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Man found not guilty in drug possession trial

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Lance Allan Herr, 43, is a free man today. It took the six-man, six-woman jury hearing his case less than an hour to find him not guilty of the drug charges against Herr. Charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, the case went to the jury this morning in Judge Steven R. Emmert's 31st District Court. During testimony Monday after-

noon, Pampa Police Officer Casey Ingersoll told the jurors how Gray County Justice of the Peace Curt Kurfman issued a search warrant for 941 S. Faulkner and how officers raided the house in the early morning hours of Jan. 19, 2004. Gray County Deputy Cary Rushing testified Monday how law enforcement officers found what he described as a meth lab in the attic of the house. He said the materials used in making methamphetamine were found in

the attic of the house, which could only be reached by crawling through the entrance in the ceiling of the bathroom. Officer Mark Rigler brought two bottles of liquid and one plastic bag containing residue of a white powder to court. Roy Murphy, the Texas Department of Public Safety lab supervisor in Amarillo, testified that each bottle and the bag contained methamphetamine. Rushing explained that the

methamphetamine had not yet been precipitated out of the liquid in the bottles when officers raided the house and confiscated the materials. "It was not yet powdered out," Rushing said. Officers found about 876 grams of methamphetamine, Rushing testified. "That's a large amount," he told the jury. Rushing agreed with Assistant

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Ag chief Combs here Wednesday

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Texas Commissioner of Agriculture will be in Pampa Wednesday morning for a town hall meeting. Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will be at M.K. Brown Room of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday. Earlier Wednesday, she's supposed to be in Dalhart. From Pampa, she will go to Hereford for another town hall meeting.

Combs started this round of rural meetings around the state on Aug. 4, in Big Spring. She was in Childress last week.

In a prepared release, her office said the meetings are to discuss issues impacting rural Texas and the agriculture industry.

"The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and community members can discuss issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner," according to the release.

"Agriculture and rural communities face so many challenges, and I want to know firsthand about local concerns and issues," Combs said. "Some regions of Texas have very specific needs, and by working with producers, industry groups and community leaders, we can address these issues to ensure that agriculture and rural Texas remain strong throughout the state."

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Getting it Straight



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Morris Long of the City of Pampa Public Service Department paints a double yellow stripe down the center of Duncan Street, headed north from Browning Avenue. City workers began the striping project Monday afternoon and hoped to reach the bridge beside Central Park before school traffic began. It takes about five gallons of paint for every 300 feet of a double stripe.

3 new officers on Pampa force

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Police Department has three new officers and another on the way.

Nathan Lewis, Michael Ryan and Neal Garner are part of Pampa's finest now. All are natives of the eastern Texas Panhandle.

Lewis, 21, from Canadian, first became interested in law enforcement after becoming involved in emergency medical services in his hometown.

"I decided this is what I want to make a career," Lewis said, sitting in the squad room of the Pampa Police Department at city hall.

He said he wanted to be

involved in law enforcement.

He and Ryan, 31, from Shamrock, used to spend their extra time riding with Dave Thomas, a police officer who came to Pampa from Canadian.

Ryan worked for the Hemphill County Sheriff's Office in Canadian as a jailer and dispatcher.

"I liked it," Ryan said of his initial introduction to law enforcement.

Gardner, 38, who was born and reared in Pampa, said this is something that he's wanted to do all his life.

"When my last job shut down," Gardner said, "God allowed this to happen."

He said law enforcement See OFFICERS, Page 2



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Three new police officers on the streets of Pampa are, from left, Michael Ryan, Nathan Lewis and Neal Gardner.

Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs For A Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30am in the MK Brown Room
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Obituaries

Melvin 'Steve' Melzer

ELK CITY, Okla. — Melvin "Steve" Melzer, 75, died Sept. 10, 2005, at Elk City.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today in Whinery-Savage Chapel with Gary McClelland officiating. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery under the direction of Whinery-Savage Funeral Service of Elk City.

Mr. Melzer was born July 26, 1930, at Follett, to Emma and C.J. Melzer. He grew up and attended school at Follett. He married Louisa Mae Brace on Oct. 9, 1949, at Shattuck, Okla., and they lived in Follett on the Melzer farm until 1960 when they began following the oil fields. In 1975, they moved

to Elk City.

The couple lived at Bell Avenue Nursing Home for the past year.

Mr. Melzer was preceded in death by his parents; and by a grandson, Brian Ditmore.

Survivors include his wife, Louisa of Elk City; two daughters, Linda Joy Ditmore of Pampa and Brenda Ann Pittser of Elk City; a son, Steven Ray Melzer of Elk City; four sisters, Josephine Schneider and Delphine Kopke, both of Spearman, Marilyn Rutz of Perryton and Carolea Weiss of Amarillo; a brother, Edgar Melzer of Waco; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 81. East-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 62. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 82. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. East-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 86. East-

southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 88. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 63.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

Roberts queried on abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supreme Court nominee John Roberts said today that the landmark 1973 ruling legalizing abortion was "settled as a precedent." He declined to answer specific questions about abortion and voting rights, citing cases he could face on the high court.

The heart of the abortion ruling is "settled as a precedent of the court, entitled to respect under principles of stare decisis," the concept that long-established rulings should be given extra weight, Roberts told the Senate Judiciary Committee on the second day of his confirmation hearings.

President Bush's choice to succeed the late William H. Rehnquist as chief justice, Roberts focused on a 1992 Supreme Court ruling in *Casey v. Planned Parenthood*, referring to that as a precedent-setting case in addition to the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* ruling.

In the Pennsylvania case, the Supreme Court voted 5-4 to uphold the core holdings of *Roe v. Wade* and ban states from outlaw-

ing most abortions. The court said states could impose restrictions on the procedure that do not impose an "undue burden" on women.

"It reaffirmed the central holding in *Roe v. Wade*," Roberts said.

Roberts answered questions about abortion through the prism of legal precedent but declined to answer specifically how he would rule if faced with the question of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

Democrats pressed the appellate judge about his writings on civil rights while a young lawyer in the Reagan administration two decades ago. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., described some of those writings on voting rights as a "narrow, cramped and mean-spirited view" that failed to show a full appreciation of discrimination.

Roberts declined to discuss specific cases that might come before the court but called voting rights "the most precious rights we have as Americans."

Drugs

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District Attorney Franklin McDonough that the amount was too much for personal use. Rushing said that in his opinion the amount of the drug indicated that it was to be sold or given away.

On cross examination by Spearman attorney Cecil Biggers, who is defending Herr, the deputy sheriff said he had not witnessed Herr selling methamphetamine.

Biggers told the jury that Herr did not have care, control or management of any controlled substance that night.

The lead witness for the defense was Herr's brother, Patrick Lee Herr. He is presently serving time in a Texas prison on drug charges.

Waiving his right to remain silent, Patrick Herr told jurors that he lived at 941 S. Faulkner at the time of the drug raid.

"It was my house," he said. "Everything in the house was mine."

Pat Herr testified that his brother and his brother's girl-

friend had come over the night of Jan. 18, and that his brother Lance had fallen asleep on the couch.

"His girlfriend and I did some dope," Pat Herr said.

He went on to testify that he decided to make some more.

Pat Herr said his brother had no knowledge of the meth lab in the attic.

He admitted to McDonough that he loves his brother and doesn't want anything bad to happen to Lance.

"He's my brother," Pat Herr said.

Lance Herr took the stand in his own behalf and told the court that he lived in Borger at the time of the raid.

Although Lance Herr first said that when he woke up, police officers were already in the house, he later testified that he had fallen asleep and was awakened about 3 a.m., Jan. 19, by his brother who told him that the police had arrived and asked Lance to answer the door.

Lance Herr said he told his brother that he had an outstanding traffic warrant and the two brothers hid under the house where offi-

cers eventually found them.

The defendant said he had arrived at Pat Herr's house about 9 p.m. the night before and at that time there was no odor of ether or ammonia indicative of a meth lab. He said when he awoke, he smelled ether and ammonia. He testified that there was a fog in the house from the meth lab when he woke up.

"I've done drugs all my life, unfortunately," Lance Herr admitted.

The charges against Herr are enhanced because of a previous felony conviction. He was convicted on an enhanced driving while intoxicated charge in 1995. He served three years of a five-year sentence on that charge.

On Aug. 29, 2002, he was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. He had been out of prison a week, Herr said, when he went by to pick up his brother and was arrested. He pled guilty to the controlled substance charge and spent another year in jail and had to pay a fine.

Although he admitted to past use, Lance Herr denied using drugs today and denied ever selling drugs.

Gardner said the officers have been great to work with as well as the chief. He said Chief Pitner stayed in touch with all three of them as they went through the six-to-eight month Police Academy in Amarillo.

"He believed in us," Lewis said.

"That's the big reason I'm here," Ryan said.

"I'm just happy to be here," Lewis said with a grin.

"That goes for all of us," Gardner said.

Officer Casey Ingersoll, one of the department's

training officers, said they've been doing well.

While all three are still in their probationary period, Gardner, who joined the force in May, has graduated from patrolling his beat alone. The other two, who joined the force in August, are for the moment still paired with experienced officers.

Lewis, Ingersoll said, has already made a felony DWI arrest and has been involved in a burglary investigation.

Lt. Fred Courtney said one more man, Daniel O'Dell, will join them later this month.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Monday, Sept. 12

Thirteen traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of Neel Road, the police department lobby, and the 400 block of East Browning.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 200 block of Tignor.

One business alarm and one residential alarm were reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart and the 1800 block of Lynn.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Suspicious person information was received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Hobart streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 500 block of East Atchison and the 100 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$35 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner. Vehicle parts valued at \$205 were taken.

Domestic assault was reported in the 1100 block of Campanella. Minor injuries were reported.

Ramiro Reyes, 42, 325 Doyle, was arrested in the 1000 block of North Sumner on a blue warrant to revoke parole.

Jonathan White, 21, Fort Hood, was arrested in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive on a bond surrender for criminal mischief.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Found property was reported in the 100 block of North Dwight. A compact disc car stereo, hat, sunglasses, CD cases and a bandana were found.

Bryan Humphrey, 17, 1120 Seneca, was arrested in the 100 block of North Dwight on a capias pro fine for interference with railroad property.

Zackary Estep, 17, 111 N. Dwight, was arrested in the 100 block of North Dwight for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Sept. 12

Patrick Herr, 42, 2117 Lynn, was arrested on a bench warrant.

Lance Alan Herr, 43, 307 Perry, was arrested on a bond surrender for possession of a controlled substance.

Patricia Ross, 36, McLean, was arrested on a fugitive warrant out of Arkansas.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Trent Magers, 17, 111 N. Dwight, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Steven Stamps, 24, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 12

8:07 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

3 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

7:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

2:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Lefors. The call was disregarded.

2:09 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA in Amarillo.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Sept. 12

8:32 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to the 200 block of Tigner on a follow up investigation.

Katrina funds to be monitored

WASHINGTON (AP) — A team of investigators is being sent to the Hurricane Katrina-ravaged Gulf Coast to follow the money — namely, billions of dollars in relief aid the federal government is pouring into the region without normal contracting safeguards.

The 30 Homeland Security Department investigators and auditors are part of what officials call an unprecedented effort to ensure federal funds are properly distributed in a rescue, relief and rebuilding process expected to exceed \$100 billion.

The team is being dispatched to monitor government contractors' work in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi as critics call the spending deluge a disaster in waiting if not properly controlled.

"The message has gone out very clearly to everybody that we're going to be efficient,

we're going to cut through red tape, but we're not going to cut through the laws," Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Tuesday.

Many of the normal safeguards have been temporarily suspended in Katrina's wake to ensure emergency federal aid gets to victims as soon as possible. So far, Congress has approved spending \$62 billion in Katrina-related relief efforts. Of \$50 billion directed to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, an arm of Homeland Security, just over \$9 billion has so far been spent, FEMA spokeswoman Natalie Rule said.

"It is entirely appropriate that the money go out just as quickly as possible to people whom we think need it, and to worthy contractors on a competitive basis," said former Homeland Security inspector general Clark Kent Ervin.

Woman faces death Wednesday

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Unlike last year, condemned Texas inmate Frances Newton can't count on the state Board of Pardons and Paroles to spare her from the death chamber Wednesday.

The panel, in a 7-0 vote Monday, refused to recommend the 40-year-old Houston woman's death sentence be commuted to life.

"Newton's claims of innocence were not substantiated," the board said in a statement released by presiding officer Rissie Owens.

The decision came hours after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals refused appeals aimed at halting Newton's punishment for the slayings of her husband and two small children 18 years ago at their Houston apartment.

"I think both the 5th Circuit and the parole board have been misled by something state

keeps saying, proving that if you say something over and over again, even if it's not true, people will believe it," said David Dow, Newton's lawyer.

Dow took her appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The parole board in December had recommended a reprieve for Newton so new ballistics tests could be conducted on the murder weapon. Gov. Rick Perry concurred. In March, the new ballistics tests confirmed the earlier findings and Harris County officials rescheduled her execution.

Newton says she's not responsible for the triple slaying. She would be the 13th prisoner executed this year in the nation's most active capital punishment state but only the third woman and the first black woman executed in Texas since executions resumed in 1982.

Officers

Continued from Page 1 is his calling.

Gardner said he plans to stay with the Pampa Police Department. Pampa's home.

"I'm starting here," he said, "and I'll finish here."

Ryan, too, indicated that he plans to stay in Pampa.

He credits Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner and the police department's staff with his joining the force, as do the others.

Water group to meet

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District board of directors will consider its 2005-2006 budget and setting a tax rate Wednesday.

C.E. Williams, the district's general manager, said the proposed budget should enable the district to cut the tax rate slightly.

The district's board will also consider a petition by the Canadian River

Municipal Water Authority to annex a parcel of land in Hutchinson County and review agricultural loan requirements for drip irrigation systems.

The board of directors will consider two well drilling permits for one-inch wells. The staff is recommending approval.

The meeting will be at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, at the district's offices, 201 W. Third, White Deer.

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Business Review

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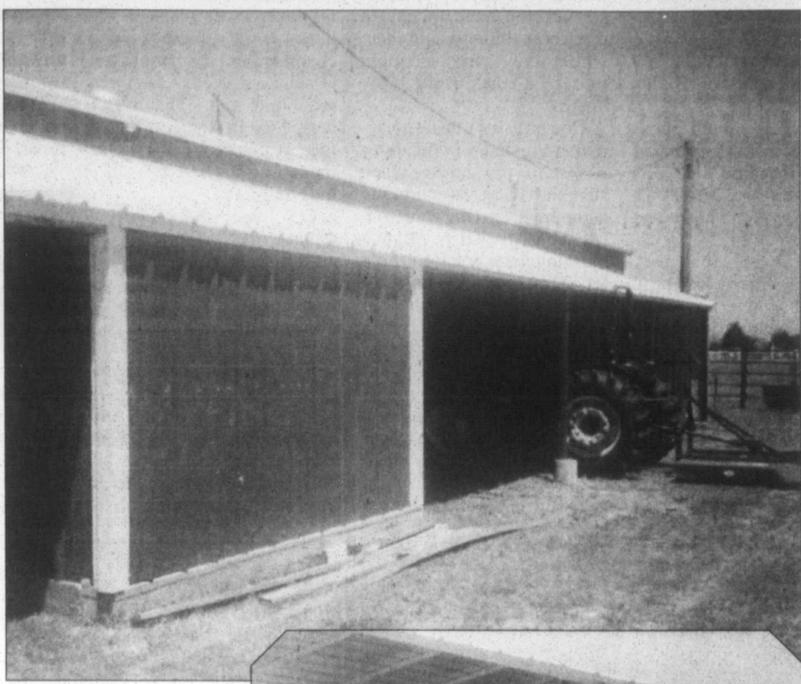
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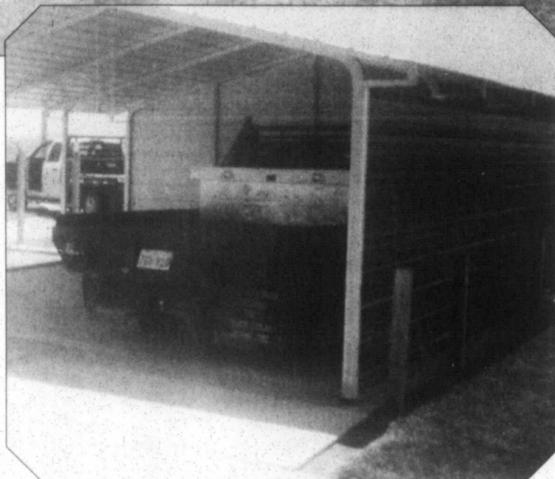
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Viewpoints

Crickets are the bitterest arch enemy of sleep

I know that autumn is on its way, because cricket season is here.

No, I'm not talking about the British sport or Buddy Holly's band.

I'm talking about those noisy, destructive, irritating creatures that find their way into homes and raise a ruckus just when you're trying to go to sleep.

I have heard that they sometimes chew holes in fabrics. I know positively that they can unerringly find the most secure, echo-producing corner in the house and create a skreek-skreek noise that sets teeth on edge.

They are often successful at avoiding all attempts to smash them by relocating to another spot, preferably at

the back of a packed closet so that you have to unload the whole thing to find them while they are escaping through a crack in the baseboards.

One or two of these noise-makers usually find their way into my house when summer is at its end and autumn is on the horizon. My house is fairly "tight," meaning there aren't a whole lot of gaps, cracks, holes or other entrances for critters to take advantage of. But a determined cricket will find a way.

I executed one five nights ago, when I had to unscrew and remove the grating over the vent which allows air to be sucked into the central heat and air unit. There's a

nice space under there which crickets love because it's dark, it is a dandy echo chamber, and it's hard to get to, making it easy for them to avoid me. The water heater is in there, too, so there's plenty of places for them to hide until I give up, replace the grate so my dog won't wander into dangerous territory, and go on about the business of trying to go to sleep.

I swear they wear tiny wristwatches to let them know about how long to wait before cranking up their infernal fingernails-on-a-

blackboard ruckus again. About the time I start dozing off is when I hear my unwanted sleep-stealer resume its solo.

I find it very difficult to understand why some cultures, particularly the Japanese, like these loathsome bugs. Believe it or not, the Japanese actually have a history of keeping the things as pets, and profess to enjoy their nightly noisefest. They even have gone so far as to build little cricket cages in which to keep their beloved "singing insects".

Think of it. Japan didn't know what a lethal weapon it had at its disposal during World War II. All they had to do to render us helpless and begging for mercy was to let loose a plague of their "chirpers" at strategic points on U.S. soil. Within a short time, we'd have been so frustrated, sleep-deprived and irrational that they could have overpowered us.

There are a few uses for crickets besides driving a human insane. They are a diet mainstay for terrarium animals such as pet reptiles and amphibians. Humans can eat them, too, but who'd want to?

Crickets can also tell us the air temperature. Count the number of chirps in 15

seconds and then add 37. This will give an approximate temperature.

It's not worth it to me to keep a cricket around so I know how warm it is. I'd much rather look at a thermometer than count chirps.

The only thing I use them for is as targets for whatever I can grab to use as a flattening device. I don't have their athletic ability, which includes being able to jump three feet into the air from a standing start, but I have more brainpower and know the layout of my house better.

I hope that tonight will be a peaceful, chirpless one. I really need some sleep.

Listen — what was that? Skreek-skreek!

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 13, the 256th day of 2005. There are 109 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

'Better to be without logic than without feeling.'

— Charlotte Bronte
English author
(1816-1855)

In 1851, American medical pioneer Walter Reed was born in Gloucester County, Va.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

In 1949, the Ladies Professional Golf Association of America was formed in New York City, with Patty Berg as its first president.

Our readers write

'We' haven't accomplished anything but the city has ...

In the Sunday, Sept. 11, issue of the Pampa News, Mr. White, speaking in favor of a new EDC, stated, "In the past three years we've accomplished nothing."

"We" may not have accomplished anything, but the City of Pampa has grown and prospered since the close of the EDC in 2001.

In his bid for re-election, Commissioner McCormick pointed out that "the city is in the black right now ... we're doing something right."

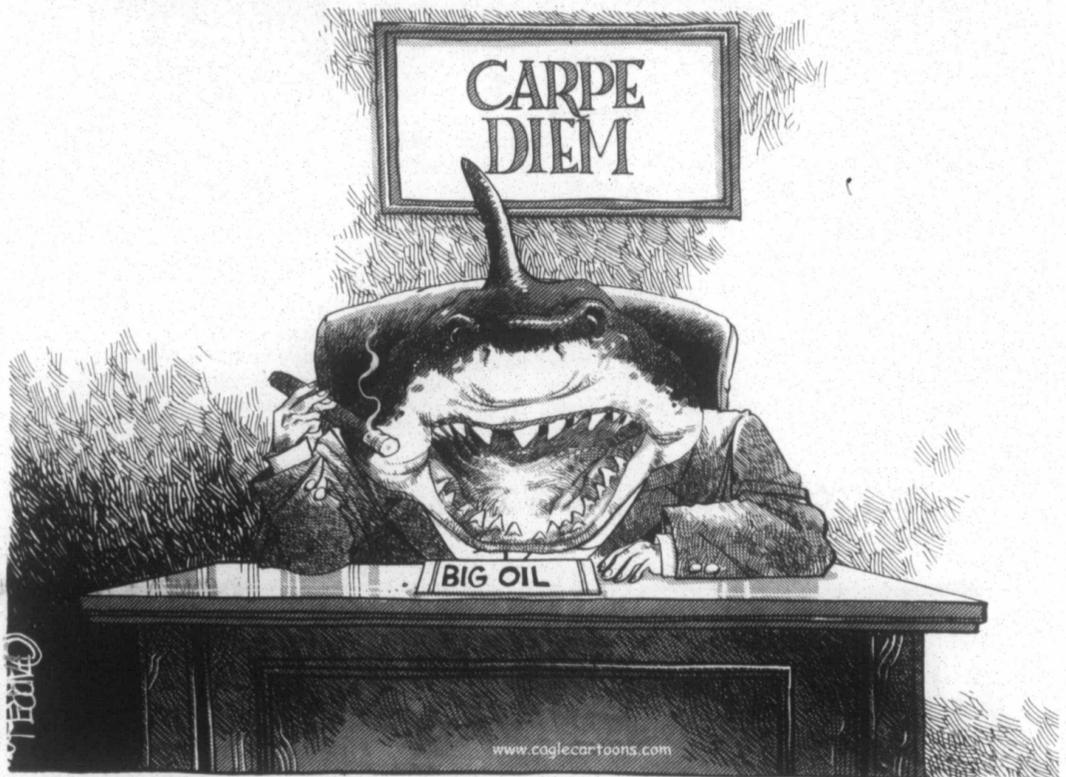
The sales tax is up and water sales have helped the city.

Mayor Lonny Robbins

pointed out that our sales tax is up and "with two new motels and a large building scheduled to be constructed on the north side of town near Wal-Mart next year could be even better for our city." (Pampa News Aug. 14)

We have a Super Wal-Mart that has contributed to bringing out-of-town customers to many of our businesses and adding to the sales tax collections. We have several new restaurants and other new businesses, including a saddle and boot shop.

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Professionals give into economic lunacy

According to a couple of poorly trained economists, there's a bright side to Hurricane Katrina's destruction. J.P. Morgan senior economist Anthony Chan believes hurricanes tend to stimulate overall growth. As reported in "Gas Crisis Looms" (Aug. 31, 2005), written by CNN/Money staff writer Parija Bhatnagar, Mr. Chan said, "Preliminary estimates indicate 60 percent damage to downtown New Orleans. Plenty of cleanup work and rebuilding will follow in all the areas. That means over the next 12 months, there will be lots of job creation which is good for the economy."

Professor Doug Woodward, of the business school at the University of South Carolina, has the same vision. Professor Woodward

said, "On a personal level, the loss of life is tragic. But looking at the economic impact, our research shows that hurricanes tend to become god-given work projects." Within six months, Professor

Walter Williams
Columnist



economic growth, if a few more category 4 hurricanes hit our shores? Only a lunatic would answer these questions in the affirmative.

Frederic Bastiat (1801-1850), a great French economist, said in his pamphlet "What is Seen and What is Not Seen": "There is only

one difference between a bad economist and a good one: the bad economist confines himself to the visible effect; the good economist takes into account both the effect that can be seen and those effects that must be foreseen." What economists Chan and Woodward can see are the jobs and construction boom created by repairing hurricane destruction. What they can't see, and thus ignore, is what those resources would have been used for had there not been hurricane destruction.

Bastiat wrote a parable about this which has become known as the "Broken Window Fallacy." A shopkeeper's window is broken by a vandal. A crowd formed sympathizing with the man.

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Legion not supportive of right to protest

The vast majority of Americans, regardless of political party or who they voted for last year, recognize the right of critics of President Bush's Iraq policy to voice their views.

Eighty-seven percent of the 1,001 respondents the international polling firm Ipsos questioned nationwide Aug. 22-24 for The Associated Press said "it is OK for people who oppose the war in Iraq to express their opposition publicly."

Only 12 percent of respondents, overwhelmingly identified as Republicans, said it is not OK.

"Part of the Constitution is the First Amendment,"

said Mike Malone, a salesman from Odessa, Fla. "We have the right to disagree with the government."

The poll was taken while opponents of the Iraq war, led by Cindy Sheehan, protested near the president's Prairie Chapel Ranch outside of Crawford.

The president said of the mother who lost her son Casey in Iraq, "I strongly support her right to protest."

Unfortunately, the 2.7 million member American

Legion, the nation's largest veterans organization, disagrees with this foundational constitutional principle.

Meeting in Honolulu, the group unanimously adopted a resolution saying, "The American Legion fully supports the president of the United States, the United States Congress and the men, women and leadership of our armed forces as they are engaged in the global war on terrorism, and the troops who are engaged in protect-

ing our values and way of life."

That is appropriate. But it is just as inappropriate for the American Legion's leadership to say that publicly protesting the Iraq war amounts to providing "aid and comfort to our enemies," as did Thomas Cadmus, the organization's national commander.

"No one respects the right to protest more than one who has fought for it," he added. But only so long as people do not actually use that right, certainly not publicly. "We hope that Americans will present their views in corre-

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Texas Thoughts

The Victoria Advocate

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Legion

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spondence to their elected officials rather than by public media events," Cadmus emphasized.

He might as well have thrown in Mark Twain's observation that "It is by the goodness of God that in our country we have those three unspeakably precious things: freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and the prudence never to practice either of them."

Cadmus and his organization would scream to the high heavens if anyone told them they should shut up rather than publicly oppose a president's policies with which they disagreed. And they would be right in doing so.

The First Amendment is not needed to protect speech that agrees with those in power. That speech is not endangered. Rather, this foundational constitutional principle is needed to protect unpopular speech - whether it is unpopular with those in power, with those who support powerful authorities or with the majority of Americans.

Cadmus is right that Americans who oppose the Iraq war should communicate that to the White House and to their representatives in Congress. That is also a key right the First Amendment guarantees.

But the Constitution does not make First Amendment rights a one-or-the-

other choice. Nor should any organization, no matter how faithfully and nobly and sacrificially its members have served their country.

What the American Legion's commander wants is closer to what China has than what this nation's Constitution protects. A senior editor at the China Youth Daily recently wrote a 19-page letter protesting a new "appraisal system" the paper's chief editor had introduced. "It would tie promotion and monetary reward to praise by party officials," The Christian Science Monitor reported.

It is difficult to envision President Bush praising this country's news media for reporting on the anti-war protests outside his ranch and portraying Sheehan as the new symbol of opposition to the war. Nor would they get any positive appraisals from Cadmus and his organization.

"If you don't change this appraisal system, our paper will become a complete fake," wrote dissident editor Li Datong. Were anti-war critics in this nation and the news media to follow Cadmus' advice, the result would be just as completely fake. More than that, it would do real violence to the Constitution the members of the American Legion fought to preserve, protect and defend.

That would inflict far greater harm on what this nation is than anything the terrorists are likely to do. Fortunately - not just for opponents of the Iraq war, but also for the Constitution and the nation - the vast majority of Americans appear to understand that.

Lunacy

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After a while, someone in the crowd suggested that the boy wasn't guilty of vandalism; instead, he was a public benefactor, creating economic benefits for everyone in town. After all, fixing the broken window creates employment for the glazier, who will then buy bread and benefit the baker, who will then buy shoes and benefit the cobbler, and so forth.

Those are the seen effects of repairing the broken window. What's unseen is what the shopkeeper would have done with the money had the vandal not broken his window. He might have employed the

tailor by purchasing a suit. The vandal's breaking his window produced at least two unseen effects. First, it shifted unemployment from the glazier who now has a job to the tailor who doesn't. Second, it reduced the shopkeeper's wealth. Had it not been for the vandalism, the shopkeeper would have had a window and a suit; now he has just a window.

Of course, were it the Tooth Fairy or Santa Claus providing the resources to repair the destruction of Hurricane Katrina, Mr. Chan and Professor Woodward would be correct. But what the heck, maybe we shouldn't be so harsh on these economists in light of the fact that they didn't receive their training at George Mason University's Economics Department, where there are no bad economists.

Letter

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On Sept. 5, the Pampa News published a nice story on the growth and housing shortage in Pampa. Three years ago we had empty houses and businesses.

City employees have been given raises,

we have at least two new fire trucks and new cars for city employees. We even have a new skateboard park.

Our city manager has pointed out several times in the newspaper that Pampa is doing better.

We have accomplished nothing in the past three years?! And all without an EDC.

Don Reed
Pampa

Events calendar

• **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs** will host a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber of Commerce), 200 N. Ballard. Combs will preside over an open forum to explore issues affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities today. The following topics will be addressed: Agricultural marketing, labor, nutrition, regulatory, rural economic development, trade and water. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, TDA producer relations specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

• **Pants Mandolin will perform** from 6-9 p.m. at Amarillo Museum of Art on Thursday. The group was formed about two years ago and consists of five West Texas A&M University students and a Canyon High School senior.

• **A reception is scheduled for Pampa High School "Harvester" veterans** at 1:30 p.m. Friday in the school library. Individuals who played football for the Harvesters are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and photographs will be taken. Harvester veterans who plan to attend are asked to call Eric Kingcade at 662-0975 or Callie Cobb at 664-0893 to RSVP. For additional details on Homecoming celebration activities, call Sherry Seaborn at 669-4800, ext. 301, or 669-9213.

• **Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens** will hold its annual Trail Ride Saturday at Reynolds Ranch, 17 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70. Sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. The ride will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m. Registration is \$20. A current Coggins Test is required for all horses entered in the trail ride. Only original papers will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded

including boots, horse feed and a Stetson hat. For more information, contact ride coordinator Gloria Swires at 665-2294 or Sherry Carlson at 669-9672.

• **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes with Earl Witt. Admission is \$6. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Wednesday at The Dixie Cafe in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

• **Amarillo Museum of Art has scheduled a "Free Family Festival"** from 1 to 4 p.m. Sept. 25. Visitors will enjoy art activities, music, films, a print press demonstration and a gallery hunt - all inspired by artist Jasper Johns. Refreshments will be provided. The event is being held in conjunction with the exhibition "Jasper Johns: Prints." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **The deadline to register for "Daily Living with Parkinson's Disease"** is Sept. 26. The symposium, an annual event, will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a \$7 fee. For more information about the symposium, contact Amarillo Area Parkinson's Symposium at 1-800-687-5498.

• **The late registration deadline for the ACT college admission exam** is Sept. 30. For participants registering before Friday, the cost of the exam is \$29 or \$43 with the writing portion. On Sept. 30, the fee includes and additional \$18. The test will be administered nationwide on Oct. 22. Students can get registration materials from guidance counselors or register online at www.actstudent.org.

NORTH KOREA

Nuke talks resume after recess

BEIJING (AP) — Negotiations aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear weapons program resumed Tuesday after a month-long recess, but prospects for progress were uncertain as Pyongyang remained insistent on its right to use civilian atomic technology.

Envoys from China, Japan, Russia, the United States and the two Koreas gathered at a state guesthouse in Beijing to continue the fourth round of talks on the issue since 2003.

Tuesday's session, which focused on procedural issues, was held in a "friendly atmosphere featuring mutual respect," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said.

Liu acknowledged the impasse over the North's demand to keep its civilian nuclear program.

"There is a major difference between the parties, that is the DPRK's (North Korea's) peaceful use of nuclear energy," Liu said, using the acronym for the North's official name, the Democratic

People's Republic of Korea.

He called on all delegates to work for an "agreement acceptable to all parties."

No end date has been set for the talks. Last month, negotiators met for a record 13 days but failed to agree on a statement of principles to lay the foundation for the North's disarmament.

U.S. officials have said the North's record proves it cannot be trusted with any atomic project.

Chief North Korean negotiator Kim Kye Gwan said his country will not tolerate any obstruction to its right to a peaceful nuclear program, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

"This right is neither awarded nor needs to be approved by others," Kim said in Pyongyang. "If the United States tries to set obstacles to (North Korea's) using this right, we can utterly not accept that."

Kim said the North would attend the talks with a sincere and flexible attitude, according to Xinhua.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding the letter from "Pregnant and Annoyed," the woman having her first child. She wants her mother there because of the woman's experience birthing four children and having coached other women through childbirth. The husband insists that if his mom can't also be there, no one will be there except him.

As a labor and delivery nurse with 25 years' experience, I would like to point out that while delivering a baby is a joyful event, it is also difficult and stressful. I have seen the progress of labor shut down by a woman's anxiety. This isn't a show for family entertainment. No one should be in the labor room unless the person is supportive to the laboring woman and she wants them there. Most labor and delivery nurses understand this, so all the expectant mother needs to do is tell her nurse. The nurse will then inform the mother-in-law that visitors are restricted to two. Case closed. -- **NURSE ANDREA, SANTA CLARA**

DEAR NURSE ANDREA: Thank you! The mail I received in response to that letter and my answer was varied. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: It's time that young woman grew up. Tell her she's a grown, married adult about to become a parent. She does not need her mother to hold her hand. This is a very personal, special time for a couple. They don't need her mom in the delivery room bossing people around.

The doctors and nurses are better trained than her mom. Because Mom is so "experienced," will she be raising the baby, too? Hubby had better put his foot down now or he'll be sorry. Maybe that's what he was trying to do when he insisted his mom be there. You should have told her that her mother belongs in the waiting room with the other grandparents. -- **BEEN-THERE GRANDMA**

DEAR ABBY: Tempted as I was to have the "this is my body, I call the shots" attitude, I'm glad I didn't. Both families were in the room as I labored; only the two of us during delivery. It was perfect for us.

Now as I lay on strict bed rest expecting our fourth child, watching my husband juggle our three girls, cooking, cleaning, laundry, yard work, taking care of me, not to mention his own high-stress job, all without complaining even once, I'm grateful we have always worked as a team. -- **PAR-ENTING TOGETHER IN OHIO**

DEAR ABBY: It didn't say in your column why he wants his mother in the room. Perhaps he wants his mother there to reassure HIM. A lot of first-time fathers are scared. Maybe if she compromised, they would both get to have a memorable delivery. If everything doesn't go as planned, she could end up with a C-section and the argument would be moot, as they allow only one person in the room. -- **JASMINE IN TORONTO**

DEAR ABBY: I'm a family doc. You were right to tell her to talk to her OB. During the delivery we can take control of the situation for the good of the mom and baby. I sometimes had to clear the labor room of extraneous people -- even once tossing out the dad.

Early in labor it's usually OK for friends and family to visit. But when "push comes to shove" (pardon the pun), it's time for everyone to leave except Mom's coach and Dad -- and we docs can make that happen. -- **M.D. IN ELK GROVE**

DEAR ABBY: My husband has a great suggestion. She should make a deal with the husband. She'll let his mother attend the birth if he'll first change a flat tire naked in front of her father. (Didn't I marry a great guy?) -- **PARENTS OF FOUR, OKLAHOMA CITY**

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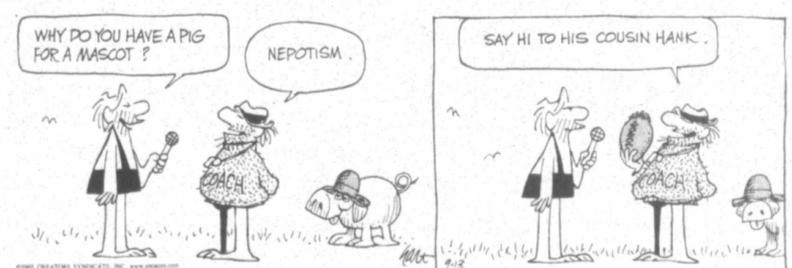
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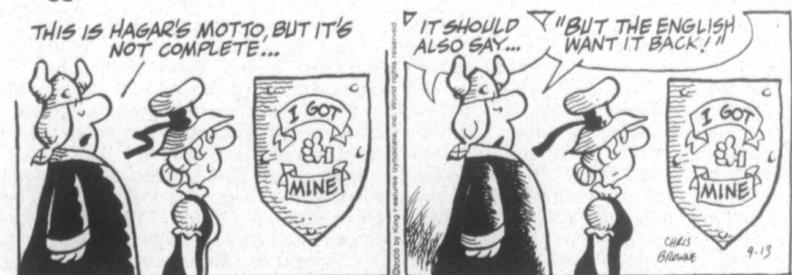
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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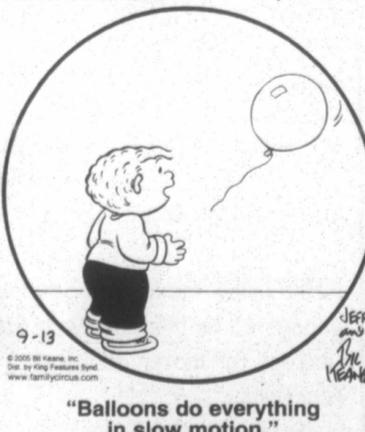
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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Field focus



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Quarterback Brody Smith looks upfield during a run Friday night as his Harvesters hosted Amarillo High. Pampa will face Borger at Harvester Field Friday night.

Lady Harvesters host Amarillo High tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Following a tough trip to Amarillo Saturday where they fell to the Lady Rebels in three straight sets, 25-15, 25-11, 25-15, Pampa (17-7) will host the Lady Sandies of Amarillo High tonight at McNeely Field House. First serve is scheduled for 5 p.m. Amarillo High comes to Pampa sporting an impressive 30-1 record.

Other games of interest as district play

draws near include Dumas and Canyon both visiting Tascosa. Dumas, a 4A state runner-up last season, has a record of 17-8, while the Lady Eagles are 20-3. Host Tascosa is 20-6 entering the triangular.

Randall visits Borger tonight, while Palo Duro travels to Plainview. The Lady Whitefaces of Hereford host Frenship and Caprock is home against Bushland.

The Lady Harvester junior varsity girls will host Amarillo High tonight at 5 p.m. in the MPAC Building.

Former players sought for Homecoming

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

As part of Friday's Homecoming festivities, the Pampa High School student council, cheerleaders and others will honor former Harvester gridiron veterans. Anyone who played football for Pampa is invited to attend.

Organizers say this will be a great time for all former players to get together and reminisce about days and games gone by while enjoying punch and cookies.

Photographs will be taken.

The veterans will be provided special seating at the pep rally which will follow

the reception.

If you are a former Harvester football player, or know one who is, you are encouraged to contact Student Body Parliamentarian Eric Kingcade at 662-0975, or Student Body Reporter Callie Cobb at 664-0893.

For additional information concerning Homecoming activities, contact Sherry Seabourn at

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NO HOME DOME IN 2005

Saints to play home games in Baton Rouge and San Antonio

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The New Orleans Saints will have two homes away from home this season.

With the Superdome damaged and rendered unusable by Hurricane Katrina, the Saints will play four home games in Baton Rouge, La., and three more in San Antonio, where they've already set up operations for the season.

Owner Tom Benson was pleased that the Saints would have some semblance of a home-field advantage.

"Us winning football games is going to mean more to the Gulf South relief effort — more than money or anything else can do," Benson said. "The one thing they have got is the Saints winning football games."

Many of the Saints are living in a hotel across an interstate from the Alamodome.

So they'll have a short commute for games Oct. 2 or 3 against Buffalo, Oct. 16 or 17 against Atlanta and Dec. 24, 25 or 26 against Detroit.

The team, which won its season opener 23-20 at Carolina on Sunday, will travel to LSU's Tiger Stadium for games Oct. 30 or 31 against Miami, Nov. 6 or 7 against Chicago, Dec. 4 or 5 against Tampa Bay, and Dec. 17, 18 or 19 against Carolina.

The Saints' first home game against the New York Giants was set for next Sunday, but was moved to next Monday night and will be played at Giants Stadium. Saints season-ticket holders and anyone who purchased tickets for the Giants-Saints game at the Superdome were given first call for tickets to the relocated game.

After that, however, Giants season-

ticket holders were given priority, meaning it will be a true road game for the Saints.

Speaking publicly for the first time since the hurricane, Benson repeatedly deflected discussions about the team's future beyond this season.

"We're not going to worry about that today," he said.

"We need to be helpful. That city is on its back. It would not be appropriate to think about relocating a major asset."

— Henry Cisneros
Former Mayor, San Antonio

Henry Cisneros, a former San Antonio mayor who spearheaded the drive to have voters approve a half-cent sales tax increase to finance construction of the Alamodome to NFL specifications in the late 1980s, said now is not the time to encourage the Saints to relocate.

"We need to be helpful," he said. "That city is on its back. It would not be appropriate to think about relocating a major asset."

After spending last week getting settled into a new routine in San Antonio, coach Jim Haslett began to like the idea of playing in the Alamodome.

"It's more of a travel issue," he said.

"I know what their agenda was, to play as many games as possible in our home state. Our players like that, too."

No decision was made on the site of potential Saints home playoff games this season.

Agreement on the schedule was reached after a meeting Monday in Baton Rouge involving Benson, NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue, LSU chancellor Sean O'Keefe and other school officials.

Benson has a home in the San Antonio area and for decades owned car dealerships in the city. He urged local fans to fill every seat and he encouraged the networks to bring the games to a national audience to "give this city great recognition for what they've done for the New Orleans Saints."

"It's most important for there to be capacity crowds to attend every game we have here," Benson said. "It could make me proud, not only of our football team, but show what kind of city you have here."

The Alamodome seats roughly 65,000 for football. Tiger Stadium seats more than 91,000.

The manager of the Superdome has said it will take months before the building's future can be determined. It's possible the stadium will be torn down, leaving the Saints to find a new home.

During the storm, with thousands inside seeking refuge, three large holes were blown through the roof. In all, about 70 percent of the roof failed and water poured into the building during the storm, along with debris.

DA: Charges not warranted in fatal shooting of college student celebrating Red Sox win

BOSTON (AP) — No criminal charges will be brought against the officers involved in the fatal shooting of a college student at a raucous celebration by Red Sox fans last fall, prosecutors said Monday.

"There is no evidence that any officer on Lansdowne Street acted with any intent to commit a crime," Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley said at a news conference.

Victoria Snelgrove, a 21-year-old Emerson College student, was shot in the eye socket with a pepper-spray pellet outside Fenway Park on Oct. 21. Officers were trying to calm the crowd that had filled the streets following Boston's victory over the New York Yankees to win the American League pennant.

Conley said police made a string of serious errors in the events leading up to her death, but that none of those mistakes rose to the level of criminal charges.

"Let me be very clear: Victoria Snelgrove's death was avoidable," Conley said. "Poor judgment, however, is not the

standard for criminal charges."

Police said some of the revelers were throwing bottles, lighting fires and wrecking cars. Snelgrove was not involved in the rioting, but was hit when an officer aimed at another reveler who was throwing objects at police.

"The fact that the officers were placed in such a chaotic situation ... was the result of poor crowd control planning by department commanders," Conley said at a news conference.

In May, an independent commission headed by former U.S. Attorney Donald Stern faulted the police department for poor planning and training, a breakdown of command discipline and inadequate research before purchasing the air-powered pellet guns for crowd control.

Only one of the three police officers who fired pepper pellets into the crowd of fans was certified to do so, the commission found.

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Oakland 001 000 100 — 2 6 3
Cleveland 000 000 000 — 0 4 1

Haren, Calero (7), RRincon (8), Duchscherer (8), Street (8) and Kendall; Sabathia, Rhodes (7), Sauerbeck (7), Betancourt (7), Howry (9) and VMartinez. W—Haren 13-10. L—Sabathia 13-10. Sv—Street (21).

Baltimore 030 000 001 — 4 7 0
Texas 100 001 000 — 2 7 2

DCabrera, DuBose (6), Byrdak (8), Ray (8), BRyan (9) and GGil; Volquez, Benoit (5), Feldman (7), FCordero (9) and Laird. W—DCabrera 10-11. L—Volquez 0-3. Sv—BRyan (32).

Boston 000 102 200 01 — 6 12 1
Toronto 000 000 500 00 — 5 8 0
(11 innings)

Arroyo, Foulke (7), Timlin (7), Papelbon (9) and Varitek; Lilly, Chulk (6), League (7), Schoeneweis (8), Speier (8), Frasier (9), Walker (11) and Zaun. W—Papelbon 1-1. L—Walker 6-5. HRs—Boston, DOrtiz 2 (40), MRamirez (35). Toronto, VWells (25).

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Seattle 002 110 2 2x — 8 14 0

ESantana, Christiansen (6), Gregg (7), GJones (8) and BMolina; Pineiro, Putz (8), Guardado (9) and Torrealba. W—Pineiro 7-9. L—ESantana 8-8. HRs—Seattle, Ibanez (18), Sexson (35).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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THudson, McBride (7), Lerew (8) and JEstrada; Brito, Madson (7), Urbina (8), BWagner (9) and Lieberthal. W—Brito 1-0. L—THudson 12-8. Sv—BWagner (33). HR—Atlanta, Hollandsworth (6).

Florida 200 112 002 — 8 11 0
Houston 000 011 000 — 2 8 1

Willis and Lo Duca; Backe, Strickland (6), Burns (7), Astacio (8), Springer (9) and Ausmus. W—Willis 21-8. L—Backe 8-8. HRs—Florida, Conine (3), MiCabrera (31), CDelgado (29), Willis (1). Houston, Lane (22).

Cincinnati 000 020 003 — 5 6 1
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Harang, Weathers (9) and Valentin; Maddux, Van buren (8), Ohman (9), Mitre (9) and HBlanco. W—Harang 10-12. L—Maddux 12-12. Sv—Weathers (13). HRs—Cincinnati, Valentin (13), WPena 2 (18). Chicago, Murton (4).

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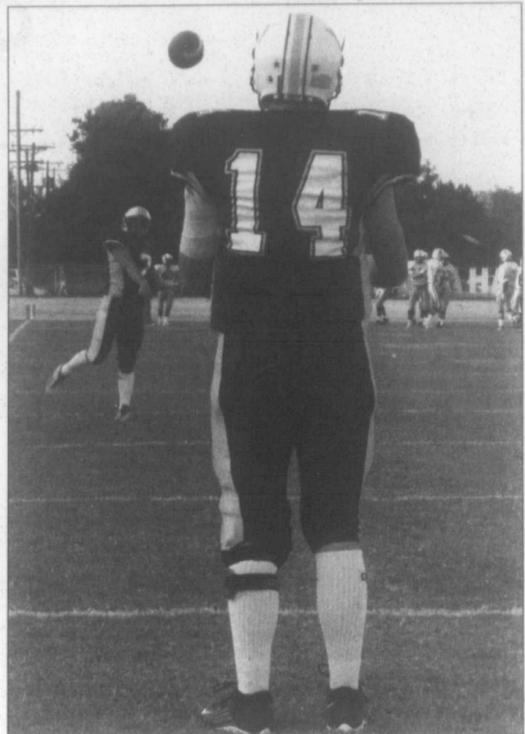
MRedman, Vogelsong (6), Mesa (7), STorres (8) and Cota; Mulder, Tavarez (8), King (8), Istringhausen (9) and YMolina. W—Istringhausen 1-1. L—STorres 4-5.

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Los Angeles 104 110 00 x — 7 12 1

Francis, Cortes (5), DeJean (7), Fuentes (8) and Closser; Weaver and Navarro. W—Weaver 14-9. L—Francis 12-12.

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San Francisco 020 200 00x — 4 12 0

Eaton, Seanez (7), Otsuka (8) and RaHernandez; Correia, Kinney (1), Taschner (7), Hawkins (8), Benitez (9) and Matheny. W—Kinney 1-0. L—Eaton 10-4. Sv—Benitez (13). HR—San Francisco, Durham (12).



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Gettin' loose

Keenan Davis (#7) and Brett Ferrell loosen up prior to Friday night's game against Amarillo High. Both would play important roles as Davis connected on a field goal, and Ferrell would step in for starting quarterback Brody Davis who was injured in the first half.

Texas High School Poll

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Here is The Associated Press' high school poll for Sept. 12, with first place votes in parentheses, season record, points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1, and the team's ranking last week.

Class 5A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Southlake Carroll (20)	3-0	200	1
2. Spring Westfield	2-0	162	3
3. Longview	3-0	148	4
4. Lufkin	2-0	137	5
5. Smithson Valley	3-0	112	6
6. Tyler Lee	2-1	88	2
7. Katy	3-0	84	7
8. Euless Trinity	2-0	71	8
9. Abilene	3-0	43	9
10. Copperas Cove	3-0	35	10

Who dropped out: none.

Also receiving votes: Leander 7, Galena Park North Shore 7, Dallas Carter 3, Schertz Clemens 2, Converse Judson 1.

Class 4A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. La Marque (18)	3-0	197	1
2. Dallas Highland Park (2)	3-0	176	2
3. Stephenville	3-0	149	3
4. Brenham	3-0	126	5
5. Kilgore	2-0	107	6
6. Wolfforth Frenship	3-0	63	9
7. Marshall	1-1	59	7
8. Texarkana	2-1	58	8
9. Ennis	2-1	50	4
10. Austin Lake Travis	2-0	42	10

Who dropped out: none.

Also receiving votes: Rosenberg Terry 16, Pflugerville Connally 14, CC Calallen 13, New Braunfels Canyon 9, Lewisville Hebron 7, Texas City 5, Klein Oak 5, Jacksonville 2, EP Riverside 1, Everman 1.

Class 3A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Cuero (15)	3-0	193	1
2. West Orange-Stark (3)	3-0	174	3
3. Snyder	3-0	141	4
4. Sweetwater (2)	3-0	134	5
5. Cameron Yoe	3-0	112	6
6. (tie) Tatum	3-0	75	9
6. (tie) Wimberley	3-0	75	7
8. Abilene Wylie	3-0	65	10
9. Sinton	3-0	34	-
10. Gainesville	2-0	24	-

Who dropped out: Marlin and Jasper.

Also receiving votes: Marlin 23, Gilmer 10, Bellville 9, Dallas Madison 8, Jasper 7, Giddings 6, Waco Connally 3, Daingerfield 3, Van 1, Atlanta 1, Wharton 1, Columbia 1.

Class 2A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Newton (15)	2-0	194	1
2. Celina (4)	3-0	184	2
3. Omaha Pawitt (1)	3-0	161	3
4. Canadian	3-0	118	5
5. Post	2-0	111	6
6. Alto	3-0	82	9
7. Brookshire-Royal	2-1	72	8
8. Lexington	3-0	59	10
9. Childress	3-0	23	-
10. Crawford	2-0	17	-

Who dropped out: Colorado City and Mart.

Also receiving votes: Mart 15, Wall 13, Colorado City 12, Teague 10, Crane 8, Bangs 4, Refugio 4, Salado 3, Cisco 2, Grapeland 2, Waskom 1, Troup 1, Sonora 1, Boyd 1, Jarrell 1.

Class 1A

Team	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Chilton (16)	3-0	192	1
2. Big Sandy	3-0	177	2
3. Windthorst (4)	3-0	168	3
4. Normangee	3-0	128	4
5. Goldthwaite	2-0	114	5
6. New Deal	3-0	101	6
7. Haskell	3-0	67	8
8. Bremond	3-0	53	9
9. Stratford	3-0	48	10
10. Roscoe	3-0	8	-

Who dropped out: Harleton.

Also receiving votes: McCamey 7, Sunray 6, Nazareth 6, Harleton 6, Axtell 5, Shiner 4, Iraan 3, Wellington 2, Groveton 2, Joaquin 1, Overton 1, Knox City 1.

BARRY IS BACK

An exhausted Bonds satisfied with long-awaited season debut

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds worked much harder than he wanted in his long-awaited season debut.

Yet this time, his postgame remarks featured no groaning, no complaints of tired legs and an aching back, but rather a cheery chuckle, a sigh of relief having finally made his return — and a successful one at that.

An exhausting, 11-pitch at-bat in his first trip to the plate in almost a year Monday night showed everybody that San Francisco's star slugger is undoubtedly ready to resume his quest for Hank Aaron's home run record, fragile knee and all.

It was completely understandable he felt "spent" afterward, considering he sensed the pent-up emotions of this city after fans waited so long to pay due for the first time to the seven-time NL MVP, coming off three operations on his right knee since January.

Bonds went 1-for-4 with a strikeout, worked a 3-2 count in his first at-bat and lined a double that fell just shy of clearing the wall in left-center, helping the Giants overcome a three-run deficit to beat the first-place San Diego Padres 4-3.

"There's just no doubt in my mind that I can keep playing the game at a high level," Bonds said.

For an instant, Bonds thought he had another home run to add to his remarkable total.

In his first trip to the plate since last October, a fan reached over the fence and interfered with the ball, collecting it into the stands, and the play was ruled a double.

The scoreboard briefly flashed "704" — a premature celebration. Bonds scored moments later on Ray Durham's single. The fan was immediately ejected for interfering with play.

"After that at-bat, I was spent," Bonds said, laughing. "I got a little bit tired by the fifth inning. Your adrenaline is going so hard and everybody's cheering for you out there. The team is playing well and you're so hyped up."

ised to pitch to Bonds if the situation dictated and Bonds saw his share of strikes.

He led off the second for the Giants, stretching his bat above his head as he walked out of the dugout and acknowledging the fans during one of several ovations he received before digging in against San Diego's Adam Eaton (10-4).

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— Barry Bonds
Outfielder, San Francisco Giants

Thus began a wild, 11-pitch at-bat in which Eaton, who has given up three of Bonds' 703 career home runs, challenged Bonds with the crowd on its feet the whole way.

"He gave me the best at-bat I've seen this year in the first at-bat," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "I'm not talking about this team, I'm talking about any team."

In the third, Bonds hit a shallow fly to center. He flied out to deep center in the fifth, then struck out swinging in the seventh before Jason Ellison replaced him in the field to start the eighth.

"Having that guy in the lineup makes a difference," said Giants third baseman Edgardo Alfonzo, who added three hits. "He's going to scare some people. I was definitely surprised by the double. He missed so much time and on his first at-bat — boom! He's a special player."

While this was Bonds' night all the way, Durham hit a solo homer that tied it at 3 in the fourth. Durham finished with three hits and two RBIs, proving he's a reliable option in the fifth hole behind Bonds. Rudy Seanez even intentionally walked Durham after Bonds struck out in the seventh.

"I never thought that would happen," Durham said, referring to the notion of him getting walked and Bonds seeing pitches. "He definitely brings a presence to our lineup."

The 41-year-old Bonds, resuming his chase of Aaron's career home run record of 755, received a warm ovation when he took his spot in left field in the top of the first, tipping his hat to the cheering crowd of 39,095.

A lengthy tribute and highlight show of the superstar played on the main center-field scoreboard before the first pitch. Bonds is clearly still loved in the Bay Area despite the steroids controversy surrounding him, though everybody expects far worse treatment on the road.

Rubber chickens returned to the ballpark souvenir stands for the first time this season — for fans to wave when Bonds walks. A few boats were in McCovey Cove beyond right field, with fans aboard hoping to retrieve a Bonds' splash hit.

"Truthfully, I felt I didn't want to let the city down," said Bonds, who plans to play again Tuesday. "That's the feeling you have out there. They came to see you play, and you really want to put on a good performance for them."

Alou figures Bonds will play enough in the final three weeks to get close to 80 at-bats, but that number could be cut in half if he is walked at the rate he has been in past seasons.

He walked a major league-record 232 times in 2004 on the way to his record seventh MVP award.

For general manager Brian Sabean, this is an important stretch to gauge how Bonds performs after a long lay-off and get a better idea how his team might shape up for 2006, the final year of Bonds' contract.

Tempers flare as Falcons clip Eagles 14-10 Monday night

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons finally showed they could beat the Philadelphia Eagles, but it was merely a season opener. No Super Bowl at stake in this one.

Maybe that will come toward the end of the season.

"We know we're going to see this team again," Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, savoring a 14-10 victory Monday night but already looking ahead to another shot at the Eagles in the playoffs.

Clearly, this has the look of an increasingly bitter rivalry.

The players were throwing punches before the game even started, then went toe-

toe for 60 minutes. Michael Vick ran for one touchdown, set up another with a long pass, then turned things over to a defense that kept Philadelphia from coming all the way back.

"We take our hats off to them," Eagles linebacker Keith Adams said. "Hey, you take it like a man."

Besides, one regular-season victory doesn't make up for two playoff losses. In 2003, Philadelphia knocked out the Falcons in the divisional round. Last January, the Eagles beat Atlanta 27-10 in the NFC championship game.

But the Falcons feel they are finally ready to challenge the conference's undisputed powerhouse.

"They thought they were going to bully us around," Falcons newcomer Ed Hartwell said. "Hey, we're not going to be bullied."

That was evident about a half-hour before the kickoff. The teams started jawing in warmups, a scuffle broke out and punches were thrown. When it was all sorted out, Philadelphia's Jeremiah Trotter and Atlanta's Kevin Mathis had been ejected.

The tone was set for the rest of the night.

The Eagles fell behind 14-0 in the first quarter, then shut out Vick the rest of the way. But their comeback was turned back when Donovan McNabb took a vicious hit from Rod

Coleman on a fourth-down pass, the ball dropping far short of Terrell Owens streaking down the sideline with 1:33 remaining.

"I think we proved our point," said Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, who matched up with T.O. most of the night.

The pregame shenanigans definitely worked out better for the Falcons. Mathis is a bit player, used mainly in passing situations, while Trotter is a three-time Pro Bowler who anchors the middle of the Philadelphia defense.

"He threw a punch and I tried to block it," Trotter said. "We were just trash talking. I don't think anyone should have been ejected."

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People



This Week: Constitution Day

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Five Freedoms

The First Amendment protects five important freedoms. It says:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

First Amendment Star Search

1. Search the newspaper to find news articles, letters to the editor or ads that show these five freedoms in action.
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How many stars can you count on this page in 30 seconds? Now have a friend try. Who found more?

THE CONSTITUTION IN ACTION!



On September 17, 1787, 39 of the Founding Fathers signed the Constitution of the United States.

The United States Constitution is the supreme law of the land. Every action taken by people, business and the government must follow the laws set forth in the Constitution's Amendments.

For the past eight years, Constitution Day has been celebrated by inviting everyone to wear red, white and blue and recite the Preamble to the Constitution at the same time. This year, because Constitution Day falls on a Saturday, schools will celebrate on Friday, September 16. You can join in by reciting the Preamble at

- 11 a.m. Pacific time
- noon Mountain time
- 1 p.m. Central time
- 2 p.m. Eastern time

We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

— The Preamble to the Constitution of the United States of America
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Standards Link: History: Students know the significance of national holidays and the achievements of people associated with them.

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Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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News or Not?

Look through today's newspaper for articles that a government might want taken out. Cross these out. What's left?

These two people are talking about one of the articles you crossed out. Write what you think these people are saying.

Quiz a Friend!

How much DO you know about the supreme law of the land? Try answering these questions. Check your answers and then quiz others.

1. What are the first 10 Amendments to the Constitution called?
2. Where was the Constitution first signed?
3. The U.S. Constitution established a government with three branches. What are the three branches?
4. True or False: The United States Constitution is the oldest written constitution in the world.
5. About how many words long is the United States Constitution?
6. What is a change to the Constitution called?
7. How many Amendments are there in the United States Constitution?
8. In the U.S., who is known as the "Father of Our Country"?
9. Which are the original 13 states that made up the United States?

1. The Bill of Rights
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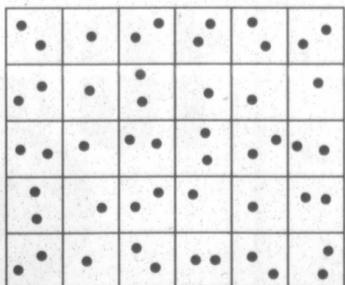
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Making Changes

In 1787 the original Constitution was signed. But many people refused to support it until some basic rights were added. These were added in 1791 in the form of Amendments, or additions. There are 10 original Amendments. To find out how many have been added since 1791, color all of the spaces with two dots red.



Standards Link: History: Understand the events associated with the Constitution.

Double Double Word Search

- AMENDMENT
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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.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Three Branches Worksheet

The U.S. Constitution divided the government into three equal parts, or "branches." Download our "Three Branches of Government" activity page at www.kidscoop.com to learn more!

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

What do history teachers make when they want to get together?

ANSWER: Dates!

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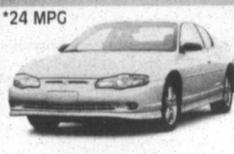
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