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staff photo by Julie Anne Thompson ing to County Clerk Susan **Residents lined up Monday for the** Winborne. first early voting opportunity for the "We're presidential election. Record numconfident bers are expected to turn-out this that who you year. vote for is

who the machine votes for," is double checked to be Winborne said. "We check everything twice."

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Friendly Faces and Competitive Prices 36+ Years Experience staff photo by David Bowser

Zed Richards adjusts a giant inflatable jack-o-lantern filled with flying ghosts and witches in his front yard on Somerville as Halloween closes in on Pampa.

## **DA mulls additional charges against Dominguez**



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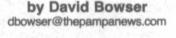
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District Attorney Lynn Switzer said she is weighing the possibility of filing additional charges against a 17year-old Pampa man in conhitting.

Geraldo Dominguez, 17, is nection with a fight early day. Saturday morning, Oct. 11.

Jeremy Allen Klink, 20, Northwest Texas Hospital.

Gray County Sheriff's two of his deputies were in the Pampa Regional Medical Center parking lot shortly before 1 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, when a private vehicle gency room.

apparently tried to break up a Cabot & NOI Employees reportedly struck his head on Cabot & NOI. some concrete in the fall.

in the brain. Klink was airlifted Oct. 11, by LifeStar helicopter from Pampa Regional Pampa since 1997. Medical Center to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. Dominguez was arrested that morning at his home in nection with the death of a the 2100 block of Christine 20-year-old he is accused of on a warrant charging him with aggravated assault.

a fractured skull and bleeding

Gray County Justice of the free on \$100,000 bond today Peace Joe Martinez set bond after being charged with at \$100,000 on the aggravataggravated assault causing ed assault charge. He was serious bodily injury in con- released on bond the next

Switzer said that she had received the sheriff's report died Friday, Oct. 17, at on Klink's death late Friday and was studying it.

She indicated that she Deputy Lt. Joe Hoard said would probably take it to a grand jury.

Two accounts have been set up for donations for the Klink family. Klink was not insured. Donations can be brought Klink to the emer- sent to the Amarillo Federal Credit Union Pampa branch Witnesses said Klink had at 900 N. Hobart and with

fight in rural Gray County Credit Union P.O. Box 2217. west of Pampa when he was Questions can be directed at hit and knocked down. He Susan Ferguson, empolyee at

Services for Mr. Klink are Hoard said Klink suffered pending with Carmichael-

## **EDC** to meet Thursday

interview prospective new board members.

ment board will meet at 6:30 Ballard.

The Pampa Economic p.m., Thursday, Oct. 23, and Development Corporation again at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, board of directors will meet Oct. 30, to interview in closed session Thursday to prospective board members. They will meet in the Nona Payne Room of the The economic develop- Community Building, 200 N.

Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Klink was born in Rockford, Ill., and had live in Pampa; his mother, Melody Roger Klink, all of Pampa.

Vail of Katy; and three broth-

Survivors include his ers, Brandon Joseph Klink, father, Joseph Allen Klink of Dustin David Klink and Eric



#### staff photo by David Bowser

#### Enjoy it while it lasts

Ernie Cruz fills his SUV at the Allsup's at Hobart and 19th. He said he's glad the price of gas is below \$3 but hopes it will fall further.

## Gas prices tumble; OPEC to meet

tumbled below three dollars July 17. That's a drop of \$2.659, while on Frederic over the weekend for the 27.3 percent in the last three the Taylor Mart advertised first time in nearly nine months. months.

The Associated Press Pampa, regular unleaded advertised \$2.909. reported that, according to was \$2.639 at Allsup's and the AAA Motor Club, the MurphyUSA. national average was \$2.99 Saturday. That was \$1.12 showing \$2.699. The signs at United prices, off the record high price of

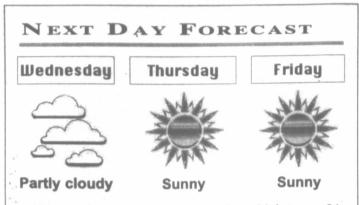
Gas prices nationwide \$4.11 that AAA reported Monday morning showed. unleaded regular at \$2.829 Monday morning in and the Chevron station

The bad news is that OPEC nations meeting Valero stations were Friday to debate what they can do about sliding oil



Saturday, October 25, 2008

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 45 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 34. Wind chill values between 27 and 32. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

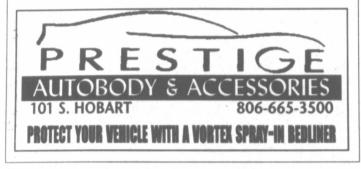
Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 54. Windy, with a northwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 60. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 42.

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## Services tomorrow.

KLINK, Jeremy Allen - 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa

Army

Veterans.

### Frank Hooker, 89

BRIDGEPORT — Frank 27, 1918, the son Hooker, 89, a disabled of Silas Hare and Veteran went to be with our Lord on Saturday, Oct. 18, 2008, at his home in Bridgeport.

Graveside services will be country in the U.S. Friday Mobeetie in Cemetery. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at was a lifetime Hawkins Funeral Home. The member of the Rev. Dewane Adams will officiate.

Frank was born on Oct.

Jeremy Allen "The Great" Klink, 20, of Pampa, died Oct. 17, 2008, at Amarillo. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday in First Baptist

Church. Burial will be in Fairview student in the Pampa school system, he was an avid Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley skater and a musician.

Annie Mae (Love) Hooker in Mobeetie, Texas. He served his during World War II. He Disabled Hooker American

Frank married Bridgeport; Hazel Kenyon on Carolyn Mansfield; grandson, Jason Sept. 23, 1956, in Wheeler. of Bridgeport ; great-grand-Frank was predaughters, Rylee and Mason;

Obituaries

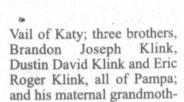
ceded in death by his brothers, Raymond, Vernon, Harold, S.B. and Sam Hooker.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 52 years, Hazel Hooker of

### Jeremy Allen 'The Great' Klink, 20 Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Klink was preceded in Mr. Klink was born May death by his paternal grandparents, Roger and Helen 31, 1988, in Rockford, Ill. He had been a Pampa resi-Klink; his maternal grandfadent since 1997, moving ther, David Vail; and an aunt, from Marengo, Ill. A former Marie Klink.

> Survivors include his father, Joseph Allen Klink of Pampa; his mother, Melody



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Hooker, an Army Specialist

numerous other children,

grandchildren, nieces and

nephews that he helped

raise; other relatives and a

host of friends.

### **Emergency Services**

#### Sheriff

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

Saturday, Oct. 18 Joshua Lee Kroop, 19, of Canadian was arrested by Pampa Police Department and charged with criminal mischief, under \$50.

Christopher Lewis Culver, 27, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with public intoxication.

Sunday, Oct. 19 Esteban Sanchez Torres, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with no valid driver's license and no insurance.

no valid driver's license and no proof of financial responsibility.

Arturo Navarette, 37, address listed as unknown, was arrested by GCSO and charged with public intoxication, expired registration, failure to maintain financial responsibility and no driver's license.

### Pampa PD

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

the 800 block of East Campbell, the 900 block of East Gordon, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 800 block of North Bradley, the 1100 block of South Wells, the 1100 block of East Foster, the 800 block of East Frederic, the 700 block of North Hobart and the 2000 block of North Rosewood.

North Aspen.

A suspicious person call streets.

resulted in arrests.

A civil matter was reported in the 2500 block of

was received from the intersection of Cuyler and Brown Perryton Parkway.

Nineteen traffic stops were made. Stops at the intersections of Tignor and Albert streets, and the 1000 block of West Crawford

Traffic complaints were received from the 800 block of East Browning, the 2500 block of North Evergreen, and the 2300 block of North Christine.

Accidents were reported at the intersection of Duncan and Kentucky streets, and at the intersection of 25th and

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the

were received from the 500 block of North Lefors and the 2500 block of Chestnut Drive.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the 400 block of Yeager and the 2300 block of West Alcock.

Burglaries were reported in the 400 block of West Foster; the 200 block of North Sumner; the 200 block of West Browning where a battery charger valued at \$109 was taken; and the 500 block of North Frost where a 30-inch plasma television, 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Oct. 20

1:21 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 2400 block of Christine on a public service call. Firefighters installed a smoke detector.

5:20 p.m. - Four units and eight personnel responded to the 400 block of South Gray on a structure fire.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and

Saturday, Oct. 18

11:08 a.m. - A mobile

ICU responded to Pampa

Regional Medical Center

and transferred a patient to

Northwest Texas Hospital in

responded to the intersection

of Hobart and Alcock streets.

1:55 p.m. – A mobile ICU

Sunday, Oct. 19

7:03 a.m. - A mobile ICU

12:19 p.m. - A mobile

responded to a local nursing

facility and transported a

ICU responded to the 1400

block of Hobart and trans-

6:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU

ported a patient to PRMC.

Amarillo.

No transport.

patient to PRMC.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on two capias pro fines.

Amber Loree Caviness, 25, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Monday, Oct. 20 Jacob Ronald Garcia, 21, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with

Thursday, Oct. 16 Twenty-one traffic stops were made.

A vehicle accident was reported in the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky streets.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 300 block of South Anne, the 800 block of East Murphy, the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of North Terrace, the 1500 block of North Zimmers, the 900 block of East Gordon,

## *Grain prices*

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

Wheat.								4.96
Milo							,	5.78
Corn								7.47
Soybea								

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Russell.

A theft was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. A counterfeit \$20 bill was Wal-Mart passed at Supercenter, 2801 Charles.

Fraud was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Frost and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

A structure fire was reported in the 700 block of North Naida. Phone harassment was

reported in the 600 block of North Nelson.

Assaults were reported on the 1600 block of East Highway 60 and the police department lobby. A warrant was issued in

the 200 block of North

Friday, Oct. 17

Russell.

1100 block of East Foster, the 500 block of North Yeager, the 1000 block of Deer, the 600 block of East Foster, the 400 block of Carr, the 700 block of North Nelson, the intersection of Montagu and Perry streets, the 2300 block of North

Rosewood, the 300 block of North Dwight, the 800 block of East Campbell and the 300 block of South Sunset. A welfare check was made

in the 100 block of North Sumner. Civil matters were report-

ed in the 1200 block of East Browning and the 700 block of East Scott

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway, and the intersection of Browning Ballard and streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 700 block of North Dwight, and the intersection of Hobart and McCullough streets. Silent/abusive 911 calls

three X-Box game systems, controllers and 18 games were taken.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of Faulkner. A bicycle valued at \$100 was taken.

A warrant was issued in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal trespassing was reported at the 800 block of East Campbell and the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Public intoxication was reported in the 2200 block of West Alcock.

disturbances Domestic were reported in the 900 block of Cinderella and the 400 block of North Warren.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Sunday and 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Oct. 19 9:51 p.m. - Two units and

seven personnel responded to the 100 block of Nelson on an electrical short.

responded to the 500 block of Perry and transported a patient to PRMC. 8:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block

of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC. Monday, Oct. 20

10:43 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

## CITY BRIEFS

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FAJITA LUNCHEON fundraiser for Community Christian School - Oct. 24th 11am-1:30pm \$10 per plate. In town delivery with 4 or more orders. 440-1412 or 665-3393 to purchase tickets.

FAMILY MEDICINE Center will have Flu Clinic, Tues. & Wed. Oct. 21, 22, 1-4pm. for established patients only.

#### HALLOWEEN PHOTOS

of your children in the Pampa News again this year!! School Enchilada Dinner Oct. Photos will run in Fri. Oct. 24, starting at 11:00. Call in 31st newspaper. Deadline is your order Now to 665-5665, Oct. 22nd, 5pm. Email Photos \$7.50 adults, \$5 children, Will Not Be Accepted.

HELP US start a Library for Clarendon College Pam- The Pampa News will have 2 pa-Center. Bring unwanted books to United Oct 25, 11-2

**IS YOUR** Business handing out Halloween Candy this year? Call and we'll put your business name on our Halloween Candy List in Oct. 30th edition of The Pampa News!! 669-2525.

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pickup or delivery!!

**TUESDAY'S EDITION** of sections.

WOULD YOU like a career

in the Fire Service? there will be an informational meeting Tues., Oct. 28th, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston, north entrance. This meeting will be hosted by the Pampa Fire Department to answer all your questions about the hiring process to become a firefighter for the Pampa Fire Department. If you are interested in joining our team please contact Captain Robert Griffin, at 669-5800. TCFP certified/certifiable and TDSHS EMT-B preferred.

## **Hospital bills patient** who never saw physician

DALLAS (AP) - A woman who never saw a doctor even though she waited 19 hours with an injured leg in Parkland Memorial Hospital's emergency department got a bill from the hospital for \$162.

Amber Joy Milbrodt, who said she fractured a bone in her right leg while playing volleyball, received the bill two weeks after her Sept. 24 visit.

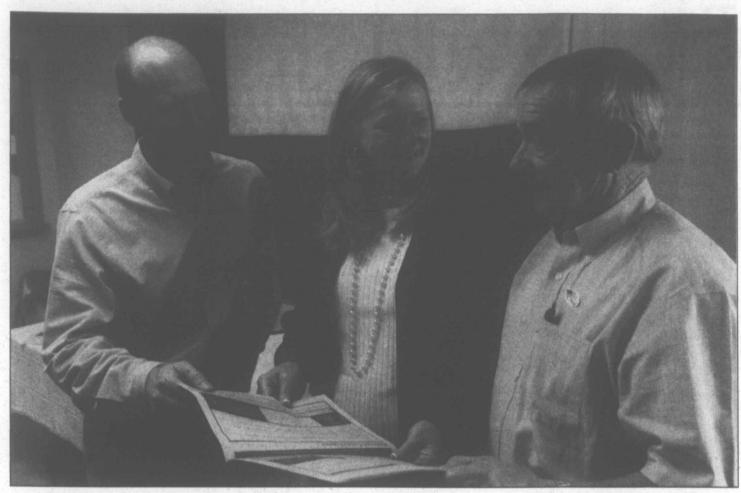
"It should have been more like them paying me for having to sit in the emergency room for 19 hours. That's just sad. It's not proper. It's almost not moral, what I went through," she said in a story for Monday's online edition of The Dallas Morning News.

Parkland officials say the bill was appropriate because a nurse spent time assessing Milbrodt for triage.

"She's not paying for waiting," says Rick Rhine, the hospital's vice president in charge of billing. "She's paying for the assessment she received."

The assessment, which lasted a few minutes, established her place in line that night. The hospital says one in five patients who check into Parkland's ER leaves before seeing a doctor. Those who stay long enough to see a triage nurse must pay.

It is not the first time extended waits at the hospital's ER have surfaced. A few days before Milbrodt's visit, a 58-yearold man who checked in for stomach pains waited 19 hours and then suffered cardiac arrest. Former restaurateur Mike Herrera died Sept. 20 as his family members looked on.



staff photo by David Bowser

Paul Simpson with Congressman Mac Thornberry's campaign, left, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer and State Rep. Warren Chisum review campaign literature at the opening of the Republican Headquarters on Ballard this week in Pampa. Early voting started Monday.

## Voting

#### **Continued from Front Page**

empty and inserted into the machine and sealed so that it can't be opened by anyone who isn't cleared to do so.

It is a bulky, cumbersome machine that both Winborne and Election Administrator Linda Lewis are eager to retire.

"We're hoping that soon we'll be totally electronic," Lewis said. "Both machines essentially do the same thing, but some of our more seasoned voters prefer the paper ballots because they don't trust in their ability to learn something new." In fact, the new electronic

machines are acceptionally easy to use. Directions are posted on either side of the screen, both in English and in Spanish. There is also a set of head-

trafficking route.

caught at sea.

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Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe

Perez Roque and Mexican

Foreign Secretary Patricia

Espinosa, takes effect in one

month. It also criticizes U.S.

policy that generally allows

Cubans who reach U.S. territory

to stay, while turning back most

Cuban migrants in recent

Department

compared to just 1,055 who

years have increasingly headed

for Mexico - often to the coast

qualify for U.S. residency.

landed in the Miami area.

phones that a voter can wear to machines, but otherwise, no hear the directions spoken aloud.

When a voter checks in at the polls, they are given a random number to enter into the machine that can't be duplicated and can't be reused. Once the voter enters the number, the list of candidates displays on the screen. They are selected by turning a small, gray dial until the candidate desired is highlighted in red. A button is pushed to varify the candidate and the voter moves onto the next section. When the voter has selected each candidate successfully, a red button is pressed to cast their ballot.

A voter may sign up for voter assistance if they feel they can't opperate the electronic

one is allowed to look at a voter's individual screen.

"Even if they have a question, we can't look at the screen," Lewis said. "We can stand off to the side and explain it to them, but we can't physically help them do it."

A small machine called a JBC (judges booth controller) can control up to 12 individual voting machines. Only the judges of the seven precincts have the codes for the JBC, which like the MBB, must return to the courthouse sealed.

A record is kept of each ballot, including those considered "spoiled" either because two candidates have been selected at once or because the ballots are unmarked. The machine prints out a talley of the votes that it has processed and those are again double-checked. The votes are then entered into a stand-alone computer at the courthouse and double-checked again.

Everyone who is involved on election day is required to stay on the premesis from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. when the polls close. Lewis said that they'd never had an incident when the votes didn't match up.

"Everything comes to us sealed, even payroll for the workers for the day," Lewis said. "If something went wrong you'd really have to look at your election officials because no one else has access."

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## Ike causes \$8.5B worth of damage in Houston area

HOUSTON (AP) — A preliminary report says Hurricane damage to Harris County hous- \$2 billion - about \$4.11 billion es, apartments and mobile adjusted for inflation --- while homes

The report, scheduled to be completed on Dec. 1, by the lion in residential damage, Harris County Housing about \$2.1 billion adjusted for Authority indicates that Ike will be far costlier than any other Houston-area storm in recent memory

Single-family homes accounted for most of the damage, with a midrange estimate of \$7.6 billion. Apartments sus-Chronicle reported Monday in of \$11.4 billion. its online edition.

Total residential and commercial damage from Hurricane Ike caused about \$8.5 billion in Alicia in 1983 was estimated at Tropical Storm Allison in 2001 caused an estimated \$1.76 bilinflation.

> Officials said the Ike study will help local and federal officials project funding needs for housing assistance programs.

Ike blasted ashore near Galveston on Sept. 13, flattening buildings and killing at least tained about \$830 million in 37 people in Texas. The storm is damage and mobile homes the most expensive in Texas hisabout \$1.7 million, the Houston tory, with an estimated price tag

## Fed to buy commercial paper from mutual funds

commercial paper — a crucial many companies rely on for explained. day-to-day operations - from money market mutual funds.

central bank to break through a not backed by assets as well as the country into a deep and painful recession.

The Fed is tapping its Depression-era emergency powers and creating a new facility to buy a vast array of commercial paper from the funds. Money market mutual funds have been under pressure as skittish investors demand withdrawals. Many companies rely on commercial paper to pay workers and buy supplies.

The situation has led to an intense credit crunch for companies depending on commercial paper.

"The short-term debt markets

WASHINGTON (AP) — strain in recent weeks as money The Federal Reserve announced market mutual funds and other Tuesday that it will start buying investors have had difficulty selling assets to satisfy redempshort-term funding mechanism tion requests," the Fed

The Fed plans to buy an array of commercial paper from the It's the latest effort by the funds --- including some that is credit clog that has hobbled those with remaining maturities lending and threatens to plunge of 90 days or less. The Fed also will buy dollar-denominated certificates of deposit.

By doing so, the Fed hopes to improve conditions so banks and other financial institutions will be more inclined to lend to each other, and to consumers and businesses.

For about a month, the Fed has been making billions of dollars worth of loans to money market mutual funds - via banks - to help relieve pressures on the funds. And, in a separate program that launches on Oct. 27, the Fed will buy vast amounts of commercial paper from an array of companies.

## Mexico to deport Cubans heading illegally to US

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Before Monday, Mexico rarely sent back Cubans caught entering the country illegally. Many were held for a time, then were given 10 to 30-day exit orders which allowed them to continue on to Texas, where Cubans present only identity documents and undergo medical and background checks before being welcomed to America.

Under the new agreement, Mexico agreed to deport Cubans found illegally in Mexico, both those who arrive from their native island by boat and those who come up through Central America.

Mexico can still grant asylum on a case-by-case basis to migrants, but the accord contained no specific guarantees that those returned to Cuba would not face reprisals. Both countries can reserve the right to deny entry to anyone it sees as a security risk.

Perez Roque said the agreement would lead to "the immense majority of Cubans repatriated." being Approximately 2,000 Cubans are currently being held in Mexican immigration detention

MEXICO CITY (AP) centers.

Mexico agreed Monday to "I am sure that this memorandeport Cubans who sneak ille- dum of understanding is going gally through Mexican territory to significantly reduce attempts to reach the U.S., a step toward to use Mexico as a route to getcutting off an increasingly vio- ting to the United States," he lent and heavily used human said.

Lazaro Mendez, a Miami-The agreement, signed by based radio personality whose (kilometers) they cover are fishing boat was stolen by migrant smugglers plying the Cuban trade, doubted that Monday's accord would stem the problem, in which Florida a very lucrative job." vessels are increasingly being snatched to run Cubans to Mexico.

> "Is it gonna stop? No, until communist Cuba becomes a free nation," Mendez said.

Andy Gomez, a senior fellow and assistant provost at near Cancun — then overland to University of Miami's Institute Texas because it has become so hard to dodge the U.S. Coast for Cuban and Cuban American Guard and reach Florida to of migrants coming through of Mexico will be difficult because the U.S. Homeland Security said 11,126 smugglers often pay off used the Mexico route last year, Mexican authorities.

Even if the smuggling route

cut off, Gomez predicted that Cuban migrants will land in the recent years in or around Florida Panhandle, northeastern Cancun. Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas.

"Currently, the resources of the U.S. Coast Guard are quite limited and the square miles quite limited," said Gomez. "These smugglers are very good. In most cases, they're going around the authorities. It's

Mexico has grown increasingly frustrated with the Cuban migration, which often involves ruthless human trafficking gangs.

In June, gunmen snatched 33 Cubans off a government bus headed to an immigration station in southern Mexico, possibly to extort money from them Studies, said stopping the wave or their smugglers. Many of those migrants later turned up in

All detained Cuban migrants now have armed police escorts. Several Cuban-Americans

through Mexico is successfully believed to be involved in

smuggling have been killed in

Henry Louis Gomez, managing editor of the Miami-based babalublog.com, the leading blog on Cuban American affairs, called the smuggling problems a "byproduct" of the U.S.'s so-called "wet-foot, dryfoot" policy.

"But in the absence of wetfoot dry-foot, what do you do?" he asks. "There would be no need for the policy if people weren't dying, literally, to get out of Cuba.'

Perez Roque said his visit to Mexico was a sign of improved relations between the two countries.

Ties between the communist island and Mexico soured under the 2000-2006 presidency of Vicente Fox, when Mexico voted at the U.N. in favor of monitoring human rights in Cuba. Relations reached a low in 2004, when both countries called home their ambassadors.

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# Viewpoints

WHERE DID THE "CAPITAL"

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## Today in History

#### By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 21, the 295th day of 2008. There are 71 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 21, 1805, a British fleet commanded by Admiral Horatio Nelson defeated a French-Spanish fleet in the Battle of Trafalgar; Nelson, however, was killed.

On this date:

In 1797, the U.S. Navy frigate Constitution, also known as "Old Ironsides," was christened in Boston's harbor.

In 1879, Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light at his laboratory in Menlo Park, N.J.

In 1917, members of the 1st Division of the U.S. Army training in Luneville, France, became the first Americans to see action on the front lines of World War I.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. troops captured the

'There are three

things which the

public will always

clamor for, sooner

or later: namely,

Novelty, novelty,

novelty."

Thomas Hood

British poet

(1799 - 1845)

German city of Aachen.

In 1959, the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York opened to the public.

In 1960, Democrat John F. Kennedy and Republican Richard M. Nixon clashed in their fourth and final presidential debate in New York.

In 1966, more than 140 people, mostly children, were killed when a coal waste landslide engulfed a school and several houses in Aberfan, Wales.

In 1967, tens of thousands of Vietnam War pro-

testers began two days of demonstrations in Washington, D.C.

In 1967, the Israeli destroyer INS Eilat was sunk by Egyptian missile boats near Port Said; 47 Israeli crew members were lost.

In 1971, President Nixon nominated Lewis F. Powell and William H. Rehnquist to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: President Clinton signed a \$520 billion spending package that was shipped to him just before the 105th Congress slipped into history. A radical environmental group, the Earth Liberation Front, claimed responsibility for fires that caused \$12 million in damage at the nation's busiest ski resort in Vail, Colo. Dr. Jane Henney was confirmed as FDA commissioner. The New York Yankees swept the San Diego Padres, winning Game 4 of the World Series, 3-0.

Five years ago: Invoking a hastily passed law, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush ordered a feeding tube reinserted into Terry Schiavo, a brain-damaged woman at the center of a bitter right-to-die battle. The Senate voted to ban the practice that critics call partial-birth abortion. The U.N. General Assembly overwhelmingly approved a resolution demanding that Israel tear down a barrier jutting into the West Bank. Boston antibusing activist Louise Day Hicks died at age 87. Actor Fred Berry died in Los Angeles at age 52. The New York Yankees pulled away from the Florida Marlins for a 6-1 victory and a 2-1 World Series lead.

"The Federalist Papers," written by James Madison, John Jay and Alexander Hamilton, is the document most frequently referred to when trying to get a feel for the original intent of the framers of the Constitution. One such intention is found in Federalist 56 where Madison never cease says, "... it seems to give the fullest assurance, that a representative for every thirty thousand inhabitants will render the (House of Representatives) both a safe and competent guardian of the interests which will be confided to it." Excellent research, found at http://www.thirtythousand.org/index.htm, shows that in 1804 each representative represented about 40,000 people. Today, each representative represents close to 700,000. If we lived up to the vision of our founders, given today's population, we would have about 7,500 congressmen in the House of Representatives. It turns out that in 1929 Congress passed a bill fixing the number of representatives at 435. Prior to that, the number of congressional districts was increased every 10 years, from 1790 to 1910, except one, after a population census was taken.

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or 7,500? Walter Here's part Williams the answer and, Columnist by the way, I

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be amazed by the insight and wisdom of our founders: James were 7,500 representatives,

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only have to bribe, cajole or threaten a relatively small number of representatives. Imagine the

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district of 700,000 is a more difficult challenge than appealing for the votes in a district of 40,000 or 60,000 people. Larger sums must be raised requiring a congressman to be wealthy or raise money from vested interest groups. Who is going to give a congressman money and not expect something special in return?

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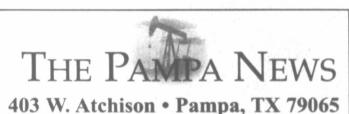
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Founders warned of political

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Madison, the acknowledged father of the Constitution, argued that the smaller the House of Representatives relative to the nation's population, the greater is the risk of unethical collusion. He said, "Numerous bodies

... are less subject to venality and corruption." In a word, he saw competition in the political arena as the best means for protecting our liberties. If Madison were around today to see today's venal and corrupt Congress, he'd probably say, "See, I told you so!"

In addition to venality and corruption, restricting the number of representatives confers significant monopoly power that goes a long way toward explaining the stranglehold the two parties have and the high incumbent success rates. It might also

### Texas Thoughts

#### By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

#### Oct. 9

The Austin American-Statesman on bailouts, losses and executive retreats: In the surreal world of \$700 billion bailouts and \$2 trillion losses in pension and retirement funds, a \$442,000 retreat at a ritzy resort hardly registers. But when the company paying for the gourmet meals and spa treatments just received an \$85 billion loan, compliments of U.S. taxpayers, it sets the teeth on edge. Two former executives with American International Group, which sponsored all the pampering at the St. Regis Resort in Monarch Beach, Calif., last month, got an earful from

Congress on Tuesday. And well they should. Spending nearly half a million to reward employees when the company is drowning in debt is an infuriating example of Wall Street's excess and blind disregard. While the world's financial markets cratered, AIG's employees were soaking up \$23,000 in spa treatments and munching their way through \$150,000 in fine food — all paid for by the American people.

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trying to get a majority of 3,813 to vote for this or that special privilege versus having to get only a 218 majority in today's Congress.

Another problem of a small number of congressmen, with large districts, has to do with representing their constituents. How in the world is one congressman to represent the diverse interests and values of 700,000 people? The practical answer is they don't and attempt to be all things to all people. Thus, a congressman who takes a principled stand against the federal government exceeding its constitutional authority - whether it be government involvement in education, business welfare and bailouts and \$2 trillion dollars worth of other handouts - is not likely to win office.

mistic about increasing the size of Congress to make it more representative of the American people. There are powerful forces that benefit from the status quo. Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac lobbyists get Congress to look the other way. Hundreds of other lobbyists get Congress to rig the market, or confer special privileges, to benefit one class of Americans at the expense of another class. I guarantee you that the vested interest groups, who now have a strong grip on Washington, at the detriment of the 'nation's well-being, wouldn't as easily get their way if they had to scrounge for 3,813 votes as opposed to 218.

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

Appealing for the votes in a

As annoying as the retreat was in light of the taxpayer-funded bailout of AIG, it was small potatoes in the larger scheme of Wall Street extravagance. House members grilling former CEOs Robert Willumstad and Martin Sullivan were more focused on AIG dismissing warnings and taking risks after auditors raised concerns that the huge insurance company was headed for disaster.

The company awarded incentives to top executives while one unit was racking up enormous losses. After that unit reported billions of dollars in losses for three consecutive quarters, the federal government extended the company an \$85 billion lifeline to stave off bankruptcy.

What is so exasperating to average Americans is why AIG continued to pay the head of that money-losing unit, Joseph Cassano, \$1 million a month -\$1,000,000 A MONTH — in consulting fees after he left the firm. Those payments didn't end until this week.

Auditors and an independent accountant were blocked from questioning Cassano during their assessment of the company. Cassano earned \$280 million the last eight years.

Wall Street's culture of rewarding failure with seven-figure severance

packages and golden parachutes is unfathomable to normal working people. And as is clear from AIG's illtimed retreat, Wall Street either doesn't understand America's disgust with its methods or doesn't care.

Another head-shaking example of the disconnect was Sullivan's testimony blaming AIG's problems on accounting procedures that forced the company to report losses, which in turn hurt its credit rating. Committee members weren't buying that excuse and cited testimony from a former accountant with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

'AIG is blaming its downfall on accounting rules which require it to disclose losses to its investors," the accountant said. "That's like blaming the thermometer, folks, for a fever."

Wall Street executives fiddled while America's assets, savings, retirement and pensions funds burned. Some are still fiddling - and relaxing in luxury spas — on the taxpayers' dollar as a global recession decimates financial markets around the world.

Congress shares the blame, of course, but only so much disgust fits comfortably into one editorial. http://www.statesman.com

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## **Police seek motive** in anchorwoman's beating in Ark.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) Anne Pressly's personality made her a hit with television viewers. Now, police want to know whether her celebrity made her a target.

The popular KATV anchorwoman, who had a small part in the new Bush biopic "W," was in critical but stable condition Tuesday after a severe beating in her home. Investigators aren't sure whether she was the random victim of a home invasion or a target because of her high-profile job.

"(It) is possible that it is something other than robbery," spokeswoman police Cassandra Davis said. "Our detectives are talking with coworkers because she was a public figure, because she was on the news, in the media."

Pressly, 26, was found Monday a half-hour before she was due on the set of "Daybreak," a morning mix of news and features on Little Rock's ABC affiliate. Her mother discovered the anchorwoman battered and bloodied after she didn't answer a wakeup call.

Pressly was in her bed, unresponsive and bleeding from her head. Davis described the

injuries as "severe wounds" and said Pressly had been stabbed. KATV, citing investigators, said her injuries were from blunt force trauma to the head and upper body.

Pressly's purse was missing, and police said she may have been beaten during a robbery, though there was no sign of forced entry into her home. Asked whether Pressly may have been targeted because of her job. Davis said officers were talking to station employees to determine whether Pressly "has had any problems." Davis would not discuss specifics.

In a statement, KATV president and general manager Dale Nicholson said the anchorwoman "is a person who simply lights up the room, by just walking in.

"The KATV family is having to deal with a personal crisis in our lives with the senseless brutality last night to one of our Daybreak anchors, Anne Pressly," Nicholson said Monday. "I know her viewers will join her family as well as the KATV family in praying for a speedy recovery for Anne, who means so much to all of our staff."



## Grandparent's Day

Brandon Phillips got to share a meal with his grandparents Joe and Vicki Phillips during Grandparent's Day recently at Travis Elementary School.

## Study: LA police stop more blacks than whites

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Monday by the American on 350 more occasions. report by a civil liberties group has found that Los Angeles police officers are more likely to stop and search black and Hispanic residents than they are whites, even though whites are more often found carrying guns and contraband.

"The results of this study raise grave concerns that African-Americans and Hispanics are over-stopped, over-frisked, over-searched, and over-arrested," said report author Ian Ayres, a Yale Law School economist and profes-SOT.

Civil Liberties Union of Southern California, analyzed the Los Angeles Police Department's own accounts of 810,000 pedestrian and motor vehicle stops in the year from July 2003 to June 2004.

Even after researchers controlled for demographics and neighborhood crime rates, they found significantly higher stop rates for black and Latino residents. For every 10,000 residents, blacks were nearly three times more likely to be stopped than white and other "non-minority" residents, facing 3,400 more Ayres' report, published stops. Hispanics were stopped

Even though Ayres used the LAPD's own data, his findings were at odds with an earlier analysis carried out for the department. The LAPD acknowledged racial disparities in some divisions but, after controlling for several variables, found "no consistent pattern of race effects."

Ayres, however, said one officer stopped more than 100 blacks and 100 Hispanics but only one white. The professor did not include that officer in his analysis because it was an extreme situation and could skew results.

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Police Chief William Bratton said he disagrees strongly with the report's findings and interpretation.

"This department does not engage in racial profiling, has not. We have significant safeguards built in to protect against that," Bratton said Monday at a press conference. "Nobody investigates allegations of racial bias or racial profiling more aggressively than this department, this commission and this inspector general."

Tim Sands, president of the Los Angeles Police Protective

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years the LAPD has received nearly 1,200 citizen complaints alleging racial profiling, but the department hasn't sustained a single one.

"Los Angeles officials have yet to acknowledge the scope of the problem of racially

League union, strongly disputed the report's findings and pointed out that the department mirrors the racial demographics of Los Angeles, with more Hispanic officers than white officers.

## **Bernanke breathes life into** 2nd economic stimulus bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a timely endorsement from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, there's new life to the idea of Congress returning to Washington next month to pass a second round of measures aimed at injecting life into the economy.

The White House said Monday that President Bush was at least willing to consider a second stimulus measure to follow a \$168 billion stimulus measure passed in February and a \$700 billion Wall Street rescue plan passed 2 1/2 weeks ago.

Democrats say any stimulus bill would include items previously rejected by Bush such as road and bridge construction money and help for state budgets. Another round of tax rebates is possible as well to make the measure big enough to jolt the economy.

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Miracle heaters being given away free with orders for real Amish fireplace mantles to announce the invention that help slash heat bills, but Amish craftsmen under strain of early Christmas rush forces household limit of 2

Save money: only uses about 8¢ electric an hour; so turn down your thermostat and never be cold again

By MARK WOODS Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) Everyone hates high heat bills. But we're all sick and tired of simply turning down the thermostat and then being cold.

Well now, the popular HEAT SURGE® miracle heaters are actually being given away free to the general public for the next 48 hours starting at precisely 8:00 a.m. today.

The only thing local readers have to do is call the National Distribution Hotline before the 48-hour deadline with their order for the handmade Amish Fireplace Mantle. Everyone who does is instantly being awarded the miracle heater absolutely free.

This is all happening to announce the HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow<sup>®</sup> Fireplace which actually rolls from room-to-room so you can turn down your thermostat and take the heat with you anywhere. That way, everyone who gets them first can immediately start saving on their heat bills.

Just in time for winter weather, portable Amish encased fireplaces are being delivered directly to the doors of all those who beat the deadline.

These remarkable fireplaces are being called a miracle because they have what's being called the 'Fireless Flame' patented technology that gives you the peaceful flicker of a real fire but without any flames, fumes, smells, ashes or mess. Everyone is getting them because they require no chimney and no vent. You just plug them in.

The Fireless Flame looks so real it amazes everybody because it has no real fire. So what's the catch? Well, soft spoken Amish craftsmen who take their time hand building the mantles have a process that forces a strict household limit of 2 to keep up with orders.

"We can barely keep up ever since we started giving heaters away free. With winter just around the corner, everyone's trying to get them. Amish craftsmen are working their fingers to the bone to be sure everyone gets their delivery in time for Christmas," confirms Timothy Milton, National Shipping Director.

"These portable Roll-n-Glow Fireplaces are the latest home decorating sensation. They actually give you a beautifully redecorated vhile they quickly heat from wall to



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wall. It's the best way to dress up every room, stay really warm and slash your heat bills all at the same time," says Josette Holland, Home Makeover Expert.

And here's the best part. Readers who beat the 48-hour order deadline are getting their imported hi-tech miracle heaters free when encased in the Amish built real wood fireplace mantles. The mantles are being handmade in the USA right in the heart of Amish country where they are beautifully hand-rubbed, stained and varnished.

You just can't find custom made Amish mantles like this in the national chain stores. That makes the oak mantle a real steal for just two hundred ninety-eight dollars since the entire cost of the miracle heater is free.

This free giveaway is the best way to slash heating bills and stay warm this fall and winter. The HEAT SURGE Roll-n-Glow Fireplace gives you zone heating and all the beauty and warmth of a built-in fireplace but rolls from room-to-room so it can also save you a ton of money on heating bills.

Even people in California and Florida are flocking to get them so they may never have to turn on their furnace all winter. And since it uses only about 8 cents of electric an hour the potential savings are absolutely incredible.

"We are making sure no one gets left out, but you better hurry because entire communities of Amish craftsmen are straining to keep up with demands. For now, we are turning away all dealers in order to let readers have two per household just as long as they call before the deadline," confirms Milton.

It's a really smart decision to get two right now because for only the next 48 hours you get both miracle heaters free. That's like putting five hundred bucks right in your pocket and you can save even more money on your monthly heating bills.

"Everyone's calling to get one but those who are getting their Christmas shopping done early are surprising the whole family by GENUINE AMISH MANTLES MADE IN THE USA: Everyone wants to save money on heat bills this winter, so entire Amish communities are working from the crack of dawn to finish. These fine real wood Amish made fireplace mantles are built to last forever. The oak mantle is a real steal at just two hundred ninety-eight dollars because all those who beat the order deadline by calling the National Hotline at 1-800-236-6545 to order the fireplace mantles are actually getting the imported hi-tech Fireless Flame HEAT SURGE miracle heaters for free.

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getting two. So when lines are busy keep trying or log onto amishfireplaces.com. We promise to get to every call. Then we can have a delivery truck out to your door right away with your beautiful Heat Surge Roll-n-Glow Fireplace," Milton said.

'You'll instantly feel bone soothing heat in any room. You will never have to be cold again," he said. 🔳

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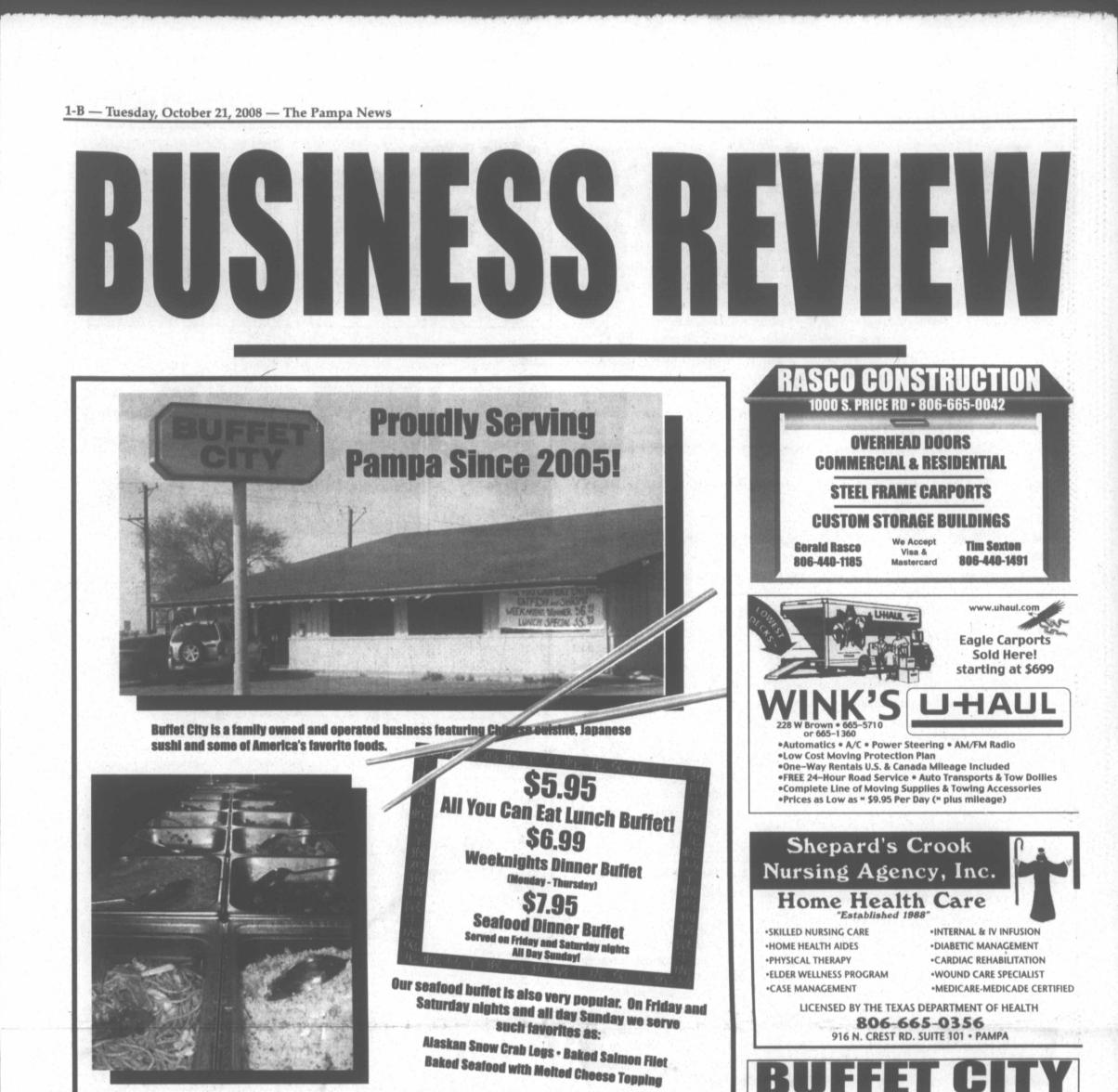
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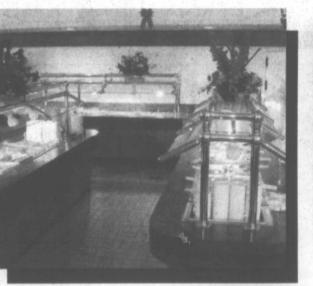
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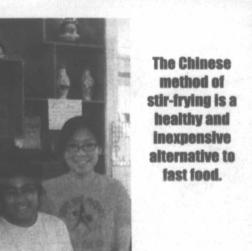


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Tian Weng is from Fuzhou, China. He came to the United States in 2003 where he Joined his father working in the restaurant industry. Tian and his father, Qun ny are the primary cooks at Buffet City. Shorry Liu is from Nan Ning, China. came to the United States in 2002 where she graduated from Southeast a State University with a Bacheler's Degree in Electrical Engineering. She met her future husband. Tian Weny while she was attending college and they were married in New York City in 2005. They have one daughter, Vivian, e is 2 and a half years old

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#### By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ing at record speed with "information" about the Democratic or Republican candidates. I am not talking about the funny ones that are meant in good humor, but serious, derogatory accusations. Can you please explain to me why friends would just assume that I want to read their forwarded messages? Not once has any of them asked who I'm voting for. They have never even asked which party I belong to. I believe that politics and religion are personal choices, and I'm extremely offended when I receive these e-mails. I have ignored them in the past, but with the upcoming election, I'm asking what would be an appropriate response to these unwanted e-mails. Isn't freedom of choice -- without having people ram their opinion down your throat -- what has made America great? Thanks for any light on this subject. -- HENDERSON, **NEV., VOTER** 

DEAR VOTER: The individuals who send those offensive e-mails may be hoping to sway your vote with misinformation. Or they may have you on a mass e-mail list included as a "friend" or "family member." Feeling as you do, you have two choices. Tell the sender that you feel the messages are inappropriate and ask to be removed from that person's list, or simply delete the message without opening it.

DEAR ABBY: My sister, "Carole," has been saying for five years that she's going to kill herse'f when she's 65. She lives alone, her children are grown and she has a limited income. She told me she wants to go while she is in possession of her facul-

DEAR ABBY: Once again, e-mails are fly- Carole refuses counseling and actually seems happier since making her decision. Sometimes, after one of our deep discussions, she almost has me convinced that I'm a fool for not wanting to follow her path. This is her last year, and I'm feeling increasingly anxious. I wonder if there isn't an avenue I haven't yet explored. Carole is pretty, healthy, walks with a jaunt in her step and holds a good job. I have talked to a suicide-prevention counselor who said some people can't be stopped and that it's no crime to THINK about suicide. Any ideas? -- SISTER WITH A HEAVY HEART

> DEAR SISTER: Has anyone pointed out to Carole that 65 is the new 45? I can understand the concept of rational suicide if someone is terminally ill and in constant pain, but to go in the full flower of life strikes me as premature. You say your sister has spoken to you about this for the past several years. How do her children feel about it? Surely, this can't have their blessing. I can't "save" Carole and neither can you -- but it occurs to me that the reason she really wants to go is because she has nothing that keeps her invested in living. Even if she doesn't value her own life, she needs to know that others do. P.S. People can be committed for observation if they are considered a danger to themselves or others -- and your sister may qualify.

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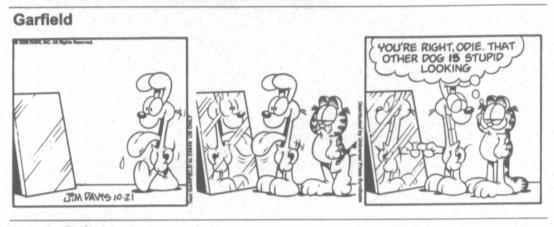
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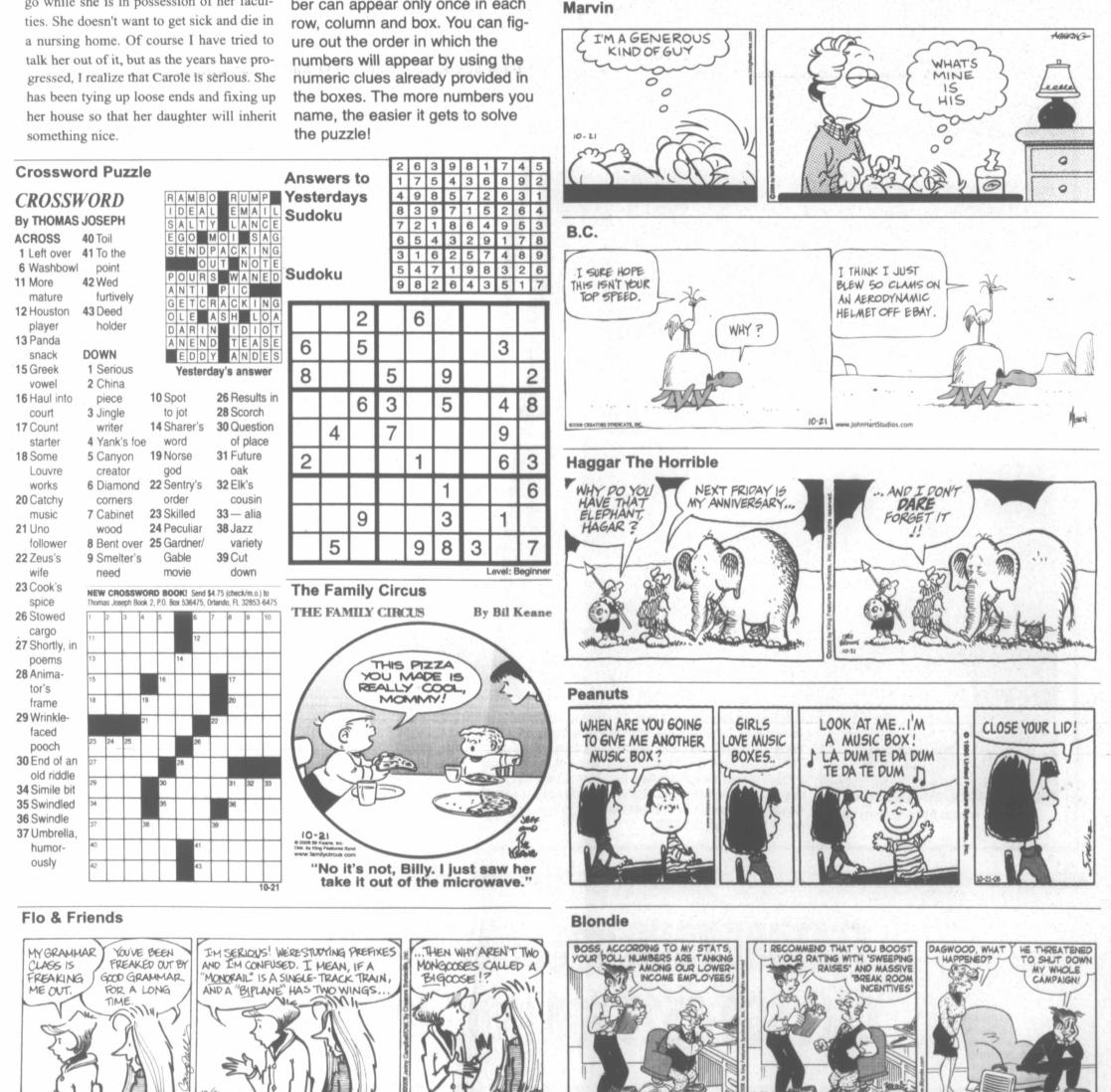






#### **Beetle Bailey**





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## **On Vacation with the Pampa News!** PJHS **Continental Divide -**Colorado Continental Divide Milner Pass elev. 10,759 ft. Ron and Cheryl Underwood of Pampa recently took a motorcycle trip to the Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado where they snapped this photo.

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## **European markets rose** following credit easing

LONDON (AP) -European stock markets rose Tuesday ahead of Wall Street's open as interbank lending rates continued to decline. Asian

Stock markets overall nated loans has fallen 0.03 though continue to be

**Europe's gains** follow the 3.3

percentage points to 4.968 percent. That is the first time the euro rate has dipped below 5.00 percent since Sept. 18, when it shot higher after Lehman Brothers collapsed.



TOP: Tyler Curfman, left, looks up while (on right I-r) Zacheus Villarreal (on right, from left-right), Ashlee Vernon and Eduardo Pepi measure how far their car traveled in a recent science experiment in Clint Allen's sixth grade science class at Pampa Junior High School.

BOTTOM: Pam Rojas, a foreign exchange student from Columbia, South America, recently presented a program to sixth grade history students at

stocks were mixed.

The FTSE 100 index of leading British shares was 41.44 points higher, or 1.0 higher percent, at 4,324.11, while Germany's DAX was up 41.63 points, or 0.9 percent, at 4,876.64.

France's CAC-40 index of leading shares rose more strongly after the French government said it would inject a total of euro10.5 billion (\$14 billion) into the country's six largest banks by year-end to help counter the effects of the global financial crisis. The CAC was up 81.08 points or 2.4 per- may presage more stable cent, at 3,529.59, with banks in demand. BNP Paribas SA was up 8.6 percent, Societe Generale SA 11.4 percent and Credit Agricole SA 12.4 percent.

Europe's gains follow the 3.3 percent advance on Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 index and the 413.20 point, or 4.7 percent, jump in the Dow Jones index Monday to 9,265.43.

However, futures indicated the Dow is expected to give up some of those gains when it opens Tuesday on profit-taking and unease about the health of some major U.S. corporations. Among the companies reporting Tuesday are Caterpillar Inc., Apple Inc., DuPont Co. and Pfizer Inc.

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buoyed by the fall in interbank lending rates as they conditions across all the financial markets. "There's a slow trickle of good news coming through, notably with lower Libor rates, but we're not out of the woods yet," said Richard Hunter, a strategist at Hargreaves Lansdown.

Figures released Tuesday show that the lending rates between banks in the U.S. and Europe have dropped to the lowest levels in over a month as credit markets continue to improve.

The rate on three-month loans in dollars has slumped 0.23 percentage points to 3.83 percent. The so-called European Interbank Offered Rate for three-month euro-denomi-

Overnight, the Hong Kong interbank offered rate, also known as Hibor, for three-month loans continued to slide too, falling from 3.66 percent to 3.35.

Abnormally high interbank lending rates have been a sign of distress in credit markets and been the catalyst for the crisis in the financial markets over recent weeks. High interbank rates can choke off credit to businesses and individuals, hurting the economy.

With Libor rates declining, the focus of attention is shifting from the banking crisis to the economic fundamentals around the world.

In Britain, for example, figures earlier showed that gloom in the maufacturing sector was at its lowest level since 1980. The Confederation of British Industry revealed that its quarterly business optimism balance slumped from minus 40 in June to minus 60 in October.

"To put this into context, the last time manufacturers felt this gloomy was during a period when manufacturing output fell by 16 percent," said Paul Dales, UK economist at Capital Economics.

Pampa Junior High School. Above, from left: Madelyn Solis, Rojas, Montre Williams and Margarita Cervantes, translator.

### Events calendar

 Harvester Lanes will host a regional Special Olympics tournament from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 25 at the bowling alley in Pampa. Volunteers are needed. For more information, call 665-3422.

 Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will host a quilt display from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 25-26 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

 Timeless Treasures Quilt Guild will meet at 9:30 a.m. Oct. 25 at First Christian Church Disciple Center in Guymon, Okla. The meeting will feature the quilt challenge of the year. Visitors and guests are welcome.

· White Deer Land Museum of Pampa will celebrate the opening of a new annex with a series of programs. The last program in the series is slated for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26. The program will be "Tale of a Buffalo Hunter" and booksigning with Delbert Trew, Oct. 26. The series is being co-sponsored by Gray County Historical Commission.

 Our Diamond Miss organization will stage a preliminary pageant Oct. 25 at the YMCA in Dumas. The pageant is open to girls between 0-19 years of age. Babies age 0-35 months are eligible to compete in party dress, sportswear, beautiful baby, photogenic and portfolio in various age divisions. Girls between 3-19 may compete in party dress, sportswear, talent, glamour, photogenic and portfolio in various divisions and categories. For more information or to obtain an entry from, call (806) 275-0455.

· Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer the Quick THEA exam at 9 a.m. Oct. 27 on campus. Participants must register for the test three working days prior to the test date. The test will also be administered at the main campus in Clarendon at the same time on the same day. For more information, call Brandi Havens, director of admissions, at (806) 874-4804.

· Panhandle Twenty/20, Amarillo Amarillo Chamber of College, 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 improve the region. Presenters will include Tom Pauken, chair of the Texas Workforce 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).

## **AAF Women's Philanthropy Fund to host 'Power Hour'**

AMARILLO - The Amarillo Area Foundation Women's Philanthropy Fund will host Power Hour with Women of the Panhandle from 5 to 7 p.m. Oct. 23 in the home of Kay Brown, 3004 Hayden. The focus of this informational session will be to introduce philanthropically motivated women to the fund and the impact of giving circles.

thropy director of the Dallas Women's Foundation, will present information on the importance of lifting the community by investing in the dreams of girls and the power of women. The Dallas Women's Foundation recently launched a \$30 million campaign.

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Lesly Bosch Annen, philan- Philanthropy Fund will help each Susie O'Brien, vice chair, member achieve a more meaningful and personal philanthropic experience," said Sharon Oeschger, fund chair. "We hope to better address the needs of women and children in the Texas Panhandle by pooling our funds to provide grants."

The Founding Board of

Amarillo; Nicki Crump, Amarillo; Geneva Shaeffer, Happy; Susan Teeple, Amarillo; and Suzanne Willis, Perryton. Amarillo Area Foundation advisors are Kay Brown, Angela Lust, Charlotte Rhodes and Nancy Seliger.

Members contribute a mini-Women's Advisors includes Oeschger; mum of \$1,000 annually with

pledge funds due by Aug. 31 of each year to ensure voting privileges for that calendar year. Each member in good standing participates in awarding grants and other fund activities. During the first three years, each new member will be asked to make a commitment of a \$1,000 donation annual-

See Hour, Page 4-B

## Iraq Cabinet seeks changes to US security pact

BAGHDAD (AP) — Iraq's Cabinet decided Tuesday to ask the Americans for Inspecified changes in the draft security pact that would allow U.S. troops to remain here another three years, despite warnings that it would be hard to reopen negotiations on the agreement.

"Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said the Cabinet decided amendments were fleeded to win "national acceptance" for the draft, which must be approved by parliament before the current U.N. mandate expires at the end of this year. Without a new agreement, there would be no legal basis for the U.S.-led military mission.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki and his ministers spent over five hours reviewing the draft agreement before deciding Tuesday to request changes, al-Dabbagh said. Their decision came two days after al-Maliki's own Shiite coalition expressed reservations about the accord, hammered out after months of intensive negotiations.

Al-Maliki aide Sami al-Askari said several members of the Shiite coalition wanted to remove language allowing the government to ask U.S. forces to stay beyond the end of 2011 and wanted clarification of some parts of the jurisdiction clause.

The agreement would call for U.S. troops to leave the cities by the end of June and withdraw from the country by Dec. 31, 2011 unless the government asked them to stay. The draft would also provide limited Iraqi jurisdiction over soldiers and contractors accused of major, premeditated crimes committed off post and off duty.

Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari told reporters last week that it would be difficult to reopen negotiations, which have gone on for most of this year.

But Al-Maliki wants his coalition Cabinet to sign off before sending it to parliament. Al-Maliki fears he could end up politically isolated if he pushes forward with the agreement without solid national backing.

Later Tuesday, Al-Dabbagh issued a brief statement saying the Cabinet also was "calling on everyone to view the agreement objectively and responsibly and to consider the public interest."

He was apparently referring to groups that have rejected the agreement outright, like the 30-member bloc in parliament loyal to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

The Cabinet will meet again in a few days to consider the proposed changes and forward them to the Americans, the spokesman said. He refused to specify the changes or say when the Cabinet would meet again.

On Tuesday, the chairman of parliament's foreign affairs committee, Shiite cleric Humam Hmoudi, told reporters that there was broad agreement that parts of the draft needed changing.

'What they (the Americans) gave by their right hand, they took it away by the left," Hmoudi said. "They brought new conditions and limits such as in the article about leaving the cities. They are still agreed to leave by next June but added that this will be connected to the security situation on the ground."

### China releases list of wanted terror group leaders BEIJING (AP) —

Chinese police called Tuesday for the arrest and extradition to China of the alleged leader of an Islamic terrorist group and seven lawless areas of Pakistan and core members accused of plotting attacks against the Beijing Olympics.

A Public Security Ministry spokesman said the eight men, all Chinese citizens, were believed to have financed, incited and organized attacks during and around the Aug. 8-24 games as part of an ongoing insurgency against Chinese rule in the traditionally Muslim

men were members of the East Turkestan Islamic Movement, a murky collection of extremists believed to be based across the border in Afghanistan

The eight "seriously threatened the security of the Beijing Olympic Games and China's social stability, while at the same time composing a threat to the security and stability of relevant countries and the region," Wu said.

Wu did not say in what country the men were suspected of hiding and left the

quiet, the western region of Xinjiang was rocked in August by a series of guerrilla-style attacks and bombings that killed 33 people.

The violence was reportedly carried out by radicals among Xinjiang's native Uighur ethnic group, Muslims whose language, culture and religion is distinct from China's Han majority. Like Tibetans, many Uighurs complain of a colonial-style Chinese presence on their territory, chafing under tight religious and cultural strictures and complaining that economic development has dispropor-

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Members who pay their initial 2008 pledge by Dec. 31 will be recognized as Founding Members. The fund will accept initial grant applications in 2009.

The Women's Philanthropy Fund considers organizations in the areas of arts,

education, environment, health and social services which focus on the needs of women and children. Its vision is to transform the lives of women and children in the Texas Panhandle through fundraising, grantmaking and advocacy.

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The fund is affiliated with the Amarillo Area Foundation as a Donor Advised Fund. For additional information, contact Charlotte Rhodes at the Amarillo Area Foundation by calling (806) 376-4521 or e-mailingmail charlotte@aaf-hf.org.

## **Daily Horoscope**

Oct. 22, 2008

You will make a difference this year. Use your people skills to excel with groups and in meetings. You know how to mobilize others and get them going. Your high energy overflows and sometimes intimidates others. Be sensitive to others' limits. You will be noticed and in the limelight. A pay raise or promotion can happen. If you are single, you will meet people with ease, but get to know a special person well before deciding whether he or she is "it." If you are attached, the two \_- of you, if interested in making a public commitment together, will draw in much closer. Become more a part of each other's professional life. LEO demands - attention and could shove you out of the way.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You blaze a trail that is memorable in the next few days. You might want to think before getting into it with a key person — or anyone, for that matter. Curb a hot temper. Listen to feedback with an eye to perhaps adding a little more diplomacy. Tonight: Your sense of be aware of what someone might be sughumor kicks in.

- TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Basics count, as you are reminded today. You might wonder what caused you to waver. Others will become even more challenging than in the past. Anger " mounts with others, as unanticipated situations arise. Tonight: Happy at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, speak clearly. Whether others can hear your suggestions or ideas is unknown. You might be hard to find once you get into a project. Others could do their very best to distract you! Tonight: Return

> calls. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\* Spending seems inevitable, but a risk is not. Decide to walk a conservative path. Your creativity manifests, no matter what you do. Great ideas might be one thing, but wild risking is another. Know when to say "no." Tonight: Run errands on the way home. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* The Moon in your sign beams in many opportunities. Still, someone you care about could be difficult and unavailable. Give this person space and time, and he or she will become more malleable. Tonight: Whatever you can conjure up!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\* Understand that you might be a lot happier if you kick back and do not get involved in a matter you see as volatile. You will have plenty of time to handle the problem; just don't start today. Tonight: Take a personal night. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Aim for more of what you want. Listen to what is being shared, and gesting. If this "idea" could impact your finances, you need to back off. Look for another route to the same end result. Tonight: Where the crowds are. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* You might be far more volatile than you realize. Others could start backing off, and you wonder why. Your voice or facial expression could carry a differ-\*\*\*\* Through the confusion, you ent message than your words do. Let a

boss supersede. Tonight: Where the action is. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* You could be vested in holding some anger, and you could find that trying to detach is difficult but possible. Find experts, and brainstorm to find answers that work. Communication flourishes with friends. Tonight: Where the action is.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* A conflict arises between what you want and an associate's desire. Everyone has a different view, so resolution might be impossible. Try to incorporate the best ideas and suggestions. Tonight: Off with a favorite friend.

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Defer to others, especially as a boss or someone you look up to might be on a full rampage. You could question why you are doing what you are doing. Others enjoy being top dog too, forgetting the responsibility it carries. Tonight: Where people are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be on overload, and calls only make it harder to get done what you need to do. Find someone who knows more than you do about a problem. This person's answers will take you down a new path. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

BORN TODAY

Actress Sarah Bernhardt (1844), psychologist, writer Timothy Leary (1920), Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine (1917)

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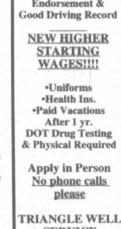
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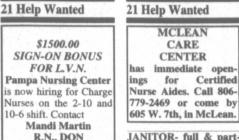
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## **Poll: Optimism high for few** saying US heading right way

WASHINGTON (AP) — They're almost an endangered species, the dwindling number of people who say the country is heading in the right direction. But they're out there.

> The way they see it, the U.S. has come through tough times before and will do it again.

Fewer than one in seven, or 15 percent, say the country is on the right path, according to the latest Associated Press-Yahoo News poll of adults. In these economically tough times, they tend to be older, less educated, conservative and supporters of Republican presidential candidate John McCain.

"Things go in cycles. Even when things are at their worst, there's still an upturn" afterward, said Paula Fortin, 63, a retired bank supervisor from Marysville, Wash., who said in the survey that things are going the right way. "We're still living at a higher level than most other countries in the world."

Since last fall, the AP-Yahoo News poll, conducted by Knowledge Networks, has tracked how the same group of about 2,000 voters has reacted to the presidential campaign and other events.

Just last month, nearly three in 10 said the country was on the right course. That figure has declined sharply, tracking the catastrophic financial problems of recent weeks and widespread expectations of a serious recession.

"We're faltering a little bit," said Tom Waters, 24, a sales trainer from Brooklyn, N.Y. "But America has proven itself when things were more serious. I know

times can be tough, but we'll wrong-track people. find our way again."

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The poll shows a relation-

ship between people's views

of the country and their own

lives. Sixty-nine percent of

those saying the U.S. is

heading the right way report

being happy in their own

lives, while 52 percent of

those sensing the country is

on the wrong track are happy

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In addition, 41 percent of

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an optimistic view, 52 percent are age 50 and up; 51 percent have no more than a high school diploma; and 43 percent attend religious services once or more each week. That exceeds the figures in each of those categories for all people sur-

age

pared with 68 percent of wrong track.

#### "For us personally, things are going very well," said Hilary Smith, 29, a substitute teacher from Mattoon, Ill., who owns some rental properties with her husband and sees the country heading the right way. "My parents always say that we're the exception to the rule, but we're very hard workers." Of those in the poll taking

veyed. Six in 10 right-track people are Republican and slightly more than that are conservatives, both far exceeding the national aver-

Likely voters in the poll saying the country is moving the right way prefer McCain over Democrat Barack Obama by 73 percent to 25 percent. That's a decisive reversal of the 54 percent to 39 percent preference for Obama among likely voters who see the U.S. on the

submitted photo Dr. Virginia Stark-Vance of Fort Worth, right, recently won the Pampa Meals on Wheels fund-raiser quilt made by Donna Reynolds, left. The drawing for the quilt was conducted at the recent MOW Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.

## **United Way**

## Latchkey provides safe environment for children after school

The following article was provided by Gray County Latchkey 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 its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.

The greatest accomplishment for an after-school program Latchkey this past year was the hiring of a new director, Dreamia Klein. Latchkey has struggled over the last couple of years. The program has overcome some problems and now sees only greater and better things in the future.

The Latchkey program is based in all the Pampa elementary schools. It is

that serves around 200 or more school-age children. Latchkey is licensed and monitored by the State of Texas. It provides quality care and a learning environment to the children of Gray County which allows parents to work



with a peace of mind that their children are well cared for, and this allows the parents to be more effective in their jobs.

Latchkey also provides job opportunities to people of Gray County. The program currently employs 11 staff members.

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