man for 11 years and tried to hide it. My dad is my hero for telling me to get out and being there for me and my children."

Lana Miller nominated Keith Woods and Joel Morgan. She spoke of Woods' devotion to his family by taking care of the two older children, as well as working and visiting two hospitals daily, while his wife and newborn daughter were both hospitalized recently.

"His wife and his family are his life, and he shows it," Miller said of Morgan. "He has a loving heart and a gentle spirit."

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Jane Goode receives a bouquet of flowers from Dee Dee Laramore, executive director of Tralee Crisis Center, as family members look on after her husband, Ronnie, was named Most Honorable Man for 2007 Tuesday evening at the Knights of Columbus Hall.



Purple balloons representing the 120 victims who lost their lives in 2006 due to domestic violence in the U.S. were carried by participants in Tuesday's Honorable Man March and were released at the Knights of Columbus Hall at the end of the march.