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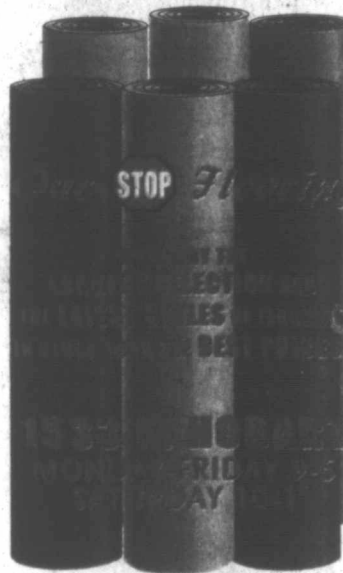
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JP receives initial autopsy

by Marilyn Powers
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Preliminary autopsy results indicate that Luis G. Acosta, 48, of 939 Brunow, died of multiple stab wounds to the torso, said Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

Acosta was found lying face down in the yard of a house at 731 E. Brunow on Friday after Pampa police officers were dispatched to the location concerning a victim of a stabbing.

Acosta appeared to have several stab wounds to the upper portion of his body, said Pampa Police Department Sgt. Donny Brown.

Officers had been dispatched to the scene at 4:19 p.m. Upon their arrival at the address, Guardian EMS personnel who were at the scene directed officers to the east side of the residence, where Acosta lay. Curfman pronounced Acosta dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy.

The preliminary autopsy results were received by Curfman this morning. Texas Tech University's Division of Forensic Pathology is conducting the autopsy in Lubbock, he said.

"It will take about six weeks to get the full autopsy report," Curfman said.

Curfman at \$1 million.

An additional \$1,000 bond was set for Carter, according to Curfman and jail records, on a warrant concerning a charge of theft of property.

City commission Fire chief recognized during meeting

by David Bowser
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Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell is walking a little taller today after being recognized by the federal government for her completion of a four-year training program.

During Tuesday's city commission meeting, Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner presented Chief Powell with a certificate from the Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration noting her completion of the agency's Executive Fire Officer Program.

Dr. Denis Oneal, superintendent of the agency's National Fire Academy said in a letter to the city that Powell had completed the academy's courses and required applied research.

During the meeting, the commission approved on second and final reading the city's budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year and set the property tax rate of 66.5 cent per \$100 valuation, which is down about two cents from the previous year.

Commissioners also approved on first reading an ordinance amending the revenue and budget for the current fiscal year, carrying forward capital funds into the new fiscal year.

The city's new fiscal year begins Oct. 1.



staff photo/D. Bowser
 Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner, left, presents a certificate from Homeland Security's U.S. Fire Administration to Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell during Tuesday's city commission meeting.

Correction

In an article that appeared on the front page of Monday's issue of The News titled "Austin site of upcoming booster club fund-raiser," the date of the fund-raiser was incorrect. The fund-raiser will be Sept. 25.

Chief appraisal report on meeting agenda

by Marilyn Powers
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A public hearing on the proposed 2009 budget for Gray County Appraisal District will be held during a meeting of its board of directors which will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday in the appraisal district conference room at

815 N. Sumner.

Board members will consider approval of the proposed budget after the hearing.

An executive session is included in Thursday's agenda. The purpose of the session will be to consider a personnel matter, the evaluation of Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

Board members will hear an invest-




ment report and chief appraiser's report. They will also consider approval of expenditures for June, July and August.

Other agenda items include approval of the minutes of the board's July 16 meeting and an opportunity for the public to make comments.

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Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 83. South-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.
Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.
Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. South wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

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Becky Hassler, 53

SKELLYTOWN, Texas — Becky Hassler, 53, of Skellytown, died Sept. 21, 2008, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.
Mrs. Hassler was born Dec. 12, 1954, in Torrance,

Calif. She married Tom Hassler on Sept. 25, 1986, in Hutchinson County. She had been a resident of Skellytown for the past 25 years.
Becky was a member of the River of Life Assembly of God where she was active

in the children's ministry. Survivors include her husband, Tom Hassler, of the home; two daughters, Tasha Clements and Stacy Sanchez, both of Skellytown; and six grandchildren, Brittney Hassler, Julie Sanchez, Destiny

Sanchez, Kyale Hassler, Antonio Sanchez and Donte Brown.
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Monday, Sept. 22
Seven traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of North Faulkner, the 500 block of Naida, the 700 block of North Dwight, the police department lobby, the 2000 block of Mary Ellen, the 500 block of North Somerville, the 2100 block of Williston, the 1000 block of Barnes, the 200 block of East Tuke, the 900 block of Terry Road, the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 2700 block of Navajo, the 400 block of North Starkweather, twice, in the 2200 block of Williston and at Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A welfare check was made in the 700 block of North Wells.

Civil matters were reported in the 200 block of Miami, the 800 block of Murphy and the 1200 block of Wilcox.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Magnolia and the 400 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of South Hobart and the intersection of 22nd and Lea streets.

A prowler was reported in

the 200 block of West Browning.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 100 block of South Sumner and on two occasions in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia. Kitchen cabinets and walls were spray painted, wall paper was ripped off, a refrigerator and food were taken, and tomato sauce was poured down a drain. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,200.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

A threat was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported at the intersection of Crest and Willow streets, the 1200 block of Darby and the 1200 block of

North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Fuel valued at \$30.03 was taken. The driver later returned and paid for the fuel.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner. A bicycle valued at \$50 was taken.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved a check that was taken from the 500 block of Doyle.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Murphy. Nothing was reported taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan. A back door was pried open, property was torn up and paint was thrown around.

Burglary was reported in

the 300 block of Miami.

Tuesday, Sept. 23
Six traffic stops were made. At least one arrest was made in connection with a stop in the 700 block of South Cuyler.

At least one arrest was made in connection with a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of West 30th.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2100 block of North Nelson.

Criminal trespass was reported at the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets. Arrests were made after individuals were found playing on the railroad tracks and taking railroad spikes.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. A window of a 2002 Ford pickup was broken. Estimated cost of dam-

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DOWNTOWN FESTIVAL on Sat., Oct. 4th - If interested in having a fund raiser or food booth call Carol @ 665-0614 or 665-3154.

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FIRST ASSEMBLY of God Youth Pancake Supper Sept. 26th 6-9 pm. Family Life Center, 500 S. Cuyler. Tickets \$5. 665-5941 to reserve tickets.

TAILGATE PICNIC Tickets still available. All proceeds to benefit Pampa Lions Club eyeglass program and Lions Camp for Handicap Children. Picnic is Oct. 3rd, 5:30-7:30 near the PHS football field. Bring Lawnchairs or Quilts. Adults \$7, Children 10 and under \$4. Come by the Pampa News to buy tickets or contact any Lions Club Member. For more information contact Jay Johnson at 665-0921

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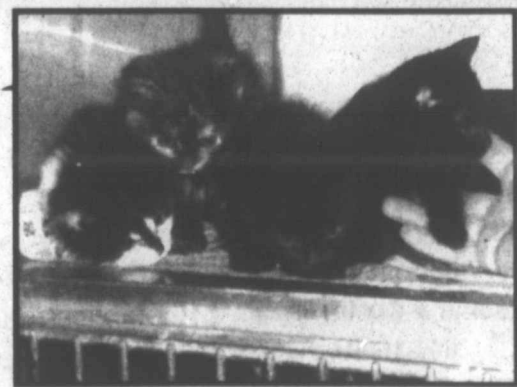
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 24, the 268th day of 2008. There are 98 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 24, 1789, Congress passed a Judiciary Act which provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.

In 1955, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1958, "The Donna Reed Show" premiered on ABC-TV.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va.

In 1963, the U.S. Senate ratified a treaty with Britain and the Soviet Union limiting nuclear testing.

In 1968, the TV news magazine "60 Minutes" premiered on CBS; the undercover police drama "The Mod Squad" premiered on ABC.

In 1976, Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (She was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Carter.)

In 1988, Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson won the men's 100-meter dash at the Seoul Summer Olympics — but he was disqualified three days later for using anabolic steroids.

In 1988, members of the eastern Massachusetts Episcopal diocese elected Barbara C. Harris the first female bishop in the church's history.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Georges was charging toward the Florida Keys, after killing hundreds of people in the Caribbean. The government began releasing the new, harder-to-counterfeit \$20 bill.

Five years ago: After four turbulent months, three special legislative sessions and two Democratic walkouts, both houses of the Republican-controlled Texas Legislature adopted redistricting plans favoring the GOP. The top candidates vying to replace California Gov. Gray Davis joined in a lively debate.

One year ago: Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad questioned the official version of the Sept. 11 attacks and defended the right to cast doubt on the Holocaust in a tense appearance at Columbia University in New York. United Auto Workers walked off the job at GM plants in the first nationwide strike during auto contract negotiations since 1976; a tentative pact ended the walkout two days later.

'The easiest way to get a reputation is go outside the fold, shout around for a few years as a violent atheist or a dangerous radical, and then crawl back to the shelter.'

— F. Scott Fitzgerald (1896-1940) American author

Change we can spare

"Boy, I can't wait for Obama to bring us the change we need."

"Change? What change?"

"At the Democratic National Convention, he said he's going to cut wasteful spending in Washington! We certainly need to rein in all the taxpayer dough those birds in Washington keep squandering."

"To be sure, Washington has been squandering plenty. President Bush's annual budgets grew from \$2 trillion to more than \$3 trillion in only six years. But why do you think Obama is the guy to rein in spending?"

"Because he and Joe Biden have a record of getting the job done."

"I hate to break your bubble, but, according to Citizens Against Government Waste, Obama and Biden are two of the biggest spenders in the Senate. Where spending is concerned, they are classified as 'hostile' and 'unfriendly,' respectively, according to CAGW's rating system."

"They are?"

"On a scale of zero to 100 percent — with 100 percent representing someone who manages taxpayer money frugally — CAGW gave Obama a 10 percent score for 2007 and a lifetime score of

18 percent."

"That's not so good."

"Biden was given a 0 percent score for 2007 and a lifetime score of 22 percent. The rankings make perfect sense."

According to the National Journal, Obama and Biden are ranked as the first and third most liberal U.S. senators."

"What's so wrong about being liberal?"

"Nothing, except that many liberals believe more government programs are the best way to solve America's problems. Both Obama and Biden have a record of promoting bigger government and more spending. Neither met an earmark they didn't like."

"What do you mean by 'earmark'?"

"An earmark is an authorization to use taxpayer money to fund a specific project. Our esteemed politicians frequently slip them into various bills when nobody is watching. Some earmarks are useful, but many represent wasteful government spending at its worst."

"Why have Obama and

Biden never met an earmark they didn't like?"

"Since he became a U.S. senator, Obama slipped nearly \$1 billion in earmarks into various bills, such as three-quarters of a million to fund a visitors' center and another \$700,000 to fund soybean-dis-

research."

"What's wrong with visitors and healthier soybeans?"

"I'm in favor of both, but why do you and I have to pay for them? As for Biden, he slipped in \$120 million in earmarks in 2007 alone. His earmarks funded everything from oyster-bed revitalization to the renovation of an opera house."

"You'll be thanking Joe the next time you go to Delaware to take in an opera. Besides, don't all the senators waste dough? Surely McCain is just as guilty."

"The fact is McCain has never asked for a single earmark in all the years he's been in the Senate. Last year, he was given a 100 percent rating by CAGW and classified a 'hero.'"

"A hero?"

"He would have been clas-

sified a 'superhero,' the highest classification, had he not missed so many votes while on the campaign trail. McCain also was given a lifetime rating of 88 percent."

"OK, hotshot, then what about Sarah Palin?"

"CAGW's ratings apply only to members of the U.S. Congress. It is the Congress, not a governor, who funds earmarks. CAGW did, however, praise Palin for cutting wasteful spending in her state."

"Yeah, well what about that Bridge to Nowhere, the poster child of wasteful earmark spending?"

"Palin did support that project early on, but, like it or not, she was the one who finally killed it. And like it or not, it was McCain who opposed it and Obama and Biden who voted for it."

"So you're saying that Obama's promises of change and reduced spending don't correlate with his record?"

"I'm saying that if you want wasteful spending to be reined in, McCain is much more likely to do it than Obama — if that's the kind of change you're looking for."

— Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Tom Purcell
Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 15
Fort Worth Star-Telegram on efforts to discourage students from voting in their college towns:

"With young people registering to vote in record numbers this year, one would think that would be reason for celebration."

Yet news out of Montgomery County, Va., home to Virginia Tech, indicates that local and state officials have tried to discourage the student vote by suggesting some severe consequences for many who registered there.

After a massive registration drive by the Barack Obama campaign, The New York Times reported, local election officials incorrectly warned students that by registering to vote in the county they may lose scholarships, no longer be eligible to be claimed as dependents on their parents' income tax, and could possibly lose car and health insurance under their parents' coverage.

The battle for the students' voting residency has been around since ratification of the 26th Amendment in 1971, when the voting age was lowered from 21 to 18.

In small communities, particularly

those in which the student body of a university may outnumber the town's population, some local authorities have feared that young college students would have an undue influence on elections and could actually change the face of local politics and, thus, their way of life.

Waller County, home to Texas' historically black Prairie View A&M University, for years fought against students being able to vote within its electoral boundaries. The district attorney actually threatened to prosecute students who registered.

It was a case from Waller that led to a U.S. Supreme Court ruling in 1979 declaring it legal for students to vote in the place where they attended college.

Still, some states came up with drastic and sometimes vague election rules that allowed local and state officials to interpret the laws in a punitive way toward those attending college. For example, some suggested that if students registered to vote in their state or county, the students also should have to register their cars there and have driver's licenses issued from that state.

In Virginia, after questions from students, parents and representatives of civil rights organizations, the state Board of Elections last week announced that it was "modifying and

clarifying" the registration guidelines, the Times said.

For college students in Texas, there is no question that they have the right to register to vote in the county where they attend school.

The Secretary of State's Web site proclaims: "You are presumed under Texas law to be in the best position to make a factual determination concerning where your residence is for registration purposes. However, you cannot register in more than one location; if you register at a voter registration drive in one county, but put another Texas county as your home on the application, your application will be forwarded to the Texas county of your residence description."

The site also instructs election officials who provide advice for students and other potential voters to inform them:

"If they would like to register to vote at their college address, they may do so...The general rule of thumb for election officials and those engaged in voter registration drives is that wherever the student claims residency, that is where they should be registered to vote."

That kind of clarity should be available to college students in every state. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>

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Police

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age is \$150. Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Wells. A window of a Chevy Tahoe was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Sept. 22

Curtis Ray Smith, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Pampa Police Department for theft under \$50, failure to appear and disorderly conduct-fighting.

Heath Allan Keeton, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for aggravated assault, a probation violation for a Carson County charge of possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance and a Tom Green County charge of driving while intoxicated.

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Shawn Lee Weatherford, 37, of Pampa was arrested in the 1800 block of West 22nd by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury; possession of drug parapherna-

lia, driving while license is invalid with a previous conviction, unlawful restraint and driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Steven Ray Crawford, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of South Cuyler by Pampa PD for no valid driver's license and no proof of financial responsibility.

Austin Chase McCarthy, 22, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets by Pampa PD for theft under \$50 and interference with railroad property.

Kevin Ray Kirkham Jr., 18, of Pampa was arrested one-quarter mile west of Pampa on Highway 60 by Pampa PD for interference with railroad property.

Tammy Marie Hare, 24, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets by Pampa PD for interference with railroad property.

Jayson Douglas Calfy, 23, of Pampa was arrested one-quarter mile west of Pampa on Highway 60 by Pampa PD for interference with railroad property.

April Ruth Goldthrite, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of North Hobart by Pampa PD for public intoxication.

Jeremiah Wayne Casey, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and a war-

rant for a parole violation.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Sept. 23

1:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a medical call.

4:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block West 25th on a call for medical assistance.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Sept. 23

9:51 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of East Frederic and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to

Perry LeFors Airport.

1:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location north on Highway 60. No transport.

2:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell. No transport.

3:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 100 block of South Russell.

Condemned cop killer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — The death sentence for a Houston man convicted of killing a police officer was upheld today by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Alfred Dewayne Brown had raised four points of error from his 2005 trial. They include a challenge to the testimony of an accomplice who implicated him. Also raised are what he says are three errors by the trial

judge. All four points were rejected by the state's highest criminal appeals court.

The 26-year-old Brown awaits execution for the 2003 shooting death of Houston police Officer Charles Clark during a robbery at a check-cashing store. Also killed was 27-year-old store clerk Alfreda Jones.

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Sports

Official: Armstrong to join Astana, Kazakh

ALMATY, Kazakhstan (AP) — Seven-time Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong will join Team

Astana for his return to competitive cycling, the Kazakh Cycling Federation said Wednesday.

Federation deputy chief Nikolai Proskurin told The Associated Press that Armstrong agreed to ride for

the Kazakhstan-based team for free the first year and has signed up to take part in five races, including the Tour de

France. Armstrong was to make a formal announcement at a news conference in New

York later Wednesday.

"If people say that they want to join this team, it is a sign that they must hold Kazakhstan in great regard," Proskurin told the AP. "He is coming to Team Astana, he's doing it only so he can continue to win."

Astana's team leader is Johan Bruyneel, who was Armstrong's team director for all of his Tour de France victories with the U.S. Postal and Discovery teams from 1999-2005. The two are close friends.

Armstrong's first race will be the Tour of California from Feb. 14-22, Proskurin said. Australian officials announced earlier Wednesday that Armstrong would ride in the Tour Down Under from Jan. 20-25.

Armstrong announced on Sept. 9 that he would return to cycling after three years in retirement and would attempt to win the Tour de France an eighth time.

The deal is a coup for the Kazakh team, which was thrown out of last year's Tour de France after Alexander Vinokourov tested positive for a blood transfusion.

There were reports in Madrid on Tuesday that 2007 Tour de France winner Alberto Contador of Spain would leave if Armstrong joined Astana.

"I've earned the right to be the leader of a team without having to fight for my place," Contador said in AS newspaper. "And with Armstrong, some difficult situations could arise in which the team would put him first and that would hurt me."

West Texas A&M sports headlines

TWO LADY BUFFS EARN LSC PLAYER OF THE WEEK HONORS

CANYON — West Texas A&M juniors Laura Prinsen and Katie Rickwartz were selected as Lone Star Conference Players of the Week this week.

Prinsen was selected as the LSC Offensive Player of the Week after three solid performances against #7-ranked Florida Southern, #25 ranked Saint Leo, and Eckerd College, while Rickwartz garnered Setter of the Week honors for the third time this season.

Prinsen has also been named Sports Imports/AVCA Division II Player of the Week after helping the team win 3-0 last week.

Prinsen leads the team in kills, and in the last three matches, she has totaled 57 kills, averaging 4.07 kills per set. Prinsen contributed nine assists, two service aces, and seven

block assists to help lead the Lady Buffs to an undefeated weekend against three quality opponents. Prinsen's best match was against Saint Leo, where she put down 23 kills to lead the Lady Buffs to a 3-2 victory over the Lions.

Rickwartz had a solid weekend against Florida Southern, Saint Leo, and Eckerd as well. She tallied 143 assists, averaging 10.2 assists per set.

Rickwartz also contributed six service aces to bring her season total to 16. Her best match was against Saint Leo, where she tallied 56 assists and two service aces. Rickwartz has totaled 553 total assists, averaging 11.52 assists per set.

The Lady Buffs begin Lone Star Conference action on Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7:00 p.m. in San Angelo, Texas, when they take on the Angelo State Rambelles.

WT PLACES 12TH AT NSU GOLF CLASSIC

TAHLEQUAH, Okla. — West Texas A&M University placed 12th place among 15 teams in the 10th Annual NSU Golf Classic, which concluded Tuesday at the Emerald Falls Golf Club in Broken Arrow, Okla.

The Buffs shot scores of 304-317-324 for a combined 945 on the par 72, 7,148-yard course. Abilene Christian won the event with scores of 299-298-284 for a combined 881, with Central Oklahoma second (296-298-288, combined 882) and Washburn third (293-302-290, combined 885).

ACU's Patrick Hanauer took individual honors with rounds of 71-73-68 for a combined 212.

Leading the Buffs were Geoff Phemister (senior, Canyon, Texas), who carded scores of 74-75-85 for a combined 234 and Tate Allred

(soph., Perryton, Texas) who shot 72-82-80 for a combined 234 to tie for 46th, individually. Other WT finishers were Brandon Holub (junior, Gilbert, Ariz.), tied for 58th with 79-80-78 for a combined 237, Roy Holderman (junior, Anthony, N.M.), who shot 79-83-84 for a combined 246 to tie for 70th and Colin Cruz (sophomore, Amarillo), who placed in a tie for 76th with scores of 88-80-82 for a combined 250.

"With the exception of Roy, we didn't play particularly well on Monday," said WT head coach Ryan Leaf. "We were more focused during Tuesday's round and it showed in the way we finished. I was very proud of the scores we carded, by everyone, in the second round."

The Buffs next outing will be Sept. 29-30 when they compete in the St. Mary's Fall Gold Tournament, held at the Dominion Country Club in San Antonio.

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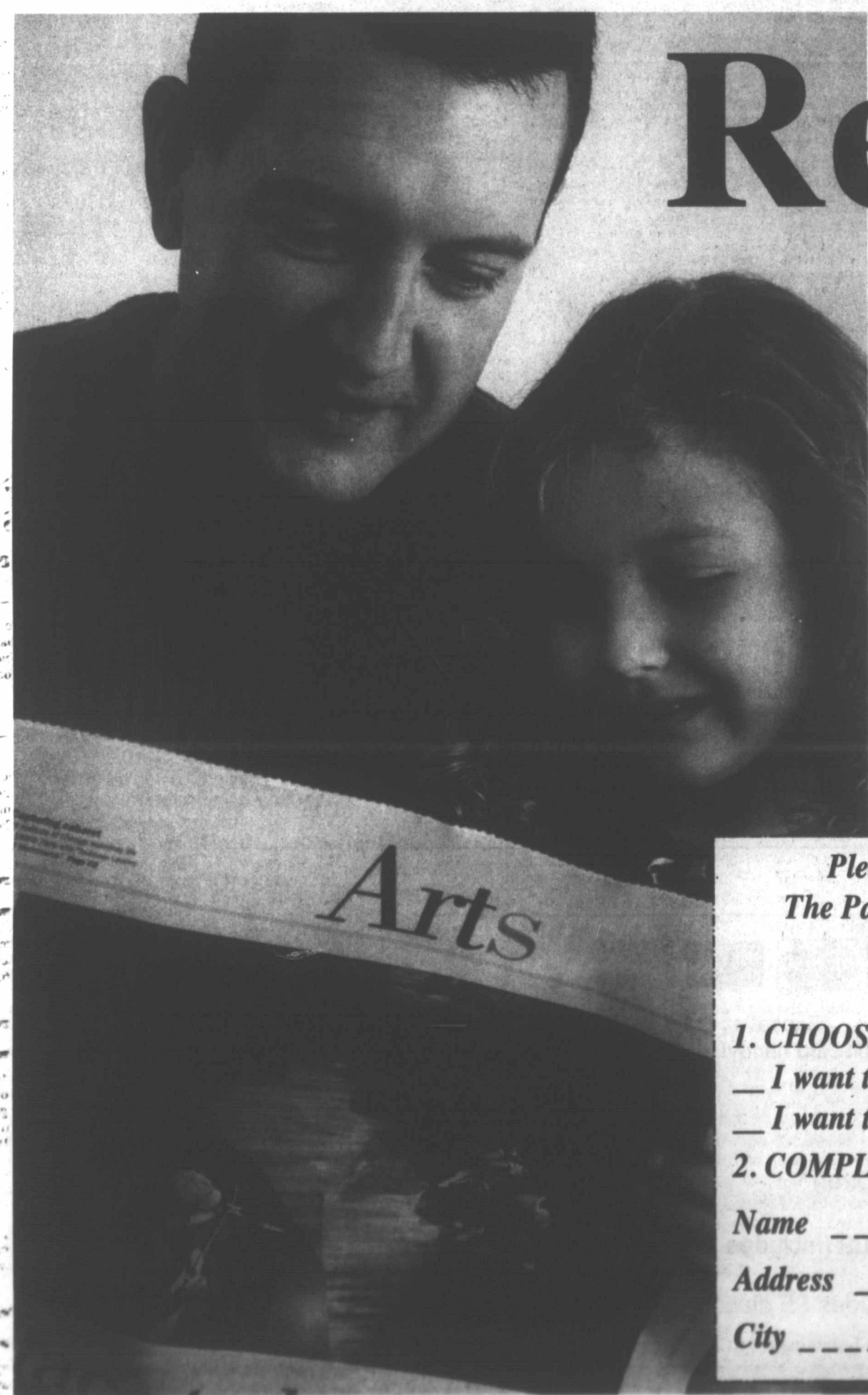
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** You could be surprised by what heads in your direction. You wonder which way to go. Oddly, more questions come up at present, leaving you even more confused. You wonder why you are doing what you are doing. Tonight: Where the action is. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** Staying anchored depends on your security and sense of well-being. You often push hard to achieve certain results. You might need to rethink a question and head in a new direction. Tonight: Easy does it. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

***** Keep communicating; although, on some level, you think only gibberish heads in your direction. Stop and really listen to the person in question. Questions surround travel, a meeting and talks. Confirm what you hear. Tonight: Out and about. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Curb a need to be possessive or difficult with someone. You will get better results if you relax. Be careful about spending. Some of the facts you are hearing might not be "just the facts." Confirm information. Tonight: Pay bills. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Communication takes you down a new path or in a different direction. Sometimes you add to the level of communication but have difficulty changing topics. You could be confused by what you are hearing; ask for clarification. Tonight: Confirm plans. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Take your time when dealing with others. You could be more confused than you realize. Your ideals could prevent you from seeing others clearly, forcing a bad decision. Take time to clear your head and think. Tonight: Work with time. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You could feel as if getting anything under control would be a piece of cake. Feeling that way and accomplishing the same goal could be close to impossible to accomplish. Tonight: Know what you want. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** A must appearance demands much more than you think. What a family member believes could differ substantially from your opinions. Take time for yourself; take a walk by water in order to center before a must appearance.

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A XYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-24 CRYPTOQUOTE

H MAHV TAL BKKM OE
IKVA BKKMOEW UWHT
HT OYTKVHTU BKKM

— IKMOAVA
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THEY ARE SLAVES WHO FEAR TO SPEAK FOR THE FALLEN AND THE WEAK. — J.R. LOWELL

Regulator says stricter heparin rules necessary

CHICAGO (AP) — A regulatory group told hospitals Wednesday to adopt strict measures to prevent errors involving blood thinners including heparin — mistakes that have been made nearly 60,000 times and led to dozens of deaths in recent years.

The Joint Commission issued a safety alert saying hospitals need to adopt prevention measures that could include bar-coding technology for medicines or computerized drug orders. It advised hospitals to more closely monitor patients on these drugs and make sure that adult-strength heparin is stored nowhere near children's units.

The alert said 28 deaths are among 32 reports of drug errors involving blood thin-

ners that it received between 1997 and last year.

"We know that there are many more (deaths) and ... that's the reason for issuing this alert," said Dr. Mark Chassin, president of the Oakbrook Terrace, Ill.-based commission.

Recent errors include accidental life-threatening heparin overdoses given to actor Dennis Quaid's newborn twins at a Los Angeles hospital last November. In July, 14 babies received accidental heparin overdoses at a hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Commission investigators will make unannounced visits to make sure hospitals are adopting strict measures to prevent

blood thinner errors, and those who fail to do so could see their accreditation revoked, Chassin said.

The commission is a private group that sets hospital standards and accredits most of the nation's hospitals. Accreditation brings prestige and federal dollars.

A total of 59,316 medication errors involving blood thinners were reported between 2001 and 2006 to a database run by U.S. Pharmacopeia, a group that sets drug standards, the alert said. Nearly 3 percent, or roughly 1,700, resulted in patient harm or death, the commission said.

Blood thinners are particularly tricky to use because too much can cause hard-to-control bleeding internally and from every

body opening; too little can result in life-threatening blood clots, Chassin said.

Heparin is usually given intravenously. Warfarin, another blood thinner cited in the alert, is available in pills patients can take at home but can cause bad reactions when mixed with other medicines.

The recommendations "absolutely" will make a difference and hospitals will pay attention, said James Conway, senior vice president of the nonprofit Institute for Healthcare Improvement in Cambridge, Mass.

On the Net:

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Pampa Junior High School students Marlee Youree, Ryan Mattox, Ashlee Vernon, Karen Duarte and Taylor Bolton recently investigated the differences in certain powdered substances in a sixth grade science class taught by Clint Allen.

Events calendar

• **The 55-plus Club in Panhandle** is preparing a pre-Homecoming game dinner at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 in the school cafeteria. Many classes with years ending in three or eight will be celebrating reunions during the weekend. Carson County Square House Museum will open a Country Store at 9 a.m. Sept. 27. The store will offer baked goods, crafts, canned produce and other items. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Other festivities will be held in conjunction with Museum Day on Saturday.

• **Copper Breaks State Park** will conduct its next Sun Fun and StarWalk® beginning at 3:45 p.m. Sept. 27 at the park. Sun Fun will offer views to the public of Earth's star, the Sun. StarWalk will get under way at 8 p.m. in the Big Pond Campground. For more information, call (940) 8399-4331.

• **"Pampa Community Concert Association, Presents Live on Stage"** will present Cirque Voial at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-3362.

• **Institute for Natural Resources** will present a seminar for health care professionals worth six credit hours Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock and Oct. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. "Chronic Pain" will be presented by instructor S. Thomas Deahl II, D.M.D., Ph.D. The pre-registration fee is \$82. The seminar will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-

3 p.m. at both locations. For more information or to register, call 1-800-937-6878.

• **Pampa Lions Club** will host a tailgate picnic

from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Pampa High School between McNeely Fieldhouse and the tennis courts. Participants are advised to bring lawn

chairs or quilts. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. For ticket information, call 665-0921, 665-2323 or 669-2525.

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