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Deaths

George R. "Ray" Cox, 40, McLean native.
Thelma V. Irwin, 94, Fresno resident.
H.L. "Les" Porche, 86, U.S. Army veteran.
Eugene Williams, 84, employee of the federal government.

Briefs

Republican ops make court appearance

AUSTIN (AP) — Associates of U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay made their first court appearance Monday, after a grand jury last month handed up 32 indictments for alleged campaign finance violations related to the 2002 state legislative election.

None of the three men entered pleas at the appearance before state District Judge Bob Perkins, who set Nov. 12 as the next hearing date.

The grand jury investigation, which is ongoing, centers around the political action committee, Texans for a Republican Majority, an offshoot of DeLay's fund-raising committee, Americans for a Republican Majority, or ARMPAC.

Report: Program did not protect seniors

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — Managers in the state's elder care program who focused on ways to increase program funding allowed poorly trained staff to handle seniors' sometimes life-threatening problems, a state report shows.

The Office of the Inspector General released the report on Adult Protective Services on Monday, as part of a Health and Human Services Commission review of the program ordered by Gov. Rick Perry in April.

A preliminary report also released on Child Protective Services, which also is under a Perry-ordered investigation, says that CPS has similar problems.

The governor ordered the APS investigation after reading case reports sent to him by an El Paso County probate judge detailing how seniors were left by caseworkers to live in squalid and dangerous conditions.

Senior citizens in El Paso have been left in homes piled high with garbage, infested with rats and cockroaches and often without water or electricity. Some were living in their cars through sweltering summers and freezing winters.

Bush criticizes Kerry health care plan

By PETE YOST
Associated Press Writer

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — President Bush told supporters Tuesday in the conservative heart of Colorado that John Kerry cannot pay for the domestic programs he is proposing unless taxes are raised on the middle class.

"As much as he's tried to obscure it," Kerry is a confirmed liberal, Bush said in a run-up to Wednesday night's final debate. The presidential debates have "showed differences between the senator and me on issues ranging from jobs to taxes to health care to the war on terror," said the president, who underscored the importance

that health care could play in the debate in Tempe, Ariz.

Bush said he has the answers to fix the health care system and that he won't wreck the federal budget in doing so.

He stressed the need for growth of community health centers to serve the poor and said the newly enacted legislation to revamp Medicare is

helping senior citizens. He said Kerry's proposed changes would put millions of people looking for health care into "a government program."

"With a straight face he tried to tell Americans that ... the government has nothing to do with it," Bush said.

The Kerry campaign says Bush's criticism of the

Democrat's domestic programs is based on studies that are misleading and have been shown to be factually dubious in estimating the costs.

"Over the past four years, we've seen health care in this country deteriorate into a crisis; costs have hit record levels; millions of people

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CDC, Aventis direct flu shots

WASHINGTON (AP) — Many of the nation's scarce remaining flu shots will be shipped directly to pediatricians, nursing homes and other places that care for high-risk patients, under a plan negotiated between the government and maker Aventis Pasteur.

The targeted shipments come as health officials struggle to ensure the people who most need flu shots get them, now that the nation's supply of influenza vaccine has been slashed in half.

Under the plan announced Tuesday by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Aventis will direct shipments of its remaining 22.4 million doses to health workers who care for patients that the CDC deems at highest risk of death or hospitalization from influenza.

The first of the shipments, about 14.2 million doses, begins immediately but will take six to eight weeks to finish distributing to pediatricians' offices, hospitals, nursing homes and long-term care facilities that thus far haven't received much, if any, vaccine.

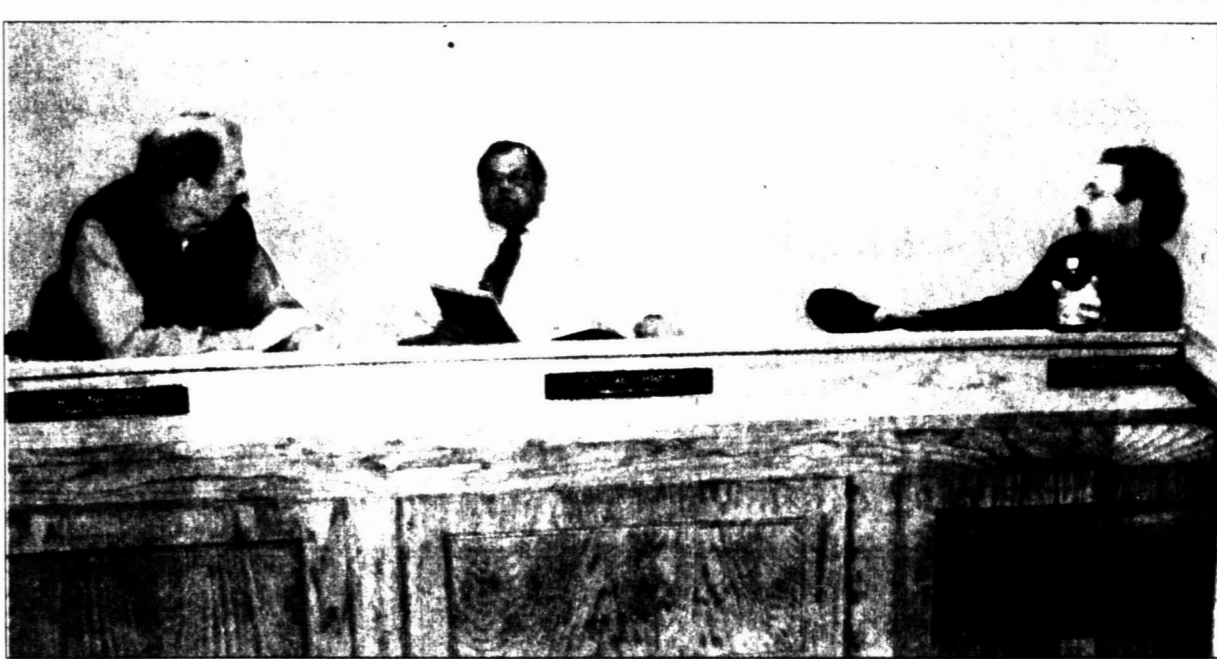
The CDC is mapping county-by-county the number of flu vaccine doses shipped and matching that with each county's number of high-risk residents.

The CDC last week urged healthy adults to forego getting flu shots, after British regulators unexpectedly shut down a major U.S. supplier, Chiron Corp., and halted shipment of 46 million to 48 million doses.

That left Aventis as this year's sole supplier of injectible flu vaccine, with a total 55.4 million doses. By last week, it had shipped over half that amount, mostly to private distributors.

The CDC hopes the new plan for allocating the rest of Aventis' supply can better target the shots to the highest-priority patients: babies and tod-

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

From left, Gary Sutherland, John Horst and Doug Locke discuss matters involving the Pampa Economic Development Corporation at the regular PEDC board meeting at 5 p.m. yesterday. Sutherland and Locke were the only members of the five-person board attending the meeting and no action was taken because a quorum was not present.

EDC meeting canceled due to 3 absent board members

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Lack of a quorum prohibited members of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board of directors from taking any action at their regular meeting at 5 p.m. yesterday in City Hall.

Gary Sutherland and President Doug Locke were the only board members present. City Finance Director and Acting City Manager John

Horst also attended.

"We've only had this happen twice, I think, in the three years this board has been meeting," Locke said of the absences.

On Monday's agenda was discussion and pos-

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High court eyeing Ten Commandment displays

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Tuesday it will take up the constitutionality of Ten Commandments displays on government land and buildings, a surprise announcement that puts justices in the middle of a politically sensitive issue.

Justices have repeat-

'The Ten Commandments case could be the blockbuster religious liberty case that the Supreme Court has seen in a really long time.'

— Mathew Staver
Liberty Counsel representative

edly refused to revisit issues raised by their 1980 decision that banned the posting of copies of the Ten Commandments in public school classrooms.

In the meantime, lower courts have reached a hodgepodge of conflicting rulings that allow displays in

some instances but not in others.

The high court will hear appeals early next year involving displays in Kentucky and Texas.

In the Texas case, the justices will decide if a Ten Commandments monument on the state Capitol grounds is an unconstitutional attempt to establish

state-sponsored religion.

A homeless man, Thomas Van Orden, lost his lawsuit to have the 6-foot tall red granite removed. The Fraternal Order of Eagles donated the monument to the state in 1961.

The group gave

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UW readies for next check-in

Pampa United Way reportedly brought in a total of \$17,872.20 at its third check-in luncheon last week, according to a press release provided by Katrina Bigham, executive administrator of the local UW. Bigham said the organization has now reached 25 percent of its \$312,000 goal.

The fourth check-in is scheduled at 11:45 a.m. Thursday in the large meeting room of Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

"Make every effort to come to this free luncheon and enjoy the meal, fellowship, and receive an update on the campaign. Please bring your finished pledge cards and money to the check-in," Bigham said in the press release.

Bigham reported the following monies have been collected thus far in the campaign by the various divisions: Commercial - \$1,352; Individual - \$5,965; Major Firms - \$22,874.60; Oil and Gas - \$8,700; Professional - \$6,435; Special Gifts - \$27,232; and Other - \$1,753.

Bigham reported that Major Firms - Loaned Executives division needs to schedule presentations "so we can get the totals in our tally. If you need help, don't hesitate to call me or Bob Marx," she said.

The sponsoring agencies for the upcoming luncheon are Community Day Care Center, Gray County Latch Key and The Salvation Army. The sponsoring agencies for last week's check-in

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Girl missing

Local authorities seek missing teen

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa Police Department and Amarillo Police Department are working together to find a missing 15-year-old Pampa girl.

Jessica Lenay Carey, a Pampa High School student who lives at 804 Beryl with her mother, was last seen in the 1300 block of Aster Street in the Eastridge area of Amarillo, the night of Friday, Oct. 8 into the morning of Saturday, Oct. 9, according to a news release from Det. Connie Lockridge of Pampa Police Department.

"Jessica and two juvenile companions left Pampa without parental consent on Friday, Oct. 8 at about 9 p.m. in a blue Nissan. The trio traveled to Amarillo, where they drove around before being invited to a party on Aster Street by two unknown Hispanic males in a black Honda," Lockridge said in the release.

Carey accepted a ride with the two in the



Jessica Lenay Carey

Honda and "failed to reunite with her friends. Individuals at the Aster Street location told the girls that Jessica left in a white Cadillac with unidentified male individuals," Lockridge said.

Carey had not been located as of press time today, Lockridge said.

"Pampa PD and Amarillo PD are working together to locate Jessica. Foul play is not suspected; however, it has not been ruled out. Individuals contacted thus far deny any knowledge of Jessica's whereabouts," Lockridge said.

"Anyone discovered to be harboring her can be prosecuted for harboring a runaway," she said.

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sible action on United Medicare funding.

"We wanted to discuss setting a cap with them to determine our maximum liability. They didn't want to tie themselves down to a cap" when the agreement between the PEDC and United Medicare was created, Locke said.

"Right now, we have an open-ended agreement with them, with no cap," he said.

Horst, in conversation with Locke and Sutherland, said the PEDC should be able to pay off a bank loan sometime in November. Locke said he would "poll everyone to see about" whether and when to pay off

the note, after an expected deposit is made to PEDC's account.

Monday's agenda included discussion and possible action on assets, review and approval of accounts payable, and setting the next meeting date and time, in addition to United Medicare funding.

The board will hold two more meetings, which will be their last as the PEDC continues the process of dissolution, Locke said. The next meeting will be the second Monday of January, 2005, and the final meeting is scheduled for the second Monday in March, 2005, he said.

Absent from Monday's meeting were Steve Phillips, Bill Allison and Dalton Lewis.

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Carey is described as 5'5", 130 pounds, long blonde hair and blue eyes. She has a white pigment birthmark near her right temple. She has a pierced tongue and a scar on her navel from a failed piercing attempt. Her last known clothing was a tan blouse,

hip-hugger blue jeans and brown slip-on type shoes. She was wearing large double hoop silver earrings similar to those in her photograph.

Carey has relatives and/or friends in Pampa, Amarillo, Groom, Dumas, Sunray, Clarendon, Gruver and Lefors, Lockridge said.

Anyone with information they wish to share on Carey may call Pampa Police Department at 669-5700.

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scores of similar monuments to American towns during the 1950s and '60s, and those have been the subject of multiple court fights.

The justices will consider whether a lower court wrongly barred the posting of the Ten Commandments in Kentucky courthouses.

McCreary and Pulaski county officials hung framed copies of the Ten Commandments in their courthouses and later added other documents, such as the Magna Carta and

Declaration of Independence, after the display was challenged.

"The Ten Commandments case could be the blockbuster religious liberty case that the Supreme Court has seen in a really long time," said Mathew Staver of the conservative law group Liberty Counsel, who represents the Kentucky counties. "It's finally here."

Last week, the justices rejected an appeal from a high-profile crusader for Ten Commandment monuments, ousted Alabama Chief Justice Roy Moore, who lost his job after defying a federal order to dismantle a Ten Commandments monument.

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dlers ages 6 months to 23 months; anyone 65 or older; anyone with chronic medical conditions such as heart or

lung disease; pregnant women; residents of long-term care facilities; children on chronic aspirin therapy; health workers who care for high-risk patients; and caregivers and household contacts of babies under age 6 months.

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were Gray County Child Protective Services, Samaritan

Counseling and Tralee Crisis Center.

Recital to benefit tri-city association

BORGER — Area music lovers will have the opportunity to hear three local residents when John Alexander, baritone, presents a recital on Sunday, October 17, at 2:30 p.m. at the Frank Phillips College Auditorium with guest pianist Billie Jo Forney.

Alexander will be accompanied by Rosemarie Scott.

John Alexander is a frequent soloist for the FPC Community Choir and for church programs. He is a longtime student of Mrs. Scott. His program will include classical works by Leoncavallo, Tchaikowsky, Brahms and Bizet.

Alexander will also perform a love medley which will include "My Romance" by Rodgers, "Love Letters" by Young, "Somebody Loves Me" by Gershwin and "When I Fall in Love" by Young.

The third part of his program will feature music from Broadway — "Maria" from "West Side Story," "Music of the Night" from "Phantom of the Opera"



John Alexander

and "Bring Him Home" from "Les Miserables."

Mrs. Forney's program will include Chopin's "Fantasie Impromptu" and Scherzo No. 2 in B Flat Minor, "Clair de lune" from Suite Bergamasque by Debussy and "I Got Rhythm" by George Gershwin.

Cost of admission is \$5 at the door. Proceeds will benefit Tri-City Concert Association.

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have lost their coverage; and John Kerry has a plan to deal with those issues," said campaign spokesman Phil Singer. The Kerry campaign cited the senator's proposal to end tax cuts for Americans making more than \$200,000 a year as a means to address the problem.

From Colorado Springs, Bush was heading to Arizona and a Republican Party fund-raiser in Paradise Valley.

Bush's campaigning Tuesday in the conservative heart of Colorado was an effort to counter Kerry's efforts to win a state that has voted Republican in nine of the past 11 presidential elections. One poll shows Bush ahead in Colorado; another shows the two men in a close race.

"Kerry is here to try to make up electoral votes he can't get in the South," said Colorado College political

science professor Bob Loevy. "John Kerry and the Democrats are setting a tall order for themselves by making a play for Colorado."

In a last-minute flurry of accusations before their final debate, Kerry tried to tie Bush to record oil prices while the president charged that his Democratic opponent had misunderstood the war on terror.

On Monday, Kerry talked back to the president who has taken to calling him a tax-and-spend liberal with a 20-year Senate record of voting in favor of tax increases.

The record price of oil "means a lot more profit for this president's friends in the oil industry. For most middle class Americans, the Bush tax increase is a tax increase that they can't afford," Kerry said in New Mexico.

Bush, also campaigning in New Mexico, ridiculed Kerry for saying in an interview published Sunday in The New York Times Magazine, "We have to get back to the place we were,

where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

"I couldn't disagree more," the president said. "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive."

The Kerry campaign counterattacked, circulating a 2-year-old comment from Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser in the first Bush administration, who said the United States can

break the back of terrorism "so that it is a horrible nuisance, and not a paralyzing influence."

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Viewpoints

Bust to boom: One more prayer answered

There was a bumper sticker circulating in the 1980s which said something like, "Lord, just give me one more oil boom. I promise not to waste it."

It looks like that prayer may be answered. Thanks to new production laws, record prices for crude oil and probably all sorts of other factors, production of fossil fuels is once again alive and well in this area.

Of course, there is always a downside. The record prices for the raw products means that consumers will be paying more for the fin-

ished products. I understand that natural gas prices this winter will be something like twice what they were last winter. And anyone who drives a vehicle that has an internal combustion engine has been paying more at the pump for some time now.

But this part of the country is one of those that are luckier than others at such times. We pay more, like everyone else, but we also benefit from the situation.

If you haven't already driven east toward Canadian and Wheeler, or north toward Miami, you should.

Not only is it time for the fall foliage to appear, but there is something else decorating the landscape these days.

Drilling rigs. Lots of them. More than have been out there in 20 years, I'll bet.

It's especially impressive at night, when they are all lit up. It's easier to see just how many there are.

Area companies involved in fuel production have been

hiring employees and gathering equipment at a rate not seen in these parts in years. Even though some people may be leaving town, others are moving here, because of these jobs.

This area should make the most of this situation. I'm not an economics guru, but surely there are those in Pampa who stand to benefit from the little boom we're having. Maybe this would be a

good time to proceed with cleaning things up, taking stock of assets, and putting together plans to attract people and businesses to Pampa.

After all, the last time the drilling activity went from boom to bust, there wasn't much to act as underpinnings for the suddenly shrunken local economy.

It is always a good idea to learn from experience and strive to do better next time. Now is that time. Let's all work to make Pampa a place for people and businesses to want to make their homes here. It would be so nice if

we could get new industries, retail businesses, and other employers to look favorably on our little piece of the planet.

Local leaders should ask themselves these questions: What would make an employer or employee want to be here? What can I do to help make this town fit that image?

This upswing won't last forever. But I think it will last for awhile, and I hope all of us, not just the oilfield workers, live up to that bumper sticker. Let's not waste it.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 12, the 286th day of 2004. There are 80 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 12th, 1492, Christopher Columbus arrived with his expedition in the present-day Bahamas.

On this date:

In 1870, Gen. Robert E. Lee died in Lexington, Va., at age 63.

In 1915, English nurse Edith Cavell was executed by the Germans in occupied Belgium during World War I.

In 1933, bank robber John Dillinger escaped from a jail in Allen County, Ohio, with the help of his gang, who killed the sheriff.

In 1942, during World War II, American naval forces defeated the Japanese in the Battle of Cape Esperance.

In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt delivered one of his so-called "fireside chats" in which he recommended the drafting of 18- and 19-year-old men.

In 1960, Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev disrupted a U.N. General Assembly session by pounding his desk with a shoe during a dispute.

In 1964, the Soviet Union launched a Voskhod space capsule with a three-man crew on the first manned mission involving more than one crew member.

In 1968, the summer Games of the 19th Olympiad officially opened in Mexico City.

In 1973, President Nixon nominated House minority leader Gerald R. Ford of Michigan to succeed Spiro T. Agnew as vice president.

In 2002, a bomb blamed on Islamic militants destroyed a nightclub on the Indonesian island of Bali, killing 202 people, many of them foreign tourists.

Ten years ago: Panama granted political asylum to ousted Haitian military leader Raoul Cedras. The Magellan space probe ended its four-year mapping mission of Venus, plunging into the planet's atmosphere.

American Clifford G. Shull and Canadian Bertram N. Brockhouse won the Nobel physics prize; American George A. Olah won the Nobel chemistry prize.

Five years ago: Pakistan's military overthrew the democratically elected government of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif. Ahmed H. Zewail of the California Institute of Technology won the Nobel Prize for chemistry; Dutch scientists Gerardus 't Hooft and Martinus J.G. Veltman won the Nobel Prize for physics.

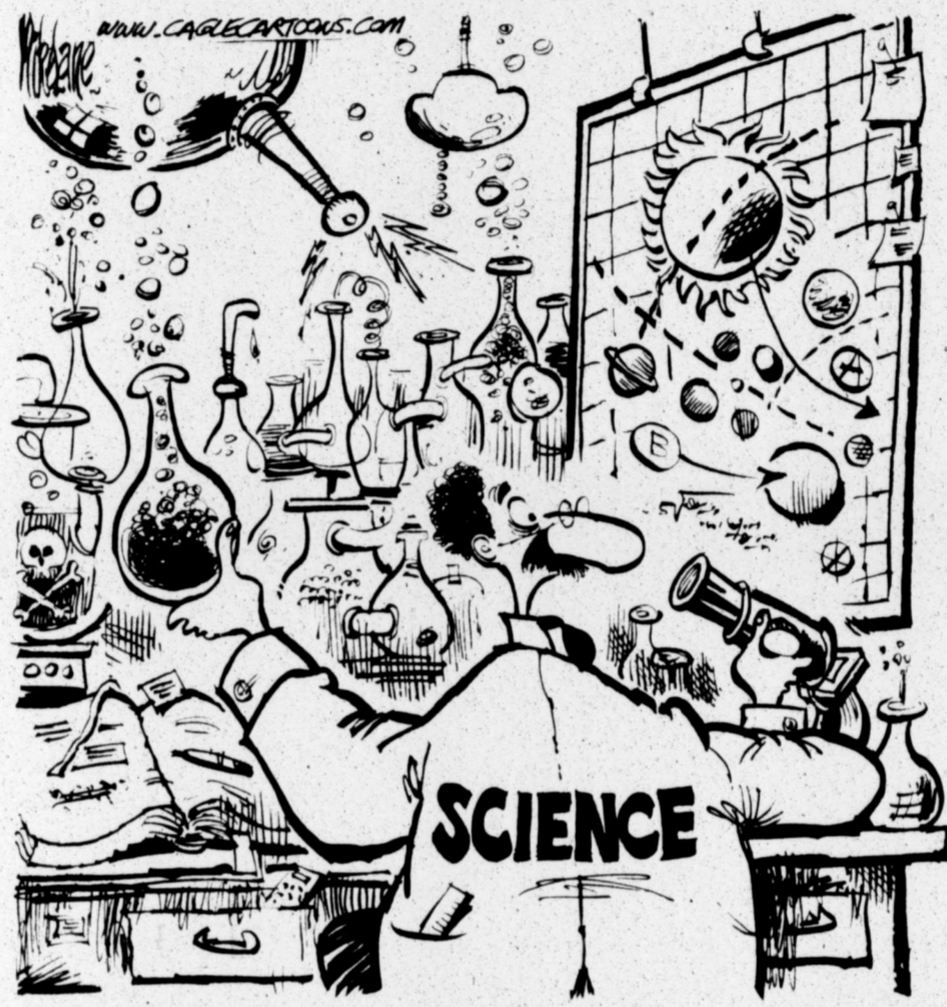
NBA Hall-of-Famer Wilt "The Stilt" Chamberlain died at his Los Angeles home at age 63.

One year ago: A suicide attack outside a Baghdad hotel full of Americans killed six bystanders. Doctors in Dallas succeeded in separating two-year-old Egyptian conjoined twins.

Germany won the Women's Soccer World Cup 2-1 over Sweden in overtime. Hall of Fame jockey Bill Shoemaker died in San Marino, Calif., at age 72.

'Matrimony is not a word, it's a sentence.'

— Eddie Cantor
American comedian-singer (1892-1964)



President finally does his homework

The president finally showed the guts, determination and focus that earned him victories in the three debates with Al Gore. He finally did his homework. He focused on his briefing points and mobilized his rhetoric to win the second debate.

It was Reagan-Mondale all over again. In the first debate of 1984, Walter Mondale soundly defeated Ronald Reagan, and in the process raised questions about the elderly president's mental acuity. In the first debate of 2004, Kerry's victory raised worries about President Bush's mental acuity. But in the second debate of his re-election year, Reagan rebounded through his humor to reassure the doubters. Twenty years later, Bush recovered through his aggressiveness to make clear

that he is still the president, still the man.

Bush won even in the domestic-policy part of the debate — a victory that was as unlikely as John Kerry's win in the confrontation on foreign issues. By explaining his tax-cut policies and hanging John Edwards' trial-lawyer record around Kerry's neck, he rebutted the Democratic attacks and made his own record visible and showcased it compellingly.

But it was in the opening 38 minutes that focused on Iraq and the War on Terror that Bush won the key points. By coming out aggressively and attacking the bribery in the Oil-for-

Food program, he showed the strength and vigor that Americans know is necessary to deal with the terrorist threat.

Bush won this debate by explaining the rationale for the war and tied it to protecting homeland security. He defended his deficit by saying he was not willing either to raise taxes or to endanger our troops by underfunding the War on Terror.

The dignified, coiffured John Kerry came out behind his podium and paced the floor. But he was shown up by George W. Bush. He showed how superficial were his arguments and how

contradictory was his record. In a forum that seemed more real for the participation of the voters, Bush made it clear that he is in charge and that he is protecting us in a way that John Kerry never could do.

Kerry's debating gimmicks, his briefing notes, his talking points all came up against Bush's presidentialness — and came up short. He was reduced to quibbling while the president focused on national policy and our public interest.

The essential contradiction of Kerry's position on Iraq became clear when Bush demonstrated how facile was the Democrat's hope that he could attract allies or win the war while proclaiming it a mistake, a failure, and a distraction.

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Dick Morris
Columnist



School accountability ratings hard to fathom

Making sense of the accountability ratings of Texas public schools takes some doing.

The data, released last week, have left many parents wondering what it all means and how the ratings will affect their children.

Parents need to do some research and get informed before posting "For Sale" signs in front of their homes because their neighborhood school did not fare well.

Two separate accountability ratings were unveiled last week. One came from the state; the other was from the federal government.

Student performance on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills played a big role in both rat-

ings. Based on how students performed, the state ranked schools as exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable and academically unacceptable.

Some schools that had done well in the past did not rate as high this go-round, but that is not grounds for transferring a child to another school.

Parents should heed Texas Commissioner of Education Shirley Neeley's advice and look closely at the data behind the ratings.

"In most cases, these schools (with disappointing

ratings) have not had a decline in academic performance. The state has significantly raised the bar, primarily through the testing program, which will not be fully phased in until the spring of 2005," Neeley said in a press conference in Austin.

It is to be expected that when the bar is raised, lower performance ratings will occur. In the end, all children benefit from the higher expectations.

For those schools that snared higher state ratings, the improvement carries

bragging rights. However, there are no sanctions against schools with the lower performance scores.

Schools that made the federal "needs improvement" list, however, are subject to sanctions.

There are 199 Texas schools on the list, including 25 in San Antonio. Schools on the federal list will be required to give students the option to transfer to another public school, and the school district will have to pay for their transportation.

Continued lack of improvement will result in further sanctions.

Close inspection of the data behind the "needs

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Calendar items

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2004-05 concert series includes the following programs: Artie Shaw Legacy, Rhythm in Shoes; Southern Fried Jazz Band; and pianist Richard Glazier. For more information on any of these events, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631.

• **The Moms and Babies Coming Shop** in Pampa is looking for volunteers to help man the shop. For more information, call 664-2459.

• **2CARE for Moms and Babies is conducting** free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339.

• **Texas Department of Human Services** is seeking volunteers for its Texas Works Services Program. Tasks are varied and placement is based upon the volunteer's interest, capability and availability of openings. Hours are flexible. For more information, contact Beth Miller at 665-1863.

• **Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series** will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

• **The Texas Department of Health** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella).

The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 6 and 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and from 12:30-4 p.m., Oct. 11, City Hall, Canadian.

• **Pampa Civic Ballet** will conduct two auditions for the upcoming seasonal performance of "The Nutcracker" at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 13 at Beaux Arts Dance Studio, 315 N. Nelson, in Pampa. PCB will be conducting auditions for the part of Clara as well as for parts for boys ages 3-14.

• **Tralee Crisis Center** is sponsoring an **Honorable Man March** at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 14 to start at the intersection of Francis and Cuyler. The purpose of the march is to raise awareness of domestic violence and encourage men who live a violence free lifestyle to step up and be recognized by the community. Out of the 153 women killed last year in Texas, two of those were from Pampa, according to the crisis center.



Pledging allegiance

Members of Brownie and Girl Scout Troops 232, 245 and 514 led the Pledge of Allegiance during the dedication and open house of Pioneer Cottage recently. Above: (bottom row, left-right) Lacey Dodson, Chrissi DuBose, Kenzie Griffin; (middle, l-r) Jennifer Hendricks, Mayce Wheat, Chelsie Griffin; (top, l-r) Mary Jo Collier, Chrissy DiTirro and Tammy DuBose. The girls were accompanied by troop leaders LeAnn Griffin, Lynn DiTirro, Denise Dodson and LaGayla Wheat.

Legislator admits to 'inexcusable behavior'

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A Democratic congressman in a tight re-election race admitted Tuesday that while he was a college student 28 years ago, he was disciplined by school officials for "inexcusable behavior" toward an ex-girlfriend.

The admission by Rep. David Wu, D-Ore., came immediately after a report published in The Oregonian newspaper saying a former girlfriend from college once claimed Wu tried to force her into having sex. The lengthy report said the woman, whom the newspaper did not identify, declined to comment.

In a statement, Wu said he had a "two-year romantic relationship that ended with inexcusable behavior on my part."

"I take full responsibility for my actions and I am very sorry," Wu said. "I was disciplined by Stanford

University for my behavior, and I worked with a counselor. This single event forever changed my life and the person I have become."

He didn't elaborate on what he had done or what school officials did to discipline him. The paper said he lost a pending appointment as a dormitory resident assistant.

Wu, 49, is facing a tough re-election challenge this year from Republican Goli Ameri. He is seeking his fourth term in Oregon's 1st Congressional District.

The newspaper said none of the information in its story came from Ameri or any Republican officials or activists. Wu declined to speak to the newspaper for the story.

A former patrol commander at Stanford, Raoul Niemeyer, told The Oregonian that the 21-year-old Wu was brought to the campus police annex in

the summer of 1976 after his ex-girlfriend alleged that he tried to force her into sex. They had broken up that spring, it said.

According to Niemeyer, Wu told police that what happened was consensual.

Niemeyer did not see or meet with the woman but said his officers told him she was bruised and that she and Wu previously "had some type of a relationship."

"Whether it was an amorous one or whether it was just platonic or what, I never was able to determine because, you know, the guy, he basically clammed up after that and wouldn't talk," Niemeyer told the paper.

Wu was not arrested. The woman ultimately declined to press charges and did not file a formal complaint with the school, former Stanford officials said.

Debate

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And in the off-camera moments, it was Kerry's turn to look angry and for the bags under his eyes to acquire a petulance and a peevishness which had formerly marred Bush's performance.

Bush seemed ready to pounce. When Kerry spoke,

it was Bush who crept up behind and rebutted the Democrat's talking points. Even on the question of abortion — where I agree with Kerry and disagree with Bush — the president did a good job of casting himself as a centrist and labeling Kerry as a leftist.

The crowd seemed to reinvigorate Bush. He spoke with a dignity lacking in the first debate and a presidential bearing that was not there last time.

By labeling Kerry as the most liberal member of the Senate, he pushed the Democrat into the corner and showed him to be outside the mainstream of American politics.

Bush took control of the debate. The president took over.

Kerry was reduced to the posture of an outsider, a pretender, an advocate contrasted with the president.

Will the debate influence the election? Bush's

responses and his policies won. He will emerge stronger for this debate. A tied race will likely revert to a Bush edge. Can Bush maintain it? Can he go through the final debate, on domestic policy, and keep his advantage?

He had a good workout in this debate. He learned how to handle Kerry not only on foreign issues, but on domestic issues as well. Bush is on his way.

They should find out what the problem is and how the school is going to address it.

The rankings alone are insufficient reason to place a child on a bus and send him away from his neighborhood school.

Ratings

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improvement" designation is also warranted.

A school could be on the list because of the performance level of a subgroup comprised of a small number of students.

Under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, schools need to show "adequate yearly progress," often referred to as AYP, in test scores of the general population as well as subgroups of students categorized by race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status and disability.

Administrators at schools cited by the federal government as needing improvement are scheduling meetings in the next several weeks to address concerns about the ratings and the implications for students.

Parents need to attend those meetings in order to make an informed decision about their children's education.

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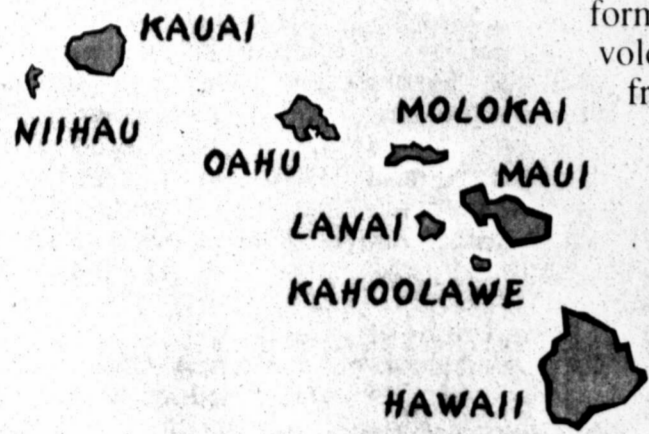


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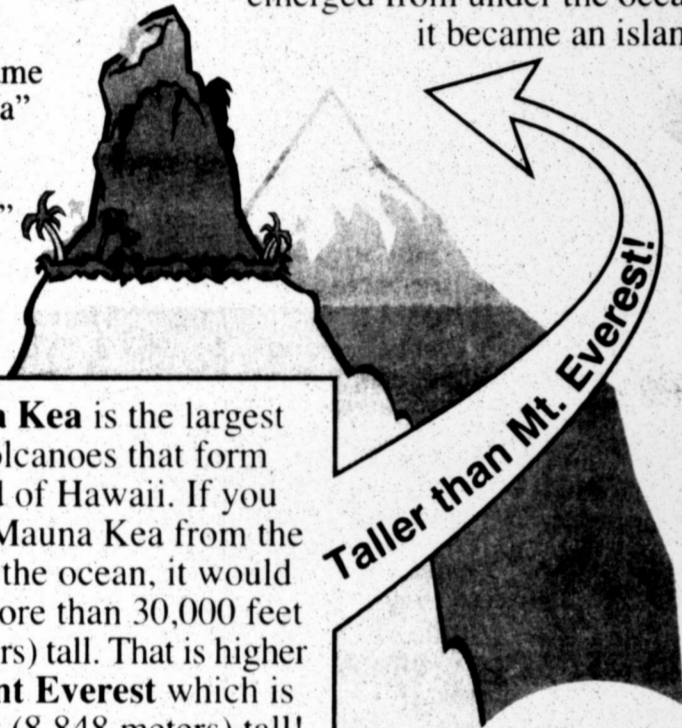
The theme for this year's celebrations is "Living on a Restless Earth." What makes our Earth restless? Volcanoes are a natural event that change the geography of our planet. Volcanic eruptions formed the Hawaiian Islands!

How the Hawaiian Islands Were Formed



Each of the Hawaiian Islands was formed by one or more volcanoes that erupted from the ocean floor. Over millions of years, as the lava cooled and hardened, each volcano grew into a mountain. When the top of the mountain emerged from under the ocean, it became an island.

The Hawaiian name "Mauna Kea" means "White Mountain."

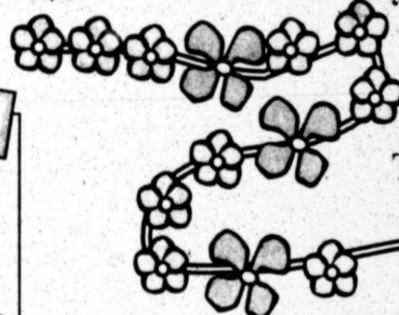


Mauna Kea is the largest of the volcanoes that form the island of Hawaii. If you measured Mauna Kea from the bottom of the ocean, it would measure more than 30,000 feet (9,144 meters) tall. That is higher than Mount Everest which is 29,028 feet (8,848 meters) tall!

Standards Link: Earth Science: Students know some changes in the earth and land formation are due to volcanic eruptions.

The Spirit of Hawaii

Visitors to Hawaii are often greeted with a necklace called a lei (pronounced "lay"). Leis can be made of flowers, shells, berries, nuts, leaves, vines and even bird feathers.

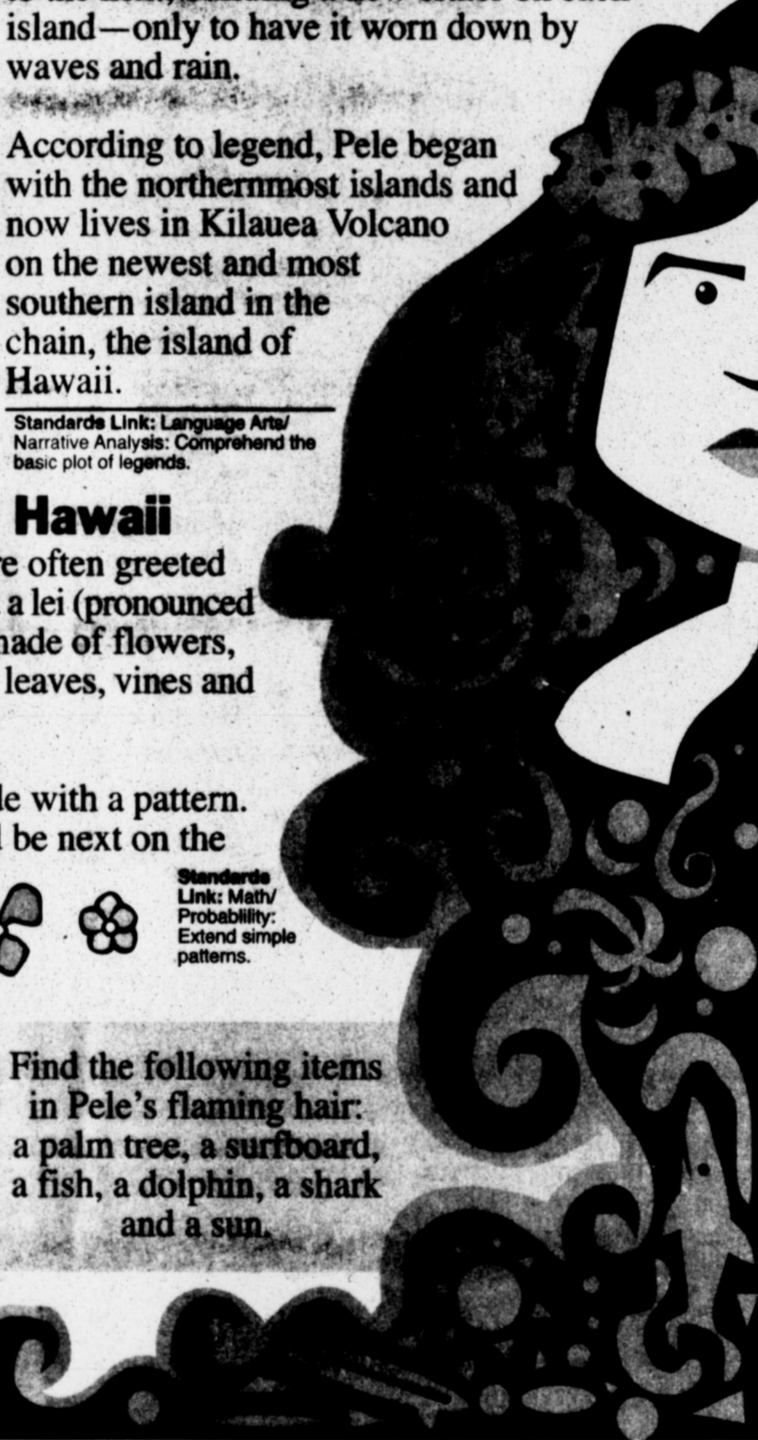


This lei is being made with a pattern. Which item should be next on the string?



Standards Link: Math/Probability: Extend simple patterns.

Find the following items in Pele's flaming hair: a palm tree, a surfboard, a fish, a dolphin, a shark and a sun.



The Legend of Pele

Legends say that the goddess Pele created the lava that flows from the volcanoes.

Pele's worst enemy is her sister, a sea goddess named Na-maka. Pele has fled from one island to the next, building a new crater on each island—only to have it worn down by waves and rain.

According to legend, Pele began with the northernmost islands and now lives in Kilauea Volcano on the newest and most southern island in the chain, the island of Hawaii.

Standards Link: Language Arts/Narrative Analysis: Comprehend the basic plot of legends.

How Many Islands?

The American Geological Institute organized Earth Science Week to help people better understand earth science.

There are 132 islands, reefs and shoals in the chain of islands known as the Hawaiian Archipelago. The names of the eight major islands are scrambled below. Use the map to help you unscramble them.

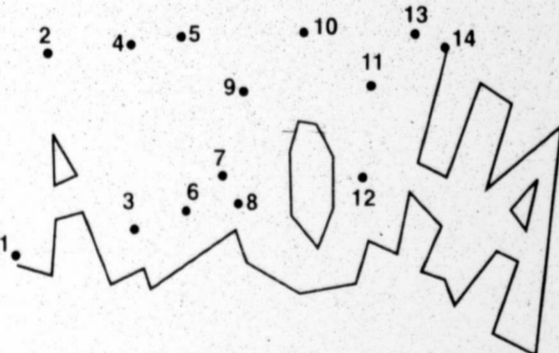
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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read grade level words correctly.

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When do vowels make long and short sounds? Choose a vowel. Use the headlines in today's newspaper to find words with that vowel. Which ones have long sounds? Which have short sounds?

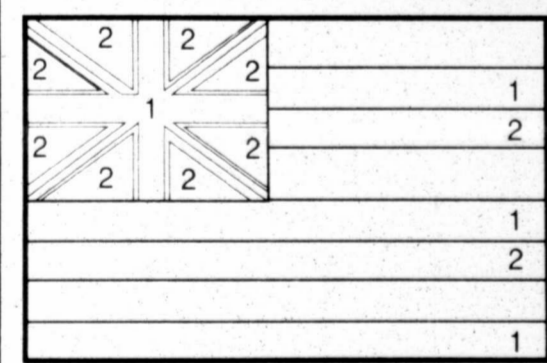
Standards Link: Language Arts/Phonemic Awareness: Identify long and short vowel sounds.



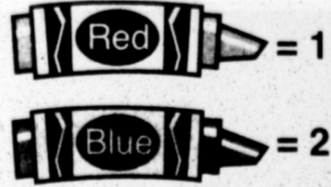
Connect the dots to find out how to say hello in Hawaii.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Hawaii Becomes a State



Color the Hawaiian flag.



Hawaii became the fiftieth state in the United States on August 21, 1959. To welcome Hawaii into the union, all American flags were changed to add another star. The new state of Hawaii also adopted its own state flag, which

contains colors and designs from both the British flag and the American flag. Each stripe stands for one of the eight major inhabited islands. The stripes alternate in color from the top: white, red, blue, white, red, blue, white, red.

Standards Link: Social Science/History: Understand the symbols of the U.S.

Double Double Word Search

- ISLANDS
- MANY
- RESTLESS
- VOLCANO
- PELE
- LEI
- FLAG
- HAWAII
- ZONE
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- MAP
- CHAIN
- STAR

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

Lost Socks!

Where do lost socks go? If you're trying on slippers or sandals, you take off one sock and then you forget to put the sock on again.

Kyle, 2nd Grade

I think they go to Monkey Mania. At Monkey Mania, the monkeys make the socks into puppets and make fun of humans. "Humans are so weird," the monkeys say.

Krista, 4th Grade

I think lost socks go to my Aunt Dona's house because it is a black hole. If you leave anything there you might never get it back. That's because lots of people lose stuff there so you never can find your clothes in the big closet full of clothes.

Grace, 4th Grade

My sock is missing. I know where it went. The sock monster ate it. The sock monster only eats one sock or else it will get a stomach ache.

Jaime, 3rd Grade

One day I was washing the laundry with my mom. Finally, we finished, but one of my socks was missing. I looked and looked. It was in the basket!

Itzel, 4th Grade

When I lose my socks I try to find my dog, because he has my socks.

Zoran, 4th Grade

There is a sock monster that takes everybody's socks. Every time you take off your socks he eats them. He sleeps under your bed. He puts your glitter on them like hot sauce.

Selena, 4th Grade

Socks, socks, socks: the number one thing to lose. If you bought brand new socks, you lose them the next day. They probably walk off somewhere.

Melissa, 4th Grade

Lost socks go under your bed where the Boogeyman, and other creatures live. They only eat your left sock because the left socks taste like children. The right socks taste like gym shoes. That is why they only eat one sock.

Sami, 6th Grade

Write On!

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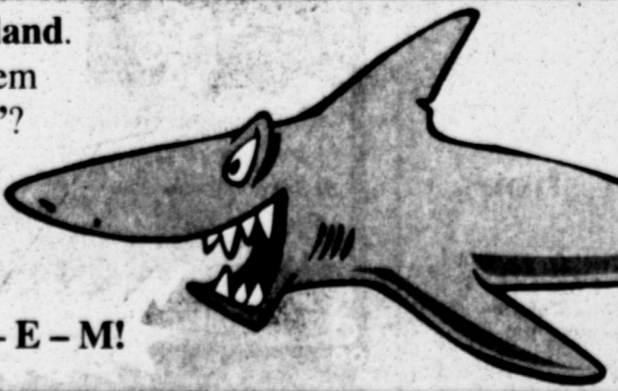
BEYOND Kid Scoop

What Time in Hawaii?

There is a three-hour difference between Hawaii Standard Time and Pacific Standard Time. If it is 5 p.m. in California, it is 2 p.m. in Hawaii. Look through the newspaper for the starting times of five different things. What time will it be in Hawaii when these things start in your area?

Standards Link: Math/Measurement: Understand time intervals.

Hawaii, volcano and island. How can you spell them without the letter "a"?



T - H - E - M!

Business Review

B&B Pharmacy offers personal service

A small town pharmacy offers services a larger pharmacy cannot provide.

Home-owned and operated, B&B Pharmacy is dedicated to providing personal service to all of its customers. Dennis Roark and his wife Donna have owned the local pharmacy since 1988.

The pharmacy offers a full line of medical needs, including ostomy supplies. Special orders can be obtained in one day. Crutches, canes, braces and wraps are always in stock. Medical needs for sports-related injuries can also be found.

Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the Roarks. "We try to make our customers feel comfortable and free to ask any questions they might have," said Roark.

The staff at B&B Pharmacy strive to provide the personal service a big chain cannot provide.

"We try to stay away from the personalities of a big chain where you are just a number," he said. "Drugs have some interactions that can cause serious medical problems. We welcome our customers to come to us with

any concerns about interactions with their medications. It is important to us to know them and their needs."

"If any person has questions about the over-the-counter medications and possible reactions with their prescriptions, I would be more than happy to assist them."

Long time customers know that the staff at B&B Pharmacy will do all they can to meet the needs of their customers. New customers will find the personal service appealing to them.

"We want to provide our customers with their needs," said Roark. "New customers are always welcome."

The store covers almost all insurance plans.

B&B also provides free prescription delivery service.

The pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays. The business is closed on Sundays and holidays.

B&B Pharmacy is located at 300 N. Ballard, and their phone number is 665-5788.



▲ Pharmacist Dennis Roark provides friendly service to customers at the local B&B Pharmacy at 300 N. Ballard. Business phone for the pharmacy is 665-5788.



▲ Located at 300 N. Ballard, B&B Pharmacy has been owned by Roark and his wife Donna since 1988. Customers at B&B Pharmacy receive personal service from the couple and their staff that a large company cannot provide.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your advice to "Bound and Gagged in Pennsylvania" would have been considered correct in the past. As a retired police captain, I would have given similar advice years ago. However, today, with information gained primarily from car-jackings, as well as situations like the armed robbery described in your column, advice has changed.

Too often, victims (particularly children) who permit themselves to be tied up or abducted are assaulted or killed. The robber in the letter from "Bound and Gagged" had permitted the women to see his face. That's a cue that he may not have intended to leave them alive.

Every case is different, but perhaps the woman could have taken the opportunity when the girl struck out to attempt an escape or to raise an alarm. You have to play any incident as you see it, but we no longer advise people to just give in.

— BILL P. IN MINNESOTA

DEAR BILL P.: Thank you for writing. A number of readers took exception to my answer, and their opinions deserve to be aired. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: As a former police officer, I feel you did a disservice in judging the young robbery victim's reaction to the threat as wrong. It seems clear to me that she was acting on her strong instincts of self-preservation. I would be loath to characterize her response as improper. In fact, I think she displayed tremendous courage.

That robber had given neither woman any reason to trust him. There have been numerous instances in which victims were bound and gagged prior to being shot in the back of the head, execution-style, for no other reason than to prevent witnesses.

I would never suggest that anyone fight an armed attacker over mere money. However, when the attacker demands that you trust him with your bound-and-gagged life, I'd say the decision to fight or submit must be left with the per-

son threatened.
—STEPHANIE M. BREMEN, OHIO

DEAR STEPHANIE: I bow to your expertise. You have witnessed violence and its aftermath more than I.

DEAR ABBY: Remember Flight 93 on 9/11? If the passengers on that plane had taken your advice, the plane would have either crashed into the White House or the Capitol. And remember the shoe bomber? If those passengers had taken your advice, they all would have died. Remember the advice they used to give to women who were about to be raped? "Don't fight back; you might get hurt." Wrong! You usually get hurt anyway, often killed after being tortured.

— BILL M., GARRISON, MONT.

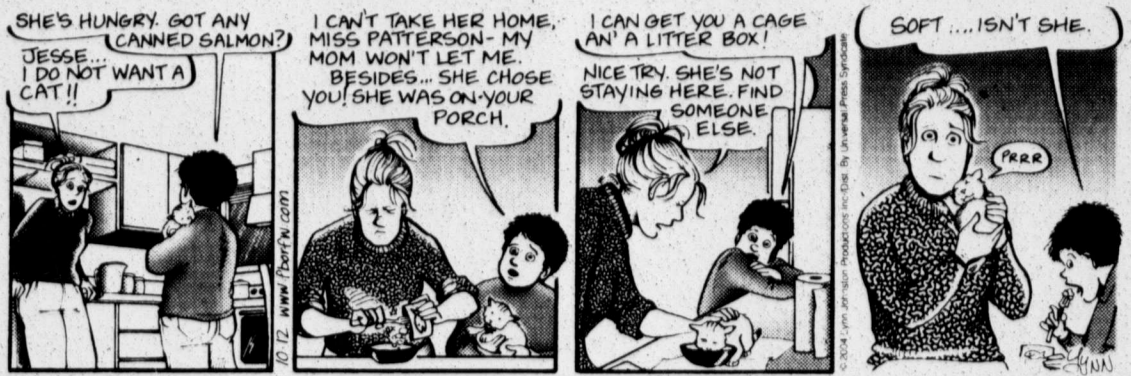
DEAR BILL M.: In the cases you have cited, the choice was clear-cut — fight or die. Not every situation is this way. How does one know when to take the risk?

DEAR ABBY: In the past, I let people harm me because I was told it was "safer" than fighting back. I now know otherwise. One determined woman can easily overpower a man, let alone two determined women! You were correct in terms of encouraging them to take self-defense classes. Many of the students, myself included, have found self-defense training has helped us to become more assertive in many other areas of our lives. I'll leave you with a favorite saying I was taught in self-defense class: It's not the size of the woman in the fight, it's the size of the fight in the woman!

— GISELE IN BERKELEY

DEAR GISELE: I agree that knowledge is power and that includes how to defend oneself. Sadly, although I was raised with the principle that violence is wrong, in instances like this, I now realize that it may be necessary to fight for one's life in order to save it.

For Better Or Worse



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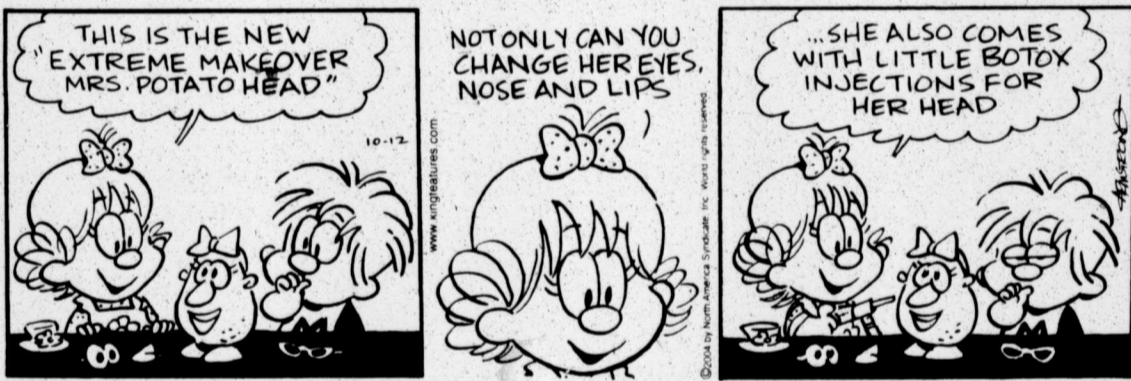
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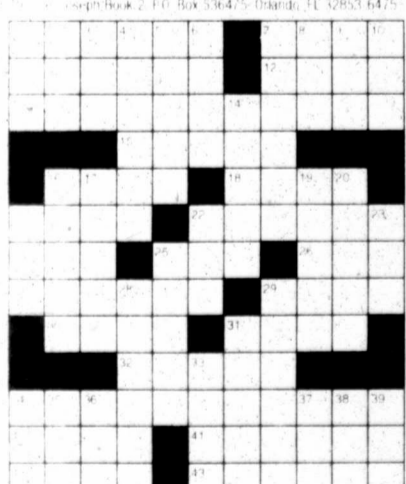
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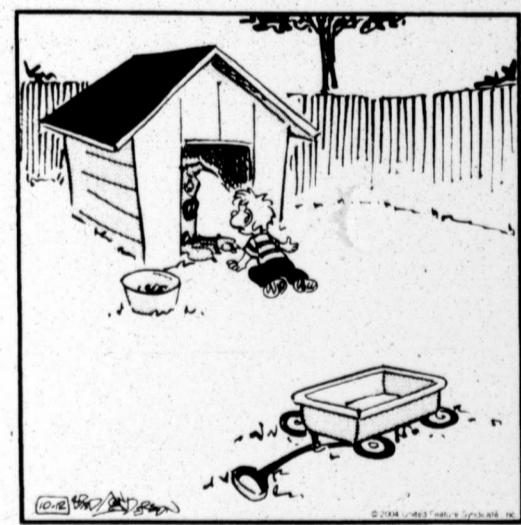
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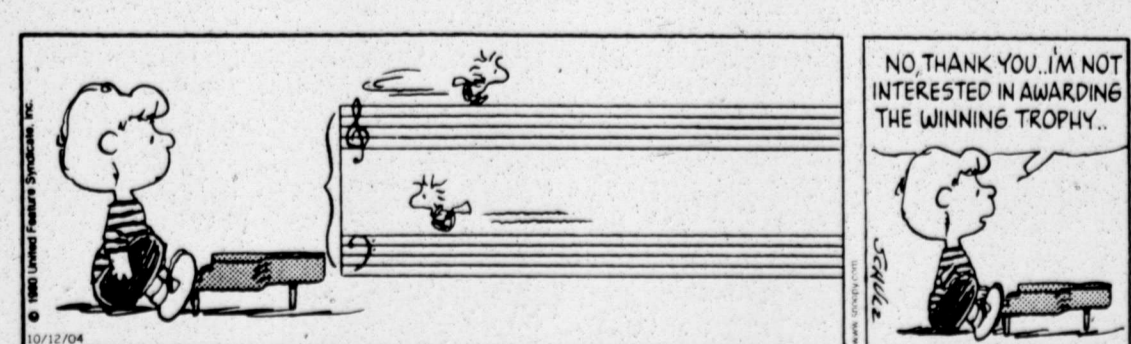
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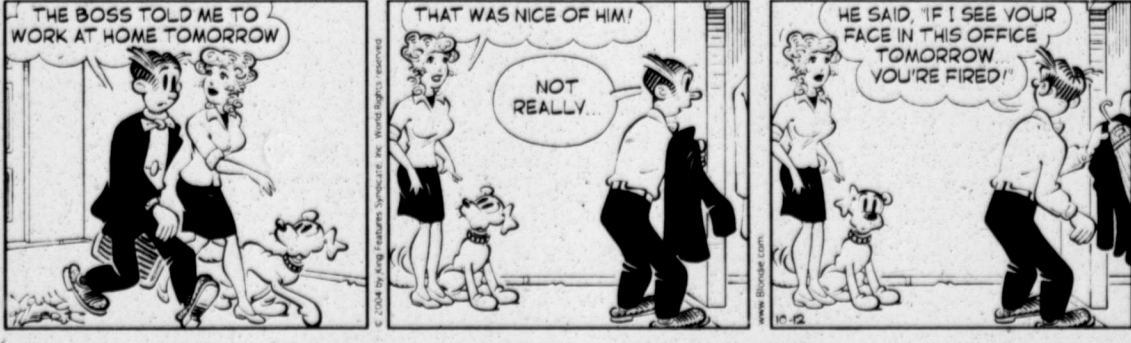
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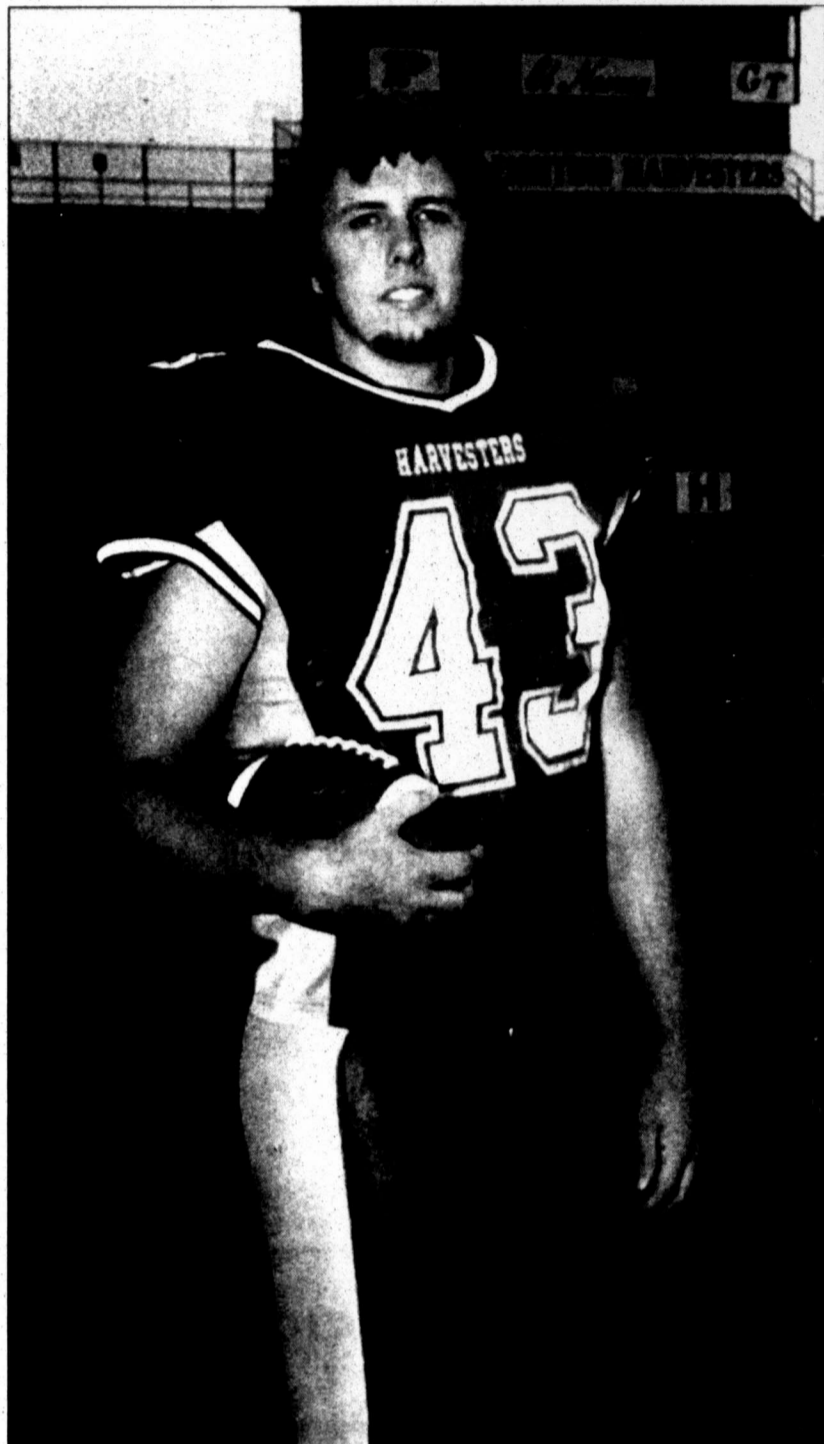
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Sports Day

Senior spotlight



Senior Brittin East is an important cog in the machine that is Pampa High School Football.

Brittin East, TE/DE

Brittin East, at 6'1", 210 pounds, is not an easy young man to miss. He was forced to roam the sideline in support of his Harvester teammates for the first part of the 2004 season while recovering from surgery. However, once cleared, made an immediate impact.

Brittin East
 Jersey: #43
 Player Position(s): Tight End/Defensive End
 Player Grade: 12
 Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s): John & Sabrina East
 School Activities/Interests: Football, Basketball, Student Council, D-Fy-It, Concert Choir, Show Choir
 Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

Sieck named commissioner, announces registration dates

Tisha Sieck will serve as Commissioner of Optimist Girls' Basketball, Optimist President Ronnie Haynes announced yesterday.

Sieck has coached girls' basketball for the YMCA in Amarillo for two years and a year for the Pampa Optimist Youth Club. This will be her second year as Commissioner.

"Registration will be the week of October 18," Sieck said. "We will also sign girls up for Tri-Star Basketball competition at the same time."

Sieck and her husband, Kevin, who is an internal medicine specialist with Family Medicine Center, have lived in Pampa for more than two years. They have four children. Blake is 13, Caitlin, 10, Brandon, 5, and Hallie, 1.

The Siecks are active in Trinity Fellowship Church.

"I grew up in Amarillo and graduated from River Road High School," Sieck said. She attended Texas Tech for four years majoring in elementary education.

"Playing Optimist basketball prepares girls to play in junior high and high school," Sieck said. "It also gives them an opportunity for physical activity, which many kids don't do any more."

Last year saw 104 girls play on seven fifth and sixth grade teams and six third and fourth grade teams. The season is expected to begin in early November and conclude before Christmas.

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Happy campers



Gym Camp was recently held at Madeline Graves Dance & Gymnastics Center with 20 children who spent three days learning new routines and techniques from guest Sherry Mulkey of Levelland and Sherry Folgeron of Lubbock. Campers were given awards, including campers of the week. Jonah Munsell was Junior Camper of the Week. Kimberly Curtis was Senior Camper of the Week. Pictured are, left to right, front row- Ashley Stark, Jonah Munsell, Jessica Hiberd and Sarah Gordzelik. Second row- Sherry Mulkey, Micah Wilson, Jacie Ketcherside, Bethany Strange, Cynthia Schepp, Alex Collins and Sherry Folgeron. Back row- Hunter Hughes, Keziah Nelson, Jenna Munsell, Leah Wilson, Kimberly Curtis, Danielle Zuniga and Stephanie Ronquillo.

Busy Pampa sports day

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
 Sports Editor

Hereford rolls into town this afternoon to take on Pampa High School. The PHS tennis team will take the courts against Hereford this afternoon. Matches are to get underway at 4 p.m. The Lady Harvester volleyball team will try to avenge an earlier road loss against Hereford this evening as well. First serve scheduled for 6 p.m. The 8th grade football team is home today taking on Plainview. B-team game at 5 p.m., A-team game at 7 p.m. The 7th grade team is on the road at Plainview this afternoon.



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Up, Up and Away

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
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Those who traveled to watch the Pampa High School JV team take on Randall in Amarillo last Thursday, were treated to a little something extra. Daring young men in their flying machines. In this case, paragliders.

Near the intersection of Western and Hollywood Road, in a field still wet from recent rains, you would see the canopies, red and yellow, take off, fly, and land. It called you to at least take a moment to stop and stare. For some, it drew you to where they were. There was also cactus and cow pies in the field.

Barry Ward and others are part of

a group called Power Up Paragliding. Their membership is small but growing. Ward, who also sells the equipment needed to take flight yourself, says, "Whenever the weather is good, you will usually find us out playing."

While it seemed easy for him and fellow flier, Rick Simmons, there was another fellow who just couldn't seem to get the hang of it. He struggled with his take-offs a bit. But other club members were there to lend a hand.

The canopies added some color to a cloudy sunset.

By the way, the Junior Varsity team won the game, 16-0.

You can learn more about paragliding at www.walkerjet.com.



Rick Simmons, left, takes advantage of the break in the weather last Thursday to get in a few runs with his paraglider. Barry Ward, above, carefully goes over his equipment and prepares to join Simmons. They are part of Power Up Paragliding.

City volleyball leagues

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be sponsoring a mixed adult, volleyball league. Mixed Competitive and Recreational 6 on 6 divisions will be offered. Players must be fourteen years old to participate.

Entry deadline will be Oct. 27, at 5 p.m., and the season will begin the week of Nov. 2.

Entry/Sponsor fee is \$150. Player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of eight players, four male, four female.

Roster forms, fact sheets, and league bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, room 204. For more information please contact the office at 669-5740 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Yao Ming, NBA in China

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — Declaring himself "here on business," hometown favorite Yao Ming joined Tracy McGrady and the rest of the Houston Rockets on Tuesday as they prepared for a pair of exhibition games against the Sacramento Kings — the first NBA games played in China.

Yao and the Rockets settled into their hotel after the long flight from the United States, but canceled a scheduled practice session after a baggage mix-up.

Yao told reporters at a packed press conference that he was happy to be home, but didn't consider his visit a social call.

"I'm here on business and I want to play well," Yao said.

Houston will play the Kings in Shanghai and Beijing.

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy said he would likely play Yao between 22 and 28 minutes in Thursday's game to give the fans the thrill of seeing the hugely popular center on the court.

"Obviously I want to play him because he's in his hometown, but I don't want to overplay him given that it's only the second exhibition game and we have a long season ahead of us," Van Gundy said.

Astros bounce Braves, 12-3

ATLANTA (AP) — The journey was long, with plenty of discouraging setbacks along the way.

The last step was easy.

The Houston Astros finally won a post-season series in their 43rd year, shaking off the burden of seven playoff losses with a 12-3 rout of the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

The newest Killer B, Carlos Beltran, hit two more homers and had five RBIs in the deciding fifth game of the first-round NL series.

With that, Houston got to experience all the trappings of postseason success: the group hug on the pitcher's mound, the sweet taste of champagne in the clubhouse.

"We feel comfortable with our team," said Beltran, an impending free agent acquired from Kansas City in June. "The past is in the past. We win, we move on."

The triumph was especially satisfying for Jeff Bagwell and Craig Biggio, the heart of the Killer B's for more than a decade and part of the last four playoff series losses.

Three of those times, Houston's season ended with a loss to the Braves.

"We've been through a lot here, Craig and I and this organization," Bagwell said. "This is a big relief for us."

Beltran homered four times in the series, breaking the Houston postseason record. In a poignant note, the mark was formerly held by Ken Caminiti, who spent 10 seasons with the Astros.

Caminiti died Sunday of an apparent heart attack at age 41 — news that hit his former teammates especially hard.

"I think I felt his spirit out there," Biggio said.

"I know he's smiling somewhere," Bagwell added.

The clubhouse celebration was rather muted for a team that has endured so much postseason disappointment. The Astros enjoyed soaking their owner, Drayton McLane, but didn't appear satisfied with winning one playoff series.

Next up for the wild-card Astros is a matchup against Central Division rival St. Louis in the NL championship series starting Wednesday night at Busch Stadium.

After squandering a three-run lead at home in Game 4, the Astros had the series right where they wanted it.

Atlanta has lost Game 5 of the division series three years in a row — all at Turner Field. The second-largest crowd in franchise history, 54,068, saw another familiar ending.

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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)

★★★ Don't let a misunderstanding punctuate your day. Clear up confusion. Through talking with someone and walking in his or her shoes, you gain greater insight. A new beginning with a relationship becomes possible in the next few months. If you are single, someone could be knocking on your door before you know it. Tonight: Go along with the program.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★ You mean one thing, but someone else hears another message. This type of chaos and confusion could mark your morning. Listen to someone who might

be instrumental, both financially and emotionally. Confirm what you hear. Start a new health or diet program. Tonight: Relax.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ You have the possibility of making a major change in a relationship, though it might not happen today. In fact, look at things one month, three months and six months from now for indicators. Meanwhile, enjoy yourself. Tonight: Play the night away.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Your home life increases in significance. Expect a change in the next few months. You might spruce up your home. A home office might be a possibility. A new roommate might make your life sparkle. Entertain more at home. Tonight: Hang at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ You have the ability to communicate, though you need to sort through a misunderstanding. You might take a comment personally. Please don't. Your ability to solve problems by tapping into your creativity emerges. Tonight: Be a local. Enjoy dinner out in the neighborhood.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ Be careful with the words you choose; you might provoke a misunderstanding. Clear it up quickly. Financial changes are in the wind. Take charge of your checkbook. You might need to revise your personal budget. Tonight: Talk money with someone who counts.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ An Eclipse in your sign could deplete your energy. Is there anything about you or how you live your life that you would like to change? This Eclipse will empower you in the next few months. Not every moment will be a picnic, but the end results will be great. Tonight: Act and be like the top dog.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★ You could feel depleted. Communications hit a snafu. Lie back and take care of yourself. Do research, but depend only on yourself. A day away from the hassles could rejuvenate your energy. Live a personal resolution. Tonight: Vanish quickly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ A meeting might toss a judgment into the "iffy" category. Work with groups. Dealing with a consensus of opinion adds to your ability to succeed. Be open to different ideas besides your own. Network away. Tonight: Follow the crowd.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Take charge, knowing what you want and expect. Others might balk at your instructions, so find a way to make them think that it's their idea. Work could change in the next few weeks or months. Flex and trust. Tonight: Out late.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Reach out for information. Other sources help you get a clearer picture and point you in the correct direction. Absorb information. Make decisions that work for you. School or travel might be in your near future. Tonight: Make a long-distance call first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Deal with individuals rather than groups. You can and need to iron out a misunderstanding ASAP. An associate enhances your ability to zero in on the basics, be they financial or emotional. Remain confident. Tonight: Dinner for two.

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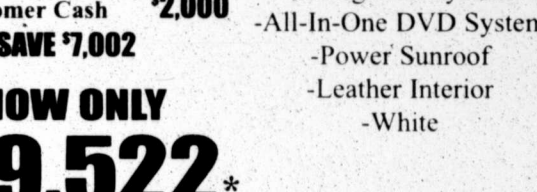





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 NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR INDUSTRIAL HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT AND COMPLIANCE PLAN RENEWAL PERMIT / COMPLIANCE PLAN NO. 50200 APPLICATION A PRELIMINARY DECISION. Celanese, Ltd. cated at the intersec of Highway 60 West FM 2300 on appriately 600 acres in City of Pampa, (County, Texas, a ch cal manufacturing fa ty, has applied to Texas Commission Environmental Qu (TCEQ) for a permit compliance plan rene. The permit renewal is continued operation container storage are existing tanks, and 21 ers for the storage, p essing, and inciner of hazardous waste also continued post- sure care of a surface poundment closed a landfill. The compli plan renewal autho and requires monito the concentration of arduous constituents groundwater and ren ate groundwater qu to specified stand. The permit and con ance plan renewal submitted May 20, 20 The TCEQ executive rector has completed technical review of applications and prep a draft permit / con ance plan. The draft mit / compliance plan approved, would estab the conditions u which the facility r operate. The execu rector has made a prei nary decision that permit / compliance p if issued, meet all stat ry and regulatory req ements. The permit at cations, executive di tor's preliminary d sion, and draft perm compliance plan available for viewing copying at the Lovett morial Library, 111 Houston Street, Pan Texas 79066. PUBLIC COMMENT PUBLIC MEETI You may submit pu comments or reque public meeting at this application. purpose of a public m ing is to provide the portunity to submit c ments or to ask quest about the applicat Generally, the TCEQ hold a public meetin the executive directo termines that there i significant degree of p lic interest in the appl tion or if requested b local legislator. A pu meeting is not a conte case hearing. Written public c ments and requests fo public meeting must submitted to the Of of the Chief Clerk, 105 . TCEQ, P.O. 13087, Austin, 78711-3087 within days from the date newspaper publica of this notice. OPPORTUNITY F A CONTESTED CA HEARING. After deadline for public c ments, the execu rector will consider comments and prepar response to all rele and material or sig cant public comm The response to c ments, along with executive director's cision on the appl tion, will be mailed everyone who submi public comments o on the mailing list this application. If c ments are received, mailing will also pr instructions for requ ing a contested a hearing or reconsid tion of the execu rector's decision. A tested case hearing is a civil trial in a state rict court. A contested case hea will only be gra based on disputed is of fact that are rel and material to the C mission's decision on application. Further, Commission will o grant a hearing on is that were raised du the public comment p od and not withdrawn sses that are not raise public comment may be considered durin hearing. EXECUTIVE DIR TOR ACTION. The ecutive director may is final approval of the plications unless a un contested case hearing quest or request for consideration is filed. timely hearing reques request for reconsid ion is filed, the execu director will not issue nal approval of the p / compliance plan will forward the appl tions and requests to TCEQ Commissioners their consideration a

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