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 Martha Hadley, member of the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild, works stitching one of the quilts that will be used in the quilt exhibits on Oct. 25 and 26 and the Lovett Library.

Quilt Guild celebrates anniversary with exhibit

by Rachel Stennett
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A group of local women meet at least once per month to practice what some say is becoming a lost art.

More than 20 members of the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year and part of that celebration is a free exhibition on Oct. 25 and 26.

Club members will have 50 to 60 of their quilts on display at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa. The exhibit on Oct. 25 will last from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Oct. 26 it will run from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"We want people who enjoy seeing quilts to come out and see what we have done," said Jane Jacobs, a guild member. "We are reviving a once dying art."

The exhibit will feature a number of specialty quilts, including those that have been donated to local charities. A door prize quilt wall hanging with a winter theme, made by Darlene Vespestad, will be given to someone who visits the exhibit over the two-day span.

The group consists of women mostly from Pampa, but at the time of the guild's formation, the members were spread across the Panhandle. The group still has a member from Panhandle and one

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staff photo by Rachel Stennett
 (On the left, front to back) Martha Hadley, Thelma Matthews, Susie Edwards, and Darlene Vespestad and (on the right, back to front) Penni Pfitzner, Kathy White, and Jane Jacobs, all members of the Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild stand next to a quilt made by Jacobs. Similar quilts will be displayed on Oct. 25 and 26 and the quilt exhibit at the Lovett Library.

CRMA obtaining water rights in Roberts County

by David Bowser
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FRITCH — The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority is still gathering water rights in Roberts County.

Over the past few years, CRMWA has been adding to its water rights for its well field expansion in Roberts County. As part of this expansion, it has traded water rights with the City of Amarillo so each entity, Amarillo and CRMWA, would have contiguous water rights, making the well and pumping permit process easier.

As of July, 2007, CRMWA had 142,548 acres of water rights in Roberts County, valued at slightly less than \$50 million. In trades with Amarillo, CRMWA gained another 68,317 acres of water rights, valued at about \$25 million. Satterwhite said there is still one of those tracts that the water authority has yet to close on. That is 2,560 acres in Carson County that will go to Amarillo for which CRMWA is paying \$571,776 in exchange for water rights in Roberts County that is now part of CRMWA's well field.

Satterwhite explained that CRMWA paid \$25,477,458 for the property it traded Amarillo. CRMWA still owes \$517,776 worth of water rights to Amarillo to complete that trade.

There are also pending contracts with private landowners in Gray and Roberts Counties for 1,234 acres.

When the transaction is complete, CRMWA expects to have 212,154 acres of water rights in Roberts County, valued at \$76,125,365.

Rare Alibates Monument tours offered next weekend

by David Bowser
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LAKE MEREDITH — Only two tours are left.

The National Park Service is opening up parts of Alibates National Monument here that are usually closed to tours in honor of Texas Archeology Month.

The last two tours will be Saturday and Sunday beginning at 2 p.m. Reservations are required.

Although three of the tours had to be cancelled this month due to rain, the skies were clear and cloudless last Sunday as some 20 tourists and two park rangers made their way in a caravan of vehicles from the Alibates Visitor's Center down the paved highway, through a locked gate and down a dirt road that eventually became a track, ending at the beginning of a trail mown in the buffalo grass that leads to the ruins of homes dating to 1150 A.D.

Wes Phillips, a retired park ranger turned tour guide, provided a running commentary on the geology, flora and fauna and archeology of the area as he led the troop on foot up the trail to a knoll overlooking the flood plain of the Canadian River where it forms Lake Meredith.

Phillips pointed out plants such as the yucca, broom weed and mesquite that he said Native Americans used in their daily lives for food, dyes and instruments.

The first people to populate this area, he said, were the Clovis Mammoth Hunters, a prehistoric people who likely picked up colorful chips of flint from the ground and began making spear heads, arrow points and cutting tools as long ago as 10,000 years.

Phillips said the Woodlands people were the next to populate the area from about the time of the birth of Christ to 1,000 A.D. They, apparently, were the first to actually quarry the flint here.

That evolved into the Plains Village culture, he said. Those people were likely the ancestors of the Pawnee and Wichita tribes.

Standing along side of a row of upturned stones that marked a thousand year old home, Phillips said it was the Plains Village people that built the structures here that archeologists began excavating in after World War I.




Looking out over the flood plain, Phillips said as many 100 huts made of mud and early stucco studded the ridgeline here and the canyon below. Lake Meredith, now only a glimmer on the horizon.

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Tuesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 10am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 69. South southeast wind between 7 and 16 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 11pm. Some of the storms could be severe. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 44. Windy, with a south southeast wind 14 to 17 mph becoming northwest between 26 and 29 mph.

Wednesday: Partly sunny, with a high near 50. Very windy, with a north northwest wind between 28 and 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy and breezy, with a low around 36.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of rain before 9am. Partly cloudy, with a high near 52.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 35.

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DONATIONS are being accepted for the Klink Family at The Amarillo Federal Credit Union under Caryn Abernathy.

Africa

(continued from Page 3) "status" is devastated with poverty. It is different life, but even beyond what meets the eye are differences that are more important and differences that we can learn from. Sometimes people see Africa and only see bloated bellies of children, huts, and lions. But there is more. Instead of feeling

sorry for Africa, we can all realize that there is a lot that we can learn from the African people concerning hospitality, humility, and the true values of life. I plan to write more about this trip, and the some of the life-changing experiences I had while there, but I want to reflect upon it for awhile.

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Obituaries

Bonnie Fay Floyd, 70

Bonnie Fay Floyd, 70, of Pampa died Friday Oct. 17, 2008 in Pampa. Services will be announced at a later date. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Floyd was born on Dec. 11, 1937 in Wheeler County. She came to Pampa in 1961 from Canadian. She married Jessie D. "Tex" Floyd on June 18, 1962 in Panhandle. He preceded her in death on Aug. 26, 2006. Mrs. Floyd was a homemaker and a former member of Fellowship Baptist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Bonnie Louise Donahoo of Lubbock and Zelma Crook of Pampa; two sons, Charles Watson and Jessie Dean Floyd, both of Pampa; one sister, Patricia Ann Demorney of Santa Fe, New Mexico; three brothers, Dale Bright of Fairview Heights, Illinois, Dwayne Bright of Amarillo and Bobby Bright of Pampa; 17 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Billy Watson, and a brother, Roy William Bright.

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Jeremy Allen "The Great" Klink, 20

Jeremy Allen "The Great" Klink, 20, of Pampa died Oct. 17, 2008 at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Jeremy was born May 31, 1988 in Rockford, Illinois. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1997, moving from Marengo, Illinois. He was a former student in the Pampa schools. Survivors include his father, Joseph Allen Klink of Pampa; mother, Melody Vail of Katy; three brothers, Brandon Joseph Klink, Dustin David Klink and Eric Roger Klink, all of Pampa; and maternal grandmother, Ida Vail of Belvidere, Illinois. Jeremy was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Roger and Helen Klink; his maternal grandfather, David Vail; and an aunt, Marie Klink.

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Court will decide identity theft case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether people picked up on immigration violations also can face charges of identity theft if they use Social Security and other identification numbers that belong to others. Federal appeals courts have split over whether the defendant must know that the phony ID numbers belong to a real person and the court said it will resolve the question. Federal prosecutors have increasingly been bringing the more serious identity theft charges against undocumented immigrants, including many who were arrested in raids on meatpacking plants. Defense lawyers have argued that their clients should not be charged with stealing someone else's identity because the immigrants only were seeking documentation that would allow them to work. They didn't know if the numbers were fictitious or belonged to someone else, their lawyers say. The Bush administration, however, has said that it doesn't matter under federal law. The 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, based in St. Louis, agreed with the

administration and upheld the conviction of Ignacio Carlos Flores-Figueroa. Flores-Figueroa, a Mexican national, worked at a steel plant in East Moline, Ill., since 2000. Originally, he worked there under an assumed name, and false Social Security and alien registration numbers. In 2006, he told his employer he wanted to be known by his real name and submitted new identification documents. This time, though, the Social Security number belonged to someone else, and his green card number was that of yet another person. Suspicious, the employ-

er contacted immigration authorities, who arrested Flores-Figueroa. The five-count indictment against him included two counts of aggravated identity theft. Federal appeals courts based in Atlanta and Richmond also have ruled in the government's favor in similar cases, while the appeals court in Washington, D.C., has sided with defendants. The case, which will be argued next year, is Flores-Figueroa v. U.S., 08-108.

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Record turnout projected in Texas early voting

AUSTIN (AP) — Election authorities are preparing for massive turnout when early voting begins Monday at hundreds of polling sites across Texas. From Houston to Lubbock, officials are projecting record participation, prompting authorities to add polling stations, haul in extra equipment and add workers. The early voting period begins Monday and ends Oct. 31. Those eligible to vote by mail must request ballots by Oct. 28. Texans who miss early voting, of course, can vote the old-fashioned way on Election Day, Nov. 4, when polls open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. Early voting schedules and locations vary by county. "We anticipate a large voter turnout for the General Election. By voting early you can avoid the long lines we expect to see on Election Day," said Texas Secretary of State Hope Andrade, the chief state elections administrator. Apart from the hot presidential race, voters will decide on a U.S. Senate race that features Republican Sen. John Cornyn and Democratic challenger, state Rep. Rick Noriega. Also up for grabs is a spot on the Texas Railroad Commission, several high-court judge positions and congressional and legislative seats across Texas. Authorities worked over the weekend to whittle down a backlog of voter registration applications that flooded into county registration offices, said Randall Dillard, a spokesman for the secretary of state's office in Austin. The last-minute applications prompted fears of delays and hassles for recently registered voters but Dillard said polling workers should be able to verify registration by phone. If discrepancies arise for new voters they can cast a provisional ballot that will be counted once registration is confirmed. "There was tremendous energy this general election and a lot of people registered to vote," Dillard said. "Nobody who is registered to vote will be turned away." Many voters like the convenience of early voting because it allows Texans to cast a ballot at any polling location in their county during the Oct. 20-31 period. On Election Day, voters must cast a ballot in their regular precincts. Authorities are making a particularly energetic push for early voting in Galveston County, which is still reeling from the devastation of Hurricane Ike. Dillard said early voting is a good option for Galveston residents who can pick from 14 polling sites. Anyone wishing to vote by mail must request a ballot from their home counties by Oct. 28. Those eligible to vote early include senior citizens, the disabled and those expecting to be outside their home county during early voting and Election Day.

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Indicted South Texas sheriff resigns

McALLEN, Texas (AP) — The resignation of a South Texas sheriff indicted on drug trafficking charges has been accepted by Starr County commissioners. The attorney for Sheriff Reymundo Guerra said that Guerra's resignation, submitted over the weekend, was accepted at an emergency meeting on Monday morning. The sheriff is being held by federal authorities. Guerra's attorney, Philip Hilder, said that the court should decide Monday on whether to grant his client bond. Guerra faces three counts of a sprawling 19-count indictment implicating him and 14 others in a drug smuggling conspiracy. At his arraignment Friday, Guerra pleaded not guilty.

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Tours

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zon, once washed against the base of this bluff.

Along the rim, petroglyphs of turtles, buffalo and two men with horns on their heads and their hands raised surround the edge of the bluff.

The lodges no longer exist, but many of their outlines are apparent in the lines of stone.

Phillips said the lodges would house six to eight people, had a crawl way entry facing east toward the rising sun and a smoke hole in the top. While they long ago caved in, Phillips said that excavation of several lodges indicated they were built of mud with sticks and grass mixed in. They may have been covered by gypsum stucco.

Four poles were used to hold the roof up. In the center of each lodge was a fire pit. Along the sides were raised platforms that appear to have been sleeping quarters.

Across the back of the lodge, there were what archeologists believe were altars.

Phillips said reports from 17th Century French trappers and traders describe similar buildings, though larger, were built by the Pawnee north of here.

The Pawnee lodges, Phillips said, housed 20 to 30 people and had room for horses, a practice not unlike

Europeans at the time.

Water was provided here by springs.

Phillips said the Native Americans wouldn't drink the water from the Canadian.

"The Kiowa called the Canadian River the Big Salt River," Phillips said.

Nor, apparently, did the early people who lived here fish. Phillips said no fish bones have been found in any of the lodges that have been excavated.

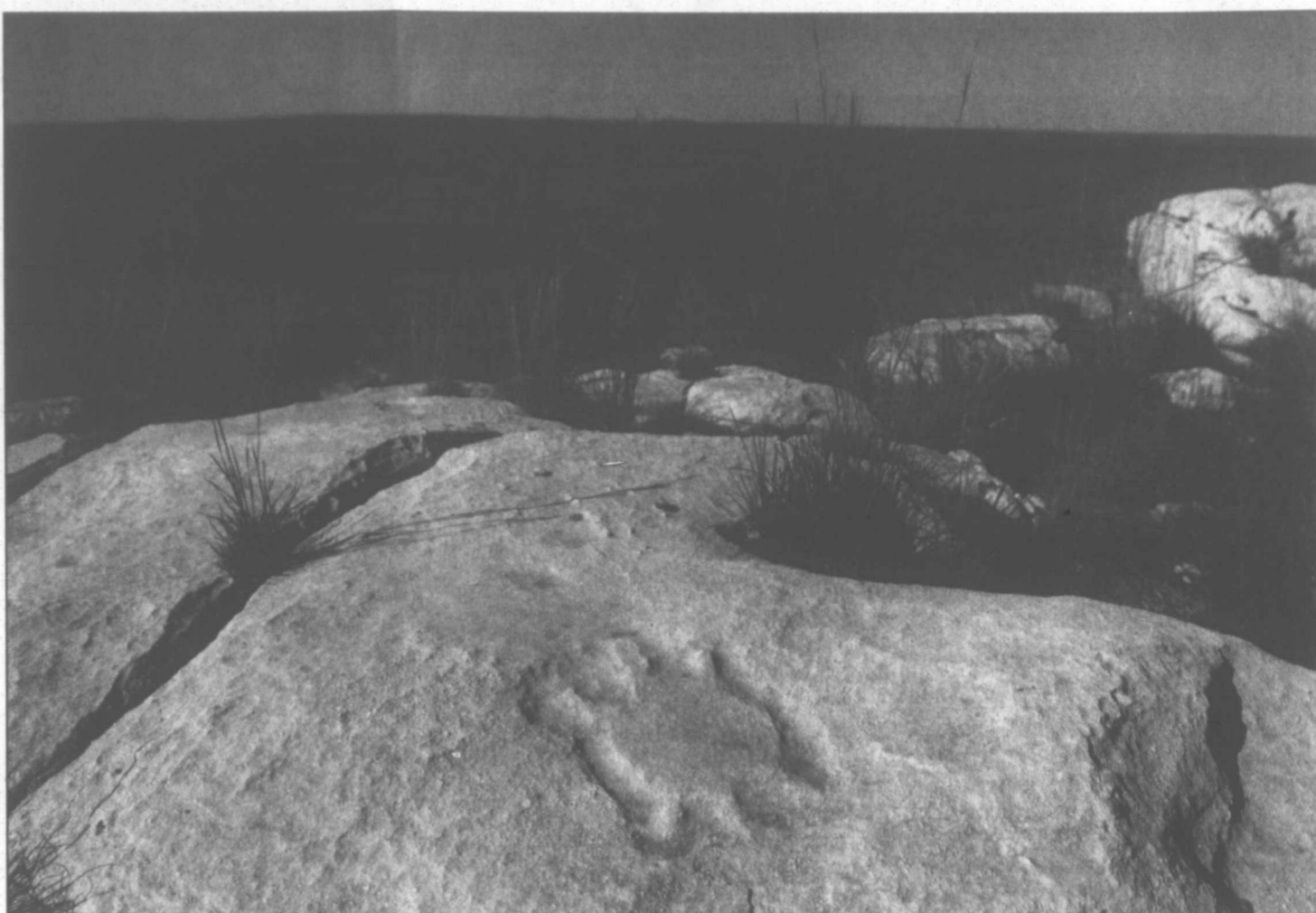
The early inhabitants here are thought to have left around 1500. The reason isn't clear, but Phillips suspects because of drought.

By the time Coronado made his trek through this area, looking for the fabled Seven Cities of Gold, the Spanish Conquistador reported the lodges were occupied by Apaches.

The area would be home only to nomadic tribes of Plains Indians for the next two or three centuries when the U.S. Army forced the Native Americans on to reservations and cattlemen began bringing their animals in where once large herds of buffalo grazed.

Credit for the discovery of the Alibates National Monument is given to a lonely cowboy named Allie Bates, for whom the monument is named.

For reservations for the final round of tours, call the National Park Service at 806-857-3151.



An image of a turtle carved into the sandstone overlooking Lake Meredith is one of several petroglyphs at Alibates National Monument.

staff photo by David Bowser

Quilt

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from White Deer, but the other 21 women are located in Pampa. The group continually is looking for new members.

Suzie Edwards, founding member of the club and an active participant, has made sure that the guild has kept its momentum up over the years by having exhibits, showcases and monthly pro-

grams.

"Monthly programs allow members to learn new techniques and even have a show and tell time," Edwards said.

The group normally meets an Pampa Senior Citizens Center on the fourth Thursday of the month in the evening.

"We enjoy visiting and sharing ideas," Jacobs said. "There is always something new to learn."

State fair visitors spend \$28.6 million

DALLAS (AP) — The nation's economic roller coaster took a back seat to the rides and food at the State Fair of Texas.

Visitors to the fair, which ended Sunday after a 24-day run, spent about \$28.6 million on food and amusement rides, fair officials said in a news release. The amount is the second highest in the fair's history behind last year's record \$29 million. The amount represents revenue from coupon sales,

which are used for rides and food.

The single day high was \$2.8 million on Oct. 11, when Oklahoma and Texas played in the annual Red River rivalry football game.

Animals raised by youths sold for \$1.03 million at the annual Youth Livestock Auction of Champions. The grand champion steer sold for a record \$95,000.

The fair will run Sept. 25 through Oct. 18 next year.



Wes Phillips, a retired National Park Service ranger, now gives tours at Alibates National Monument.

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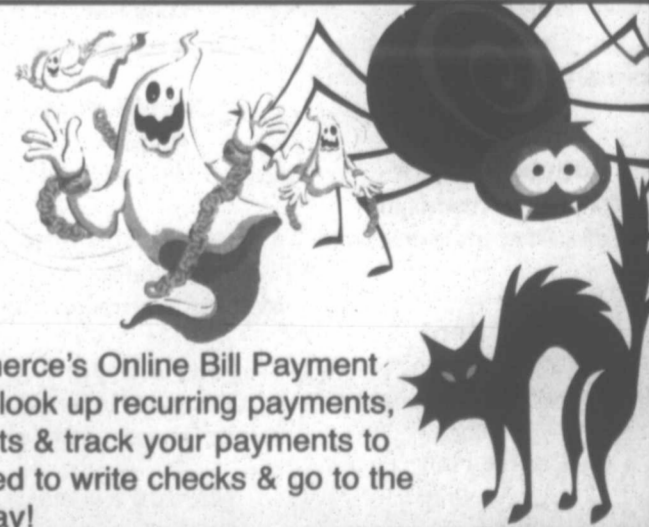
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 20, the 294th day of 2008. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, 2 1/2 years after he'd said, "I shall return."

On this date:

In 1740, Maria Theresa became ruler of Austria, Hungary and Bohemia upon the death of her father, Holy Roman Emperor Charles VI.

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.

In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee

opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1967, seven men were convicted in Meridian, Miss., of violating the civil rights of three slain civil rights workers.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping

'Next to ingratitude, the most painful thing to bear is gratitude.'

— Henry Ward Beecher
American clergyman
(1813-1887)

magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1977, three members of the rock group Lynyrd Skynyrd were killed in the crash of a chartered plane near McComb, Miss.

In 1981, a bungled armored truck robbery in Nanuet, N.Y., left a guard and two police officers dead. (Four suspects, members of radical groups, were later convicted and sentenced to 75 years to life in prison; a fifth suspect, Kathy Boudin, was paroled in 2003.)

Ten years ago: Jordan's King Hussein joined Mideast peace talks in Maryland at the invitation of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. President Clinton named John Podesta his chief of staff, replacing Erskine Bowles. The New York Yankees took a 3-0 lead in the World Series, beating the San Diego Padres 5-4.

Five years ago: President Bush pushed North Korea's nuclear threat to the forefront of a 21-nation Asia-Pacific summit in Thailand. Israeli warplanes and helicopters pounded Palestinian targets in the Gaza Strip, killing 10 people. A judge in Eagle, Colo., ordered Kobe Bryant to stand trial for sexual assault. (However, the criminal case was later dropped.) Character actor Jack Elam died in Ashland, Ore., at age 84.

One year ago: Republican Bobby Jindal, the U.S.-born son of Indian immigrants, won election as governor of Louisiana; he became the first nonwhite to hold the job since Reconstruction.



Kindness, hospitality mark African trip

I recently returned from a three week trip to Africa, and one of the questions that have plagued me since my return, and while I was there, is if I was going to write about the trip.

Here is my answer. I want to scream from the mountaintops about the trip, but there are no mountains in Pampa and I'm not sure exactly what to scream. I went on this trip to do mission work, not to "save souls," but to take dive a little deeper into the souls. I traveled with a group of five people from my church in Colorado Springs, including my father who is a pastor, and two other ordained ministers.

Our group went to three countries: Uganda, Kenya, and Cameroon. We held conferences for pastors within 300 miles of the area. People there are hungry, and I mean that both literally and spiritually. As you can imagine, Africa is very different from the life known by Pampans, any other American.

But the point of this column isn't to reinforce what you already know. I want to say that the life of an average

African is different in ways that you wouldn't guess.

They don't live in huts, or very very few do. There are still some indigenous people scattered about, but most of Africa has regrettably been colonized by European countries, and has just regained independence within the past 30-50 years. Some still fight for it.

Life in Africa feels a little like life in Europe would if it reeked of poverty. Most African countries drive on the opposite side of the road, and have English or French as one of the national languages.

The people that I have met are some of the most incredible on the planet. Despite having nothing - not American "nothing," but literally living in shacks, wearing clothes that are 10 years old and beyond, and occasionally having functionally electricity, these people are the kindest and most hospitable in the world. To make a guest feel comfortable, they would give all that they have. It is remarkable. Cultural differences and poverty are the biggest physical differences between

America and Africa, but even beyond that the generosity, kindness, and hospitality is nothing like I have ever experienced here.

We arrived on a midnight flight at the airport in Cameroon.

We were exhausted when we hit the tarmac at 1 a.m., but to our surprise the local pastor, who was our main contact there, was waiting for us with a car at the bottom of the plane ramp. We introduced ourselves and told him we needed to go inside the airport to take care of our luggage and visas. He told us "everything is taken care of." We were confused, visas don't normally get "taken care of" by anyone but yourself. However, we obeyed and hopped into the car as he asked. The car drove us less than a mile to the first class lounge, where even more people greeted us at this early hour.

We handed over our passports to one of the airport employees and waited as

they handled it and our luggage. Through all of my international travel (China, Mexico, Hong Kong, South Pacific) I have never been greeted at an airport like that, but it got better.

We trudged up stairs to make sure all the luggage they had collected on our behalf was right, and we walked through a door to see approximately 50 people waiting for us. A group of girls dressed in local costume sang for us, gave us a bouquet of flowers almost too big to hold, and then we shook hands and greeted the crowd.

They took us to our hostel and it was nearing 2 a.m. and we were all ready for bed, but the party wasn't over. They had cooked a feast for us that could have fed 5,000. Finally, after the most humbling reception I have ever had, we went to bed.

Africa and three-quarters of the globe in "third-world

Rachel Stennett
Staff Writer



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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 13

The Dallas Morning News on wrongful convictions:

Here's one crushing disappointment about the tragedy of wrongful convictions in Dallas County and across Texas: We see too few safeguards against this nauseating history repeating itself even today.

A Dallas Morning News analysis of recent criminal convictions shows that police and prosecutors continue to rely on discredited methods of witness identification.

The practices of conducting photo lineups and "drive-by" witness identification should be done by specially trained investigators who use specific guidelines. That is often not the case, a matter of outrageous nonfeasance by law enforcement professionals.

They should have wised up by now. Witness misidentification helped lead to 18 of the 19 Dallas County convictions that have been reversed through DNA tests after the innocents spent years in prison.

Though DNA can sometimes be used today to avoid miscarriage of justice, experts estimate that useful biological material is available in a tiny percentage of felony cases. That makes sophisticated police work essential when an eyewitness is the mainstay of a case.

Yet Morning News reporters Steve McGonigle and Jennifer Emily found that only a handful of local police departments even have written guidelines.

If local police don't properly police themselves, the state must get involved. This newspaper has repeatedly endorsed legislation to create a state innocence commission to analyze documented wrongful convictions. Lessons learned would be used to establish best practices and enforce baseline expectations of police departments, such as adopting up-to-date, written procedures for preparing criminal cases.

Over the summer, a new panel convened by Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Barbara Hervey began sorting out the breakdowns in justice. That effort should get valuable input from Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins, one of the panel's 10 members, and help lay the foundation for passage next year of Houston Sen. Rodney Ellis' proposed innocence commission.

Anyone who is unsure that state oversight is called for should pore over the three-day series that concludes in The News today.

URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>

■ Oct. 11

San Antonio Express-News on performance enhancing drugs and the Olympics:

Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over till it's over."

Wrong, Yogi. That may have been true when your Yankees ruled the baseball empire, a more innocent time in sports. But no longer.

Oh, the competitions still end with the final buzzer. But, nowadays, controversies linger long after the last pitch has been hurled, the last jumper fired, the last shot put heaved. Steroids — and other performance-enhancing drugs — have done that to our sports, Yogi, and the drugs are tainting the games just as they have tainted the systems of the athletes who use them.

The issue cropped up again with a recent report that rocked officials with the Tour de France, which ended July 27. Three riders have tested positive for a new stamina-boosting drug called CERA — a more potent version of EPO, which is banned by the World Anti-Doping Agency.

The revelations have ramifications beyond the grueling cycling competition. The New York Times reported that the International Olympic Committee would retest blood samples from athletes at the Beijing Games, focusing on cyclists and distance runners. The drug was so new that it may have flown under the radar of Olympics officials.

"There will most definitely be some athletes who thought they could escape being caught because they thought the

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A few weeks ago, I returned home after mowing the lawn at my mother's place and parked my truck behind my house. I left the lawnmower and a 5-gallon can of gas in the bed of my truck and went into the house for a drink of water. When I returned, the gas can was missing. I bought another can, filled it with gas and added 2 pounds of sugar. Again, I parked my truck in the same spot with the gas can visible. An hour later, it too had disappeared. A short while later, I noticed a neighbor's son and his friends pushing his car up the street. They said they had "engine problems." My wife thinks what I did was wrong and that I should offer to pay for this lad's engine repairs. What do you think? -- "A-GASSED" IN ILLINOIS

DEAR "A-GASSED": I disagree with your wife. What if the boys had another kind of engine problem and this was just a coincidence? I'm sure whoever stole your gas got an expensive lesson. Let's hope it also saved them from a life of crime.

DEAR ABBY: Please help with a question about Halloween trick-or-treating etiquette. What do you do when the parents of the children who are trick-or-treating present you with their own candy collection bag? This happened to me several times last year. Some of the adults said they were collecting for a child who wasn't there or for infants and toddlers in strollers. Others didn't even offer a reason, even after I asked them what their "costume" was supposed to be. Thanks for your input, Abby. - KATHLEEN B., SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

DEAR KATHLEEN: While Halloween is supposed to be a holiday for children, many teens and adults enjoy the idea of free candy and trick-or-treating, too. In years past my doorbell has been rung by revelers who looked so old I was tempted to offer them a martini.

As I see it, you have two choices: Buy enough candy to go around, or turn off all the lights and hide. In my experience, it's better to do the former.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating a man with post-traumatic stress disorder. He takes anti-depressants and sleeping meds, and has for many years. Because he fought on the front lines in Vietnam, he deals with nightmares related to PTSD. He loves me and wants to marry me, but I worry because his first three marriages didn't work. I care about this man, but I'm a little scared of the future and how his PTSD will affect us. What should I do? -- **LOVES MY VET**

DEAR LOVES: I assume that because your boyfriend is on anti-depressants and sleeping medication, he is also under a doctor's care. Has he also received psychiatric treatment for his PTSD? While this question may seem obvious, I'm sad to say that some soldiers from as far back as WWII "slipped through the cracks" and suffered their entire lives with night terrors and difficulty forming close relationships because they never received the treatment they needed. If your boyfriend hasn't received professional help, insist that he get it -- because unless he does, yours will be failed marriage No. 4.

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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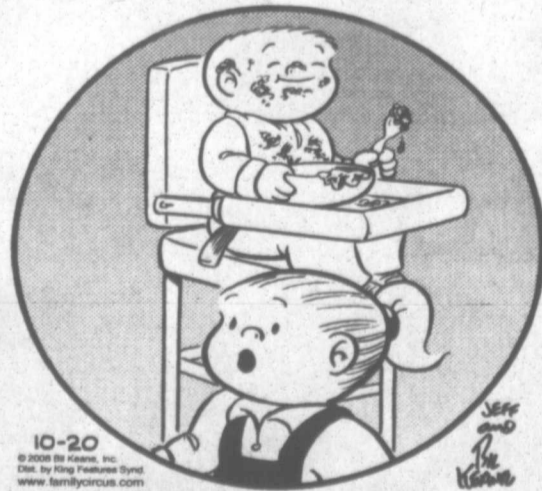
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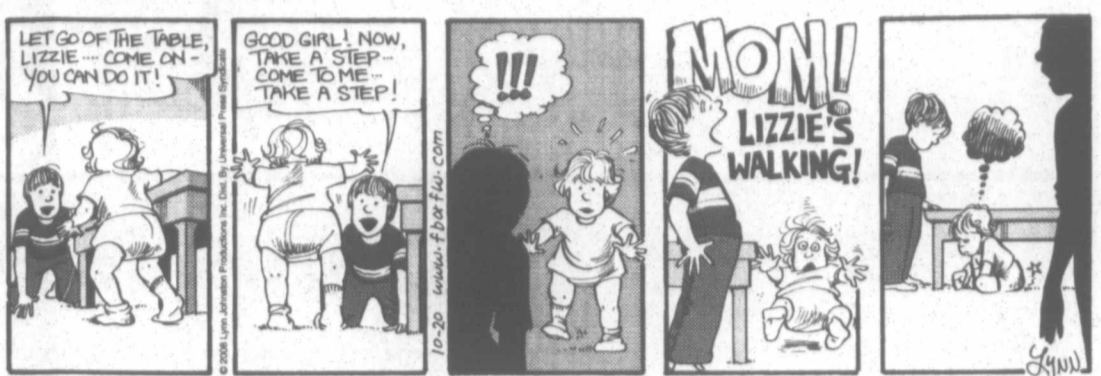
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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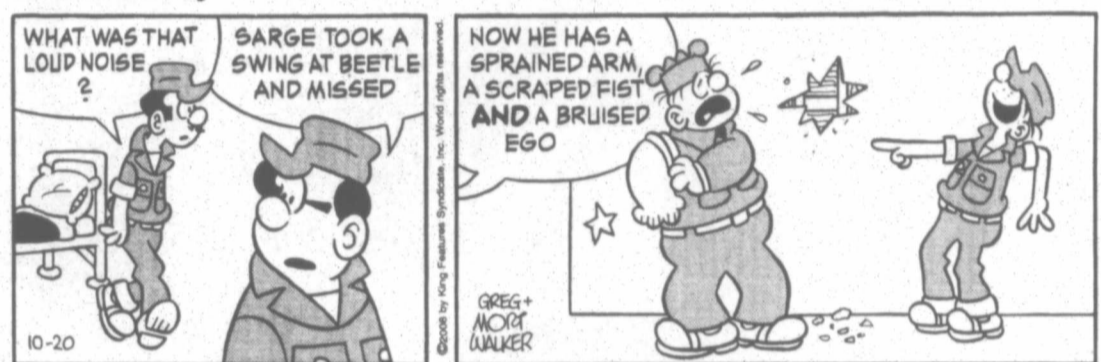
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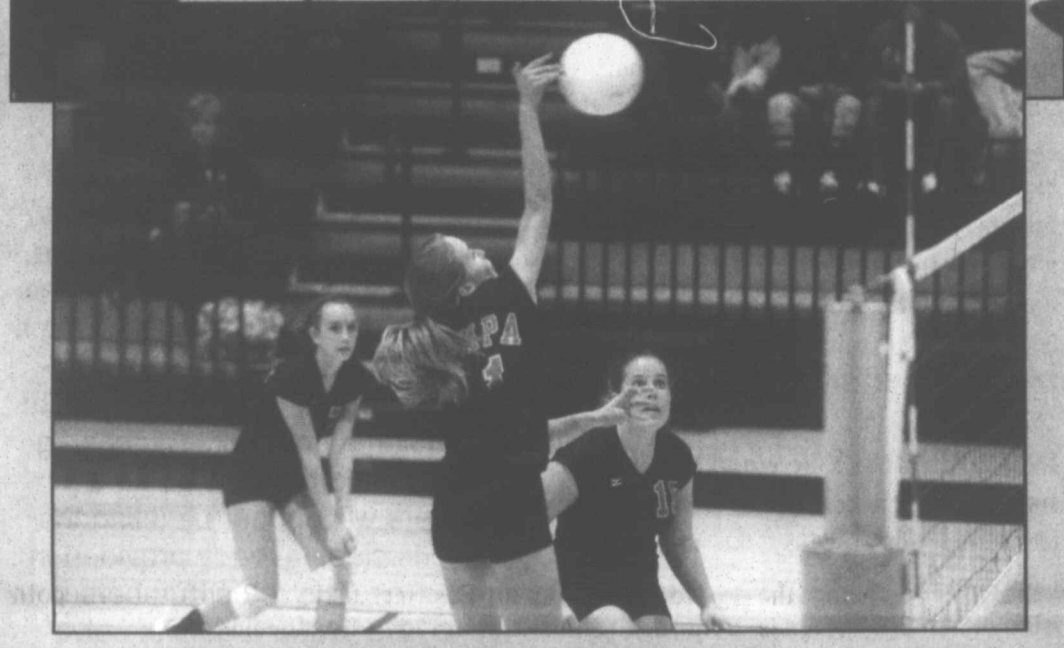
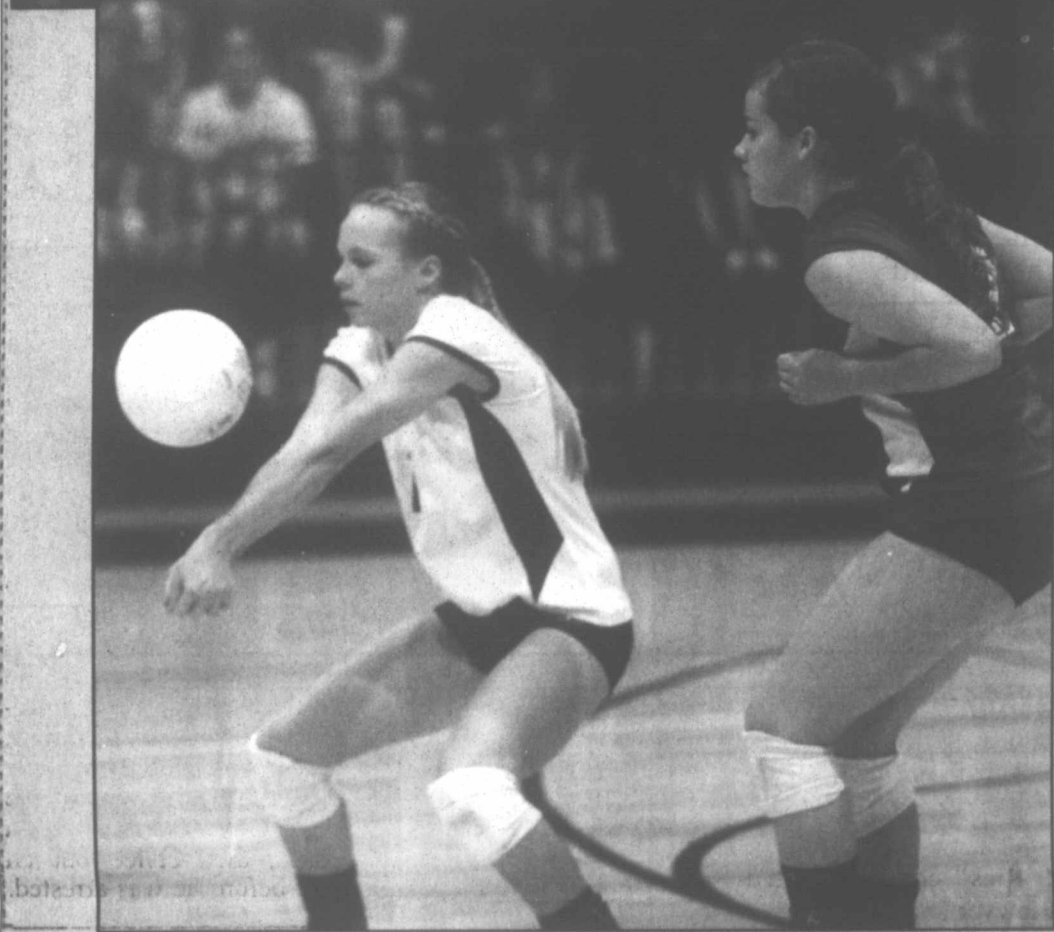
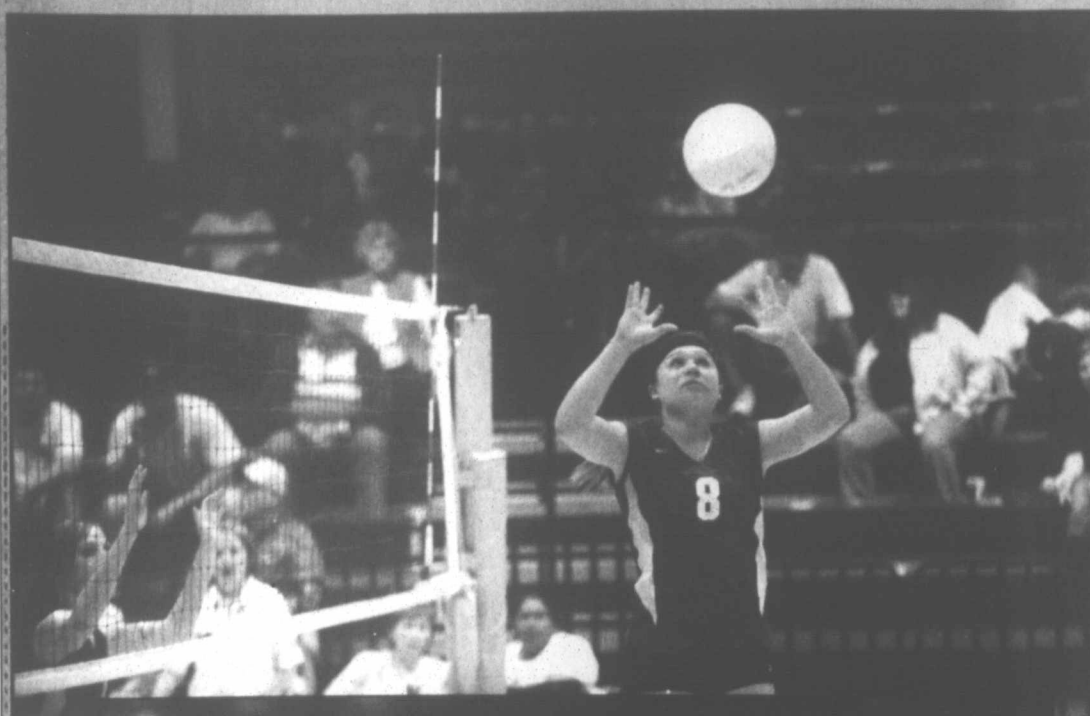


Sports

Dumas Demons defeat Lady Harvesters

staff photos by David Bowser

In three varsity matches against Dumas, Pampa Volleyball was defeated 25-11, 25-9 and 25-14 on Saturday at Dumas High School. TOP LEFT: Pampa Volleyball Lady Harvester Kelby Doughty sets up a shot for a teammate during a match against Dumas Saturday afternoon in Dumas. BOTTOM LEFT: Libby Dyson returns a Dumas serve during a match. TOP RIGHT: Kirsten Kuhn, 3, returns the ball to Dumas during the junior varsity game against the Demons. BOTTOM RIGHT: Mattie Holland, 11, stretches for the ball during the JV game.



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A reminder from THE PAMPA NEWS

Unemployment rate rises slightly to 3.1 percent

AUSTIN — The Texas seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 5.1 percent in September, up from 5.0 percent in August 2008 and 4.3 percent in September 2007. Texas' unemployment rate remained well below the national rate of 6.1 percent. Seasonally adjusted nonagricultural employment in Texas fell by 4,000 jobs in September. Texas employers have added 247,900 jobs over the past 12

months, for an annual growth rate of 2.4 percent.

"September job losses in Texas reflect continued turbulence in the national economy," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chairman Tom Pauken. "Hurricane Ike has had a major impact on the state's unemployment claims, which have swelled by nearly 300 percent over the past month. Due to the statistical formula used in our monthly calculations, the negative effect of Hurricane Ike won't begin to register until our October numbers are released."

The Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) experienced the lowest unemployment rate in the state at 3.2 percent (not seasonally adjusted). The Odessa MSA was second at 3.8 percent, followed by the Amarillo MSA at 3.9 percent.

Despite the net job loss for September, many industries experienced job growth. Education and Health Services added 2,300 positions in September, for a total of 38,800 jobs created since September 2007. Leisure and Hospitality increased by 1,600 positions last month, for a total of 41,900 jobs added in the past 12 months. Professional and Business Services saw gains of 1,100 positions in September, with 59,400 jobs added over the year.

"With nearly 11.8 million workers, Texas has recorded the largest labor force in the state's history, despite national economic challenges," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. Natural Resources and Mining grew by 2,200 jobs in September, adding 18,000 positions in the past 12 months. The industry's annual growth rate is still a strong 8.7 percent.

"Although up slightly, the Texas unemployment rate remains a full percentage point below the unemployment rate for the nation as a whole," said TWC Commissioner Representing the Public Andres Alcantar. "Nine of eleven industries displayed positive annual job growth, resulting in nearly a quarter of a million jobs added in the last year."

Northeast Texas man to die for burglary-slaying

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Joseph Ries says he doesn't really remember much about committing a murder nearly 10 years ago that landed him on death row and facing a Tuesday date with the Texas executioner.

"I'm not sure exactly what happened," he said in a recent interview. "I was on drugs. I kind of remember, but it's like in the third person."

Ries, 29, was condemned for breaking into a rural home in Hopkins County in northeast Texas, fatally shooting 64-year-old Robert Ratliff as he slept and then driving off in his car.

"When I got arrested and realized the full scope of this, all the people that got hurt, I've been sorry," he said. "Now other people are suffering because of my own stupidity."

Ries would be the 12th prisoner executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state and the first of two scheduled to die this week. Two were executed last week and two more are set to die next week.

Ries' lawyer asked the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and the U.S. Supreme Court to stop the punishment. The Texas

Board of Pardons and Paroles unanimously rejected a clemency request.

"Joey has gotten the short end of the stick from the state at every possible level," attorney James Terry Jr. said. "It's not that he doesn't bear responsibility, but he's going to be put to death at least partly for the failures of the state. We've got a system that's broken and at every level it's been broken for him."

Evidence showed Ries had a long history of physical and sexual abuse as a child, that his mother's parental rights had been taken away twice and that he'd been in 11 foster homes. Ries said from prison he recalled when he was about 12 he smoked a marijuana joint he stole from the purse of his alcoholic and drug-addicted mother.

"It made me sick," he said. But by the time he was attending Texas A&M University-Commerce, he was actively using drugs. And at the time of the 1999 slaying, he was into marijuana laced with PCP.

"It makes you hallucinate," Ries said. "I messed with it and I regret it."

Hopkins County District Attorney Martin Braddy

acknowledged Ries "didn't have a lot of positive experiences growing up."

"But ultimately, he was grown adult and made the decision that he did, and he's paying the ultimate price for that," he said.

Ries had lived at Ratliff's home in Cumby, about 10

miles from Commerce and about 65 miles northeast of Dallas, but Ratliff kicked him out after some items turned up missing.

A week before the killing, Ries stole Ratliff's farm pickup for a trip to San Antonio. Because the truck got poor fuel mileage, he and a friend, Christopher Lee White, also 19 at the time, came back to take Ratliff's Lincoln Continental.

Ries wasn't home, so they broke in and stole two rifles, drove the pickup into a pond until it sank, then waited behind a barn until he returned home and went to sleep. Ratliff was shot, then they drove off in his Lincoln. Ratliff's body was found by a relative.

Ries was arrested several days later by police in Lawton, Okla. He was driving Ratliff's car, which by then had been reported stolen, and was wearing Ratliff's hat.

"They were saying I killed the dude," he said. He gave a videotaped confession to police.

"I don't remember doing it," he said from prison. Prosecutors said Ries was the triggerman. A jury in Sulphur Springs deliberated seven minutes before convicting him.

Jurors who decided Ries should die also were told of his auto thefts, property damage, poor impulse control, disregard for rules and anger toward some relatives.

White, his accomplice, was tried separately and received life in prison.

In his latest appeals, Terry said Ries' court-appointed trial lawyer and earlier state-

appointed appeals attorneys failed Ries miserably. Jurors weren't fully told of his upbringing, then appeals deadlines were missed and appeals that were filed raised inadequate and factually incorrect arguments, Terry said.

In upholding his conviction and death sentence, a federal appeals court earlier this year said the trial lawyer could have done more, but his actions were "within the wide range of reasonable professional assistance."

"Every system designed to protect Joey failed from the time he was 3 years old, and then the criminal justice system failed," Terry wrote in the unsuccessful clemency petition.

On Thursday, another condemned inmate, Bobby Wayne Woods, 42, was scheduled to die for the 1997 murder of Sarah Patterson, the 11-year-old daughter of his ex-girlfriend. Her throat was slashed when she and her 9-year-old brother were abducted from their home in Granbury, about 25 miles southwest of Fort Worth.

A neighbor told police she saw Villegas leaving the house about 30 minutes earlier. Within 15 minutes, police spotted Salazar's car with Villegas behind the wheel. He led them on a chase, then bailed out on foot before he was arrested.

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Killer of three denied appeal

HOUSTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court Monday refused to review the conviction of a Nueces County man on Texas death row for the slayings of a 24-year-old Corpus Christi woman, her young son and her mother.

Jose Villegas, 33, was convicted of capital murder for the fatal stabbings of his ex-girlfriend Erida Perez Salazar; her son, Jacob, 3; and her mother Alma Perez, 51.

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RELIABLE, responsible maintenance man needed for apt. complex & properties. Have own transportation & tools. 665-1875.

MCLEAN CARE CENTER has immediate openings for Certified Nurse Aides. Call 806-779-2469 or come by 605 W. 7th, in McLean.

THE PLAZA III is now accepting applications for Day Time Servers. Must be 18 & over. Need references

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LOCALLY owned medical equipment co. seeks friendly Warehouse Technician, to deliver equipment and supplies to Pampa and the surrounding area. MUST have clean driving record and pass a drug screen / physical and be able to lift 150 lbs. Hours are 9am-6pm. Mon. thru Fri. and rotating on call. Salary depending on exp. Please apply at BritKare Home Medical, 912 S. Kentucky, Pampa, TX.

SIVALLS Inc. is looking for a Paint Test Service Technician. Drug tests req. Benefits: health ins., profit sharing, 401K, 8 paid holidays and 10 days vacation per year. 806-665-7111, Pampa.

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TAYLOR MART is now hiring @ all locations for Clerks & Assistant Managers. Apply in person.

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-21 CRYPTOQUOTE

EMCKANVG HLLFA NTL JEMC
OILYV YMC NTL ZBCG
TLYINTG. NTL TLYVN UTBIL
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— OTYVILA AEJJBMA
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE BLOSSOM CANNOT TELL WHAT BECOMES OF ITS ODOR; AND NO MAN CAN TELL WHAT BECOMES OF HIS INFLUENCE. — HENRY W. BEECHER

21 Help Wanted

SEEKING Exp. Mud engine to cover W. OK & TX Panhandle. Pkg incl. a competitive salary, health insurance, & more. Fax resume 405-285-9285.

HAIRDRESSER needed. Call 665-9236

\$1500.00 SIGN-ON BONUS FOR L.V.N. Pampa Nursing Center is now hiring for Charge Nurses on the 2-10 and 10-6 shift. Contact Mandi Martin R.N., DON 1321 W. Kentucky EEOE

\$1500.00 SIGN-ON BONUS CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

Pampa Nursing Center has openings for certified Nursing Assistants on 2 to 10 shift, weekend doubles and 10 to 6 shift. apply in person to: Mandi Martin R.N., DON Mecca McBee L.V.N., ADON 1321 W. Kentucky EEOE

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Degreed Field Geologist to work in the OK-TX panhandle as geo-steering representative for rapidly growing. Independent Exploration and Production Company, drilling horizontal wells. Previous field experience is advantageous. Excellent opportunity for advancement and experience with current technologies. Competitive salary and generous comprehensive benefit package, commensurate with experience & qualifications. Send cover letter and resume to:

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50 Building Suppl. White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household \$199 KING PILLOW-TOP MATTRESS SET. BRAND new. Still in plastic. 806-341-6233.

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69 Misc.

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TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

ASPLUNDH TREE EXPERT Co. is seeking Crew Forepersons, Trimmers, and Groundperson's to work in the Texas Panhandle area. Experience preferred but will train. In order to be considered an applicant, you must complete a pre-employment application. Interested applicants should contact...Truman Beck at (806)544-6894. Drug Free Workplace EOE:AA-M/F/V/D

OILFIELD HAND Needed For Water Transfer Company. Bilingual preferred Will train. Apply in person at 1010 S. Price Rd., Pampa

RN'S, LVN's & CAN's Pediatric Home Health is seeking FT, PT, PRN. Prefer 1 yr exp. Possibility of training. Competitive pay. Call 806-359-8512. 2801 Paramount Blvd or email Hillary@householdcare.net

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MILLER diesel 400 Amp welder with leads on single axle trailer, \$4000. 669-4150.

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96 Unfurn. Apts.

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