

said Lewis W. Burns III, 36, was apparently killed when his Dodge pickup went off Farm-to-Market Road 2857 about a mile north of Farmto-Market Road 1321 south

dent happened Sunday night, when he last contacted his family on his way home from shopping around 8 p.m. Burns and his pickup were found shortly before 8 a.m.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman

miles from the site of the accident in rural Gray

Community pep rally set The Pampa High School cheerleaders are planning a community pep rally at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 30 in the McNeely Gym. "We want to invite the

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team at the Alamodome. "This is a tremendous ESPN broadcast. opportunity for the girls to

Ten team against a Big 12

Halloween themed events at

or treaters. Hobart Baptist

First Presbyterian Church,

until 7 p.m. They will also Street.

South Sumner, will hold dance.

located at 525 North Gray,

have hot dogs and lemonade

available and their youth will

be doing face painting and

balloons. Trick or treaters are

"Harvest Fest" from 6:30

Wednesday, October 29 at

Trinity Fellowship

until 7 p.m.

costumes.

the

Trinity

wonderful

get to be a part of this per- leaders will join other bands, experience,"

themed events planned

There will be several Church Collision entrance.

local churches and business- will feature its annual

es around town this week. "Hallowed House" on

Among them are the follow- October 29 and 30. The

On Wednesday, October around the dramatic per-

and First Presbyterian Jesus versus Satan, per-Church will each hold their formed by a fully costumed

own "Trunk or treat" in cast and crew of 100. The

which church members park performances are free of

their cars and open their charge and are held at 6:30 trunks to offer candy to trick p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 8:30

Church's event, located at ed to last about 30 minutes.

1100 Crawford Street, will Record crowds are expected

begin at 5:30 p.m. and last and seating will be limited.

will begin at 6 p.m. and last located at 900 East 23rd

encouraged to wear their alternative. They will feature

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Special Halloween-

29. The bowl will pit a Big Last year's ESPN broadcast Antonio for three days of leaders are seeking of the bowl was viewed by intense rehearsal under the from the community for travmore people than any other direction of nationally el expenses in order for them

ers in the Valero Alamo Bowl Bowl, which has been sold port. The performing groups formance industry."

America as featured perform- stands in last year's Alamo strength of community sup- other big names in the per-

in San Antonio on December out for the last three years. will assemble together in San The Pampa High cheer-

formance and we know they dancers and cheerleaders Los Angeles choreographer Melody Youree or Sandee will take away with them a from around the country to Michael Schwandt will be Stokes at the high school: perform in the halftime show. there to work with the 806-669-4800

Calvary Baptist Church

Hallowed House centers

p.m. with each show expect-

Reservations can be made

for groups of at least 15.

Calvary Baptist Church is

On Halloween night, First

Assembly of God Church

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will be having a Halloween

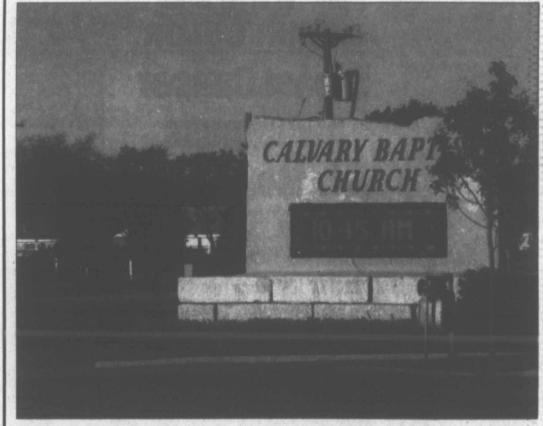
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acclaimed band directors, cli-The Pampa High cheer- nicians and choreographers.

"Texas-native and current to help sponsor them, contact

support to be able to make the trip to San Antonio. To find out how

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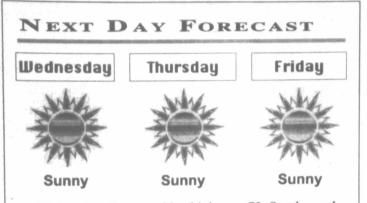
staff photo by Randy Pribble

Unique Sign for Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church, located at 900 East 23rd Street, recently installed a new digital sign that displays the church name and rotates announcements of interest to the congregation and the community. Previously, the church did not have any kind of exterior sign with the church name on it. According to Calvary Secretary Brenda Davis: "We picked the rock backing because we wanted the sign to fit in with the landscaping that we did in Light House Park." At present, the sign is displaying "Hallowed House," which will be held tomorrow and Thursday, and a notice for the Divorce Care Group, meeting Friday at 6:30 p.m.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Church, located at 1200 Department will be in atten-Also on October 31, p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Pampa Nursing Center will See Events, Page 3

TOP OF TEXAS Come Vistit Our The VFW #1657 & the Community of Pampa are Proud to Sponsor — American Veterans Traveling Tribute — Pumpkin Patch!!!! Replica of Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington DC Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their vicked ways. I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and will heal their land. Wednesday, November 5, 2:00 P.M. ~ Motorcycle escort for Wall from Elk City Honda Dealership to Pampa Thursday, November 6, 2008 - Tuesday, November 11, 2008 120 S Hobart St • 669-0158 M.K. BROWN AUDITORIUM PARKING LOT Wall Open Continuously for Viewing 1945 N. Hobart • 665-206



Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 72. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

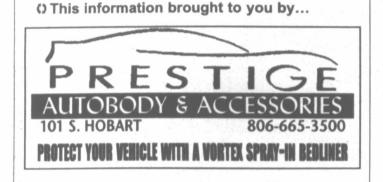
Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 76. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South-southeast wind around 10 mph becoming westsouthwest.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 73. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.



Teen dies in Houston seat belt accident

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston police say a 13-year-old boy apparently pretending to be strangled by a seat belt died when he got tangled in the safety device.

Police spokesman Victor Senties (sen-TEE'-us) on Tuesday said the child's death appears to have been an accident.

The name of the victim was not immediately released. Autopsy results are pending.

Senties told The Associated Press that the boy and a friend Monday night were riding in the back seat of a vehicle, being driven by the friend's mother, in northwest Houston.

Senties says the victim wrapped a seat belt around his neck, pretending he was being strangled, when he started "choking for real, apparently he got tangled up in the seat belt."

Police say the woman managed to free the teen, who was transported to a Houston hospital and pronounced dead.





Services tomorrow.

BUSH, Velma Jean - Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Velma Jean Bush, 74, of resident, graduat-Pampa, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008, in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2008, at Memory Gardens Cemetery with the Rev. Jim Powell, pastor of Hobart Baptist Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bush was born on April 12, 1934, in Pampa and was a lifelong Pampa Greenville and Billy Dale

ing from Pampa High School. She married Billy Joe Bush on Oct. 11, 1953, in Clovis, N.M. She was a Baptist and liked to quilt, travel, fish and play bingo. She was a Bush

homemaker. Survivors include two sons, Larry Yearwood of

daughter, one Brenda O'Dell of Pampa; two sisters, Wanda Potter and Dorothy Yearwood, both of Pampa; one broth-Marvin er. Yearwood of Riverside, Calif.; brother-in-law, Jessie Smart of

six grandchildren;

great-grandchildren;

Bush of Pampa; nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1997; a sister, Leona Smart in 2002; and a brother, Ferrell Yearwood in 2006.

MEMORIALS: May be made to a favorite charity.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 901 Scott.

-Sign the on-line regisbook ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Monday.

Friday, Oct. 24 Twenty traffic stops were made.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1900 block of North Christine, the intersection of 22nd and Hamilton streets, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Randy Matson and Duncan streets, the 100 block of South Starkweather and the 500 block of East Crawford.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 800 block of East Murphy, the 1100 block of North Perry, the 500 block of North Yeager, the 300 block of South Canadian, the 900

block of West Twiford, the 1900 block of North Hamilton, the 1100 block of South Farley and the 100 block of South Russell. Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of South Sloan, where the console of a Jeep was destroyed; and the 2200 block of North

Williston. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 300 block of North Christy and the 2600 block of North

Hobart. A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby. One alarm was investigat-

ed

Three buildings were checked.

Two attempts to serve papers were made. A silent/abusive 911 call

was received from the 1700 block of North Grape.

block of South Cuyler, the intersection of Tignor and Frederic streets, the intersection of Varnon and Neel streets, the 500 block of West Crawford, the 500 block of West 16th Avenue. the 1000 block of East Frederic and the 200 block of East Brown.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 100 block of East Harvester, the 300 block of North Nelson and the 400 block of North Doucette.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of South Prairie Drive, the 900 block of East Brunrow, the 900 block of South Schneider, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of South Dwight and the 700 block of East Brunrow.

Two alarms were investigated.

Domestic disturbances

were reported in the 1600

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Public intoxication was

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A threat was reported in

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Sunday, Oct. 26

Fourteen traffic stops

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1000 block of Fisher, the 800

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the 2600 block of Dogwood,

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reported in the 800 block of East Malone, the 400 block of West Foster, the 400 block of North Wells and the 1100 block of East Francis.

Suspicious person calls were received in the 700 block of West Brown, the 100 block of North Ballard, the 300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Hobart and Municipal streets, the intersection of Crawford and Clark streets, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 900 block of East Gordon, the 600 block of North Russell and the 1100 block of West Coronado.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Kentucky and Williston streets.

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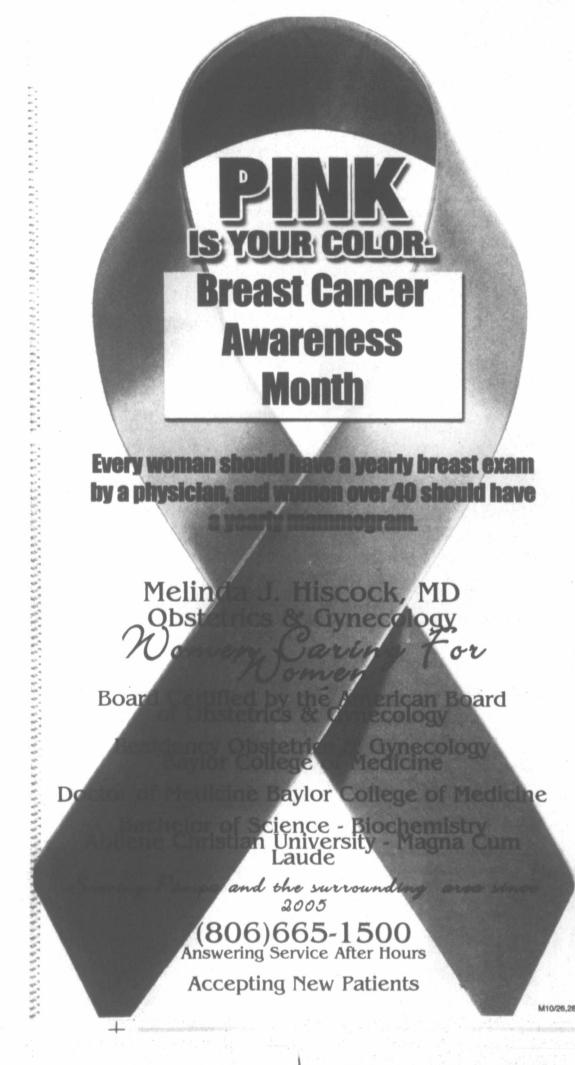
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Criminal mischief was reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Williston streets, where tires on a One attempt to serve Chevy pickup were slashed. stolen vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Theft was reported at Wal-Mart Supercenter, 2801 N. East Francis.

Pampa; four and several nieces and

Velma Jean Bush, 74



Theft was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road, where an English Bulldog Charles, where nail kits, nail valued at \$2,000 was taken. glue, a pack of Trojan con-A missing person was doms, a bottle of KY jelly reported in the 2600 block of and a pregnancy kit were North Hobart. taken.

A suspicious person call was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

Saturday, Oct. 25 Nineteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the block of North 1300 Duncan, the 200 block of East Browning, the 900 block of South Banks and the 700 block of West Brown resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of North Coffee, the intersection of Randy Matson and Zimmers streets, the 1000 block of West Wilks, and the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

One accident was reported in the 1100 block of East Sierra.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1500 block of North Sumner, the 1000 block of South Varnon, the 1600 block of East Highway 60, the 300 block of South Canadian, the intersection of Campbell and Tignor streets, the 800 block of East Murphy, the 600 block of North Banks, the block of South 300 Canadian, the 700 block of North Lefors, the 1400 block of North Wells and the 600 block of North Sloan.

Suspicious person calls Alcock. were received from the 300

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

Wheat								4.65
Milo			4		١.		e.	5.18
Corn	. ,							6.88
Soybeans		į	•			,		7.03

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

A threat was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner, where a bike was stolen.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1200 block of North Wells.

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FLU SHOTS! Thurs. Oct. 30th, 1pm-? Pampa Senior Citizens Center. Bring Medicare Card.

HALLOWEEN PICTURES One building was checked with a live scarecrow, Oct. in the 2200 block of West 31st, 5-7pm, Shutterbug Pho-Disorderly conduct was tography, 207 N. Cuyler. No Appointment Necessary.

> HALLOWEEN RACE Party, Oct. 31, 3-11pm., Pampa Slot Car Speedway, Coronado Ctr. Costume event, racing, food served. 669-2226

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On Vacation with the Pampa News! Vernon, Texas



Attending the "Summer's Last Blast" car show in Vernon, Texas, in August were Pampans Cleo Meeker (from left) Dale Burns, Audrey Meaker and Gwen Allen.

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Texas prison shakedown leads to phones, weapons

tem is netting authorities Whitmire. more contraband than just illegal cell phones.

weapons, 52 instances of condemned state's 111 prisons.

That's on top of the 120 inspections ended Monday. death row inmate Richard

HOUSTON (AP) — A had been traced to a series of oners to their cells and systemwide shakedown of calls that began earlier this barred visitations of inmates the huge Texas prison sys- month to state Sen. John by relatives. Authorities

Officers have turned up 61 at least nine of his fellow prisoners. tobacco products and 14 dis- Investigators determined Criminal Justice spokescoveries of money all some 2,800 calls were made woman Michelle Lyons said prohibited for the some from the phone from inside the prisons where the order 155,000 inmates in the the Polunsky Unit near was lifted primarily were Livingston. Tabler attempting to kill himself, lockdown, she said, along with introducing contraband North Texas.

phone and phone compo- Wednesday to a prison med- At least one women's prison, nents like chargers found as ical psychiatric facility after the Mountain View Unit outthe first full week of the officers believed he was side Gatesville, also was off A statewide lockdown of and Tabler's mother and sisthe system began hours after ter both have been charged facilities in West Texas and Tabler was caught making a into the prison system, a

believe bribed corrections Authorities said Tabler officers are responsible for a also shared the device with number of the contraband items.

Texas Department of smaller units, like substance was moved abuse and medical facilities with intermediate sanction

Texas district wins round in Oklahoma water lawsuit

Texas water district has won Fort Worth. a court decision in its lawsuit over Oklahoma's ban on out Oklahoma does not own the sion. of state water sales.

The 10th Circuit Court of Oklahoma to throw out the is unconstitutional. lawsuit filed by the Tarrant

water located in the state.

The Appeals in Denver on Oklahoma's ban on selling Board says it will meet with Monday denied a request by water to out of state interests the attorney general's staff Α spokesman for

DENVER (AP) — A Regional Water District in Oklahoma Attorney General Drew Edmondson says the The judges also wrote that office is reviewing the deci-

> A spokesman for the lawsuit claims Oklahoma Water Resources and decide what to do next.

State agencies complain about computer vendor before crash

tious outsourcing program.

Texas' outsourcing of data

storage and upgraded technol-

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recovery services was ordered

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AUSTIN (AP) - Before a promised scores of prosecumassive computer crash tions. destroyed thousands of the attorney general's confidential of outsourcing state governdocuments, more than 10 agen- ment computer work. Few cies complained about network other states have dismantled breakdowns and server backup agencies' IT shops and comproblems with the state's pletely outsourced computer newly expanded outsourcing services, though Virginia last of computer services, records year launched an equally ambishow.

A review by The Dallas Morning News of a year's worth of state agency report cards for the vendor IBM shows several agencies' docu- by lawmakers in 2005. It built ments have been in danger.

Two dozen agencies lodged involved outsourcing services complaints about the contractor, including unexpected server and e-mail outages, corrupted files and a hacking incident tion to a new arrangement in revealing security breaches that weren't addressed for months.

They also point to severe staffing problems, poor requests, agency officials in response time for problems and recent months have combilling and invoice inaccuracies.

"Granted, all outsourcings and they'll need a combined have their rough beginnings ... but it hasn't really gotten sub- year budget cycle to cover tor's toughest critic, repeatedly stantially better over time as we would expect from a world class operation" like IBM, Ed Serna, a top official at the Department of Information placed the agency at risk. Texas Department of Transportation, said in an inter-

view Monday. Monday, Brian Rawson, the state's chief technology officer in charge of the IBM contract, released a letter in which he said the company

Resources, says that most of the higher costs are driven by Texas was an early advocate increased demand for computer time and services.

> The recent security breaches have brought closer scrutiny of the contract.

> Allison Castle, Gov. Rick Perry's spokeswoman, said the governor is "working with the agencies, DIR and legislators to address the problems and identify a solution."

> According to customer satisfaction forms and other records; of complaints, network outages and server backup problems have been severe.

The transportation depart-Currently, 27 state agencies ment reported that "crucial server backups" were not being performed and that more than 500 backup jobs had failed.

The Texas Workforce Commission, which pays bene fits to and retrains the jobless. reported that nine servers were not backed up for two weeks, resulting "in a loss of agency data.'

The Secretary of State's \$71 million in the next two- Office has been the contracgiving it customer service scores of 0 or 1, out of a possi-Rawson's department, the ble 5 and saying that IBM has



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Pep rally

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public to come and support Harvesters," the Cheerleading sponsor Sandee Stokes said. "We want to get as many people as we can to come."

The pep rally will feature a costume contest with prizes for the winners and the high school staff will also be handing out candy.

"Since Halloween is on Friday night and a lot of the kids will be coming to the game instead of trick or treating, we wanted to give them a chance to wear their costumes and get some candy," Stokes said. "We'll also have many more surprises."

The Pampa High School coaches will compete in a pie eating contest and the high school band will be on site and dressed up in their own costumes.

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be having a free Halloween Carnival from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at 1321 West Kentucky Avenue. They will feature fun booths a fishing pond and lots of candy. There are small charges for the Cake Walk, chili dogs and chip with all proceeds will go towards their Christmas party. Kids of all ages are invited to attend. For more information concact Kristie Fuller or Ana Rodriguez at 669-2551.

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Texas oilman Wyatt finishes sentence at home

HOUSTON (AP) - A work assignment and he is Texas oil executive has been allowed to spend the nights transferred from a halfway at home. house to his own home to finish serving a prison sentence for approving the payment of millions of dollars in kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's Iraq regime.

Oscar Wyatt Jr., 84, began serving the final stint of his sentence at home last week, said attorney Carl Parker. Wyatt is scheduled to be released Nov. 15, according to the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

Wyatt pleaded guilty in October 2007 to one count of conspiring to make illegal payments for Iraqi oil. In pleading guilty, he acknowledged he had orchestrated a \$200,000 payment to Saddam Hussein's government

Wyatt was sentenced to a year and a day in prison, but it has been trimmed because of good behavior, the Houston Chronicle reported Monday in its online edition. Besides the prison sentence, he agreed to forfeit \$11 million.

Wyatt was transferred on Sept. 22 from a minimumsecurity federal prison to a halfway house in downtown Houston.

During the day, Wyatt reports to a law firm for his

Officials had estimated call from his cell. The phone felony, for buying minutes to the shakedown in the nation's second-largest cor-Inspections at about 15 rections system could last units were completed, mean- about three weeks at some of the large units, which can down that had confined pris- hold nearly 3,000 prisoners.

Free! Free! Free!

"is not meeting expectations" and has been fined \$900,000 for failure to complete timely backups as required by its \$863 million, seven-year contract.

An IBM spokesman said the company is racing to correct the data-backup problems.

"We take all of this very seriously and we're taking the appropriate steps to resolve any issues," said company official Jeff Tieszen.

Tieszen said that viewed from other angles, the contract is a success and the state is on track to save \$178 million by 2013.

Last week, The News reported that a server malfunction in July destroyed nearly half of eight months' worth of documents belonging to Attorney General Greg Abbott's Medicaid fraud investigators in Tyler. The loss com-

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 28, the 302nd day of 2008. There

Today's Highlight in History:

Today in By The Ass Today is Tuesday, Oct. 28 are 64 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in Hist Fifty years ago, on Oct. patriarch of Venice, Angelo Pope; he took the name John Fifty years ago, on Oct. 28, 1958, the Roman Catholic patriarch of Venice, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, was elected Pope; he took the name John XXIII.

On this date:

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In 1636, the General Court of Massachusetts passed a leg-islative act establishing Harvard College.

In 1776, the Battle of White Plains was fought during the Revolutionary War, resulting in a limited British victory.

In 1858, Rowland Hussey Macy opened his first New York store at Sixth Avenue and 14th Street in Manhattan.

In 1886, the Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, was dedicated in New York Harbor by President

Cleveland.

Next to excellence is the appreciation of it."

his Symphony No. 6 in B minor ("Pathetique") in St. Petersburg, Russia, just — William nine days before his death. In 1918, the Republic of Makepeace Czechoslovakia Thackeray claimed its independence. British author

In 1919, Congress enacted the Volstead Act, which provided for enforcement Prohibition, over of

President Wilson's veto.

In 1958, the Samuel Beckett play "Krapp's Last Tape" premiered in London.

(1811-1863)

In 1962, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev informed the United States that he had ordered the dismantling of missile bases in Cuba.

In 1980, President Carter and Republican presidential nominee Ronald Reagan faced off in a nationally broadcast, 90-minute debate in Cleveland.

Ten years ago: In London, the High Court ruled that former Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet was immune from prosecution in British courts. (The House of Lords later overturned the decision, saying Pinochet's arrest could stand. Pinochet was eventually allowed to return to Chile, where a court later held that he could not face charges because of his deteriorating health and mental condition. Pinochet died in 2006.)

Five years ago: Firefighters beat back flames on Los Angeles' doorstep, saving hundreds of homes in the city's San Fernando Valley from California's deadliest wildfires in more than a decade. The Senate confirmed Utah Gov. Mike

Leavitt as head of the Environmental Protection Agency. A Soyuz space capsule carrying an American, a Russian and a

Affordable health care

One of the campaign themes this election cycle "affordable" health is care. Shouldn't we ask ourselves whether we want the politicians who brought us the "affordable" housing, that created the current financial debacle, to now deliver us affordable health care? Shouldn't we also ask how things turned out in countries where there is socialized medicine?

The Vancouver, British Columbia-based Fraser Institute's annual publication, "Waiting Your Turn," reports that Canada's median waiting times from a patient's referral by a general practitioner to treatment by a specialist, depending on the procedure, averages from five to 40 weeks. The wait for diagnostics, such as MRI or CT, ranges between four and 28 weeks. According to Michael Tanner's "The Grass Is Not Always Greener," in-Analysis (March 18, 2008), the Mayo Clinic treats more than 7,000 foreign patients a year, the Cleveland Clinic 5,000, Johns Hopkins Hospital treats 6,000, and one out of three Canadian physicians send a patient to the U.S. for treatment each year. If socialized medi-Canadian physicians send

spends over \$1 billion dards.' each year on health care in

our country?

750,000 Brits are Walter awaiting Williams hospital admission. Columnist Britain's National

Health Services hopes to achieve an 18week maximum wait from general practitioner to treatment, including all diagnostic tests, by the end of 2008. The delay in health care services is not only inconvenient, it's deadly. Both in Britain and Canada, many patients with diseases that are curable at the time of diagnosis become incurable by the time of treatment or patients become too weak for the surgical procedure. British Prime Minister Cato Institute's Policy Gordon Brown plans to introduce a "constitution" setting out the rights and responsibilities of its health care system. According to a report in Telegraph the (02/01/2008), "What this (Gordon Brown's plan) seems to amount to in practice the are Government's rights to cine is so great, why do refuse treatment, and the

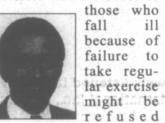
patients to the U.S. and to live up to what the state the Canadian government decides are model stan-

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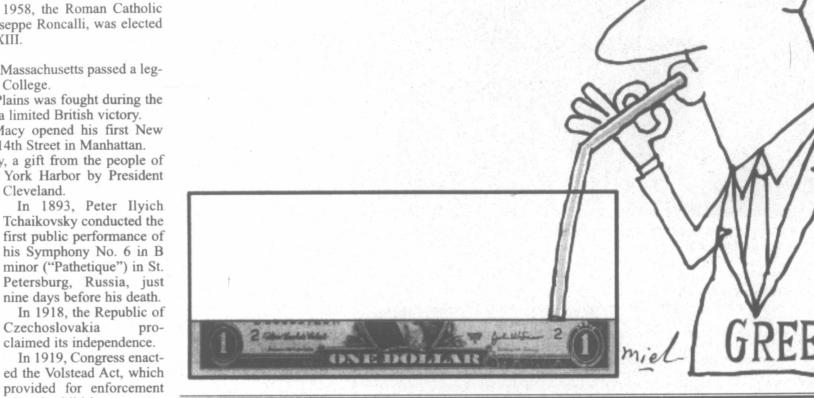
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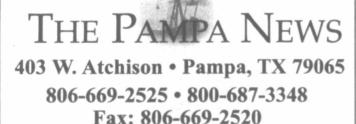
kin. Such a vision differs little from one that holds that after one's death he becomes the property of the state.

Of course, if socialized medicine becomes a reality here, Americans can do as many Brits do. Mrs. Easton says, "more than 70,000 Britons - known as 'health tourists' - have gone as far as India, Malaysia and South Africa for major operations. This figure is expected to rise



Spaniard from the International Space Station landed in Kazakhstan. The seven astronauts who died in the Columbia shuttle disaster were honored with the unveiling of their names carved into the national Space Mirror Memorial.

One year ago: Fire ravaged a North Carolina beach house, killing seven college students. Argentina's first lady, Cristina Fernandez, claimed victory in the country's presidential election; she became the first woman elected to the post.



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care, even though they pay taxes to support government health care.

Government health care can become ghoulish as reported in a Human Events (1/17/08) article "Gordon Brown Wants Your Organs" written by Susan Easton. As in the U.S., many Brits die while on the waiting list for organ donations. The prime minister has a solution called a "Presumed Consent Scheme.'

Mrs. Easton says, "If you don't specifically carry a card saying 'leave my corpse alone' - known as the 'opt out option', or unless one's family is on hand to object, one's remains are considered fair game for an organ harvest festival."

Supporters of the scheme argue that what is done with people's organs after their death should patient's responsibilities not be up to the next of

to almost 200,000 by the end of the decade."

We have health care problems in the U.S. but it's not because ours is a free market system of health care delivery. Well over 50 percent of all health care expenditures are made by government. Where government spends, government regulates. It's truly amazing that Americans who are dissatisfied with the current level of socialized medicine in the U.S. are asking for more of what created the problem in the first place. Anyone thinking that an American version of socialized health care will differ from that found in Canada, Britain, Sweden, France and elsewhere are whistling Dixie.

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

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

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Houston Chronicle on planting one million trees:

Houstonians have a special relationship with trees. They grow quickly here, making a faceless subdivision a cozy village in record time and softening the hard edges of our urban architecture. They provide a dappled illusion of cool in summer's steam bath and bring a visual grace to our everyday living.

That bond was brought home to many Houstonians in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike's rampage, in which the city lost tens of thousands of trees. Broken limbs and trunks were strewn across yards and parks like old and stalwart friends laid low.

So when Mayor Bill White announced last week that the city was participating in Million Trees + Houston, a plan to plant more than a air by trapping and holding particle

years, the news was doubly welcome. Mayor White has championed, throughout his tenure, a greener, less polluted city, and this latest enterprise with other like-minded advocates is a wise investment that will bear fruit not to mention leaves and branches for generations to come.

As reported by the Chronicle's Allan Turner, the multimillion dollar publicprivate partnership will include the Texas Department of Transportation, which has promised to plant 513,000 trees on highway rights of way; Harris County, planting more than 275,000 trees; and Trees for Houston and Texas Forest Service, each planting more than 10,000 trees. Starting with a \$750,000 budget, the city plans to plant at least 15,000 trees. (They began the project last month.) "Our big public goal," said White, "is to plant more trees than we ever have."

The benefits of trees go far beyond the visual. Particularly important in an urban environment, they help clean the million trees in Houston in the next five pollutants (dust, ash, pollen and smoke)

that can damage human lungs, and they absorb carbon dioxide, removing and storing the carbon while releasing the oxygen back into the air. They aid in flood prevention, muffle sound and wind, and they attract and support all kinds of life.

George Rogers, professor of landscape architecture and urban planning at Texas A&M University, told the Chronicle studies have shown that trees help to reduce stress and help patients recover from surgery and illness, and that tree-lined streets slow down traffic and prevent accidents. White told reporters that he is asking large businesses to participate in the program by giving employees "the gift of trees" for the upcoming holidays, a gift that lasts a lot longer than a turkey.

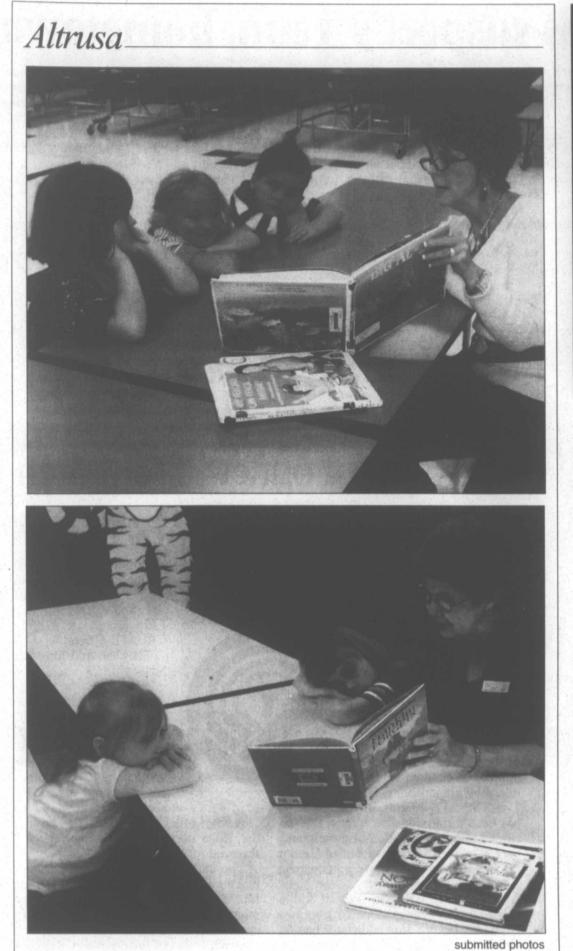
Maybe they could give both. A turkey is always welcome and makes that holiday dinner worth eating. But as professor Rogers pointed out, "Without a habitat in nature, you end up without life worth living." URL: a http://www.chron.com

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TOP: Travis Elementary School students Lilly Porterfield, from left, Alexis Benton and Tiegan Lewis listened to a story read recently by Mrs. Karen Bridges of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa. BOTTOM: Hanna Boland and Lacey Bilyeu listened to Altrusan Mrs. Myrna Orr read a story.

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ASTRA

ASTRA Club of Pampa volunteered at Pampa Sheltered Workshop's recent Halloween party, helping with refreshments and assisting with games and the cake walk. Above: (back row) Bernardo Casanova, club president, Eric Freelen, Kaitlin Wingeart, Robin Fernuik; (front row) Roul Serenio, Oscar Retana, Shawna Salazar and Erin Buck. ASTRA is a high school service club sponsored by Altrusa International, Inc., of Pampa Current Altrusa sponsors are Barbara Cox, Rochelle Lacy and Stephanie Willis.

Wash. couple plead not guilty to mistreating girl

SEATTLE (AP) — A father and stepmother accused of withholding their 14-year-old daughter's food and water pleaded not guilty Monday to mistreating the girl, who weighed only 48 pounds when authorities removed her from the home.

The girl's father, Jon E. Pomeroy, 43, and stepmother, Rebecca A. Long, 44, each could face three to four years in prison if convicted of criminal mistreatment.

King County Superior Court Judge Cheryl Carey ordered the couple to avoid contact with the girl and her 12-year-old brother, who are both in foster care. The couple declined to comment afterward.

The couple was charged on Oct. 13, two months after the girl was removed from the

home near Carnation, about extremely malnourished and 20 miles east of Seattle, by the state Department of

Social and Health Services. In court documents, a deputy sheriff described the girl as "extremely skinny and pale" and found she weighed only 48 pounds.

Court documents also said that doctors who evaluated

the girl found that she was

that she hadn't gained weight since she was 9.

The girl told investigators she was allowed about 6 ounces of water each day, and was monitored by Long to keep from drinking extra water. Pomeroy was aware of her treatment but did nothing to stop it, the girl said.

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Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa recently held its Fall Festival at the library. The event included a Halloween costume contest as well as refreshments, crafts, games and more. Approximately 250 people participated, a news release from the library reported. Above: Helping out with the event were volunteers Donna Goff, Donna Green, Erin, Lacie, Ashley, Teresa, Robert and Dillon. BELOW, 1: Daylon won most original costume. 2: Jeremy and Jasmine, brother and sister, won scariest costume. 3: Jordan took home the cutest costome pumpkin for attending as Dorothy from "The Wizard of Oz." 4: Reid earned honorable mention with his pirate costume.

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Skinhead plot news sweeps suspect's Tenn. hometown

BELLS, Tenn. (AP) — In a rural Tennessee county where you can't buy alcohol or even find a Wal-Mart, residents of tiny Bells stopped each other to ask if anyone knew the pale-skinned young local accused of plotting to kill dozens of black people, including Barack Obama.

It was a jolt to find out on Monday that a 20-year-old who grew up among them was one of two white supremacists accused of plotting a national killing spree that would ultimately target Obama, the Democratic candidate for president.

The town surrounded by fertile cotton fields is safe and certainly not known for breeding neo-Nazis, they agreed.

"If we had any skinheads in this county I wasn't aware of it. We hardly know what they are," said Sam Lewis, who lives across the street from the mother of suspect Daniel Cowart. Cowart, he said, grew up in the comfortable, well maintained neighborhood and wasn't known as a troublemaker.

this comes as a shock and a surprise," Lewis said.

Cowart is charged along with Paul Schlesselman, 18, of Helena-West Helena, Ark., with planning a killing spree to shoot and decapitate black people and top it all off by attacking Obama. The charges were made public Monday

Cowart and Schlesselman are charged by federal authorities with possessing an unregistered firearm, conspiring to steal firearms from a federally licensed gun dealer and threatening a candidate for president. They were being held without bond.

Authorities describe the two as neo-Nazi skinheads, and an affidavit from a federal agent says they devised a plot to kill 88 people — beheading 14 of them. The numbers 88 and 14 are symbolic in the white supremacist community.

The killing spree was initially to target a predominantly black school, which was not authorities said, with the two suspects dressed in white tuxedos and top hats --blasting guns from the windows of a speeding vehicle aimed at Obama.

The young men said they expected to die in the attack, the affidavit said.

Obama's campaign had no immediate comment on the alleged plot.

In Helena-West Helena, on the Mississippi River in east Arkansas' Delta, Schlesselman was described as a "troubled child" by a woman who works with his adoptive father, Mark Schlesselman.

The father works as a parts manager at Riddell Flying Service, said Marty Riddell, a

"His mother is a real sweet, nice girl, and identified in court documents. It was to end, co-owner of the company located in one of the nation's poorest regions, trailing even parts of Appalachia in its standard of living.

Riddell said she tried to offer Paul Schlesselman a pet lizard she couldn't care for, but was warned by his family that "he would hurt it.'

"They might have done that man a favor picking that kid up," Riddell said. "He was a troubled child already."

On the other hand, a former high school classmate of Cowart's in Bells said he was quiet but friendly. But it took Lacy Doss a minute to recognize the young man in the news photo brandishing a large rifle.

United Way CREATE-a-Beat! provides after-school outlet for children

The following article was provided by attended the program. He was often dirty, CREATE-a-Beat! and is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information was submitted by Pampa United Way as part of his grandparents. One of the first things

its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.

In helping children, there are many things that you expect to see, things that you consider normal. However, one of the things you don't necessarily expect is a large number of children being raised by grandparents.

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has been inspirational to witness the sacrificial love and devotion of these grandparents as well as the love and admiration the children have for those grandparents who care for them.

One regular CREATE-a-Beat! kid is being raised by his grandparents because mom and dad are drug addicts. When the boy first began attending the program, he was living with his parents. He seldom a-Beat! kids.

Events calendar

and when it was time to go home each day he had the saddest face.

Eventually his parents were arrested and convicted, and he started living with

he asked them was, "Am I still going to get to go to CREATE-a-Beat!?"

They assured him that he would.

Now, when he arrives at the program, his is one of the cheeriest faces piling off of the bus. He is always clean (unless he jumped in a puddle or some snow). His clothes are clean and match. He always has a "high-5" for

"Preacher Mike" when he walks through the front door, and his best hugs are reserved for "Miss Julie."

The staff at CREATE-a-Beat! cannot make everything in his little life wonderful. They can't, for example, give him the mom and dad that he deserves, but they can love him and play with him and teach him. He is one of just 90-plus CREATE-





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Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will present the documentary "Obsession" at 7 p.m. Nov. 1 at the church. The film is a documentary from HonestReporting.com on the "Islamic War on the West." It is for mature audiences only and is free and open to the public.

 Harrington Cancer **Center Pampa Support** Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in the second floor classroom at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Dr. Carol Gardner will present the program, "Music and Wellness." Two long-time cancer survivors, Loree Shultz and

Edna Chisum, will be honored on their 90th-plus birthdays. The meeting is open to the public.

Gwendolen Apartments, 800 N. Nelson, will be handing out fun treats, candy and surprises to any child in costume from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 31 in the office of the apartment complex.

Panhandle Twenty/20, Amarillo College, Amarillo Chamber of Commerce and Celebrate Education will sponsor Developing the Workforce of the Future, a follow-up report to Panhandle Twenty/20's "The Panhandle

Imperative," from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Oct. 31 at AC's Business & Industry Center. Learn the latest about the challenges facing the region as well as actions being taken to region. improve the Presenters will include Tom Pauken, chair of the Workforce Texas Commission, and Dr. Karl Eschbach, Texas State demographer. Lunch will be provided. Seating is limited. To RSVP, call (806) 376-4521.

Briarwood Full Gospel Church of Pampa will hold its Fall Festival from 6-9 p.m. Nov. 1 at the church. The event will include booths, a cake walk, hay rides, food, games and more. Open to the whole family. For more information, call 665-7201.

· Pampa Book Club is scheduled to meet at Lovett Memorial Library on the following date(s): Nov. 12 ("Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes).

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping (pertussis). cough measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Nov. 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

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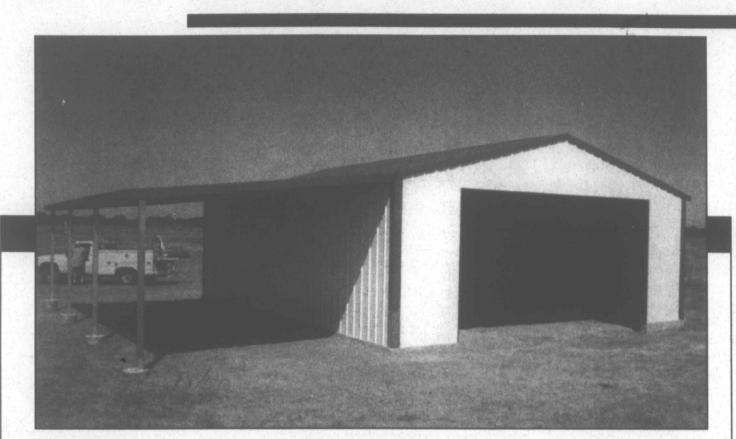
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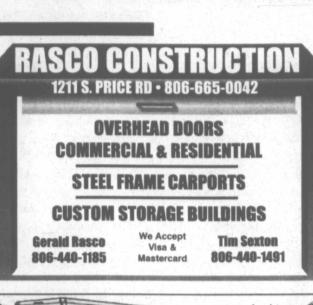


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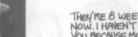
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VOTERS VALUE THEIR PRIVACY IN HEATED ELECTION SEASON

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in regard to the letter from "Registered Voter in North Carolina" (Sept. 23). I never tell anyone who I voted for, not even my husband (even though I usually tell him everything). It's not that I don't want him to know, but we respect each other's rights to voting privacy. We have lots of discussions about the candidates and issues, and both research them together. We have similar political views, and through our discussions we pretty much "know" who the other voted for. I hate when people ask me who I am voting for, and I always decline to state. My husband went to war to protect our rights -- including the right to privacy -and more people should respect them. --**GLOVERSVILLE, N.Y., VOTER**

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DEAR VOTER: Thank you for writing. I was pleased to hear from a large number of readers also stressing the importance of exercising our freedom to vote. I am sure I don't have to remind everyone how important it is to vote in the Nov. 4 national election. This is a crucial time in our nation's history. Your vote will affect generations to come, so make your voices heard. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I say you should be proud of your candidate of choice and say it! If someone refuses to say who they voted for, to me it seems like that person is ashamed to admit he or she supported this candidate instead of that one. If someone asks me who I voted for, I gladly let them know. --**PROUD SUPPORTER IN COLUMBUS**

DEAR ABBY: When asked, I say, "I voted for the person I want to win." If the questioner persists, I say, "I don't discuss politics. My doctor says my blood pressure is **ROAD IN S.C.**

pray that he/she makes the best decisions for me. I believe no matter who wins we must work together to overcome the problems we face. -- JANE IN JACKSONS GAP, ALA.

DEAR ABBY: The quickest way to get people to drop the subject is to reply, "Isn't it great that we live in a country with private ballots, so we cannot be persecuted or nagged for who we vote for?" The nosy person generally changes the subject after that. -- U.S. CITIZEN, OXNARD, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: I grew up in a household in which my parents sat on opposite sides of the political fence. My mother had a very tactful way of shutting down conversations about personal politics by responding calmly, "We have a secret ballot in this country for a reason." -- ERIN IN INDE-PENDENCE, MO.

DEAR ABBY: I have a simple answer when pollsters or friends ask who I voted for (or will vote for). I say: "I don't even tell my husband that. That's why there are curtains on the voting booth." That usually shuts 'em up. -- ANNA IN ALTON, N.H.

DEAR ABBY: When I'm asked the same personal question, I lean in close and ask in a whisper, "Can you keep a secret?" Of course, they always say "yes." Then I back away and reply, "So can I!" -- VOTING IN HASTINGS, NEB.

DEAR ABBY: I tell people I don't care how anyone votes, as long as EVERYONE votes. Sadly, not everyone is fortunate enough to have that privilege. --

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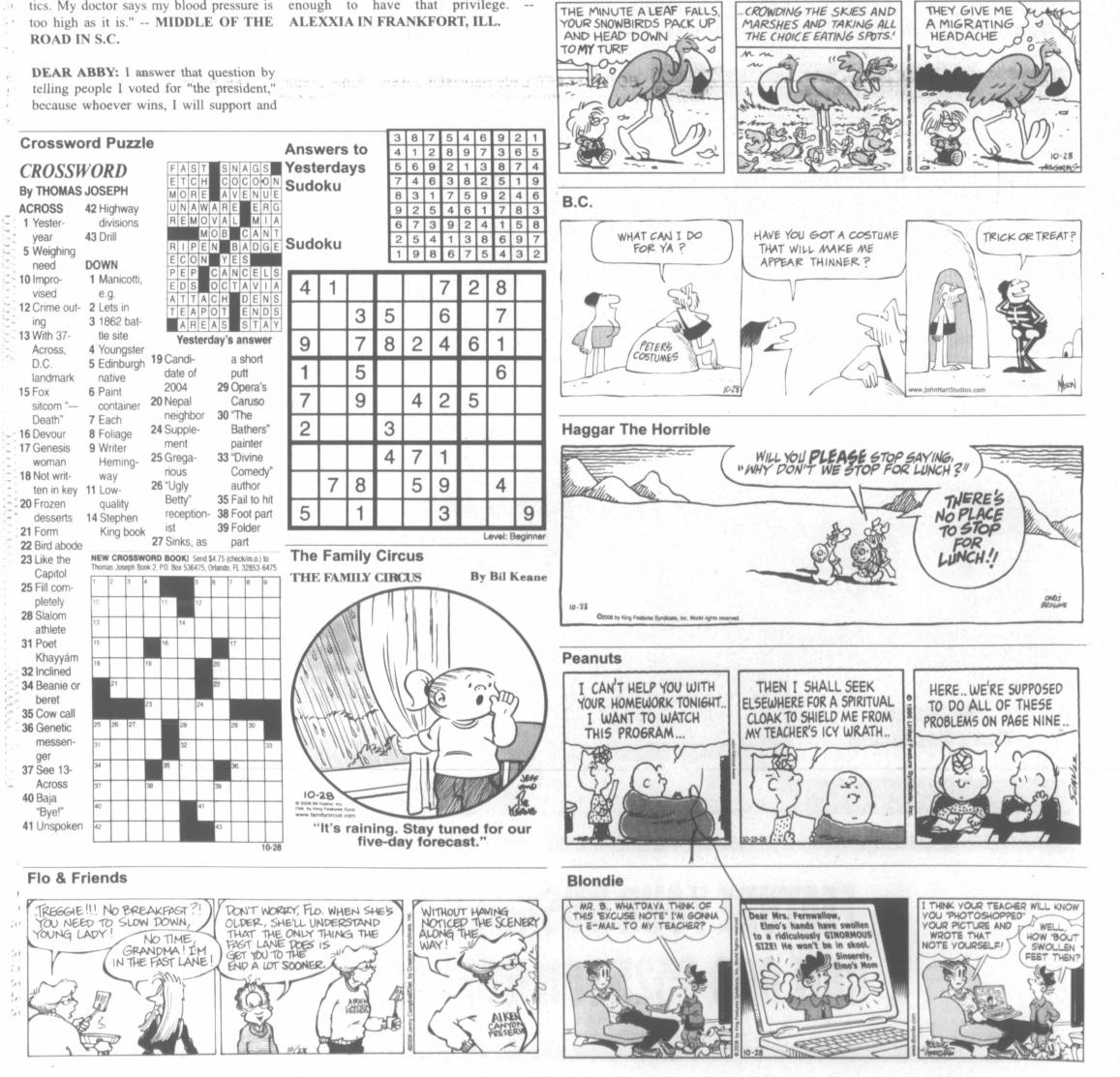
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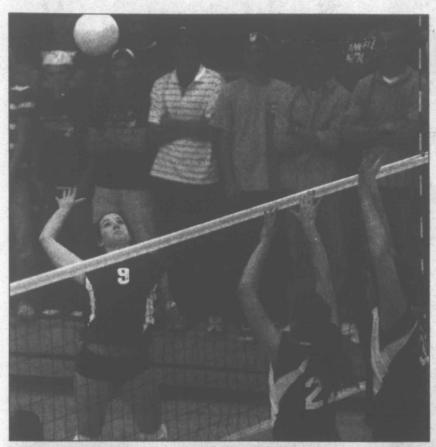
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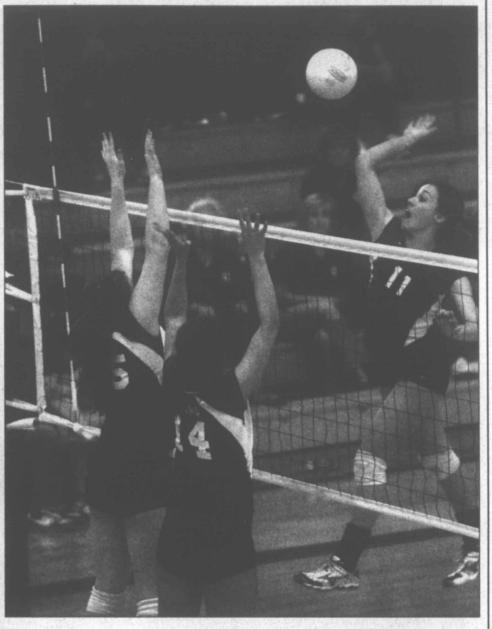
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TOP LEFT: The Pampa High School Lady Harvesters Varsity Volleyball Team lost 25-9, 25-14 and 25-12 to Hereford Lady Whitefaces in Hereford on Saturday night. Lady Harvester Taryn Eubank prepares to send the ball across the net in Saturday's Pampa-Hereford game. The Lady Whitefaces are the number one volleyball team in the state.

TOP RIGHT: Lady Harvester Jessica Miner jumps high to send the ball back to Hereford.

BOTTOM LEFT: Lady Harvester Jessica Miner prepares to send the ball across the net in Saturday's Pampa-Hereford game in Hereford.

Series Game

PHILADELPHIA (AP) -Game 5 of the World Series was suspended because of rain in the sixth inning Monday night with the Philadelphia Phillies and Tampa Bay Rays tied at 2 and the field already a sloppy, soggy mess.

"I can't tell you tonight when we'll resume," commissioner Bud Selig said. "We'll stay here if we have to celebrate Thanksgiving here."

It might be a day or two, at least, before the Phillies get a chance to wrap up their first championship since 1980. Philadelphia leads three games to one.

There has never been a rain-shortened game in Series history. Whenever this one resumes, it will pick up right where it left off, with the Phils about to bat in the bottom of the sixth.

"The weather tomorrow is supposed to be worse," said Bob DuPuy, MLB's chief operating officer.

Carlos Pena hit a tying, two-out single in the sixth for the Rays, and the umpires called it moments later. By then, every ball and every pitch had become an adventure because of the miserable conditions.

If Pena had not tied it, Selig said he would not have let the Phillies win with a game that was called after six innings.

"It's not a way to end a World Series," he said. "I would not have allowed a World Series to end this way?

Childhood dream, career goal becomes reality for Pampa cowboy

The few months has been full of twists and turns in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association steer wrestling rookie of the year race.

Zane Hankel of Decatur lead the rookie of the year race the entire season and increased his lead over Zack Cobb of Pampa from \$5100 in August, to just over \$7,000. Cobb continued to find ways to win. With a wins of \$412 in Albuquerque, N.M. in mid September and \$366 and \$432 in San Bernardino Calif., and Poway, Calif. respectably in late September, Cobb kept his dream alive.

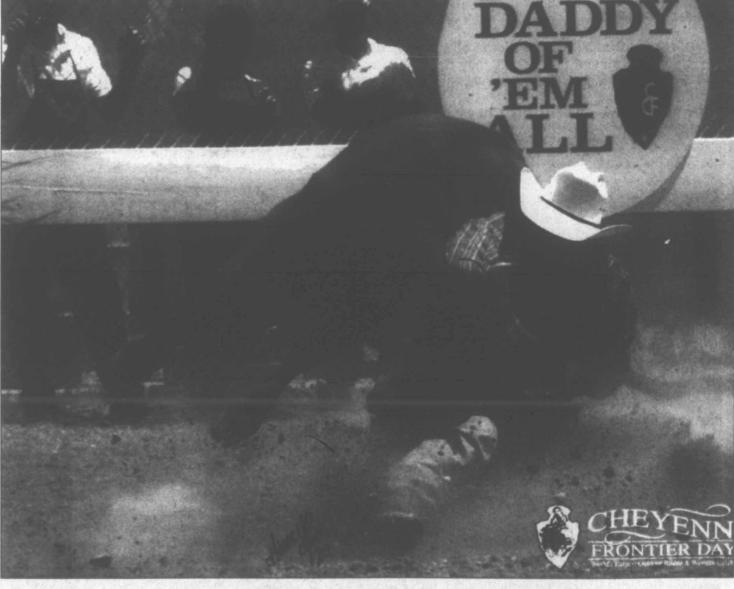
October brought a close to the regular season competition. Cobb's goal for this year, which he has dreamed of since childhood, was to become the PRCA rookie of the year. He continued to chip away at Hankel's lead, but Hankel was still competing as well. Cobb had one last chance at his goal by overcoming a \$5,163 deficit at the final rodeo of the season.

The Heartland Pro Rodeo Championship is the crowning event of the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series, which was created to provide support for rodeos with a committee purse of \$30,000 or less and launched in October 2007. The rodeo will offer a minimum prize purse of \$484,000. This nine performance rodeo features the top 30 contestants or teams, from each event, in the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series standings.

These contestants or teams are split into three groups and compete in back to back performances over the first six nights. The top four contestants (or teams) in each group, based on total money returned for the challenge around on October 9, then reducing the field to twelve in each event. The top ten scores or times from the challenge round qualify for the semifinal round the following night, with the top eight qualifying for the championship Saturday. The field ultimately will be paired to a four contestant final round and eventually the Heartland Pro Rodeo Series Champion in each event.

Now Cobb's dream rest in the midst of a who's who of Professional Rodeo. In this format the key is to advance. Hankel was eliminated but still had enough money to defeat Cobb. With the first five performances in the books it came down to one steer for him to advance. He not only managed to advance, he won the round by throwing his steer in an incredible time of 3.6 seconds. This win earned \$2,596.43, Cobb's biggest single win of his career. He was still behind in season winnings by \$2,567, but earned the privilege to advance to one more round.

In round seven Cobb repeated the consistency that he had used all year long, to reach this position, to once again, keep his hopes alive. He was able to catch his seventh round steer, jump from his horse and throw the steer in less than four seconds. The time of 3.9 seconds was good enough to once again place 1st in the round and earn another \$2,596.43. Cobb gained the lead in the rookie race, to fulfill a



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Pampa native Zach Cobb competes in a steer wrestling competition. Cobb acheived his childhood dream and career goal by becoming the 2008 professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year.

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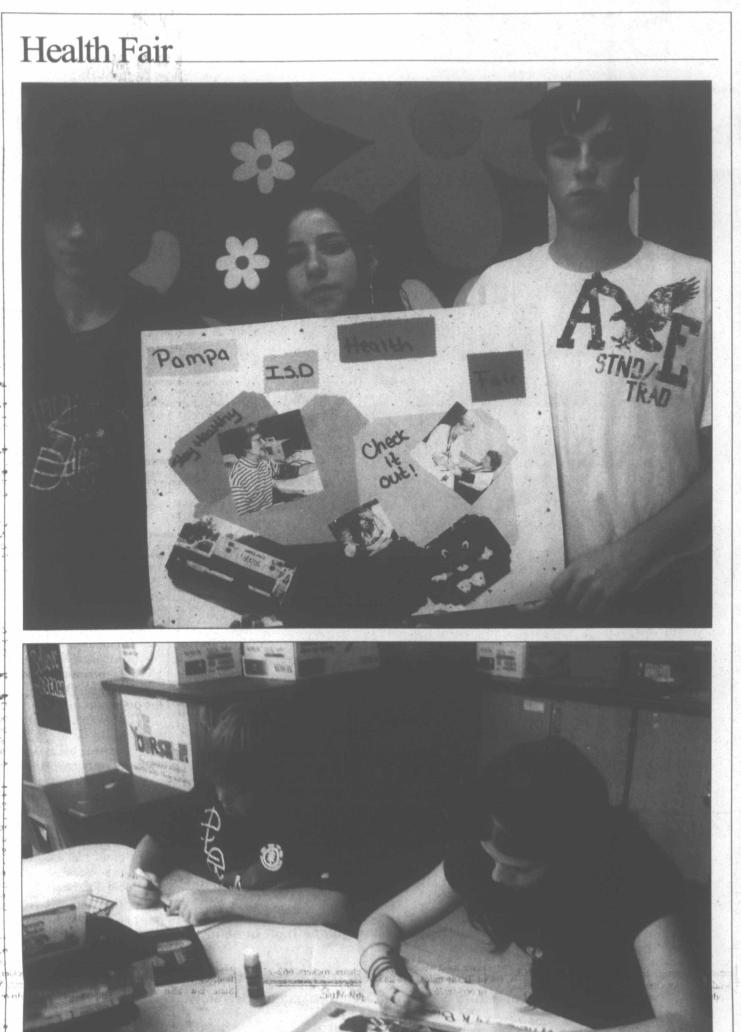
In round eight Cobb turned in a time of 4.3 seconds good enough for an additional \$750 and the opportunity to advance to the final four. In the final four Cobb threw his steer in 3.7 seconds tying Rodney Burks for the round win and an additional \$6,250 each.

Cobb is the 2008 Professional Rodeo Association Rookie of the Year. His Heartland Pro rodeo Series Championship winning of \$12,192.86 catapulted him to number 31 in the World Standings with a first year total of \$34,533. Being 31st in the world brings auto-

ing him a level playing field to begin next season.

By tracking Cobb throughout this season it is obvious that, when he is backed into the proverbial corner he is not just coming out, he is coming out on top.

Cobb will receive his award package after the sixth round of the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas Nevada on December 9th. Highlights of the package include a Trophy Saddle, a prestigious and highly coveted belt buckle, and a minimum of one endorsement offer of sponsership.



Treat youngsters to a safe spooky holiday in 2008

Texas drivers are asked to drive safely around areas where children are likely to gather this Halloween. And trick-or-treaters are asked to make sure they behave safely as well.

"We're expecting more children and adults to be out on Halloween this year because it falls on a Friday. Slow down and watch for pedestrians. If you're planning to attend a Halloween party, please designate a sober driver," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Pedestrians should make sure to look both ways before crossing a street, and they should choose costumes that will be easy for drivers to see," Clark said.

Following these safety tips will help keep trickor-treaters safe.

• Have a safe costume:

Avoid toy guns and knives - they could be mistaken for the real thing.

Wear costumes that are light in color and short enough to avoid tripping.

Wear shoes that fit.

Place reflective material on the costume, so drivers can see you.

Avoid masks - use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.

Carry a flashlight.

• Keep these tips in mind: Look both ways before crossing roadways.

Always walk, don't run.

Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.

Travel in groups with adult supervision.

Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights. Make sure children know their home phone

number and how to call 911 or their local emergency number if they have an emergency or become lost.

Take all treats home for an adult to inspect before eating anything. Never eat unwrapped candy.

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TOP: Zach Wolfe, Juanita Flores and Jordan Lemons, art students at Pampa Junior High School, recently displayed this poster they designed for the upcoming Pampa ISD Health Fair slated from 4-6 p.m. Nov. 3 at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

BOTTOM: Drake Fisher and Cheyenne Hoskins working on their posters for the upcoming Health Fair.

Stevens faces long odds in Senate race

politicians, a guilty verdict on seven felony counts — eight days before an election — would guarantee the end of a political career.

But Alaska Sen. Ted Stevens is not like most politicians. After his conviction Monday on charges that he lied about free home renovations and other gifts from a wealthy oil contractor, the 84-year-old Stevens refused to drop out of his re-election race against Democrat Mark Begich.

Republican presidential nominee John McCain called Tuesday for Stevens to resign from the Senate, saying he "has broken his trust with the people."

McCain and Stevens are not close. They've frequently exchanged barbs on the Senate floor, particularly over the pet projects that lawmakers insert into spending bills. Stevens is an unabashed champion of such earmarks; McCain is the Senate's biggest critic of them.

While Stevens faces long odds in a contest where polls showed a close race even before the verdict, few in Alaska were willing to count him out. Democrats hope to seize the once reliably Republican seat as part of their bid for a filibuster-proof 60-vote majority in the Senate.

"It's very possible that (Stevens) is "going to win the election," said Carl Shepro, a professor of political science "at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

While Begich has run a strong campaign, "Stevens has been blanketing the "airwaves too," Shepro said. "Even for a verdict to make up their minds,

air time." Many Alaskans believe that Stevens

— a 40-year senator and a legend in Alaska politics — is being unjustly attacked and that the charges against him don't amount to real corruption, Shepro said.

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"A lot of people feel the senator is completely innocent and that there are people who have been doing favors for him without him being aware of it," Shepro said. "The senator is very popular in Alaska."

But Anchorage-based pollster Ivan Moore said Stevens is almost certain to lose

"I think it's pretty much inconceivable that Ted will be able to pull it out from this point," said Moore, who has been polling on the Alaska Senate race for more than a year. Moore's latest poll, completed last week as trial testimony was wrapping up, showed the Senate race essentially tied.

Many voters said they were waiting

WASHINGTON (AP) — For most though he's not here, he's had a lot of and most of them are likely to be convinced that as a convicted felon Stevens must be ousted from the Senate, Moore said. A Washington jury found Stevens guilty of seven felony corruption charges of accepting home renovations and other gifts from an oil executive and then lying about it.

The verdict "is going to hurt him to the point where he can't win," Moore said of Stevens.

Moore predicted a relatively close race, even with the conviction.

Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, virtually conceded the race in the wake of the guilty verdict.

"Ted Stevens served his constituents for over 40 years, and I am disappointed to see his career end in disgrace," Ensign said. "Sen. Stevens had his day in court, and the jury found he violated the public's trust — as a result he is properly being held accountable. This is a reminder that no one is above the law."

The veteran senator was in no mood for accommodation Monday night.

In a statement issued, by his Senate office, Stevens said he was disappointed but not surprised at the verdict, "given the repeated instances of prosecutorial misconduct in this case."

Stevens proclaimed his innocence and said, "I will fight this unjust verdict with every ounce of energy I have."

He asked Alaskans and his Senate colleagues to stand with him as he pursues his legal rights and his re-election campaign.

Police

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Monday, Oct. 27

Five traffic stops were made. Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell.

One open door was investigated.

One robbery was reported in the police department lobby.

Fire

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

Monday, Oct. 27

7:42 a.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville on a medical call.

12:55 p.m. - One unit and one personnel responded to the 500 block of North Dwight on a fire investigation.

7:48 p.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 100 block of East Browning on a gas leak.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Oct. 25

John Hardy King, 57, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with disorderly conduct-language.

Joshua Richard Chafin, 18, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO and charged with failure to identify giving false/fictitious information.

Tabitha Dawn Aklin, 26, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO and charged with no valid driver's license.

Donald Wayne Moran, 22, of Canadian was arrested by GCSO and charged with possession of marijua-

David Wayne Trekell, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety and charged with DWI, second offense.

Sunday, Oct. 26

Moises Ramirez Ramirez, 34, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication.

Willie Loyd Ballard, 37, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a warrant out of Potter County for failure to appear.

Alvarado Benancio Duenez, 48, of Wheeler was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication.

Steven Craig Angel, 42, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on four capias pro fines and on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

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