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Gray sheriff investigates reported shooting

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Gray County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers are investigating a shooting which was reported early today at a home approximately 13 miles south of Pampa off Highway

70. "All we can say right now is that there was a shooting in the south part of the county," said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office. Pampa Police Department is assisting in the investigation, Hoard

said. At the scene of the shooting this morning were representatives of the sheriff's office, Texas Rangers, Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, and PPD. An investigator for the 31st District Attorney's Office was

also at the site. A press release was expected to be prepared sometime this afternoon concerning the incident. No further information was available as of press time today.

Battle of Palo Duro to be commemorated

Members of the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains will commemorate the 131st anniversary of one of the decisive military engagements of the Southern Plains campaigns from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday in Palo Duro Canyon.

will be set up at the turnaround marker and equestrian area for the public to visit. Members of the regiment will give a living history presentation that describes the hardships and living conditions the troopers faced. Tentage, utensils and other items will be on display during the programs.

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Courtesy Photo
Reenacting the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon are, from left, Frank Willmon, James Coverdale, Mark Craddock, Jimmy Northcutt and Billy Turpin.

The Battle of Palo Duro Canyon was a significant historic battle of the Red River War and considered by many to be a hallowed military event in the Texas Panhandle, according to a press release from Jimmy Northcutt, Frontier Regiment public affairs officer. The battle took place at sunrise on Sept. 28, 1874 as U.S. cavalry troops surprised sleeping Comanche, Southern Cheyenne and Kiowa villages. An 1874 era military camp

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EDC committee moves on, sets town hall meeting

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

The Pampa Economic Development Promotion Committee continued its mission of getting out the word that a new economic development corporation is important for the city at a meeting Thursday evening in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices.

ment measure on the Nov. 8 ballot. Duane Harp will moderate the meeting and a panel is being selected to answer concerns and questions. Sixteen residents attended the meeting and discussed ways in which Pampa residents could be contacted and asked to vote in favor of the EDC. John Curry was facilitator at Thursday evening's meeting. The committee discussed the format of the town hall meeting and selected Kathy Cota to give an overview of a

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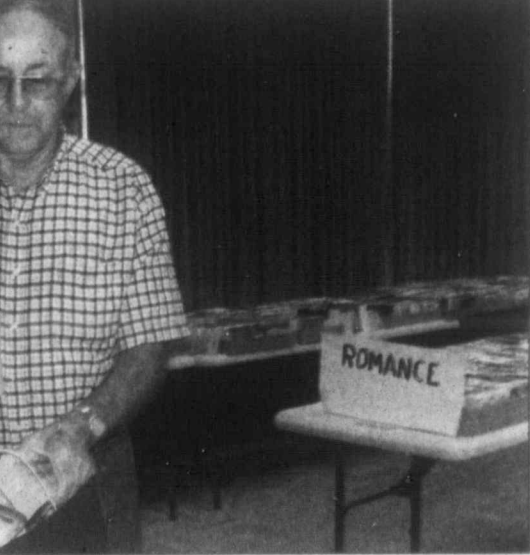
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New voting machines not ready for Nov. 8

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The new electronic voting machines which have been ordered by Gray County will not be available for the Nov. 8 constitutional amendment election, according to County Clerk Susan Winborne.

4 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 30. "We are not going to have the electronic voting machines for this election. The vendor is not going to have them ready. We'll have them by January," Winborne told commissioners at this morning's meeting. The new machines are federally mandated to be available by Jan. 1, 2006 in order to facilitate voting by handicapped persons. Approximately \$210,000 in state funds was made available to Gray County to be



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Roy Morriss sorts books for the Friends of the Library's paperback book sale Saturday and Sunday in the meeting room at the north end of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

County commissioners this morning approved declaration of the Nov. 8 election concerning nine proposed state constitutional amendments. Early voting will be Oct. 24 through Nov. 4. The early voting polls will also be open from 10 a.m. to

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Guthrie Day Saturday

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Pampa's annual Tribute to Woody Guthrie is Saturday at 400 S. Cuyler. It will include live music, access to the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, and an Italian dinner.

Schedule of Events
10 a.m. — Live musical performances begin. Scheduled performers include Josh Paulson, GenOh, Chris Smith, Grumpy Old Men, Bobby Elliott, Donna Timmons, Kavin Allenson, Rick Scott, K.C. Mathey, and the Pampa

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WRCA Ranch Rodeo... September 30th - October 2nd
Woody Guthrie Day... October 1st
Friends of the Pampa Library "Paperback Book Sale"... October 1st & 2nd
Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8th & 9th
Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon"... October 29th

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

HEARD, Selma McPherson — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Stocks

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

Table with 2 columns: Grain type and price. Includes Wheat, Milo, Corn, Soybeans.

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

Table with 2 columns: Stock symbol and price change. Includes OXY, BP PLC ADR, Cabot Corp, etc.

New York Gold, Silver, West Texas Crude prices.

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Pentagon revokes 'Able Danger' officer clearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — An officer who has claimed that a classified military unit identified four Sept. 11 hijackers before the 2001 attacks is facing Pentagon accusations of breaking numerous rules, charges his lawyer suggests are aimed at undermining his credibility.

The alleged infractions by Army Lt. Col. Anthony Shaffer, 42, include obtaining a service medal under false pretenses, improperly flashing military identification while drunk and stealing pens, according to military paperwork shown by his attorney to The Associated Press.

Shaffer was one of the first to publicly link Sept. 11 leader Mohamed Atta to the unit code-named Able Danger.

Shaffer was one of five witnesses the Pentagon ordered not to appear Sept. 21 before the Senate Judiciary

Zaid said he can't prove the Pentagon went after Shaffer because he's a whistleblower, but "all the timing associated with the clearance issue has been suspiciously coincidental."

Committee to discuss the unit's findings.

The military revoked Shaffer's top security clearance this month, a day before he was supposed to testify to a congressional committee.

Mark Zaid, Shaffer's attorney, said the Pentagon started looking into Shaffer's security clearance about the time in 2003 he met in Afghanistan with staff members of the bipartisan commission that studied the Sept. 11 attacks and told them about Able Danger.

Shaffer deserved a Defense Meritorious Service Medal he was awarded. Shaffer, who is supported by a retired colonel who has praised his work, says those challenging the medal do not have firsthand knowledge of his actions.

Shaffer says he showed his government credentials during two incidents in 1990, when he was drunk, and 1996, when he was pulled over by police.

The military says he misused his credentials, but Shaffer said he was not told he should not have used them. He also said he has joined Alcoholics Anonymous and has been sober for 13 years.

As for the pens and other office supplies taken, he blamed that on "youthful indiscretions" more than 20 years ago.

BELTWAY

President expected to announce second High Court nominee

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, closing in on another nomination of a new Supreme Court justice, has completed his consultations with the Senate about who should fill the seat of retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, a White House spokesman said Friday.

Bush was expected to announce his choice in the next few days. White House press secretary Scott McClellan ruled out an announcement Friday but otherwise indicated the nomination could come anytime. The president was to fly to Camp David around midday Friday and remain there until Sunday when he returns to attend the Red Mass, a service for all those in the legal profession.

On Monday, Bush will go to the Supreme Court for the investiture of John Roberts as chief justice. Roberts was confirmed by the Senate and sworn in at the White House on Thursday to succeed the late William H. Rehnquist.

McClellan said Bush and White House officials have discussed the next nomination with more than 80 of the 100 members of the Senate. He called the level of consultation unprecedented. He dismissed predictions that the next nomination would trigger a bruising confirmation fight.

"There was a lot of talk about that before," when

Roberts was nominated, McClellan said. "It did not happen."

Advocacy groups on the right are expecting Bush to name a solid conservative. Liberal groups are making a late push for a moderate.

Senate Democrats say if the president submits the name of any previous judicial nominee whom they have filibustered — including federal appellate judges Priscilla Owen, Janice Rogers Brown, William Pryor

Advocacy groups on the right are expecting Bush to name a solid conservative. Liberal groups are making a late push for a moderate.

and Hispanic lawyer Miguel Estrada — they will fight to the bitter end. Bush did not offer any hints during the swearing-in ceremony for Roberts.

Roberts said the Senate's bipartisan vote for him was "confirmation of what is for me a bedrock principle — that judging is different from politics."

All of the Senate's 55 Republicans, half of the 44 Democrats and independent James Jeffords of Vermont supported him.

Roberts' confirmation came ahead of the court's new term, which begins Monday.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 82. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 57.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 75.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 72.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Melodee Brooke Marlow, 27, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of assault and a motion to revoke.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Maricella Chavez, 25, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

Timothy Dale Pritchard, 35, was arrested on charges of evading with a vehicle and resisting.

Thursday, Sept. 29

Johnny Dwayne Bridges, 23, of Pampa was arrested on charges of no insurance, operating an unregistered vehicle and failure to appear.

Michael David Gerik, 46, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of DWI.

Michael Heath Honeycutt, 30, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

A vehicle/foot pursuit was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road.

Disorderly conduct reports came in from the 200 block of West Kingsmill, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 1100 block of Sirocco, and the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Theft reports were made from the 400 block of North Dwight on theft of service, the 300 block of North Lowry where a bed was taken, and the 500 block of East Foster where a dog was taken.

Domestic disturbance calls came from the Harvester and Evergreen area and the 800 block of West Kingsmill.

A harassment complaint came from the 1600 block of North Sumner.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

Law enforcement assists were rendered in the 200 block of North Russell and the 800 block of Deane.

One business alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

Fire

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

11:53 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at Russell and Worrell.

12:46 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at Hobart and Randy Matson.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Sept. 29

11:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Warren. No transport.

11:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Russell. No transport.

3:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Friday, Sept. 30

12:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

6:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to the ER.

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GARAGE SALE, 521 N. West St., Sat. Only 8-1. Lots of stuff. No Early Birds.

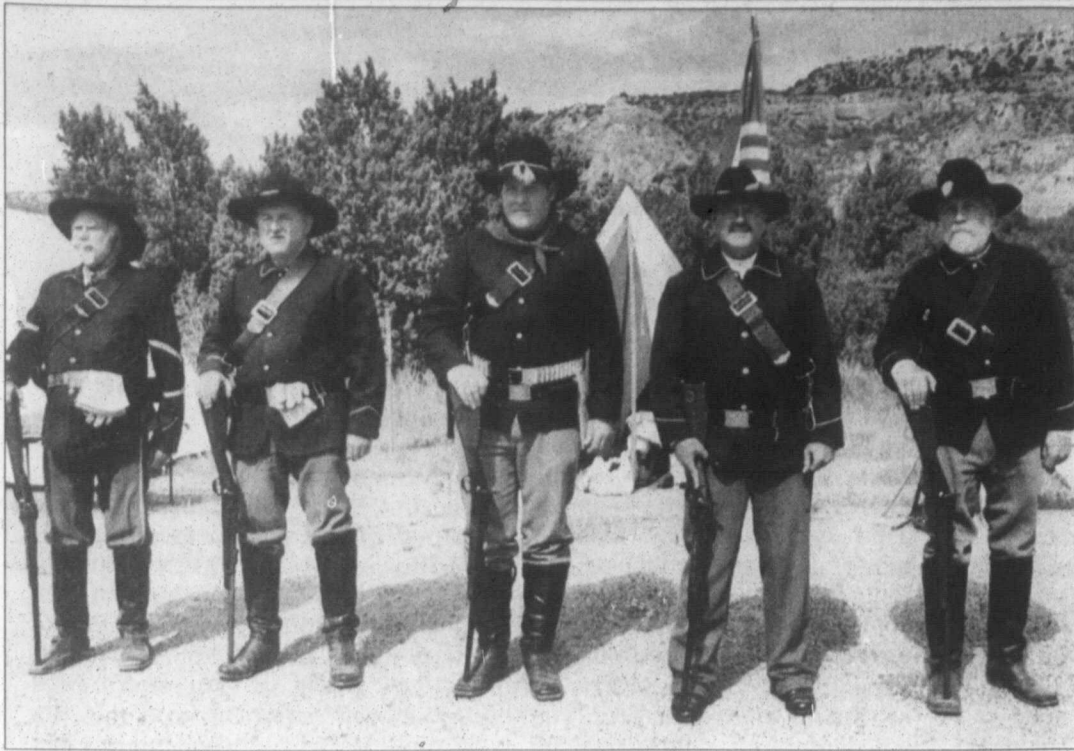
GIRLS BASKETBALL sign up's for 3rd-6th grade @ Pampa Optimist Club Mon-Wed. 5:30-7:30.

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Frontier regiment members, from left, Jimmy Northcutt, Mark Cradduck, Chris Larson, Mike Hanna and Frank Willmon.

Battle

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Mackenzie. Presenters will describe the prebattle, battle, and

postbattle settings of the 1874 military event that took place in Palo Duro Canyon.

The living history program will feature both horsemen in their respective attire, equipment, and weaponry as they describe the battle from both Native

American and U.S. military viewpoints, and the aftermath of the historic event.

For more information, contact Northcutt at 806 868-4031; Turpin at 806 358-3277; or Palo Duro Canyon State Park at 806 488-2729.

EDC

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funds could only be used on manufacturing and industrial activities.

A 4B PEDC would allow

funds to be spent on manufacturing and industrial activities, but it would also allow money to be spent on such things as amateur and children's sports facilities, park facilities and events, entertainment, convention and tourist facilities, water and sewer facilities, afford-

able housing, job training facilities and infrastructure improvements required for the projects, and maintenance and operation expenses for any of the projects.

The next committee meeting will be at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 13 in the Chamber of Commerce offices.

County

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applied to the purchase of the machines, and the county had allotted an additional \$101,000 of the 2005 budget for the machines.

A contract with Indigent Healthcare Solutions, which provides the computer software for the county's indigent health care program, was renewed for two years, at a cost of \$1,055 per month.

The monthly rate is the

same as in the current, expiring contract, said Sandra Martin, an employee in County Judge Richard Peet's office, which manages the county's indigent health care program.

"It saves the county more money than not having it," Martin said.

"It also benefits my office," said County Auditor Elaine Morris.

After a 20-minute executive session to discuss personnel matters, commissioners approved a motion which stated that "pursuant to HIPAA regulations, the

county agrees to fund approved expenses from the Gray County Employees' Health Benefit account," Winborne said after the meeting.

Bills totaling \$211,379.31 and salaries totaling \$212,335.07 were approved for payment. Line item transfers for the county attorney, Precinct 2 road and bridge, and Texas Department of Public Safety were also approved.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright presided at this morning's meeting, due to the absence of Peet.

Guthrie

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High School Jazz Band. All performances are free of charge.

2 p.m. — The Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center at 320 S. Cuyler opens. Guthrie memorabilia will be on display, and special entertainment will be provided. Scheduled performers include kindergartners from St. Matthew's Day School, Create-A-Beat Arts Academy students, Rick Scott, and Amy Thomas from Wilson Elementary School. Speakers include family members and friends of Guthrie.

6 p.m. — An Italian dinner will be served on the lawn of the Guthrie Inn, 400 S. Cuyler, for ticket holders.

All day — Visit the Bound for Glory Corner at the intersection of Craven and Russell streets, across the street from the Guthrie Inn.

A booklet and map is available for visitors who wish to take a self-guided walking or driving tour to various sites which would have been familiar to Guthrie.

Escapee nabbed

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal marshals have captured a convicted Alabama murderer who escaped from prison this month by overpowering a guard.

Carl Brad Ward, 40, was sitting in the bar of a hotel along Interstate 45 south of downtown Houston late Thursday when members of a U.S. Marshals Service violent offenders and fugitives task force arrested him without incident.



Courtesy Photo

Kavin Allenson of Burleson is one of the performers included in Saturday's scheduled entertainment for Pampa's Tribute to Woody Guthrie. Allenson is the nephew of Billie Dixon of Pampa. Live musical performances begin at 10 a.m. at 400 S. Cuyler.

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NYT reporter appears before grand jury probing CIA leak

WASHINGTON (AP) — New York Times reporter Judith Miller testified before a grand jury today, ending her silence in the investigation into whether White House officials leaked the name of a covert CIA operative, Valerie Plame.

Miller, free after 85 days in jail, spent more than three hours inside the federal courthouse in downtown Washington, most of it behind closed doors with a grand jury.

Miller arrived at about 8:30 a.m. at the courthouse as part of an agreement reached Thursday with Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald to disclose her conversations in July 2003 with Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby.

Miller said in a statement that her source had released her from her promise of confidentiality.

But Libby's lawyer said Friday he and his client had released Miller long ago to testify, and were surprised when Miller's lawyers again asked for a release in the last few weeks.

"We had signed a waiver more than a year ago," Attorney Joseph Tate said. "We didn't think this had anything to do with Scooter. I was under the impression from talking to (Miller attorney Floyd) Abrams that she was protecting a number of other sources."

Tate said Miller's lawyers called recently and said there was "a misunderstanding and Judy wanted to hear it straight from the horse's mouth" that Libby was releasing her to talk to the grand jury about their conversation.

Tate said his client did not know or hear about Plame's

identity until it appeared in a newspaper column by Robert Novak.

Miller went to the grand jury area Thursday morning accompanied by her attorneys Robert Bennett and Abrams and colleagues from the Times.

Until a few months ago, the White House maintained for nearly two years that Libby and presidential aide Karl Rove were not involved in leaking the identity of Valerie Plame, whose husband had publicly suggested that the Bush administration twisted intelligence in the runup to the war in Iraq.

The timing of the criticism by former Ambassador Joseph Wilson was devastating for the White House, which was already on the defensive because no

weapons of mass destruction had been found in Iraq. The president's claims of such weapons were the main justification for going to war.

Libby met with Miller just two days after Wilson blasted the Bush administration in a Times op-ed piece.

Time magazine reporter Matthew Cooper has testified recently that Rove and Libby had spoken to him about Wilson's wife that same week in July 2003 when Miller spoke to Libby.

In October 2003, with the criminal investigation gaining speed, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said of Rove and Libby: "Those individuals assured me they were not involved in this" leaking of Plame's identity.

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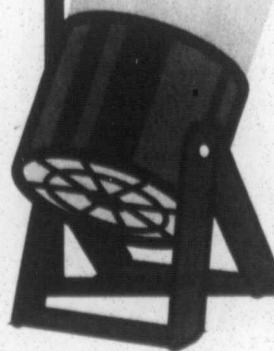
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Viewpoints

Laying blame for hurricanes at Bush's door ...

I just sipped my newest concoction — a KatrinaRita, in honor of those much maligned creations of the Lord our God — the hurricane.

Odd, God creates the hurricane, but man has to name the phenom, and I truly understand why. Why no, the two hurricanes were not the orders of President Bush?

Jesse, Al, and those Democrats just don't give up, do they?

First, hurricanes were given women's names — I've been married to two; however, political correctness now includes masculine names, though the only male hurricane I recall with fondness to history is Rueben; the great boxer, named for his

fists, not his temper.

I don't like hurricanes for any number of reasons. Well, who in their right mind would? Numero uno reason — I've experienced one. Alicia was her name, and she was a nasty little three on the Stafford-Simpson scale. An A.D.D. moment.

I wonder if Mr.'s Stafford and Simpson were married to women of hurricane temperament and rated their wives from 1 to 5 in veracity and figured why not hurricanes as well? Hmm? My first wife, Spider Woman, rated a 3.5 on the scale and she is still as strong today. Back to why I don't like hurricanes.

I'm Panhandle born, where on any given day

wind can be of hurricane velocity from one direction with adequate dust and the requisite tumbleweed included. Experiencing

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



and you can start putting your life back together within an hour or two — if, that is, your life is still on Mother Earth. Hurricanes hang a r o u n d much' to long for my comfort — a rather sadistic hang around if you think about it.

God was really having a bad day when He created the hurricane, eh?

Had a manager who demanded I go to a healthcare conference in Houston in August 1983. Being the current event junkie that I am, I was watching Hurricane Alicia develop in

the Gulf on television from my San Antonio home and knew beforehand any trip to Houston would be futile.

My manager lived in Pennsylvania, a state void of experiencing hurricanes. He thought all the hoopla was just that — hurricane hoopla; and, despite my protestations, ordered me into the fray.

Hurricanes are in no way fun, folks. To this very day, I still hold contempt for that person. I know, holding onto anger for what, 22 years, isn't good for the ol' psyche. Don't care! Pass the Zolof!

So, here I am, sitting and typing in high and dry Pampa while my fellow man — and one ex-wife — have had a go at it with two hurri-

canes nearing Biblical proportions. I view New Orleans struggling to stay above the shore line. I frown at all the finger pointing and racial comments of a political blame game. God or President Bush with the majority condemning Bush?

I am shown old photographs of Galveston's 1900 hurricane by every media outlet and wonder when that storm will be blamed on President Bush.

I watch 300-mile long traffic jams in every direction out of Houston. And, I know understand hurricanes are socio-economically driven. Hurricanes! Can't stand them! Ack!

Want a KatrinaRita?

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2005. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 30, 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

On this date:

In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1905, 100 years ago, British director Michael Powell ("The Red Shoes") was born in

'Where apathy is master, all men are slaves.'

— Anonymous

Bekesbourne, Kent, England.

In 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine Nautilus, was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

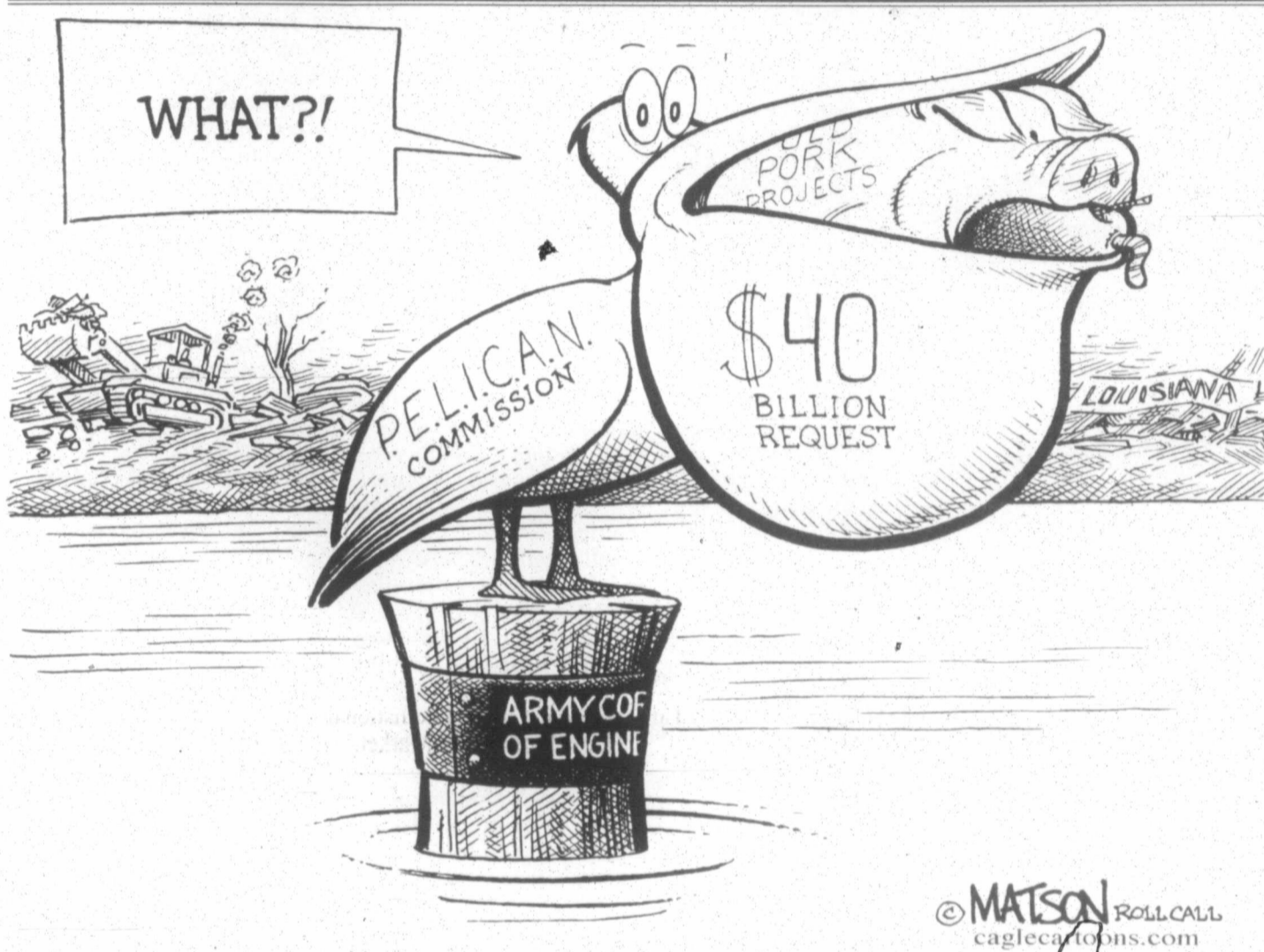
In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India.

Ten years ago: U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke, trying to negotiate a Bosnian cease-fire, ended inconclusive talks with the Sarajevo government and headed for Belgrade to try his luck with the Serbs.

Five years ago: A Catholic priest crashed his car into a building housing an abortion clinic in Rockford, Ill., and attacked it with an ax. (The Rev. John Earl later pleaded guilty to damaging property, and was sentenced to 30 months' probation and two days in county jail.) In Sydney, Australia, Marion Jones won Olympic gold in the U.S. women's 1,600-meter relay and bronze with the 400-meter squad — making her the only woman to win five track medals at one Olympics.

One year ago: President Bush and Sen. John Kerry met in their first debate, with Kerry charging Americans had been left with "this incredible mess in Iraq" and Bush saying U.S. troops look at the Democratic challenger and wonder, "How can I follow this guy?"

The House followed the Senate in decisively rejecting a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.



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Constitution is textual — not 'living'

It would be a hopeful sign if the Senate could get away from its obsession with abortion on demand and consider, during its Supreme Court confirmation hearings, what the Constitution is and what it isn't.

Some people seem to be under the erroneous belief that the Constitution grants us our rights. It does no such thing. To understand the Constitution, you have to remember the Declaration of Independence, which preceded it by several years. It is the Declaration that contains the philosophy of the American Revolution. The Constitution merely implements that philosophy.

The philosophy of the American Revolution contains three basic premises. One is that rights come from God and are unalienable. Two is that men create gov-

ernments to protect those rights. Three is that when government fails to protect those rights and becomes abusive of those rights, men have a right and even a duty to overthrow that government and create a new one.

Some Americans have so neglected their study of American history that the idea of violently overthrowing a government strikes them as, well, communist or some such. Of course, if the Founding Fathers had not violently overthrown the colonial government of Great Britain in North America, we would not be an independent nation.

If you read the

Constitution with those three premises in mind (and both documents were written to be read by ordinary folks, not legal scholars), it makes perfect sense. The main part of the Constitution simply

establishes the framework for the federal government and its three parts, defines their

respective duties and establishes what the federal government can do and what the states can do. None of that has anything at all to do with individual rights or with social issues.

The Bill of Rights, which is a set of amendments added after ratification to reassure opponents of the Constitution that the new

government would not usurp their rights, simply forbids the new federal government from abusing or abridging already-existing rights. The right to free speech and all the others existed prior to the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The language of the First Amendment tells what the intent was: "Congress shall pass no law." Only the new federal government had a Congress.

The Second Amendment does not grant people the right to keep and bear arms. They already had and continue to have that right. It simply says the already-existing right cannot be abridged. You can't abridge something that doesn't exist. Remember, too, that the same people involved in the Constitution were involved

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U.N. summit a colossal disappointment

Given the U.N. Oil-Food fiasco, world leaders' plans to lay groundwork for serious management reform at the recent summit in New York seemed not just necessary, but mandatory. Ditto for plans to devise a workable definition of terrorism and come up with a replacement for the dysfunctional U.N. Commission on Human Rights.

Yet the gathering didn't deliver on any of these agenda items. What a colossal disappointment. And that wasn't the end of the inaction.

Worse was the impasse on

nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament issues. After months of legwork, this subject didn't even make the summit's final agenda, an omission that Secretary-General

Kofi Annan rightly called "a real disgrace." Amassing a global accord on nuclear non-proliferation was never going to be an easy task. Some early drafts contained strong language that would have committed

nations to serious arms control. But other drafts included empty language that would have yielded little consequence. The initiative cratered after U.S.

Ambassador John Bolton lodged major U.S. objections.

Some of Mr. Bolton's proposed changes made perfect sense, such as the United States' demand for a more serious commitment from

the world to keep nukes from terrorists. But other changes continued to distance the United States and in effect, the rest of the world from trying to seek an arms control consensus.

In short, Mr. Bolton delivered a poison pill to a proposal already on life support. The bottom line is that world leadership represented at this summit by more than 170 nations again has failed to breathe life back into a global effort to limit nuclear weapons.

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Texas Thoughts

The Dallas Morning News

WORLD

Algerian voters back plan to end insurgency

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Algerians overwhelmingly approved a peace plan that provides a broad amnesty for Islamic extremists but which critics denounced as a whitewash of crimes committed during a bloody internal war, official referendum results showed today.

The plan, called the Charter for Peace and National Reconciliation, got more than 97 percent of Thursday's vote — a giant win that could further strengthen President Abdelaziz Bouteflika, said Interior Minister Noureddine Yazid Zerhouni.

Nearly 80 percent of the more than 18 million eligible voters cast ballots, he said. In one town, Khenchla in the east, 99.95 percent turned out. But the turnout rate dipped to as low as about 10 percent in

Critics of Bouteflika's charter, from opposition groups to the families of people who disappeared in Algeria's bloody Islamic insurgency, had predicted it would easily pass, especially given the lack of real debate. The popular Bouteflika also won a landslide re-election victory in 2004, five years after taking office following an election tarnished by allegations of fraud.

some towns in the restive Berber region of Kabylie, where there had been calls to boycott the vote.

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years after taking office following an election tarnished by allegations of fraud.

The president said the plan will help close the wounds from the violence and atrocities that gripped the North African nation for more than a decade, leaving an estimated 150,000 dead.

The insurgency erupted in 1992 after the army canceled a second round of voting in Algeria's first multiparty legislative elections to thwart a likely victory by the now-banned fundamentalist Islamic Salvation Front.

Some opposition politicians and human rights groups accused the president of using the charter to consolidate his power in the gas-rich nation of nearly 33 million.

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in the Revolution. Obviously, if you believe people have a right to overthrow a government, then no government must be allowed to disarm them.

It is also good to keep in mind that the Constitution is a textual document, not a "living document." That was a false metaphor intended to provide cover for judges to legislate and amend by interpretation so that the Constitution would mean whatever they said it meant. Not so. It means what it says. It cannot be amended by interpretation or by Congress ignoring it, though modern politicians have committed both sins.

The Constitution is a written contract between the sovereign people and their government. It was ratified by the people, and only the people can change it through

the amendment process. Every single American, liberal or conservative, should be fiercely adamant on that point. Otherwise, we have a nation of men, not of laws.

Finally, keep in mind that the Constitution was never intended to deal with moral and philosophical issues, such as abortion. The Founding Fathers properly left those to elected legislatures. That's why Roe v. Wade is a profoundly flawed decision. The court usurped the powers of the 50 state legislatures and, by interpretation, created a right to privacy that the words of the Constitution do not support.

It is said that when the Constitutional Convention ended, a lady asked Benjamin Franklin what kind of government they had given the people. "Madam, we have given you a republic — if you can keep it," was the reply. That is still an open question. If Americans continue to allow lawyers and academics to tell them what is so and not so, instead of thinking for themselves, then most surely we won't keep it.

Sitcom 'Will & Grace' goes live

NEW YORK (AP) — The set didn't collapse. No one forgot his lines. Too bad.

The cast of "Will & Grace," who do a pretty slick job every week on their filmed sitcom, upped the ante Thursday night by airing the season opener live.

No one fell down. No fire alarm went off in the middle of a punch line. Too bad.

Sure, Debra Messing and Sean Hayes did have fleeting attacks of the giggles. In the first of the night's two live performances (this one staged for the eastern United States), Messing, who plays Grace, got tickled by Hayes, who plays Grace's flamboyantly gay pal, Jack.

"When an opportunity comes," Jack declared on the subject of his dating married men, "I don't question it! I grab it, drop its ring on the nightstand, and swing on it till dawn!"

Hearing that, Messing snickered a bit too long before coaxing out her response.

And in a later scene, when Hayes removed the eye patch he had been wearing to reveal a singed-off eyebrow (it looked funnier than it sounds), he and Messing nearly lost control.

Perhaps the night's biggest surprise — presumably scripted — was a juicy lip-lock between Eric McCormack (who stars as Will) and guest star Alec Baldwin (playing Will's peculiar boss). Not bad.

The zany half-hour centered on the discovery that the long-lost husband of Karen (Megan Mullally) isn't dead, after all, but alive and well and hiding from the mob.

"But we were at the funeral. We scattered a trash bag full of his ashes!" said a shocked Grace when she heard the news from Will.

People in the News

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Much like the penniless orphan in his new film, "Oliver Twist," Roman Polanski says he knows that in life "the worst thing isn't a hard bed or hunger, but having no parents."

Polanski, who won an Oscar for 2002's "The Pianist," said he could identify with the young orphan turned pickpocket in the squalor of Victorian London in Charles Dickens' classic tale.

Like Oliver, he knows what it's like "to walk for kilometers without socks in boots with bloody feet," said Polanski, who escaped Poland's Krakow ghetto during World War II and wandered the countryside, living with different families until his father could claim him.

"I knew that the worst thing isn't a hard bed or hunger, but having no par-

ents," the 72-year-old director said Thursday. His parents were sent to Nazi death camps, and his mother died at Auschwitz.

Polanski, whose screen credits also include "Rosemary's Baby," "Chinatown" and "Tess," left the United States in 1978 rather than face sentencing on child-sex charges. He lives in Paris with his wife and their two children.

"Oliver Twist" debuted last week in the Czech Republic, where it was filmed, and was to open Friday in the United States and Poland.

To Polanski, the tale is timeless.

"Of course the story's aged — but the Bible has, too," he said.

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — Martha Stewart, free from house arrest and with a little

break from her two new TV series, is expected in town next month for a reception in her honor at the International Home Furnishings Market.

Bernhardt Furniture, the Lenoir-based manufacturer of Stewart's furniture collection, will hold the invitation-only party Oct. 19.

Stewart was convicted of lying to authorities about a stock deal. She served five months behind bars in West Virginia and nearly six more months in home confinement.

She has been free of her electronic ankle bracelet since Sept. 1, and has launched "Martha," a syndicated daytime show, and a prime-time NBC reality show, "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart."

The 64-year-old domestic diva will also take time during her visit to High Point to promote additions to her furniture line.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

• **Armstrong County Museum** will host a 3 p.m. ribbon-cutting Tuesday at the historic home of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight at the community of Goodnight. The event is being held to kick-off the restoration project at the 117-year-old Victorian home.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** 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). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 10

and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Oct. 10, City Hall, Canadian.

• **The local Girl Scout council** is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

• **Just Between Friends in Amarillo** will be supporting the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project by collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals. For more information or to make a donation, call (806) 355-4256.

• **The reunion of the USS Cascade AD-16** is planned for Oct. 9-16 at Branson, Mo. For more information, contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette, P.O. Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673, (417) 334-5627; or Bob Croghan, Sr., 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 843-6615.

• **SW USA Aleutian Island Veterans** will reunite Nov. 9-11 at Laughlin, Nev. All service branches, veterans, and guests' spouses are welcome at the upcoming gathering. For more information or to obtain a registration blank, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Al King, POB 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313.

• **Working Ranch Cowboys Association** will stage its 10th World Championship Ranch Rodeo Nov. 10 through 13 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."

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treaties and global declarations are imperfect creations, subject to willful violations and other diffi-

culties. Yet sidestepping the challenge only makes the road to consensus that much longer.

And the repeated failures amount to a tacit endorsement of a global arms race and a dangerous step toward the brink.

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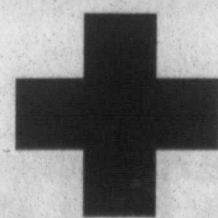


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Prison rape plaintiff says he was insulted

WICHITA FALLS, Texas (AP) — A gay former inmate who filed a federal lawsuit claiming he was not protected from repeated rapes testified that one corrections officer insulted him when he wore makeup to a meeting with prison officials.

Roderick Keith Johnson testified during the civil trial Thursday that wearing makeup was not allowed but he had been forced to do so by a prison gang. But, instead of protecting him from sexual assaults by inmates, the corrections official implied that Johnson's makeup was a sign of promiscuity, Johnson testified.

Johnson, 37, seeks unspecified damages against six Texas Department of

Criminal Justice officials, claiming they didn't follow policies when they refused his requests to be moved to a safer area for gay and other vulnerable inmates. A seventh prison official named in the suit was dropped from litigation by the judge earlier this week.

The defense was expected to start today. The prison officials' attorneys have said there was no evidence Johnson was raped, that he changed his story about several alleged incidents and that he wanted to be moved to a "safekeeping" area because his lover and other love interests were there.

Johnson, a burglary convict, was in prison from 2000 to 2003, including 18 months at the Allred Unit near Wichita Falls.

Local Red Cross relies on United Way to help save lives, make a difference

By JANA GREGORY
Red Cross Executive Director

What an exciting time for the Gray County Area American Red Cross Chapter. We have met many of the goals that I and my board had set for last year. The United Way has been very generous with us and it is much appreciated because with our allocations I feel that we have served the communities in our jurisdiction with services that the American Red Cross stands by.

The American Red Cross provides Armed Forces emergency communications with the military and their families and provides disaster relief as well as teaching classes that will help save a life. The most rewarding thing that has happened with our chapter this past year, I happened to be on call, with all the upheaval of our country being at war, is that we provide a service that many people do not know Red Cross has and that is 24-hour communications with a loved one if that family has an emergency.

I got a call late one evening last year, from a very upset man. He had just received a phone call from his son's wife who was on the East Coast all by herself. You see, her husband was in the military on duty at sea. The father-in-law was upset because he was here in Pampa a long way from his daughter-in-law who was all by herself, and very distraught. His son and his wife had just a few months earlier before he shipped out called with some wonderful news — they were going to have a baby.

The daughter-in-law had just come from the doctor, and everything was not OK, and she did not know what to do. She needed her husband to help her get through this and make a life-and-death decision. The father-in-law calmed her down and hung up the phone and called the Red Cross, and I received the call. This was the most heartfelt call I have ever taken.

The father-in-law and I cried together as I took the information to send a message to a ship at sea, to a man who was fighting for his country and his family was in trouble. The message was sent to his son's command through the Red Cross, he received the message, and then it is in the hands of the military on what happens next.

It is very heartwarming to be there for people when things feel hopeless. I feel so strongly for what the Red Cross does for the people of this great nation in times of need, not just disasters, but the many services that the Red Cross provides. We, as the newly formed Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter, feel very strong about helping a family if a disaster destroys their home with disaster relief, disaster preparedness, health and safety classes, so people can save a life if put in that situation, and providing a link for the military and their families with good news and sometimes sad news.

Red Cross is reaching the communities in our jurisdiction with the knowledge of the American Red Cross and where to reach us if they need assistance 24-hours a day

seven days a week. No one wants to live in a community without the American Red Cross.

The community of Pampa has had a very active Red Cross, since getting its charter in 1918 — that is a lot of years. I feel that we serve the community of Pampa with lifesaving classes to anyone who wants them for CPR, First Aid, lifeguard and swimming classes. We feel that it is very important for the community to be prepared for any and all disasters, so getting the information out to the public is critical to the people of this community.

Last year more than 1,000 people took classes from the Red Cross.

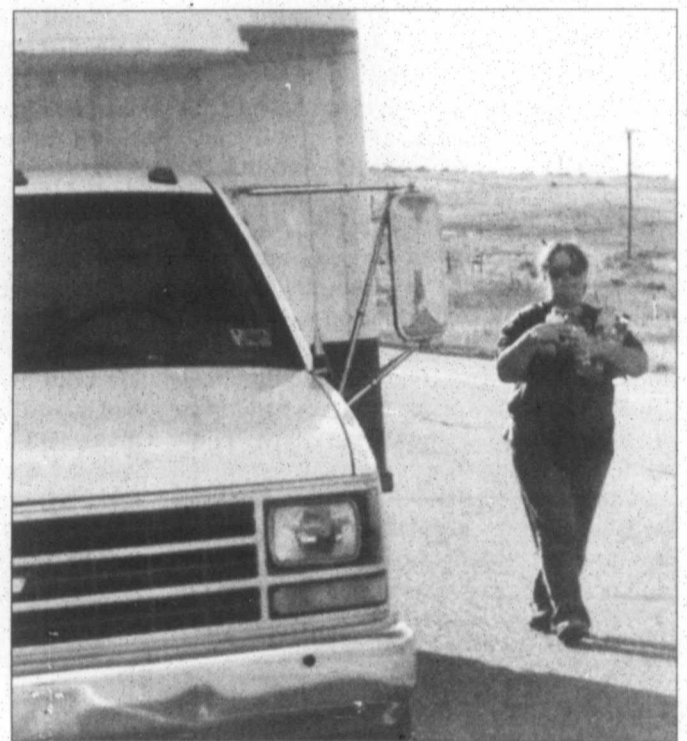
Brochures on disaster preparedness were distributed to 500-plus people.

There were 27 single family fires where families lost their homes.

Military communications for families numbered 37.

Reaching the people — young, old and in between — is how "Together We Can Save a Life!"

— This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2005 fund-raising campaign.



This photograph is of a chemical spill/truck accident the Red Cross responded to, providing drinks for emergency crews.

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Two Palestinians die in firefight

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops killed two Palestinian militants in a shootout today, while Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas' Fatah movement made an unexpectedly strong showing against rival Hamas in local elections in dozens of West Bank towns and villages.

Hamas complained that many of its candidates were detained by Israeli troops before Thursday's election. The arrests are part of Israel's weeklong campaign against militants, triggered by rocket fire from Gaza on Israeli border towns.

Armed groups have threatened revenge, and an informal seven-month-old truce could collapse as a result of the escalation.

Pressing forward with the military campaign, Israeli soldiers raided the Balata refugee camp outside the West Bank city of Nablus early Friday, searching for wanted Palestinians. Gunmen shot at the soldiers, who returned fired, the army said.

Two Palestinians were killed and another seriously

injured, according to witnesses and Palestinian officials. The gunmen were from the Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigades, a militant group with ties to Fatah.

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz has said the wave of air strikes, arrests and targeted killings was meant to show militants Israel would not tolerate any attacks from Gaza ...

Israeli Defense Minister Shaul Mofaz has said the wave of air strikes, arrests and targeted killings was meant to show militants Israel would not tolerate any attacks from Gaza in the wake of its pullout from there earlier this month. Mofaz and top army com-

manders decided Thursday that strikes would continue at least for several more days.

In the West Bank, local elections were held Thursday in 104 towns and villages, with a total of 376,000 residents, or a little more than 10 percent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza. It was the third of four rounds of municipal elections. No date has been set yet for the final vote in the largest Palestinian cities.

Jamal Shobaki, head of the Local Elections Commission, said Fatah took control of 61 councils, while Hamas won 28. Other parties and independents won 15 councils, said Shobaki, a leading Fatah member.

Final results showed Fatah winning 54 percent of the vote, compared to 26 percent for Hamas.

It was a relatively strong showing for Fatah, the ruling party for more than a decade, against initial predictions of a continued rise of Hamas.

Inventor of Valium, other drugs dies at 97

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — Leo Sternbach, the inventor of a revolutionary new class of tranquilizers that included Valium, one of the first blockbuster "lifestyle" drugs, has died at his home in North Carolina. He was 97.

Sternbach, an award-winning chemist who helped the Swiss drug conglomerate Roche Group build its U.S. headquarters in Nutley, N.J., after fleeing the Nazis during World War II, died in Chapel Hill, N.C., after a short illness late Wednesday. His wife, sons and other relatives were at his side, according to the company.

An Austrian native who said he loved chemistry from his youth, Sternbach led development of more than a dozen important drugs during a six-decade career with Roche. His other breakthroughs include the sleeping pills Dalmane and Mogadon, Klonopin for epileptic seizures and Arfonad

for limiting bleeding during brain surgery.

Valium was the country's most prescribed drug from 1969 to 1982. Nicknamed "Mother's Little Helper" after the Rolling Stones song, it was three times more potent than its predecessor, Librium, another member of the class of tranquilizers invented by Sternbach.

Roche sold nearly 2.3 billion Valium pills stamped with the trademark "V" at the drug's 1978 peak.

"It gave you a feeling of well-being," Sternbach told The Associated Press in a 2003 interview on the 40th anniversary of Valium. "Only when the sales figures came in, then I realized how important it was."

Sternbach was born in 1908 in Abbazia, part of the Austrian Empire that today is Croatia, and earned a doctoral degree in organic chemistry at the University of Krakow in Poland.

Firefighters hope weather will help contain California blaze

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A 16,200-acre wildfire burned out of control early today in the hills and canyons along the city's northwestern edge, despite the efforts of thousands of firefighters who held out hope that the weather was on their side.

Mike Bryant, Los Angeles County Fire Department incident chief, said firefighters wanted to "throw every available resource we have" at the fire to take advantage of cooler temperatures and receding winds.

"Today is a very critical day for us," he said on

NBC's "Today" show Friday. A new system was forecast in the coming days that could again whip up the flames, he added.

Some 3,000 firefighters aided by four airplanes releasing retardant and 11 helicopters dropping water attacked flames and protected ridgetop homes amid the brushy landscape west of the San Fernando Valley.

By early Friday, the blaze was just 5 percent contained.

Hundreds of people have evacuated since the fire broke out Wednesday, with the flames destroying at

Temperatures were in the high 90s and conditions were dry through most of the day. But winds were relatively light and the forecast called for cooler temperatures.

least one home and five other structures. Smoke in the valley was so thick that cars drove with lights on in the afternoon.

The fire moved west much of the day, menacing Ventura County communities, then sent flanks in the

opposite direction as winds shifted.

"If it wasn't for the wind changing, it would have ... gone all the way to the coast," said Joey Escobar, 45, who was among a group of people who gathered to watch the flames near

Highway 101. "It's like a fireplace."

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As night fell Thursday, long lines of fire marched east toward the wealthy enclave of Hidden Hills and the western fringes of Los Angeles.

Mandatory or voluntary evacuations were in effect for homes scattered throughout the canyons and in parts of area cities along the south

side of the fire and 10 miles north to Simi Valley.

Firefighters have saved some 2,000 structures from the flames, Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky said.

Fire also spread to parts of the 2,800-acre Santa Susana Field Laboratory — where Rocketdyne has built everything from space rockets to Peacekeeper missiles over the past half century.

Officials there canceled what was to be the lab's final rocket test because of the blaze; about 200 employees were evacuated.

Prison photos still problem for U.S. Army

NEW YORK (AP) — Photographs showing U.S. soldiers tormenting Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib prison tarnished America's reputation when they were released last year, with some critics of the U.S.-led occupation citing the scandal as vindication.

On Thursday, a federal judge ordered the release of dozens more pictures of abuse from the infamous Baghdad prison — potentially opening the military up to more embarrassment from a scandal that already has stirred outrage around the world.

U.S. District Judge Alvin K. Hellerstein rejected government arguments that the images would provoke terrorists and incite violence against U.S. troops in Iraq.

He said terrorists "do not

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U.S. district judge

need pretexts for their barbarism" and that suppressing the pictures would amount to submitting to blackmail.

"Our nation does not surrender to blackmail, and fear of blackmail is not a legally sufficient argument to prevent us from performing a statutory command. Indeed, the freedoms that we champion are as important to our success in Iraq and Afghanistan as the guns and missiles with which our

troops are armed," he said.

The 74 photographs covered by ruling were taken by a soldier; three videotapes also were ordered released. A military policeman who saw the photos turned them over to the Army. Some may be duplicates of photos already seen by the public.

An appeal of Hellerstein's ruling was expected, which could delay release of the pictures for months.

Gen. John Abizaid, com-

mander of U.S. Central Command, said releasing the photos would hinder his work against terrorism.

"When we continue to pick at the wound and show the pictures over and over again it just creates the image — a false image — like this is the sort of stuff that is happening anew, and it's not," Abizaid said.

The American Civil Liberties Union sought release of the photographs and videotapes as part of an October 2003 lawsuit demanding information on the treatment of detainees in U.S. custody and the transfer of prisoners to countries known to use torture. The ACLU contends that prisoner abuse is systemic.

"It's a historic ruling," said ACLU Executive Director Anthony Romero.

Boeing machinists OK contract, ending strike

SEATTLE (AP) — Less than a month after they hit the picket lines, machinists at Boeing Co. approved a new contract and ended a strike that shut down the company's commercial airplane assembly plants.

About 80 percent of members who cast ballots approved the three-year pact, Mark Blondin, president of Machinists District Lodge 751, told a cheering crowd of several dozen union members after ballots were counted Thursday night.

"You stood up and said no to corporate greed," Dick Schneider, the machinists' aerospace coordinator, shouted after the vote. "We hope this is a wake-up call to corporate America!"

Approval cleared the way for workers to return to their jobs as early as Thursday night. It was not immediately clear how much production work would resume right away, since the settlement doesn't require employees to return to work until Oct. 12.

A simple majority was needed to accept the offer. Union leaders had recommended that membership vote for the deal, saying it addressed key issues — pensions and health care benefits.

The average machinist represented by the contract is 49 years old and makes about \$59,000 a year. The strike by about 18,400 machinists began Sept. 2.

Under the new contract, workers will see no changes to current health care premiums. Pension payouts will increase by nearly 17 percent, to \$70 per month for every year

worked — up from \$60 per month in the just-expired contract.

The offer workers rejected Sept. 1 called for increasing pension payouts to \$66 per month, a proposal the union blasted as "insulting."

Boeing backed away from a proposal to eliminate retiree medical benefits for new hires, and dropped a plan to give workers incentive pay based on corporate financial targets.

Boeing also agreed to give workers in Wichita, Kan., the same deal as those in the Puget Sound area and Gresham, Ore., after previously offering Wichita workers less.

Instead of any general wage increase, the revised offer gives machinists cash payouts of about \$11,000 over the three years.

"To me, this is a win," said Kent Sprague, 51, a Boeing machine repairman in Auburn who voted for the contract. "I'm a little disappointed that Boeing didn't offer this initially."

The Chicago-based company said the total cost of the new offer was similar to the proposal rejected by machinists at the start of the strike.

"Our focus now shifts to ensuring a smooth restart of our production system and a return to a steady flow of airplane deliveries to our customers," Alan Mulally, president and CEO of Boeing Commercial Airplanes, said in a statement. "Boeing Commercial Airplanes is healthy and competitive."

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Judge throws out suit challenging corporate ag

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A federal judge has thrown out a lawsuit by a former state senator challenging Nebraska's ban on corporate farming, saying he missed the deadline and failed to prove he had been harmed by the ban.

But state Sen. John DeCamp, who owns farmland and businesses that breed and raise hogs, said the issue wasn't settled yet because a similar lawsuit was pending.

"I started the fire, it's burning like a hothouse now and I'm happy and in hog heaven," DeCamp said.

The ban was added to the state constitution through a petition drive spearheaded by the Farmers Union in 1982. It

was enacted by supporters of small, family farms in an effort to ward off an influx of corporate farming in the state.

The ban generally prohibits corporations and certain other businesses from owning farmland or engaging in agricultural activity, although there are numerous exceptions.

Decamp's lawsuit alleged that the ban interferes with interstate commerce and violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution, among other things. U.S. District Judge Laurie Smith-Camp threw out the lawsuit Wednesday.

The other lawsuit was filed by former Sen. Jim Jones and several others. It claims the

ban violates the Americans With Disabilities Act because it requires at least one family member who owns the farm to be engaged in day-to-day physical activities on the farm. That, according to the lawsuit, discriminates against people with disabilities.

One of the other plaintiffs in that lawsuit is Shad Dahlgren of Lincoln, a paraplegic who owns part of a feedlot near Bertrand.

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THE CROSS

Upcoming pilgrimage, rally to be staged in community of Groom

GROOM — Immaculate Heart of Mary Church and Cross Ministries in Groom will play host to Respect Life Pilgrimage and The

Silent No More Awareness Rally on Oct. 2. The day's activities will include:
 • 1 p.m. - Music on the lawn of

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 • 2 p.m. - Jim and Joy Pinto will present "Chastity - Welcoming Fairest Love."

• 3 p.m. - Mass with Bishop Yanta.

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Minister's Musings: Prepare yourself, it's worth the wait

Among my daughter's Bibles there is one, "The Jerusalem Bible," published in Garden City, N.Y., by Doubleday & Company, Inc. One interesting comparison I made was from 1 Peter 4:1-6.

"Think of what Christ suffered in this life, then arm yourselves with the same resolution that He had; anyone who in this life has bodily sufferings has broken with sin because for the rest of His life on earth He is not ruled by human passions but only by the will of God. You spent quite long enough in the past living the sort of life that pagans live, behaving indecently, giving way to your passions, drinking all the time, having wild parties and drunken orgies and degrading yourselves by following false gods. So that people cannot understand why you no longer hurry off with them to join this flood which is rushing down to

ruin, and they begin to spread libels about you. They will have to answer to it in front of the judge who is ready to judge the living and the dead."

The King James version gives that account in five verses.

People behaving indecently, giving way to sinful passions, drinking all the time, thinking it's only normal to celebrate with liquor. They think it strange that we run not with them. Oh, my heart cries out loudly: Danger, danger. Heaven is not at the end of that kind of living.

Saint Paul said, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry; For which things sake, the wrath of

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Archie Cooper

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: For the past two summers, my husband and I have traveled out of state to visit my best friend from high school, "Grace," and her live-in boyfriend. Our other girlfriend, "Dina," joins us with her live-in boyfriend.

Dina hasn't been getting along with her boyfriend and seems to have emotionally latched on to my husband. (We've been married two years.) During the last visit, Dina wouldn't drink a glass of wine unless she shared my husband's glass. She laughed at everything he said, complimented his looks, took photos of him nonstop, and fawned all over him. My husband is flirtatious with all my friends and, although he didn't do anything inappropriate during the weekend, I felt threatened and told him so.

I feel Dina's actions were disloyal and disrespectful of our 30-year friendship. For sure, I don't want to do the couple thing again next summer. Is this a friend I should keep? -- **FURIOUS IN ROSWELL, GA.**

DEAR FURIOUS: You may have known Dina for 30 years, but a friend like this you need like poison ivy. After the performance she put on, it's no wonder she's having trouble with her boyfriend. Although it's possible she may have been trying to make him jealous, I wouldn't blame you if you and Grace decided to limit your visits to a foursome from now on.

DEAR ABBY: My close friend of 20 years, "Martha," recently obtained her real estate license. She went to work for an agency out in the suburbs about an hour from my home. When I decided to sell my house, I listed it with a large agency that specializes in my neighborhood, with an agent I have also known for 20 years who happens to live a few blocks away. When Martha heard about it, she went ballistic because I didn't list with her. She said it was a slap in her face.

I tried to explain that listing my home with an agency out of the area that doesn't "work" this neighborhood or advertise in the local newspaper made no sense. Now I have lost a friend.

Was I wrong to list with the best agency -- which, by the way, sold my home in 10 days? Or should I have listed with Martha on the chance that the right buyer might happen to find my home for sale? -- **MISERABLE IN HOUSTON**

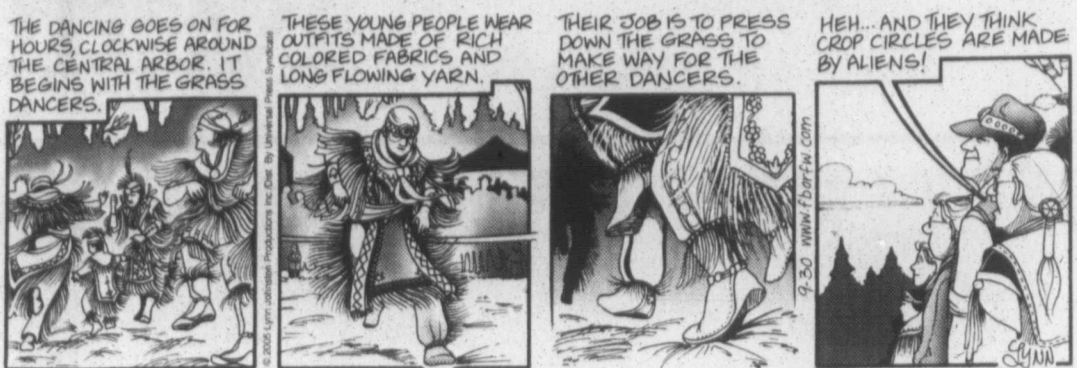
DEAR MISERABLE: You made a business decision that turned out to be the right one for you for a couple of reasons. Not only did you sell your home quickly, but you also found out that your "friend" was more interested in a commission for herself than what was good for you. Please don't be miserable. I'd say you're a very fortunate woman.

DEAR ABBY: I am a special education teacher. I see on a daily basis what happens when pregnant women abuse drugs or alcohol. Fetal alcohol syndrome can have devastating effects on unborn babies, and the victims are the children.

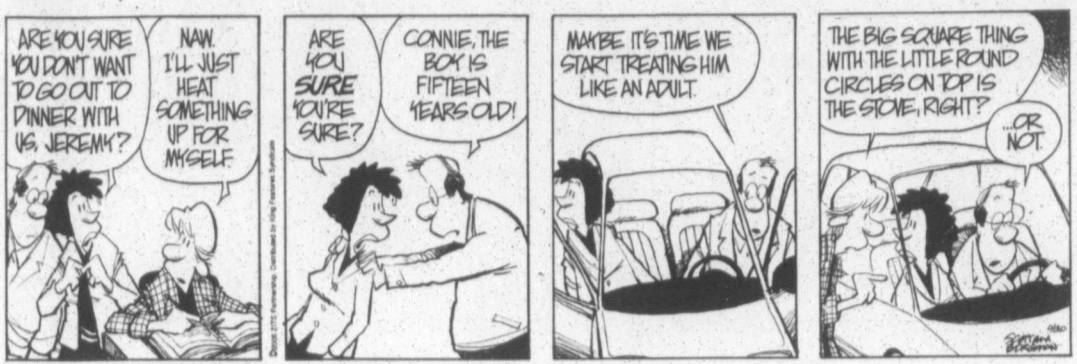
What is an appropriate thing to say to a visibly pregnant woman who is seen smoking or drinking? I don't want to sound hostile or unnecessarily offend anyone, but I feel that saying something to the mother would be in the best interests of the child. -- **CONCERNED TEACHER, COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS**

DEAR TEACHER: An appropriate thing to say to the mother-to-be would be: "I am a special education teacher. I see every day what happens when pregnant women abuse drugs or alcohol during their pregnancies. Their babies are born addicted, or underweight, and brain-damaged -- and the damage can last their entire lifetime. You may not be aware of it -- but I am sure your obstetrician can give you more information on this subject."

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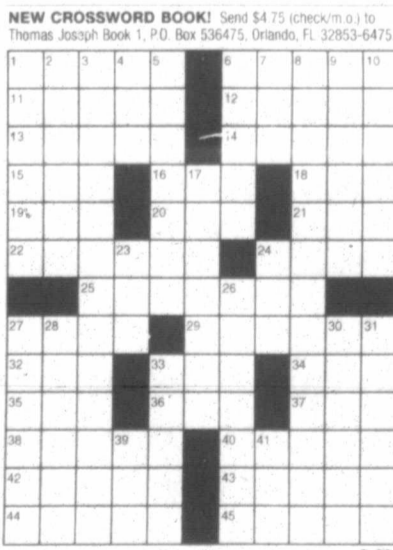
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By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters wrap up the first half of the season tonight with the final non-district game on the schedule at Plainview. On paper, this should be a mismatch. However, that is the beauty of sport — football in particular. You can always count on the unexpected while you prepare for the known.

What is known is Bulldog running back Jamar Wall is good and will probably add to his 1,100 yards rushing tonight. Plainview's offensive line is obviously not bad either.

Both teams are at or near the top of the District 4A heap in defense (Plainview No. 1, Pampa No. 3). And

the Harvester defense seems to react to challenge. It will face one tonight.

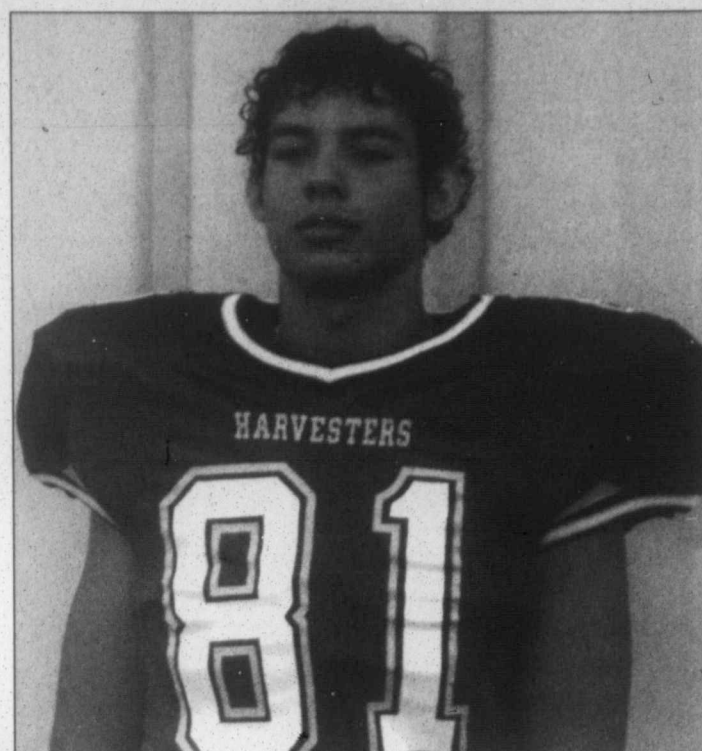
Pampa's offense has struggled to this point in the season. While the Harvesters average just under 200 yards per game, Plainview boasts a 489-yard average. The key to competing tonight will be to slow down Wall as best they can. But it may also mean Pampa must find a way to control the ball on offense and chewup as much of the clock as possible, thus keeping the future Texas Tech Red Raider on his own sideline. Scoring will be a must, and that may need to come in the air.

The bright spot for Pampa's offense has been Sharod Young, who leads the district in receiving. Ryan Torres is among the top ten as well. Combined,

Pampa QBs Brody Smith and Brett Ferrell have put together some solid numbers through the air going 52-for-87 for 609 yards, with three interceptions and two touchdowns.

The key to tonight's game is to not become overwhelmed, but to keep your head about you. This is where senior leadership and sound coaching will come into play. The Harvester's overall performance tonight could send a strong signal to those teams they will meet over the next five weeks in a fight for a District 3-4A playoff spot.

Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Tonight's game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO.



Receivers Ryan Torres (above) and Sharod Young could have busy night.



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← Pampa's defense swarms an AHS ball carrier earlier this year. It will face a tough challenge in Bulldog running back Jamar Wall tonight.

5-0 WT Buffs take No. 22 ranking to MSU Saturday

The 22nd-ranked West Texas A&M University Buffaloes will take its first national ranking in seven years on the road, heading to Wichita Falls to face the Midwestern State University Indians Saturday. The game will start at 7 p.m. at MSU's Memorial Stadium.

WTAMU carries a national-ranking into a game for the first time since the 1998 season finale, as the Buffaloes are ranked No. 22 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Division II Coaches Poll.

The Buffaloes are off to a 5-0 start for the first time since the 1994 season and have equaled their win total of the last three seasons combined. WTAMU upset then No. 3 Texas A&M University-Kingsville, 28-20, Saturday night at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, in front of a raucous, maroon-clad 14,095 fans.

MSU is 2-2 overall on the season, but could very easily be 4-0, as the Indians' two losses are by a combined three points, including Saturday's 30-29 loss at Angelo State University, after MSU led 20-7 to start the fourth quarter.

The Buffaloes are currently on a six-game losing streak to the Indians, as their last win was in 1998, which was at Wichita Falls. WTAMU is 4-4 all-time at MSU, last winning the 1998 contest there, which was the Buffaloes' last win in the series.

Saturday's game features two of the top offensive units in the conference and country. The defenses are equally as strong.

WTAMU leads the conference in four offensive categories: Total Offense (501.4 ypg), Passing Offense (353.2 ypg), Scoring Offense (48.0 ppg), and Passing Efficiency (148.0).

MSU leads the league in rushing offense (290.8 ypg) and rank second in total offense (470.8 ypg).

Nationally, WTAMU is second in the country in passing offense, fourth in scoring offense and sixth in total offense. MSU is sixth in the nation in rushing offense and ninth in total offense.

Defensively, WTAMU is second against the run

(116.0 ypg), ninth in passing defense (214.6 ypg) and sixth in total defense (330.6 ypg).

WTAMU leads the conference and ranks seventh in the nation in turnover margin (+11/2.2 pg), as the Buffaloes have forced 25 turnovers (18 INT, 7 FUM) and only coughed up the ball 14 times (6 INT, 8 FUM). WTAMU is closing in on the school record for team interceptions — 25 set in 1962 — compared to only four last season.

MSU's defense ranks third against the rush (122.2 ypg), seventh against the pass (185.2 ypg), and third in total defense (307.5 ypg).

WTAMU NO. 22

AFCA Division II Poll

Rank	School	Rec.	Pts.	Prv.	
1	G. Valley St. (Mich.)	(15)	4-0	615	1
2	North Dakota	(10)	5-0	610	2
3	East Stroudsburg (Pa.)		4-0	547	6
4	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)		4-1	522	7
5	Valdosta St. (Ga.)		4-1	501	8
6	Sag. Valley St. (Mich.)		4-0	490	9
7	Northwest Missouri St.		4-1	447	10
8	South Dakota		5-0	427	14
9	Tuskegee (Ala.)		4-0	421	11
10	Arkansas Tech		4-0	379	12
11	St. Cloud State (Minn.)		5-0	362	13
12	Texas A&M-Kingsville		3-1	337	3
13	Michigan Tech		4-0	284	15
14	North Alabama		4-0	266	18
15	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)		3-1	265	5
16	Nebraska-Omaha		3-1	245	4
17	Albany St. (Ga.)		3-1	240	16
18	Tarleton St. (Texas)		4-0	230	17
19	Northwood (Mich.)		4-1	183	19
20	Bloomsburg (Pa.)		5-0	178	21
21	Edinboro (Pa.)		3-1	150	20
22	West Texas A&M		5-0	127	—
23	Shepherd (W.Va.)		5-0	91	25
24	Delta St. (Miss.)		3-2	67	23
25	Presbyterian (S.C.)		4-1	60	—

Dropped Out (last week's rating): Catawba (N.C.) (22), Harding (Ark.) (24)

Others Receiving Votes: Wingate (N.C.), 20; Angelo St. (Tex.), 15; West Chester (Pa.), 11; North Carolina Central, 8; Washburn (Kan.), 8; California (Pa.), 7; Central Arkansas, 5; Harding (Ark.), 4; C.W. Post (N.Y.), 3.



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6 P.M.
Football: Buffs vs. Greyhounds
Kimbrough Memorial Stadium

9:30 P.M.
Homecoming Bonfire
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House passes sweeping changes to Endangered Species Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — Landowners would get major new rights and the federal government would have a smaller role in protecting plant and animal habitat under a House-passed overhaul of the 1973 Endangered Species Act. But Senate approval is far from assured.

The bill would require payments to property owners if species protection measures foil their development plans, put political appointees in charge of making some scientific determinations and stop the government from designating "critical habitat" for species where development is limited.

The Endangered Species Act, signed into law by President Nixon in 1973, requires the government to ensure its actions don't jeopardize the survival of 1,268 U.S. species of plants and animals now considered "endangered" or "threatened" by extinction. Those actions can include setting aside habitat for dwindling species that need protected areas to survive and recover; currently, critical habitat has been designated for 466 U.S. species.

The law has helped 16 species — including alligators, deer, falcons and gray whales — recover enough to be removed from the government's watch list, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Fifteen were removed because the data used to justify government protections were later found faulty; nine were taken off because the species

went extinct.

"The act has been a failure at recovering species," said House Resources Committee Chairman Richard Pombo, R-Calif., the bill's author. "We have to respond to that and step in and reauthorize the bill, put the focus on recovery and protect private property owners."

The legislation, denounced by environmentalists but welcomed by property rights advocates, passed the House on Thursday by a vote of 229-493. It would mark the most significant overhaul of the landmark law since its passage.

Susan Holmes, a senior legislative representative at Earthjustice, environmental law firm, said the bill amounted to "the death warrant for treasured American wildlife" if the Senate fails to reject

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the bill.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, a co-sponsor of the bill, has fought to put common sense into the Endangered Species Act.

"We have had the Endangered Species Act for more than 30 years now, and it has been a massive failure," Thornberry said. "It does nothing to encourage landowners to help protect species. Instead, it has created such a threatening bureaucracy, people fear what will happen if an endangered species is found on their property. Those who support the Act confess that it is enforced more by the threat of lawsuits than by sound science."

Consumer spending plunges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricane Katrina caused \$100 billion in uninsured losses in August while consumer spending plunged by the largest amount since the September 2001 terrorist attacks, the government reported today.

Because of the devastation along the Gulf Coast, personal incomes fell by 0.1 percent in August, the Commerce Department reported. Incomes would have risen by 0.2 percent had it not been for the hurricane.

In another worrisome sign for the economy, consumer spending, after adjusting for inflation, plunged by 1 percent in August, the biggest decline since September 2001, as consumers pinched by soaring gasoline prices cut back in spending in other

areas.

The sharp drop in spending raises concerns about consumers' staying power in the face of soaring energy bills. Consumer spending is closely watched because it accounts for two-thirds of the economy.

Analysts said the toll from Katrina and Hurricane Rita, which struck in September, is likely to depress economic activity for several months.

The worry is whether the surge in energy prices, partly reflecting the shutdown in production along the Gulf Coast, will so rattle consumers that the economy could be pushed into a full-blown recession. The Conference Board reported a sharp drop in consumer confidence in September.

Analysts, however,

believe that the spike in energy prices seen in August and early September will not be enough to shut down consumers' appetite to spend on other items, although they are forecasting that economic growth in the current July-September quarter will be lowered by as much as a full percentage point.

The 1 percent drop in spending after adjusting for inflation compared to a 0.5 percent decline in spending before inflation was taken out. The difference largely reflected the fact that consumers were buying more expensive gasoline to fill up their cars during the month.

Income after adjusting for taxes fell by 0.1 percent in August after an increase of 0.4 percent in July.

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God cometh on the children of disobedience." (Colossians 3:5-6)

John wrote, "If any man love the world, the Love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world, and the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." (1 John 2:15-17)

I was headed for that kind of lustful pleasures but Mother's and my grandparent's prayers prevailed, and Jesus, with the convicting power of the Holy Spirit, rescued me. Once in my presence, Grandmother prayed with a heavy burden, "Oh, God, don't let Archie go to hell."

If young people, or if anyone, doesn't have a mother or someone with a vision of the lake of fire and a travailing prayer for the lost, that needy person will have a terrible battle to get through to Christ. Satan is a great worrier against people coming to Christ.

To take up the cross and follow Jesus,

is to turn from the things of the world and selfish pleasures and do the will of God. As a young Christian, and being a young person, I chose Christian adults as my associates a lot of the time. I wanted protection from undue temptations. My heart was set to please Christ whom I loved so much.

I weighed my eternal reward in heaven against the pleasures of sin for a season. My face was set as though I would go to that heavenly Jerusalem, and I am closer now than I was then.

Jesus said he would go and prepare a place for us, and in revelation John saw a city prepared. And that is what I traded the pleasures of sin for a season for, and I got the best end of the deal.

I set my heart to shun the very appearance of evil. In dating the girl who became my wife for 60 years, I never drew her body up against my body. How did she know that I loved her? I treated her like a lady, and she loved it and came to me a virgin.

Let unbelievers declare that it is all a myth, but God has assured his sanctified ones that He is truthful and looking out for us and truly is coming for us. God will never need a NO VACANCY sign. Prepare thyself, it's worth the wait.

There you have a portion of the reward for cross-bearing for Christ.

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- 4:30 p.m. - Eucharistic Procession to the Cross.
- 5 p.m. - Adoration and benediction.

- 5:10 p.m. - Silent No More Rally.
 - 5:20 p.m. - Concert with "Dana," recording artist and composer of "We Are One Body."
 - 6 p.m. - Hamburger dinner by Knights of Columbus, \$5 per meal.
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