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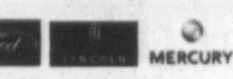
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## Law enforcement officials continue to probe deaths

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

No arrests had been made as of Monday afternoon in the homicides which occurred Sept. 30 at a home about 13 miles south of Pampa on Highway 70, according to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, public information officer for the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The Texas Rangers and Gray County Sheriff's office have questioned several suspects and are following up on multiple leads, Hawthorne said in a news release last week.

Preliminary autopsy reports on the victims were received Sept. 4 by

Precinct 1 Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.

Brian Conrad, 31; Michell Conrad, 35; and Zach Doan, 14, were the victims of a shooting which was reported in a 911 call at 7:15 a.m. Sept. 30. A fourth victim is Michell Conrad's unborn child.

"Limited information is being given to maintain the integrity of the evidence," Hawthorne said.

"Investigators continue to seek information on the murders. All tips or information are to be directed to Gray County Sheriff's Office at 669-8022," Hawthorne said.

Information may also be called in to Pampa/Gray County Crime

Stoppers at 669-2222.

"Any information that is given to the crime stoppers is kept strictly confidential, and the person remains anonymous," Hawthorne said.

The reward being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the shootings is currently \$16,120. Donations and honorable pledges are currently being accepted to add to the reward total.

Donations may be made at First Convenience Bank inside the Pampa Wal Mart.

The amount should be deposited in the Team Amber Alert rewards account, and checks are to be made

out to Team Amber Alert.

Credit card donations and honorable pledges may be made by calling Team Amber Alert at 669-1935 or visiting the web site at [www.teamamberalert.net/news](http://www.teamamberalert.net/news).

Donations may also be brought to Pampa Police Department or Gray County Sheriff's Office, or may be mailed to Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, TX 79066-2499, according to Lt. Fred Courtney of Pampa Police Department.

"This crime is of the utmost priority and it is important that the public realize that every step is being taken to solve this case," he said.

## School district facilities panel continues tours at high school

By AARON PEPPER  
Staff Intern

Tours of Pampa Independent School District's facilities continue through Wednesday of this week as the committee focuses on Pampa High School. While the high school shares issues such as parking lot size, masonry problems and subsidence with the junior high, much of their problems involve layout, rather than actual structure.

As teaching methods change, the high school has seen a need for larger classrooms. "Today we have more activity-based teaching," PHS principal Danny Seabourn said. "There may be fewer students than in the past, but we need more space to keep up with the latest teaching trends."

According to facilities committee chairman Lee Porter, turning three existing classrooms into two larger ones would provide adequate learning space.

The school's auditorium also has issues with size, among other things.

Only one half of the student body can be seated at a time in the auditorium. However, faulty seats and a faster system lacking catwalks create safety problems.

Another concern for the campus is the lack of proper science labs.

The school contains only one chemistry lab deemed adequate by state consultants. Classes are forced to take turns using the lab. Also, the existing labs are small and need to be updated for safety reasons.

Though all of these problems deal with

layout, the school is not without its structural problems.

Rain water seeps from the foundation into the underground tunnel system. The water often floods an abandoned room in the southeast corner of the structure's basement. A larger problem appears when the water runs out of that room toward the kitchen and cafeteria.

Even the buildings separated from the main structure have seen definite problems.

McNeely Fieldhouse's troubles include two inches of subsidence in the north lobby, an insufficient boiler system and a lack of shower facilities for girls.

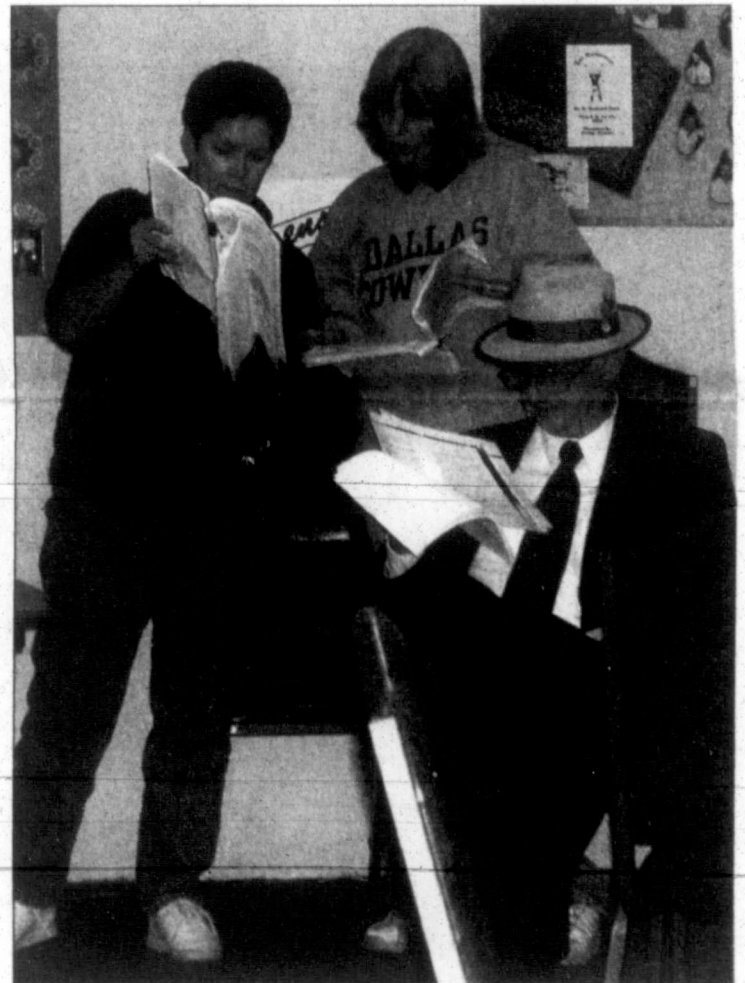
Also in need of renovation, the weight room and dressing areas (Valhalla) have heat and humidity issues that may be harmful to student-athletes. The building is also in need of another exit.

No additions or major renovations are planned at this time. While renovations would not warrant state funding, a program known as the Existing Debt Allotment could fund up to 40 percent of any bond passed in order to replace the building entirely.

Regardless of what the committee decides is best for Pampa High School, the physical structure of the building will not be the only thing changed.

"Of all the district's buildings," committee member Bill Berry said, "all of the sentiment and memories come down to this building."

## Studying



(Courtesy photo)  
From left, Diana Bruner, Kim Tatum and Ken Wilson study scripts during a rehearsal for ACT I's upcoming production of "Murder at Cafe Noir," an audience participation murder mystery. "Murder at Cafe Noir" will be presented as a dinner theater Oct. 21-22 and Nov. 4-5 at Pampa Country Club.

## Canadian musical to accompany tour

CANADIAN - Prairie Rivers Musical, a family-oriented live music show, will present its season opener at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Texas Middle School Auditorium, 404 6th St., in Canadian.

"This is the seventh season for Prairie Rivers Musical and we are looking for a good crowd, many of whom will be regular fans from past years," said Jay Godwin, one of the original organizers. "Our attendance at the last few shows the past season was 425-450 people, many coming from

Western Oklahoma in addition to all areas of the Texas Panhandle."

The show will continue a tradition of not charging admission and providing theater type seating, with no smoking or consumption of alcohol.

Classic country western swing, rockabilly, and gospel are the basic types of music that will be heard from the stage.

"Prairie Rivers Musical presents a venue of live performances by musicians and singers who have a  
See CANADIAN, Page 5

## Auto thefts up in September

Usually, July suffers the greatest number of auto thefts and February has the fewest. According to the Department of Public Safety Auto Theft Reports, many of the frequently stolen vehicles in Texas have reflected a significant jump in numbers in September.

Most notably, the Chevrolet pickup, the number one most stolen vehicle in Texas, has jumped from 509 stolen in August to 779 stolen in September.

Vehicles are stolen for a variety of reasons, and contrary to popular belief, the most stolen vehicles are several years old. Some are stolen and stripped for parts. Others are stolen and resold by the thief to another party. Many vehicles are also stolen for joyriding, for use in committing other crimes, to support drug habits, or in conjunction with the street-racing phenomenon.

The Texas Automobile Theft Prevention

Authority (ATPA), a division of the Texas Department of Transportation, has funded law enforcement programs specializing in vehicle theft investigation, recovery, prevention and prosecution since 1991. Throughout the years, ATPA has worked closely with local, state, and national agencies to reduce auto theft.

Currently, ATPA funds 27 grant programs, allowing more than 150 law enforcement officers throughout Texas to work on resolving vehicle theft cases, which saves Texans millions of dollars each year.

To locate the ATPA task force that can be contacted in your area regarding the most stolen vehicles, or for more information on statistics and prevention, contact April Marie Layton with ATPA's RATT program via the Texas "Watch Your Car" hotline, 1-800-CAR-WATCH.

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## Obituaries

### Betty Florence Crouch, 74

Betty Florence Crouch, 74, died October 9, 2005 in Miami, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2005, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Bill Burkholder, a retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Crouch was born July 12, 1931, in Miami. She graduated salutatorian from Miami High School and moved from Miami to Pampa in 1960. She married Bob Crouch on

August 2, 1961, in Miami. He preceded her in death on October 9, 1989.

She was a secretary for A.S.C.S. for many years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include one brother, Guy Smith of Miami; one aunt, Avis Edwards of Pampa; three nephews, Danny Smith of Pampa, Randy Smith of Nashville, Tennessee, and Monty Smith of Miami; five great-nephews; two great-nieces; and loyal dog, "Mikey."

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

Sign the online register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com)



Crouch

### Kenneth Joe "Kenny" Cloud, 51

Kenneth Joe "Kenny" Cloud, 51, died October 11, 2005 in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Cloud was born July 8, 1954, in Higgins. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1957. He married Renell Morgan of July 23, 1982, in Clarendon.

He was district manager for DCI Energy Services where he had worked for 17 years. He was a member of Trinity Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife, Renell Cloud of the home; two daughters, Angie Shaw and husband Charles, and Katie Cloud, all of

Pampa; one son, Jason Naramore and wife Heather of El Reno, Oklahoma; his mother, Marie E. Cloud of Pampa; five brothers, Dennis Carmen and wife Nancy of Livingston, Guy Cloud of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, Steve Cloud and wife Cathy, Bobby Cloud and wife Wanda, and Alan Cloud and wife Cecilia, all of Pampa; and two grandchildren, Kaden Shaw and Malie Shaw, both of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, Homer Cloud Jr., in 1969.

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### Tom Cook, 41

MABANK — Tom Cook, 41, of Trinidad, Texas, died Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005 in Bryan.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday Oct. 15, 2005, at the Christian Life Center in Mabank with the Rev. Barry Boatright officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Memorial Park in Van Zandt County by Eubank Cedar Creek Funeral Home & Memorial Park.

Mr. Cook was born Feb. 19, 1964, in Pampa. He was a truck driver.

Survivors include his parents, Joe and Evelyn Cook of Trinidad; a brother, T.J. Cook of Washington, D.C.; his grandparents, June and Maurine Rhoton of Borger; a stepbrother, Brian Driscoll of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and a stepsister, Cathy Jones of College Station.

### E.M. "Bob" Keller Jr., 77

E.M. "Bob" Keller Jr., 77, died October 8, 2005, in Lowell, Massachusetts.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Keller was born February 25, 1928, in Enid, Oklahoma. He was a Pampa resident since 1936, moving to Westford, Massachusetts in September.

Mr. Keller graduated from Pampa High School in 1945 and graduated from the University of Missouri. He married Sue Stewart on September 10, 1955, in Pampa. She preceded him in death March 3, 2002.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He was

owner/operator of E.M. Keller Trucking from 1943 until retiring in 1981.

Mr. Keller was a member of the Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM, Scottish Rite bodies of El Paso and Lubbock, York Rite bodies of Borger, and a member of First Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Eddy M. Keller of Westford, Massachusetts; two sisters, Jean Stewart of Alamogordo, New Mexico and Dortha Spalding of Wichita Falls, Texas; and four grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381, P.O. Box 2391, Pampa, Texas 79066-2391.

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Keller

### Elizabeth Jo Jones, 77

BROWNFIELD — Services for Elizabeth Jo Jones, 77, of Brownfield will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, October 11, 2005, at the Brownfield Church of Christ Family Life Center with Bob Reynolds and Derek McNamara officiating. Interment will follow at 2 p.m. at Plainview Memorial Park in Plainview by Brownfield Funeral Home.

Elizabeth was born April 30, 1928, in Plainview to the late Joe and Jewell Parnell. She graduated from Pampa High School. She moved from Kress to Plainview where she lived for many years.

She married Henry Snell in September 1950 in Pampa. He preceded her in death on April 27, 1979. She was the secretary for the Garland Street Church of Christ for 13 years.

Elizabeth married R.D. Jones on October 15, 1983, in Plainview after a most successful blind date. She had been a resident of Brownfield for 23 years. Elizabeth was a member of Brownfield Church of Christ.

She is survived by her husband R.D. Jones of Brownfield; 2 daughters, Kathy Hooper and husband Aubrey of Halfway, and Libby Mickey and husband Charlie of Katy; a stepdaughter, Jean Ann Banta of Lubbock; three stepsons, Jerry Jones and wife Karen of Brownfield, Gary Jones and wife Jackie of Freeport, and Greg Jones and wife Maria of Ridgway, Co.; a brother, R. C. Parnell of Clear Lake City; one granddaughter, Amber Mickey; eight stepgrandchildren and 13 step great-grandchildren.

### Faye L. Hix McCurley, 84

Faye L. Hix McCurley, 84, died Monday Oct. 10, 2005 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday Oct. 13, 2005 at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCurley was born June 22, 1921, in Ringling, Okla. She worked at Baylor Medical Center in Dallas for 14 years. She

had lived in Pampa since 1986. She was a member of Central Baptist Church.

Survivors include one daughter, Reta Alley of Bartlesville, Okla.; one son, Gary McCurley of Mesquite; one sister, Marge Walker of Pampa; one brother, Ralph Hix of Lefors; three grandsons; one granddaughter; and several great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

▲ This white and gray pigeon has no trouble finding a drink of water after .62 inches of rain fell in the Pampa area Monday, according to information from the Texas Tech University Mesonet weather station near Recreation Park. No more rainfall is forecast locally through the end of the week. Highs in the 70s and lows in the 50s are expected for the next several days.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 65. West southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 52. South wind around 5 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 71. South southwest wind around 10 mph becoming east northeast.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 51. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 72. North wind around 5 mph becoming east.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 50. East southeast wind around

5 mph becoming southwest.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 74. West wind around 5 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 52.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 42.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 64.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

#### Monday, Oct. 10

Eight traffic stops were made. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of Gwendolyn and on two occasions from the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 700 block of Buckler.

One open door was checked.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of Magnolia and Highway 60 East.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of 15th and Dogwood.

Civil matters were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of East 14th.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Allen and Magnolia streets.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner and the 1100 block of Sirroco.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1200 block of Hamilton. The incident resulted in an arrest.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of North Somerville.

A domestic disturbance/family violence was reported in the 1100

block of Cinderella. Minor injuries were reported.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1800 block of Williston. A PlayStation

and television/DVD player were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$265.

Robin Lynn Cook, 38, 2701 Randy, Pampa, was arrested in the 700 block of North Faulkner for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Troy James Short, 34, 1124 Cinderella, was arrested in the 1100 block of Cinderella for assault causing bodily injury.

### Fire

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

#### Monday, Aug. 10

2:45 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Christy on a lifting assist.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls

for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Saturday, Oct. 8

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Cherokee and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Clark on a fire standby.

1:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Clark on a structure fire standby.

#### Monday, Oct. 10

12:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of South Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Tuesday, Oct. 11

2:28 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston. There was not treatment, not transport.

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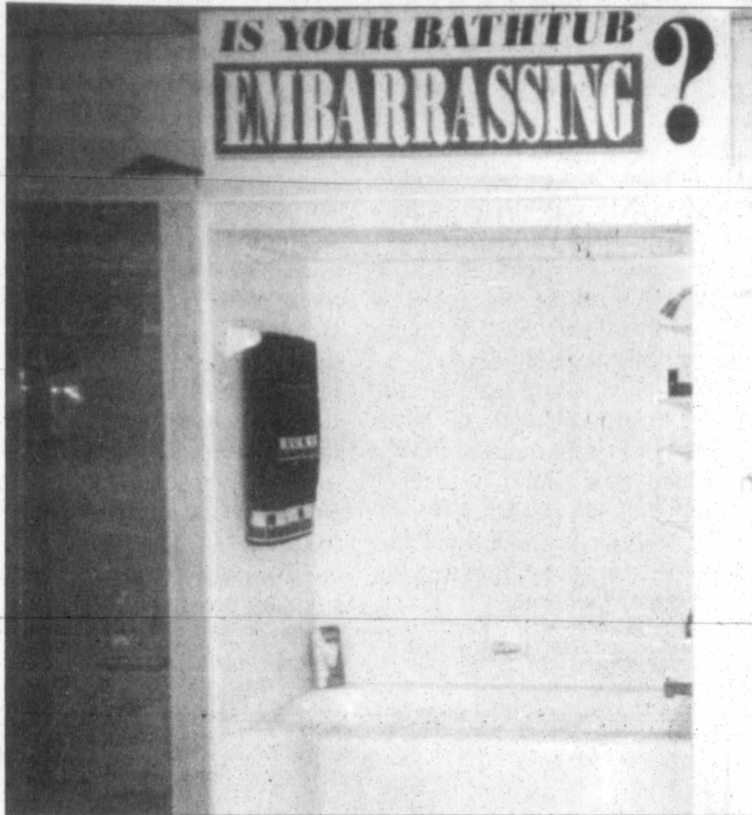
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# Business Review



## Bath Fitter gives facelifts to worn-out tubs, showers

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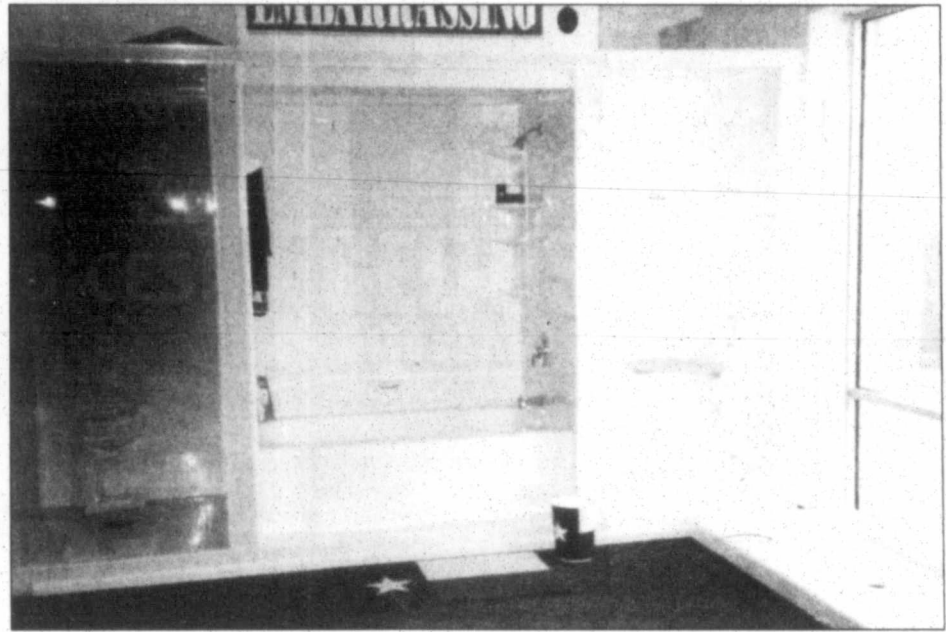
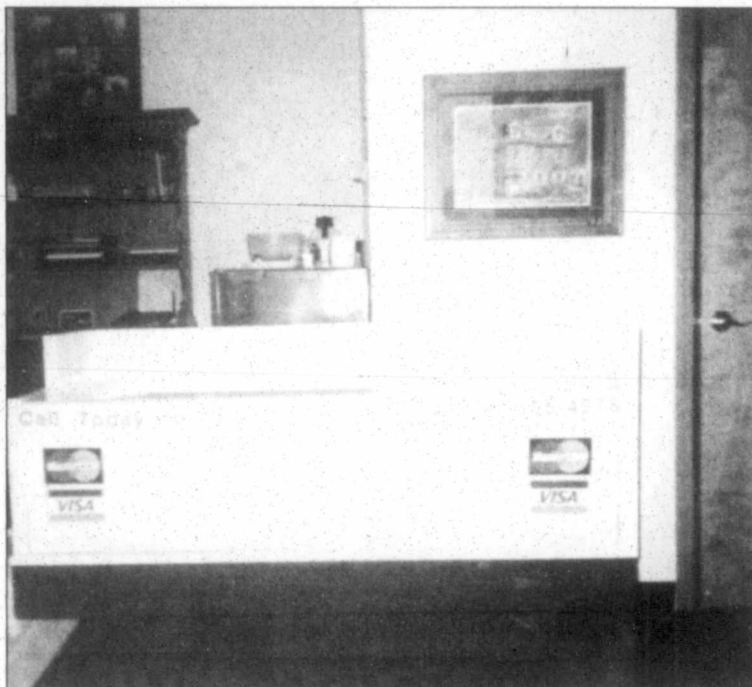
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# Viewpoints

## Eating dirt may not be that unhealthy, according to report

Nine out of 10 men and seven out of 10 women will become overweight sooner or later, according to an Associated Press story I read last week.

Even if you have made it to middle age without putting on excess poundage, don't think that you're home free. The 30-year-long Massachusetts study which resulted in these fat findings shows that half of all people who have maintained a healthy size to midlife will become overweight.

Of those late bloomers, one-third of the women and one-fourth of the men will become obese.

The subjects of the study are children of those studied in the famous Framingham Heart Study.

Maybe the location of the study has something to do with the results. After all, the state's traditional abbreviation is Mass.

Depressed yet? Don't tell those researchers to go eat dirt. You might be urging them to do something healthy, which is generally not the effect intended.

Geophagy, the habit of eating clay, mud or dirt, may actually have some health benefits, according to another AP report.

Clay has the ability to absorb some toxins.

It contains natural antacids and anti-diarrheal ingredients, and researchers say it may strengthen the immune system.

Soil may contain a multitude of

minerals needed by the human body, including copper, iron, calcium and magnesium.

Seems the stories of pregnant

**Marilyn Powers**

Staff Writer



women craving and eating clay and dirt have a natural basis -- the moms-to-be are trying to satisfy cravings for the substances' minerals and other properties.

Some forms of soil which are considered delicacies in some parts

of the world probably would be avoided in other locations. For example, some people in Africa reportedly eat the dirt from termite mounds, which are rich in minerals.

Before you decide to let little Sally eat the mud pie she made, or taste it yourself, however, be aware that not all dirt is created equal.

Clay found on or near the surface of the ground contains more bacteria and other undesirable things than that found at deeper levels.

Some clay tastes better and has more good things in it than clay found at other locations.

The report did not mention a similar variance for soil, but it

would stand to reason that some soils are better, or worse, than others.

Nowhere, however, did I find out how many calories are contained in, say, a cup of dirt, mud or clay. Nor did I see information on average daily intake of these substances by earth eaters. And I sure didn't find a recommended daily allowance of the stuff.

I just hope those researchers don't determine that eating dirt is a great way to lose weight.

That's one diet I definitely will not try.

And my response to anyone offering me a clay casserole or dirt delicacy will hear that old salute, "Here's mud in your eye!"

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2005. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Thirty years ago, on Oct. 11, 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin.

On this date:

In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

In 1811, the first steam-powered ferryboat, the Juliana, was put into operation between New York City and Hoboken, N.J.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomons, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's 21st Ecumenical Council, also known as Vatican II.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned

Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathy Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

In 1985, Arab-American activist Alex Odeh was killed by a bomb blast in Santa Ana, Calif.

In 2002, former President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize.

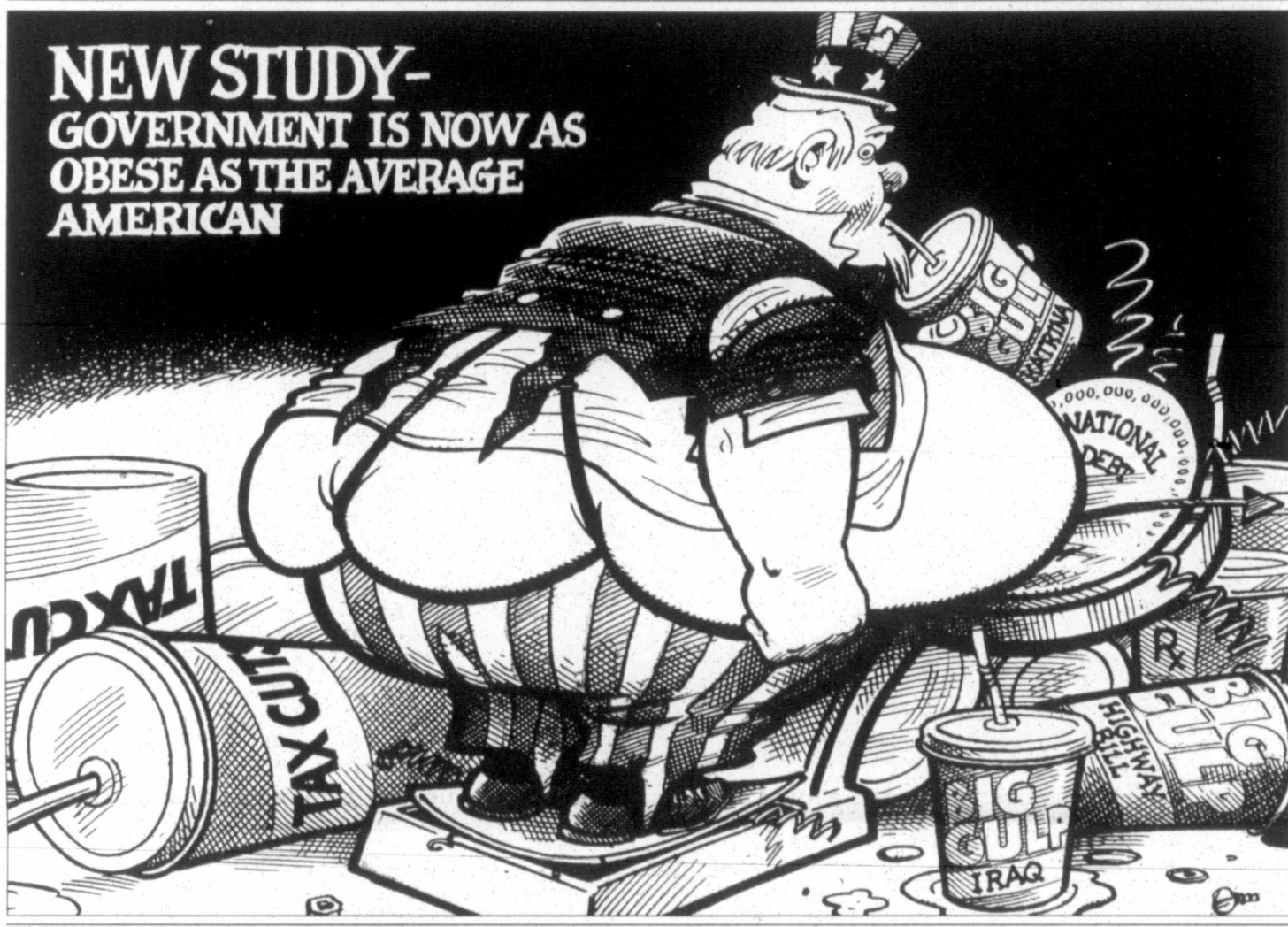
Ten years ago: Ten Republican presidential candidates used their first televised forum to politely compete for support in the New Hampshire primary. O.J. Simpson backed out of his live interview with NBC just hours before air time.

Americans Mario Molina and Sherwood Rowland and Dutch scientist Paul Crutzen won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for their controversial work warning that gases once used in spray cans and other items were eating away at Earth's ozone layer.

*'What is time? The shadow on the dial, the striking of the clock, the running of the sand, day and night, summer and winter, months, years, centuries — these are but arbitrary and outward signs, the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the Life of the soul.'*

— Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

American poet (1807-1882)



## Blaming Bush for hurricane unjust

President Bush, in his post-Hurricane Katrina address to the nation, said, "And to the extent that the federal government didn't fully do its job right, I take responsibility." Accepting the blame for the federal response is one thing, but I hope he doesn't shoulder the blame for the hurricane itself.

In a Sept. 9th speech to the National Sierra Club Convention in San Francisco, former Vice President Al Gore told the audience that Hurricane Katrina and global warming are related. He warned, "We will face a string of terrible catastrophes unless we act to prepare ourselves and deal with the underlying causes of global warming."

Our European allies, most of whom have signed the Kyoto Protocol, have been scathing in their attacks on President Bush. "Katrina Should Be a Lesson to the U.S. on Global Warming," read a headline of the German magazine Der Spiegel. Jurgen Tritten, Germany's environment minister and a Green Party

member, said, "The American president is closing his eyes to the economic and human costs his land and the world economy are suffering under natural catastrophes like Katrina."

Writing in the Aug. 30th edition of the Boston Globe, Ross Gelbspan said, "The hurricane that struck Louisiana yesterday was nicknamed Katrina by the

National Weather Service. Its real name is global warming." President Bush, according to Gelbspan, is to blame because he's taken his environmental policy from "big oil and big coal."

Major categories 3, 4 and 5 hurricanes are relatively rare. If you check out the website of the National Hurricane Center (www.nhc.noaa.gov/past-dec.shtml?), you'll find that the most active hurricane decade was 1941-50 — recording 24 hurricanes, with 10 of them being giant

category 3, 4 and 5 hurricanes. The peak for major hurricanes (categories 3, 4, 5) came in the decades of the 1890s, 1930s and 1940s — an average of nine per decade. Of the 92 giant hurricanes that have struck the U.S. mainland between 1851 and 2004, 61 of them occurred before 1950, long before global warming was an issue.

Six noted tropical cyclone experts wrote a paper in the Bulletin of the American

Meteorological Society titled "Hurricanes and Global Warming." Their three main points were: No connection has been established between greenhouse gas emissions and the observed behavior of hurricanes. The scientific consensus is that any future changes in hurricane intensities will likely be small and within the context of observed natural variability. Finally, the politics of link-

ing hurricanes to global warming threatens to undermine support for legitimate climate research and could result in ineffective hurricane policies.

Stanley Goldenberg, a meteorologist at the Hurricane Research Division of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration, says, "Katrina is part of a well-documented, multidecadal scale fluctuation in hurricane activity. This cycle was described in a heavily cited article printed in the journal Science in 2001." His colleague Chris Landsea agrees, saying, "If you look at the raw hurricane data itself, there is no global warming signal. What we see instead is a strong cycling of activity. There are periods of 25 to 40 years where it's very busy and then periods of 25 to 40 years when it's very quiet."

About the connection between hurricanes and global warming, Goldenberg concludes, "I speak for many hurricane climate

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**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



## It's time to be cautious, be on the safe side

■ Oct. 4  
Call them what you want, but leave them be. It's time to be cautious, on the safe side.

The Minutemen are now stationed in our sector of the U.S.-Mexico border, setting up for this month of October. They plan to stake out the nearby border area from Fort Hancock to Fabens and report illegal immigration activity to the Border Patrol.

Yes, some Minutemen carry guns. U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes,

D-Texas, and others have called them vigilantes, these volunteers who began

watching over the Arizona-Mexico border last April.

The key word here is "watch." Let's all just watch. Let there be no interaction between Minutemen and suspected undocumented immigrants or between the ACLU and

the Minutemen.

It's the Minutemen who promise their intent is to simply relay information to the Border Patrol. Just watch, spot activity and report.

Nothing else. Meanwhile, public sentiment is split, both pro- and anti-Minutemen.

Some say they are just doing the job the government is incapable of doing —

guarding our border from illegal entry. Others say the immigrants are decent human beings just trying to support families from Mexico, Central America and South America.

There are two sides to this, all right. But let's not set up any set of circumstances in El Paso whereas anger or frustration from one side affects anyone's political rights, anyone's dignity — and especially anyone's safety.

### Texas Thoughts

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## Blessing God's creatures



Haven Doucette brought her dog, held by C.J. Frazier and Sissy Curtis, to Blessing of the Animals at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church recently. Participating were many of the church's kindergarten, 3-year-old, 4-year-old and Pre-K classes. The event is named for St. Francis of Assisi who devoted himself to a life of holy poverty. Like the birds of the air and animals of the field, he was totally dependent on God's care. Thus, St. Francis has been known as a lover of God's creation and is usually pictured surrounded by animals.

## DeLay launches blitz

WASHINGTON (AP) — Long before his criminal case gets a hearing in a court of law, Rep. Tom DeLay is fighting in the court of public opinion.

With his trademark zeal, he assails the prosecutor in one sentence and portrays himself as a victim in the next.

And the media — often distrusted by fellow conservatives — is his bullhorn.

"I know when you stand up for what you believe in, this kind of thing is going to happen," DeLay boasted on a Houston radio show.

"It's part of the fight. I know Democrats hate me and they hate what I believe in and they hate the amazing things we've been able

to accomplish ever since we've been in the majority."

Setting aside his own aversion to the media, DeLay has waged a blitz on radio, on TV and in print as he tries to shore up support in his suburban Houston congressional district while assuring fellow Republicans he plans to return to power.

Grand juries in Texas have indicted DeLay on charges of conspiracy and money laundering, forcing him to give up the No. 2 post in the House while the charges are pending.

His lawyers have challenged the indictments in court, raising questions about the law and the prosecutor's motive.

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## It isn't easy following billions of dollars for hurricane relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — Trying to track who's getting what portion of the billions of dollars in federal Hurricane Katrina aid is enough to give any auditor a headache — and is a problem that critics say creates alarming gaps in public oversight.

The database of contracts is incomplete. Information released by federal agencies is spotty and sporadic.

And disclosure of many no-bid contracts isn't required by law.

"On any given day, the government is spending millions of taxpayer dollars, but we simply have no visibility on these purchases," said Christopher Yukins, a contracting law professor at George Washington University.

"They just buy from the same person year after year."

Under federal election law, a click of a mouse traces every campaign donation. Yet no comprehensive public database exists for federal contracts.

Both Republican and Democratic critics long have bemoaned the dearth of contract information available. Some say it violates the Freedom of Information Act, the federal law giving the public the right to access most information held by

## Bush

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researchers in saying such claims are nonsense." The bottom line for President Bush is that unless he's God, he shouldn't accept the blame for Hurricane Katrina.

agencies. Others say it creates barriers to rooting out cronyism and waste.

That call is intensifying as the Federal Emergency Management Agency pledged last week to rebid millions of dollars of federal contracts that were handed out with little or no competition.

President Bush "should announce now that he wants the FOIA applied in advance to all documents for Katrina recovery programs," said Mark Tapscott, a director at the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank.

Federal law requires that agencies disclose contract awards, typically via one of two government-sponsored databases.

But through loopholes, waivers of contract rules and technical glitches, information is omitted or can go unreported for months.

The omissions since Katrina struck include a \$236 million contract with Carnival Cruise Lines to provide housing for evac-

uees that lawmakers have criticized as wasteful, and open-ended contracts with Intelsat and Bechtel Corp. awarded partly because of their prior relationships with the government.

They also include emergency supplies and equipment procured by federal employees using government-issued credit cards with purchase limits of \$250,000.

The White House since has reduced the limit to \$15,000, while details of the contract deals were eventually disclosed by the companies.

The concerns have prompted several bills, including versions by Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., and Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., that would require full disclosure of contract awards in one centralized database.

The aim is to improve accountability by providing information such as contract terms, a contractor's past history of spending abuse or political ties.

## Canadian

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wide variety of backgrounds," Godwin said. "We are a real diverse group in many ways, but all of us have one thing in common — we have a lot of fun playing and singing the music which is an important part of our culture."

Godwin said regulars from past shows are expected to perform, including Frankie McWhorter, Hank & Venita McPherson,

Wayne Wright, Mary Lynn Schafer, George Briant, Phil Ridgway, and Dale Jenkins. Also expected is an appearance from J. Shay McCasland or Wheeler.

The production coincides with the annual Fall Foliage Tour in Canadian this weekend.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Over the last 25 years, Americans have done a great deal to prevent fires in their homes. Home fire fatalities in the United States have dropped 50 percent since the 1970s, thanks in part to public awareness and education. Technology such as smoke alarms has helped, too -- by alerting home occupants when fires start and giving them time to escape.

However, while most categories of fire continue to decline, one category is on the upswing: candle fires. That is why this year, during Fire Prevention Week, the National Fire Protection Association is focusing its efforts on offering important candle safety information to Dear Abby readers.

Some facts to consider about candle fires: More candles are now being sold, and the result has been more fires. Candles have become such popular decorative accessories that during the last decade in the U.S., fires caused by candles have tripled in number to 18,000 per year. Forty percent of these fires begin in the bedroom, causing one-quarter of the deaths associated with candles! (December has almost twice the number of home candle fires as any other month.)

How can you safely enjoy candles at home? Extinguish them when leaving the room or before going to sleep. Make sure all candles are placed in sturdy holders, large enough to collect dripping wax. Keep them out of reach of children or pets. And use a flashlight -- not a candle -- for emergency lighting.

Thank you, Abby, for reminding your readers to be responsible when using candles. I hope everyone who reads this will take the necessary steps to guard against fire in their homes. -- **JAMES M. SHANNON, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

**DEAR JAMES:** Thank you for wanting to protect my readers. Candles have, indeed, become popular home accessories -- just open the cover of any home decorating magazine and see the many ways they are displayed in the decor of patios, living rooms, dining rooms, bathrooms and "romantic" bedrooms.

(Two fatalities occurred in Chicago when a woman lighted a candle in her bedroom and then left the room. Her bed caught fire, and the smoke spread to her neighbors' apartments. She escaped, but tragically two of her neighbors died of smoke inhalation.) Readers, Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15) is not only a reminder, but also an opportunity to check around your homes for other fire hazards, and to be sure your smoke (and carbon monoxide) detectors are properly installed and maintained. It is also the time to review and practice with your families what escape plans you have in place in the event of an emergency. (You should have two alternative plans, and everyone in the household should be familiar with what they are.)

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex and I have been divorced for almost three years (no children). He married the woman he left me for. I have said goodbye to him, but he keeps coming up with excuses to talk with me. What is his problem? -- **DISGUSTED IN TEXAS**

**DEAR DISGUSTED:** Although your ex left you and remarried, on some level he still cannot let go. Unless you enjoy talking to him, start screening your calls. It's ironic that he's now using you to "cheat" on the woman with whom he was cheating on you, but it's more common than you think.

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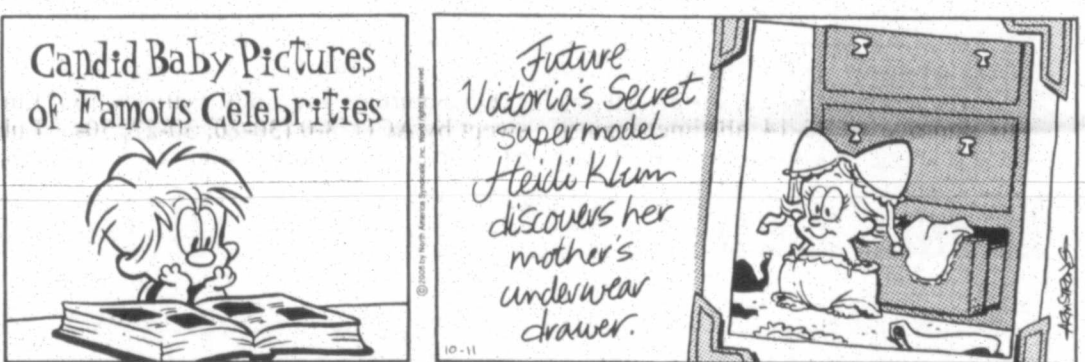
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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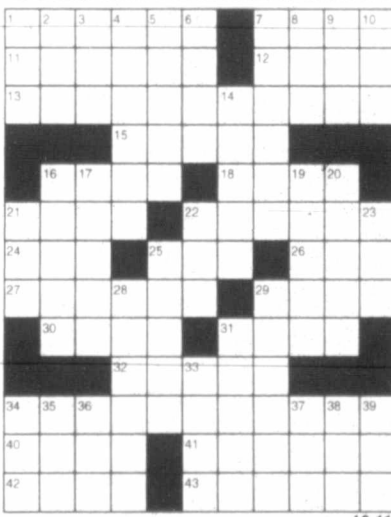
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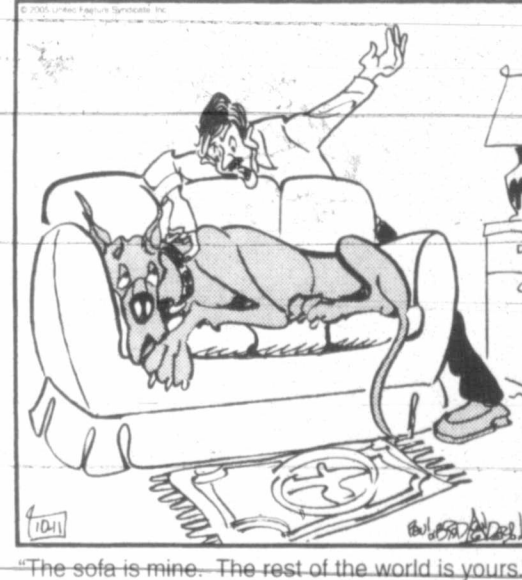
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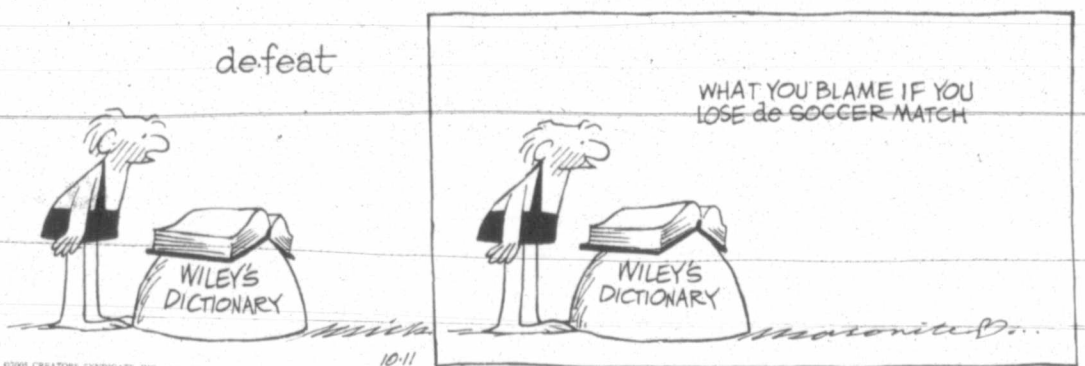


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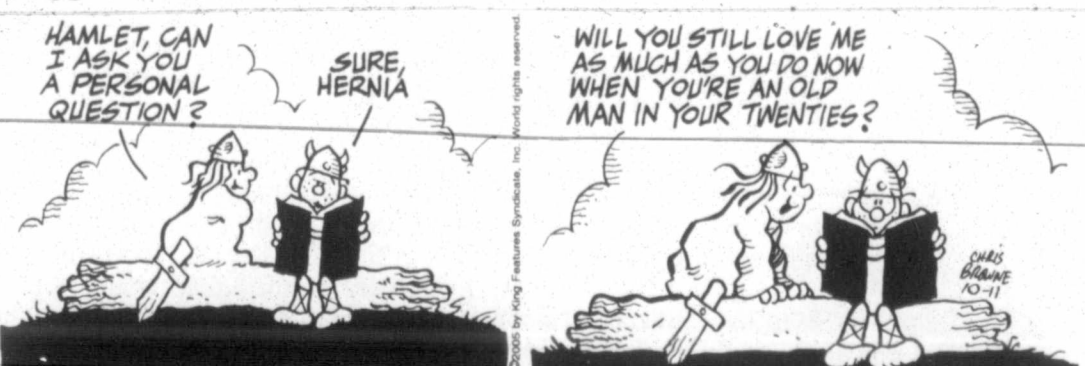
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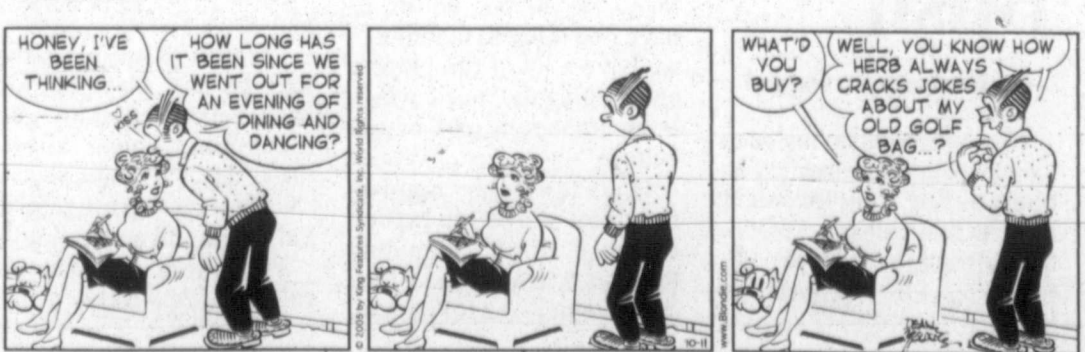
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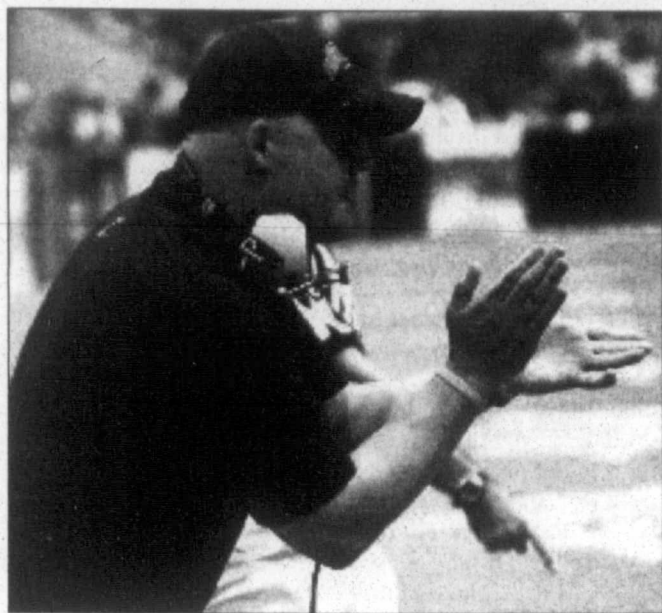


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Amarillo Dusters Head Coach Steve Perdue.

## af2: Dusters ink Perdue for 2006

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Amarillo Dusters announced Monday the resigning of Steve Perdue as head coach for the 2006 af2 season.

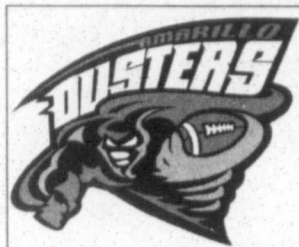
"Coach Perdue brings a fire and a passion for arena football that is hard to find," said Dusters General Manager Warren McCarty. "He faced so much adversity last season, and fought through so much unnecessary criticism, he proved that he is the leader for our football team. We won a playoff game on the road, when nothing was going in our favor. We had more players on long-term injured reserve than any other team in af2, yet he instilled enough discipline in

our ever-changing lineup that we finished as the least-penalized team in the league. He is a student of the game, and a teacher for our players. Our goal is to win the ArenaCup in 2006, and he is the man to take us there."

The Dusters finished 8-8 in the regular season, and defeated arch-rival Oklahoma City on the road in the first round of the playoffs. The Dusters became one of the only expansion teams in af2 history to win a playoff game.

"I would like to thank our owners, Bob and Barbara Rogers, Danny Kendrick, Jayson Grimsley, and Tracy

Bunker for believing in me and giving me the opportunity to lead this team," said Perdue. "It's been great to be in a partnership with Warren McCarty. It's rare to have an opportunity in the sports world to work side by side with your best friend. It's been a dream come true being able to lead this team right here in my home town. Football is king in West Texas, and our fans give us a tremendous



home field advantage. They are passionate about our team, and I am focused on instilling that same passion in our players and bringing another championship to Amarillo."

## Lady Buffs continue LSC road swing

The West Texas A&M University volleyball team will continue their eight-match road-swing with six matches this week, all on the road, opening Tuesday at Portales, N.M. against Eastern New Mexico University. First serve is set for 8 p.m. Central Time.

The Lady Buffs' season record moved to 16-7 overall and 3-1 in LSC south play after splitting the weekend with a sweep of Angelo State University Thursday and 3-0 loss to #14 Abilene Christian University on Saturday. WTAMU has now won 15 of its last 18 matches.

The last 10 Lady Buff victories have all come by sweeps.

WTAMU kicked off the weekend in San Angelo by sweeping the Rambelles, 3-0 (30-23, 30-27, 30-18) to improve to 35-14 all-time against ASU. It was the first win for the Lady Buffs in San Angelo since 2002.

The win marked the 200th career

win for Lady Buff head coach Tony Graystone.

Junior middle blocker Megan Spivey led the Lady Buffs with 13 kills on a whopping .458 attack percentage.

Spivey also registered a match-high eight block assists, as WTAMU compiled 10 total team blocks.

Classmate, outside hitter Jessica Scherr tallied a double-double with 10 kills and 15 digs, adding two blocks as well. Fellow junior outside hitter Rachel Altman posted nine kills, 13 digs and three blocks, while sophomore outside hitter Kolby Rhoades chipped in with nine kills and four blocks. Senior Britanni Bell notched 20 digs, while freshman defensive specialist Sara Contreras tallied 12 digs. Sophomore setter Erin Houlihan doled out 36 assists (12.0 app).

On Saturday, the Lady Buffs were swept by ACU, 3-0 (30-20, 30-22, 30-21). The Lady Buffs only had one player in double-digit kills, as sophomore outside hitter Kolby Rhoades tallied 11 kills. Senior libero Britanni Bell registered 18 digs, while junior outside hitter Jessica Scherr posted 12 digs and fellow junior outside hitter Rachel Altman had 11 digs. Scherr and senior middle blocker Cynthia Carter had three blocks apiece, while sophomore setter Erin Houlihan dished out 15 assists.

At 6-10 overall and 2-2 in LSC South action, the ENMU Zias are coming off a 3-2 victory on Saturday over Angelo State. The Zias were also swept last week by ACU, 3-0. ENMU is led by Lindsay Schieli with 3.71 kpg and Grace George's 1.24 bpg.

After WTAMU's match versus border-rival ENMU, the Lady Buffs head to San Antonio, Texas, to take on St. Mary's University on Thursday, Oct. 13. The Lady Buffs' road stretch then heads to Denton, Texas on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 14-15, to play in the LSC Crossover II Tournament, hosted by Texas Woman's University.

WTAMU continues its road trip to Lubbock, Texas, on Oct. 18 against Lubbock Christian University before finally returning to the friendly confines of The Box on Oct. 20 to once again take on Eastern New Mexico.



Former Pampa Lady Harvester Alyssa Bromwell is a freshman DS at WTAMU.

### PAMPA IN ACTION

## There's no place like home

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

With the exception of one game, there's no place like home for Pampa sports this afternoon.

#### Football

The 7th grade football team will travel to Plainview today. The B-team will kick off at 4 p.m., followed by the A-team game at 5:15 p.m.

The 8th grade team will stay home to host its Plainview counterpart. Game times are the same.

#### Volleyball

The varsity and junior varsity squads will face Hereford at McNeely Field House tonight.

The junior varsity game is set to start at 6 p.m. The varsity game will follow at 7:30 p.m.

This is an important meeting for Coach VanGilder's girls, who enter the night with an overall record of 20-12, and a District 3-4A record of 2-4.

Hereford is 22-12, 5-1, just one game in back of district leader Dumas (23-11, 6-0).

Randall currently occupies the third and final playoff spot (14-15, 4-2).

#### Tennis

The Pampa tennis team will host Hereford this afternoon starting at 4:30 p.m.

The Harvesters are an impressive 5-1 in district play and poised to make a playoff run.

## Same fan catches two Astros' home run balls

HOUSTON (AP) — Shaun Dean made two big catches from his spot in the stands during the record-setting, 18-inning Game 4 between the Atlanta Braves and Houston Astros.

He caught both Lance Berkman's grand slam and Chris Burke's series-winning homer Sunday, which gave Houston a 7-6 victory and ended the longest postseason game in baseball history.

"I never caught one in a game before," said Dean, 25, of Porter.

Berkman's eighth-inning homer was toward Dean, who was sitting in the second row of the boxes above the left-field wall at Minute Maid Park.

"It came right at me," he said in a story in Monday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle. "I just reached over and caught it."

The second catch, which came about three hours later, was a little bit harder to

make. He said the ball "came more toward my father-in-law, and he just leaned over and I reached down and caught it."

Dean, comptroller at Joslin Construction, isn't keeping the balls. He will present them to a representative of the Baseball Hall of Fame on Friday.

In exchange for the return of the balls, team officials are giving him four box seats for Saturday's game against St. Louis and are inviting him to the Astros' workout on Friday, team spokesman Todd Fedewa said.

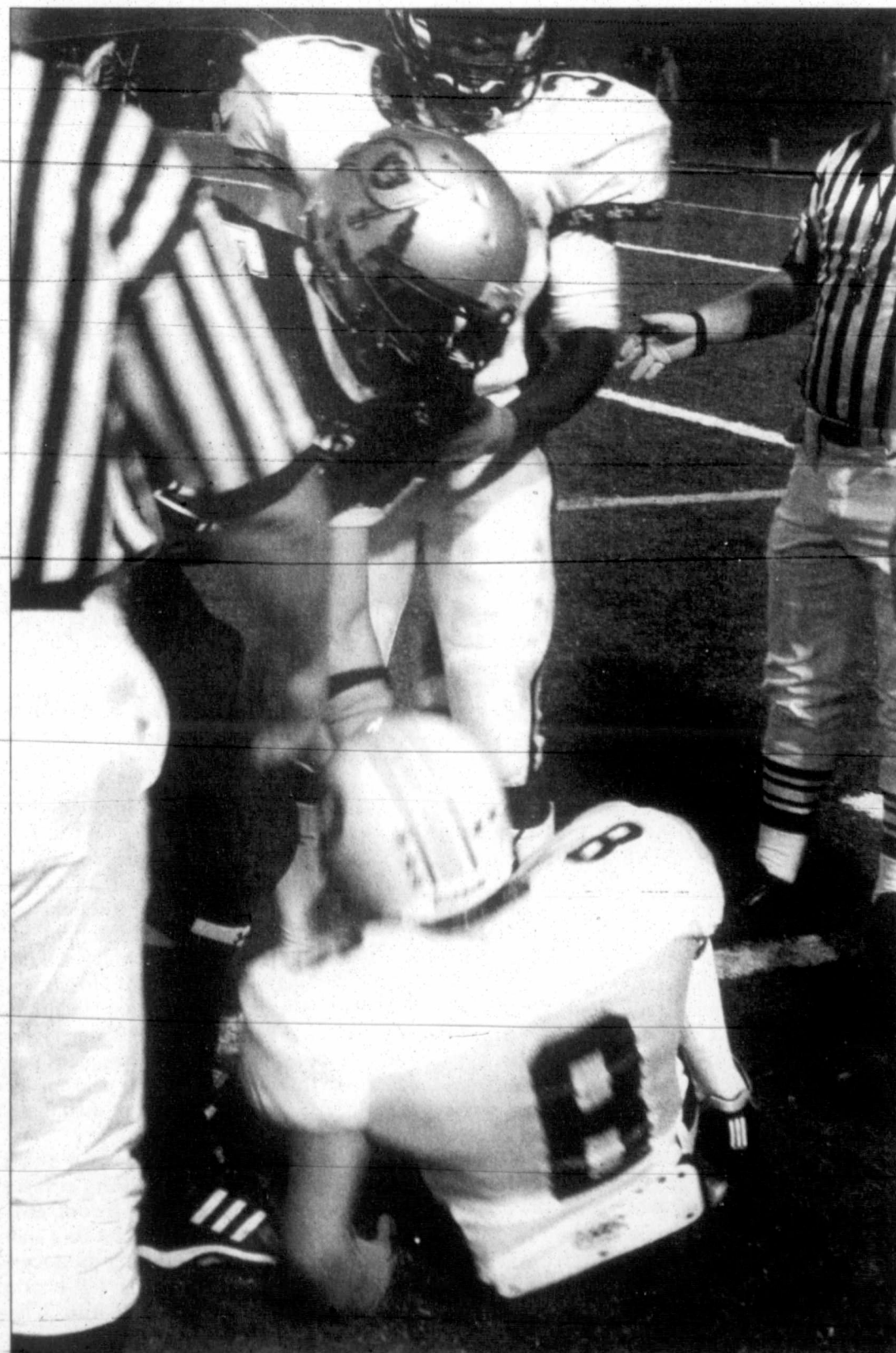
"It's cool to be able to give them back," Dean said. "It's awesome."

"Without the home runs, these baseballs would mean nothing," Dean said. "They hit them. I just caught them. I've got no interest in cashing in."

Dean said that as he left the park, people were congratulating him.

"I had several people say I should buy a lottery ticket or go to Vegas," he said.

## Helping hand



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Receiver A.J. Manzanares (#8) is helped up off the turf by a Raider defender following a pass reception from Pampa QB Brody Smith Friday night. Pampa defeated Randall, 21-17. The Harvesters (2-4, 1-0) host Hereford Friday night.

## Cowboys' defense can celebrate

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Sure, Bill Parcells was thrilled to see his defense stuff Donovan McNabb, Terrell Owens and the previously dominant Philadelphia Eagles offense.

But forget about the Dallas Cowboys' coach acting like it was a big deal.

"I don't think you need to get the hats and horns out yet folks," Parcells said Monday.

Even if the party gear stays in the drawer, the team's record book shows what an impressive performance the defense had in a 33-10 victory Sunday.

— The Cowboys allowed only 129 total yards, their fewest since Sept. 8, 1996, with 71 coming on one drive. And the Eagles came in averaging a league-best 432 yards per game.

— Dallas held Philadelphia to only six first downs, one shy of the fewest allowed in franchise history.

— The 19 rushing yards by the Eagles were the fourth-least ever against the Cowboys and the fewest since 1967.

While Dallas' offense had an out-of-character performance thanks to Parcells letting them take more chances, the defense didn't

do anything too unusual — other than avoiding the missed tackles, blown coverages and penalties that hurt the Cowboys their first four games.

Strategically, Dallas' biggest change was spending the majority of the game in nickel formation, instead of its new 3-4 scheme, but only because the early lead forced Philadelphia to pass even more than it usually does.

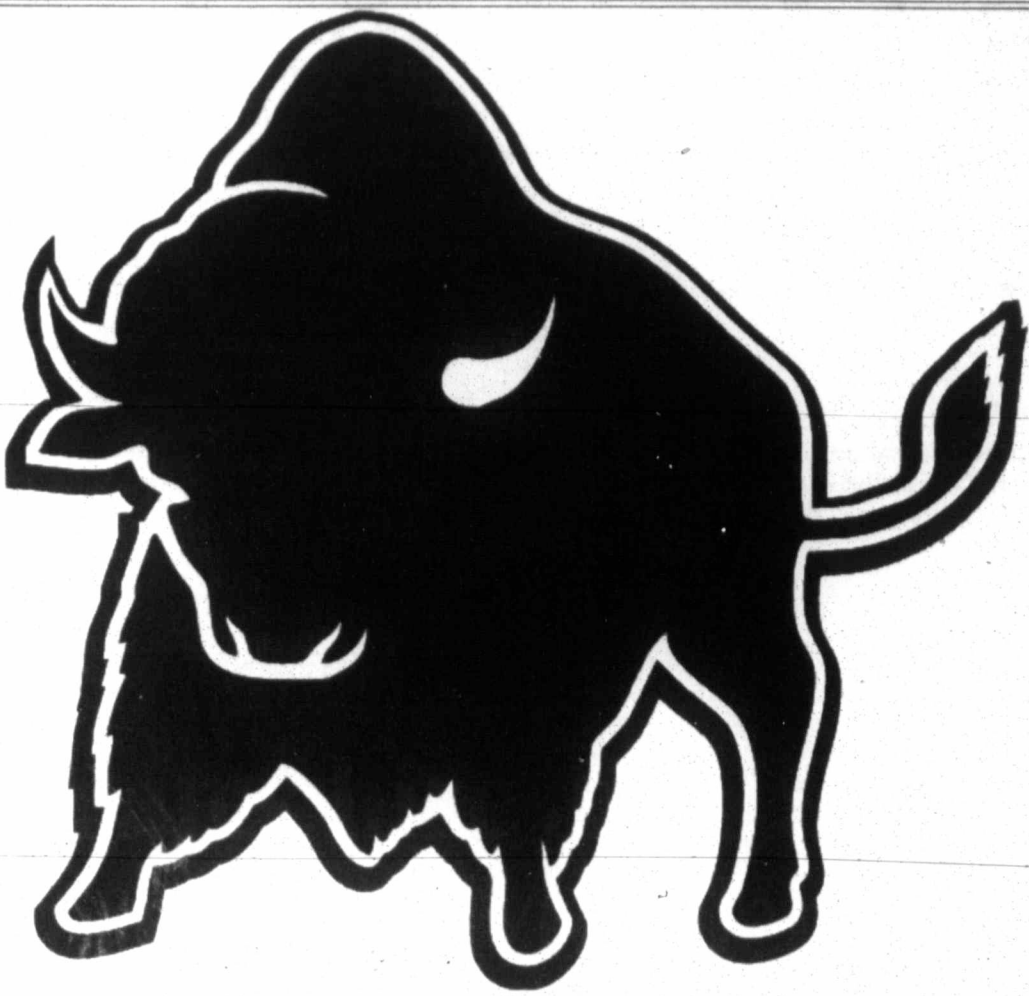
"It was nothing more than we went out there and played a solid game," cornerback Aaron Glenn said. "It wasn't the fact that the coaches let us loose. We just played well. Period."

Drew Bledsoe and the entire offense deserves an assist for forcing Philadelphia to play catch-up the entire time. By holding the ball for more than 40 minutes, the Cowboys' offense helped again by keeping the defense well-rested.

Then again, time of possession is the kind of thing the Eagles could've taken care of if they'd been able to move the ball. And they couldn't.

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## Midnight Madness Friday; football team drops in poll

### Basketball

CANYON, Texas — West Texas A&M University men's and women's basketball will tip off with the official start of basketball season by hosting Midnight Madness, Friday at the First United Bank Center. Festivities get going at 10:30 p.m., featuring contests, games and fun for fans, with the teams taking the court at midnight.

The Lady Buffs finished the season with a 21-9 record, losing in the quarterfinals of the NCAA-II South Central Regional Tournament to Washburn, who went on to win the Region and the NCAA-II National Championship. WTAMU reached the 20-win plateau for the 18th season under head coach Bob Schneider, including the last three years.

The Buffs finished the season with a 16-14 overall ledger, WTAMU's 12th-straight winning season under head coach Rick Cooper and 19th-consecutive winning season overall. The Buffs came up short in their bid to win their LSC-record sixth conference crown. WTAMU was making their ninth appearance in the LSC Final, including three in the last five years, as the Buffs were due to win the conference crown according to pattern after hoisting the trophy in 2001 and 2003.

### Football

CANYON, Texas — The West Texas A&M University football team slipped a spot to No. 2 in the recent NCAA-II Southwest Region Rankings, released Monday by the NCAA.

The rankings, which determine the postseason playoff field, list six Lone Star Conference teams. WTAMU was followed by Texas A&M University-Kingsville at No. 3, Tarleton State University at No. 4, Eastern New Mexico University is No. 9, while Angelo State University is No. 11 and Southeastern Oklahoma State University is 12th.

Washburn University, who was No. 2 last week, leap-frogged WTAMU, by defeating Northwest Missouri State University, the previous No. 4 team in the rankings, on Saturday at NWMSU.

The Buffaloes, who are nationally ranked at No. 16 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), wrap up the regular season with three of the four final games on the road, beginning Saturday by traveling to Abilene to face Abilene Christian University at 2 p.m. ACU is 2-4 overall, having lost three in a row after being edged by Angelo State University, 27-24, as ASU hit a 24-yard field goal with one second left for the win.

Family ties will be at stake in Saturday's game, as Carthel's son, Colby, is an assistant for ACU. WTAMU assistant coach Cody Farrell, who was an assistant at ACU last year, has a pair of brothers that play for the Wildcats, tight end Clinton Farrell and defensive end Clayton Farrell, the LSC South Defensive Player of the Year and an All-American selection.

For ticket information, contact the WTAMU Athletics Ticket Office at 806-651-4424.

### NCAA-II Southwest Region Rankings

Name	Ranking	Record
Washburn	1	(6-1)
West Texas A&M	2	(7-0)*
Texas A&M-Kingsville	3	(5-1)*
Tarleton State	4	(5-1)*
Nebraska-Kearney	5	(6-1)
Northwest Missouri State	6	(5-2)
Pittsburg State	7	(5-2)
Missouri Western State	8	(5-2)
Eastern New Mexico	9	(4-3)*
Central Missouri State	10	(4-2)
Angelo State	11	(6-1)*
Southeastern Oklahoma State	12	(4-2)*

\*LSC teams

## Pirates hire Jim Tracy to replace McClendon

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Former Los Angeles Dodgers manager Jim Tracy was hired Tuesday as the Pittsburgh Pirates' manager, The Associated Press learned.

The Pirates will make the announcement at a news conference later Tuesday, according to a source close to the team who requested anonymity.

The move sends Tracy from a team that traditionally has one of baseball's highest payrolls to one with one of the lowest.

Tracy, 49, has been the front-runner from the start of the Pirates' search last week because of his long-standing ties to Pirates general manager Dave Littlefield, with whom he worked in the Montreal Expos' organization in the 1990s.

Tracy beat out the only two known candidates for the job, former Oakland Athletics manager Ken Macha and Atlanta Braves coach Fredi Gonzalez. Tracy replaces Lloyd McClendon, who was fired Sept. 6 during his fifth consecutive losing season and was replaced for the rest of the season by bench coach Pete Mackanin, who was not considered for the job on a permanent basis.

Littlefield also wanted to interview former Pirates manager Jim Leyland, but he took the Tigers' job last week before he could talk with the Pirates again.

Tracy interviewed with Littlefield last week by phone and, after Littlefield met Sunday in Pittsburgh with Macha, Tracy and Littlefield met Monday in Houston — the home of Tracy's agent, Alan Hendricks. Tracy was to have made \$700,000 next year with the Dodgers before the two sides parted ways following a 71-91 season, but Tracy is expected to make more than that in Pittsburgh.

With the Pirates, Tracy takes over a team coming off 13 consecutive losing seasons, three short of the major league record, and a 67-95 record but one that broke in a half-dozen promising rookies during the second half of this season, including left-handed starters Zach Duke (8-2, 1.81 ERA) and Paul Maholm (3-1, 2.18 ERA).

Tracy is expected to have free rein to hire his own coaches, as the Pirates coaches were told following the season finale on Oct. 2 they would not be brought back.

## Celebrate

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Only once did Philadelphia have more than one first down on a drive, and it ended in a field goal. The Eagles' only touchdown was scored by their defense, marking the first time in 13 games their offense failed to get one.

Dallas' defense showed it meant business from the start with rookie DeMarcus Ware sacking McNabb for a 9-yard loss on his first snap. He ended up going down four times for 35 yards.

More importantly, only once did he complete a significant pass after buying time with his fabulous scrambling moves. His fancy footwork was on every Dallas player's mind after McNabb 14-second dance and 60-yard completion in last year's game at Texas Stadium.

The sack numbers were tops for the Cowboys in 10 games against McNabb. They'd only gotten him 16 times for 104 yards in all those meetings combined.

But other teams don't take him down that much either. Four sacks were his most last season, done only twice, and he hadn't lost that many yards on sacks since Sept. 8, 2004. While McNabb was playing with injuries to his abdomen, chest and groin, he refused to blame them for his struggles — and they hadn't kept him from getting off to a career-best start through four games.

The statistical accomplishments are so overwhelming that Parcells might be right in downplaying it. After all, there was a bit

of a snowball effect.

Except for one thing that can't be underestimated in the psyche of Dallas players and fans: It came against the Eagles, a team that's won four straight NFC East titles and had beaten the Cowboys nine of the last 10 meetings, scoring an average of 34.5 points along the way.

"They've had their way with us for a pretty long time," defensive tackle La'Roi Glover said. "To do it decisively like that says a lot about our ballclub. ... It was a bit of proving it to ourselves and to a lot of different people that if we play the way we're capable of playing, we can hang with a lot of teams in the NFL."

Extra points: Parcells said to wait until Wednesday for an update on the condition of LB Dat Nguyen and his neck injury. "He does have some discomfort there. Sometimes, you've got to give these a little chance to quiet down," Parcells said. ... RB Julius Jones missed the second half Sunday after spraining an ankle because "I didn't think he had the right look," Parcells said. Jones' status also will be determined later in the week. ... Patrick Crayton is on Parcells' hit list this week for carrying the ball loosely on punt returns. "He's either going to start taking care of the ball or he's going to start watching," Parcells said. ... Asked if anyone else was on his list, Parcells smiled and said, "There's a couple. ... They haven't moved into the hotel yet." ... Oklahoma ex Roy Williams was decked out in injured LB Kalen Thornton's old Texas jersey, punishment for the Sooners losing to the Longhorns.

### YANKEES ELIMINATED

## Angels send New York packing

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — With an injured ace and a struggling slugger, the Los Angeles Angels turned to a few seasoned veterans and a poised rookie pitcher making his postseason debut.

And the Angels eliminated the Yankees playing the way they did all year: with solid defense, aggressive at-bats and another strong night by the entire pitching staff.

Ervin Santana bailed out the Angels when Bartolo Colon left early with a stiff shoulder, Adam Kennedy hit a go-ahead triple that sent Yankees outfielders crashing to the ground, and Los Angeles advanced to the AL championship series with a 5-3 victory over New York on Monday night in the decisive Game 5 of their first-round series.

"It shows you something about this team. Different guys know how to step up," catcher Bengie Molina said between champagne showers from younger brother, Jose.

Garret Anderson homered and drove in two runs, and the Angels produced enough offense despite getting no RBIs in the series from reigning AL MVP Vladimir Guerrero.

Less than 24 hours after arriving in California, the Angels got ready to leave for the start of the ALCS against the White Sox in Chicago on Tuesday night.

Santana, who started the season at Double-A, replaced Colon in the second inning and got the win by allowing three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. He "had flashes of brilliance" according to Angels manager Mike Scioscia and left to a standing ovation with one out in the seventh after allowing a leadoff homer to Derek Jeter.

"I don't have to be nervous," Santana said. "It's a baseball game."

George Steinbrenner's \$203 million

Yankees again learned that money doesn't buy success. Even with Randy Johnson coming out of the bullpen for 4 1-3 shutout innings, New York was eliminated by the Angels in the first round for the second time in four seasons, scoring 20 runs in the five games with four homers — all solo shots.

"It was a street fight," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "I'm more disappointed than last year. I felt deep down that we would get it done."

After the game, New York's charter flight was delayed, and the team didn't get back to Yankee Stadium until around noon EDT Tuesday.

"Our team played hard, but we let our fans down," Steinbrenner said in a statement. "We will do better."

Just like last season, when the Yankees lost four straight against Boston after taking a 3-0 ALCS lead, Alex Rodriguez and Gary Sheffield were virtually invisible when New York needed their bats most. Rodriguez, the \$252 million man, hit into a double play after Jeter's leadoff single in the ninth.

"This is as low as it gets," A-Rod said. "It's one of those things you can't figure out. ... I've got to take a long look in the mirror at myself because I didn't do my part. I mean, you win and lose as a team, but I didn't show up."

The Yankees got two singles after Rodriguez's double play, bringing the go-ahead run to the plate. But Francisco Rodriguez retired Hideki Matsui on a sharp grounder to first for his second save of the series.

## Texas High School Football Poll

(AP) — Here is The Associated Press' high school poll for Oct. 11, 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

School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Southlake Carroll	6-0	190	1
2. Longview	7-0	150	3
3. Spring Westfield	4-0	148	2
4. Lufkin	5-0	134	4
5. Eules Trinity	6-0	116	5
6. Katy	5-0	100	6
7. Abilene	6-0	73	7
8. Copperas Cove	6-0	55	8
9. Dallas Carter	4-0	29	9
10. Schertz Clemens	6-0	20	10

Others receiving votes: Galena Park North Shore 13, Leander 8, Smithson Valley 8, Irving MacArthur 1.

### Class 4A

School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. La Marque	5-0	185	1
2. D.Highland Park	6-0	170	2
3. Stephenville	6-0	146	3
4. Brenham	5-0	129	4
5. Wol. Frenship	6-0	96	5
6. Marshall	5-1	71	6
7. Texarkana	5-1	68	7
8. A. L. Travis	6-0	47	9
9. Ennis	5-1	46	8
10. Kilgore	5-1	24	10

Others receiving votes: Corpus Christi Calallen 17, New Braunfels Canyon 15, Lewisville Hebron 10, Plainview 7, Rosenberg Terry 7, Klein Oak 5, Pflugerville Connally 1, El Paso Riverside 1.

### Class 3A

School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Cuero	5-0	185	1
2. W. Orange-Stark	5-0	167	2
3. Snyder	7-0	146	4

4. Cameron Yoe	6-0	121	5
5. Tatum	6-0	107	6
6. Wimberley	6-0	81	7
7. Sinton	6-0	70	8
8. Gainesville	5-0	57	9
9. Abilene Wylie	6-1	53	10
10. Sweetwater	6-1	19	3

Others receiving votes: Daingerfield 10, Giddings 7, Bellville 6, Monahans 4, Gilmer 4, Marlin 3, Columbia 2, Van 2, Dallas Madison 1.

### Class 2A

School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Celina	6-0	179	2
2. Newton	3-0	177	1
3. Omaha Pawitt	7-0	155	3
4. Canadian	6-0	127	4
5. Crawford	6-0	103	5
6. Brookshire-Royal	4-1	78	6
7. Wall	6-0	70	7
8. Mart	5-1	57	8
9. Crane	6-1	30	NR
10. Alto	4-1	22	9

Others receiving votes: Bangs 19, Sonora 13, Kerens 7, Post 4, Salado 2, Sanford-Fritch 1, Colorado City 1.

### Class A

School	Rec	Pts	Pvs
1. Chilton	6-0	179	1
2. Big Sandy	6-0	169	2
3. Windthorst	6-0	160	3
4. Goldthwaite	6-0	131	4
5. New Deal	6-1	92	6
6. Haskell	6-0	79	7
7. Roscoe	6-0	67	9
8. Bremond	5-1	54	10
9. Normangee	5-1	25	5
10. Gruver	6-0	21	NR

Who dropped out: No. 8 Stratford  
Others receiving votes: McCamey 20, Nazareth 15, Joaquin 9, Stratford 7, Wellington 5, Iola 4, Lindsay 3, Overton 2, Axtell 2, Wink 1.



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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★ ★ ★ Avoid a negative person. Although, you might need to be more realistic, especially about a loved one or a creative project. As a result of seeing more clearly, you will be able to enjoy greater success. Focus on meetings; listen to others' ideas. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★ ★ ★ You might get some unusual flak from a boss or authority figure. Visualize more of what you want through a discussion. The person you are dealing with has great ideas. Work with him or her. Not all ideas need to be practical; they could become realistic with some work. Tonight: Out late.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**

★ ★ ★ ★ You might want to detach rather than become glum. You will find that you can visualize and create a solution to a hassle. Use your mental processes to the max. Be spontaneous too. Tonight: Talk to a person you consider a resource.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★ ★ ★ You might need to defer to someone else, as you see a situation bleakly. Others seem to be able to work through negativity and come up with grounded solutions. A relationship deepens. You might think others are in dreamland. A mix of cynicism and ingenuity works perfectly. Tonight: Togetherness.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★ ★ ★ You might be a bit more serious than usual. Curb negativity, if possible. Defer to others who might have a different perspective. Discussions open doors for you and others. Handle your funds carefully. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★ ★ ★ Your ability to get work done and focus on key issues might be instrumental in getting past a bad mood or depression. Others respond to your innovative approach at work. You view finances differently from many. Tonight: Off to get some exercise.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★ ★ ★ ★ Your libido energies are on high. If you are artistic, you might choose to funnel this energy into a project. Others decide to add more romance to their lives. Use this moment well. You are lucky. Tonight: Let your imagination choose.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★ ★ ★ Family and home take a greater priority than usual. You have a strong sixth sense. Use this ability to deal with

others. You might not be seeing a situation clearly — and you might not want to, either. Tonight: At home.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★ ★ ★ ★ Your ability to visualize, speak and infuse others with enthusiasm is contagious. Use your ability to intuit others' needs. A meeting could become a brainstorming session... Let it happen. Tonight: With favorite people.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★ ★ ★ Though you might think you have a firm handle on a money matter, you don't. A fact or perspective is missing. Be the wise Goat and take your time with a decision. Meanwhile, others watch your savvy. Tonight: A promised visit.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★ ★ ★ ★ You want to break away from the here and now. Nothing bores the Water Bearer more than routine. Experiment with different ideas. Some might want to sign up for a class. Pursue a dream. Tonight: As you wish. Others go along.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★ ★ ★ Pull back and do some heavy thinking. A discussion with a close friend or loved one provides much insight. Know when to hush up and not tell others what is happening. Recognize that you might be overtired. Tonight: Vanish.

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— ZDBWWOW W. YLVRF

**Yesterday's Cryptoquote: WHEN YOU ARE RIGHT, YOU TAKE THE BOWS, AND WHEN YOU ARE WRONG, YOU MAKE THE APOLOGIES. — BENJAMIN WARD**



## Dentist nominated



Courtesy Photo

Dr. Jay A. Johnson was recently nominated for Dentist of the Year by the Panhandle Academy of General Dentistry. The Texas Academy of General Dentistry honored Johnson and 14 other nominees with a gala and awards ceremony at the Renaissance Hotel in Austin Sunday. Bill Powell, left, immediate past president of the Texas Academy of General Dentistry, presents a plaque to Johnson commemorating the nomination.

## Famous Waiter Contest proceeds help disabled

AMARILLO — Community leaders and friends of people with disabilities share the spotlight during Panhandle Independent Living Center's 7th Annual Famous Waiter Contest at the Ambassador Hotel at 6 p.m. Saturday.

All proceeds benefit the PILC, which was established in 1988. It is a private, non-profit, non-residential organization dedicated to the advancement and full participation of individuals with disabilities in all aspects of life. The PILC serves 26 counties of the Texas Panhandle.

The Famous Waiter team is made up of volunteers who give their time, energy and talent to help raise money for people with disabilities. Community leaders, media personalities and friends of the Center serve as waiters who sell tickets to their guests. Each ticket is priced at \$35 which includes the meal, dancing to Young Country, and being waited on by the volunteers. The guests can also tip their wait-

ers the night of the event, and these funds benefit the Center as well.

Headlining the cast of waiters are KAMR-TV Anchors Faith Miller Barger and Andy Justus. They will be joined by Miss Amarillo Carrie Stockstill and representatives from the offices of State Sen. Kel Seliger and U.S. Ambassador Teel Bivins. Other waiters will include business leaders, health care professionals and social service administrators.

This year's theme is "Hollywood Legends," so waiters will appear as their favorite TV or motion picture stars.

The funds from this year's benefit will help offset a \$2,000 donation the Center sent to aid other centers in Mississippi and Louisiana. D.J. Stubben returns as mistress of ceremonies. Dancing entertainment will be provided by Young Country. Sponsors of the event include KAMR-TV, KGNC, AM&FM, Southwest Airlines, and the Ambassador Hotel.

Waiters compete for top prizes by earning tips which are then donated to the Center. A limited number of tickets are available at \$35 each which includes the dinner and entertainment.

The fund-raiser generates funds to support education activities at PILC. The Center offers employment, transportation, housing assistance, computer training, a year-round youth program and benefits counseling.

PILC assists people to live independently as productive members of the community. All donations provide direct assistance to people with disabilities.

A small portion of these donations are used to develop fund-raisers that generate additional dollars for the Center.

Not one penny is used for administrative costs or overhead. Some examples of how last year's donated dollars assisted people with disabilities:

- Contributions support the Center's year-round stu-

## World helpless against nature

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a more hopeful time, buoyed by the promise of science, it was thought hurricanes could be tricked into dispersing, earthquakes could be disarmed by nuclear explosions and floodwaters held at bay by great mounds of dirt.

Such conceits are another victim of a year of destruction.

The planet's controlling forces romp over dreams like those. Usually the best that can be done is to see the danger coming long enough to run.

Rich and poor nations have taken the hit over a period so twisted in nature's assaults that one month, rich is helping poor and the next, poor is helping rich as best it can, and then the poor gets slammed once again.

The United States, giver of tsunami aid in December, accepted hurricane aid from some of those same countries in September. Now it is giving to South Asia a second time, in response to the weekend earthquakes.

India is sending tents, food, blankets and medicine to its foe, Pakistan, geology briefly shoving aside geopolitics.

More than 176,000 people died in the earthquake and tsunami of December; an

estimated 20,000 to 30,000 in the quake Saturday; perhaps 1,000 or more in Guatemalan landslides last week; more than 1,200 in Katrina. Asian beaches, mountainous Kashmir villages and American urban streets and casinos all were overwhelmed.

It wasn't supposed to be this way.

After World War II, nothing seemed too far-fetched for science, not once the atom was split and, again, not once men stepped on the moon.

In one of the most enduring efforts, still alive but hardly about to happen, man thought he could seed clouds, make it rain reliably and put a stop to devastating drought.

The effort continues, especially in China; there, rockets, anti-aircraft guns and aircraft regularly pelt the sky with chemicals. The results so far: China has lots of experience, but limited success, in making the rains come.

If humans are inexorably warming the globe, they've proved unable to fine-tune the megaforges to their benefit.

They can cause earthquakes, little ones, by injecting fluids into deep wells, filling huge reservoirs with

water or setting off nuclear explosions, but they can't prevent any, says the U.S. Geological Survey.

Any notion of "lubricating" tectonic plates to relieve destructive tension would only make things worse, if it made any difference.

Earthquakes can't be forecast, either. Danger zones and long-term probabilities can be surmised, but "there currently is no accepted method to accomplish the goal of predicting the time, place and magnitude of an impending quake," the survey says.

The idea of hauling icebergs to hurricane-prone waters to cool things off did not fly. Research continues on trying to fool hurricanes into thinking they're over land.

One trick being tested: coating the ocean with a thin, biodegradable, oily film to deny a hurricane the evaporation that feeds its fury, in essence mimicking conditions after landfall.

One of the responses to Hurricane Katrina was decidedly lower tech: Civil engineers proposed putting up old-fashioned air raid sirens so people would know to get away.

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## Army has plans to boost signups in 2006

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has a master plan for recovering from this year's painful recruiting problems that includes new financial incentives for enlistees, greater use of computers, a new way for recruiters to make their pitch and a proposed finder's fee for soldiers who refer recruits.

The plan was assembled after the Army fell more than 6,600 recruits below its goal of 80,000 for the year that ended Sept. 30. It was the first time it had fallen short since 1999.

The military services were releasing their complete year-end recruiting figures Tuesday. The Army, which has borne the largest share of the combat burden in Iraq and Afghanistan, was expected to be the only service to have fallen short, although the Marine Corps struggled for part of the year.

Opinion surveys indicate that daily reports of soldiers dying in Iraq have dampened young people's interest in joining the military, prompting the Army to try new ways to make the war work in its favor.

Since July the Army has been offering prospective

recruits what it calls "assignment incentive pay." That is \$400 a month in extra pay for as many as 36 months if an enlistee agrees to join any of the brigades of the 1st Cavalry Division or 25th Infantry Division scheduled to deploy to Iraq or Afghanistan.

The Army also is encouraging combat veterans who return home on leave from Iraq or Afghanistan to meet with young people in their home towns to talk about their experiences in hopes of snagging extra recruits. The Army has found that reenlist rates are especially high among units that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Raymond DuBois, acting undersecretary of the Army, spearheaded the effort to identify new approaches. Some imitate recruiting practices used in the business world, and not all emphasize financial incentives.

Parts of this new strategy were put into practice several months ago; others await congressional approval. DuBois says the shifts began paying dividends this summer, when the Army exceeded its recruiting goals

monthly from June through September, after missing for four straight months.

"By virtue of what we have put in place over the last six to eight months, I'm confident the Army will achieve its goal of 80,000 recruits" for the budget year that began Oct. 1, DuBois said in an interview Monday.

Some private analysts were skeptical. Michael O'Hanlon, defense specialist at the Brookings Institution, said Monday that if conditions get worse the future of the all-volunteer force could be in jeopardy.

"Unless the situation in Iraq improves, or unless we drastically enlarge the pool of possible recruits in some way — for example, lowering academic standards for them, or even considering an extreme option like allowing foreigners to gain U.S. citizenship by serving — one would have to expect continued tough slogging for the Army," O'Hanlon said.

When the Army saw its recruiting efforts fall drastically below expectations it embarked on some new approaches.

The most important may have been the assignment of extra recruiters. The active-

duty Army added nearly 1,300 recruiters during the year, for a total of 6,401 as of Sept. 30, and the Army Reserve added nearly 600, for a total of 1,547 recruiters, according to S. Douglas Smith.

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