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Former resident dies in rollover

Pampa man, 49, injured when truck overturns near Duncan, Okla.

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A former long-time Pampa resident was killed and a Pampa man was transported to a Duncan, Okla., hospital for treatment as the result of a one-vehicle rollover Saturday evening in Stephens County, Okla.

Larry G. Edwards, 48, Dumas, died as a result of injuries suffered when he was pinned under the overturned vehicle.

Douglas N. Lasater, 49, Pampa, was transported to Duncan Regional Hospital by Duncan EMS, where he was treated and released with chest injuries, according to a report by Oklahoma Highway Patrol Trooper Chance Lipe.

The accident occurred at 6:56 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 6, on Empire Road, north of Paul Road, in Stephens County. Lasater was driving a 1996 Ford F350 pickup northbound when the vehicle ran off the road to the right, overcorrected and went back off the roadway on the right, according to the accident report.

The pickup then made half of a rollover, landing on its top. Edwards, who was not wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, was pinned underneath the vehicle for approximately one hour, according to the accident report.

Lasater had on his seat belt at the time of the accident, Lipe said.

Edwards was freed by Meridian and Comanche Fire Department and D&R Wrecker, and transported to Grantham Funeral Home by a funeral home vehicle. He had been pronounced dead at the scene by medical examiner Brian Louch. Cause of death was listed as "massive head injuries," Lipe said in the report.

The weather was clear and dry at the time of the accident, according to the report. The roadway is a two-lane

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Deaths

Larry Glen Edwards, 48, services pending.

Lessie Mae Vandiver Bilgri, 94, homemaker.

James Roy Schilling, 73, services pending.

Texas Today

Courts still could undo redistricting that swept GOP into office

AUSTIN (AP) — Republicans control the state's congressional delegation for the first time in modern history, but the freshly elected lawmakers might not have time to get too comfortable.

In fact, they could wind up campaigning in new districts in two years, or even sooner.

The GOP-leaning district map, engineered by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and adopted by the state Legislature last year, is still making its way through the courts. It could take years for the litigation to be settled. The remapping resulted in the loss of seven Democratic incumbents, including longtime Congressmen Charlie Stenholm and Martin Frost.

The new map was approved by a three-judge federal panel last year, but the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to the federal panel last month for reconsideration in light of a ruling in another redistricting case.

Gerry Hebert, an attorney for Democrats who are challenging the map, said he's hoping for special elections for the seats next November — a year into their two-year terms — under the previous Democrat-friendly map.

Some residents upset about losing homes for stadium

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Now that the Dallas Cowboys are moving to Arlington, some residents may be on the move as well.

The team and city will decide in a few months on the exact site for the new 75,000-seat retractable-roof stadium, near the Texas Rangers' Ameriquest Field. Then people in nearby neighborhoods will find out if their homes will be bought by the city and demolished.

City to eye request for land bids

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Pampa City Commissioners plan to meet in regular session 4 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the commission chamber at City Hall.

Among the items before the commission is an offer to request bids for a half-acre piece of land owned by the city next to the former Coronado Inn.

Pampa businessman Chuck White has offered to trade a similar size tract that is next to city property for the city's property, according to a memo contained in the City Commission's meeting agenda.

In the memo, Interim City Manager John Horst said White has a prospective buyer for the Coronado Inn property who intends to build a retail store on the tract.

"To make the purchase work," White would like to trade a half-acre tract he owns that adjoins City land east of the auditorium for the city's land, the memo stated.

A drawing included with the memo indicates the city's land is a paved parking lot next to the Coronado Inn.

In a letter to Horst, also included in the agenda, City Attorney Don Lane said that to comply with the Local Government Code, the city would need to publish a request for seal bids for the property for two weeks and then wait two weeks before opening the bids.

Kent Satterwhite of the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is scheduled to discuss a proposed water rule with commissioners. The commission discussed the rule with C.E. Williams of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District at their last meeting.

Other action items before the com-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Seeking warmer climes

Graeme Warren and his friend Bear took advantage of free camping at Hobart Street Park today to park their travel trailer while arranging for repairs to a bent trailer hitch on Warren's van. Warren is from Mountain Road, Manitoba, Canada and is "looking for a warm place" to spend the winter. Warren said most of the summer in Manitoba this year was overcast and rainy, with frost beginning in August and no three consecutive warm, sunny days, causing crops to be ruined.

U.S. forces storm Fallujah

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Thousands of U.S. troops, backed by armor and a stunning air barrage, attacked the toughest strongholds of Sunni insurgents in Fallujah on Monday, launching a long-awaited offensive aimed at putting an end to guerrilla control of the Sunni Muslim city.

After nightfall, U.S. troops advanced slowly on the northwestern Jolan neighborhood, a warren of alleyways where Sunni militant fighters have dug in. Artillery, tanks and warplanes pounded the district's northern edge, softening the defenses and attempting to set off any bombs and boobytraps before troops moved in.

Another force pushed into the northeastern Askari district, the first large-scale assault into the insurgent-held area of the city, the military said.

Orange explosions lit up the palm trees, minarets and dusty rooftops of Jolan, and a fire burned on the city's edge. Some 5,000 U.S. Marines and soldiers were massed in the desert on Fallujah's northern edge participating in the assault. A smaller number of Iraqi troops were also expected to be involved, but there was no immediate word on their actions.

Before the full-frontal attack against the city's northern defenses, the U.S. military reported its first casualties of the offensive: two Marines killed when their bulldozer flipped over into the Euphrates. A military spokesman estimated that 42 insurgents were killed across Fallujah in bombardment and skirmishes during the day.

Earlier Monday, U.S. and Iraqi forces seized two bridges over the Euphrates River and a hospital on Fallujah's western edge that they said was under insurgents' control. A team of Marines entered northwestern Fallujah and seized an apartment building.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said he gave the green light for international and Iraqi forces to launch the long-awaited offensive against Fallujah, aimed at re-establishing government control before elections set for January. He also announced a round-the-

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Arafat's wife accuses top Palestinian officials of power grab attempt

CLAMART, France (AP) — Yasser Arafat's wife on Monday accused his top lieutenants of seeking to grab control from her ailing husband, nearly torpedoing a visit by top Palestinian officials in the first sign of an open power struggle. Later, hospital officials restricted visitors to Arafat.

Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas left the West Bank for Jordan to get a flight to Paris to visit Arafat, consult with his doctors and meet with top French officials, including President Jacques Chirac.

As Qureia and Abbas were on their way, a spokesman for the military hospital where Arafat is being treated said the Palestinian leader remained in stable condition in the intensive care unit, and the "medical situation ... compels us to restrict visitors" to him.

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Obituaries

Larry Glen Edwards, 48

DUMAS – Larry Glen Edwards, 48, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in Duncan, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Edwards

Mr. Edwards was born on Aug. 17, 1956, in Pampa to Hildred and Jesse Edwards and was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School. He had been a resident of Dumas for the past 10 years and was former longtime Pampa resident. He married Connie Lasater on May 22, 2004, in Dumas. He was a pipeline welder and was a member of Pipeliners Local Union #798. He was a former member of the Bible Baptist Church in Pampa. He loved his red dog "Buck" and riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He was preceded in death by his father in 1980 and by a brother, Darrell Newman.

Survivors include his wife, Connie Edwards of Dumas, two sons, Jesse and Jason Edwards, both of Hereford; his mother, Hildred Stafford of White Deer; three sisters, Linda Newman of White Deer, Sharon Ramirez of San Angelo, and Stella Spalding of Portsmouth, Va,; one half-brother, Jack Edwards of Pampa and two half-sisters, Bitty Taylor of Pampa and Cecilia Geneva of Howardwick; two stepsons, David Dunn and Brian Dunn, both of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Brady Dunn and Lainie Dunn, both of White Deer.

Memorials may be made to a favorite charity. The family will be at 501 N. Doyle.

– Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

James Roy Schilling, 73

James Roy Schilling, 73, died Saturday, Nov. 6, 2004, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Schilling was born July 10, 1931, at McAllen. He was a resident of Pampa for about five months. He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force serving during the Vietnam era. He had worked for the Federal Reserve Bank in San Antonio as a security guard. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Schilling and Betsy Ann Jones, both of Pampa; two brothers, Harold Schilling and Eugene Schilling, both of Corpus Christi; three sisters, Shirley Murphy of Mathis, Beverly Pakebusch of Corpus Christi and Brenda Taylor of Marietta, Okla.; and four grandchildren.

Lessie Mae Vandiver Bilgri, 94

WHITE DEER – Lessie Mae Vandiver Bilgri, 94, died Sunday, Nov. 7, 2004, in Hereford.

Rosary will be at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 8, 2004, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa. Mass will be at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2004, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor, officiating.

Bilgri

Burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in White Deer under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Bilgri was born on Jan. 12, 1910, in Cherokee county, Ala. She was a resident of Dumas from 1941 to 1958 when she moved to White Deer. She resided in White Deer until 2000 when she moved to Hereford.

She married Joe Bilgri on Sept. 8, 1938, in Hereford. He preceded her in death on Sept. 8, 1969. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church and the Altar Society. Mrs. Bilgri was a member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include two daughters, Teresa Potter of Vega and Sam Urbanczyk and husband, Martin, of Hereford; one son, Myron Bilgri and wife, Audiene, of White Deer; one sister, Lois Newman of Amarillo; two brothers, John Vandiver of Bella Vista, Ark., and Floyd Vandiver of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, Joe Potter of Silverton, Joan Potter, Mike Potter, and Jill Chrisman, all of Amarillo, Kent Kotara, Kory Shackelford and Stacy Lovejoy, all of White Deer, Rachel Heath of Mesquite, and Dan Kotara of Canyon; and eight great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to King's Manor of Hereford, P.O. Box 1999, Hereford, Texas, 79045, or Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer.

– Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Services tomorrow

BILGRI, Lessie Mae Vandiver – 10 a.m., Mass, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

A vehicle was impounded in the 2200 block of Zimmers for being parked in the roadway.

Thursday, Nov. 4

Aggravated assault was reported in the 700 block of North Frost. Minor injuries were reported.

Friday, Nov. 5

Assault causing bodily injury/family violence was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton. Minor injuries were reported.

Assault/domestic was reported in the 500 block of Oklahoma. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Lost property was reported at the police department. A wallet and contents, valued at approximately $45, was lost in the 500 block of North Frost.

Theft was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart. Vehicle parts valued at $140 were reported taken.

Possible child neglect was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Willie Tomark Hall, 22, 1024 Neel, was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie for disorderly conduct/fighting.

Michael Marquest Diamond, 19, 1061 Varnon, was arrested in the 1100 block of Prairie for minor in possession of alcohol.

James Adrian Selvidge, 39, 1232 E. Browning, was arrested in the 300 block of North Wells for running a stop sign, two counts of failure to appear and three counts of no driver's license.

Jonathan Garza, 22, 1906 Coffee, was arrested at 22nd and Wells streets for animal at large, animal not restrained, no rabies vaccine, and animal nuisance.

Jacob Harlan, 18, 2209 N. Wells, was arrested at 22nd and Wells streets for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

Maria Martinez, 31, 313 Miami, was arrested in the 500 block of East Tyng for possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, speeding, no insurance, no valid driver's license, and a capias pro fine for no valid driver's license.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accident.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

2:00 p.m. – An unknown driver driving a white Buick collided with Lee Dewayne Scott, 52, 611 S. Barnes, in the parking lot of Frank's Foods, 300 E. Brown. Scott was riding a bicycle at the time of the collision. The unknown driver and vehicle then left the scene without offering assistance or leaving information. Scott was transported by personal vehicle to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. No citations were issued.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Nov. 6

Donna Pitts, 44, Groom, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated with open container.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Ruben Retana, 22, McLean, was arrested and detained for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Rivas Retana, 20, McLean, was arrested and detained for the INS.

Jose Granados, 27, 329 N. Wells, was arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance under one gram.

Lance Allan Herr, 42, 2117 Lynn, was arrested for driving while intoxicated with an open container, expired motor vehicle registration, and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Transport responded to the following calls during the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Nov. 5

7:57 a.m. – A mobile intensive care unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:12 p.m. – A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to NWTH, Amarillo.

4:22 p.m. – A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to NWTH, Amarillo.

6:47 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 100 block of Russell. No patient transported.

7 p.m. – A MICU responded to Harvester Field for a football game standby.

7:43 p.m. – A MICU responded to PRMC and transferred one to Veteran's Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

Saturday, Nov. 6

1:29 p.m. – A MICU responded to Coronado Healthcare Center and transported one to PRMC.

8:22 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 1000 block of North Hobart and transported one to PRMC.

8:47 p.m. – a MICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell. No patient transport.

9:48 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 400 block of Roberta and transported one to PRMC.

9:50 p.m. – A MICU responded to the 500 block of Doucette on a lifting assist.

Sunday, Nov. 7

3:44 a.m. – A MICU responded to the 8600 block of County Road 4. No patient transport.

6:28 p.m. – A MICU responded to local nursing facility and transferred one to PMC.

Monday, Nov. 8

5:54 a.m. – A MICU responded to the 1500 block of Williston and transferred one to PRMC.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Nov. 6

7:53 a.m. – One unit and four firefighters responded to an alarm at the Schneider House, 120 S. Russell. A resident had activated the alarm. No fire was present.

8:14 p.m. – One unit and four firefighters responded to a report of smoke at Atchison and Marie streets near the railroad tracks. Source of the smoke was not found, but was believed to have come from a train.

Correction

In an column by Dee Dee Laramore on Sunday's Viewpoints page, the candidates for the 1968 election were incorrectly named. Richard Nixon faced Hubert Humphrey and George Wallace.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.20
Milo	3.21
Corn	3.83
Soybeans	4.35

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY	57.55	-0.45
BP PLC ADR	59.70	+0.13
Cabot Corp	34.87	-0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	43.04	-0.26
Celanese	44.70	NC
Coca Cola	41.36	-0.04
VLO	41.16	-1.42
HAL	36.39	-0.54
TRI	35.05	+0.05
NOI	32.86	-0.30
KMI	58.45	-0.52
XCEL	17.56	-0.11
Kerr McGee	59.49	+0.89
XOM	50.23	-0.16
Limited	26.88	+1.30
Williams	13.18	-0.08
MCD	30.51	+0.45
Atmos	25.87	-0.14
Pioneer Nat	33.12	-0.28
ICP	38.75	-0.37
COP	87.26	-1.10
SLB	63.00	-0.60
Tenneco	13.00	-0.10
CVX	53.82	-0.71
Wal-Mart	56.59	+0.12
OKE	27.48	+0.44
NS Grp	19.95	-0.05

New York Gold	433.55
Silver	7.37
West Texas Crude	49.61

State officials report second pregnancy for mental patient

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman who was acquitted of strangling her infant son is pregnant for a second time at a mental hospital, state officials say.

They said Evonne Rodriguez is expecting a child at San Antonio State Hospital. Rodriguez also became pregnant in 1999 while at Rusk State Hospital after her acquittal.

"I was shocked to learn that she's pregnant again," state district Judge Caprice Cosper told the Houston Chronicle in Monday's online edition. "Given that a child is a trigger (for her psychosis) and a potential victim, this seems ludicrous."

Cosper's court has lifelong jurisdiction over Rodriguez, who was acquitted in 1998 by reason of insanity after strangling her 4-month-old son with rosary beads and dumping him in Buffalo Bayou. The baby's body was never recovered.

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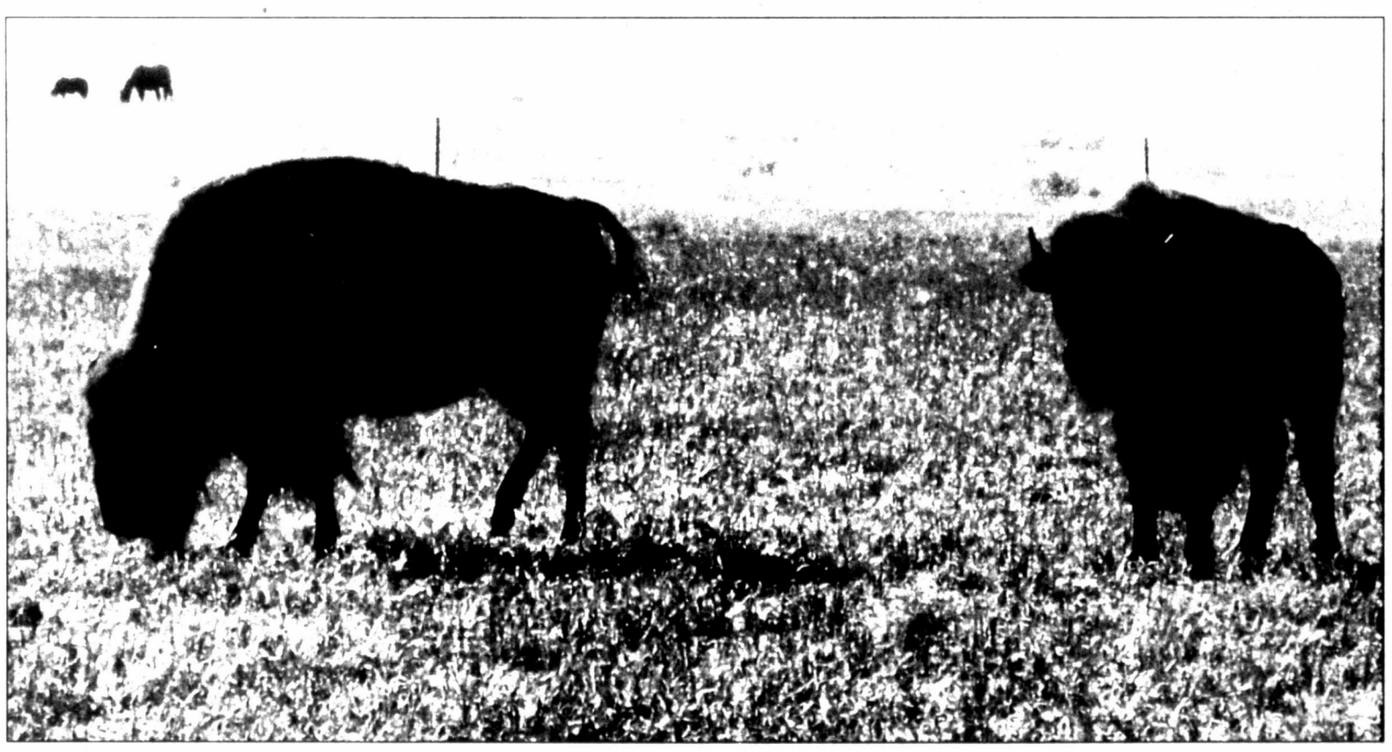
(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

A pair of buffaloes enjoy some morning grazing in a field east of Pampa off Highway 60. Warm temperatures are expected to leave the area later this week as a cold front moves in. These buffalos will be ready for it with their shaggy coats.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Cloudy, with a low around 49. South wind around 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Tuesday Night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 3am, then a slight chance of showers. Chance of precipitation is 30%. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 48. Windy, with a southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 56. Windy, with a northwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 31. Windy, with a north wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Veteran's Day: Partly cloudy, with a high around 44. Windy, with a north northeast wind between 25 and 30 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 26. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 45. Northeast wind around 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 35.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 48.

Saturday Night: A slight chance of rain and snow. Chance of precipitation is 20%. Partly cloudy, with a low around 34.

Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Feel like dancing

Pampa High School Choir members practice dance steps for the 2004 musical, "Oklahoma!" set for Nov. 11, 13, and 14.at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Pictured, front row from left are Audrey Dunn, Taylor Fatheree, Adam Gonzalez, Monica Johnson, Whitney Morris and Nick Robbins. Back row, from left, Natasha Bailey, Anna Schafer, Brittin East, Whitney Penrod, Seth Foster, Natalie Knowles, and Steven Smith. Far back, center, is Chris Kidd. The curtain is scheduled to go up at 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 11, and Saturday, Nov. 13, and a matinee performance begins at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 14 Tickets are $6 for adults and $4 for students and children. Also, a hamburger supper including chips, dessert and drink, will be served in the Heritage Room from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. before the evening performances. Tickets are $5 per person and may be purchased at the door.

Calendar of Events

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association** is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIRBORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt, P, Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

• **Freedom Museum, USA,** 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

• **Current and former members** of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.

• **Old Mobeetie Jail Museum** in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

• **USS Columbus Veterans Association** is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homeport@lewisengraving.com

• **White Deer Land Museum** (112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

• **Experience Works,** the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

• **The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall,** winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com. on the Internet.

Wreck

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asphalt road.

Edwards was born Aug. 17, 1956 in Pampa and was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School. He was a longtime Pampa resident before moving to Dumas 10 years ago.

He was a former member of Bible Baptist Church of Pampa.

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Iraq

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clock curfew in Fallujah and another nearby insurgent stronghold, Ramadi.

"The people of Fallujah have been taken hostage ... and you need to free them from their grip," he told Iraqi soldiers who swarmed around him during a visit to the main U.S. base outside Fallujah just before the attack began.

"May they go to hell!" the soldiers shouted, and Allawi replied: "To hell they will go."

Marine commanders have warned the new offensive could bring the heaviest urban fighting since the Vietnam war. Some 10,000 U.S. Marines, Army soldiers and Iraqi forces are around Fallujah, where commanders estimate around 3,000 insurgents are dug in. More than half the civilian population of some 300,000 people is believed to have fled already.

U.S. commanders have avoided any public estimate on how long it may take to capture Fallujah, where insurgents fought the Marines to a standstill last April in a three-week siege.

As the main assault began in Fallujah, thunderous explosions could be heard across central Baghdad, some 40 miles to the east. Militants bombed an Orthodox Christian church in the capital, killing three people and wounding 34, police said.

A U.S. soldier was killed when his patrol was fired on in eastern Baghdad, the military said.

The prelude to the Fallujah offensive was a crushing air and artillery bombardment of the city that built from the night before, through Monday morning and evening then rose to a crescendo by Monday night.

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>
> — Ayad Allawi
> *Iraqi Prime Minister*

When the ground assault began, U.S. forces who were dug into the desert north of the city hammered the Jolan district with airstrikes and intense tank fire to soften up defenses, said AP reporter Edward Harris, embedded with the Marines there.

The Marines reported that at least initially they did not draw significant fire from insurgents, only a few rocket-propelled grenades that caused no casualties.

Throughout the day, masked insurgents roamed the streets of Fallujah. One group of four fighters, two of them draped with belts of ammunition, moved through narrow streets, firing on U.S. forces with small arms and mortars.

Allawi announced Monday he was using emergency powers he was granted the day before to impose a curfew on Fallujah and the nearby town of Ramadi, starting at sundown Monday. All roads into the two cities were be closed, and residents were barred from carrying weapons. Also, he announced the borders with Syria and Jordan were sealed, and Baghdad International Airport was closed for 48 hours.

Early Monday, U.S. troops surrounded the area of Fallujah General Hospital, just outside the city on the western bank of the Euphrates River. Iraqi forces swept into the facility, blasting open doors and handcuffing patients, who were pulled into the halls in a search for gunmen.

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mission include the following:

• Agreement with BGR for architectural and engineering services for M.K. Brown Auditorium renovations;

• Purchase of fire apparatus through HGAC;

• Award bid for a blow fence for Landfill Cell #3; and

• Executive session for interim city manager evaluation.

A city manager's report is scheduled on the Texas Municipal League Conference and a Hazardous Elimination Project.

A special presentation of a CRMWA resolution in memory of the late Bill Waters is also planned Tuesday.

Arafat

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After reading a brief statement, Gen. Christian Estripeau did not take any questions. It remained unclear whether the restriction would keep Qureia and Abbas away from Arafat. If it does, they could ask Chirac to intervene.

In a screaming telephone call from Arafat's hospital bedside earlier Monday, Suha Arafat told Al-Jazeera television that Arafat's aides were conspiring to usurp her husband's four-decade-long role as Palestinian leader.

"Let it be known to the honest Palestinian people that a bunch of those who want to inherit are coming to Paris," she shouted in Arabic in her first public comments since Arafat left his West Bank compound for France.

"I tell you they are trying to bury Abu Ammar alive," she continued, using Arafat's nom de guerre. "He is all right and he is going home."

The top aides to Arafat briefly canceled their trip to Paris, but Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath, who is accompanying them, later said the trip was back on and they left Ramallah for Jordan.

A senior aide to Arafat, Tayeb Abdel Rahim, originally said the three were angry with Arafat's wife and did not want to travel to Paris.

"What came from Suha doesn't represent our people," he said. "If the president were to hear that, he would reject it completely."

He said Mrs. Arafat "wanted to destroy the Palestinian leadership's decision and to be the lone decision-maker."

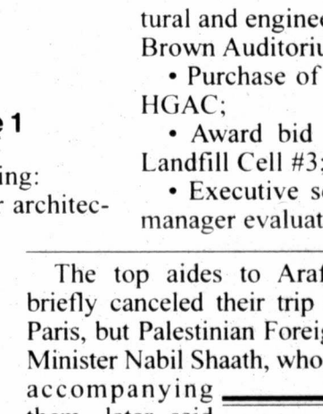
> *'I tell you they are trying to bury Abu Ammar alive. He is all right and he is going home.'*
>
> — Suha Arafat
> *Yassar Arafat's wife*

Mrs. Arafat said she was calling from Arafat's bedside at the hospital near Paris, where the 75-year-old leader has been in intensive care since Wednesday.

A producer from Al-Jazeera told The Associated Press the station was confident it was Suha Arafat on the phone. She first called the network's Ramallah office, then its headquarters in Qatar.

Palestinians have been making contingency plans and working to avoid chaos or violence in the event of Arafat's death.

Qureia and Abbas have been working together to run Palestinian affairs in Arafat's absence and to prevent chaos and violence if the Palestinian leader dies.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Viewpoints

Party within a party, just like the old days

David Bowser
Staff Writer

I'm old enough to remember when Texas was a Democratic state. The fights were between Democrats and Democrats.

Now the state is Republican as is the country.

I grew up believing that Republicans moved in lock step. What one thought, they all thought.

But there appears to be a novel new idea at work here.

Where Democrats once fought among them, now the Republicans appear to be dividing into factions.

Ballots were still being counted when Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Penn., challenged President George over nominating candidates to the Supreme Court that supported overturning Roe v. Wade.

During the campaign Calif. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger opposed the President on stem cell research.

As soon as the campaign ended in Bush's victory, the fiscally responsible Republicans are complaining about the rising deficit.

Now, the conservatives in the Republican Party are challenging the neoconservatives of the Republican Party over the decision to go to war in Iraq.

Who needs Democrats?

Apparently the Republicans do or will. They'll need votes from the Democrats to help pass legislation because they may not be able to get all the Republicans to toe the line, although there is already a move to unseat Specter by his fellow Republicans.

The problem is the Republicans have already replaced the Conservative Democrats who were their natural allies.

Even the White House apparently can't agree on how to proceed on its two primary objects – tax reform and Social Security.

There is a split in the administration over tax policy. Now, who would have thought that?

No one will argue that the tax code needs simplifying, but within the White House there are two trains of thought.

One group, which reportedly includes Vice Pres. Dick Cheney, wants to throw out the income tax and replace it with a national sales tax or a flat tax. Savings and investments would be exempt from taxation.

A different group in the White House, which is said to include Secretary of the Treasury John Snow and White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card, want to keep the progressive income tax rate structure but reduce rates. They would offset the loss of revenue to the nation's coffers by eliminating tax breaks for special interest groups, except for home mortgage interest and charitable donations.

There is also an internal debate over Social Security.

While Pres. Bush said last week that he intends to privatize Social Security, the debate swirls about how.

Social Security is not an investment program. Workers today pay the benefits for those on Social Security. The money paid by workers in the past went to retirees and other beneficiaries of the past.

If Bush privatizes part of the Social Security System by allowing today's workers to put some of their money in investment accounts, that's going to cut the amount of money available to go to those on Social Security.

Those opposed to the privatization claim that Social Security would be short by as much as $2 trillion.

Bush has said that his changes to Social Security would be revenue neutral, meaning that the amount of money going into Social Security would remain the

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Nov. 8, the 313th day of 2004. There are 53 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Nov. 8, 1904, President Theodore Roosevelt, who had succeeded the assassinated William McKinley, was elected to a term in his own right as he defeated Democrat Alton B. Parker.

On this date:

In 1837, Mount Holyoke Seminary, a college exclusively for women, opened in South Hadley, Mass.

In 1889, Montana became the 41st state.

In 1923, Adolf Hitler launched his first attempt at seizing power with a failed coup in Munich, Germany, the "Beer-Hall Putsch."

In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt defeated incumbent Herbert Hoover for the presidency.

In 1933, President Roosevelt created the Civil Works Administration, designed to create jobs for more than 4 million unemployed.

'Man is born to live, not to prepare for life.'

— Boris Pasternak
Russian author

In 1942, Operation "Torch" began during World War II as U.S. and British forces landed in French North Africa.

In 1960, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy defeated Vice President Richard M. Nixon for the presidency.

In 1966, Ronald Reagan was elected governor of California.

In 1983, Democrat W. Wilson Goode was elected the first black mayor of Philadelphia; Democrat Martha Layne Collins was elected the first female governor of Kentucky.

In 1988, Vice President George Bush won the presidential election, defeating Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis.

Ten years ago: Midterm elections resulted in Republicans winning a majority in the Senate while at the same time gaining control of the House for the first time in 40 years. California voters approved Proposition 187, designed to deny education and social services and non-emergency health care to illegal aliens.

Five years ago: Israeli and Palestinian negotiators launched landmark talks, giving themselves an ambitious 100-day deadline to craft the broad outlines of a peace agreement. Former President Bush was honored in Germany for his role in the fall of the Berlin Wall 10 years earlier. President Clinton participated in a "virtual town hall meeting" on the Internet, answering questions from pre-screened online users.

One year ago: A suicide car bombing of a housing complex in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, killed 17 people.

Financial storm on the horizon

Charley Reese
Columnist

Years ago I read a most significant book – "The Rich and the Super-Rich," by Ferdinand Lundberg. What he had to say is very pertinent to our present economic situation.

The first point he made is that wealth is not money. Wealth consists of assets – land, tools, factories and skills. Money is merely a medium of exchange. The difference is important. A truly rich man owns stuff – land, houses, factories, means of transportation. He does not depend on a salary for cash flow. Nelson Rockefeller, for example, once testified before Congress that many years he had no taxable income. He, of course, didn't need it. He owned stuff, and he owed nothing.

The easiest way to understand this difference is to imagine that you are about to be marooned on a deserted island. You are given a choice of one of three cases: one case contains $1 million in gold; another contains $1 million in Federal Reserve notes; and the third case contains tools. Which would you choose? Well, unless you are hopelessly stupid, you'd choose the tools. With the tools, you could create the wealth necessary for survival – shelter and food.

Gold and dollars are useless unless there is someone willing to exchange real wealth for them.

Let's look at a guy who has the appearance of being rich. He drives a fancy car, but it is leased; he lives in a big mansion, but he pays a monthly mortgage; he belongs to several private clubs, but he pays dues; he buys pretty much what he wants to buy, but he uses credit cards; and he has a gold-standard health-insurance policy, for which he pays a high monthly premium. What is clear is that this guy is not really rich; he is living off his cash flow. Cut that cash flow and all his appearances of wealth will vanish. Layoffs and bankruptcies cut cash flow.

Another point to keep in mind is that owning stocks is owning paper. Go back to

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Closing settlements a bold move

Texas Thoughts
Austin American-Statesman

Given the long, violent and tragic history between Israelis and Palestinians, it's probably best not to work up too much hope over recent events involving their leadership. But any reed, however frail, is worth grasping.

On the Israeli side, Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, long one of his nation's hardest hard-liners, has enraged a significant part of his political base by forcing through a plan to remove about 8,000 Israelis from 21 settlements in the Gaza Strip, a small piece of land that is not part of the Israeli state and is mostly occupied by Palestinians. He also intends to close four small Israeli settlements with several hundred Jewish occupants in the disputed West Bank.

Sharon is acting unilaterally, not as a result of negotiations, because he has concluded that those particular settlements are too difficult to defend, militarily or otherwise. As he put it in a recent speech, "We do not wish to control millions of Palestinians who double their number each generation. A democratic Israel will not be able to withstand such a thing."

For now, Sharon's withdrawal appears to be more a tactical recognition of reality than a fundamental concession to Palestinian demands. He has no apparent intention of giving up the far more extensive Israeli settlements in the West Bank, on land that was not part of the original nation but seized in the 1967 war.

Nevertheless, Sharon's move shows a willingness to deal with the reality that the Palestinians aren't going away in fact, there's ever more of them.

Still, the reaction to even the Gaza withdrawal from the Israeli hard right wing is fierce. Members of Sharon's own Likud Party have publicly challenged his plan, though it won support in the Israeli parliament. There are reports of threats to Sharon's life, and the Jerusalem Post reported last week that anti-Sharon activists might send a unit to follow Sharon's two sons around the country and, wherever they stop, curse

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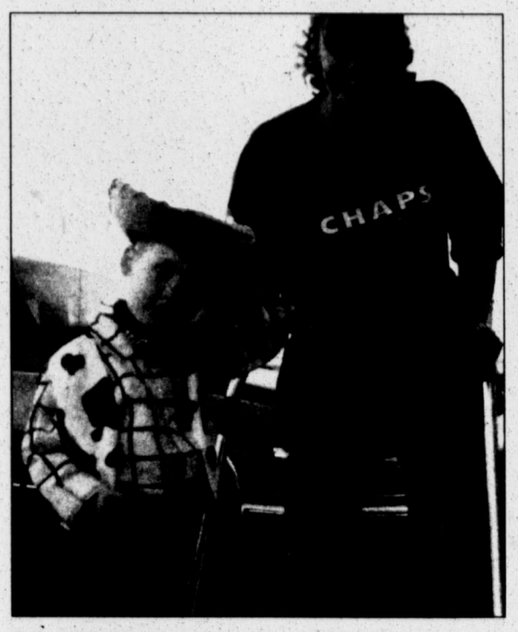

Fenton Motors of Pampa recently hosted a "Pumpkinfest" which drew a crowd of colorful characters like those pictured here. From left, Candy Cargill dressed up like Disney character, Cruella Deville; Stephanie Weatherly brought her son who was dressed in a cowboy outfit; Micaela King came looking like a little princess; and Tristen Winkler, 16 months, was dressed like a dalmation puppy. Fenton's Pumpkinfest included free pumpkins and free treats for all the little folks who stopped by the business in the 100 block of North Hobart.

Report: Compensation for 9/11 victims totals $38.1 billion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Victims of the Sept. 11 attacks received $38.1 billion in compensation, with insurance companies picking up the largest portion of the tab, according to a study released Monday.

The report by Rand Institute for Social Justice found that civilians killed or injured have received an average of $3.1 million per person from the government, charities and insurance companies, or $8.7 billion.

Emergency personnel killed or injured were given a total of about $1.9 billion. First responders received an average of $1.1 million more than civilians with similar economic losses, the study found. Most of the extra money came from charities.

Insurers paid 51 percent of the overall total, or about $19.6 billion. The government distributed $15.8 billion, or 42 percent, and charities paid $2.7 billion, or 7 percent.

The majority of the money went to New York City businesses, which received $23.3 billion, according to Rand. Three out of every four dollars that went to businesses came from insurance companies.

Even the secondary assistance added up to billions of dollars in compensation. About $3.5 billion was paid to displaced residents, workers who lost their jobs, and those who suffered emotional problems or were exposed to environmental dangers.

> *'It points out the hole that would be created if we don't have terrorism insurance.'*
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> — Lloyd Dixon
> *Co-author of study*

Lloyd Dixon, who co-authored the study, said the results raise questions about the future role of insurance companies in the response to any attack.

"It points out the hole that would be created if we don't have terrorism insurance," Dixon said. "What if the insurers weren't there the next time?"

A federal guarantee protecting companies against major financial losses in the event of another attack is set to expire at the end of 2005, and some in Congress are pressing for an extension now to keep premiums down.

Dixon also said that one of the defining features of the response to the Sept. 11 attacks is the relative lack of litigation, which has yet to account for a significant portion of the compensation.

The report notes that some lawsuits are pending from individuals and companies, the outcomes of which will change final compensation figures.

One such case is the ongoing court battle between World Trade Center leaseholder Larry Silverstein and his insurers.

Researchers did not include the billions in federal dollars allotted for rebuilding lower Manhattan's infrastructure because their study focused on payments made to people or companies.

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them in public over loudspeakers. (Imagine someone doing that to President Bush's daughters in the United States.)

On the Palestinian side, the poor health of Yasser Arafat, 75, is raising both fear and hope. Fear that, if he dies, no strong successor will emerge who can unite the Palestinians and avoid civil war, as well as effectively represent their interests in dealing with the Israelis.

Hope that a new leader could turn the Palestinians away from their support, explicit or implicit, for terrorism, thus greatly strengthening the moral force of their demands that the Israelis recognize their legitimate grievances.

Arafat's regime of corruption and violence has led the Palestinians to a dead end.

The United States, of course, has an enormous interest in the Israelis and Palestinians reaching an enduring peace settlement.

Like it or not, their continuing low-level but deadly confrontations hurt U.S. relations with Arab nations and help fuel Islamic extremism that kidnaps, beheads and butchers innocents in Iraq and flies commercial airlines into buildings in New York and Washington.

Sharon is showing an appreciation for his nation's long-term interests at the cost of some heavy political damage to himself.

Let's hope that Arafat's successor, whoever that might prove to be, will show the same determination in a way that could help foster a genuine peace for all in the Middle East.

Storm

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the deserted island. The only use $1 million worth of blue-chip stocks would be is as a fire starter. If you own stocks, you own pieces of paper, and unless you can sell them, they are, in fact, worthless. Remember Enron?

While it's out of the experience of most living Americans, what made the Great Depression so devastating was that it cut cash flows and rendered paper wealth worthless. Many people who thought of themselves as well-off were suddenly impoverished. They lost their jobs. They lost their homes. They lost their investments. They lost most of their possessions. The Great Depression wasn't the first depression to hit the United States, and despite the bunk you hear, it won't be the last.

I would not in a million years pretend to be a financial guru or even an adviser, but believe the ancient wisdom: Get out of debt and stay out. Live within your means. Strive for ownership of tangible assets free of any debt.

I cringe every time I see one of these incessant television ads urging people to put a second mortgage on their home.

Another bit of ancient wisdom is never borrowing money to purchase a depreciating asset. And remember, even homes and land can become a depreciated asset. In Florida in the late 1920s, land that was selling for $6,000 an acre, a few months later, couldn't attract a buyer at $2 an acre. The value of land, other than as a place to live and to grow food, depends entirely on someone else's willingness and ability to buy it.

> *'Remember, debt is the promise of future income to pay for today's consumption.'*
>
> — Charley Reese
> *Columnist*

We as a nation are living beyond our means. The federal government is in debt. Most state and local governments are in debt (their form of deficit spending is to issue bonds).

Most assuredly the American consumer is dangerously in debt. And, finally, the American dollar is losing its purchasing power steadily and daily.

Remember, debt is the promise of future income to pay for today's consumption. Nobody is guaranteed a future, much less future income.

George Soros, the billionaire financier, did not oppose the re-election of George Bush because Soros is a left-winger. He opposed Bush's re-election because, as a man who understands finance, he is fearful for the economic future of this country unless we change directions.

When the money-smart folks get scared, us country boys had better pucker up, too. Get out of debt, slam the door in the faces of all salespeople and turn off the TV. I believe a storm is just over the horizon.

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Party

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same. It would be neither more or less. That means he would have to find some place else to come up with the money.

One camp in the White House proposes borrowing money to pay for Social Security benefits. They say the loan could be paid back over a long period by increased returns from the investment accounts.

Other Republicans, however, oppose the borrowing because of an already ballooning deficit.

Thank goodness we still have a two-party system, even if they're both within the same party.

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Record number of birders expected at festival

HARLINGEN (AP) — A South Texas wildlife refuge is attracting plenty of new visitors — the two-legged variety.

About 1,200 bird watching enthusiasts have registered for the Rio Grande Valley Birding Festival, which begins Wednesday and runs through Nov. 14.

"This is one of the oldest and biggest birding festivals in the world," Marci Fuller, the event's chairwoman, told the Valley Morning Star in Harlingen for Monday's online edition.

Birding enthusiasts from around the country come to South Texas each year to glimpse American rarities like the great kiskadee, the green jay and the chachalaca, she said.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was married nine months ago to a man I love dearly. It has been an adjustment for all of us, and at times it has been stressful. We have been working on some issues, but for the most part we're doing well. I have a 12-year-old daughter I'll call "Ginger."

The problem is my new father-in-law, "Grant." He lives alone a few states away from us. We see him only a few times a year. I barely know him. Grant has been asking to take Ginger alone for a weekend at his secluded home. I have a real problem with that. Grant also asked to take Ginger to visit his mother -- an even farther distance. He planned on having my daughter alone with him in a hotel for a week. I said no.

Abby, Grant plans these outings in his head and then gets upset when I say no. I'm not comfortable allowing my innocent child to spend time alone with a man in his 60s whom I don't know very well.

I have invited Grant to our home so he can get to know us both, and he always has an excuse not to come. This is causing a rift between my husband and me. Grant has made my husband feel guilty, and it has caused arguments between the two of us. I want to please my husband, but I don't want to place Ginger in a situation that I am not comfortable with. What should I do? -- WORRIED MOTHER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR WORRIED MOTHER: Stick to your guns and insist that your father-in-law "get to know" your daughter only in situations that you can supervise. There is a reason why your alarm bells are ringing, and frankly, after reading your letter, they went off in my head, too. Listen to your motherly instinct and do not allow yourself to be manipulated into doing otherwise.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a warning for your readers. It is always touching to hear stories of long-lost loves being reunited to then live happily ever after. I had a love like that when I was in high school. He was in the Army in California.

We met again after 41 years, fell in love, and began what seemed like a dream come true. I gave up a great job and proximity to family and friends to relocate to Washington. My dream turned into a financially and emotionally draining nightmare. After a year and a half of marriage that volleyed between cruelty and reassurances of his love, I confirmed my intuition that he had been lying and cheating the whole time.

I had based my trust in him on that sweet history that was decades in the past. I am writing to urge others to be cautious. Do not misplace your trust as I did. -- BETRAYED AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

DEAR BETRAYED: While it's true that many childhood sweethearts successfully rekindle that old flame in later life, it's also true that as people grow older they sometimes change -- and not always for the better. That's why it's important to look carefully before you leap into anything and take nothing for granted.

I'm sorry your happy ending turned out badly and your prince into a toad. Be glad you know the truth and are again in control of your future because -- believe me -- it's not over until you take your last breath.

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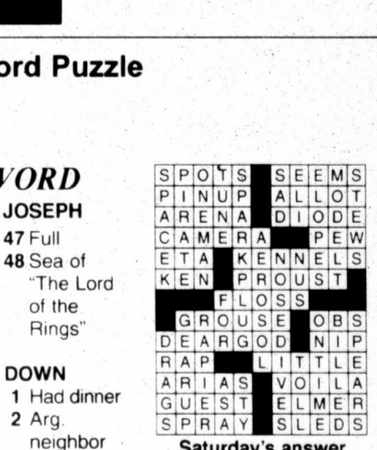

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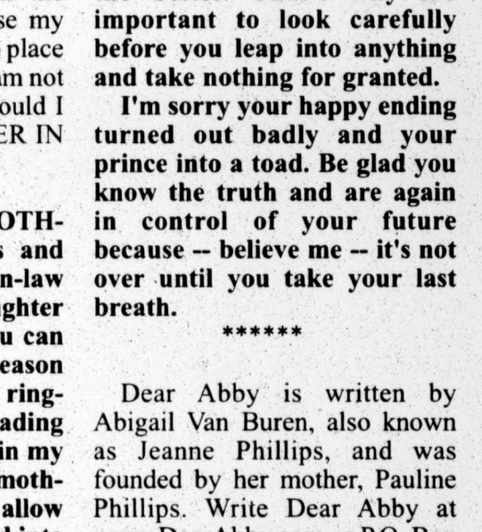
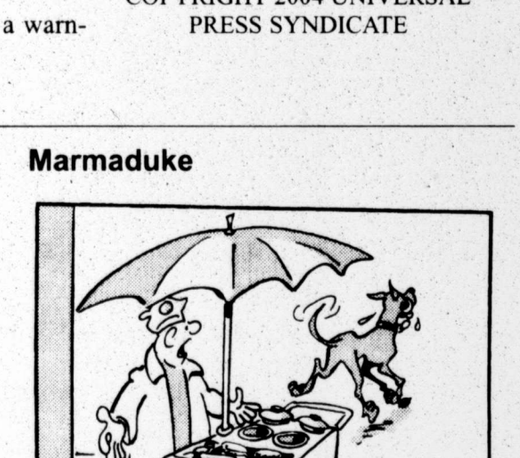


"Now what am I supposed to do with all these extra buns?"

The Family Circus



"I've seen this video before, Grandma, so is it okay if I talk through it?"

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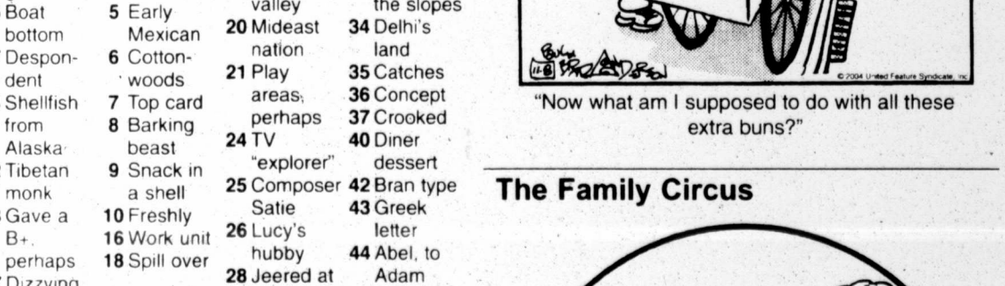

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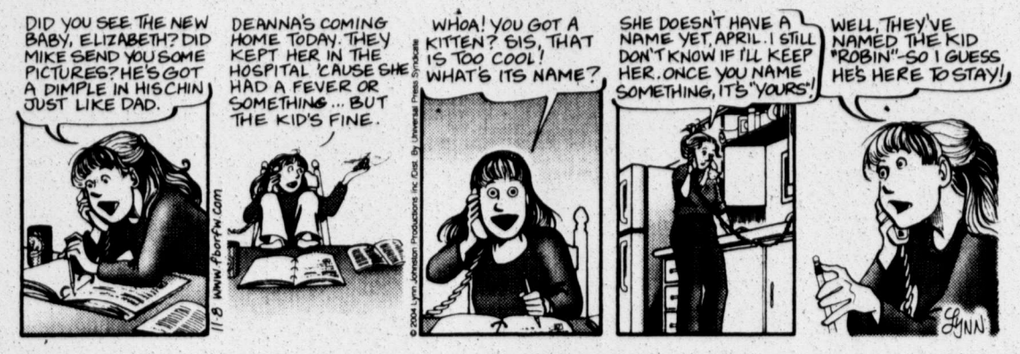

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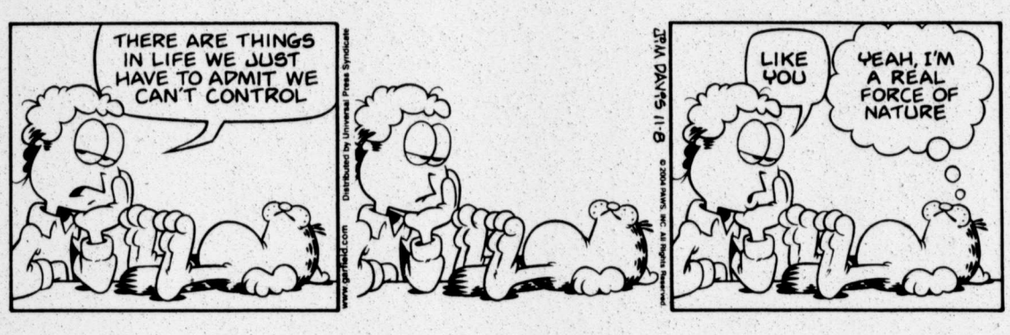

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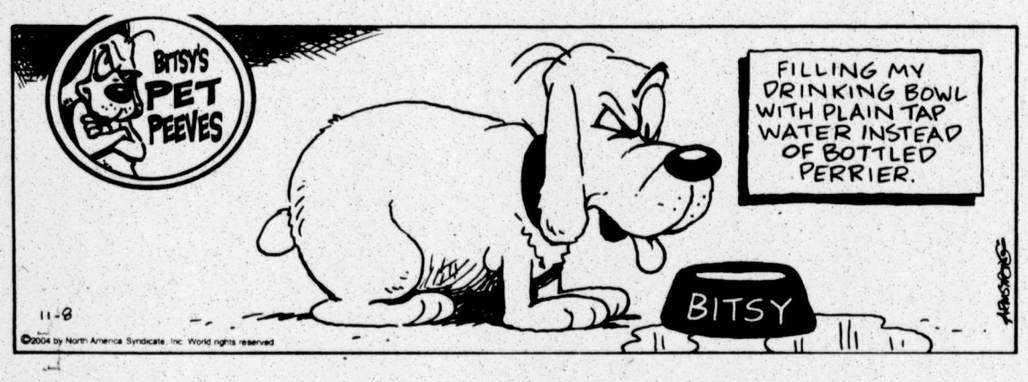

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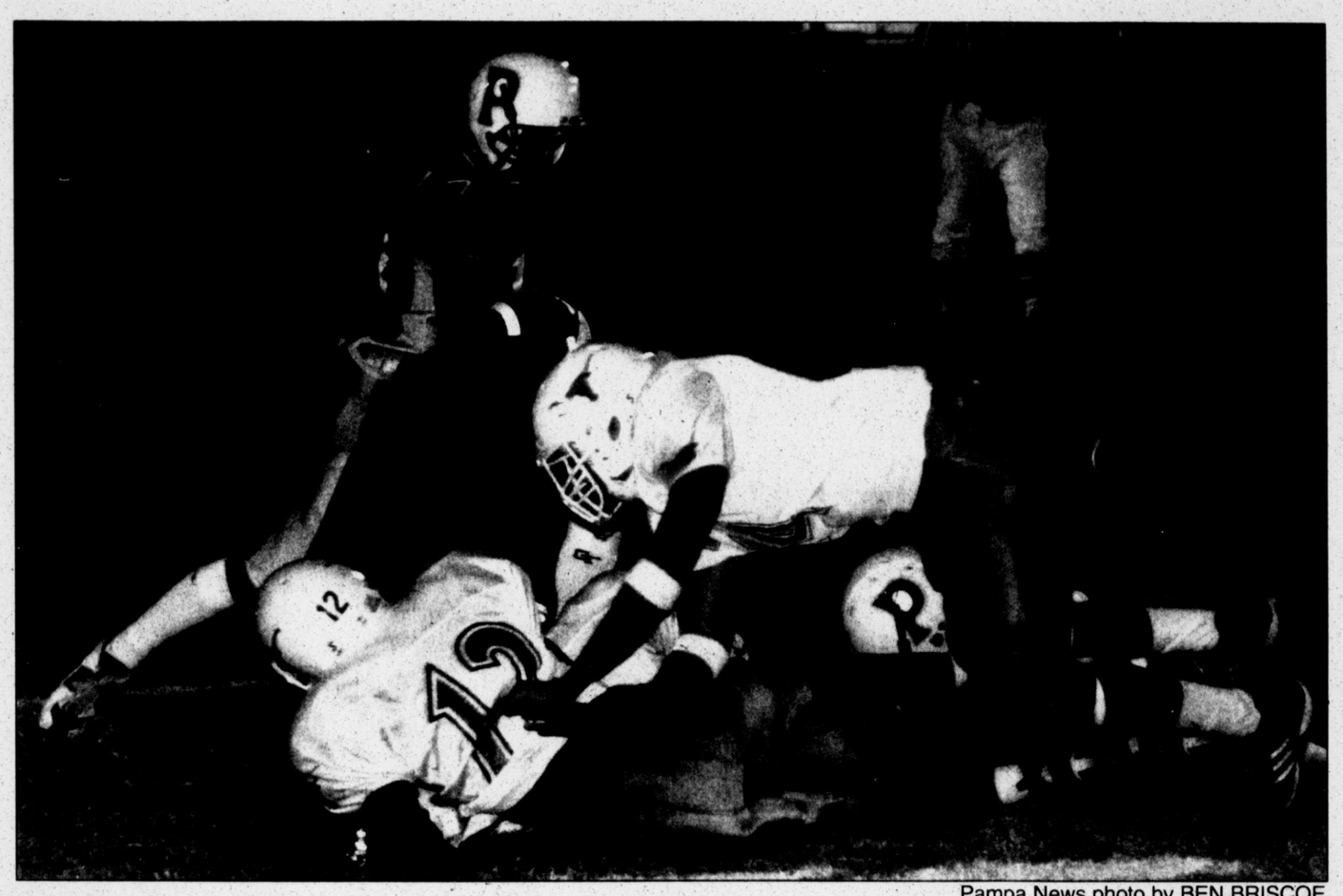

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa's Clayton Hall #14 skips around a pile of Longhorns during last Friday night's 49-27 win over Caprock. Hall had a busy night, including a touchdown courtesy of a 46-yard pass from Harvester quarterback Tyler Doughty.

Tickets for playoff game on sale now

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Tickets for this Friday night's playoff game between Pampa and Andrews are on sale now at the Pampa Athletic Office.

Season ticket holders will be given first chance at purchasing their seats until 4 p.m. today and tomorrow. Those not sold will go on sale to the general public Wednesday morning.

All other tickets can be purchased beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Tickets will be $6 for adults, $4 for students. All tickets purchased at the gate will be $7.

Pampa will host the Andrews Mustangs in the first round of 4A, Division II, Region I playoffs Friday night. Both teams have overall records of 6-4.

Kick off will be at 7:30 p.m.

Lady Harvesters tip off season tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester basketball teams start their seasons tomorrow with a road trip to Amarillo High.

The junior varsity girls will take to the court at 6 p.m. The varsity team will tip-off at 7:30 p.m.

Hidden Hills Regular Scramble results

Here are the results from last week's Regular Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course:

1st Place (61)- Pat Montoya, O.K. Lee, Carroll Pettit, Charlie Terrell

2nd Place (63)- Harley Knutson, Gerry McCabe, Callens George, Billie Mac Millican

3rd Place (64)- Jim Brashears, Carl Johnson, Marvin Allison, James Gray

4th Place (64)- Howard Wells, Nathan Lancaster, Bob Brandon

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Over the past two seasons, the Pampa Harvester varsity team is 17-6 overall, 9-2 in District 3-4A to this point. They are in the playoffs. In fact, hosting the first round this Friday night.

This team has had a very solid end-of-season run over the past couple weeks. The Harvester defense has been nothing short of dominating. Have you seen the pin-your-ears-back determination of Tyrel Bolin? The nothing-gets-by-me play of Q.B. Cobb? The amazing play of Jacob Potter, Brittin East, Eric Kingcade and the rest of this defense?

Tyler Doughty's growth at the quarterback position? His ability to make spur-of-the-moment decisions? The hard yards Mark Williams has pounded out? The great catch-and-runs from Seth Foster, Shea Brown, Clayton Hall and others? This is a ball control offense able to move up and down the field and score points.

And Special Teams. Have you seen Sharod Young run a kick-off or punt back? Have you seen a leg any stronger than Seth Foster's? Nearly every kick off is a touchback. And he is as close to automatic as they come on field goals and extra points.

So as you sit and coach this team from the water cooler, while sipping coffee at your favorite morning haunt – at work, the office or home – keep this in mind, the problem with winning is you do not know what it is like to lose. The problem with losing is you do not know what it is like to win. 17-6, 9-2 over the past two seasons? Most other programs would consider that a winning record. So would most fans.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor

Side notes:

I am not sure what the future holds for him as the Head Coach at West Texas A&M University, but no matter the school's decision (most likely to be made today), I consider Ronnie Jones a friend and wish him and his wife Karla the very best.

Going out on a limb:

How much longer do you think Bill Parcells will allow his resume to be tarnished by his inability to steer the Cowboys out of the ditch they are in?

His post-game comments yesterday painted the picture of a man admitting defeat and a complete lack of confidence in his team.

Sounded almost as though he was laying the foundation for a career change.

There should be great concern for the future in Cowboy Nation.

Chang sets mark

HONOLULU (AP) — Hawaii's Timmy Chang became the most prolific passer in college football history Saturday night, surpassing Brigham Young's Ty Detmer.

Chang needed just 14 yards to break Detmer's NCAA career mark of 15,031 set from 1988-91, and overtook the Heisman Trophy winner from BYU with a 7-yard touchdown pass to Jason Rivers on Hawaii's second offensive series in its 34-23 win over Louisiana Tech.

Chang finished the game with 15,303 yards. He also owns the records for career attempts, interceptions and total offense.

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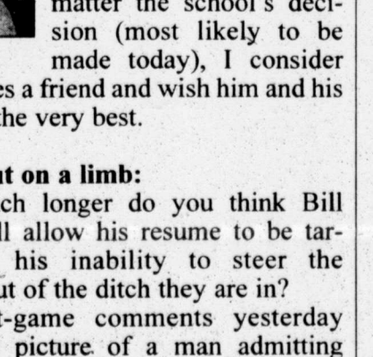
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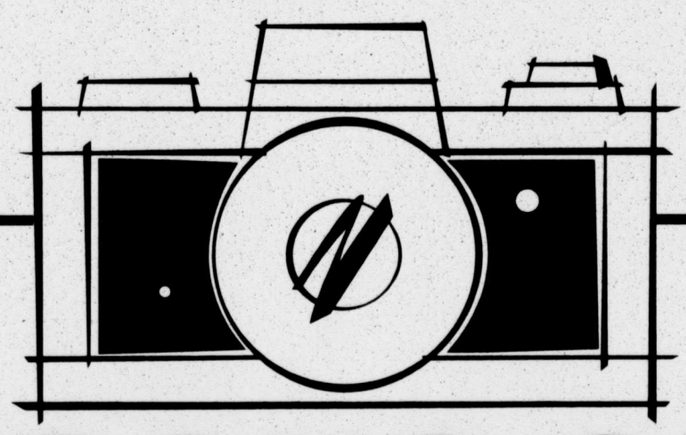
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AP Top 25 Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (52)	9-0	1,611	1
2. Oklahoma (10)	9-0	1,555	2
3. Auburn (3)	9-0	1,512	3
4. Wisconsin	9-0	1,384	5
5. California	7-1	1,341	4
6. Texas	8-1	1,259	6
7. Utah	9-0	1,245	7
8. Georgia	8-1	1,210	8
9. Michigan	8-1	1,133	10
10. Virginia	7-1	971	12
11. Florida St.	7-2	887	13
12. Louisville	6-1	866	14
13. West Virginia	8-1	862	15
14. Boise St.	8-0	788	16
15. Tennessee	7-2	654	9
16. Virginia Tech	7-2	631	18
17. LSU	6-2	628	17
18. Miami	6-2	593	11
19. Iowa	7-2	522	20
20. Arizona St.	7-2	345	23
21. Boston College	6-2	254	24
22. Texas A&M	6-3	160	22
23. UTEP	6-2	148	25
24. Notre Dame	6-3	143	—
25. Oklahoma St.	6-3	131	19

Others receiving votes: Texas Tech 84, N. Illinois 77, Alabama 52, Ohio St. 28, South Carolina 24, Southern Miss. 12, Bowling Green 4, Georgia Tech 3, Oregon 3, Toledo 3, Clemson 1, Navy 1.

Pampa Cross Country

The Pampa Cross Country Team wrapped up the 2005 season recently with a meet at WTAMU. The team is, from left to right, bottom row- Wayne Parker, Jeremy Martinez, Matt Jimenez, Tamara Trevathan, Jimmy Logan, Chase Guyer and Chelsey Knight. Top row- Jerica Timmons, Janee Norris, Holly Owens, Amy Adams, Maggie Hopkins and Heather Dills. Back row- Head Coach Mark Elms.

Heisman Trophy contenders

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A look at the statistics of the leading contenders for the Heisman Trophy, listed in alphabetical order:

J.J. Arrington, Cal — 1,294 yards rushing, 7.0 avg., 12 TDs, 161.8 ypg

Cedric Benson, Texas — 1,438 yards rushing, 5.9 avg., 18 TDs, 159.8 ypg

Reggie Bush, USC — 1,622 all-purpose yards, 12 TDs, 180.2 ypg

Jason Campbell, Auburn — 1,724 yards passing, 14 TD passes, 172.8 rating

Braylon Edwards, Michigan — 69 catches, 995 yards, 11 TDs, 110.5 ypg

Matt Leinart, USC, — 2,068 yards passing, 20 TD passes, 148.1 rating

Adrian Peterson, Oklahoma — 1,373 yards rushing, 5.7 avg., 9 TDs, 152.6 ypg

Aaron Rodgers, Cal — 1,816 yards passing, 18 TD passes, 167.9 rating

Alex Smith, Utah — 2,196 yards passing, 24 TD passes, 179.8 rating

Jason White, Oklahoma — 2,130 yards passing, 25 TD passes, 160.6 rating

Unbeaten Utah slips in BCS standings

By RALPH D. RUSSO
The Associated Press

Utah slipped one spot to seventh in the Bowl Championship Series standings Monday, a drop that could cost the unbeaten Utes a berth in one of the four big-money bowl games.

The top five in the BCS stayed the same, with Southern California, Oklahoma and Auburn leading the way, followed by California and Wisconsin.

The first- and second-place teams in the final standings will play in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4 for the BCS national title.

Utah is trying to become the first team from a non-BCS conference (Mountain West) to play in a BCS game. The Utes can guarantee a spot in what probably would be the Fiesta Bowl — which delivers a payout of about $14 million — by finishing in the top six. A top-12 finish makes the Utes eligible for consideration, but guarantees nothing.

Texas jumped over Utah this week to take sixth place.

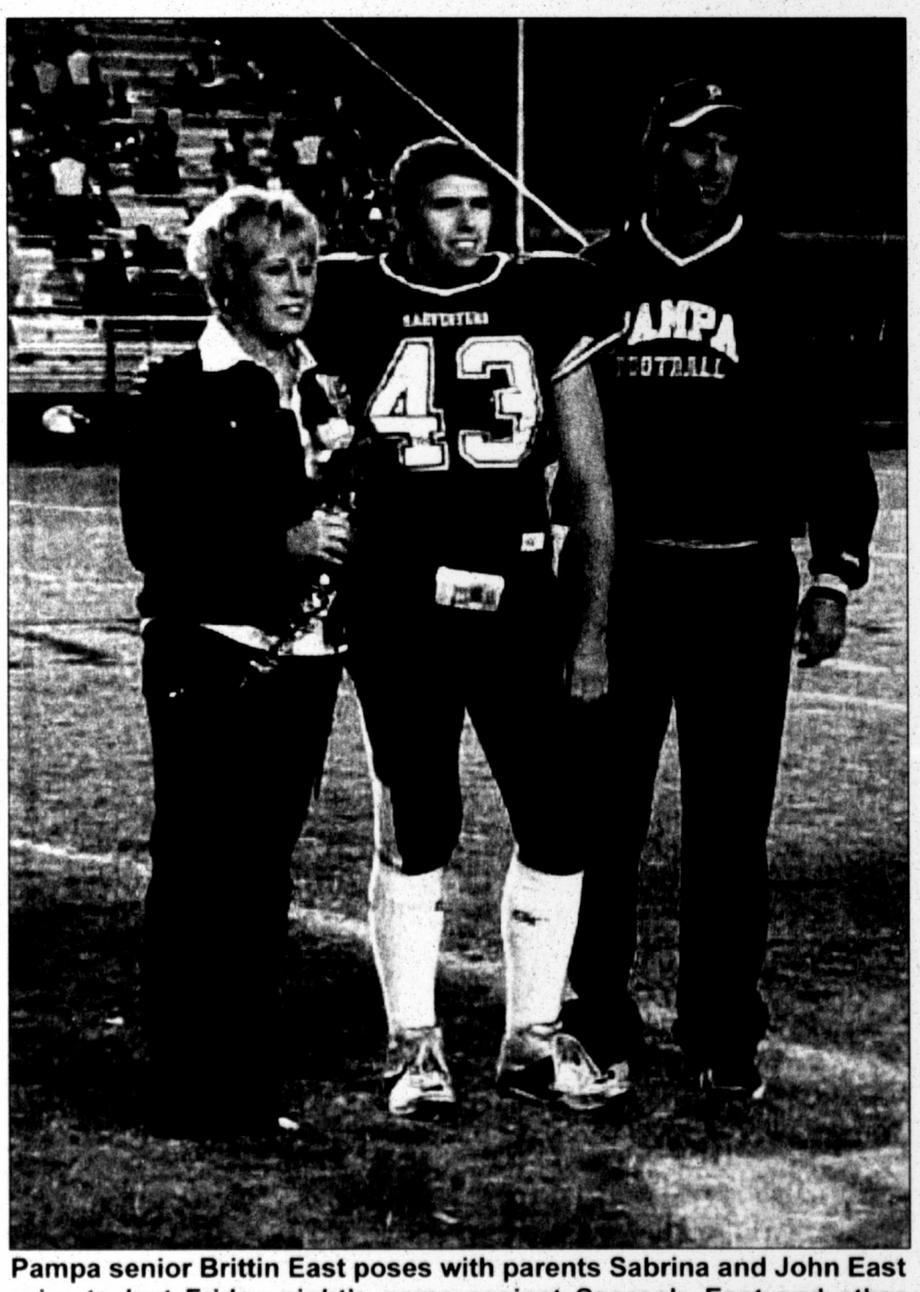
The Longhorns' 56-35 comeback victory over Oklahoma State on Saturday boosted its BCS grade to .7904. Utah's grade (.7511) went up slightly after another lopsided victory — 63-31 over Colorado State. Utah maintained its positions in both The Associated Press Top 25 (seventh) and coaches poll (eighth) this week, but the Utes dropped in the computer rankings from sixth to eighth, while the Longhorns moved up to No. 5 in that category.

The AP media poll and ESPN/USA Today poll each account for one-third of a team's BCS grade. A compilation of six computer rankings make up the other third of a team's grade.

Utah is one of six unbeaten teams in Division I-A, along with USC, Oklahoma, Auburn, Wisconsin and Boise State.

The Sooners increased their lead on the idle Tigers, by moving into the No. 1 spot in the computer rankings.

A Senior Moment



Pampa senior Brittin East poses with parents Sabrina and John East prior to last Friday night's game against Caprock. East and other Pampa seniors were honored during Senior Night ceremonies. Pampa wan the game, 49-27.

FEATURE STORY BOX

Radcliffe, Ramaala win marathon

NEW YORK (AP) — Paula Radcliffe covered herself in a Union Jack after winning the New York City Marathon.

No tears. No anguish. No failure to finish.

Radcliffe won this time around, less than three months after enduring heartache in Athens. The world record holder survived a strong challenge from Kenyan Susan Chepkemei to win the tightest women's race in NYC Marathon history Sunday, crossing the line in 2 hours, 23 minutes, 10 seconds. Chepkemei was 4 seconds back.

Radcliffe and Chepkemei ran elbow to elbow through the final 5 miles. Each time one woman made a push ahead, the other came surging forward. That is, until the final few bits of the race, when Radcliffe took the lead for good despite having stomach troubles for the final few miles. Call it True Brit.

"We both tested each other out a little bit and I was just feeling confident and just hanging on and then just running hard at the closing stages to win the race," Radcliffe said.

Hendrik Ramaala of South Africa got a bit of redemption of his own, winning the men's race in 2:09:28 for his first marathon victory. Ramaala also dropped out of the Olympic marathon because of a pulled hamstring.

Olympic silver medalist Meb Keflezighi of the United States was next in a personal best of 2:09:53. Ryan Shay was ninth in 2:14:08, marking the first time since 1993 that two American men finished in the top 10. It also was the first time in four years there was no Kenyan winner.

Though Ramaala had a big lead in the 26.2-mile race through the five boroughs, he thought there was a chance Keflezighi could catch him.

"I was scared. I was thinking the finish is still too far," Ramaala, who also has a law degree from Witswatersrand University in Johannesburg. "Only the last hundred meters I turn back and the guys, they are not there, (and thought), 'Oh this is wonderful!'"

Radcliffe decided to run here just two weeks ago, after having a few weeks days of training. She just wanted to feel like herself again, after what happened at the Olympics. Radcliffe went into the race as the favorite, but a leg injury hampered her from the start.

A queasy stomach forced her to quit about 3 miles from the finish. She sat on a curb and cried, holding her face in her hands.

But Radcliffe said she did not come to New York to make a statement.

"I don't think it was about sending messages," she said. "It was about running well for me and enjoying it and just being back to racing normally. In its own right, winning here in New York is very special to me."

PGA Tour Championship Scores

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Retief Goosen,	$1,080,000	70-66-69-64	—	269
Tiger Woods,	$648,000	72-64-65-72	—	273
Jerry Kelly,	$414,000	67-71-71-65	—	274
Stephen Ames,	$248,000	69-66-70-70	—	275
Mark Hensby,	$248,000	69-70-69-67	—	275
Mike Weir,	$248,000	69-69-67-70	—	275
Scott Verplank,	$198,000	74-67-68-67	—	276
Jay Haas,	$198,000	67-66-68-75	—	276
Vijay Singh,	$180,000	69-73-70-65	—	277
David Toms,	$158,200	68-73-70-67	—	278
Rory Sabbatini,	$158,200	71-68-71-68	—	278
Ernie Els,	$158,200	72-71-68-67	—	278
Zach Johnson,	$141,600	68-71-71-69	—	279
Padraig Harrington,	$134,400	69-75-68-68	—	280
Stuart Appleby,	$123,800	69-72-71-69	—	281
Darren Clarke,	$123,800	67-73-70-71	—	281
Sergio Garcia,	$123,800	71-70-69-71	—	281
John Daly,	$117,000	69-72-71-70	—	282
Shigeki Maruyama,	$112,500	73-76-67-68	—	284

Earnhardt Jr. wins, narrows gap

AVONDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. pulled away from Jeff Gordon to win Sunday's NASCAR Nextel Cup race at Phoenix International Raceway. His 15th career victory tightened up the championship chase with two races to go.

Kurt Busch finished 10th and held on to the series lead. But the top four drivers are separated by just 48 points heading into next Sunday's event at Darlington with Busch leading Gordon by 41.

Earnhardt led a race-high 118 laps in the Checker Auto Parts 500. He is now third in the standings, 47 points behind.

On Saturday, Jamie McMurray beat Kyle Busch to win the Busch Series race.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You might swear that someone you come across is a snake charmer. No one can say "no" to this person; you are no exception! Seize the moment and mobilize this person's energy in an important meeting. Ideas flow. A relationship could change right in front of you. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your willingness to pitch in and do what you need to do can and will make all the difference in a co-worker's attitude and the quality of your work. Let a boss inspire you. Help him or her make a dream a reality. You add the backbone to his or her concept. Tonight: Run errands on the way home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You cannot suppress your enthusiasm and naturally wild imagination. Whatever you focus on works. Be aware of someone else's feelings; he or she could easily be hurt. Buy a card for a loved one or new friend. News could be delightful. Tonight: Go where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Happiness emanates from your home and personal life. Someone shares his or her feelings with you. A partnership that is forming or already exists takes on a new quality. Share your dreams and be vulnerable. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your words ring bells in the ears of others. They get it! Make calls and reach out to those you care about. Schedule meetings. Your personal touch convinces others to say "yes" or to go along with your suggestions. Tonight: At a preferred haunt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You find that an expenditure is more than you thought, but you want this item. Indulge and buy yourself that special item. You deserve a treat. Are you inspired by your work? What would make you feel that way? Tonight: Your treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ You are personality plus. Your euphoric and expansive manner can only bring positive results. If you are single, you could meet someone dreamy. If you are attached, do what you need to do to add that touch of nostalgia to your bond. Be the romantic. Tonight: Whatever you choose is A-OK.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ You might not want to share everything that is going on with you. Your appreciation of the mysterious plays a major role in your life. A special friend or adviser has a lot of good news. You land on your feet no matter what. Carefully check out an investment. Real estate could play a role. Tonight: Vanish once more.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Friends and associates do everything they can to make plans work. You might not realize how many supporters you have. Keep an eye on what you want. With all the pleasantry, you could become distracted. Tonight: Frolic with your pals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others respect your leadership and consciousness. You hear many a compliment right now. A pay raise or promotion could be forthcoming. Someone could make a proposal you won't forget; unfortunately, he or she might! Tonight: Out on the town.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Take an overview, but don't let a dream or an inspired idea fall to the wayside. You have people who will help you find answers and solutions. Someone from a distance expresses his or her caring. Show your feelings as well. Tonight: Let your mind wander.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Someone special comes to the rescue. Be happy to have this person as a supporter. You could find that he or she might offer not just moral support, but also backing in a substantial way. Use your instincts. Tonight: Dinner for two.

BORN TODAY
Scientist, author Carl Sagan (1934), musician Tom Fogerty (1941), wrestler Chris Jericho (1971)

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Wilson supports Red Ribbon activities

▲ Students at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School got into the spirit of Red Ribbon Week, celebrated recently by Texas public schools. The children are seen here dressed up to represent various careers and professionals. Above: (back, left-right) Krissy Field, Tami Freelen, Miguel Garcia, Serena Reyes, Christina Gray, Ryan Damron, Samantha Powell, Danielle Savoir, Keely Downs; (middle, l-r) Cori Cox, Sydney Taylor, Ashley Stark, Alyssa Parks, Kristen Miller, Junior Capada, Zachary Gates, Kade Winkler, Shane Davis; (front, l-r) Kaleb Born, Colten Ensey, Matthew Zellefrow and Allison Whitson.

▲ Chance Douglas came to school dressed as a doctor during Red Ribbon Week at Woodrow Wilson Elementary.

Peterson jurors continue deliberations

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — No unfiltered TV. No Internet. No visitors.

After a weekend without the creature comforts of home, sequestered jurors in Scott Peterson's murder trial were set to resume deliberations Monday for a third full day.

Jurors were monitored throughout the weekend in an area hotel where they could only watch sports and movies on television, and could use a computer without access to the Internet. They were forbidden from discussing the case.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi has decided to allow them to deliberate only Monday-Friday. Twenty-one bailiffs have been sworn in to watch over them throughout the process.

Peterson is charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of his wife, Laci, and the fetus she carried. Prosecutors claim Peterson killed Laci around Dec. 24, 2002, then sunk her weighted body in the bay.

The remains of Laci and the fetus were discovered a few miles from where Peterson claims to have gone fishing alone the day his wife vanished. Defense lawyers claim someone else abducted Laci while she walked the couple's dog and killed her, then framed her husband.

Jurors have two choices should they decide to convict Peterson — first-or second-degree. First-degree convictions, carrying the death penalty of life without parole, would mean jurors believe Peterson planned the killings in advance. Second-degree murder convictions don't require a finding of premeditation, and carry sentences of 15-years-to-life for each count.

On Friday, jurors asked to review some evidence, including the boat prosecutors allege Peterson used to dispose of his wife's body. On

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N.J. governor to bid farewell today

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Gov. James E. McGreevey, who stunned the nation with the disclosure that he is gay and would resign from his post, wants to put his political record straight.

A week before he leaves office, the governor was expected to deliver his public farewell Monday in a speech expected to highlight the accomplishments of a term cut short by scandal.

Though details of the speech have not been revealed, McGreevey was predicted to stress his success in championing stem cell research, obtaining benefits for domestic partners and instituting reforms at the state's troubled child welfare agency and motor vehicles division.

While political observers credit McGreevey with some gains over the past two years, they also note some lingering troubles that have nothing to do with his personal life.

A deficit looms for the next budget year, and the current budget was balanced using borrowed money, a practice the state Supreme Court has declared off limits for future spending plans.

Even before the sex scandal driving him from office became public Aug. 12, McGreevey had been dogged by associations with campaign contributors who ran afoul of federal authorities.

Since the scandal, McGreevey attempted to reclaim the ethical high ground with an executive order in September to ban the practice of giving government contracts to those who contribute to political campaigns. Proposals to halt the practice known as "pay-to-play" are pending in the Legislature.

Other accomplishments include an increase in caseworker staffing and policy changes designed to improve oversight by the Division of Youth and Family Services, which made headlines and drew sharp criticism for a series of lapses in its supervision of children.

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Study: Wild turkeys not top crop culprits

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press Writer

Purdue University researchers who set up cameras in fields to catch wild animals in the act of gobbling up crops found that deer and raccoons — not wild turkeys, as many farmers believe — are the greediest crop-raiders.

After two years of field work, the Purdue team vindicated turkeys by showing that deer and raccoons caused 95 percent of the damage in the fields surveyed. Squirrels, groundhogs and other species, but not turkeys, inflicted the remaining damage.

The researchers staked out fields, using infrared cameras during their nighttime surveillance to catch the animals in action.

Those cameras revealed largely nocturnal deer and raccoons gorging in the darkness, their mouths stuffed with leaves, soybeans or corn, said Gene Rhodes, a Purdue professor of wildlife ecology.

Many farmers have long believed that turkeys, which are active during daylight hours and feed in flocks, were the critters eating and damaging their crops.

But during the two growing seasons surveyed, not a single incident of crop damage by turkeys was found. Because the plump birds arrived at the scene hours after night-feeding deer and raccoons had fled, they were accused of guilt by association.

"Turkeys are a highly visible species and sometimes it's hard to match perception with reality," Rhodes said Thursday.

He said turkeys' impact on farm fields is small, with the birds mainly snapping up waste grain and insects.

Rhodes and his cohort, Purdue Extension wildlife specialist Brian MacGowan, hope their ongoing work can pinpoint the unique signature of crop damage caused by deer, raccoons and other animals to help farmers.

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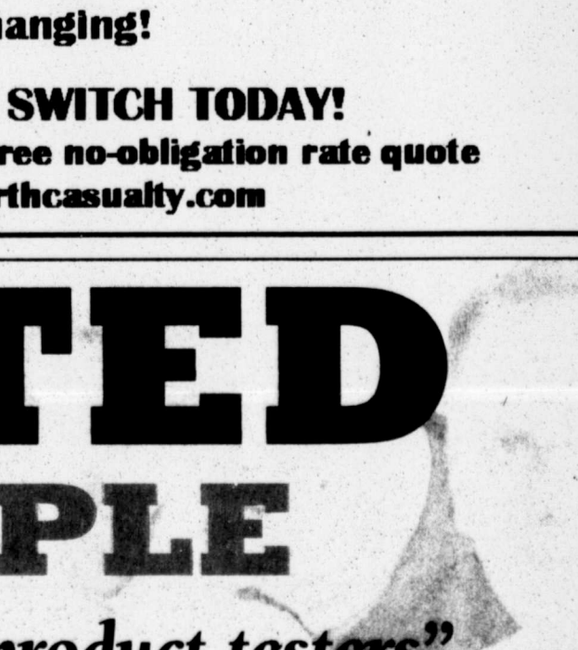

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