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King jury hears child's 911 call

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LUBBOCK — A Missouri man will wait for a Texas jury to decide whether he lives or dies after pleading guilty to the 2005 killing of a Gray County family.

Levi King, 27, pleaded guilty Thursday morning to shooting Brian Conrad, 31; his pregnant wife, Michell, 35, and Michell's 14-year-old son, Zach, in the early morning hours of Sept. 30, 2005.

It is now up to a Lubbock County jury to decide whether he will spend the rest of his life in prison or will be executed.

Under questioning by 31st District Judge Steven Emmert, King's lawyer, Joe Mar Wilson of Amarillo, said King was being treated for his mental illness, but that King was not going to use an insanity defense.

In her opening statements here, 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer outlined the case against King.

"It's up to the jury to hear everything," Switzer said.

Switzer described how, a few hours before daylight on Sept. 30, 2005, King pulled off Interstate 40, drove up Texas Highway 70 and pulled into the drive of the Conrad home.

Parking next to the garage, Switzer said King entered the darkened Conrad home armed with an AK-47, an automatic rifle he had stolen from his father's gun case in Pineville, Mo., the day before.

The district attorney described how King burst into Brian and Michell Conrad's bedroom, and with two burst from his submachine gun, killed the couple as they tried to scramble from the

bed. King also killed their dog, Molly, as she lay sleeping next to the Conrad's bed.

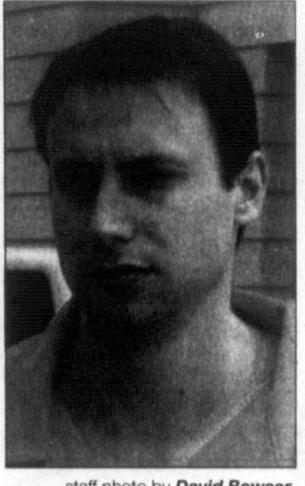
Switzer then described how King went through the kitchen and down the hall to Michell's daughter's room and fired one shot at Robin Doan, who was lying on the bed in terror.

King, Switzer said, waited a few moments, and then crossed the hall to Michell's son's room and fired a burst from the submachine gun into Zach Doan, 14, as he lay sleeping.

Switzer said King wandered through the house and then left, driving to El Paso where he crossed into Mexico.

What King didn't know was that his shot, one of 15 fired in the house that morning, had missed Robin King.

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Levi A. King

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Former first lady Laura Bush, founder and honorary chair of the Texas Book Festival announces participating authors and unveils the 2009 Texas Book poster at her home in Dallas, Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009. At right is the 2009 Texas Book festival poster by artist Keith Carter. (AP Photo/Donna McWilliam)

Laura Bush announces lineup for book festival

DALLAS (AP) — Former first lady Laura Bush on Thursday announced the lineup for this year's Texas Book Festival, which will feature more than 200 authors, including Buzz Aldrin, Margaret Atwood, Jeanette Walls and Jonathan Safran Foer.

Making the announcement from the backyard of her ranch-style brick house in Dallas, Bush, founder and honorary chair of the event, said that one of the best things about being

back in Texas is being part of the festival, which will be held Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 in Austin.

About 35,000 attendees are expected at the free two-day festival featuring readings and discussions from authors at the State Capitol.

Bush also unveiled the festival's poster, which carries the stark image of a white owl by photographer Keith Carter, a festival author whose book "Fireflies" is a collection of photographs of children.

"Of course the owl is a symbol of wisdom," Bush said.

Books by the participating writers range from literary fiction to cookbooks.

Festival board member Steve Harrigan said that one of the most striking features of the event is seeing the rooms of the Capitol "given over to literary life." Harrigan noted that the festival has "grown carefully but exponentially."

Since its founding in

Schaffer said the children will also learn educational concepts.

"The first unit is colors," Schaffer said. "They learn the concept of mixing colors. The next unit is on shapes. They will learn how to count to five in Spanish and French. They will learn vowels in sign language. The last unit is on senses."

Parker said the program helps build children's self-esteem at a young age.

"We want them to feel good about what they are doing," Parker said. "It's amazing what they can do at a young age."

Schaffer said it is a great program for children to be involved in.

"The kids love it," Schaffer said. "The preschool directors love it."

Children in the program will have a couple of chances to showcase what they learned. They will get to perform at halftime at one of the Pampa high school basketball games and will have a 45-minute show called Shine Time.

According to the registration application, children receive unit prizes including magnets, tattoos, a poster, a whistle, a wristband and a trophy.

Registration fee is \$25 and monthly tuition is \$40.

Choose safe ride during Labor Day weekend

DPS wants drivers and passengers to make the wise, and least expensive choice, of finding a sober ride to their destinations during the Labor Day weekend.

All available troopers will be on duty starting Friday, Sept. 4, through midnight, Monday, Sept. 7, looking for drunk drivers, speeders and seat belt violators.

"Drivers and their passengers should choose a safe ride to wherever they're going this weekend," said Assistant Director David Baker, who oversees the Texas Highway Patrol. "Calling a cab or sober friend for a ride is much cheaper than getting arrested for DWI and going to jail."

A DWI conviction stays on an offender's criminal

and driving record forever. For the first offense, the law allows a maximum of six months in jail, a \$2,000 fine and a one-year driver license suspension. A DWI conviction also carries a \$1,000 surcharge for three years, in addition to any other fines or costs associated with the arrest.

DPS supports the "Drink. Drive. Go to Jail." campaign and is also a

participant in Operation CARE — Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

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Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 85. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 61. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Labor Day: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 88. South wind around 10 mph.

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Police: Irate grandma made bomb threat

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Officials accuse a 51-year-old San Antonio grandmother of phoning a bomb threat to an elementary school that wouldn't let her visit her grandchildren.

Velma Gladys Brewster is free on bond Friday after being charged with making a terrorist threat to Windcrest Elementary School in northeastern San Antonio. More than 700 students and faculty members evacuated the campus Thursday after school officials received a threatening voicemail.

No explosives were found. A phone message left at Brewster's home Friday was not returned.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that Brewster was issued a trespass warning by the school principal on Wednesday. Police said Brewster didn't have permission from her daughter to visit her grandchildren at the school.

Obituaries

Edna L. Lawrence, 83

Edna L. Lawrence, 83, of Indianapolis, passed away September 2, 2009. She was born July 26, 1926 in Orange County, Indiana to the late Roy and Verna Leight Tegarden.

Edna worked as a nurse for St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove, retiring in 1982.

Visitation will be held Friday, September 4, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St., and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 with funeral services to follow.

Edna is survived by her daughters, Sue (Vernon) Bryant, Linda (Geary) Culver, Eleanor (Lonnie) Russell, and Jane (Ronnie) Sims; sons, Michael (Sharon) and Jimmy Lawrence; 9 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, James Lawrence.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital for Children, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

I have read and approve the text, copy, and format of this obituary and its submission to the newspapers we have requested.

State News

Legislator allegedly threatened again by Texas inmate

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas prison officials are investigating after a legislator allegedly was targeted online with more death threats from a condemned killer.

State Sen. John Whitmire says he is convinced that death row inmate Richard Lee Tabler is behind a rambling letter posted on the Internet.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Friday that the Democrat from Houston is upset with prison officials about what he considers lax security behind bars.

Whitmire, who heads a Senate panel that oversees prisons, wrote to Brad Livingston, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, to complain.

Tabler last year was busted for having a cell phone on death row after threatening calls were made to Whitmire. Tabler faces execution for the 2004 slaying of two men in Bell County.

Tons of sugar stolen from Huntsville doughnut shop

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A doughnut shop in Huntsville isn't as sweet as it used to be.

Police say thieves made off with more than 2 tons of powdered sugar from the Donut Wheel.

Detective Marvin Hyvl says the bagged sugar was worth about \$1,400.

Police say the thieves apparently got into the doughnut shop's storage facility via a gap where some air conditioning equipment had been.

The AC unit was stolen in July.

The sugar theft was discovered on Sunday.

Tech regent: Perry ally pressured him to resign

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech regent Mark Griffin says he was pressured to resign his seat that Gov. Rick Perry appointed him to after he endorsed Perry's campaign rival, U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, in the governor's race.

Griffin says Perry's former chief of staff, Brian Newby, called him shortly after a recent public appearance Griffin made with Hutchison. Griffin says he asked Newby if the governor wanted him to resign and Newby said yes. Griffin says Newby told him, "The governor's not going to ask you himself" but Griffin says he got the impression that his resignation was in the best interest of the university.

Children found in Dallas hotel bathroom improving

DALLAS (AP) — Court officials agreed that the maternal grandmother of the children found starving inside a hotel bathroom in Dallas is the best person to take custody.

At a hearing Friday in juvenile district court, Judge Cheryl Lee Shannon ordered Child Protective Services to conduct a home study on Ruth Leon, the children's grandmother.

Leon, who lives in Tampa, Fla., declined comment after the hearing.

The four children, three of whom were found filthy and emaciated in July, remain together in foster care. The fourth child was found healthy in a crib.

A court-appointed attorney for the children said they have started school, gained weight and are receiving counseling.

Their mother and her boyfriend face felony abuse charges and remain in the Dallas County Jail.

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Health care lobbyists target returning Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Interest groups are unleashing a torrent of modern and old-fashioned lobbying tactics at members of Congress returning for the autumn battle over health care, from spending sky-high amounts on TV ads to staging rallies in the capital and perhaps outside insurance company offices. Plans include a massive, 8 million-piece direct mail campaign by AARP, the lobby for older Americans that has generally supported the health overhaul drive. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce will send lawmakers a letter next week signed by 2,800 companies and business groups opposing the effort, and is working with local chambers of commerce to bring business people to Washington to lobby legislators later this month.

The nation's television stations, which last month hosted more than \$28 million in ads on the health overhaul, may see even heavier spending in September, according to Evan Tracey, president of the Campaign Media Analysis Group in Arlington, Va. Should the health battle spill into December, this year's total might hit \$200 million — roughly the same as was spent in multiyear fights over tobacco regulation and the Medicare prescription drug program, said Tracey, whose company tracks political advertising.

"It's not just a couple of big players, this is coming from all corners, large and small," said Tracey, who said over 60 groups have advertised on the issue so far, more than he's seen on past issues. "This has only one way to go, and that's up."

The high-intensity lobbying underscores the pivotal moment that business, consumer, political and ideological groups believe is arriving in the health care fight.

President Barack Obama and Democrats driving the effort lost ground during an August recess that saw noisy protests at some law-

makers' town hall meetings and dimming support for the president in polls. With Obama planning to address Congress on the issue Wednesday, interest groups want to help shape opinions as Obama and members of Congress decide what August meant and what the legislation should look like.

"The next few weeks are critical," said David Certner, legislative policy director for AARP.

His organization is running a national, multimillion-dollar TV ad campaign through mid-September that features an ambulance swerving from cars trying to block it as an announcer says, "Special interest groups are trying to block progress on health care reform, derailing the debate with myths and scare tactics."

Even so, some groups say they will restrain their spending for the next couple of weeks while assessing what Congress might do. Their decisions, in part, will be based on actions by leaders of the Senate Finance Committee, who by Sept. 15 are trying to craft a compromise seen by many as Congress' best chance at bipartisan legislation.

"We'll gauge where members of Congress are going as they come back, and then determine where we go from here," said Karen Ignagni, president of America's Health Insurance Plans, the insurance industry trade group.

The insurers, whom the White House and Democrats have painted as a villain in the health battle, have spent millions on ads supporting the general concept of overhauling the health system. But they strongly oppose Obama's proposal to create optional government-run coverage to help push down costs, which the White House has signaled it might abandon.

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, poised to be the campaign's biggest spender with plans to spend up to \$150 million

in ads generally backing a revamping, will also hold back in early September while awaiting the Finance Committee's work, said Ken Johnson, a senior vice president.

Pressuring Obama from the left, the liberal MoveOn.org is emailing a petition to its members urging the president to retain a government-run insurance option in his plan. The American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees has beefed up its door-to-door canvassing in 14 states, asking voters to tell undecided lawmakers that they should back a public insurance plan.

Health Care for America Now, an amalgam of more than 1,000 liberal and labor groups, is asking supporters to call lawmakers Wednesday and Thursday in support of an overhaul. It is also planning to have members hold demonstrations outside insurance company offices around the country later in September.

The National Physicians Alliance, a progressive doctors' organization, is considering banding with other medical groups to bring doctors to Washington for a rally in early October. The Tea Party Patriots, a national grass-roots conservative group fighting Obama's plan, is planning a demonstration in Washington on Sept. 12.

Conservatives for Patients' Rights, long one of the biggest advertisers opposed to Obama's plan, launches a \$600,000 ad campaign Tuesday, the day Congress returns from its recess, saying Obama's plan could lead to government-run health care. Organizing for America, the Obama campaign apparatus now part of the national Democratic Party, is planning house parties across the country during the president's speech, at which supporters will be asked to contact their members of Congress to voice their support.

Two teens killed trying to break into home

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Someone shot and killed two teenagers and wounded a third when they tried breaking into the person's home early Friday, police said. Two 16-year-olds from Luling were killed and another teen was seriously wounded and taken to Brackenridge Hospital in Austin, San Marcos Police Chief Howard Williams said. A fourth teen was arrested. Police did not identify the four teens.

but planned a news conference later Friday. Williams did not immediately respond to a phone message Friday seeking comment. The shooting happened shortly before 2 a.m. Friday. Police responded to a call of a home invasion and shots fired and found several people shot by one of the home's three residents, Williams said. None of the residents were injured. San Marcos is about 30 miles south of Austin.

King

After King left, Robin Doan took a phone and went outside where she hid in the bed of her stepfather's pickup and called 911.

A tearful Rhonda Kidd, the Gray County Sheriff's Department dispatcher who talked to the Doan girl that morning, told the court that the girl was frightened, crying and alone.

Kidd stayed on the line with Doan until deputies arrived at the Conrad home some 13 miles south of Pampa.

The first deputy to arrive was Chad Brooks, now a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper.

The scared voice of Robin Doan on the 991 tape that morning was played for the jury as Trooper Brooks wiped his eyes.

"I'm just scared," a frightened Robin Doan said. "I'm the only one alive."

Kidd could be heard on the phone calming the child.

"I want my mom," Robin Doan sobbed on the phone.

Brooks described how he put the Doan girl in his car and he and another deputy entered the Conrad home and found the Conrad's and Zach dead.

Switzer said that after leaving the Conrad's, King appeared on tape in Groom, buying a bottle of water.

It would be three weeks before anyone would know that King was involved in the murders in the Texas Panhandle.

Last year, King pleaded guilty to killing Orlie McCool, 70, and McCool's daughter-in-law Laura Dawn McCool, 47, the day before in Pineville and was on his way to Mexico when he stopped at the Conrad home.

King had crossed into Juarez from El Paso the night after the deaths of the Conrads and Zach Doan, but he had become scared and returned to the border.

His lack of a driver's license had raised suspicions with U.S. authorities at the border as King tried to re-enter the country. A check after they

got his real name showed Missouri warrants out for him for murder and stealing a pickup.

Missouri officials were notified, and King was returned to Pineville.

Three weeks later, a deputy working in the jail at Pineville was talking to King when King told him about the Conrad murders.

Maxwell Peck III, one of King's defense attorney's, said King was 23-years-old then, on the run and full of rage.

"There's no excuse," Peck said of his client. "He made some devastating choices."

Still, he told how King came to plead guilty to the murders of three people in the Texas Panhandle and was convicted for the murders of two people in Missouri.

King was raised as a child without love beyond Tick Ridge, a dirt road in Pineville, on Copperhead Lane.

"It's a place where time stopped," Peck said.

Peck described the house where King grew up as half built with plywood floors, and King's parents as constantly quarreling. He painted a picture of King's parents as sharing drugs with their children and said they were often separated.

He said King grew up thinking poverty was the norm. Peck described King's life as one filled with anger and despair.

King and his brothers frequently missed school, Peck said, and fell further and further behind.

In 2000, King's 13-year-old brother Spencer was accidentally shot and killed wrestling with a classmate over one of their father's pistols.

At 17, King was admitted to a hospital where he was diagnosed as being manic with no family support.

By January, 2003, Peck said King was addicted to meth and was homeless.

At 20, Peck said King was an eighth grade dropout that got convicted of burglary and arson. He was sent to the state prison.

When a chance for

parole came, Peck said King reached out to his mother, but she refused to help him. With no one to meet him when he walked out of prison, he was sent to a half way house in St. Louis.

"He was alone in the world," Peck said.

In September, 2005, King walked away from the half way house and hitchhiked and walked across the state to Pineville.

When he reached Pineville, Peck said King's father let him stay for a few days, then dropped him at the bus station so he could return to St. Louis, but King walked back to the family's house. He watched and waited until his father left. Then he went inside and used a hatchet to tear the place apart. King broke into his father gun case and took a rifle, the AK-47 and a 9mm pistol.

As he walked down the road into Pineville, King saw Orlie and Dawn McCool leaving the McCool's house. King broke into the house and was looking around when the McCools returned, starting the chain of events that led to King's trial in Lubbock.

It will be up to a jury of 11 women and two men, including an alternate, to decide King's fate.

The opening of the trial was delayed until last Thursday. It had been scheduled to start the previous Monday.

The court worked only a half day Friday. Judge Emmert said they will resume at 8 a.m. on Tuesday. The trial is being held in Lubbock on a change of venue.

Firefighters gaining on LA-area wildfire

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Fire bosses declared progress early Friday in taming the 226-square-mile arson fire north of Los Angeles that has led to a homicide investigation into the deaths of two firefighters.

Flames had died down early Friday and the blaze, which was 42 percent surrounded, was "pretty quiet," fire spokesman John Huschke said.

Firefighters were using bulldozers to clear a containment line around the fire, which destroyed 64 homes and burned three

people.

The fire has charred 148,258 acres of the Angeles National Forest, where many city residents escape to nature during the summer.

Investigators determined on Thursday that the 11-day-old blaze was arson, and Los Angeles County sheriff's homicide detectives were investigating.

Two firefighters were killed Sunday when their truck plunged 800 feet down a steep mountain road.

Incendiary material was found along Angeles Crest Highway, the Los Angeles Times reported Friday, citing an unidentified source close to the investigation. The massive blaze is thought to have started in the area.

Sheriff Lee Baca said details were being withheld to avoid jeopardizing the hunt for the arsonist.

County Deputy Fire Chief Mike Bryant said he was glad investigators were making progress in the probe, but "it doesn't mend my broken heart."

Books

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Letters to the editor

Reader objects to aquatic park proposal

Dear Editor,

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There will be so much traffic in that area and not parking area to accommodate the visitors. Why does PEDC think they have the authority to say where it should be. Take it out of the residential areas and put it at the Recreation Park. That area will have plenty of parking space to accommodate the visitors.

Why do they have the right to take the park area from the residents that use the park?

I see no benefit to Pampa in having this aquatic park! It will be not make it in Pampa and PEDC is wasting our money again!

I know many people that travel North Sumner to Walmart and Travis school area. I being one of them will certainly change my route to these areas. I for one will never use the Aquatic Park.

Helen Robinson
Pampa

Curse the President?

Dear Editor,

I didn't vote for Obama and prefer Republican Presidents normally, but that doesn't affect my ability to recognize sociological disease among the masses and in politics. Being old, I've had considerable time to observe how this country treats each President. John Kennedy was belligerently cursed by the news media every day until his assassination. It is incredible the accusations and fear the American people can direct at the President (as if he caused each problem).

It is not the "issues" or the "failing businesses" or "the war and suffering" that makes a President the target of persecution, but rather "the politics." If we have a Republican President, the Democratic Machine is going to oil it's gears to destroy the President with every misleading accusation it can make in every media.

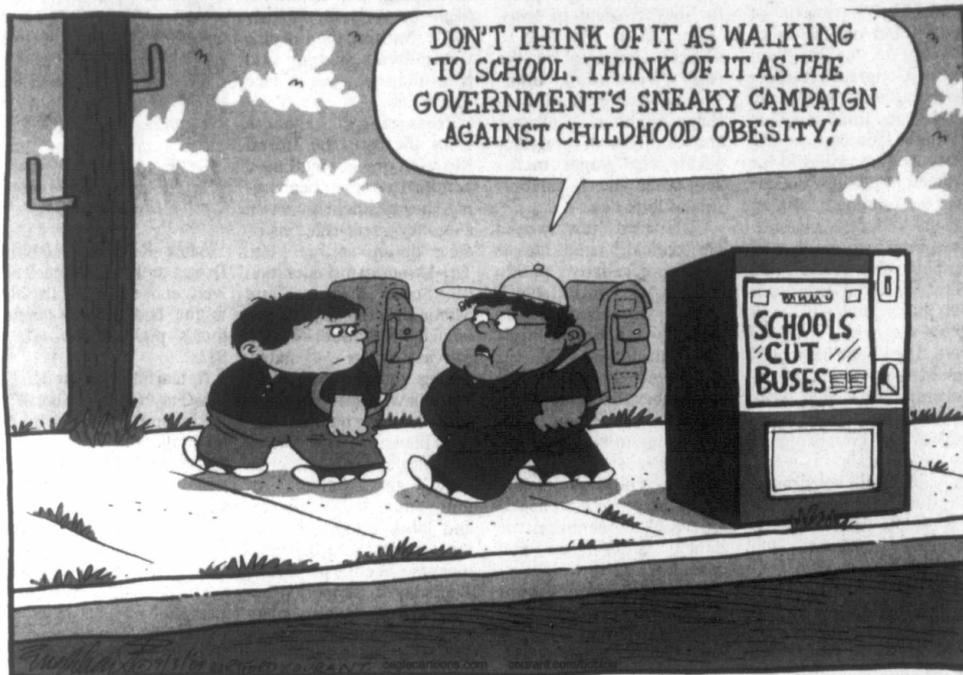
Vice versa, the Republican Machine will do the same to the Democrat President.

Rush Limbaugh daily assured the American people for years that the country would go totally to Hell if President Bill Clinton was reelected. Every newspaper would seem to have agreed, saying Bill was "demoralizing" the country and was an habitual liar. What amazes me is that the American people bought the propaganda as a whole, not really doubting someone else might be lying.

I still weep for President Nixon and President Bush for the way the country and media attacked their personal integrity and even their personality. Doesn't the "office of the President" mean anything anymore?

Cursing the President may be synonymous with cursing the nation! Does anyone pray for the President anymore? Do you believe that God can use a President for good?

Edgar Ronnie Barton
Pampa



School Notes

New year off to a good start

By BARRY HAENISCH
PISD Superintendent

The new school year is off to a very good start in the Pampa ISD. Principals at all campuses report the first two weeks to be free of major glitches and hitches. Student enrollment is slightly higher than last year, and all indicators point to a very successful year.

As a result of last year's TAKS testing, three Pampa ISD campuses were recognized for excellent academic performance by the Texas Education Agency. Austin Elementary School was named an Exemplary campus by TEA. Austin Elementary is the first campus in the Pampa ISD to be named an Exemplary school since the beginning of TAKS in the spring of 2003. Lamar Elementary School was named a Recognized school with the ratings that were released in August. This is the third consecutive year that Lamar Elementary has received the second highest honor given by the state. Travis Elementary

School was also named a Recognized campus this year. The school district is proud of the distinction that these campuses received, and we are appreciative of the talented educators who work at these schools.

All of the campuses in the Pampa ISD saw increased academic performance as measured by the TAKS and other measurements during the last school year. Our campuses are dedicated to providing a challenging and appropriate education for each child in our schools. The campuses are examining all of their routines and practices, and they are modifying them when the change will benefit students and their academic success. Your teachers are dedicated to their students' success, and they are willing to examine any practice if it will help students.

The remodeling of Pampa High School is almost complete. Construction workers will be working in the building for a week or so more in the evenings to complete those "touch-up" details that are

always necessary when remodeling. The school is beautiful! The dedication of the building will be Thursday, September 17, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. in the Rotunda area of Pampa High School. The Rotunda is located at the entrance of the school on Randy Matson Avenue. Tours of the facility will follow the dedication ceremony, and the public is invited to attend. Reports from the high school staff offer only praise to the PHS students for the positive attitudes, politeness, and pride they are showing this year.

The construction of the new Pampa Junior High School building is continuing to progress nicely. The construction company plans by mid-November or earlier to have the site where bad weather will have no impact on the completion of the project. When finished, it will be a school facility that is ready to provide a Twenty-first Century education for the junior high students of our community.

Everyone who has seen Harvester Field has been



Haensch

so impressed with the turf. It is beautiful! The Pampa ISD is so appreciative of this gift that the citizens of Pampa bestowed on us. Our student athletes benefit each day from your generosity. The staff of the Pampa Independent School District is also appreciative of the opportunity to serve our community and to provide a quality education to the children in the schools. Pampa's schools are your schools, and you may contact me with any questions that you may have regarding public education in Pampa.

We welcome your letters

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Today in History

Today is Friday, September 4, the 247th day of 2009. There are 118 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

476 - Romulus Augustulus, last Roman emperor in west, is deposed.

1571 - Marian Party in Scotland stages successful coup in which regent Lennox is killed.

1669 - Venetians surrender Crete to Turks after one of the longest sieges in history, begun in 1648.

1781 - Los Angeles is founded by Spanish settlers.

1917 - The American expeditionary force in France suffers its first fatalities in World War I.

1929 - German dirigible Graf Zeppelin completes trip around world.

1932 - France and Poland sign mutual assistance agreement.

1939 - South Africa and Canada declare war on Germany.

1951 - In America's first live coast-to-coast television broadcast, U.S. President Harry Truman addresses the nation from the Japanese peace treaty conference in San Francisco.

1970 - In Chile, Salvador Allende becomes the first Marxist freely elected president in the Western hemisphere.

1972 - U.S. swimmer Mark Spitz wins a record seventh Olympic gold medal in the 400-meter relay at the Munich Summer Olympics.

1974 - United States establishes diplomatic relations with East Germany, the last major western nation to do so.

1975 - Representatives of Egypt and Israel sign interim peace agreement in Geneva, Switzerland.

1980 - According to Iraqi count, the Iran-Iraq war starts this day with Iranian shelling of Iraqi border posts.

1987 - U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar says Iran has agreed to negotiate implementation of U.N. peace plan to end its war with Iraq.

1990 - Prime ministers of South and North Korea meet for first time; U.S. President George H.W. Bush asks Congress to write off Egypt's \$7 billion debt to the United States as a sign of appreciation for help in Gulf War.

1991 - Croatian guardsmen shoot four people at roadblock and Serb rebels block the Zagreb-Belgrade highway.

1992 - Fearing an influx of arms from Afghanistan, four former Soviet republics send troops to guard the Tajikistan border.

1994 - A car bomb explodes outside the offices of the Irish Republican Army's Sinn Fein political allies. An outlawed Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force, claims responsibility.

1996 - New Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin

Netanyahu shakes the hand of Palestine Liberation Organization chief Yasser

'Labor is the great producer of wealth; it moves all other causes.'

— Daniel Webster
American Statesman (1782-1852)

Arafat at a meeting on the Israel-Gaza border to help clear the air of animosity.

1998 - The first genocide sentence by an international court is handed down by U.N. tribunal in Arusha, Tanzania, which condemns a former Rwandan prime minister to life in prison for the slaughter of more than 500,000 Rwandans.

2000 - Four people are killed in the Democratic Republic of the Congo when militiamen armed with guns and machetes launch a pre-dawn raid on a camp in a gorilla reserve in the rebel-held border town of Bukavu.

2001 - Mahendra haudhry, Fiji's first ethnic Indian prime minister, is elected to Parliament along with George Speight, who overthrew Chaudry's government 16 months ago.

2004 - A suicide attacker detonates a car bomb outside

the Iraqi police academy in the northern city of Kirkuk as hundreds of trainees and civilians are leaving for the day, killing at least 20 people and wounding 36.

2006 - Two U.S. warplanes accidentally strafe allied forces in southern Afghanistan, killing one Canadian soldier and seriously wounding five others.

2007 - Hurricane Felix slams into Central America and Hurricane Henriette hits Baja California as a record-setting hurricane season gets even wilder with twin storms making landfall on the same day.

2008 - An influential New Jersey Muslim leader accused by some federal officials of having terrorist ties but praised by others as being an important ally wins his fight to gain permanent U.S. residency.

Today's Birthdays: Francois Chateaubriand, French author (1768-1848); Anton Bruckner, Austrian composer (1824-1896); Daniel Burnham, U.S. architect/city planner (1896-1912); Antonin Artaud, French poet (1896-1948); Henry Ford II, U.S. industrialist (1917-1987); Dawn Fraser, Australian Olympic swimming champion (1937-); Damon Wayans, U.S. actor/comedian (1960-); Beyonce Knowles, singer/actress (1981-).



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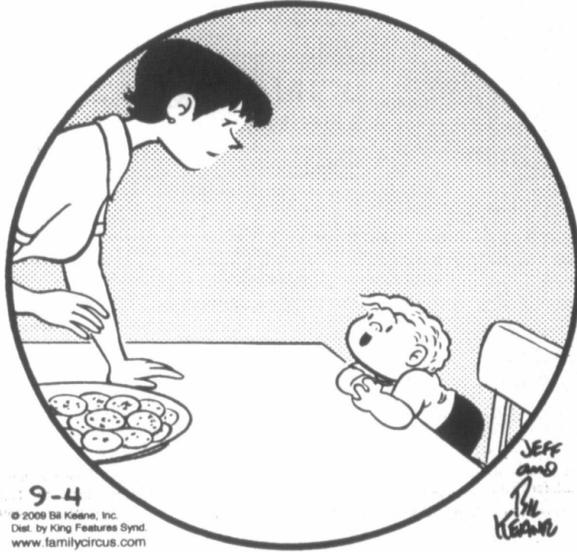
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - Girl in a Browning poem
 - Jacob's father
 - Some messages
 - Trattoria fare
 - High homes
 - Japanese sport
 - Regarding
 - Biden, e.g.
 - Painter Magritte
 - California's Fort —
 - Shorten
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 - Sky shade

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Yesterday's answer

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- Research
- Not to mention
- Mists
- Planetoid
- It beats
- Wedding words
- scissors
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Sports

JV Harvesters and Estacado tie

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The junior varsity Pampa Harvesters tied the junior varsity Lubbock Estacado Matadors 24-24, in a game that featured four lead changes and one tie.

Junior varsity coach Byron May was pleased with his team's fight and effort.

"We have kids that really want to win," May said. "These games are great opportunities to continue working on the fundamentals and the basics. We've shown dramatic improvement from last week, that's exciting to see."

Pampa trailed 16-6 at the beginning of the third. Quarterback Reid Miller brought the team closer with a two-yard run. Miller's two-point conversion pass was incomplete.

With 7:36 left in the fourth Pampa got their first lead, since the first quarter when they led 6-0. Jessie

Cruz scored on a three-yard run, the two-point conversion failed, giving Pampa an 18-16 lead.

The Matadors took the lead again. Lubbock Estacado's quarterback scored his second touchdown of the game on a four-yard run with 2:37 left in the game. Estacado converted the two-point conversion to take a 24-18 lead.

Pampa had a two-minute drive that started in their own territory. Miller finished the drive with a 25-yard pass to Cruz with 30 seconds left to tie the game. The Harvesters two-point conversion run failed leaving the score tied. On the kickoff, Pampa tried an onside kick to get the ball back but the Matadors recovered.

Lubbock Estacado got within the Harvesters 35, but didn't have enough time to score. May said he was pleased with his

offense's ability to finish drives with a score.

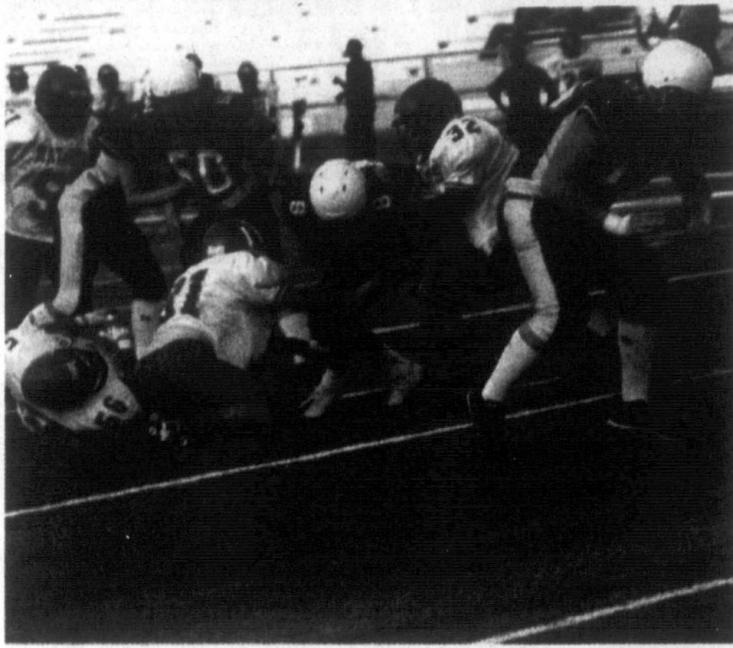
"That's something kids have to learn as they mature, is how to finish drives and put those drives together to score," May said. "It's a fine art."

Pampa scored first in the game on a three-yard run. The extra point was no good, putting the Harvesters ahead 6-0.

With 29 seconds left in the first half Estacado's quarterback scored on a one-yard run and converted the two-point conversion. The Matadors led 8-6 at halftime.

The Matadors running back broke a 60-yard run at the beginning of the third quarter. The Matadors converted the two-point conversion giving them a 16-6 lead with 8:06 in the third.

The junior varsity's next game is next Thursday against Big Spring at Hale Center high school.



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Reid Miller (8) tries to get between a pair of Estacado defenders to gain extra yards.

9th grade Harvesters conquer the Matadors

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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Ryan Smith scored three touchdowns, and the defense forced three turnovers as the freshman Harvesters beat the freshman Lubbock Estacado Matadors 20-6.

Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said he was pleased with his teams performance.

"Our boys are playing unbelievable right now," Snelgrooes said. "They are buying into the scheme and playing hard. I tell these kids you cannot fake enthusiasm and you cannot fake heart. We're playing with both of them and they're really fun to watch right now."

Pampa didn't take any time to score the game's

first points. Ryan Smith broke a 75-yard run on the first play from scrimmage. Smith completed a pass to Chris Howard to give the Harvesters an 8-0 lead.

In the second quarter, the Matadors answered back. Estacado's quarterback ran 31 yards for a touchdown. The Matadors two-point conversion pass was incomplete, but they nar-

rowed Pampa's lead to 8-6. But that would be all the Matadors would score. The Harvesters defense forced two fumbles and forced Estacado to punt several times. Snelgrooes was pleased with his defense's aggressiveness.

"We're flying after the ball," the freshman assistant said. "We're just getting after people, but more importantly we're just having fun."

On the Harvesters next possession, Smith scored from 37 yards. Smith tried to sneak it but was stopped

short, giving Pampa a 14-6 lead.

Smith gave the Harvesters insurance, scoring on a six-yard run. Snelgrooes said Smith is a great leader on his team.

"As a dad, you want your kid to grow up to be like Ryan Smith," Snelgrooes said. "If you got a daughter you want your daughter to date Ryan Smith. Just a great kid. Plays hard, gives you everything he's got. He's a great leader on the field, off the field, in the classroom. He's just a kid you want to build a pro-

gram around."

The freshman team had some injuries including Patterson Alvey who was sidelined with a head injury. Coach Snelgrooes was pleased with players who stepped up especially Jordan Lemons.

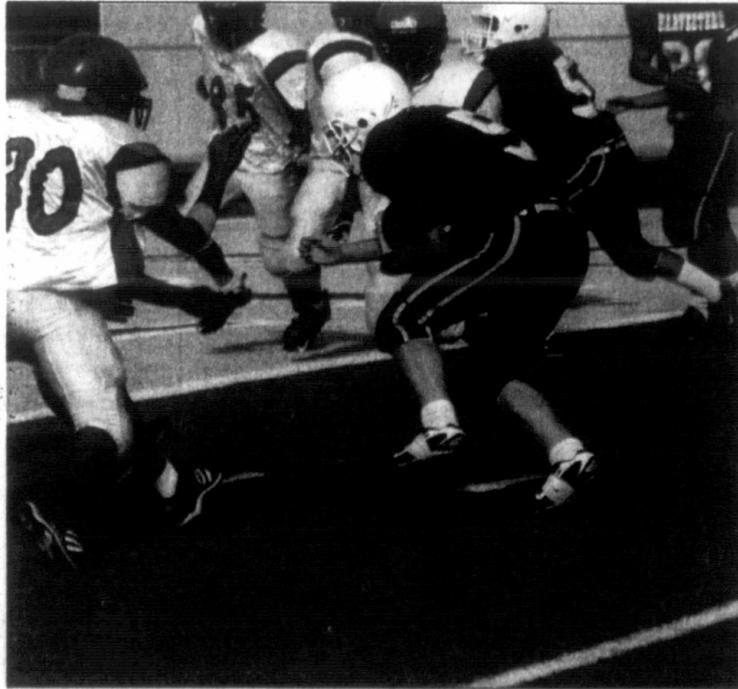
"He plays hard for us," Snelgrooes said. "I asked him at halftime to make an adjustment he did that full tilt."

The freshman are 2-0, and play Big Spring next Thursday at Hale Center high school.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Ryan Smith (5) leaves Estacado defenders behind on a 75-yard touchdown run. The freshman beat the Matadors 20-6 at Harvester field.



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Ryan Smith (5) attempts to sneak the ball into the end zone for a two-point conversion. Smith had three touchdowns in the Harvesters second win of the season.

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