

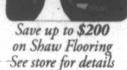
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SAN ANTONIO (AP) - Plans to expand a South Texas nuclear plant into the largest in the U.S. are going before the San Antonio City Council this month.

CPS Energy this week asked city leaders to approve \$400 million to keep expansions plans to the South Texas Project nuclear plant on track. The utility and New Jersey-based NRG Energy want to add two reactors to the nuclear plant near Houston.

The two new reactors are expected to go online around 2018. The plant says the expansion would make the plant the largest nuclear power facility in the nation.

Nuclear power opponents say the \$18 billion price tag on the plant is too costly and contradicts with plans to make San Antonio greener.

The council is set to vote Oct. 29.

Gov't nixes call for more border fencing

McALLEN, Texas (AP) - Members of Congress have stripped a provision requiring 300 more miles of tall fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border from a Department of Homeland Security appropriation bill, saying the funds needed to build the barrier would be better spent on alternative security mea-

If the amendment by U.S. Sen. Jim DeMint had remained in the bill, tall fencing to stop illegal immigrants and smugglers on foot would have been installed along 700 miles of border a plan that many officials and residents along the Southwest border have

opposed. DeMint's provision, which was dropped this week, said 300 miles of low-rise vehicle barriers and virtual fencing planned for the area could not count toward the 700 miles of barrier the U.S. government had promised to build. Virtual fencing includes technologies such as cameras and sensors.

"The DeMint amendment represented

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Class of 2011



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Jim Morgan, left, with Josten's sizes Brenna Ellison's finger for a Pampa High School class ring. The class of 2011 is in the process of ordering their rings.

Sen. Hutchison will help lead group for gun rights

- Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison went to a shooting range Friday to remind voters of her support for gun rights by pointing out her plans to weigh in on an upcoming U.S.

With gunfire popping in the background, Hutchison said she will help lead a bipartisan group from Congress in filing a legal brief urging the court to rule gun ownership is an individual right that applies at the state and local levels, in addition to the

federal level. Both Hutchison and Gov. Rick Perry, who are squaring off in the March Republican primary, say they support gun ownership rights, something dear to Texas GOP primary voters. Representatives of bothcandidates say they own rifles and handguns and that they are

Perry's spokesman, Mark Miner, said the governor has a Texas license to carry a concealed handgun. The senator's spokeswoman, Jennifer Baker, said Hutchison does not.

Miner said the governor has always been a strong defend-



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

er of the Second Amendment, which addresses the right to bear arms.

Former Georgetown Mayor Leo Wood introduced Hutchison as a defender of the Second Amendment and the National Rifle Association.

Hutchison, starting her remarks in the gun shop at

Red's Indoor Range, said, "I wish I could shoot, but it is raining ... I'm very pleased to be able to look at all these beautiful guns here.

Miner said Perry, also an NRA backer, supported the legislation allowing to carry concealed handguns and in 2007 signed the state's so-called castle doctrine law allowing individuals more legal rights to shoot to kill if someone breaks-into their home, car or business. It was the first bill Perry signed into law that year.

Perry also signed a law in 2007 closing off public access to records showing who has concealed handgun licenses something open government advocates fought.

Hutchison said she agrees with that law blocking the records from public view.

"I worry that a license or public knowledge then could be used against the individual, especially if there was an effort to restrict rights," she said. "Licensing is not the problem; it's having this public information that I think is the problem that could accrue to privacy

Craig Watkins, 'rock star' DA at a crossroads

DALLAS (AP) — Craig Watkins, the first black district attorney in the history of Texas, is having a

midterm crisis. At 41, he has his own cable TV series. His novel determination to free the wrongly convicted landed him on "60 Minutes." He is a national champion of turning the penal system on its head and a "rock star" to many constituents.

But this is Texas, and certain law-and-order traditions still stand. More inmates are executed here than anywhere else. Legislators are allowed to carry guns onto the floor of the statehouse. And prosecutors are better known for

slamming cell doors than opening them.

As his re-election campaign fattles to life this fall, Watkins finds the national halo he's been standing under has become more of a local floodlight magnifying frailties and foibles. His trailblazing has become irksome to older politicians, who consider it arrogant to break the rules before playing by them.

Among them is John Wiley Price, the only black Dallas County commissioner, who says Watkins has "gotten to be a show horse instead of a work horse."

"I had a lot of high hopes for Craig, the outspoken



In this Aug. 21, 2009 photo, Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins is shown posing for a photo in Dallas. (AP Photo/Tony Gutierrez)

fellow Democrat adds. "It And a Republicant has stepped forward for the appears he's gotten public policy confused with per-2010 election, when it was expected the party sonality politics."

wouldn't field anyone because Watkins was considered unbeatable.

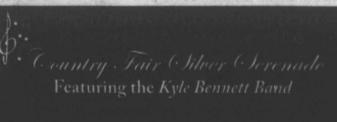
Like President Barack Obama, a man he idolizes, Watkins is learning a hard lesson: Making impassioned speeches and election history doesn't carry the day in the daily brawl of politics.

Especially when it comes to reforming a giant institution - whether it be health care or criminal justice.

To spend a day with the maverick prosecutor is to watch a dogged attorney with oddly opposing traits - he is not afraid to speak his mind, but can be easily

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PAMPA FORECAST

Sunday

High 86

Low 57



Monday



High 86 Low 62

Tuesday

Saturday Night: A chance of rain before 3am, then a chance of rain or freezing rain. Cloudy, with a low around 30. Windy, with a north northeast wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Low 62

Sunday: A slight chance of freezing rain before 9 am, then a slight chance of rain. Cloudy, with a high near 49. North northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Sunday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 43. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Columbus Day: Mostly sunrry, with a high near 63. South southwest wind around 10 mph. Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 65. East wind around 10 mph. Tuesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

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dead of swine flu as cases rise

ATLANTA (AP) Health officials said Friday that 76 children have died of swine flu, including 16 new reports in the past week — more evidence the *new virus is unusually dangerous in kids.

The regular flu kills between 46 and 88 children a year, according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention data.

With swine flu cases throughout increasing most of the country, more deaths are likely, Dr. Anne Schuchat said at a press conference Friday

She noted that 37 states now are reporting widespread swine flu cases, up from 27 a week ago. A week ago, reports suggested that cases might be leveling off and even decreasing in some areas of the country, but that did not turn out to be an enduring national trend.

"We are seeing more illness, more hospitaliza-

tions, and more deaths,' said Schuchat, who heads the CDC's National Center for Immunization and

Respiratory Diseases. Meanwhile, CDC officials say states have ordered 3.7 million doses of swine flu vaccine for a campaign that started this week. Demand is exceeding supply, at least so far, and people seeking the vaccination can start by contacting their state or local health department to find out where to go, she

Preliminary information from one study indicates that both a seasonal flu shot and a swine flu shot are effective when given during the same doctor's office visit. However, the government is not recommending that people get the nasal spray versions of the seasonal and swine flu vaccines at the same time.

Obituaries

Jean Cornelius passed away on September 21,

2009 in Austin, Texas. She was born on July 27, 1932 in Pampa to Ross and Laura Belle Smith Cornelius. Jean graduated from

Pampa High School and, later, graduated in 1954 from Rice University in Houston, Texas. She married Ross McElreath and they raised three children, Sara, Steven, and After divorcing, Greg. Jean worked as a computer programmer before continuing her education at St. Mary's School of Law in San Antonio and graduating with her law

degree. She practiced law in Austin for 34 years.

Jean Cornelius

Jean was known for her intelligence and spirit of adventure. One of her adventures included a cross country driving trip to Alaska. She was an active member of St. David's Episcopal Church and Rice Owl Bridge Club. She was an original member of the City of Austin Women's Commission and the Enchilada Club. Her hobbies included reading, bridge, gardening, exercise, and service to the community. She had a compassionate and loving heart and will be truly

Jean is survived by her three children, Sara Satornino, (George) Steven McElreath, Greg (Debbie) McElreath; nine grandchildren, sister, Lynn (Frank) Cooksey and their two children, Kathryn (Paul) Pew and Franklin Cooksey. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Robert Cornelius; and grandson, Satornino.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, October 16, 2009 at St. David's Episcopal Church in Austin. Memorial contributions may be made to St. David's Episcopal Church in Jean's name.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Oct. 8. 6:33 p.m. -- A Mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of East Foster.

8:05 p.m. -- A Mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of North Nelson and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Friday, Oct. 9.

1:08 a.m. -- A Mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

PAMPA PD

The following calls were made by Pampa authorities during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. Friday.

There were 13 traf- 2077. fic stops or traffic related Officers reported two

accidents. There were Pampa EMS

made three emergency

related calls. Thursday, Oct. 8.

An officer was assigned to crossing guard duty in the 2300 block of North Primrose.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca

A television set and DVD player were reported stolen in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A fire prevention call was made in the 1900 North Duncan.

A threat was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of North

Pampa police officers assisted Gray County deputies in the 1500 block of South Barnes.

Officers performed a welfare check at Browning

and Lefors. Fire officials made a fire prevention call in the 1200

block of North Nelson. There was a 911 hangup call in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Chestnut Drive.

A gas drive off was reported in the 100 block of West 28th.

Criminal mischief was reported to the police department.

There was a 911 hangup call in the 3000 block of North Rosewood.

Disorderly conduct was reported at One Medical Plaza.

An assault was reported in the 700 block of Somerville. A sexual assault in

Amarillo was reported to Pampa officers.

A fire alarm went off

in the 800 block of East Browning.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 East Foster.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of North Duncan.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Nelson.

Friday, Oct. 9. A prowler was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2200 block of North Wells.

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wounded. He is smart and savvy, but sometimes surprisingly naive. He speaks of grand reforms to a behemoth criminal justice system, but chronicles slights small and large.

For the rest of his term, Watkins wants to focus on the hard task of rehabilitating, as well as punishing, those in prison.

His opponents accuse him of being soft on crime "hug-a-thug" sums it up, Watkins jokes. But his office's conviction rate is more than 98 percent, higher than the figures of some tough-on-crime predecessors.

In his first trial, district attorney Watkins stood before jurors and said the accused, who'd murdered members of his family, deserved to be executed.

"That was difficult," he says. "Getting up in that courtroom and saying this man should die."

He'd long opposed the death penalty. Now he's not sure. "It's my job," he says, "whether I like it or not.

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What brought him national fame was opening the Conviction Integrity Unit, which has reviewed more than 300 convictions where DNA evidence remained in custody.

His unit, working with the Texas Innocence Project, found 15 inmates' who'd been wrongly convicted in a county that already had, the highest number of exonerations in the nation.

That's not enough to appease local critics. "They just can't accept that I'm intelligent enough to do this job without sitting at someone's knee," says Watkins, who at 6-foot; 5-inches, doesn't so much sit in a chair as occupy it like an invading army.

The voice of Stevie Wonder billows from somewhere in his small, cluttered office on the 11th floor of a bland, brown court building.

He is not a showman, he says. He's a seriousminded prosecutor.

"To me, it's an insult," he says. "Why not give me the credit to have the intelligence to think this through?" He stops for a moment. "And I may be thin-

skinned about it, I admit

Watkins doesn't write room, but lost his first run

speeches, or read from a prepared text. He wings it, much to the annoyance of his unflappable public information officer Jamille

"I wish he'd let me write a speech for him," she says with a mischievous smile. He concedes her point, but that doesn't mean he'll

change anytime soon.

Definitely not today. "Are we taking your van?" he asks absent-mindedly, checking the pockets of his baggy, pinstriped suit before wandering to his wooden desk, where he finds a wad of gum and

His first speech of the day: a Junior Chamber of Commerce luncheon. Bradfield drives. Watkins squeezes in back, his long legs straddling the passenger seat.

plops/it in his mouth.

All day, he consults his BlackBerry for online comments regarding a rebuttal he wrote to a focal paper's editorial. It blasted him for staying silent in a brewing, convoluted scandal involving allegations of stolen cars, county officials and a local towing company.

"It's a lot of silliness," he says, and it's nobody's business how, or if, his office is investigating.

In 2006, when Watkins was elected in a Democratic landslide that also claimed 42 judgeships, he used the back elevator to enter his new office. He didn't come in the front because he hated the looks on the mostly white faces of the staff he inherited, he says. He saw flickers of racism, he says, and "disgust, fear and 'Is my career over?"" He fired a handful of top lawyers — "I couldn't fire all of them," he says ruefully - and brought in a woman and people of Straight out of Texas

Wesleyan University law school, Watkins tried to become a prosecutor, but couldn't get hired. Born and raised in Dallas, he opened a criminal defense and bail-bond office in a house on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

His clients included a lot of drug dealers. "I began to see that I was actually contributing to the problems of the criminal justice system.'

for DA in 2002.

His wife, Tanya, now runs a consulting business out of his former his law office. His childhood was solidly middle class. His mother runs a senior citizens' day care next door. The Watkinses have three children, Chad, 11, Cale, 8 and Taryn, the only girl, who at age 3 is called The Contessa because "she rules the house," Tanya says when Watkins stops by after lunch.

"That's her main subject, right there," she says, pointing to her husband of 13 years. He grins and looks sheepish. "Yeah, I love it," he says.

His tight-knit family stands solidly behind him, he says, which softens the sting of not fitting in with some of his comrades.

"You still see all these DA's in Texas with their cowboy hats on, and they've got their cowboy boots on, and they're saying, 'We're going to lock them all up.

"That's not approach." But Watkins has on cowboy boots. Black ones,

made of ostrich skin. "I have to wear these," he says, so Texans will take him seriously.

Those who don't, no matter what he puts on his feet, are jealous, Watkins,

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"I'm too successful. I'm on TV too much. We're setting the agenda for public prosecutors across the country," he says.

Some colleagues say Watkins' agenda is the same one they pursue every day of their career.

"There's almost this media notion that he's the only one concerned with justice," said Scott Burns, executive director of the 7,000-member National District Attorneys Association.

"But all prosecutors go to work everyday to do justice, not to convict just to convict," said Burns, a former Utah district attorney who also served in the national drug czar's office.

Becoming a district attorney is not a popular goal for African-Americans, says Carmen Lineberger, president of The National Black Prosecutors Association and an assistant U.S. attorney in Florida.

"Prosecutors are looked at as traitors by the community," says Lineberger. Some say "How can you do that to your own peo-

"I always say, 'I am helping my people.

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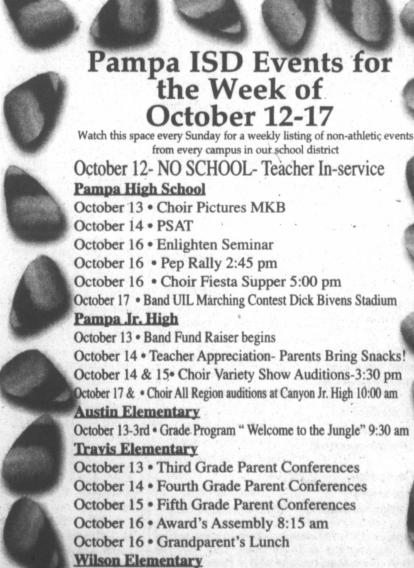
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Today is Saturday, October 10, the 283rd day of 2009. There are 82 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date: 680 - Hussein, one of Shiite Islam's key saints, is

killed at the Battle of Karbala in modern-day Iraq. 1733 - France declares war on Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI for aiding Elector Augustus III of Saxony.

1842 - Britain proclaims victory as second Afghan War ends.

1845 - The U.S. Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Maryland.

1859 - Civil war breaks out in Argentina.

1886 - The tuxedo dinner jacket makes its American debut at the autumn ball in Tuxedo Park, New York

1911 - Revolutionaries in Wuhan begin a revolt that spreads through southern China and leads to the overthrow of

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the 2,000-year-old Manchu dynasty. 1913 - Atlantic

and Pacific oceans are united when the Gamboa Dam in the Panama Canal is blown up. 1917 -Brazil

declares war on Germany in retaliation for the torpedoing of Brazilian ships. 1938

Nazi Germany completes the annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

1943 - Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek becomes President of China.

1957 - U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower apologizes to Komla Agbeli Gbdemah, the finance minister of Ghana, after the official is refused service in a Dover, Delaware, restaurant.

1961 - The whole population of the South Atlantic island Tristan da Cunha is evacuated to Britain after a volcano erupted.

1963 - High dam collapses near Belluno, Italy, and resulting flood kills an estimated 1,800 people.

1964 - The Tokyo Olympic Games, the first held

1970 - Fiji becomes independent after nearly a century of British rule; Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte is kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. His body is found a week later.

1973 - U.S. Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns after his conviction for income tax evasion.,

1996 - Afghanistan's new Taliban rulers search house-to-house for anyone suspected of collaborating with the former regime, unleashing a wave of fear among ethnic minorities.

Today's Birthdays:

Giuseppe Verdi, Italian composer (1813-1901); Aleksis Kivi, Finnish writer (1832-1872); Fridtjof Nansen, Norwegian explorer (1861-1930); Ivo Andric, Yugoslav writer and Nobel laureate (1892-1975); Alberto Giacometti, Swiss artist (1901-1966); Thelonious Monk, U.S. jazz musician (1917-1982); Harold Pinter, U.S. writer/director (1930-2008), David Lee Roth, U.S. singer (1955--).



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Analysis: Health care progress, now a challenge

WASHINGTON (AP) More than nine months in the making, the health care bill soon to emerge from the Senate Finance Committee is the only one judged so far to meet President Barack Obama's conditions for significantly expanding insurance coverage without raising federal deficits, at the same time it slows the rise in medical costs.

Now the challenge for the White House and Democratic leaders is to rewrite it by Christmas in ways that can command a congressional majority, without running afoul of administration specifications.

"We are much closer than we have been to accomplishing the elusive goal of reforming health care" than ever before, Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., told reporters on Thursday during a break in marathon leadership meetings on the issue.

"I am encouraged at how far we have come, and I think-we're going to make it," he added.

Numerous controversies are ahead for Democrats struggling to pass legislation over intense and possibly unanimous Republican opposition. The biggest involves allowing the government to sell insurance in competition with private industry, a step favored by liberals and opposed by many moderates in the party. And House Democrats have yet to draft a bill that clearly meets Obama's objectives.

But Democrats have made significant strides since Labor Day, when they returned to the Capitol in near disarray after an August spent absorbing attacks from noisy conservative critics at home.

What gave Waxman's comments fresh significance was a letter from the Congressional Budget Office that landed Wednesday on the other side of the Capitol, giving a positive review to the bill that the Senate Finance Committee will approve early next week.

Baucus, Sen. Max D-Mont., hailed the estimates within moments of receiving them.

The committee votes on the bill Tuesday.

According to CBO's calculations, the number of uninsured would fall by 29 million if the bill were passed, and 94 percent of the eligible population would have coverage. While about 25 million would remain without insurance, about two-thirds of them are illegal immigrants who are specifically excluded from the legislaPuc

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The bill also contains consumer. protections. Insurers would be barred from denying coverage on, the basis of pre-existing conditions, for example, and the federal government would limit the increase in premiums charged on the basis of age or family size.

At present, the bill that the House Democratic leadership is drafting contains neither the tax on high-cost insurance, which labor unions oppose, nor the commission, which hospitals and other providers oppose as an unpredictable threat to their incomes.

etters to the editor

Thank you to you all

September 30, 2005 was a day that has changed many lives and many families forever. Many will continue to relive that dreadful day for the rest of their time her on earth.

In the very beginning we turned and called upon God to help us and to reveal to us the person or persons responsible for such an awful act of violence against our family and loved ones. We also asked God to hold the person or persons responsible, once revealed, in a way that would prevent them from ever committing such an act of violence against a family ever again. The last four years have brought many new learning challenges. One, it is incomprehensible how many crimes of this magnitude and lesser go unsolved. We have met and cried with many of these families during angel tree ceremonies over the past four year. Our hearts break and go out to all of those victims and their families that still wait on justice to be served.

We would like at this time to, "Thank God first for answering our prayers", holding our hands, and guiding us through this difficult time in our lives.

We would like to thank Lynn Switzer, her family, and her entire staff for their long hours, incomprehensible dedication and perseverance throughout this entire process.

A Big "Thank You" to Rebecca Espana, Gail Sams and all of the Gray and Lubbock counties Victim Crime Coordinators for their care, support, and encouragements over the past four years.

We have great respect and appreciation for the time spent and work preformed by Judge Emmert and all of the members of the 31st District Court

of Gray County. Also, "Thank You" to the City of Lubbock and Lubbock County for the use of their officers and staff, court rooms and court facilities, and for doing everything they could to make us feel at home.

We greatly appreciate and thank each and every juror for taking the time out of their lives and away from their families to render what must have been a very difficult decision in this case.

Sincere thanks to all of the law enforcement and fire department officials, officers, and personnel in Texas and Missouri for a job very well done.

Thank You to Lubbock's Best Western - Palm Suites Hotel for making our stay a very comfortable and

enjoyable one. Our heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to our community, our family, our friends, our church families, and our coworkers. The appreciation and gratitude is for all of their love, support, and prayers that continually reaffirm to us that, "All things are possible through Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior" and that "All things work together for the good to them that love God, to them who are the called

according to his purpose." We know that we could be leaving many people and organizations out that assisted us so we "Thank You" at this time if you

were left out unintention-

May "God's Will" continue to be done throughout the remainder of the justice process. There are NO WINNERS - All of us have lost!

May God Bless Us All! Sincerely,

The Lambs, The Powells, The Williams, & Robin

When we awaken As a nation the United

States of America is a land where the footprints of it's people appear to be similar. Actually the people of this land are very different in every way imaginable. In thousands of ways we may be religious or not at all religious. Politically we are as varied as are the colors of the rainbow. We are examples of all the races of the earth pulled here together by hope that this nation of people gives to the world around us. Right now we are polarized too distinctly to terms I hate to hear or use, to the right or to the left. Both these terms arouse vehement anger when either is placed upon a person as the title of his beliefs. When we awaken from the trance we find ourselves in, we won't see these labels as meaningful at all. We will be able to live without the use of such terms.' Right, left, conservative, liberal, socialist, capitalist, dem-

these words and ones like them will be extinct and be replaced by words that don't place us in a category that half the people of our nation despise. In fact without these words to use we might respect and admire each other for who we really are.

When we awaken we'll rùb our eyes and see more clearly the good that is in us. The anger and bitterness caused by the labeling of people with such terms will disappear as if they were from a very bad dream. We will pleased that we are now awake as a nation of people.

So then how can we ever come to a time where we are actually awake to what we are doing to turselves as a nation in the year 2009? We can form new labels that describe us as a people that love this nation more than money or power or position or the lack thereof. We can be a nation of people that respect each other whether Christian or of any other faith or of no faith, whatever race or creed. whatever our heritage. We can be a people. with firm beliefs in the good of a well governed people, governed by the people and for the people with enforced laws that not only protect us from violence but from greed and power and deceit.

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•All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published. Defamatory comments will not be published.

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Weekly menus

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Tuesday Stir Fry Chicken/Rice or .

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Beef Stroganoff Oven Baked Potatoes/ Veggies Fried Okra Carrots Pinto Beans Slaw Tossed Salad Jello Orange Streusel Cake or Chocolate Pie Hot Rolls or Cornbread

Wednesday Roast Beef Brisket/ Brown Gravy or Cook's Choice

Mashed Potatoes California Blend **Buttered Corn** Beans Slaw

Tossed Salad Hurricane Oatmeal Cake or Peach Cobbler Hot Rolls or Combread

Thursday Chicken Strips or Polish Sausages and Kraut Mashed Potatoes Turnip Greens **Buttered Squash** Beans Slaw Tossed Salad Jello

Hot Rolls or Cornbread Friday Catfish & Hushpuppies or Lasagna Potato Wedges

Pineapple Upsidedown

Cake or Lemon Icebox Pie

Broccoli Spears/Cheese Beans Slaw **Tossed Salad** Jello Cherry Chocolate Cake or Tapioca Cups Garlic Breadsticks

Hot Rolls

Cornbread

Pampa Meals on Wheels Regular

Monday October 12 Chicken Casserole **Tomatoes** Mixed Vegetable

Tuesday October 13 Hamburgers Tater Tots Pineapple

Wednesday October 14 **Pot** Roast Carrots/Potatoes Green Beans Rolls

Thursday October 15 Ravioli

Chuck wagon Corn Broccoli Applesauce

Friday October 16

Pasta Salad Green Beans

Gray County 4-H begins dog project

According to Gray County Extension Agent, Joan Gray-Soria, 4-H will be teaching youth how to train their dog, starting October 12. The first meeting will be held Monday, October 12, 2009, at the Gray County Bull Barns - 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the youth ages 9-18. Lynn Ledford, Dog Project Volunteer will be leading the classes. A guardian should plan to attend the first meeting with each youth. If you are interested in participating in the classes, please call the 4-H office at 669-8033.

Youth will need to bring

the health records on their dogs, showing that vaccinations are current. Please do not bring dogs to the first meeting. Youth will learn about the care and maintenance of their pets. Mrs. Ledford will also work with youth who wish to advance to the State 4-H Dog Show. Dogs do not need to be pure bred in order to participate in this program. Youth should be able to handle their dog. To find out more information please call Texas AgriLife Extension Service at 669-8033.

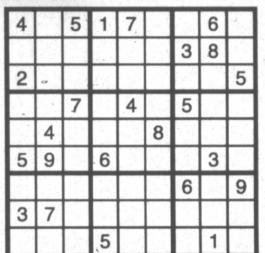


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 15-year-old boy who has known for as long as I can remember that my parents would eventually divorce. I can't remember a day constant fighting. Dad has been out of the house for a year now, and our home situation is better.

My sisters, on the other hand, are torn apart. They cry at the mention of the word divorce, which has yet to happen. My older sister is having problems at school and self-esteem issues. My younger sister cries for things to be the way they were -- even though everyone was unhappy.

My mother and I recognize that we are happier and are ready to make changes, like moving into a new house and proceeding with the divorce. But because of my sisters, she has asked me if my father should move back in. I desperately want progress, but feel it won't ever come. How can we all let go? -- TEEN IN STATEN

DEAR TEEN: A moth-

er should not be asking her 15-year-old son whether she should be giving her marriage another try. If she's ambivalent, she should make that decision in my life without their with the help of a thera- DEAR DECEIVED: pist -- which might also be extremely helpful for you and your sisters.

> All of you are experiencing the stress of the impending divorce, and you have my sýmpathy. But when a marriage is as dysfunctional as your parents' has been, sometimes the sanest answer for all concerned is that it come to an end.

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I agreed to help her sister and our niece by allowing them to stay with us in our home due to financial hardship on their part. They pay only their share of the utilities; no rent is included.

have recently We learned that they're not really having a financial problem. My sister-in-law lied to us about their situation. In fact, she makes more money than I do, and she's putting half her earnings into her retirement investment account. What is the right way to approach this problem? -- DECEIVED 'IN **SACRAMENTO**

Your sister-in-law's behavior is reprehensible. As I see it, you have a couple of choices. You can take the indirect approach by clipping this letter, attaching it to a large piece of paper and printing on it, "You have three days to make other living arrangements," and leaving it on your sister-in-law's pillow. Or the direct one, which would be to tell her that the jig is up, she's no longer welcome under your roof, and you want her and her daughter to pack their bags immediately.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a teacher who is concerned by the trend of families displaying caricatures of their family members, along with the names, on the back of their car windows. Some of them not only list every child's name, but also the name of the family pet!

While this may seem cute, it is also advertising personal information to complete strangers. Anyone could approach your children, call them by name, convince them they know the family, and then kidnap them or worse. Why wouldn't they trust someone who even knows

Please print this to raise awareness among parents who may not realize the consequences of such a thoughtless action. -- CONCERNED TEACHER, LINDA, CALIF.

their dog's name?

DEAR CONCERNED TEACHER: Consider it

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The City of Howardwick's First Annual Fall Festival was held October 3rd, and was a huge success thanks to so many businesses, volunteers, vendors, musicians, participants, and guests. I thank all the businesses (listed below) who generously donated items for our raffle and auction, those who donated services, and some with monetary contributions. I certainly appreciate all the vendors, and participants of the car and bike show as well. These activities along with live music really add to the festivities. Many local volunteers worked tirelessly to make this event happen and I shall not forget their efforts. Thanks also to our City Employees, the Board of Alderman, and our Volunteer Fire Department. Again, thank you all for the part you played in this event, large or small, and I look forward to next year! With Sincere Appreciation. Del Essary

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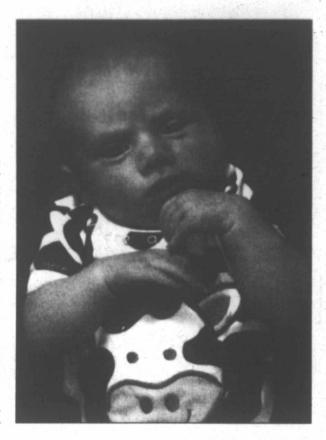
Around town

Wakely Rit

Danny and Christy Ogle of Pampa welcomed their son Wakely Rit Ogle at 2:19 p.m., May 15, 2009 in BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Wakely weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long at birth.

He was welcomed to the family by sisters Mayce and Lilye Ogle, grandparents Mattie and Larry Norton, Connie and Chris Lockridge and Dan and Babrara Ogle; great granparents Annie Aufill and Bill and Lou Pickering of



Texas Tech Health Sciences Center recruiting subjects for state funded Alzheimer's research

suffer from Alzheimer's disease? Researchers at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center are seeking volunteers, age 50 years or older, who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, Mild Cognitive Impairment as well as individuals withlout memory problems to participate in the Texas Alzheimer's Consortium.

The research, which s a part of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, is necessary to try to identify genetic and blood markers associated with Alzheimer's disease.

Sid O'Bryant, Ph.D., director of Rural Health research for the F. Marie Hall Institute for Rural and Community Health, and assistant professor in the

Does someone you love Department of Neurology, said it is exciting to be only one of five institutions in the state involved in the consortium, but most importantly to contribute to the possible research that will find answers to Alzheimer's disease.

> "The state of Texas has taken a great step towards creating a better understanding of the underlying biological factors associated with Alzheimer's disease. Through our work, the Consortium is beginning to produce important new information relevant to this devastating disease," O'Bryant said.

More than 200,000 Texans and their families are coping with Alzheimer's disease today. That number is projected to more than double to about

500,000 cases by 2025. "Some of the nation's top Alzheimer's researchers, from our institution and the four other member institutions of the Texas Alzheimer's Research Consortium, will use participant's genetic and blood data to help answer research questions about onset, triggers and progression of Alzheimer's disease," O'Bryant said.

Other member institutions of the Consortium are Baylor College of Medicine, The University Medical Center, University of North Texas Health Science Center, and the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio.

All participants will receive \$100 for their time. Persons interested in this study should contact Larry Hill, at (806) 743-1575.

Area group participates in living history event

and Romines, Royce and Frieda Henderson of Pampa and Jimmy and Sarah Northcutt of Miami were part of a Living History Encampment sponsored by the Lamar Community College in Lamar, Colorado on October 2 and 3.

This was the third time the biannual event has been held. Funding is from grants and donations from various sources as well as the Lamar Community College. Invitations were sent to schools along the Arkansas River Valley area and Friday was reserved for the school children. Saturday was open to the public.

The Romines took their chuck wagon and with their assistants set up their campsite.

They prepared biscuits and gravy as they might have been prepared on cattle drives and the basic and necessary beans and coffee. For those who were brave and chose to try them - there was an ample supply of mountain oysters. The group answered questions pertaining to both the wagon and cooking procedures. With food being served at the wagon, there was seldom a time that people weren't gathered around, especially if Keven had baked a fresh batch of Dutch oven cinnamon



Jimmy and Sarah Northcutt

Jimmy and Northcutt were entertaining with musical instruments that would have been in use during the time period of the mid to late 1800s. They made music with a mountain dulcimer, lap harp, wash board, washtub base, harmonica, jaws harps, and wooden spoons. A big hit with everyone is the "dancing jack", a jointed wooden toy that has a stick attached so one can make him dance to music. Jimmy's rope spinning was very popular with the little ones.

These were only two ofthe groups that took part in the 2 day event. There were buffalo hunters, Indians with teepees, a saloon, settlers wagon with pioneer

gear, a civil war encampment, a regular cavalry encampment including a cannon that was fired numerous times during the day, a blacksmith whose hammer on iron kept one from taking a nap, gunfighters who performed twice a day, a professional gambler and several "soiled doves" making their way around the encampment.

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Gas drive-off-leads to multicounty chase

DALLAS (AP) — A multicounty chase that lasted two hours ended when authorities spun a pickup truck into a water-filled ditch along a rural road.

Van Alstyne police Chief Robert Spindle says the chase started Friday morning after his department received a call that the driver of the pickup allegedly left a gas station without paying in nearby Sherman.

The chase covered five counties, starting about 45 miles north of Dallas and ending about 100 miles to the south in the

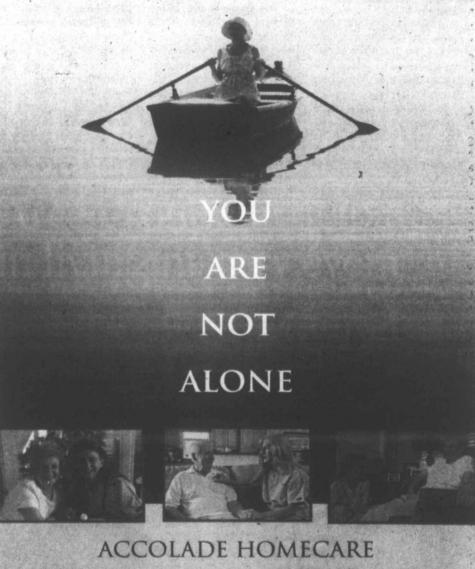
Corsicana area

Spindle said officers kept up the pursuit because the suspect allegedly tried to run over an officer in Melissa, another small town near Van Alstyne.

The motorist evaded numerous spike strips on freeways and wound through residential streets in Corsicana.

News reports estimated the truck reached top speeds of 70-75 mph, but it was traveling much slower when the chase ended.

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It's easy to feel alone when life turns hard - perhaps you have suffered a debilitating injury, a loved one becomes seriously ill, or long-term health care looms as a very real possibility. Can you and your family count on getting the physical and emotional support you will need?

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New US law helps ill students keep health coverage

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) - A federal law inspired by a New Hampshire woman's courage and enacted through her mother's determination took effect Friday, sparing seriously illor injured college students from having to choose between taking time off and keeping their health insurance.

'Michelle's Law" allows college students to take up to a year off school for medical reasons and remain on their family's health insurance plan. It is named for Michelle Morse,

who died of colon cancer at age 22 in 2005, six months after graduating from Plymouth State University.

Against her doctor's advice, the aspiring teacher maintained a full course load while undergoing chemotherapy because she otherwise would have been dropped from her parents' health insurance plan.

After her daughter's death, AnnMarie Morse made it her life's mission to ensure other families would not face the same choice. When someone from the state insurance

department told her, "If you don't like the law, change it," that's exactly what she did.

The New Hampshire Legislature enacted its version of Michelle's Law in 2006. Morse then turned her focus to Congress, which passed the federal version last year.

"It's a very bittersweet day," Morse said at a news conference Friday, her voice trembling. "I wish I could turn back time and have the family my husband and I were given: one daughter, one son.'

But she said she will continue to fight for health care reform. She was in Washington just a few weeks ago, telling members of Congress to "put patients before politics.

"Michelle's legacy will live on," she said.

Morse was joined by Rep. Paul Hodes, D-N.H., who sponsored the House version of the bill. Sen. Judd Gregg and former Sen. John Sununu, both R-N.H., led the efforts in the Senate.

Hodes estimated that the law could apply to thousands of college students nationwide.

"The message Michelle's Law is that change is hard, but change is possible," he said. "Health care reform is more than words, it affects people."

In a journal the Morse family shared with The Associated Press in 2006, Michelle Morse described her longing to have a family of her own, celebrate many Christmases and outlive her parents.

"I'm scared for my mom

and dad," she wrote in December 2003, just after she was diagnosed. "I want to make this easier on them."

Sara Jayne Steen, president of Plymouth State University, said no one can spare families the pain of losing a child, but Michelle's Law will at least eliminate the tough choice between treatment and education.

"Can one person make a difference? The answer, profoundly and in front of us, is yes," she said.

Golf has a tee time for 2016 Olympics

COPENHAGEN (AP) - Golf has a tee time for 2016, and Tiger Woods can hardly wait.

The sport returns to the Olympics for the first time since 1904 amid the spectacular backdrop of Rio de Janeiro's sand and sea, giving Woods the chance to do something even the great Jack Nicklaus never did win Olympic gold.

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Olympic officials had no sooner voted golf in along with rugby — than Woods and his fellow players cheered their chance to finally compete on sport's biggest stage. They will compete for Olympic medals, but the greater promise is that the game catches on in countries where golfers are few and golf courses are even fewer.

"I think it's great for golf," Woods said from the Presidents Cup in San Francisco. "It's a perfect fit for the Olympics, and I think we are all looking forward to golf getting into the Olympics."

The vote for golf was expected, following a campaign by the sport's leaders to bring it back for the first time since George Lyon and the United States won gold medals at the Olympics in St. Louis. They promoted it as a way to bring a sport once reserved for the elite to the masses, even though it will add 120 men and women to a sports festival already considered bloated by some in the Olympic movement.

Nicklaus himself said Olympic gold would not trump the green jacket given the winner of the Masters or the claret jug awarded in the British Open, but would be seen as something hugely important in countries where the game now doesn't mean nearly as much.

"For most of the world it will be a new game, with a new goal to achieve an Olympic gold medal," Nicklaus said. "For a lot of the world, it's something that's unbelievably special as an opportunity.

Golf's boosters capped their push for inclusion with pitches by Ireland's Padraig Harrington, a threetime major championship winner, and Michelle Wie, who for several years was the world's best known female amateur player. Wie told the International Olympic Committee that putting golf in the games would give young girls everywhere something new

to aspire to. "I can dream about doing something that neither Tiger nor Ernie (Els) have ever done, and that is to make the final putt to win an Olympic gold medal," Wie said. "If this dream comes true, somewhere in the world there will be another 4-year-old who sees me on that podium and perhaps starts her own

Olympic dream." Golf was approved 63-27 with two abstentions, while rugby won near unanimous acclaim in an 81-8 vote with one abstention. They are the first sports added since triathlon and taekwondo joined the program for the 2000 Sydney Olympics.



Tiger Woods wearing the Olympic gold medal belonging to Great Britain's Olympic rower Matthew Pinsent. during a golf clinic at Hyde Park in London.

While golf was backed by a major push that included leaders of the sport from around the world as well as 2012 London Games. top players, rugby got the nod after a campaign of its own to show off the sport to a wider audience. The vote to include rugby sevens featuring 12 men's and women's teams, though, was celebrated in a similar manner.

"We were ecstatic and wanted to jump on the table, but we sort of restrained ourselves," former New Zealand rugby great Jonah Lomu told The Associated Press. "It was just fantastic for the game."

Woods, whose dominance of golf has made him one of the most recognized athletes in the world, will be 40 when the sport returns in Rio under a tradifional format of 72 holes of stroke play for fields of 60 men and 60 women. He grew up determined to chase — and break — the record of 18 major championships won by Nicklaus. There were no thoughts of Olympic glory because there was no Olympic glory to think of.

But Woods is excited about the chance to do something he never imagined, and so are his fellow

players. "I think it's awesome," Sean O'Hair said. "You're going to be able to play for your country at the Olympic level. I think it's huge for the game. I think it's great for the Olympics. You know, I don't see any negatives to it. I think it's fantastic."

Both golf and rugby had to make some concessions to win their respective vote. Golf promised the IOC it would not stage any other major championships during the Olympics, while the Rugby Sevens World Cup will be canceled.

The vote was a reversal of the IOC's decision four years ago to reject golf and rugby for the 2012 Olympics, and brings the number of summer Olympic sports back to 28. There have been two open-

ings on the program since baseball and softball were dropped in 2005 for the

The two sports share an Olympic history of sorts, both making their debuts at the second modern games in Paris in 1900. Golf was played again only in 1904, while 15-a-side rugby was in three more games, the last the 1924 Paris Olympics.

"Time will show your decision (on the sports) was very wise," IOC president Jacques Rogge told delegates. Rogge won a vote of his own when he was elected unopposed to a final four-year term.

Delegates were more wary about golf than they were about rugby, largely because of golf's reputation as a sport played by rich people at private country clubs. Some IOC members questioned how it could be successful in most countries because of the high cost of playing it, while others pointed out that some top clubs including Augusta National

- do not allow women as members.

"There are some serious problems with some clubs where major events are held, in terms of discrimination," American member Anita DeFrantz said, urging the IOC to "avoid going down a road that may be harmful to our image."

In the end, though, the promise that adding golf to the games would make it more available to the masses won the day. Left unsaid was that marketing the sport to countries where it is not widely played - China, for instance could lead to even bigger TV contracts for tournaments, higher purses for players, and more golf course developments.

"Anything that grows the game, gets more people playing the game and more people watching the game, impacts all of those things,' PGA Tour commissioner Tim Finchem said.



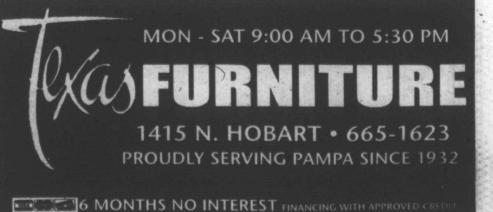
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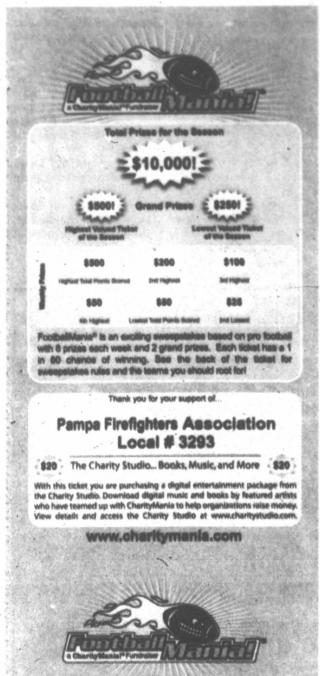
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US cotton production to hit 13 million bales

NEW ORLEANS (AP) The U.S. Department of Agriculture forecast on Friday that cotton production will increase slightly from last year, to 13 million bales, with record growers in the South.

The report is based on Oct. 1 conditions. A wildcard in how things ultimately turn out will be the weather. Rains have plagued parts of the Gulf Coast and Southeast in recent weeks, limiting farmers' time in the fields. and, in some places, taking a toll on the crop as it -awaits the completion of harvest.

"We've had conditions deteriorate, really, in the major cotton producing areas in the last week, and we're about to get more rain in the next 15 mineast Louisiana farmer, said Friday morning.

Barely halfway through harvest, and managing less than two full days in the field so far this week, Dailey said he's watched the rains wash away significant yield potential for a once-promising crop.

But he counts himself lucky: he had a good corn crop, and his cotton hasn't gotten the drenching that other producers' cotton has. Like many other cottonproducers, he'd switched some cotton acres to corn in recent years because of decent prices for the grain, which is less costly to pro-

duce. Nine of 17 cotton states, including Louisiana, are expecting increased production this year, in spite of U.S. growers having planted fewer acres. In Texas, the U.S. cotton king, production is forecast to reach 5 million bales, up from

4.5 million last year. In Georgia, it's expected to hit about 1.9 million bales, up from 1.6 million. USDA said upland growers in

Alabama and Georgia were

expecting record yields.

yields expected for some The 380,000 bales forecast for Louisiana, while well above 2008's hurricane-affected crop, is still dismal when compared with recent years. In 2006, production hit 1.2 million

> Several states, including California and Mississippi, are expecting big production declines.

After a tough few years for the industry - marked by a shift in U.S. acreage to corn, soybeans and other crops offering better payoffs and weakened demand for cotton goods amid the global financial woes — the outlook may utes," Jack Dailey, a north-, be brightening, said Gary Adams, chief economist for the National Cotton Council. Prices that farmers get have improved a bit this year, and forecasts are pointing to at least marginal increase in global mill demand for the 2009 marketing year, he said.

But Adams said it's hard to say whether we've seen a bottoming-out in U.S. acreage, which this year totaled 9.1 million. (Last year's production, according to USDA, was 12.8 million bales.)

"I think if we look at where relative prices are today, looking ahead to the 2010 futures contracts, cotton is in a bit better position than in the last two, three years, but a lot can happen between now and the next planting season," he said.

After raising \$8,100 in the "Fill the Boot campaign for Jerry's Kids in August, Pampa firefighters are continuing their efforts to help local children and breast cancer victims.

Currently they are working on two project simultaneously. Firefighters will be wearing pink shirts on duty October 26, 27 and 28. You can join them and help raise funds for the next Pampa Relay for Life.

Firefighters are taking orders for T-shirts right now, they are \$15 each, any firefighter will be happy to take your order.

The firefighters association is also selling tickets for Football Mania. The funds from these tickets will be used to buy shoes and socks for local children

Tickets are \$20 and

based on the scores of the three random teams on the game ticket for each week, cash winners are deter-Ticket holders may also download music

and other items from the Charity Mania Web site. For more information, con-

tact any firefighter.

Children in need are identified by PISD nurses. At the end of November vouchers will be given to the children's parents to go to a local store and receive shoes and socks, so kids will have warm shoes for

Any remaining funds

will be used to buy gifts for the Angel Tree projects

All together the funds are expected to help between 120 and 150 children her.

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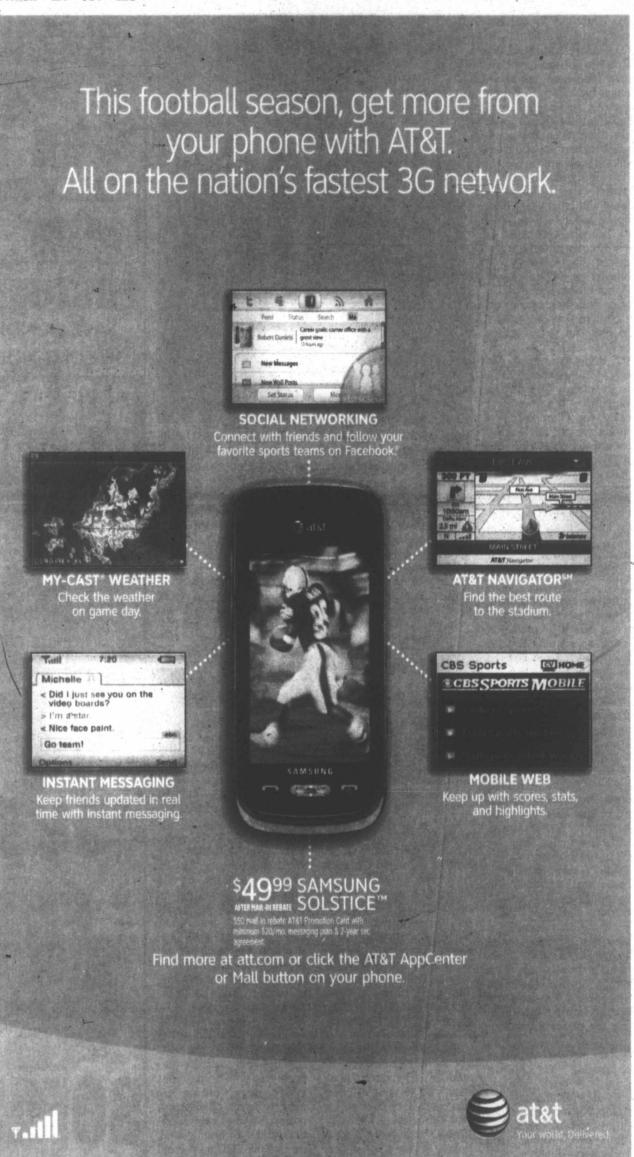
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Pirates fly on heights of Eagles' wings to open district

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Lefors Pirates play undefeated an Miami Warriors team next Friday. In the Friday's first half of the Pirates game against the Samnorwood Eagles, Coach Joey Czubinski (Ski) thought his team may have been looking ahead, as the Eagles put up 42 points in the first half.

However, the Pirates got back on track at the end of the first half and took control in the second half of a 75-50 victory over the Eagles Friday in Samnorwood.

Coach Ski said Samnorwood was very prepared and ready for his team.

"They did their homework," Coach Ski said. "They watched film. They were executing. Between now and when I saw them last time they have gotten quicker, they have gotten better. Their execution in the first half was nearly flawless."

The Eagles (3-3, 0-1) scored first in the game. Trey Granados ran the ball for a 35-yard touchdown, the extra point conversion was no good giving the Eagles a 6-0 lead with 6:20 left in the

Lefors (6-1, 1-0) answered right back. Keenan Lott hit Trever Czubinski on a 25-yard pass. The Pirates missed the conversion tying the game at six with 5:19 left in the first.

Samnorwood got the lead right back and kept it the rest of the half. Tommy Wright scored on a 27-yard run. The Eagles missed the onepoint conversion taking a 12-6 lead with 3:47 left in the first.

Unlike the Eagles first touchdown Lefors was not able to respond. Samnorwood took advantage. Junior Gonzalez completed a 33 yard pass to Ronny Martel for a touchdown after the twopoint kick, the Eagles led 19-6 after the first quar-

After stopping the Pirates again, Wright scored on a 22-yard run putting the Eagles in front 25-6. Lott and Czubinski connected again to cut Samnorwood's lead to 26-12.

Trever Czubinski said that touchdown got them believing that they could score on Samnorwood.

"If we score on them and keeping scoring we're going to win the game," Czubinski said. "All we got to do is get a stop on defense keep scoring on offense, we keep the lead."

Wright scored on a two-yard run to give the Eagles their largest lead of the night at 34-12 with 7:42. However that's when Lefors started turning things around.

Lott returned the ensuing kickoff for a touchdown. The conversion was no good and Lefors trailed, 34-18.

Lott scored another touchdown and converted the two-point kick to bring the Pirates within eight.

Gonzalez scored the Eagles last touchdown of the half increasing the Eagles lead to 42-26.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Trever Czubinski (2) tries to escape from an Eagle defender.

In the second half, Lott

took over the game for

the Pirates. Lott scored on

a 27-yard run after Lefors

recovered an Eagles fum-

ble on the kickoff. The

senior quarterback gave

with a 51-yard intercep-

Hess to give the Pirates a

Coach Ski said Lott's

"He's the type of play-

er when the game is the

toughest and the team has

got to rise to the top that's

him," Coach Ski said.

"He wants to win. He's

got the desire to win. The

senior class is like that

and he's the leader of that

pass to Joey Johnston to

give Lefors a 54-42 lead

with 7:59 left in the game.

Samnorwood scored their

last points of the game

when Bartel caught a pass

for 46 yards. The Eagles

converted the two-point

kick to cut Lefors lead

to 54-50 with 7:45 left in

Coach Ski was pleased

with how his team

stepped up in an adverse

"That first half they

had our number," Coach

Ski said. "Coach Peet

the defensive coordinator

was just going bananas.

We sat down at halftime

and made adjustments.

To me that's the strength

of a coaching staff. It's

not do I have good play-

ers that I can 45 anybody.

Can we make adjust-

Lott said the team had

a couple of injuries on

defense and it took some

time to get comfortable

"Once everyone got

The Pirates will face

their second undefeated

opponent next Friday

when they host Miami

(6-0). Coach Ski said his

team will be ready for

"We know who they

are and what they do," Coach Ski said. "Now

we are going to go play.

We are really looking

forward to it and really

want to enjoy ourselves."

Trever Czubinski said

Miami will be hungry for

a win against them and

that Lefors will have to

"It's a big rivalry," Czubinski said. "We've

beat them three or four

times in a row. They are

going to want to beat us

so we got to expect their

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48-42 lead.

The Pirates scored one more time in the first half when Lott threw a 38-yard pass to Cody Hess. Samnorwood led 42-34 at halftime.

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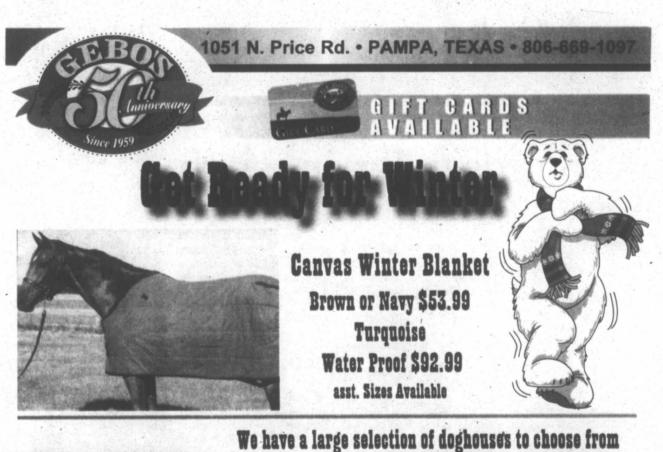
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Gage, Finney doubles team named tennis players of the week

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Pampa Head Tennis Coach Sarah Corse nominated Sammi Finney and Holly Gage doubles team as players of the week for their performances against Randall and Palo Duro.

Corse nominated them because they have made a strong doubles team this season

"Sammi and Holly have come on," Corse said. "Their doubles play have really improved this year and they have become a pretty good little doubles team.

Finney said she started playing tennis at the beginning of her seventh grade year and enjoys playing because it helps relive stress.

"I put effort in to it," Finney said. "But I come out here and practice and not have to worry about homework or anything until afterwards.'

Gage said she started playing when she was in the eighth grade and said her dad got her interested in the sport.

"One Sunday afternoon my dad asked if I wanted to play tennis," Gage said. "I said 'sure never played before.' So I was really into sports. I played softball, and basketball. It (tennis) was just something

Finney has enjoyed making friends in high school tennis.

"I know I'll have them forever," Finney said. "We're kind of family."

Gage also said she enjoyed making friends and the challenge of the

"I was really nervous my freshman year," Gage said. 'It's been challenging and I've learned a lot.

Both Finney and Gage have enjoyed playing doubles together. Finney said a match in her eighth grade year and Gage's seventh grade year, was a major reason why they are playing doubles together this season.

"The first time we played against each other was my eighth grade year and her seventh grade year," Finney said. "After we had a really long match everyone told us we should start playing doubles together in high school."

Gage said Finney is a lot of fun and is a good friend. "We try not to take it to

seriously," Gage said. "We play hard but if we take it to seriously we don't play well."

Finney said a tennis player she looks up to is Melanie Oudin who is 17.

"I watched her beat (Maria) Sharapova a week or so ago," Finney said.



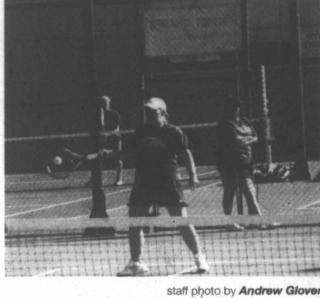
staff photo by Andrew Glover

"On her shoes she got believe on them. She's really determined even though she's younger than everyone else. She's confident that she can beat

Gage said her favorite tennis player is Justine Henin.

"She was number one when I started playing tennis so I looked up to her," Gage said.

· Neither Finney or Gage know exactly what they want to do career wise. Finney wants to go into some form of psychiatry or psychology. Gage wants to go into architecture.



Sammi Finney returns a ball against Dumas Sept. 29

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staff photo by Andrew Glover Holly Gage returns a ball in her singles match against Dumas September 29. girls golf wins sixth

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa girls golf team won sixth place October 3 at an invitational in Dumas.

The Harvesters finished 14 strokes behind fifth place Dumas. Pampa

Canyon and 10 strokes ahead of Borger. Amarillo High won the invitational with a 309. Randall was second with a 341 and Plainview was third with a 385. Palo Duro competed but was disqualified.

Samantha Kelly led the team scoring a 103, Cori

Cook and Lindsey Brown scored a 106 and Liz Hoelting scored a 108 to equal the Harvesters' score of 108. Sydney Hoelting also competed and scored a 119.

The Lady Harvesters will compete in Borger on Saturday.

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Junior High boys cross country team won first and the girls won fourth in their meet at Canadian.

The boys ran two miles, six teams and 62 runners competed. Tre Didly won fifth with a time of 11:47. Alex Marrufo was tenth with a time of 12:25, Keenan Hughes won 18th with a time of 12:45, Skyler Been was 20th with a time of 12:49, Chris Smith

was 30th with a time of 13:51, Edgar Robles won 39th with a time of 13:51, Samuel Cervantes was 48th with a time of 15:12, Greg Smith was 53rd with a time of 15:44 and Josh Lance was 61st with a time

of 19:56. The girls also ran two miles, 14 teams and 160 runners competed. Bailey Dixon won fourth with a time of 12:57. Jessie Dixon won fifth with a time of 12:58, Elizabeth Gill was 13th with a time of 13:24, Bella Leal was 31st with

Coming up in Monday's Sports Section

Full recap on Pampa High School volleyball's game at Palo Duro Full recap of Pampa High School cross country team's meet at Canyon high school

Full recaptof Pampa High School Tennis at Hereford.

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a time of 14:16, Taylor Eubank was 46th with a time of 14:40, Risa Rodriguez was 47th with a time of 14:40, Kayla Hughes was 49th with a time of 14:43, Vanessa Ontiveros was 52nd with a time of 14:47 and Ty'Randa Johnson was 55th with a time of 14:50.



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despite bad crop

Scrunching her face slightly, Carla Bryant lowered the wine glass from her mouth and dumped the remainder of her Late Harvest Riesling sample in the jug sitting nearby.

"Not that one," she said, untwisting her features. Too sweet."

The dessert wine was one of five she and a group of locals tasted at Llano Estacado winery near Lubbock during a recent tour of West Texas wineries hosted by Odessa College's continuing education program.

The white wine Bryant and others said they would skip in the future is meant to be paired with cheesecake or sugar cookies. It's known as a late harvest wine because it's allowed to mold so the sugars become concentrated and give it that natural, but intense sweet taste, tour guide Michael Laughlin

"You don't want to have this with a meal," he said, suggesting the group members cleanse their palettes as sugars tend to "destroy"

Before tasting, the group was ushered through the winery viewing everything from the 3,000-gallon silver fermentation tanks to the chemical lab where staff work to concoct perfect combinations to the barrel and bottling area.

And while the actual harvesting and processing is scaled back from previous years after hail damage and late frosts ruined many of the vineyards' crops, winery staff say it hasn't put a dent in the number of Texas tourists coming to

"We're noticing some of our people aren't from as far away as they used to be," said Llano Estacado tasting room director Dusty Duke. "We still have

About 2,000 come through the winery each month, he said, with more people typically stopping in the late summer and fall so they can view parts of the process.

"You'll actually get to see us press the grapes and do winemaking stuff," Duke said.

At Pheasant Ridge winery, just north of Lubbock, staff said they've also kept a steady business despite losing about 85 percent of their crop during spring hail storms.

"This particular year we'll probably make a proprietor's reserve and that's it," said Zach Edgerton, who's working at the winery as he earns his master's degree in winemaking and wine chemistry.

Some wineries will choose to buy grapes from other vineyards to make up for the loss and allow semi-normal production to continue. Wineries like Pheasant Ridge, however, don't do this because it would mean the loss of their estate designation, which is given because all of their wine is produced from grapes grown at the vineyard.

Edgerton said crop insurance will help cover the costs of the grapes lost but won't do anything to make up for the loss in sales that may come later because of the area's poor growing

Typically, winery staff said. West Texas is ideal for grape growing — a fact they said continues to surprise even visitors who live nearby — since the vines need even less water of a recent bottling sesthan the region's cotton requires.

Because of the area's hot, dry summers and low humidity in addition to soil that typically drains well, the Texas High Plains usually provides just the

right environment for vines to succeed, according to Llano Estacado.

In the last few years, though, high rains have increased the area's humidity, which in turn has meant the usual cool nightly temperatures didn't occur. The higher temperatures then allowed grapes to continue maturing at night. The moisture also can lead to mold issues.

Plus, winery staff said, hail and late freezes such as occurred this year, can knock grapes from the vines or damage those left behind.

"Parts of Texas are under a drought and that's unfortunate, but we're getting too much rain," Laughlin

The grapes that did survive are being harvested a little later than normal, meaning any who've yet to visit area wineries have plenty of time to stop in and see the start of the production process.

Llano Estacado just began its harvesting and Pheasant Ridge will be harvesting within a month. Both started as small

sell nationwide. Gloria and Robert Hernandez, who went on the trip, said they signed up after purchasing one of Llano Estacado's wines for "next to nothing" at Wal-Mart and then seeing an add for the trip the next

If visitors catch the winery at just the right time, they may get to see more of the process than the Odessa College group did, though they caught the remnants sion at Pheasant Ridge and passed by as chemists worked at Llano Estacado.

Grapes are typically hand-harvested and continually brought in to the wineries' staff.

Green grapes are cleaned

and pressed and then juices are taken on for the next step. Red grapes often are kept in a container to ferment and then mashed every few hours - typically not with feet anymore but instead with machinery that emulates the footstomping motion.

Once this process is complete; those grapes are pressed before proceeding in the process.

Tall silver tanks in plain view at both wineries allow wines to ferment. The taste and process can be altered by how much yeast is added and for how much time and by the temperature at which the tanks are

From the tanks wines are transferred to barrels where they're kept for a varying amount of time.

"Basically it's just a waiting game hoping they don't go bad," Edgerton said, adding wines are then taste-tested periodically.

Char inside a barrel also affects the final outcome with mediumcharred barrels typically reserved for red wines and lightly charred for white. Un-oaked charcoal gives off a more citrus flavor, while oak yields a creamier taste, Laughlin said.

And while wine has a reputation of gaining noto-riety with age, Laughlin said Texas wines are not aged as long as a French wine might be because the vines are not as old.

White wines typically have a shelf life of two to three years after bottling, Edgerton said, though some reds still are good after more than 20 years.

"I had no idea Texas had wine like Germany," said Lucie Hunt, who said one of her favorites was the Gewurztraminer, a white wine that is good with spicy foods.

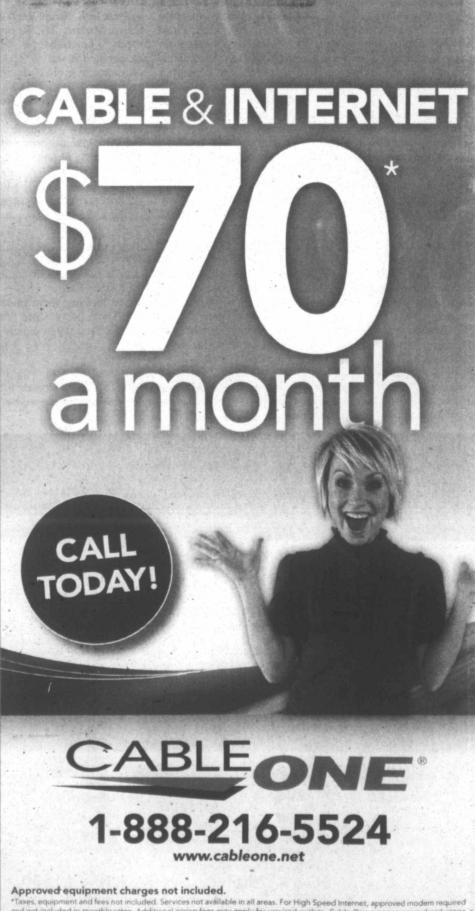
eral different varieties at both vineyards, with Hunt attracting attention from other tourists for her enthusiastic reviews of some varieties and others quietly commenting to one another about a new favorite found.

Lisa Cline, director of Community Service at Odessa College, led the trip, and said they're working to put together additional continuing education tours that are meant to serve the community and give additional people a chance to get involved with the college.

The winery tour was the first continuing education trip the college has taken, and though Cline said acting as tour guide was a new experience for her, it's one they are working to duplicate.

"It's an educational delight," she said.





Plan: Hummer will continue in Shreveport

AP Business Writer Production of commercial Hummer vehicles will continue in Shreveport through at least June 2011 if a deal by General Motors Co. to sell the brand to a Chinese company goes through.

GM signed a definitive sale agreement Friday with Sichuan Tengzhong Heavy Machinery Industrial Co. Ltd. The sale must be approved by U.S. and Chinese regulators.

Under the agreement, the former GM plant in Shreveport, now owned by Motors Liquidation Co., which leases the plant to the automaker, would continue producing the H3 model and H3T pickup truck on a contract basis until June 2011, with a one-year option until June 2012.

The Shreveport plant is currently scheduled to close no later than June 2012. For the time being, the plant also is assembling the Chevrolet Colorado and GMC Canyon pickup trucks. The plant once employed about 3,000 workers, but layoffs and buyouts have reduced that number to just over 700.

State officials said more work was ahead to convince Hummer's prospec-



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tive new owner to continue. assembling vehicles in Shreveport on a long-term basis. Motors Liquidation was created during GM's bankruptcy reorganization and is the owner of GM plants that have closed or are scheduled to close.

"We currently expect that Hummer executives will consider a variety of locations for long-term manufacturing operations, including but not limited to Shreveport," state economic development secretary Stephen Moret said in a statement.

Gov. Bobby Jindal, who called the Hummer sale "a positive move," said state officials would continue working with GM "to help keep this facility permanently open and return it to full production levels."

"In addition to the Hummer opportunity, we have several viable options on the table that we will continue to pursue to secure and increase jobs at the Shreveport facility," Moret said.

Tengzhong will get an 80 percent stake in the company, while Hong Kong investor Suolang Duoji, who indirectly owns a big stake in Tengzhong through an investment company called Sichuan Huatong Investment Holding Co., will get 20 percent.

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NASA probes hit moon twice; few pictures yet

WASHINGTON (AP) Take that, moon!

NASA smacked two spacecraft into the lunar south pole Friday morning in a search for hidden ice. Instruments confirm that a large empty rocket hull barreled into the moon at 7:31 a.m., followed four minutes later by a probe with cameras taking pictures of the first crash.

But initial photos show that the moon didn't give the reaction to the double jabs that NASA expected.

And the public definitely didn't get the live explosive views they may have anticipated from the mission called LCROSS, short for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite.

Screens got fuzz and no immediate pictures of the crash or the six-mile plume of lunar dust that the mission was supposed to kick up for scientists to study. The public, which followed the crashes on the Internet and at observatories, seemed puzzled.

NASA officials touted loads of data from the probe and telescopes around the world and in orbit. But the crash photos and videos they offered at a morning news conference were few and showed little more than a fuzzy white flash.

Still, NASA scientists were happy.

"This is so cool," said Jennifer Heldmann, coordinator for NASA's observation campaign. "We're

The first photos and videos that NASA got didn't show any plumes. They may still be coming or there may not have been



People applaud as they watch a big screen at the Newseum in Washington as NASA crashes the LCROSS spacecraft on the moon, Friday, Oct. 9, 2009. The space probe is called LCROSS, short for Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite. (AP Photo/ Alex Brandon)

much of a visible plume to show if there is water for the probe and Earthbound telescopes to see, said LCROSS scientist Anthony Colaprete.

"We saw a crater; we saw a flash, so something had to happen in between." Colaprete said. The crater was the aftermath of the crash and the flash was the impact itself.

The unexpected lack of pictures of a plume could be because the plume was at a different angle, hit slopes or wasn't high enough to show up, he said. Or the lunar soil could have compressed down and not tossed up as much dust as expected, he said.

Colaprete played down the importance of pictures of the plume. Far more important is light spectrum. measurements taken but not yet analyzed -

or some form of water in what was tossed up. The scientific instruments that took those measurements worked perfectly, he said.

"What matters for us is: What is the nature of the stuff that was kicked up going in?" said NASA project manager Dan Andrews. "All nine instruments were working fine and we received good data."

Andrews said/the science team is pouring through the information to answer the big question: Is there some form of water under the moon's surface that was dislodged? It will probably be two weeks before scientists will be certain about the answer, he said.

"This is going to whange the way we look at the moon," NASA chief lunar

ence. Expectations by the public for live plume video were probably too high and based on pre-crash animations, some of which were not by NASA, Andrews told The Associated Press Friday morning 80 minutes after impact.

scientist Michael Wargo

said at the news confer-

Another issue, one NASA thought was a. good possibility going into Friday, was that the lighting was bad and work needs to be done on images to make them easier to see, Andrews said.

People who got up before dawn to look for the crash at Los Angeles' Griffith Observatory threw confused looks at each other instead. They tried to watch on TV because the skies in Southern California were

not clear enough, but that proved disappointing, too. Telescope demonstra-

tor Jim Mahon called the celestial show "anticlimac-

"I was hoping we'd see a flash or a flare, evidence of a plume," Mahon said.

About 100 miles northeast of Los Angeles, 70 elementary school students at the Lewis Center for Educational Research charter school in Apple Valley capped off their weeklong "moon camp" experience by rising early to watch NASA television along with 300 members of the

"It was cool seeing actual pictures of the moon live," said 10-year-old Jackson Bridges, but he added: "I wanted to see the debris flying out."



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phone could be ready early next year, The Wall Street Journal reported. Representatives for Dell, AT&T Inc. and Google all declined to comment.

In the year since the economic meltdown, businesses and consumers have sharply cut back spending on Dell's main products computers and serv-

SEATTLE (AP) — Dell and Gartner Inc. have both design, hardware or softpredicted a year-over-year decline in PC shipments in 2009, which would be the phone operating system, first such drop since 2001.

Dell sees a chance to expand The touch-screen and diversify. Dell hired Ron Garriques, a Motorola cell-phone division executive, to lead its consumer technology group in 2007. That sparked rumors that the PC maker was readying a smart phone.

Garriques told analysts at a meeting in July that wireless carriers want a consumer "solution" from Dell, but didn't give any ers. Research groups IDC specific details about in the U.S. but AT&T has

ware plans.

In August, Dell showed off what appeared to be a smart phone at a Beijing event hosted by China's biggest cell phone carrier, China Mobile. The Round Rock, Texas-based PC maker said it was a "proof of concept mobile device prototype.'

Android, which is free for phone makers to use and modify, is increasingly making its way onto higher-end phones as a potential rival to Apple's Inc.'s iPhone. AT&T is the iPhone's exclusive carrier. not shied away from offering competing units, such as BlackBerry devices and phones that run Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Mobile software.

looking for a man who keeps sneaking into backyards, dancing around naked and then running away.

Police believe the same man has been exposing himself in the same neighborhood since 2005. The most recent incident came Sept. 30.

Once he climbs a fence or goes through a gate, he either dances naked or jumps in a swimming pool naked. One time, he did

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police are a naked dance atop a backyard air conditioning unit, police say.

> Police say they're looking for a pudgy, man about 6 feet tall with pasty white skin. He always covers his face when dancing, police say.

Dallas Police Senior Cpl. Janice Crowther says police want to catch him before it escalates into something worse.

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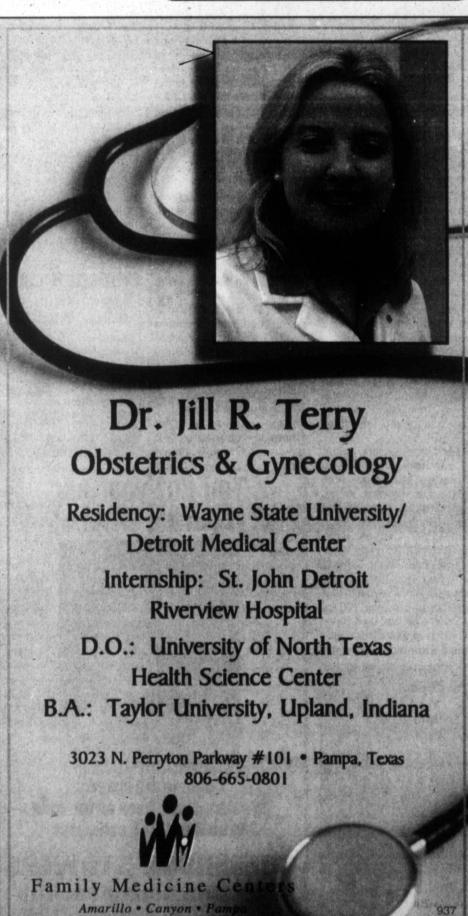


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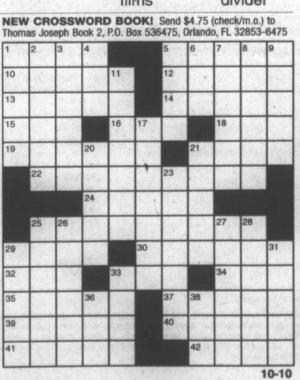
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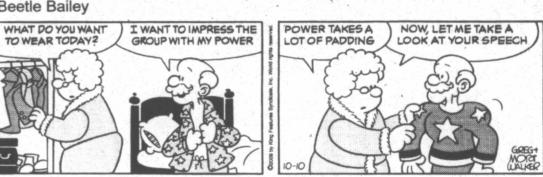




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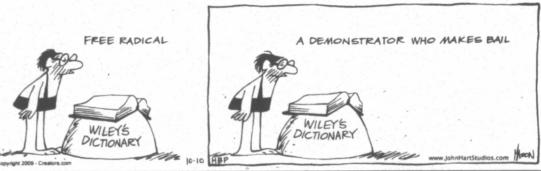
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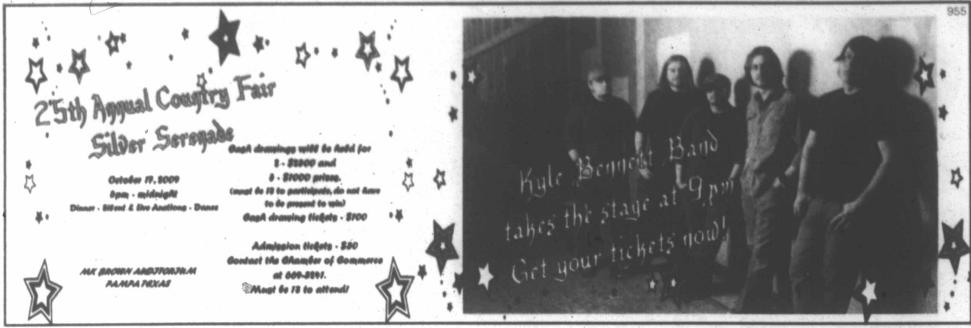


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Frank pushing quick movement on credit card bill

Rep. Barney Frank, the tough-talking liberal ushering through a major rewrite of rules governing Wall Street, sounded a warningshot on Thursday to big banks: Start playing nice or Congress will make your life even more difficult.

Last spring, Frank helped push a bill through Congress that imposes strict new rules on lenders, including a limitation on when and how banks hike rates. Most of the rules will take effect in mid-February, a date set by Congress to give banks time to prepare for the changes.

But the Massachusetts Democrat, who chairs the House Financial Services Committee, said at a hearing on Thursday that lenders have abused the grace period by using the time to

WASHINGTON (AP) rules. He has introduced of the high fees, known legislation that would move up the enactment date to Dec. 1.

"It is very clear that this is the kind of protection that shouldn't wait and we should move forward," Frank said about the new credit card rules.

Frank also said he is open to providing relief to merchants that pay heavy fees to banks in exchange for accepting credit cards from their customers. Thursday's hearing was primarily focused on legislation by Vermont Democratic Rep. Peter Welch that would regulate those fees.

The hearing included testimony from Kathy Miller, a grocery store owner in Elmore, Vt., whose voice cracked with emotion as she described the strain put hike rates ahead of the new on her business because

as "interchange," levied by credit card companies.

Some lobbyists have speculated that Frank's sudden interest in Welch's bill is a warning to banks to tone down their opposition to his broader effort to impose new consumer protections. The financial industry has launched a

multimillion-dollar effort to try to defeat legislation backed by Frank and President Barack Obama that would create a new federal regulator to police the fine print on such products as credit cards and mortgages.

Banks contend that tougher restrictions and the creation of a new federal regulator will hurt the February. availability of credit. In an effort to counter the backlash in Congress and elsewhere, some banks have announced they will adopt consumer-friendly policies

on their own. This week Bank of America Corp. pledged not to hike credit card interest rates or fees before

Frank called Bank of America's promise "welcome" but added that lenders have otherwise abused the grace period given to them by Congress. Further, he said, the bank's pledge was an indication that credit card companies could be forced to comply with the law sooner than planned.



Boy Scouts campaign to attract Hispanics

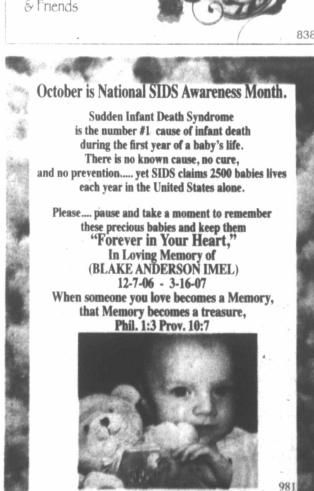
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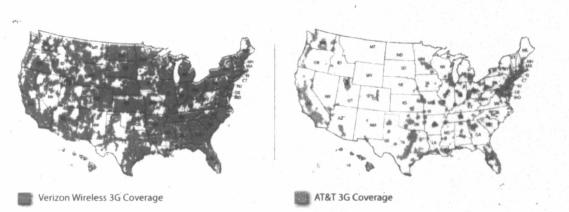
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October safety reminders

It is that time of year again when the air has a slight chill to it in the early morning hours. Soon, it will be time to fire up those heaters, furnaces and fire places. But before you do, take the time to be sure that your heating systems are in proper working order. Because if not you are putting you and your loved ones at risk of Carbon Monoxide

Some Preventative Measures

Install a Monoxide monitor.

Never service fuel-burning appliances without the proper knowledge or tools - this is best left to a professional. Never make any additions or alterations to your heating

Never operate a gas powered device in or near an enclosed space.

Never use gas appliances (range, oven, dryer, camp stoves) to help heat your home:

Open the fireplace damper before lighting a fire and keep open until ashes are cool.

Be sure that your home is well ventilated.

Have home heating systems (including fire places, chimneys, and vents) inspected and serviced annually by a trained professional.

Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

- 1. Headache
- 2. Dizziness
- 3. Nausea
- 4. Unclear thinking 5. Shortness of breathe
- 6. Weakness
- 7. Vision problems
- 8. Sleepiness
- 9. Confusion

High concentrations of carbon monoxide can lead to brain damage or even death.

Victims may experience many of these symptoms or even just one symptom. You should suspect Carbon Monoxide poisoning if

these symptoms tend to disappear when you leave home. If you suspect that you may have Carbon Monoxide

poisoning leave the home to fresh air and call 911 immediately

Carbon Monoxide Sparky says...

Planning and practicing a home fire escape plan is a smart thing to do. Get together with your family to draw a plan of your home that includes all windows and doors. Here are some important tips to help you make your plan:

- 1. Two Ways Out: Every room should have two ways out. One way out would be the door and the second way out may be a window. If your first way out is blocked by fire or smoke you should use your second way out. Emergency escape from a second story window may involve using a home fire safety ladder. If your escape plan includes an escape ladder, practice using it from a first floor window with a grown-up.
- 2. Working Smoke Alarms: Make sure your home has at least one smoke alarm on every level and outside the sleeping areas. If you sleep with your bedroom door closed, ask a grown-up to install a smoke alarm inside your bedroom. Ask a grown-up to test your smoke alarms each month by pushing the test button, and to replace the batteries once a year or when it makes a chirping sound which means the battery is running low.

NOTE: Newer smoke alarms have a universal signal repetition of 3 beeps, followed by a 1 1/2 second

- 3. Outside Meeting Place: Pick a family meeting place outside the home, where everyone will meet once they have escaped. A good meeting place would be a tree, a streetlight, a telephone pole, or a neighbor's home. Be sure to stay a safe distance from emergency vehicles.
- 4. Lots of Practice: Practice your plan with your family at least twice a year. Get your family together for tonight and practice your "great escape." Remember: Never go back inside a burning building. Once out, stay out!

If you live in an apartment building, here is some special information for you. In some cases, the safest action when a fire alarm sounds may be to stay inside your apartment and protect yourself from smoke until the fire department arrives. This is called a "passive escape." If escaping is your best course of action, follow your escape plan unless there is immediate danger. Take your key with you in case you are forced to return to your apartment. Always use the stairs - never the elevator- in case of fire alarms. An elevator may stop at a floor where the fire is burning or it may malfunction and trap you.

If you are unable to leave the building, use your passive escape.

Seal all doors and vents with duct tape or towels to prevent smoke from entering the room.

Open a window at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter. Be ready to close the window immediately if it draws smoke into the room.

Call the fire department and let them know that you are still inside the building.

Be patient. Rescuing all the occupants of a high-rise building can take a long time.

Wave a flashlight or light colored cloth at the window to let the fire department know where you are

Sparky and I thank you for everything you do to keep people safe.







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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Oct.

This year, you feel more valued than in past years. You feel the push and pull of other needs, your goals and many people's judgments. The process of weighing the pros and cons of a choice allows you to soar and stay on top of your game. Sometimes you find bosses and authority figures to be demanding. If you are single, you could meet someone through your friends, or a friendship could evolve into more. This relationship has enormous potential. If you are attached, build on your friendship this year, and everything else will fall into place. LEO is a fun and loyal friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Believe in your creativity, and tap into it more completely. You easily could run into a challenge or two; use your ingenuity. You see events around your home and daily life with a great deal of sobriety. Tonight: Create what you

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** ★ Anchor in and understand what is motivating a family member. You might need to make an effort to communicate in a more expressive vet less intimidating manner with a child or loved one. If you find the path, each day could get better. Tonight: Happily heading home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** You'll have many chances to display your close-to-perfect art of communicating. On the other hand, your frustration or another person's irritation points to the fact that perfection has not yet been met! Tonight: Go with the

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ You, above many other signs, have the unique ability to justify expenditures for your long-term security. In any case, you need to determine what is really important and follow those guidelines. Playing games with money will not help. Tonight: Hang out. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You smile, and the world smiles. Go within and decide on your priorities, using this magnetism to the max. You often take people and situations for granted. Don't. You won't be as happy with the end results. Curb your spending if possible - for now. Tonight: Whatever floats your boat.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Your inner voice is working overtime trying to break through a newly evolved pessimism. Though you could feel justified in your perspective, events will help you see otherwise in the near future. Tonight: Remember, what you put out is what you get back

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You flourish to an unprecedented level in meetings and with crowds. Never lose your focus, and what comes forward will be very powerful and important. Network, looking to the future or to better friendships. Tonight: Where

the action is. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Many eyes are looking at you. A lot of people want your feedback, but some want to dominate and couldn't care less. Your voice counts. Listen to feedback carefully. Tonight: Deal with a friend who is on the warpath.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** You have a flair for detaching and seeing the whole story, or as much as can be seen. Also, don't hesitate to seek out an expert or two with a different per-

spective. Realize what is happening with someone you look up to. In a sense, this person feels as if he or she can do no more. Tonight: Don't trigger. Do find CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** As you can imagine, anyone

who partners with you professionally will learn a lot. Don't be surprised if you hit a challenge out of the blue. It actually has been building for a while. Detach and observe. Tonight: Share over dinner. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Others keep interrupting your plans. The real question remains: Is that OK with you? Perhaps you might find a partner or a co-worker difficult and contrary. You know how to handle what is coming up. But do you want to? Tonight: Let others have their way. As if you can PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Defer to associates, or plot out your work and errands by yourself. As it stands, people don't tend to do the job as you might like. The only way to guarantee the end results is to do it yourself.

BORN TODAY Journalist Chris Wallace (1947), tenor Luciano Pavarotti (1935), fiddler, vocalist Martie Seidel (1969)

Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct.

This year, you focus on your career, public image and community commitments. You will be extremely busy integrating many different, unrelated facets into your daily routine. Break unnecessary patterns and head in a new direction. You blaze a new trail, and many notice. If you are single, meeting someone is a snap, but be careful not to project any negative feelings from past relationships onto this one. If you are attached, encourage your significant other to join in some of your commitments and passions. CANCER likes you to lead.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

*** Emphasize the possibilities Unexpected insights about a family member give you the ability to move forward quickly. Your caring helps an associate open up, making it far easier to get to the bottom of a problem. Tonight: Fit in a workout

This Week: Your fiery energy defines your creativity. Try relaxing a little more

midweek TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Investigate options revolving around your daily life, a group of people and/or a get-together. Your sense of humor emerges with a difficult situation. Your involvement takes you to a new level of commitment. The good news is, ultimately it will be less difficult than you anticipated. Tonight: Catch up on calls and e-mail

This Week: Getting going could be tough, but you perk up midweek. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might want to try another approach, honoring a need to grow in a new direction. Expenses become intense and somewhat difficult. Know when to put a halt to spending. See if there is another path. Tonight: Your treat. This Week: Communication remains

vital and interesting until midweek, when

you want to close yourself off. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

**** While others try to get a better sense of what might be going on, you are looking for better answers. Consider options that come forward involving a sibling or neighbor. Cut impulsiveness as soon as possible. Tonight: As you like. This Week: Curb impulsiveness in any way, shape or form, for your sake. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Holding anger in might not be good ultimately, as you will express it in some way - possibly by getting sick. Express feelings in a way that someone can hear, rather than let them smolder. You have a strong sense of your limitations. Tonight: R and R

This Week: Smile, and it seems everyone responds. Use your magic

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Knowing what you want will take you in a new direction if you listen to your instincts coupled with a friend's feedback. Unexpected actions develop new potential and freedom in a relationship. At first, the conservative in you might close down. Tonight: Go for what you want.

This Week: Use Monday and Tuesday for research. And Wednesday you'll be all

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

/★★★ Join an older friend or relative. The two of you will have a ball indulging in a leisurely meal and perhaps a movie. You have plenty of time to catch up on news. Invite others to join you at a later point. Tonight: Out late.

This Week: Zero in on what you want Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday on, you will want more quiet time. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Detach and choose offbeat plans. Decide to break from your pattern, and you will be happier. Be open to different styles, but don't feel as if you must act in that way. A friend doesn't mean to be difficult. Tonight: Let your imagination come into play. This Week: Everyone looks to you for

answers. By Wednesday, you seem to

have come up with the right ones.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Deal with one person directly As sometimes this person gets shy and/or withholds, your ability to read between the lines allows greater closeness than this person is used to. Understand this person's powerful reactions. Tonight: Dinner and a chat.

This Week: Go beyond the obvious looking for answers, and you'll get great

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Others find you, even if you want to play the recluse. Give up what appears to be impossible: a quiet day. Go for fun and frivolity. Remember, it is unusual to have so many people feeling so gregarious. Seize the moment. Tonight: It's hard to tell tomorrow is Monday

This Week: Work on an individual level. Reach out for someone at a distance.

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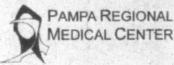
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