Storyteller


Cuttine text. Carol Smith Headrick (from left) talksto staff photo by Sue Pribble ris Jean Foster following her review of "Emily Post - Daughter of the Giided Age, Mistress of Americian Manners." Headrick, who memorizes her text and presents the review in first-person, was sponsored by Chapter CS, the local chapter of the P.E.O. Sisterthood. The presentation was held yesterday

## Morgan to head Lefors ISD

## Molue Bryant

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Bill Morgan was introduced last week as the future superintendent of the Lefors
Independent School District Independent School District (LISD) Morgan attended the school's Board of Trustees meeting Thursday and was able to get acquainted with the district and its
students on Friday. "(Morgan) possesses the qualities we felt we're looking for in the district," said Gary Laramore, interim superintendent of LISD. "His references talked about
how they'll hate to lose him, but that he how they'll hate to lose him, but that he
will be a premiere superintendent. He will be a premiere superintendent. He
came highly recommended." Morgan was a Physical Education teacher for seven years before becom-
ing principal of Tool Elementary School, ing principal of Tool Elementary School,
a school in the Malakoff Independent School District, located about an hour and a half south of Dallas. He was principal at Tool for the past five years. "I opened the school up and got it
going," he said. "It was about 20 to 25 going, he said. "It was about 20 to 25
minutes away from other schools in the district, and in fact, you had to drive through other school districts to get to (Tool Elementary). 1 took over every
aspect of the school, like transportation,
so it was a natural transition to go to the
superintendent spot, because of the expesuperintendent spot, because of the expe-
rience I had prior." Coming to the Panhandle has been a dream for Morgan, who shows horses with his wife and son, who will attend
seventh grade at Lefors. "I always wanted to come to the Panhandle, because I like the higher elevation and even the dry heat," he said. M's beautiful out here. was imressed by the campus, staff and board at Lefors, and is excited about getting started. "We're pushing academically, because teachers," he said "We"l hit base and teachers," he said. "We "ll hit the ground
running to meet the standards the state outlines. We want to be just as competitive as any school in the rest of the state." Morgan's first school year as Lefors superintendent won't be without its chal-
lenges, especially as the state transilenges, especially as the state transi-
tions again from one standardized test to another, the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR), but he is ready for the journey.
"If teachers, principals and stu "If teachers, principals and stu-
dents focus on TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills), and concentrate LEFORS cont. on page 2

Early voting begins April 30


#### Abstract

Arnie Aurellano With Pampa city elections approaching, city secretary Karen Price is making sure the city's residents are aware of their vot- ing ing options.. "We want to put out a reminder that early voting wo put begin a for the City of Pampa election, which is being held May Pampa election, which is being held May 12," Price said. "Early voting begins April 12," Price said. "Early voting begins April 30 through May 8 ." Early voting will be conducted at City Hall, 200 W . Foster. A voting station will be set up on the second floor, Price said. Arrangements can also be made for Arrangements can also be made for casting ballots through the mail. ing applications for ballots by mail, Price said. "We are taking those currently Pampa residents) can call City Hall a 806-669-5750 and ask to speak to the cit, There to request an application." mail, Price said To qualify a registere voters must be either 65 or older, dis abled, expecting to be absent from th. eity, or confined in jail but otherwis eligible to vote. An application must b filled out and approved before a voter cai cast a ballot by mail. Applications to vote by mail must b Applications to vote by mall must ba received by the city secretary office by May 4 .


Pampa ISD Board hears literary study report

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|  | endent School District (PISD) e board heard the presentation regular meeting Thusday eveSD Superintendent SD Superintendent Barry ccurred after the district noticed reading achievement in early entary grades, which had been wo years ago. <br> ecause we weren't seeing that inual good growth, we, being ral administration, began to with the elementary school ipals a couple years ago," said nisch. "At the beginning of this we really have started an in s study with our literacy coordiss, our elementary teachers and practice in reading, and while |
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learn to rhyme."
The district has been providing more training for staff recently on
balanced reading. "The original teachers got some in depth training with it, but since that time, our teachers that have come in have only gotten some training on the run, so we've been trying to go
back to our campuses, and get some back to our campuses, and get some
time with our newer teachers to be sure they understand the framework, to make sure they understand what it means when it talks about fluency
and whatever those components are, and whatever those components are,
and they're well grounded in the theory and the work," Haenisch said. He added that consistency throughout PISD in teaching reading is a
major goal. major goal. between phonics and whole language, we have phonics components II, but different teachers might nics," said Haenisch. "We're poing to settle on a district wide approach, so there will be phonics instruction in all of our classrooms."

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## PAMPA FORECAST



Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Windy, with a south wind 15 to Winds could gust as high as 40 mph .

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and hunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. Breezy, with a south wind between 15 and
25 mph , with gusts as high as 35 mph .

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 82 . West
southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph .
Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. West southwest wind around 5 mph becoming east northeast.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 75. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northwest.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low
around 51 North northwest wind between 5 around 51 . N
and 10 mph .

## Obituaries


rectors.
Charles was born on October 2, 1919 in Rotan to WWII and hula Lee. He served in the U,S. Army durin He is preceded in death by his wife Janie Martin He is preceded in death by his wife, Janie Martin Lee,
a daughter, Little Janie Lee, eight brothers and one sister a daughter, Little Janie Lee, eight brothers and one sister.
Survivors include his special friend, Linda Johnson of Jayton; two sons, Leslie Wayne Lee and wife Mary of Bedford and David R. Lee and Betsy of Pampa; a daugh-
ter, Lynna Campbell and husband Carl of Amarillo; four ter, Lynna Campbell and husband Carl of Amarillo; four
sisters, Betty Kinchelo, Dorothea Beatty, Doris Hamsisters, Betty Kinchelo, Dorothea Beatty, Doris Ham
mett and Mary Isabell; fourteen grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.
The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00
p.m. on Monday evening at the funeral home. Lea
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## Lefors

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on reaching stude Morgan will officially begin on
April 2, and will be eased into the wife and son are looking forward to the STAAR test will have less of an April 2, and will be eased into the it," said Morgan. "m really excited,
impact, because you'll already be position by Laramore, whose last and feel welcome and privileged
teaching them what they need," he day will be on Friday of that week. to become a part of the Lefors ISD reaching them what they need," he day will be on Friday of that week. to become a part of the Le
said.

Newspaper finds suspicious test scores nationwide

ATLANTA (AP) - Hundreds of
school systems nationwide exhibit
suspicious test scores that point to suspicious test scores that point to the possibility of cheating, according to an investigation by The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution.
The newspaper examined test reThe newspaper examined test re-
sults for 70,000 public schools and sults for 70,000 public schools and
found high concentrations of scores found high concentrations of scores
in school systems from coast to The analysis doesn't prove cheat-
ing. It reveals that scores in hundreds ing. It reveals that scores in hundreds
of cities followed a pattern that, in of cities followed a pattern that, in
Atlanta, indicated cheating in mulAtlanta, indic
tiple schools.
The AJC reported in 2008 and
2009 about statistically improb2009 about statistically improbable jumps in test scores within the
109 -school Atlanta Public Schools 109 -school Atlanta Public Schools
system. Those reports led to an in-
vestigation by Georgia officials system. Those reports led to an in-
vestigation by Georgia officials,
which found that at least 180 prinwhich found that at least 180 prin-
cipals, teachers and other staff took cipals, teachers and other staff took
part in widespread test-tampering in
the 50,000 -student district the 50,000 -student district.
In Sunday's editions, the AJC reports that 196 of the nation's 3,125
largest school districts had enough largest school districts had enough
suspect test results that the odds of suspect test results that the odds of
the results occurring naturally were the results occurring
less than one in 1,000 .

## For 33 districts nationwide, the odds of their test scores occurring

 odds of their test scores occurringnaturally were worse than one in a naturally
million.
Sind Standardized test scores have been
at the forefront of national and local efforts to improve schools. Test performance was the centerpiece of the
federal No Child Left Behind federal No Child Left Behind Act of
2001, which demanded higher class room accountability. Tougher teacher evaluations that many states are rolling out place more weight than
ever on the tests. ever on the tests.
But the AJC re
Bueeping policy shifts rely sweeping policy shifts rely on
results that may be unreliable. While the federal government re quires states to use standardized test-
ing, it does not require educators to ing, it does not require educators to
screen scores for anomalies or investigate those that turn up.
$\qquad$ - and we ought to be doing that about how we are going to ensure
their trustworthiness," said Daria Hall, director of K-12 policy with the nonprofit Education Trust. "That means districts and states taking ownership of the test security
issue in a way that they haven't to issue in
In nine districts - Atlanta, Bal-
timore, Dallas, Detroit, timore, Dallas, Detroit, East St. St.
Louis, Ill., Gary, Ind., Houston, Louis, Ill, Gary, Ind., Houston, Lo
Angeles and Mobile County, Ala Angeles and Mobile County, Ala that the odds of such dramatic shifts occurring without an intervention
such as tampering were virtually such as tampering were virtually
zero, the newspaper found. zero, the newspaper found.
In Houston, test results for entir grades of students jumped two, three or more times the amount expected in
one year, the analysis showed one year, the analysis showed. When children moved to a new grade the - a finding that suggests the gains were not due to learning. "These findings are concerning," U.S. Secretary of Education Arne ing briefed on the AJC's analysis. He ing briefed on the AJC"s analysis. He
added that "states, districts, schools
and testing companies should have and testing companies should have sensible safeguards in place to en
sure tests sure tests accurately reflect studen
learning learning."
Many school district officials con tacted by the AJC disputed any con clusion that cheating was to blame for the swings.
Some school steep gains to exemplary teaching But experts said instruction isn't
likely to likely to move scores to the degree
seen in the AJC's analysis. seen in the AJC's analysis. Cheating is one of only a few plau-
sible explanations for such dramati sible explanations for such dramatic
changes in scores for so many stuchanges in scores for so many stu-
dents within a district, said James
Woll Wollack, a University of WisconsinWollack, a University of Wisconsin-
Madison expert in testing and cheat-
ing who reviewed the newsper's ing who reviewed the newspaper's
analysis.
he said, "cheating is something you should be looking at."
In each state, the newspaper used statistics to identify unasual score umps and drops on state math and
reading tests by grade and school. Declines can signal cheating the Drevious year. The calculations also
took into account other factors that took into account other factors that
can lead to big score shifts, such as small classes and dramatic changes in class size.
The ner
The newspaper also developed a
statistical method to identify statistical method to identify school
systems with far more unusual tests systems with far more unusual tests
than expected, which could signal endemic cheating similar to what occurred in Atlanta. In its approach,
the score analysis used conservative the score analysis used conservative
measures that highlighted extremes. Theasures that highlighted extremes
The methodology is more likely The methodology is more likely
to overlook possible indications of cheating than to suggest problems where none exist.
The newspaper's The newspaper's methodology
was reviewed by outside experts The AJC's analysis suggests that lens of thousands of children may have been harmed by inflated scores that could have kept them from get-
ting the academic help they needed. $\operatorname{In} 2010$ alone, the grade-wide reading scores of 24,618 children nationwide - enough to populate a
mid-sized school district mid-sized school district - swung
so improbably that the odds of it happening by chance were less than happening by
1 in 10,000 .
Experts said the findings warrant
deeper investigation at deeper investigation at the local
level. Statistical checks for highly improbable scores are like medical tests, said Gary Phillips, a vice presi-
dent and chief scientist for the large dent and chief scientist for the large nonprofit the American Institutes for its methodology.
"This is a broad screening," he said. "If you find something, you're supposed to go to the doctor and fol-
low up with a more detailed diagno low up with a more detailed diagnos
tic process."

Trooper killed in crash EL PASO, Texas (AP) - A Texas Department of
Public Safety trooper has died after a two-vehicle
crash in crash in El Paso.
The DPS says The DPS says 32 -year-old Trooper Javier Arana Jr was responding to a pursuit call shortly before 1:30
a.m. Saturday when his patrol car was struck at an in a.m. Saturday when his patrol car was struck at an in-
tersection by a Ford Ranger. The DPS vehicle caught fire, and Arana died at the scene. The driver of the Ford Ranger, 18 -year-old Edgardo Antonio Flores, was taken to Del Sol Medical Center
His passenger, 20 -year-old Josue Alejandro Guer His passenger, 20 -year-old Josue Alejandro Guer-
rero, was transported to University Medical Center.
Officials are investigatin Officials are investigating.
Arana graduated from the DPS Academy in November 2010 and was stationed in El Paso. He is surArana is the 87th DPS employee to die in the line
vied by wife and childen. of duty.

Birthday party feud: 1 dead DALLAS (AP) - At least one person was shot
dead and seven others were hurt when a fight erupted dead and seven others were hurt when a fight erupted
at a traditional birthday party for a 15 -year-old girl at a tradidional birthday party for a 15 -year-old girl
near Dallas. Ellis County Sheriff's Lt. R.D. White says Sunday the argument at the quinceanera - a traditional party
for a girl turning 15 - rapidly turned violent, accordfor a girl turning 15 -rapidly turned violent, accord-
ing to The Dallas Morning News reported). By the ing to The Dallas Morning News reported). By the
time police arrived, four people had been shot, two time police arrived, four people had been shot, two
had been stabbed and two beaten. At least one person died of a gunshot wound, and one of the other victims died of
is 11 .
White
White says the names and medical conditions of
those involved are not yet being released. However those involved are not yet being released. However,
he says the injuries have made it difficult for police to figure out what happened at the family gathering.

## MORNINGRUSH

Airport enjoys drilling boom SAN ANTONIO (AP) -A small San Antonio munici-
pal airport is enjoying a growth in business largely due to a South Texas oil and gas drilling boom.
The 96 -year-old Stinson Municipal Airport saw flight operations grow 2.7 percent last year after a two-yea
decline, the San Antonio Express-News (htto://itily GFWOD3 ) reported Sunday. The Federal Aviation Administration says that made Stinson the 12th busiest tracted controllers not affiliated with the FAA. San Antonio's assistant aviation direct O'Krongly says despite rising fuel costs, the airport ha new customers due to a rising demand from oil and ga companies drilling in the Eagle Ford shale, financial
institutions, helicopter emergency services and suppliers institutions, helicon

## Safety questions at Dallas clinic

DALLAS (AP) - Eleven Dallas-area health clinics are facing state sanctions or have closed due to safety Medicare fraud scheme.
The Dallas Morning News (http://dallasne.ws/ GZv4Ws) reported the issues Saturday after obtaining
state records. It says the safety problems were found at state records. It says the safety problems were found at
home health care agencies whose Medicare payments were suspended after the Feb. 28 arrest of Dr. Jacques Roy. Roy has been accused of running a $\$ 335$ million
Medicare fraud scheme from his office in DeSoto, Texas. The problems described in the records include a lack of qualified caregivers, nurses failing to assess patient or properly describe their needs to doctors, nurses failing to ensure doctors' orders were followed and a failure to
report exploitation. Names of patients or caregivers ar not in the records.
Students help preserve history SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A group of university stu
dents in San Antonio are working with other volunteers to restore homes in historic areas of the city.
The students from the University of Tex Antonio and San Antonio College will help restore 14 homes in the Tobin Hill Historic District and Five
Points, the San Antonio Express-News (http://bitly Points, the San Antonio Express-News (http:///bit.ly
GNsF4V) reported Sunday. The work is part of a project
launched in 2010 called Students Together Achieving launched in 2010 called
Revitalization or S.T.A.R.
San Antonio's historic preservation officer Shanon Peterson says the program has already impr
homes, possibly saving some from demolition.
homes, possibly saving some from demolition.
The program is funded through sponsorships and
grants and has been incorporated into undergraduate grants and has been incorporated into undergraduate some students to get class credit for participating.
Man shot at student complex
SAN ANTONIO (AP) - A 20 -year-old has died after being critically wounded in a shooting at an apartment Texas-San Antonio.
Randall Perkins died at University Hospital where he was taken after the shooting at 2 am. Saturday, the San
Antonio Express-News (http://bi.ly/GYPGAm) report ed. The shooting happened after a fight erupted at a party at the Aspen Heights apartment complex. One other person was wounded in the shooting. Police have not
Randy Pappas says Perkins was one of four assistant coaches for the Smithson Valley High School lacrosse
team. Pappas says he has a child on the team.

## Father, son die in car crash

HOUSTON (AP) - A father and his 9 -year-old son are dead after their van de crashed were delivering newspapers on a fog morning.
The Texas Department of Public Safety says 39 -year old Fabio Martinez-Palacios was driving a newspaper route with his son early Sunday morning when he missed
curve on a road in Rosenberg, Texas. The van landed a curve on a road in Rosenberg, Texas. The van landed
in a pond. Authorities identified the boy as 9 -year-old Daniel Martinez. They found the van in the water packed with was found in the grass next to the pond.
Investigators believe dense fog contributed to the crash. They say the man may also have be
route and unfamiliar with the windy road.
Perry cracks jokes with media
WASHINGTON (AP) - Defense Secretary Leon
Panetta is making light of his advantage being an
Italian-American Pentagon chief. He made the comment Italian-American Pentagon chief. He made the comment
Saturday night while serving as the stand-in for President Barack Obama at the 127th Gridiron Dinner.
Panetta said that unlike predecessors Robert Gates Panetta said Rumsfeld, he could sit at the negotiating
and Donald Ruble and say: "T'm going to make you an offer you
table table and say: "T'm going to make you an offer you
cant refuse," a reference to the famous line from "The The council first passed a Godfather."
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The event brought togeth-
er members of the news dials and politicians for Speaking and skits,
Speaking for the
Gov. Rick Perry, who poke
fun at his gaffes during an
ion.

AUSTIN (AP )-More than 1,000 teachers, stufrom schools across Texas rallied Saturday at the state Capitol to decry $\$ 5.4$ billion in cuts to public lawmakers restore some of that funding - or at least not impose another round f cuts next year The demonstrators dents and a number of Democratic lawmakers, marched through downtown, thai gathered under the Capitol's pink dome for nearly three hours.
They chanted "Save Texas They chanted "Save Texas
Schools!" and held up Schools!" and held up
signs that read: "Cuts hurt kids," "You get what you vote for," and "If you can' read this, thank your conpressman."
Another sign read Perry F-" and implied
that Republican Gov Rick Perry would receive a fail ing grade for his role in the cuts. A student band from McNeil High School in Round Rock, just north
of Austin, pounded drums of Austin, pounded drums, giving the rally a football-
game feel as the booming game feel as the booming
sounds echoed off nearby buildings.
The Texas Legislature The Texas Legislature does not reconvene until

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ccessful run for the

Teachers, lawmakers rally at Capitol
filed on behalf of more
than 500 school districts representing more than 3 million Texas children.
The suits charge that the The suits charge that the Legislature's plan is not tributes funding to school districts, but the legal fight likely wont begin for months.
"For the first time in 60 years, the Legislature that meets in this building
behind us failed to finance the current school funding law," John Folks, superintendent of Northside Independent School District in San Antonio, told the crowd Saturday. That shows very clearly
the priority that Texas has put on public education." Another target at the rally was the State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness or STAAR test. Students across the state will begin taking the new
standardized test Monday. "They say 'STAAR,' we say "No!'" the demonstrators chanted.
Debbie Ratcliffe, spokeswoman for the Texas Education Agency, said officials had no com-
ment on the rally but are ment on the rally but are
sensitive to complaints that schools spend too much time giving or pro-
paring students for standardized tests. She said tate will spend only two o five days out of a 180 . day school year taking Teardized tests. Teaching positions statewide fell by more than 10,200 this year compared to the 2011-2012 school year, according to Texas Education Agency figures.
State Sen. Wendy Davis State Sen. Wendy Davis,
a Fort Worth Democrat a Fort Worth Democrat,
said that has led to larger said that has led to larger
classes, with 8,243 delementary school classes applying for waivers to exceed a 22 -student-perclassroom cap imposed by
state law. She said state law. She said that was already nearly four times
the 2,238 classes that sought elementary classroom size waivers during all of the last two-year budget cycle.
"Remarkably Remarkably, those that have driven us down this path ... are asking for even
more, demanding that the more, demanding that the
state implement another 10 percent in cuts across the board by the next legislative cycle," Davis said. "Theirs is an agenda that will bring this great state to retake the dialogue in Texas."

## Banning illegal immigrant renters pricey

## FARMERS BRANCH

 Texas (AR) ARANCH, Adassuburb has spent five years
 ing to ban illegal imit grants from resting apart melts within city limits
but court challenges have
have kept the chan tomes haven defect still rom of official say they're likely to press
on The en fit has pushed
Farmers Branch,
a quiet
 Collection of bedroom
communities and office parks, into the national
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Circuit Court of Appeals,
where a three-judge panel last week upheld a lower
court's ruling blocking the law.
Farmers Branch's city Farmers Branch's city
council, which has never included a Latino, has in recent years declared English to be the city's
official language and official language an
resisted efforts to shift voling from an at-large sys-

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replaced it two years later
on the advice of its attoron the advice of its astor-
neys.
The new law would
require all renters to obtain
a city license and the city's
building inspector to check build stat inspector to of any applicant who wasn't a U.S. citizen. Illegal immigrants would be denied a renters' per-
mit, and landlords who mit, and landlords who
knowingly allowed them
to stay could have their to stay could have their
renters' license barred. A federal judge put that
aw on hold after landlord law on hold after landlord and renters sued the cl
and courts have contin ned to block it - mo recently on Wednesday by
the 5 th Circuit. the 5 th Circuit.
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middle of similar middle of similar cou
fights.
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immigration laws and
Kansas' Kansas' secretary of ante,
has represented Farmers


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## Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Monday, March 26, the 86th day
There are 280 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History
On March 26, 1982 , groundbreaking ceremonies Veterans Memorial.
On this date
In 1804 , the
In 1804, the Louisiana Purchase was divided into the Rerritory of Orleans and the District of In 1812 , an earthquake devastated Caracas,
Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. In 1827 , composer Ludwig van Beethoven die In 1874, poet Robert Frost was born in San Francisco.
In 1892, poet Walt Whitman died in Camden, In 1912, an explosion at the Jed Coal \& Cok
Co. Mine in West Virginia claimed the lives of 8 miners.
In 1937, a 6 -foot-tall statue of the cartoon characSpinach Festival in Crystal City Texas Annu In 1958, the U.S. Army launched America's third successful satellite, Explorer 3
In 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Baker v.
Carr, gave federal courts the power to order reapportionmen eventy
decision that eventually led to the doctrine of "on man, one vote."
In 1979 , a peace treaty was signed by Israe Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian
President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by Presiden Jimmy Carter at the White House.
In 1992, a udge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black Americ contestant. (Tyson ended up serving three years.)
In 1997, the bodies of 39 members of the
Heaven's Heaven's Gate techno-religious cult who'd com-
mitted suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.

Ten years ago: Yasser Arafat decided not to Cabinet accused Israel of trying to "blackmail" the Palestinian leader with tough conditions for allow-
ing him to go. Arthur Andersen chief executive pressure as a result of the accounting firm's in the Enron scandal. President George W. Bush nominated Dr. Richard Carmona to be surgeon general.
Five years ago: The military concluded that
high-ranking Army officers had made critical errors in reporting the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan, but that there was no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the
former NFL star by fellow soldiers. The findings were rejected by Tillman's family.) Australian detainee David Hicks pleaded guilty before a military tribunal at Guantanamo to heping terrorists
fight the United States in Afghanistan. (Hicks was sentenced to seven years in prison; all but nine
months' prison time was suspended. Hicks was returned to Australia to serve out his term, and was freed in December 200
One year ago: More than 250,000 people took to London's streets to protest the toughest spending
cuts since World War II; riot police clashed with small breakaway groups and arrested more than 200 people. Former Democratic vice presidential party nominee for the office, died in Boston at 75
Harry Wesley Coover Jr., 94 , known as the inven tor of the popular adhesive Super Glue, died in Kingsport, Tenn.
Today's Birthdays: Conducter-composer Pierre Boulez is 87. Retired Supreme Court Justice
Sandra Day O'Connor is 82 . Actor-director Leonard Nimoy is 81. Actor Alan Arkin is 78 . House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi is 72 . Actor James Caan is 7 . Author Erica Jong is 70 .
Journalist Boo Woodward is 69 . Singer Diana
Ross is 68 . Actor Johnny Crawford is 66 . Rock singer Steven Tyler (Aerosmith) is 64. Singer and TV personality Vicki Lawrence is 63. Actor
Emest Thomas is 63 . Comedian Martin Short is Ernest Thomas is 63. Comedian Martin Short is
62. Country singer Ronnie McDowell is 62 Movie composer Alan Silvestri is 62 . Rock musician Monte Yoho is 60 . Radio talk show host Curtis Sliwa is 58 . Country singer Dean Dillon is 57 country singer Charly Mcctain is 56 . TV personality Leeza Gibbons is 55. Actress Ellia English is
53. Actress Jennifer Grey is 52: College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Marcus Allen is 52. Actor Eric Allan Kramer is 50 . Basketball Hall of Famer John Stockton is 50 . Actor Michael Imperioli is 46 . Rock musician James tha is 44. Country
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State disability funds going broke, and going away

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 JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP
With hundreds of thousands wounded veterans looking for wor
after World War II. many offered businesses an incentive to ated special disability funds to hel pay the tab should a soldier with missing arm or eye suffer a second
debilitating injury in a private-sector job. Over the ensuing decades, thos disability funds provided aid no of others with pre-existing ailments who slipped and fell, twisted their backs or blew out their knees while But as a new generation of wound ed warriors returns from lraq and
Afghanistan, about 20 states have
shut down their special disability funds because of rising costs an others are teetering on insolvency,
tearing holes in the safety net the funds were intended to provide. Today, the federal government and encourage businesses to hire return veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan have reported disabilities, and they are having a harder time getting jobs than their able-bodied, private-sec-
tor counterparts, said David Autry, Ior counterparts, said David Autry,
a spokesman for Disabled Americ Veterans. "We understand states are strapped
for cash, thanks to the economy," Autry said. But "it would be a shame,
to just let these funds di a to just let these funds disappear."
The unemployment rate for veterans. injured in Iraq and Afghanistan is 12.1 percent, compared with 9.5 per
cent for those without disabilities. cent tor those without disabilities.
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nesses are cautious about extra costs nesses are cautious about extra costoyes, according to
remplamber of Commerce officials "If you talk to businesses, th are more hesitant in making any including the hiring of people," said Missouri chamber spokeswoman Karen Buschmann.
meant to encourage ${ }^{\text {mand }}$ fund disabled workers by limiting the financial risk to businesses. If an
employee who is partially disable suffers an on-the-job injury that further impairs his or her ability to
work, the second work, the secondinjury fund covers
the workers' compensation benefits for that new injury. Without such funds, businesses are left to bear the
full cost throuht full cost through their workers' com-
pensation insurance. Although busi pensation insurance. Although busi-
nesses pay into the second injury fund, the tab may be less than the increase in their workers' compensation premiums would be.
have second injury funds, but rising
costs have contributed to the closure of numerous others over the past two South Fund, which is due to be phased out by next year, stopped considering claims. from injuries that happened after June 2008 because of
rising losses that resulted in surcharges to employers and insurers of nearly $\$ 200$ million annually. New
York, which created the nation's York, which created the nation's
first second-injury fund 1911 , closed the fund to all new claims in July
2010 when its outstanding liabilities topped $\$ 18$ billion, according to a $\begin{aligned} & \text { very, very risky," said Brown, an } \\ & \text { Oklahoma native who now lives in }\end{aligned}$ report by Workers Compensation Independence, Mo. Research Institute. New Jersey's has
been plagued by cash-flow prob- $\begin{array}{r}\text { Brown said injured veterans need } \\ \text { help persuading employers to give }\end{array}$ been plagued by cash-flow prob-
lems. Missouri's Second Injury Fund. is on the verge of insolvency. Last year, the fund collected $\$ 43$ million
from businesses while its obligations from businesses while its obligations with a growing shortfall, Attorney General Chris Koster quit settling cases in late 2009, forcing them to
drag out through a hearing drag out through a hearing process.
He laid off about one-third of the attorneys who defend the fund. And last year, he quit paying new awards for permanent, total disability cases. The state now owes about $\$ 15$
million to more than 190 million to more than 190 people
who were awarded benefits in the past year.
"The fund is spiraling out of fiscal control,", said Koster, a Democrat, who wants the fund to either be
abolished or revamped with a new abolished or revamped with a new
funding mechanism. Oklahoma was in a similar situation about a decade ago when it closed its second-injury fund to new
claims. But it later adopted a claims. But it later adopted a new
flexible surcharge and reinstated its fund in 2005.
Critics of second injury funds contend they have outlived their purpose and shift costs to small
businesses that may never benefit from the funds. The American with Disabilities Act provides greater legal protections to workers than
existed during the World War II era existed during the World War II era.
And today's veterans also have betAnd today's veterans also have bet-
ter access to federal health care benefits, said Jon Gelman, a New Jersey attorney whose has specialized in representing plaintiffs in workers' compensatio
ease cases.
$\qquad$ ry fund, it may not be missed at this point, because the reasons aren't as valid to have it as in the past,"
Gelman said. Gelman said.
But the Mis Commerce and Industry contends the funds still provide necessary protection to both employers and workers - especially in a slowly

Army veteran Valerie Brown, 34,
knows how difficult it can be fo the current generation of disabled of duty in Iraq. Brown said she wa diagnosed as 60 percent disabled from post-traumatic stress disorde and hearing loss. She searched fo four months before landing an entry
level job that she found so frustratlevel job that she found so frustrat
ing she quit. So she enrolled in co lege and is now re-starting her hun for work. "Coming forward and actually them a chance. "If something happened at work.
say the person has a seizure or some say the person has a seizure or some-
thing and hits her head on the desk or gets injured, that would make such a huge difference," she said. Among the veterans receiving
weekly payments from the Missouri fund is John Cleeton, who broke his ankle while serving with the
Army in Vietnam and then suffered a variety of on-the-job injuries as
Kansas City police officer He fear it would be financially devastating for people who suffer future work Fund were to be eliminated. Fund were to be eliminated.
"It helps people -it keeps them from having to resort to begging at the corners," Cleeton said
State disability funds have run into financial troubles for a variety of reasons. As more people have
become eligible for payments most of them civilians injured on the job, not veterans - the dolla
value of the awards also has value of the awards also has grown
because of the rising cost of medical care, and the assessments charged to businesses have niot kept pace. Missouri is an extreme example. A
2005 law placed a 3 percent cap on 2005 law placed a 3 percent cap on
the Second Injury Fund surcharge on the Second businesses' workers compensation premiums, instead of allowing the rate to fluctuate to meet expenses.
The law was backed by vario The law was backed by various
business associations, who now are business associations, who now are
supporting legislation to raise the surcharge cap to 4.5 percent, or perhaps as much 6 percent. But some attorneys who represent the disabled say that won't be enough to save the
fund. fund.
that created this shortfall," said St Louis attorney Mark Moreland, who is on the board of governors fo the Missouri Association of Tria
Attorneys. "It is time that we sto letting them be dead-beat dads to the disabled."

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to clear out confusion that often seems you have a lot to do, but you could be-
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present. Many people around you act in come very upset or angry y y you have to
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away in order to regroup and re-evaluate. ful. Words said are never forgoten, even You could find that anger is an issue that if they are forgiven. Diplomacy goes far. frequently emerges. Use self-discipline Tonight: Working late.
when you become triggered. If you are LIBRA (Sept. 23 -Oct. 22)
single, you meet people with ease. Take $\begin{aligned} & \text { (**** Keep reaching out for new } \\ & \text { your time before deciding someone is is information. How you see a situation will }\end{aligned}$ your time before decicing someone is information. How you see a situation will
perfect. You easily could meet a better change if you can detach and be less inmatch. If you are attached, take a work-- vested. You have difficulty understanding shop together to improve your communi- an associate or friend who seems deter-
cation. A class involving a mutual inter- mined tomess up your plans. Tonight: Let cation. A class involving a mutual inter- mined to mess up your plans. T
est also could draw you closer. GEMINI go f stress with friends.

ARIES (March 21 -April 19)
$\star \star \star \star$ Express y your thoughts. Decide $\quad \star \star \star \star \star$ Work with a partner. You $\star \star \star \star$ Express your thoughts. Decide might be surprised by what goes on be-
which way would be best to go. A meet- tween you and another person. Confusion which way would be best to go. A meet- tween you and another person. Confusion
ing could confuse matters even more. A surrounds a situation involving a child or little self-discipline' goes far. If you be- an associate. Learn not to judge so much; come triggered or angry, take a walk to more information is forthcoming. Stay gain perspective. Tonight: Where the ac- neutral. Tonight: Dinner for two.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 2-Dec.
tion is.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) $\quad \star \star \star$ A Push yourself to finish a pmin
$\star \star \star$ Do not be too sure of yourself, even if you could do something more interbecause you easily could make an error esting. You might be surprised how much with funds, whether it is by accident or by excitement comes your way. A person you someone taking deceptive action. Listen look up to, or need to look up to, could be
to your inner voice; don't be reactive. To- in a very bad mood. Relax. Tonigh: Let to your inner voice; don't be reactive. To- in a very bad mood. Relax. Tonight:
night: Treat yourself well.
someone else make the first move. night: Treat yourself well.
GEMIN (May 21-June 20)
someone else make the first move.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
$\star \star \star \star \star \star$ Keep conversations mov- $\quad \star \star \star$ Plunge into work without geting
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You have a strong sense of direction that speak in a most confusing manner You have a strong sense of direction that speak in a most confusing manner. Ap-
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ple. There also is no better organizer than lengts. You could have difficulty with you. Do not let a personal matter interfere someone at a distance. Trust your choices. with your plans. Tonight: As you like it. Tonight: Let's nof forget to exercise.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 $\star \star \star$ Know when enough is enough. $\quad \star \star \star \star \star$ Let your playfulness show.
You could be overtired. The unexpected
even at work. Everyone finows it is there, occurs when dealing with a friend or yet it is subtle in your interactions. A partgroup. Tap into your instincts. Detach ner could be quite upset and might need rather than get angry. You will gain a new some time. Don't get initated. Tonight
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differently. Tonight. Play it low-key. Make it OK to stay up late.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
PISCES (Feb 19-March 20) $\star \star \star \star$ Zero in on what you want. PISCES (reb. $\quad \star \star \star$ Stay centered, knowing what Sometimes you undermine yourself with- you want. Push comes to shove with a out intending to. You might say woo much partuer who could be quite difficiut. Regive you away. Be careful with, your ate an argument Walk away, and control spenaing, Deal you easily could go over your feelings for now. Tonight: Happy to board.


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## Sports

Killgo earns first win as Harvesters down Rangers

ANDREW GLover Senior Collin Killgo entered Saturday＇s
game at Perryton looking for his first vic－ game at Perryton looking for his first vic－
tory of the season．In the district opener， Killgo pitched a complete game，striking out 10 to walk off the mound as a winner in a 9－5 Pampa victory．
＂It feels great，＂Killgo said．＂To get it like this in district and getting my first win is good．＂
Head coach Kaleb Snelgrooes said it was a great start to district． ＂These boys have Snelgrooes said．＂We might last night al my house and set our goals like last year Their goal was to take it one game at a Momentum switched hands at the beginning．Junior James Thompson hit a RBI infield single to second．Senior Jared Lusk drove in senior Cole Engle with a
single to left．Thompson scored on an Peread in the top of the third．＂We did this last year，＂Snelgrooes half with a single，two walks and two
error by the lefffielder to give Pampa a Snelgrooes said his team＇s work has

 Junior James Thompson hits a flyball against Perryton Saturday．Thomp－

## Track

## lay（ $3: 42.28$ ）． In fielding events，sophomore Brett Troxell finished fourth in the pole Iroxell finished fourth in the pole vault $\left(11^{\prime} 6^{\prime \prime}\right)$ ．Radke finished fifth in the long iump（ $19^{\circ} .5^{\prime \prime}$ ）and Maddox finished sixth（ $18^{\circ} 9^{\circ}$ ．）．Ponce finished fifth in the triple jump $\left(38^{\circ} 1^{\prime}\right)$ and senior Jesus Cabrales finished sixth $\left(35^{\circ}, 5^{\circ}\right)$ ）Junior Ky Ier Allen won the discus（ $134^{\circ} 6^{\circ}{ }^{\circ}$ ）． He thrown that thing about 20 feet fur－ ther than he has before，＂Smith said．＂It was good enough to get up to the top of was good enough to get up to the top of our district．I was proud of how he threw run（2：51．78），junior Mariela Resendiz finshed fourth（2：51．90）and sophomore Michelle Rivera finished fifth（2：56．71）． meter run（12：29）and junior Terra Thitt finished second（12：46）．Holmes and Truitt also finished in the top two of the 1600 －meter run with times of 5.4335 and 1600－meter run with times of $5: 43.35$ and 5：58．44 respectively．Sophomore Myra Tinajero finished third in the 800 －meter Sophomore Savanna Hulsey won the


n Troxell finished third $\left(4^{\prime} 6^{\circ}\right)$ ．Freshman
sixth（ $110^{\prime} 4.75^{\prime \prime}$ ） ard juris Garcia finished 100 －meter hurdles（ 16.21 ）．Fres in the Cheyenne Williams finished sixth in the The Lady Harvesters scored 199 points． 300 －meter hurdles（ 52.21 ）and sopho－pole vault（ $7^{\prime}$ ）．Brown finished third



Freshman Madison Brown finished sec－Megan Pirtle finished sixth（14＇2．5＂）．
ond in the 200 －meter dash（28．22）and freshman Kirsten Hood tied for third（91 $1^{\prime \prime}$ ）and senior Rikki Earnest finished （28．44）．Tinajero finished fifth in the fifth（ $82^{\prime} 9^{\prime \prime}$ ）．Williams finished third in Pampa finished second in the $400-$ meter
the shoth（ $31^{\prime} 6.5^{\prime \prime}$ ）and junior Calli Brewer relay（52．54），800－meter relay（ $1: 52.74$ ）finished fifth（ $30^{\circ}$ ）． and the 1600 －meter relay（ $4: 29.90$ ）．．The Harvesters and Lady Harvesters
Junior Dakota Watson won the high compete in Dalhart Friday at the Gold Junior Dakota Watson won the high
jump $\left(4^{*} 10^{*}\right)$ ，sophomore Taylor Smith jump finished second（ $48^{\prime \prime}$ ）and senior Kailyn


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