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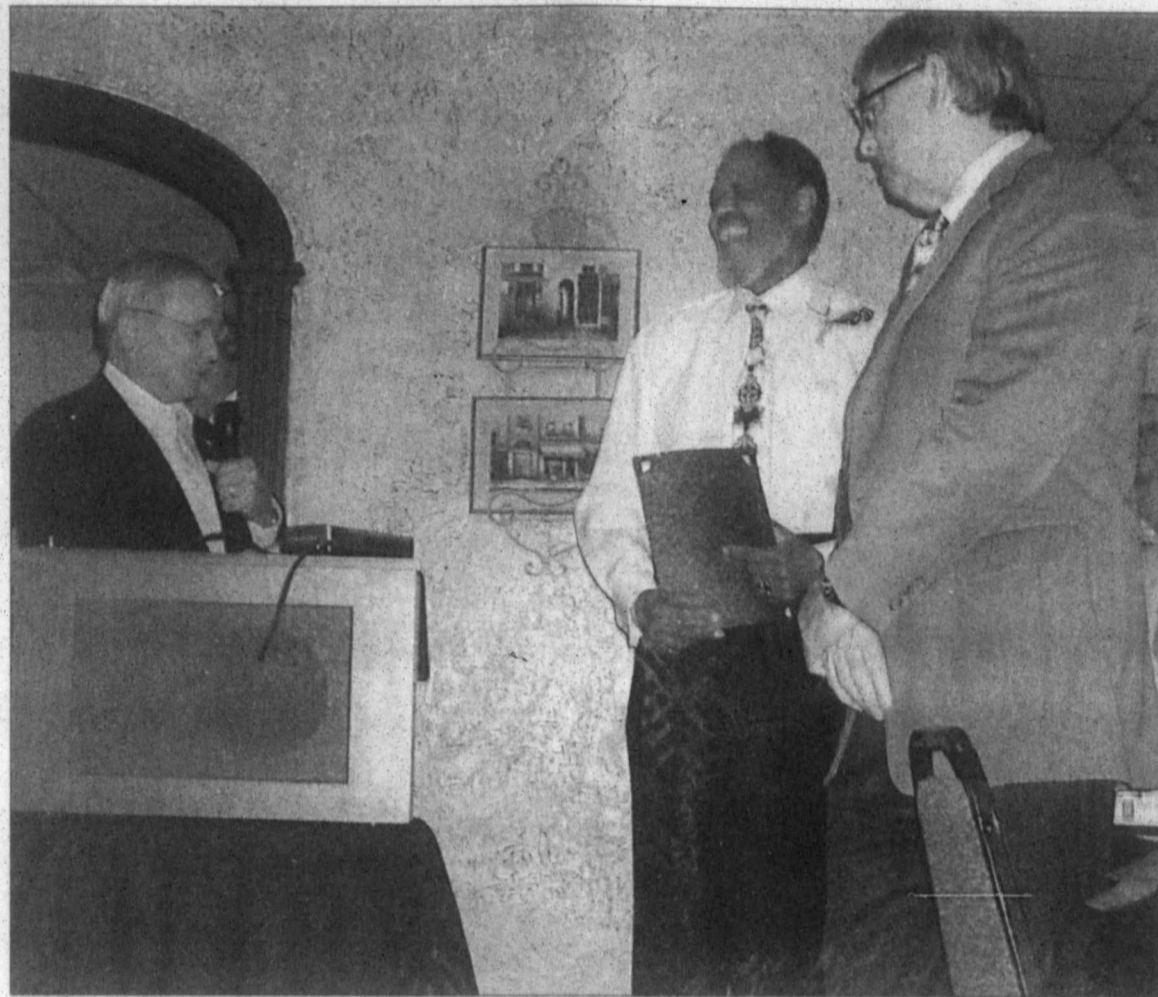
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COLUMBUS' DAY



Rep. Warren Chisum (left) congratulates Columbus Morgan (center) during his 50-year anniversary celebration at Pampa Regional Medical Center while PRMC CEO Bill Buck looks on.

PRMC celebrates Morgan's 50 years

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It was so long ago that Columbus Morgan, a surgery tech at Pampa Regional Medical Center, doesn't even remember his first day at work any more. "Oh golly," Morgan said, laughing. "That's asking me to go way back. I don't know if I can even do that. That's a long, long time."

Morgan, 68, started at Pampa Regional Medical Center as a janitor in 1960, during the facility's formative years as a hospital. He worked his way from janitor to orderly before taking night school classes in Amarillo to become a surgery tech, a position he has held for 46 years.

On Thursday, PRMC — as well as a few esteemed guests from all over Pampa and Gray County — came together to cel-

brate Morgan's contributions to his community. "Columbus Morgan has displayed the highest example of character, ethics, morals and unselfish service," said Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins upon giving Morgan a commendation from the City. "Thank you Columbus, and we pray God's blessing upon you."

"It is wonderful that we have had someone who has maintained a position here at a hospital for 50 years," echoed Rep. Warren Chisum. "We thank you for serving Pampa and the citizens of this county for so long."

Many others joined Robbins and Chisum in honoring Morgan, including Gray County Judge Richard Peet, PRMC CEO Bill Buck, and several doctors, active and retired, who have worked with Morgan in the operating room.

Morgan, for his part, attributed his longevity to the quality of his surroundings. "This particular place is a fantastic place. We have a very, very good facility here in Pampa. I get a little discouraged because sometimes, people don't use our facility. That doesn't change my attitude — we have a first class facility here. I feel that that needs to be known."

Morgan said that he has watched firsthand the evolution of his profession and his workplace over the last half-century. "Goodness gracious, there's been lots of changes," said Morgan. "When I started years and years ago compared to now, it's like day and night."

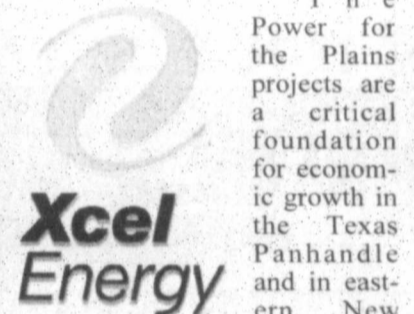
"I started back in the 'knife and fork' days. There's been a big change in the medical field now compared to then. Look at **MORGAN** cont. on page 5

Xcel launches informational Internet site

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Xcel Energy's Southwestern Public Service Company launched a Web site this week that offers information on transmission expansion projects in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Designated the "Power for the Plains project," Riley Hill, president and CEO of Southwestern Public Service, said this week that the project will be key to establishing growth within the region.



"The Power for the Plains projects are a critical foundation for economic growth in the Texas Panhandle and in eastern New Mexico, and will benefit the existing transmission grid by reducing congestion, enhancing electric reliability and enabling access to clean renewable generation," Hill said. Last spring, Southwestern Power Pool, or SPP, approved new transmission lines in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico to help improve reliability, strengthen the transmission grid and provide outlets for renewable wind energy.

SPP is a regional transmission organization, mandated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, for adequate transmission infrastructure and competitive wholesale prices of electricity, according to the company.

Southwestern Public Service, a member of SPP, plans to build more than \$1 billion in new transmission lines and related facilities over the next six years. More information is available at www.powerfortheplains.com.

Xcel Energy (NYSE: XEL) is a U.S. electricity and natural gas company with regulated operations in eight Western and Midwestern states.

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Seniors' Center a Lefors mainstay

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Lefors Senior Citizens has been active in Lefors for almost 40 years. Providing a social setting for games, occasionally music, and the noon meal on Thursdays.

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Woman nabbed on drug charges

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A California woman was in Gray County jail today on drug charges after being arrested by deputies on Interstate 40.

Debbie Ann Abrams, 50, of Paramount, Calif., was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$3,500 bond set by Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez on charges of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Gray County Deputies Lynn Hudson and Trey Dolloff were monitoring traffic on Interstate 40 across the southern portion of Gray County when they stopped a silver Chevrolet four door sedan on a traffic violation. Lt. Joe Hoard of the Gray County Sheriff's Office said today.

Officers received permission to search the car from Abrams and found what appeared to be black tar heroin.

She was arrested and taken to the Gray County jail.



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Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South southwest wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 46. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 77. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Columbus Day: Partly sunny, with a high near 74. North northwest wind around 5 mph.

Monday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 46. Calm wind becoming west around 5 mph.

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Obituaries

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Thursday, Oct. 7
Randy Dewayne Cox, 30, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of criminal mischief.

Jose Alberto Ramirez, 19, was arrested by deputies on charges of burglary of a habitat.

Victor Manuel Contreras, Jr., 22, was arrested by police on charges of assault and causing bodily injury on a family member.

Police Department

The Pampa Police Department reported the following reports during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Police said there were 19 traffic-related calls and one accident.

Animal Control officers reported 24 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported 10 ambulance calls. Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call.

Thursday, Oct. 7
The burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Hazel.

Firefighters gave a fire prevention presentation in the 900 block of East 23rd.

Officers performed welfare checks in the 1000 block of East Browning and in the 400 block of North Crest.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of North Doucette.

A theft was reported to police. Criminal mischief was

reported in the 2500 block of North Aspen.

An assault was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

An alarm was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Firefighters gave a fire prevention presentation in the 800 block of East Browning.

A forgery was reported to police.

Firefighters made a service call in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of Russell.

The Lefors Volunteer Fire Department was on standby at the Lefors Football Stadium.

An alarm was reported in the 600 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported to police.

City officials shut off the water in the 2200

block of Evergreen.

A structure fire was reported in the 500 block of East Foster.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

An alarm was reported in the 1700 block of West Brown.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Officers assisted another agency at Foster and Magnolia.

City officials shut off the water at Lefors and Magnolia.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Magnolia.

Friday, Oct. 8
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Suspicious persons were reported at Alcock and Somerville and in the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Officer assisted Carson County authorities.

A theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

A fire alarm was reported in the 4000 block of North Bad Cattle Company Lane.

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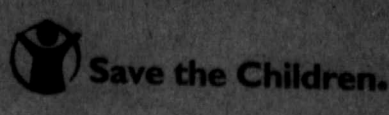
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Father of drowned girls dies

TEXAS CITY (AP) — A father who unsuccessfully tried to rescue his twin 9-year-old daughters from drowning in the currents of Galveston Bay has now also died.

Family members said 33-year-old Hector Suarez died in a Texas City hospital Thursday, four days after the deaths of daughters Samantha and Alexandra at the Texas City Dike. Sister-in-law Linda Lopez tells the Galveston County Daily News that Suarez "is a real hero to all of us."

Funeral services for all three are scheduled for Monday in Houston, with two public memorials scheduled for Saturday in South Houston and Sunday in Texas City.

Border security debated

HOUSTON (AP) — The search for a missing American tourist allegedly shot and killed by Mexican pirates on a border lake has prompted both Texas gubernatorial candidates to criticize each other over border security.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry this week revived criticism that Democratic opponent Bill White ran a "sanctuary city" for illegal immigrants while Houston mayor.

Perry cited a policy that prevents Houston police from asking anyone they stop about whether they are in the United States legally. Officers now can ask suspects only whether they are U.S. citizens. Perry said he planned to make elimination of such limitations an emergency item for the Legislature when it meets in January.

On Friday, White said in Houston that Perry was playing politics with law enforcement and that Perry's proposal would divert police from responding to emergencies and investigating crimes.

Suspect killed warrant served

BONHAM (AP) — Authorities say a suspect was shot and killed after a struggle began as officers served a federal arrest warrant at the man's home in North Texas.

Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Mark Tackett says that 31-year-old Christopher Ramquist was shot and killed at the home in Fannin County on Thursday morning.

He said it was not yet known how many shots officers fired.

He says that a multi-agency drug task force was issuing an arrest warrant for conspiracy to possess with intent to manufacture and distribute methamphetamine.

Tackett says the Texas Rangers are investigating. He says the three officers who entered the home included two members of the task force and a state trooper who was assisting them.

Cyclist killed in crash

GULF BREEZE, Fla. (AP) — A Florida man on a cross-country bicycle ride to raise awareness and money for victims of this year's massive Gulf oil spill was struck and killed by a passing vehicle just days before finishing the journey.

Roger Grooters began his ride across America Sept. 10 in Oceanside, Calif. The 66-year-old man's family tells the Pensacola News Journal that he was just days from finishing his 3,200-mile ride when he was hit by a truck outside Panama City, Fla., Wednesday morning.

Funeral services are planned for Monday in Gulf Breeze near Pensacola Beach.

Comdemned killer loses appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has upheld the death sentence of a man condemned for a fatal stabbing in prison while he was serving time for fatally beating a Houston-area man.

Thirty-one-year-old Lee Andrew Taylor argued his sentence was improper because he was under 18 when he first went to prison and the U.S. Supreme Court has barred execution of people under that age.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said Thursday that Taylor wasn't being punished again for his earlier crime but for a murder when he was an adult.

Taylor was convicted of killing a fellow inmate at the Telford Unit prison near Texarkana in 1999. In 1996, he got a life term after pleading guilty to the November 1995 beating of a 79-year-old man in Channelview during a robbery.

Rally set at Mexican consulate

DENVER (AP) — Friends and supporters of a man who was presumably shot and killed by Mexican pirates plan to gather for a rally in Denver.

They will assemble outside the Mexican consulate at 1 p.m. Friday to bring attention to the David Hartley case.

Hartley's wife and family, who are from Colorado, have been calling on Mexican authorities to do more to investigate and find his body in a lake on the Texas-Mexico border.

The search has now intensified with people on speedboats, helicopters and all-terrain vehicles searching for Hartley. U.S. officials said threats of an ambush from drug gangs temporarily thwarted efforts.

Press box replace with seats

HOUSTON (AP) — The Astros are removing part of their press box and replacing it with premium seating for next season.

The team said Thursday it will open a club seating area on the lower press box-concourse level behind home plate at Minute Maid Park that will include a bar and dining option. The area had been used for working sports writers, who will be moved up to the broadcast level.

Astros president of business operations Pam Gardner said it will be "a fun, hip, space for our fans that will be located in a prime viewing location."

Houston also will install two high-definition video boards, including a 54-by-124-foot primary screen in right field. The current board is 26-by-45. A small board will be constructed in left, and a ribbon board of more than 1,000 feet will be installed.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Potential flaws in foreclosure documents are threatening to throw the real estate industry into a full-blown crisis, as Bank of America on Friday became the first bank to stop sales of foreclosed homes in all 50 states.

The move, along with another decision on foreclosures by PNC Financial Services Inc., adds to growing concerns that mortgage lenders have been evicting homeowners using flawed court papers.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America Corp., the nation's largest bank, said Friday it would stop sales of foreclosed homes in all 50 states as it reviews potential flaws in foreclosure documents. A week earlier, the company had said it would only stop such sales in the 23 states where foreclosures must be approved by a judge.

"We will stop foreclosure sales until our assessment has been satisfactorily completed," company spokesman Dan Frahm said in a statement. "Our ongoing assessment shows the basis for our past foreclosure decisions is accurate."

State and federal officials have been ramping up pressure on the mortgage industry over worries about potential legal violations amid growing evidence that mortgage company employees or their lawyers signed documents in foreclosure cases without verifying the information in them.

A document obtained last week by the Associated Press showed a Bank of America official acknowledging in a legal proceeding that she signed thousands of foreclosure documents a month and typically didn't read them. The official, Renee Hertzler, said in a February deposition that she signed 7,000 to 8,000 foreclosure documents a month.

Earlier in the week, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., urged five large mortgage lenders to suspend foreclosures in Nevada until they have set up systems to make sure homeowners aren't "improperly directed into foreclosure proceedings." Nevada is not among the states where banks had suspended foreclosures.

Also Friday, PNC Financial Services Group Inc. said it is halting most foreclosures and evictions in 23 states for a month so it can review whether documents it submitted to courts complied with state laws. An official at the Pittsburgh-based bank confirmed the decision on Friday, which was reported earlier by the New York Times. The official requested anonymity because the decision hasn't been publicly announced.

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Reprimand ruling delayed

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A ruling has been delayed on whether a reprimand will be dismissed against a Texas judge who closed her court at 5 p.m., preventing the filing of a last-minute appeal of an inmate put to death that night.

Texas Supreme Court spokesman Osler McCarthy said in an e-mail Friday that the special court of review's ruling would likely come next week. The court had previously set a Friday deadline.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Sharon Keller has asked for the dismissal of a "public warning" given to her by the State Commission on Judicial Conduct.

The disciplinary case against Keller came after she closed the court in 2007 as attorneys for twice-convicted killer Michael Wayne Richard tried to file a last-minute appeal. Richard was executed hours later.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend "Chucky" and I have been together for a while and things are starting to get serious. I'm 15 and he's almost 18.

I'm falling in love with him, which has never happened with any other guy. I really think he's "The One." Chucky proposed, but it isn't official yet. I still have no ring, but I'm thinking of accepting. Now he says he wants a baby.

I'm too young to be having a baby, but he says he'll take care of me if it happens. I trust him, but I don't know what to believe. A part of me says he'll stay with me, the other part says he'll get scared and leave. What if something goes wrong and I get pregnant by accident? I'm so confused. Can you please help me? — CHUCKY'S GIRL IN VICTORVILLE, CALIF.

DEAR CHUCKY'S GIRL: At "almost 18" Chucky is not yet self-supporting, let alone in a position to support a child -- and at 15, neither are you. Chucky may want a baby to prove to himself that he's a man, but a REAL man wouldn't put a woman he loves in a vulnerable position -- and motherhood at 16 is exactly that.

Did you know that when young men reach the age of 18 they are considered adults? Adult males who have sex with underage girls can find themselves in jail for it. If you don't have sex with Chucky, there will be no

"accidents."

It's hard to think clearly when you think you're falling in love, but I'm asking you to make a superhuman effort. I can't stress strongly enough how important it is that you finish high school, so that when you do become a mother you'll be able to support yourself and your child if you need to. Many women do. They also sometimes have to support a husband who can't find work.

Before things go any further, please find an adult woman you can confide in. She'll set you straight!

DEAR ABBY: A friend of mine, "Barbie," volunteered to be the maid of honor in my wedding. She didn't attend any of the dress fittings because she doesn't have a car. She volunteered to throw a bridal shower despite having no money, and asked my fiancé to contribute. After he told Barbie he was "tapped out" (because of the wedding bills), she suggested he return some of the gifts he had bought me!

Two days before the shower, I learned she had selected a dress more suited to a stripper pole than a church wedding ceremony. At that point, my fiancé decided to remove her from the bridal party.

Barbie feels slighted and doesn't understand why we made the day about "us" and not her. She's genuinely hurt that we didn't "consider her

financial position." (We didn't ask for her help in the first place.)

Would you please lend your vast wisdom and insight to this matter? — DENIAL IS NOT A RIVER IN EGYPT

DEAR DENIAL: When Barbie volunteered to be your maid of honor, knowing her financial situation you should have politely told her no. Because you didn't, you should have made sure she understood the financial responsibilities that went with being in the wedding. And since she

had no transportation, someone should have offered her a ride to the dress fitting, which would have enabled you to see her dress selection.

That said, your friend was pushy to ask to be in the wedding in the first place, gutsy to expect your fiancé to return your gifts to help her pay for the shower and clueless about wedding etiquette. Make a pact to forgive HER if she'll forgive YOU, and all of you should go on with your lives. I predict it will be in opposite directions.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Today in History

Today is Friday, Oct. 8, the 281st day of 2010. There are 84 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 8, 1871, the Great Chicago Fire erupted; fires also broke out in Peshtigo, Wis., and in several communities in Michigan.

On this date:

In 1869, the 14th president of the United States, Franklin Pierce (puhrs), died in Concord, N.H.

In 1918, American Sgt. Alvin C. York led an attack that killed 25 German soldiers and captured 132 others in the Argonne Forest in France.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was indicted by a grand jury in New Jersey for murder in the death of the son of Charles A. Lindbergh.

In 1945, President Harry S. Truman announced that the secret of the atomic bomb would be shared only with Britain and Canada.

In 1956, Don Larsen pitched the only perfect game in a World Series to date as the New York Yankees beat the Brooklyn Dodgers in Game 5, 2-0.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Baseball Club announced it was accepting an offer to move the Dodgers from New York to Los Angeles.

In 1967, former British Prime Minister Clement Attlee died in London at age 84.

In 1970, Soviet author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was named winner of the Nobel Prize for literature.

In 1981, at the White House, President Ronald Reagan greeted former Presidents Jimmy Carter, Gerald Ford and Richard Nixon, who were preparing to travel to Egypt for the funeral of Anwar Sadat.

In 1982, all labor organizations in Poland, including Solidarity, were banned.

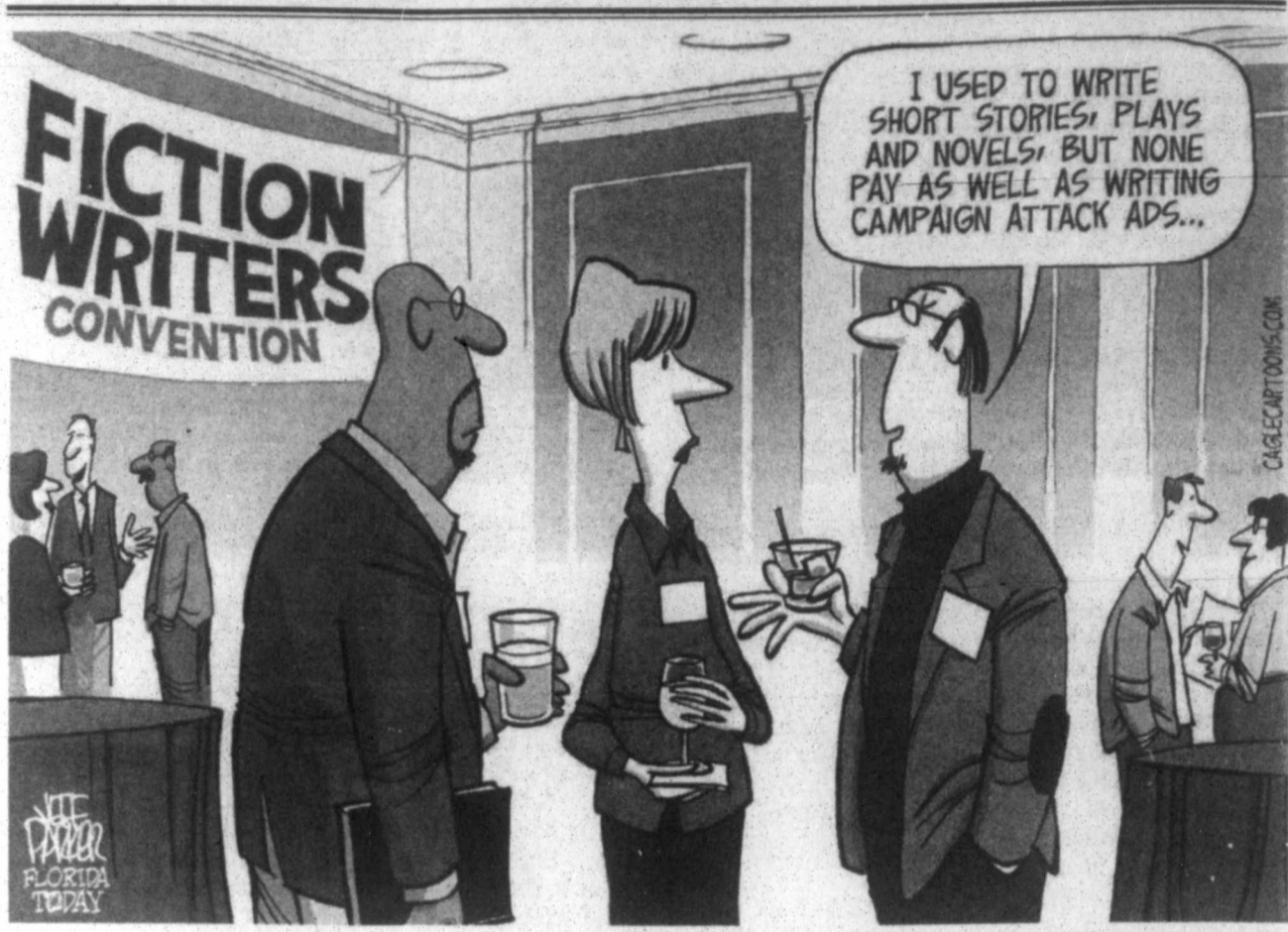
Ten years ago: Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski won a second five-year term.

Five years ago: A major earthquake flattened villages on the Pakistan-India border, killing an estimated 80,000 people. Delphi Corp., the largest U.S. auto supplier, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy. (Delphi emerged from bankruptcy protection in 2009.) An Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina videotaped three New Orleans police officers beating retired teacher Robert Davis. (Davis was charged with public intoxication and resisting arrest, but the charges were later dropped. Two of the officers involved were fired.)

One year ago: An Arizona sweat lodge ceremony turned deadly as some participants became ill and collapsed inside the 415-square-foot structure; three died. (Motivational speaker James Arthur Ray, who'd led the ceremony, has pleaded not guilty to three counts of manslaughter.) A powerful car bomb exploded outside the Indian Embassy in Kabul, killing 17 people. Romanian-born German writer Herta Mueller won the Nobel Prize in literature.

Today's Birthdays: Entertainment reporter Rona Barrett is 74. Actor Paul Hogan is 71. Rhythm-and-blues singer Fred Cash (The Impressions) is 70. Civil rights activist Rev. Jesse Jackson is 69. Comedian Chevy Chase is 67. Author R.L. Stine is 67. Country singer Susan Raye is 66. TV personality Sarah Purcell is 62. Actress Sigourney Weaver is 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Robert "Kool" Bell (Kool & the Gang) is 60. Producer-director Edward Zwick is 58. Country singer-musician Ricky Lee Phelps is 57. Actor Michael Dudikoff is 56. Comedian Darrell Hammond is 55. Actress Stephanie Zimbalist is 54. Rock musician Mitch Marine is 49. Actress Kim Wayans is 49. Rock singer Steve Perry (Cherry Poppin' Daddies) is 47. Actor Ian Hart is 46. Gospel/rhythm-and-blues singer CeCe Winans is 46. Rock musician C.J. Ramone (The Ramones) is 45. Actress-producer Karyn Parsons is 44. Singer-producer Teddy Riley is 44. Actress Emily Procter is 42. Actor Dylan Neal is 41. Actor-screenwriter Matt Damon is 40. Actress Kristanna Loken is 31. Rhythm-and-blues singer Byron Reeder (Mista) is 31. Actor Nick Cannon is 30. Actor Max Crumm is 25. Actor Angus T. Jones is 17. Actress Molly Quinn is 17.

Thought for Today: "Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves." - Carl Gustav Jung, Swiss psychiatrist (1875-1961)



An enjoyable Woody Guthrie festival

In the News...

One thing I really enjoy is finding good news about Pampa on the front page of the Amarillo Globe News. What a surprise on Wednesday to see Columbus Morgan's smiling face! (Though I'm not sure I've ever seen anything BUT a smile on his face.)

He is truly one of Pampa's jewels, and I'm glad they honored him in this way.

...and Just Plain New

Adam and Wade Maul have purchased Britten Feed and Seed on Highway 60 near the county line. The new name is "Maul Feed and Seed" with the same line of great products to feed almost anything you need to feed. (My wife asked me if they sold 50 lb bags of "Husband Chow"!)

Bill and Leona Willis of CTW Brake Rims have retired and sold the business to son Lynn. He has merged it with his existing firm under the name of Willis Oilfield. Congrats to all of them!

Broome Optical will have an Open House to show off their newly remodeled office this Thursday, October 14, 4-6pm.

Trena Moore with Massage Advantage stopped in this week and gave me a WONDERFUL chair massage! Massage Advantage—located in Ford Family Chiropractic on Price Road—is having a Grand Re-opening Sale with discounts on massages. You can pick up a coupon at the Chamber.

Woody Weekend

What a great time this past weekend at the Woody Guthrie Festival—jamming on Friday night, eating Dyer's BBQ and listening to Andy Chase on Saturday, and visiting with the Guthrie family over breakfast on Sunday morning.

Woody had four siblings, one of whom died in a fire at 15. Mary Jo Guthrie Edgmon, the youngest (and remaining survivor), is fiercely proud of her family, and made this poignant comment (paraphrased): "I had three wonderful brothers, and I loved them all. They were all successful

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in their chosen fields and it's a shame that only one ever gets mentioned."

What a tribute! Thanks to Thelma Bray, Reed Echols, Pat Stewart, Ken Wilson, the WG board, and all

who helped plan, played, performed, or attended.

Shop Til You Drop...Literally

Several years ago a young fellow from Fort Worth visited my daughter in Dumas. When they went to Walmart, he thought it was so funny that the store had "hours" that he took a picture of the sign. Being from the city, all the Wally World's he was aware of were 24-hour stores.

Now Pampa has moved into the big time—Walmart is open 24 hours! Not only does it make it more convenient for shoppers, but it added 20 jobs to the local economy.

Focus on (and in) Country Fair

Doug Boyd Motors has donated a fire-engine red 2008 Ford Focus to be auctioned at the Country Fair—immaculate body and low mileage. (I drive a Focus—though in a much

more sedate color—and I love it.) Good acceleration, great gas mileage, short turn radius, and fits in most parking spaces.

Get your tickets now for Country Fair so you can snap up this deal during the live auction. (Not to mention other great auction items, a steak dinner, and a dance to the music of SlideBar!)

Food, beverages, a dance, helping Pampa's "premier promotional organization", and a chance to snap up some bargains—all for \$30. Best deal in town!

...and What If...

...Merlin Rose and Charlene Gardner were in the landscape business as Rose-Gardner?

...Duane Harp and Roy Reed were in the music business as Harp & Reed?

...Mike Free and Mike Love started a business that...nope, I'm not going there.

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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Replace a shower curtain with a door

Dear Pat: My master bedroom still has just a shower curtain at the bathtub. I would like to install a glass shower door so it seals better. How can I do this myself to make sure it is does not leak water? -- Bobbi W.

Dear Bobbi: A shower curtain is an inexpensive alternative to a shower door, and this is why many builders still install them. No matter how tight you try to slide it against the walls, a shower curtain still leaks some water, as you have found.

Installing good-quality glass shower doors is a much better option to keep your bathroom walls and floor dry. Another key advantage of glass shower doors is they are much easier to keep clean. It can be difficult to clean a layer of soap, shampoo, conditioner, etc., residue from a flexible shower curtain as compared to a rigid glass door.

The first step is to remove the old shower curtain and shower rod. You will likely find a heavy build-up of residue on the tile around the shower curtain rod bracket. Gently scrape off as much as possible, then use a cleaner to remove the rest of it.

Do the same cleaning procedure on all the surfaces where the new shower doorframe will attach. The frame will eventually be caulked in place and sealed. If the surface is not totally clean, the caulk will not stick and seal well.

After the tub surfaces are clean, it is time for measuring. Bathtubs are typically 5 feet long, but measure to be sure. Also measure the height you want for the shower door. Most doors are a standard height, but you want to be certain the new door will fit.

Mark the centerline of the tub rim and the dimensions on the wall surface where the vertical frame members will be attached. Fit the bottom track to the tub by cutting it one-quarter inch shorter than the length between the walls.

Always double-check your measurements before you begin to cut. Use a hacksaw with fine-tooth blade (the blade's teeth should point forward) and cut the track

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to the correct length. Smooth off the edges with sandpaper or a fine metal file.

With the bottom track cut and smooth, lay a bead of silicone caulk along the center of the tub's rim. Press the track down into the caulk. To keep the track from moving, tape it in place while the caulk sets.

Hold up each of the sidetracks to the walls, level them, mark the screw locations and drill pilot holes. With tile walls, use a mason-

ry bit to drill the holes. Once you have drilled the pilot holes, attach the sidetracks to the walls with the screws provided.

To add the top track of the shower door, measure and mark it so it fits tightly between the sidetracks. Cut the rail and fasten it into place on top of the sidetracks.

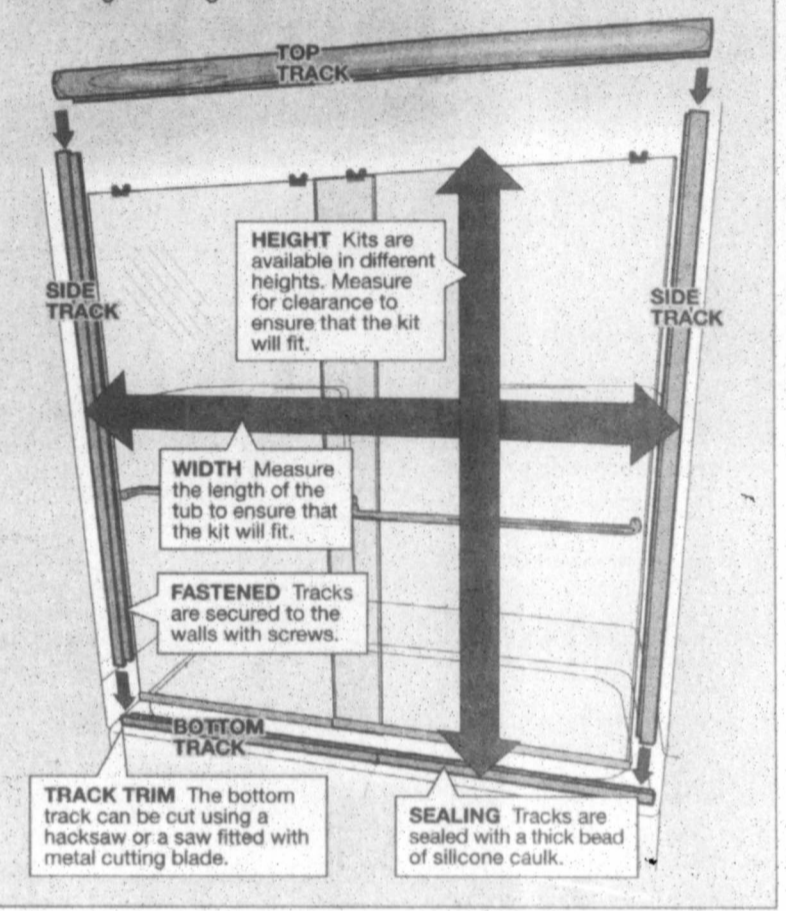
Install the doors by lifting them into place so the rollers fit into the bottom tracks. Install the smooth side of the glass facing the inside of the tub so it is easier to keep clean.

Send your questions to *Here's How*, 6906 Royalgreen Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45244 or visit www.dulley.com.

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Shower Doors

Sliding shower doors are easy to clean and they prevent water from damaging your floor. Here are some basic guidelines for selecting a sliding door.



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Mexico opens probe into border shooting

ZAPATA (AP) — The Mexican government said Friday it has opened a federal investigation into the reported shooting of an American tourist on a border lake plagued by Mexican pirates and strongly denied accusations it has delayed action on finding the man or his attackers.

A statement from Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs "categorically rejects claims to the effect that Mexican authorities are not doing enough to find" David Hartley.

Hartley's wife, Tiffany, says she and her husband were riding Jet Skis back from Mexico on Sept. 30 when they were attacked by Mexican pirates in speedboats who opened fire and shot David Hartley in the back of the head. He fell into the water. Tiffany Hartley has said she tried to rescue him but fled to the U.S. side of the lake as the pirates continued shooting.

Falcon Lake is a dammed section of the Rio Grande, 25 miles long and 3 miles across. Pirates have robbed boaters and fishermen on the Mexican side, prompting warnings by Texas state officials, but Hartley's death would mark the first violent fatality on the lake.

The foreign ministry's statement said the federal attorney general's office has opened an investigation based on Tiffany Hartley's testimony to Mexican consulate officials in McAllen, Texas.

Hundreds of people, including the Mexican army, federal police and state and local authorities, using speedboats, helicopters and all-terrain vehicles have been searching since last week, authorities said.

Ruben Rios, a spokesman for the state prosecutor's office in Tamaulipas, said the search continues during daylight hours, but is suspended at night because of winds and waves. U.S. authorities said the search also has been hampered by threats from drug gangs.

That part of Tamaulipas state is overrun by violence from a turf battle between the Gulf Cartel and the Zeta drug gang, made up of former Mexican special forces soldiers, and both are battling the Mexican military.

"The search will continue for several days," Rios said. "The search for this person will be intensified."

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar on Thursday told reporters Mexican authorities were doing everything they could while trying to keep their own crews safe.

"When darkness was falling (Wednesday evening), they got word that there might be an ambush," Cuellar said. "People that are trying to do their job on the Mexican side are facing a risk, they're right inside the hornets' nest ... they had to suspend the search."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry, campaigning for re-election in Houston, said such threats were no excuse.

"I don't think we're doing enough. When you call off the search the way they did ... and give as the reason because the drug cartels are in control of that part of the state, something's not right," Perry said.

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and the lives of loved ones and friends. United Way is a major contributor that allows these activities to continue on and hopefully flourish.

Morgan

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laparoscopy, lasers, all these types of stuff. We didn't have all that back then. We had to open up everybody to do what we had to do. Now, we've got all this technology. It's very exciting."

The atmosphere around PRMC, Morgan said, has also undergone a radical change since his first days at the facility.

"We don't have the problems now that we had back in the 60s," he said. "Back then, we were in a situation where we had to cross all 't's' and dot all 'i's.' You didn't get many chances, because only three strikes and you were really out. You had to figure like, 'I've already got two strikes and three balls and I haven't even picked up the bat.'"

Being an African American during some volatile years in the 60s, Morgan added, he's sometimes had to endure some rough times to make it this far.

"I know how it is to come into a workplace and have to eat at the back door," said Morgan. "I've seen times where I was the lowest person on the totem pole and people weren't real fair for us when salaries came to play. It was different, very different. It wasn't always peaches and cream."

Morgan said that the social changes that he has seen at PRMC are a matter of great satisfaction for him.

"I don't have to go to the back door anymore. People respect me. This is something that I didn't know if I'd ever see from the time that I've started. Times have brought about a change, and the fact that I've witnessed that change for the better, that's made a big, big impact on me."

One thing that has stayed constant with Morgan from Day One is his positive outlook and the pride he takes in his work.

"I love meeting people," he said, smiling. "Meeting people and putting a pleasant smile on their face if I can. It's wonderful to be able to see the beauty of the world through your work (in) the smiles of the people you help. That is a great joy to me."

"It also gives you a good feeling to know that physicians are able to call upon you and want you to assist them with surgery," he added. "Knowing that they know you've been around a long time and trust you to be in on such an important task, it makes you feel good about what you do."

Many of those doctors who have helped him along the way have made a tremendous impact on him, Morgan said.

"I wish there was a way that I could show my appreciation for the people that brought me up through the chain," said Morgan. "I want to show my appreciation for what they've done. I would love the opportunity to show them that all their talking did not go astray."

"I've worked with many, many doctors over the last 50 years," he continued, "and every one of them has had good things to tell me. One of the doctors here taught me my first knot that I learned to tie. There are very few of them that are still around from when I first started here. I wish I had the opportunity to thank each and every one of them."

Morgan reciprocates by passing along the knowledge that he gleaned from his mentors on to future generations, he said.

"To be frank, I love to teach," he said. "I've had the opportunity to teach some students that have come

through, and I enjoy that. I like to be able to pass the things that I've learned along. It's really a big joy."

It's a joy, Morgan said, that he plans on experiencing for quite some time. As far as retirement talk goes, Morgan said that he's not quite there yet.

"I haven't decided," he said, the wide smile coming back to his face. "One day, maybe I'll decide I'll just ride into the sunset. At this point, I have made no decision. I am very, very proud to be a part of Pampa Regional Medical Center. It's a very good place."

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Lathan Moore performs a concert at Hastings benefitting the Pampa United Way and the Red Cross on Wednesday.

Gay rights leader heads to Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — National gay rights activists said Friday they'll descend on Salt Lake City's Mormon church headquarters to deliver more than 100,000 letters asking a senior church leader to recant recent anti-gay statements.

The Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest gay civil rights organization, this week called for Boyd K. Packer to correct statements that homosexuality is unnatural and can be overcome, calling the comments factually inaccurate and dangerous.

Packer, 86, holds the second-highest leadership position in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and is next in line for the church's presidency.

His remarks came Sunday during the faith's 18th semiannual general conference and were broadcast live to millions worldwide.

The Human Rights Campaign asked members and supporters for letters Tuesday and already have more than 100,000, said

Fred Sainz, the group's vice president for communications. A second e-mail asking for letters was planned for Friday.

The group will hold a joint news conference Tuesday in Salt Lake City with Utah's gay rights leaders and Affirmation, a support group for gay Latter-day Saints, before delivering the letters to church headquarters, Sainz said.

"We believe that it's important to hold individuals and institutions accountable for inaccurate statements that are dangerous to any community of Americans," Sainz said. "These statements by Elder Packer were not only scientifically and factually inaccurate, but on the heels of a number of suicides around the country, about as dangerous as

At least four young men, including 18-year-old Rutgers University student Tyler Clementi, committed suicide last month after reportedly being victims of anti-gay bullying.

Security adviser Jones resigns

WASHINGTON (AP) — In another White House shake up, President Barack Obama on Friday announced that his national security adviser, Gen. James Jones, was stepping down after helping to shape the foreign policy for nearly two years. Tom Donilon, Jones' deputy, will take over as the top security adviser.

Obama hailed Jones, a lifelong military man before his White House post, as a "dedicated public servant and a friend to me." The president turned over the job to Donilon, a workhorse figure in the White House who brings to the job a long background of Democratic politics and diplomacy.

The president said that Jones, from the start, had planned to leave within two years. The move comes just one week after Obama lost his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel, who quit to run for Chicago mayor. Other significant staff changes are likely as Obama's term nears its midterm mark.

Jones has served during a time when Obama has sought to reshape American foreign policy on many fronts, from ending the combat mission in Iraq to expanding the war in Afghanistan to attempting to improve relations across Europe and Asia. Jones had quiet clout but found himself in a world of turf battles and tensions given the competing demands, ideas and personalities in the government and the challenge of trying to coordinate them at the National Security Council.

"Through these challenges, Jim has always been a steady voice in Situation Room sessions, daily briefings, and with meetings with foreign leaders, also representing our country abroad with allies and partners in every region of the world," Obama said in a Rose Garden ceremony.

Donilon's promotion has a significant spillover effect on the rest of the White House. He had emerged as a top candidate to replace Emanuel as the permanent chief of staff. Now that job appears even more likely to go to Pete Rouse, the newly installed interim chief of staff and a longtime adviser to Obama.

Obama had recruited Jones for a job he had not been seeking. Before the cameras Friday, Jones told Obama that he accepted the job in large part because "I was persuaded that you were willing to take on the hard issues of our time at a very, very difficult moment in our nation's history."

As for his new national security adviser, Obama said Donilon has already been immersed in every major national security issue and earned his trust.

Jones and Donilon stood on either side of the president as he spoke. Both wore red ties and dark suits, and both stood with their hands clasped in front of them squinting a little against the sunlight. They cracked a grin once — when Obama commented on the vast quantities of Diet Coke that Donilon consumes.

As in most administrations, there were rivalries between the National Security Council and the State Department, although officials say Jones had a cordial relationship with Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton. "He brought a steady hand and clear vision to an unforgiving agenda," Clinton said Friday.

Donilon has played a leading role in the policy-making process that tees up the national security decisions for the president. He has overseen the coordination among deputy chiefs from across the security apparatus and is known for bringing an understanding of domestic policy and politics to the job.

Meanwhile, Jones, who is 66, has largely kept a low public profile and is not known for keeping the intense schedule that Donilon has.

White House aides say Jones put his stamp on Obama's major foreign policy decisions over the last 20 months, including a larger troop presence in Afghanistan, a winding down of the war in Iraq and a retooled relationship with Russia.

Jones retained clout and contacts across the military after a career as a highly-decorated Marine. He retired as a four-star general, the highest grade currently in use. Jones' military career also gave him good access to foreign

leaders, military chiefs and U.S. lawmakers.

His role was sometimes described in business terms, as the closer. In essence, others might do a lot of legwork to get something the United States wanted, but Jones could pick up a telephone, call the right person, and bring the deal home.

Jones served as the 32nd Marine Corps Commandant from July 1999 to January 2003. After leaving the post, he became the Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, and Commander of the United States European Command, holding the positions until December 2006. Besides his combat experience in Vietnam, Jones served tours of duty during Operation Provide Comfort in northern Iraq and Turkey as well as during operations in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Macedonia.

Administration officials said they expect him to go into a semi-retirement in which he will likely serve on boards and offer counsel to the White House.

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Worship

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Big things ahead for Hi-Land

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Hi-Land Christian Church may be small, but the church is taking on big projects in the near future.

The church is hosting a school of missions from Sunday to Thursday. Pastor Mike Sublett said they have missionaries from India, Zimbabwe, Haiti, Germany and two others that are doing missions in multiple countries.

"We will have a service and a missionary will give a report from where they served," Sublett said. "They have done this for at least 40 years. It's a denominational thing."

On Halloween night, the church puts on an event called Halloween-Happening. Sublett said they give out chips, candy and a Christian gift on

Beech Street and said the event is a big draw.

"We had over 700 kids last year," Sublett said. "We had over 250 adults and had hot chocolate and coffee for them. Our teenagers help out with the event a lot."

Hi-Land Christian Church has a congregation of around 60. Sublett said big events take a lot to pull off.

"It takes everybody for it to be done," Sublett said.

The church has a 10:45 a.m. service on Sundays and are currently going through the book of Proverbs.

"We're looking at different topics in that book," Sublett said.

The church is located in the 1600 block of N. Banks Street and Sublett has been the pastor for 20 years.

The difference a teacher makes

"A teacher can make a difference by giving less homework, 10 extra minutes for recess, extra field trips and five popcorn parties a day," says Sara, 10.

If kids could vote for and serve as school board members, Sara would win easily.

"Teachers help us learn skills for later on in life," says Rachel, 11. "I want to be a paleontologist."

Without teachers, you might not even know how to spell "paleontologist."

"When Joash had a good teacher, he became a good king for a 7-year-old. If he didn't have that teacher, he wouldn't be a good king," says Jennifer, 10.

Yes, even a 7-year-old boy can rule as a king with the right teacher. The Bible records, "Jehoash (also known as Joash) did what was right in the sight of the Lord all the days in which Jehoiada the priest instructed him." (II Kings 12:2)

In the biblical book of Proverbs, wisdom is personified as crying out on a high hill to all who will listen. Wisdom is more valuable than gold and rubies, declares the book of Proverbs. Whatever you have to do to get it, do it.

In the Bible, wisdom is more than making good grades in school. It's making the right choices. It's avoiding traps that ensnare fools. It's choosing the right teachers and friends.

"A teacher can help you with special problems when you're stuck on something you don't understand," says Taylor, 9.

"Teachers can also help you reach goals," says Marshall, 10. "Your parents are teachers. They teach you what is right. God is also a teacher. He guides you to a right path. I think I would be miserable without teachers."

Jesus was the master teacher. He told stories, spoke in parables and intentionally offended religious leaders by violating their taboos, all in the course of teaching.

When Jesus left Earth, he promised to send another teacher.

He said the Holy Spirit would guide his people from within. Many centuries before, the prophet Jeremiah foretold a time when God would give his people a new heart.



CARY KINSOLVING

KIDS talk about GOD

(Jeremiah 31:31-34) Although the Holy Spirit teaches Christians from within, he also instructs us through human teachers.

"My Sunday school teacher teaches us almost everything in the Bible," says Drew, 8. "I changed to much nicer. He taught us to share with others."

I'm amazed at how much three teachers have changed my life. The first one shared the message of life with me when I was 17. He told me that Jesus had paid the price for my sins and wanted me to receive his life by trusting in him as the only way to heaven.

The second one taught me how to look at a biblical text. I had different eyes after sitting in his seminary courses. The third one taught me how to write feature stories at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

"When I was a child, I didn't know that much at all," says Salar, 10. "But after a while, you get used to learning, and you're smart. The most important thing to learn is Christ is our savior."

Think about this: When teachers (professional or relatives) work together with God to impart wisdom to children, they can take great comfort in God's promise that their efforts will be productive.

Memorize this truth: "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)

Ask this question: Are you making an investment to train and influence the children in your life?

Cary Kinsolving is a syndicated newspaper columnist and seasoned religion reporter. Many of Kinsolving's feature articles have appeared in The Washington Post and other major newspapers via news services such as The New York Times News Service, Cox, Hearst and Donrey.

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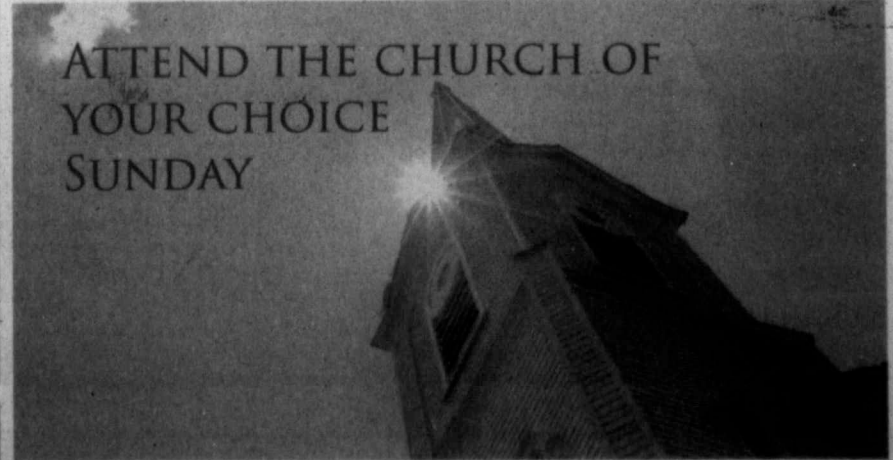
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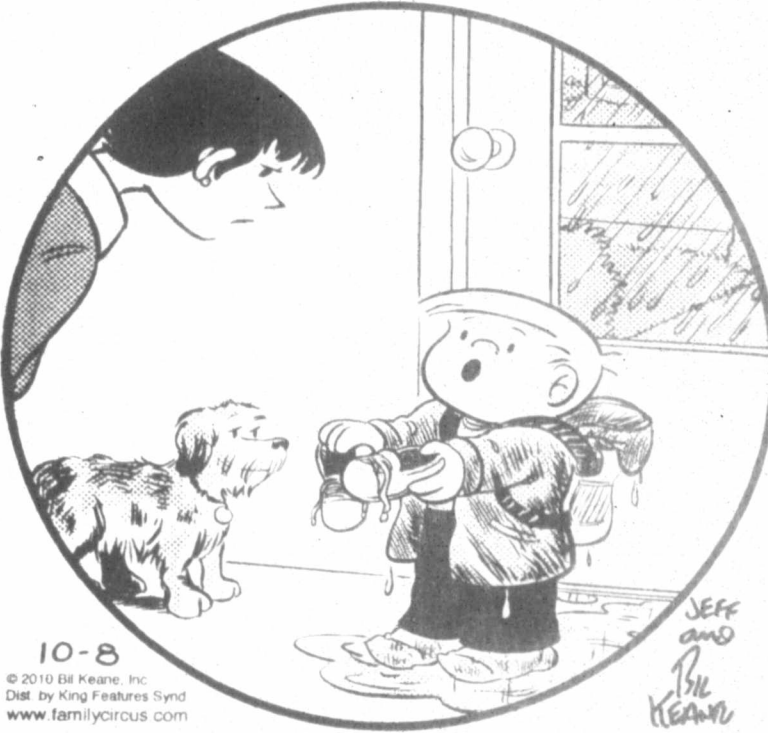
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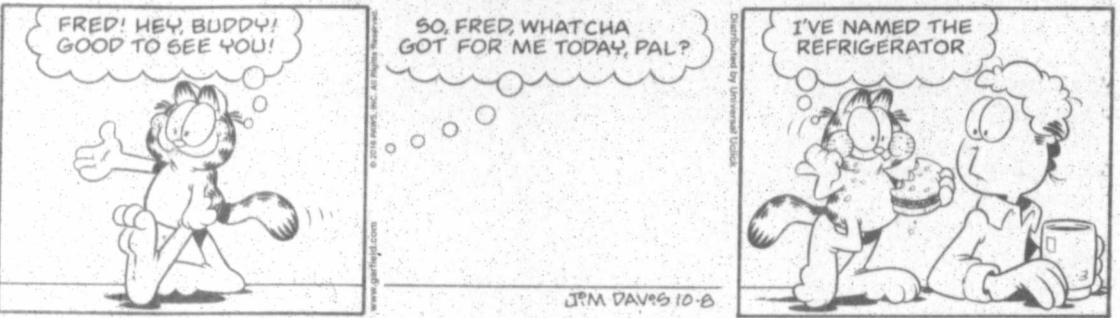
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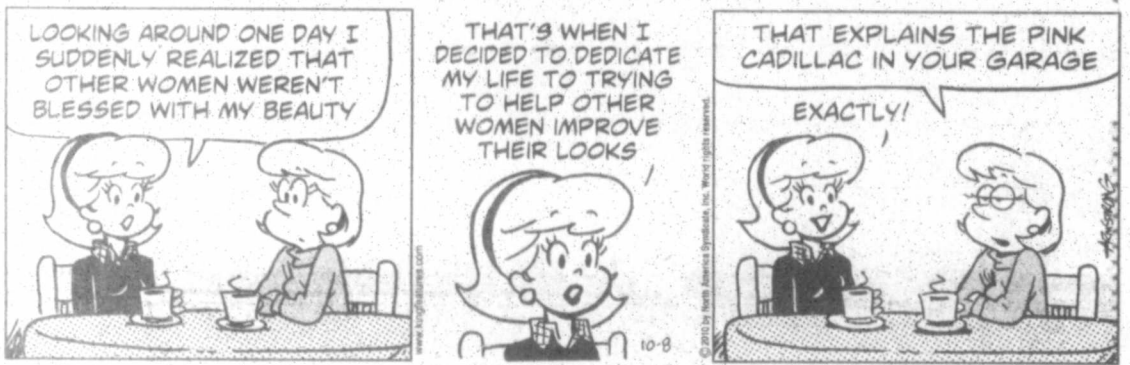
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PHS' Richardson gains from tough diabetes battle

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Pampa High School junior football player Ryne Richardson was in sixth grade and playing Optimist football when he started feeling strange things.

"I started losing weight," Richardson said. "I was using the bathroom daily more than usual. I was getting tired a lot."

Richardson went to the doctor and was diagnosed with diabetes and ended up in the hospital for more than a week. The now high school junior said it was overwhelming finding out everything about the disease.

"It was surprising how much I had to do and learn," Richardson said.

Now, Richardson has his diabetes under control and is a starting defensive lineman on the varsity football team.

Richardson said the week in the hospital was rough especially the changes he had to make.

"It was sad because you had to learn a lot and didn't really want to be there," Richardson said. "It was tough to live with the fact that you had diabetes and couldn't eat the stuff you want."

Richardson said he has an insulin pump that he uses

before practice and games, and has to watch his blood sugar level.

"If it is low, I'll eat a snack to stay regulated during a game," Richardson said. "If it's high, I usually go without it (snack) because when you're working it gets low."

Defensive line coach Tad Smith said the coaching staff told Richardson to listen to his body first.

"He knows when he needs to come out and stuff," Smith said. "He has an insulin pump. He's managing it well."

Smith said on the field you can't tell that Richardson is a diabetic.

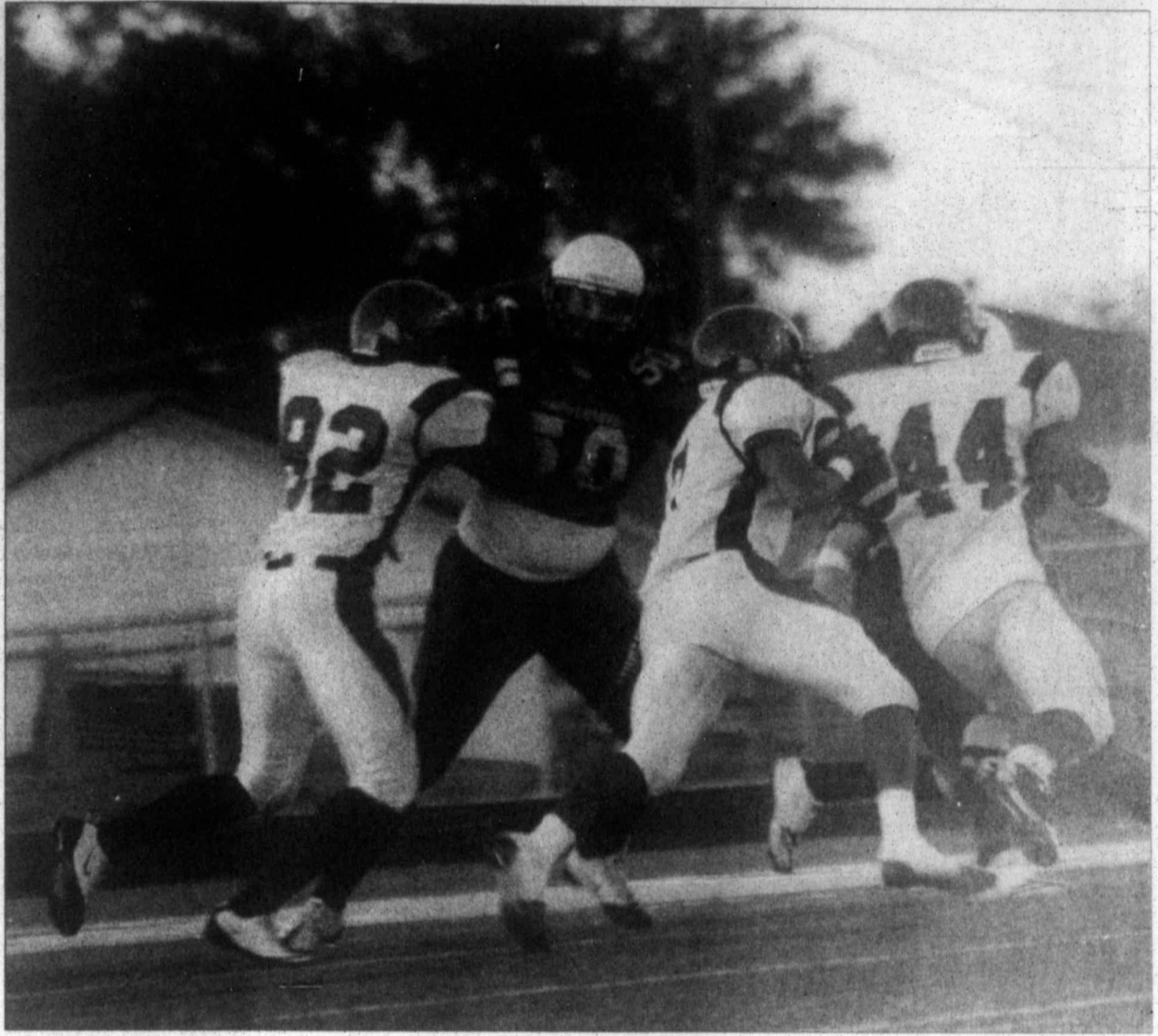
"The disease hasn't affected his play one bit," Smith said.

Richardson said he has benefited from having to control the disease.

"I'm healthier," Richardson said. "I know my body well. I know when my blood sugar is low and high. I'm not getting tired as much."

Richardson said he hopes that he can be an inspiration to other children who get diagnosed with diabetes.

"They will know that it's hard work but it pays off in the end," Richardson said. "You go through hard times not wanting to take care of yourself, but in the end it is 100 percent worth it."



staff photo by Emily Hart
Ryne Richardson attempts to break free from a block and get the quarterback in a Sep. 3 against Lubbock Estacado. Richardson has battled diabetes since he was in sixth grade but is controlling it.

Tigers on the prowl after a successful non-district season

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The McLean Tigers (5-1) entered the 2010 football season coming off a 2-8 season and weren't picked to do much this year. However the Tigers have surprised people in the last few weeks and are in a three-way tie for first heading into district.

Senior running back Clay Crockett said last season's result motivated them to do better.

"We've worked hard every day," Crockett said. "We already doubled our record from last year and hopefully we can keep on going."

Senior running back Tanner Cadra said they have had a different attitude this year. "We have great leadership," Cadra said. "It's a great program and guys are working hard."

The Tigers have twice been picked as 40-point underdogs and won both of those games against Motley County (Sep. 3) and Lefors (Sep 24.) Crockett said having people pick against them has been a motivating factor.

"Everybody is thinking that we are nobody this year," Crockett said. "We want to be someday. We're tired of losing. Hopefully, we can go into district and show people what we are made of and go further."

Lamb said they have been focused on believing in themselves.

"We don't listen to what critics say or newspapers," Lamb said. "We just believe in ourselves and stay to ourselves. Go to work and get it done."

The Tigers open district play October 15 hosting Kress, who is also 5-1. Lamb said they have a good chance of being successful in district.

"I think it's going to be really fun," Lamb said. "It's going to be a challenge, it's not going to be easy by all means."

Cadra said he thinks they have a good chance in district, if they keep playing like they have.

"We got some really tough opponents coming up," Cadra said. "If we keep playing like we have we will be alright."

After Kress, McLean plays at Follett (4-1), a regional semifinalist, host Hart (2-3) and visit Valley (2-3), who has been a district powerhouse in recent seasons. Crockett said Follett and Valley are tough but thinks they have a good chance.

"We have to work hard and play well," Crockett said. "Follett and Valley, they are tough. Valley has beaten us the last two years and Follett has beat us the last three years. Maybe we can turn the tables."

Lamb said the key for them to continue their success is to keep working hard and stay healthy.

"We need to stay healthy," Lamb said. "Keep doing what we are doing and not listen to the hype."

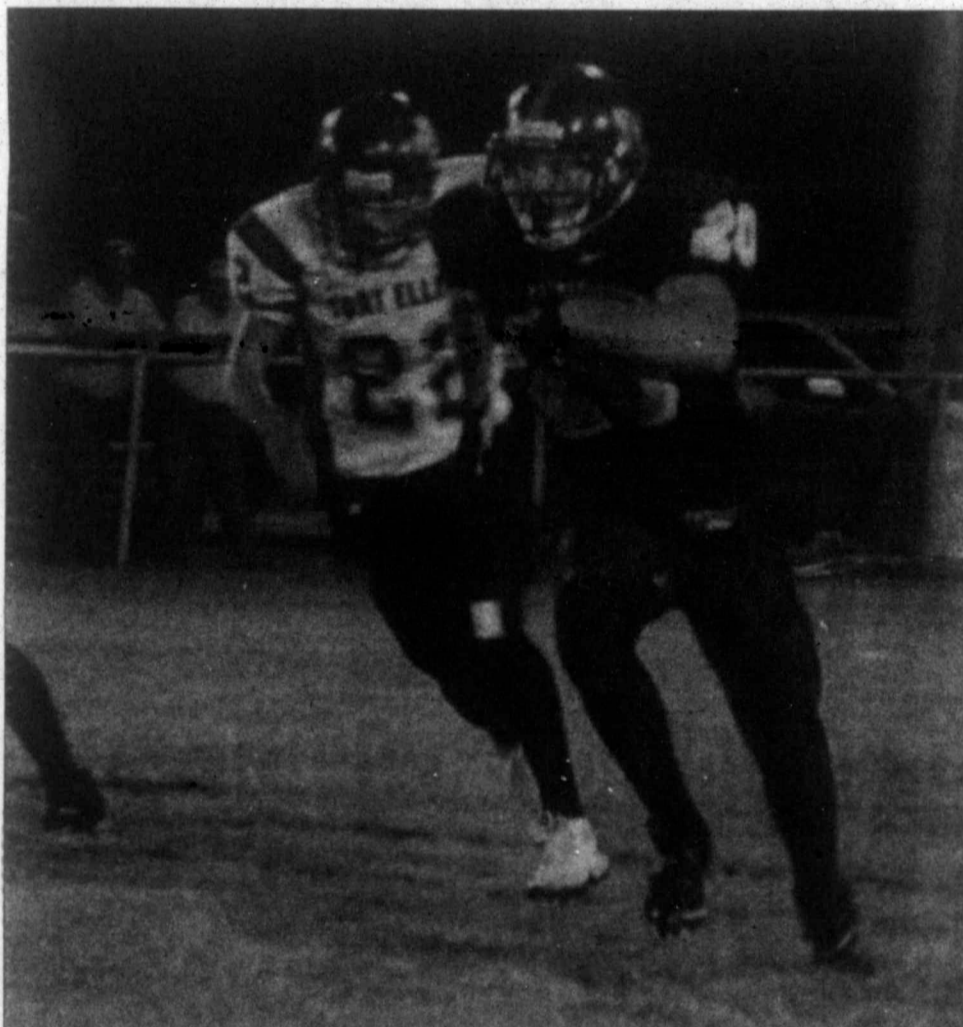


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Clay Crockett rushes to the outside of the defense in a Oct. 1 game against Fort Elliott. The Tigers are 5-1 heading into district.

Fr. football keeps on rolling

The Pampa Harvesters freshman football team extends their winning streak to four defeating the Dalhart Golden Wolves 22-0 Thursday in Dalhart.

Coach Kaleb Snelgrooves said the key to victory was the play of their offensive line and defense.

"Our offensive line played extremely well," Snelgrooves said. "Our defense held them to very little offense."

Coach said Skyler Been, Damon Flores

and Josh Hernandez all played well. Snelgrooves said the freshmen (4-3) are gaining momentum.

"The kids are playing with a lot of enthusiasm and really working hard," Snelgrooves said. "It's really exciting to see what a little success and momentum can do to a team."

The freshmen (4-3) open district play hosting Borger 5 p.m. Thursday at Harvester Field.

FUTURE HARVESTERS



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Kendal Elliott tries to connect with a ball thrown to her in the Harvesters tennis team mini-camp Thursday at the high school tennis courts.

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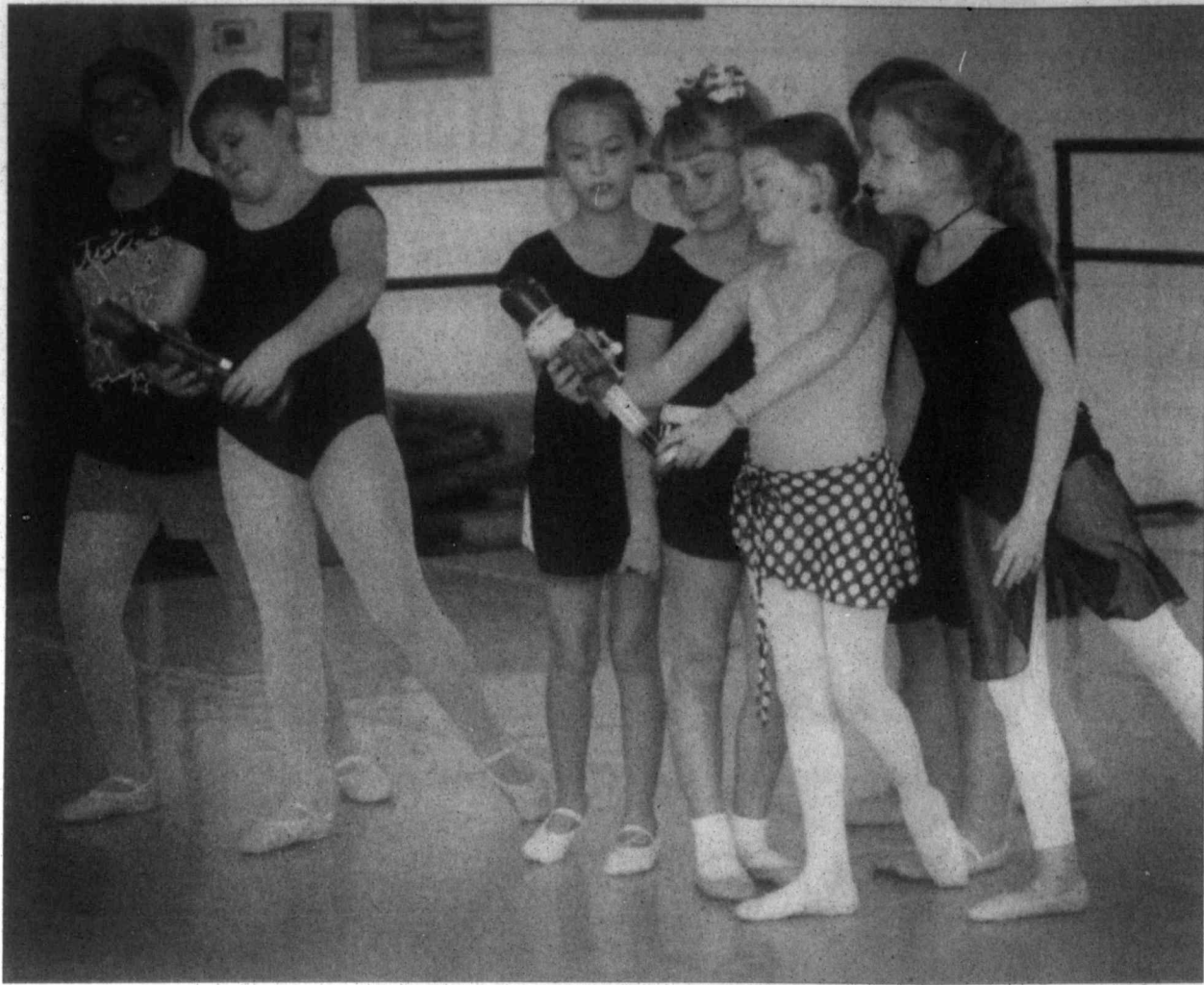


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Dance Academy of Pampa students rehearse for Nutcracker auditions in preparation for the show's performance on Dec. 4.

Dems eye glimmer of hope in election

CHICAGO (AP) — With only weeks left in the campaign, some staggering Democrats have jumped back into contention in congressional and gubernatorial races around the country, giving the party glimmers of hope that Election Day won't also be doomsday.

In Illinois, Gov. Pat Quinn has caught up in recent polls after running scathing ads suggesting his opponent is a gun-happy tax cheat who wants to cut the minimum wage. And California Sen. Barbara Boxer gained by portraying the Republican candidate as a heartless corporate bigwig.

The Democratic movement, seen in about a dozen races in six states, is limited and hardly amounts to a surge, as some Democrats have boasted. Republicans still have significant momentum in a year when voters are scared about their jobs.

But the latest developments suggest that a midterm campaign already marked by surprising victories and defeats, and which could change control of Congress, still remains somewhat unsettled. Strategists in both parties maintain that aggressive campaigning and advertising could still energize enough listless Democrats or sway enough independents to make a difference in key races.

"The results were called about a month ago, but it turns out we might have an election after all," joked Democratic strategist Bob Shrum.

The latest ABC/Washington Post poll found Democrats strengthened their position in the past month but still generally trail. The survey shows Republican congressional candidates with a 6 percentage point lead, compared with 13 points a month ago on the question which party the voter plans to support this fall.

There's no evidence that Democrats have gained enough to change the number of House and Senate seats that are up for grabs. In fact, it's the Republicans who are expanding into new districts as they see potential weak spots.

Some 75 House seats and about 16 Senate seats are competitive, the bulk of them now held by Democrats. Currently, Democrats have a 255-178 advantage in the House and a 59-41 Senate majority.

Republicans acknowledge some movement, although they maintain it signals no fundamental shift in the election landscape.

"I think what you're seeing around the country is that the base is starting to come back," said Bill Pascoe, a Virginia-based Republican political strategist.

Some Republicans are trying to use the situation to their advantage. "Don't let the Democrats bounce back," South Carolina Sen. Jim DeMint warns in a new fundraising appeal.

Democratic insiders attribute the uptick in part to longtime Democratic voters being scared into action by warnings that Republicans might capture both the House and Senate.

Another possibility is that voters are getting to the point of comparing specific candidates instead of expressing general discontent. It's one thing to be fed up with Washington, according to this theory; it's another to reject a familiar officeholder who has served your area for years.

Recent controversies surrounding some tea party candidates, such as Christine O'Donnell of Delaware, could be contributing to doubts among some moderates. "In a lot of places, Democrats have been able to narrow the gap by talking about how out of touch their Republican opponent is," said Democratic political consultant Mo Elleithe.

Governor among dead in mosque blast

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — A provincial governor and at least 19 other people were killed by a massive bomb blast inside a packed mosque during Friday prayers in northern Afghanistan, where insurgents have stepped up violence amid intensified NATO-Afghan military operations.

Thirty-five people were wounded in the explosion while praying at the Shirkat mosque in Takhar province, said Interior Ministry spokesman Zemer Bashary.

Gen. Shah Jahan Noori, the provincial police chief, said the governor of neighboring Kunduz province, Mohammad Omar, was killed along with 19 other people. The

bomb was meant to kill Omar, who regularly attends Friday prayers at the mosque, Takhar Gov. Abdul Jabar Taqwa said.

"He was the target, and the terrorists were able to kill him," Taqwa said. "This is a big loss for us because Mohammad Omar was a very brave and good governor."

A survivor of the blast said he believed a suicide attacker sitting next to the governor detonated explosives.

"Suddenly a very strong explosion happened inside the mosque," said the survivor, Abdul-Haq, who suffered shrapnel wounds. "I think the suicide attacker was on the right side of the governor."

Body parts were scattered around the mosque, its walls scarred by shrapnel. Wounded people wrapped in bloodstained blankets were rushed to the hospital. One man, his face charred black from the blast, was carried on a stretcher.

No group claimed responsibility, but the Taliban have targeted Omar previously.

One of Afghanistan's 34 provincial governors, he survived at least three previous assassination attempts, including ambushes and roadside bombs. A bombing along a main highway in May 2009 slightly wounded him. Omar blamed the "enemies of peace and security."

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WHERE THERE'S SMOKE...

Skinner's petition to High Court

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The petition to allow additional DNA testing of Hank Skinner, who was condemned to death for the murder of Pampa's Twila Busby and her two sons, is set to be heard by the United States Supreme Court on Wednesday.

Skinner was originally found guilty of the crime on March 18, 1995, and sentenced to death.

On Nov. 23, 2009, after several rejections of prior post-conviction appeals,

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