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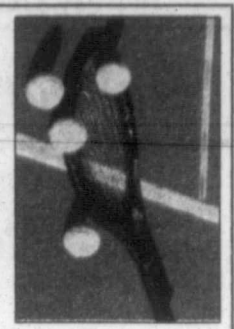
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Xcel Energy to help customers with high gas bills

AMARILLO, Texas - Expressing deep concern for families facing higher energy bills, Xcel Energy State Vice President Gary Gibson today called on community leaders and announced an extensive five-point plan to address their needs. "We know that many families in our area will find it difficult to pay their bills this winter," Gibson said. "We're committed to helping our neighbors, and we are working at all levels of our company to help address their needs - for assistance,

resources, information and solutions." First, Gibson announced a \$300,000 donation to be divided among Salvation Army groups in Amarillo and Lubbock, and community action agencies in New Mexico. This commitment is in addition to the company's current support of low-income energy assistance programs in the area. Second, Gibson said the company will promote conservation and related programs extensively to help all customers use less energy. This

includes providing information on home weatherization, the use of energy-efficient appliances and numerous other energy-saving programs. Third, Gibson said Xcel Energy will add additional personal account representatives to assist low-income or other at-risk customers with payment options and provide information about community resources that offer financial assistance. The company will also pro-actively communicate with at-risk customers to offer these options.

Fourth, Xcel Energy is working with other local companies and organizations, inviting ideas and suggestions from each, and developing additional support for customers. "We have contacted federal legislators, urging them to appropriate additional money for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), to the new, authorized limit," Gibson said. "We also have approached others in the business and philanthropic

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Former exchange student Christine Gwiazda of Germany admires a chili ristra. Courtesy Photo

Exchange student returns for visit

By DARLENE BIRKES For The News

"Germany had the lowest economical growth within the European Union last year," noted Christine Gwiazda, former AFS exchange student who returned to Pampa for a visit this week with her host family Dan and Ellen Malone. "Cheaper workers are coming in from Turkey and Poland since the borders are now open, and they take the money home with them instead of spending it in Germany," she explained. The skilled German wood workers and industrial engineers are in demand in the Scandinavian countries. In addition, the country has a high tax rate, \$7 to \$8 a gallon gasoline, and a new chancellor, the first female and the first chancellor from eastern Germany. "They either like her or they don't," said Gwiazda, who said the chancellor was a physician and quite experienced in politics, having been counseled by the former

chancellor and mentor Helmut Kohl. Gwiazda grew up in northeastern Germany near the Baltic Sea in Dassow. She saw the wall that divided the east from the west every day until it was torn down when she was 14. "Today we still have a different mentality," she said. "We did not have much, but we made the best of it without toys and games. We rode our bikes, as there were no cars. We had only the basic food, no extras as bananas. There was a shortage of clothing. We would wait 10 to 15 years for a new car, and it was getting worse and worse. "However, our parents spent time with us. We did gardening together and did a lot together, which parents don't do now. At 14 I was not interested in the politics, but the change meant getting out of the gray into a shiny new world with so many things. We could window shop, for there was something to buy." See STUDENT, Page 2

Man arrested with \$40,180

AMARILLO - A Missouri man was arrested Monday after troopers found a large sum of money hidden inside his vehicle following a traffic stop on Interstate 40. At 10:40 a.m., Sergio Sanchez, 25, of Kansas City Mo., was westbound in a 1993 Jeep Cherokee when he was stopped 10 miles east of Amarillo in Carson County. After consent to search was given, troopers found \$40,180.00 in cash hidden inside the intake manifold. The cash was wrapped in home insulation, vacuum sealed and taped. Sanchez was jailed in Carson County Jail on money laundering charges.

Simplified income tax system endorsed by Bush committee

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush's tax panel today endorsed a drastically simplified income tax system that envisions eliminating most deductions, credits, savings incentives and other tax breaks, replacing them with a few simpler benefits. Taxpayers would pay roughly the same amount of tax under the simplified system as they do now, panel members said. But most of the confusing tax paperwork would be gone, and complex tax equations that baffle taxpayers would be simplified. "I don't think it's a small move in this direction, I think it's a huge move," said Charles O. Rossotti, panel member and former Internal Revenue Service commissioner. The President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform is tasked with making multiple recommendations for different tax methods that make income taxes a fairer, simpler and more economically productive system. Its final report is due Nov. 1.

The plan includes savings accounts for retirement and major family expenses very similar to a proposal put forward by President Bush. The panel would shrink the number of income tax rates from six to four and put 75 percent of individuals and families in the bottom 15 percent tax bracket. The proposal abolishes the alternative minimum tax, a levy designed to prevent the wealthy from evading taxes but which is increasingly creeping into the middle class. Individuals would not pay tax on three-quarters of the capital gains on corporate stock. The federal tax deduction for state and local taxes paid would disappear. Myriad personal and family tax breaks would be replaced with one family credit. Income tests designed to keep most current tax breaks within the middle class would be eliminated, letting wealthier individuals and families benefit.

School board meets Thursday

Pampa Independent School District Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Carver Center Administration building, 321 W. Albert. Among items to be considered and/or discussed include:
• approval of spring sports bids;
• approval of Pampa High School fund-raisers;
• approval of financial reports;
• discussion of facilities and engagement of an architectural firm to consider options;
• consideration and action regarding Jane Steele's level III grievance.
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Obituaries

Mary Elizabeth Zelisko, 97

Mary Elizabeth (Harvey) Zelisko, age 97, of Haskell died Saturday, Oct. 15, 2005, at Iowa Park Nursing Facility in Iowa Park.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Jo Nipper Osborn and husband Clyde Osborn of Iowa Park and Lucille and husband A.L. Roden, Jr. of Pampa; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five step-great-grandchildren; three



Zelisko
step-great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and

friends.
Services will be held Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005, at 2 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Haskell with the Rev. Daniel Echols officiating, with interment to follow at Willow Cemetery under the direction of Holden-McCauley Funeral Home.

There will be a visitation today, Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Services tomorrow

ZELISKO, Mary Elizabeth (Harvey) — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Haskell.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 88. Southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. Southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 79. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers

and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 52. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph becoming northwest.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. North-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 68. North-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 44. North-northeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 46.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 68.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 43.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 71.

Stocks

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

Wheat	3.38
Milo	2.83
Corn	3.82
Soybeans	4.86

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

OXY	74.52	-0.71
BP PLC ADR	65.16	-1.47

Cabot Corp	31.41	-0.39
Celanese	16.70	+0.02
Cabot Oil Gas	48.11	+0.99
Coca Cola	42.02	-0.05
VLO	103.70	+0.21
HAL	61.03	-0.27
TRI	44.17	+0.24
KMI	89.30	-0.39
XCEL	18.20	-0.22
Kerr McGee	85.40	-0.66
XOM	58.25	-0.61
Limited	19.40	NC
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CVX	59.01	-0.94
Wal-Mart	45.46	+0.22
OKE	29.88	NC
NS Grp	33.59	-0.46
New York Gold	474.20	
Silver	7.80	
West Texas Crude	64.36	

Student

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Rebuilding eastern Germany was paid for by all the citizens, both east and west as a percentage of one's wages as well as taxes were used for the rebuilding.

"The eastern economy was doing great until 1995," she said. "Everyone had a job. They were rebuilding buildings, were free to buy houses and do reconstruction. Now about five million are out of work in eastern Germany. They spent a lot getting the economy going and everyone was taking money and setting up businesses. They were not well co-ordinated and ran out of money and had to close down. The market was flooded. Many have moved out as there is no work, and there is no reason to go back."

Her parents still live in their hometown in the east, where her father is an administrator and teacher in a vocational school. The faculty had to be cut by 20 teachers because there were not enough students with

people moving out.

Another problem is the revolution for an "easier language for foreigners to learn." This passed three years ago and the new language is already being taught in the schools. "One newspaper has refused to comply," said Gwiazda, "and I and those my age and the older people are not accepting the change."

"There are a lot of differences in Germany. I now realize that there are differences between the north and south just as between the east and west. There are so many dialects and some are hard to understand. The south has more holidays," she said, with a grin, then explained that the south has more religious holidays.

Gwiazda, who is a criminal investigator with the Hamburg police department, gets 29 working days off a year. Three years ago she took a sabbatical for a year to travel. For two years she worked full time for two thirds of her wages, and the third year she was off while receiving the remaining one third. She spent time in New Zealand and St. Petersburg, Russia, attending language

schools, then one month in Australia and another month with her brother in South America visiting friends and backpacking. Her work day is eight hours with an additional 30 minutes for a break. When they work longer to complete a job, there is no extra pay. She is a graduate of a police academy, equivalent to about three and half years of college.

For safety purposes, Gwiazda does not wear police clothes and drives an unmarked vehicle. She used to work with juvenile crime and robberies, but now works on child abuse and sex harassment cases. She is paired with a male officer who interviews and works with the offender while she interviews the victim -- the child or woman.

She has been to Berlin three times and visited the new Reichstag.

"There is always a long waiting line for people to go up the elevator and walk around the glass dome on top. The tourists can get a great view of the city as well as see the work going on in the parliament building," Gwiazda said.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Monday, Oct. 17

Twenty traffic stops were recorded. Traffic complaints were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and at the intersection of Hobart and Oklahoma.

Thefts were reported in the 900 block of South Nelson, where a city water valve was stolen, the 700 block of North Wells where an ATM card and a check book were taken, the 1200 block of Darby, the 800 block of West 25th, the 300 block of North Hobart, and the 800 block of South Somerville.

A kidnapping was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie.

Found property was reported at the intersection of Francis and Starkweather where keys were found in the intersection, the 200 block of West Kingsmill, and the 500 block of East Browning where a bicycle valued at \$150 was found.

Suspicious vehicles were noted in the 1800 block of North Sumner and the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart. Escort service was provided in the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 100 block of North Sumner, and the 400 block of Carr. Law enforcement assistance was provided in the 300 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of Coffee, and the 200 block of West Eshom. EMS assistance was given in the 700 block of North Russell. A special assignment was provided in the 200 block of West Kingsmill for a Cub Scout tour.

Disorderly conduct-noise was reported in the 900 block of Osborne. Disorderly conduct-other was reported in the 900 block of East

Harvester.

Disorderly conduct-fighting was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart and the 1800 block of West Alcock.

Warrant service was attempted at four locations.

Civil matters were investigated in the 200 block of West Kingsmill and the 400 block of Red Deer.

A sexual assault was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Harassment was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 300 block of Sunset.

Two runaway reports were received from the 600 block of Buckler.

Welfare checks were made in the 1900 block of Coffee and the 800 block of Scott.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were noted in the 1900 block of Faulkner and the 2400 block of Charles.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 200 block of East Browning, the 2000 block of North Russell, and the 2100 block of North Sumner. A prowler was reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of South Price.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was noted in the 2700 block of North Hobart where two men got in a woman's car and drove off with her purse and its contents valued at \$9,053.

An assault was reported in the 400 block of Carr.

Two criminal trespass reports were made from the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Oct. 17

Mary Jane Alva, 43, of Pampa was arrested on a grand jury indictment on a charge of retaliation.

Tonie Cruz, 23, of Wichita Falls was arrested

on a grand jury indictment on a charge of retaliation.

Nicholas Brookshire, 25, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

Salvador Rodriguez, 28, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

Richard Dean Kidwell, 17, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of theft by check.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Mandy Baggett, 28, of Pampa was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury, theft by check, simple assault capias pro fine, no seat belt, and failure to appear.

Eddie Graham, 17, was arrested on charges of driving while his license was suspended and no insurance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance today reported the following calls.

Sunday, Oct. 16

12 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

3:14 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather. No transport.

Monday, Oct. 17

9:57 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA in Amarillo.

6:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Grape. The call was canceled.

6:10 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:45 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

Xcel

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communities to join us in this effort."

Fifth, Gibson said the company will communicate extensively with customers, through every means possible, to provide them with resources and information to reduce their energy consumption and lower their bills.

"We're in this for the long term, and we will work to raise awareness of this critical energy-price situation," said Gibson. "We view it as

a state - and in fact, national - crisis. We will drive efforts to address the problem and be part of a broader, policy-based solution."

Gibson said that natural gas prices are among the highest in history, due in large part to supply and demand issues made more acute recently by hurricanes in the Gulf of Mexico. He said that Xcel Energy is using more natural gas to produce electricity and must pass those costs through to customers, adding that the company's balanced portfolio of generating resources (coal, wind and natural gas) has lessened the impact on customers.

Gibson urged customers concerned about their ability to pay their bills to contact Xcel Energy's 24-hour customer service number at 1-

800-895-4999 as soon as possible to find out about assistance agencies in their communities. He also directed all customers to go to the company's Web site (xcelenergy.com) or call the customer service number for a copy of the free brochure, "60 Simple Ways to Save Money on Your Energy Bill," and other information about recommended conservation measures.

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Board

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• consideration and approval of bids for electrical upgrade at Valhalla and

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Viewpoints

Return to flight and a return to leadership

Return to flight and a return to leadership

By Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison

Recently, an anxious nation watched the Space Shuttle Discovery return our nation to flight, and many relaxed their vigil only when Commander Eileen Collins called out "wheels stop" on the runway at Edwards Air Force Base. This first post-Columbia flight was extremely valuable and successful.

The mission also made it clear that NASA's approach to launch decisions, making important mission and safety-related decisions, and its ongoing public accountability have also evolved. NASA is in transition with a new vision, new administrator and new environment. After the Columbia tragedy, some said America should abandon manned missions. This would mean the U.S. would never finish the International Space Station (ISS), would abandon our commitment to international partners and cede the research and security

proress that has defined our nation for 50 years.

Too many risks have been taken, successes achieved, new technologies developed and historic moments created to weaken our commitment to retaining our nation's space preeminence. Brave astronauts have sacrificed their lives for the future of space exploration believing it is essential to our country's future.

As we explore the unknown, the information gathered millions of miles away and work done to prepare and conduct space-based research has direct and positive applications in our daily lives. Technology invented through space exploration is used in hospital cardiac care units.

Scientists have developed new chemotherapy treatments. Space technology has led to the production of air bags that save lives everyday. Devices firefighters used to cut through exposed steel at ground zero following the Sept. 11 attacks were the outcome of shuttle technology.

New oxygen regulators helping firefighters breathe safely were invented based on research conducted on the ISS. These are just some of many examples of added benefits our investment in space exploration has provided us.

Those benefits will only multiply as we proceed with research planned for the ISS. In order to complete the assembly of the research station, we must be able to continue to fly the space shuttle, which is the only vehicle capable of carrying these heavy pieces.

The U.S. has invested over \$25 billion to develop and maintain the space station. Our scientific and international partners have also made large investments in the ISS over the past 16 years. It would be regretful for this nation to fail to meet our international and scientific commitments by turn-

ing away from completion of the ISS at this point. Too many resources would be wasted and too many potential discoveries lost.

Clearly, we need the research about the effects of long-term exposure to the space environment on



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator

humans done on the ISS to prepare for the return to the Moon and eventual missions to Mars. That research provides knowledge and helps us understand and also treat common medical problems of a similar nature, such as osteoporosis, muscle atrophy and bone demineralization.

Developments evolving through current research being conducted on the ISS include an advanced diagnostics ultrasound which can assist with diagnosis of bone marrow loss and muscle atrophy. Autonomous robotic arms have been developed which can be applied to

fields ranging from human-collaborative medical surgery, physical therapy, rehabilitation and emergency response to chemical, biological and nuclear materials.

Over 80 such experiments have already been conducted aboard the ISS or are underway — showing real results with direct application to improving life and health for all of us on Earth.

I have passed legislation through the Senate to ensure the maximum return on our nation's investment in the ISS by designating the U.S. portion as a National Laboratory Facility. This designation provides a mechanism to identify creative ways in which non-NASA participants can join the space station research community and potentially bring non-NASA funding and expertise to help support and sustain the ISS as a functional laboratory.

The ISS can be the vehicle for increased cooperative research activities between the National Institutes of

Health and NASA, between university-based consortia and both commercial and international research partnerships. These new assets can enable NASA to concentrate its limited resources on pursuing the exploration of the Moon and eventually Mars.

The number of nations with human space flight capability is growing. Recently, China launched its second manned flight into space. If we stall, we risk relinquishing our leadership role in space exploration. This will affect our capabilities in science, technology and medicine.

NASA's investment in engineering, science and mathematics helps the U.S. compete with foreign countries and is key to ensuring our nation's future will be prosperous and secure. Even more, our willingness to support space research will determine if we will have the most capable military in the world through the 21st Century.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 18, the 291st day of 2005. There are 74 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 18, 1767, the boundary between Maryland and Pennsylvania, the Mason-Dixon line, was agreed upon.

On this date:

In 1685, King Louis XIV of France revoked the Edict of Nantes, which had established legal toleration of France's Protestant population, the Huguenots.

In 1867, the United States took formal possession of Alaska from Russia.

In 1892, the first long-distance telephone line between

Chicago and New York was formally opened.

In 1898, the American flag was raised in Puerto Rico shortly before Spain formally relinquished control of the island to the United States.

In 1931, inventor Thomas Alva Edison died in West Orange, N.J., at age 84.

In 1944, Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia during World War II.

In 1962, Dr. James D. Watson of the United States, and Dr. Francis Crick and Dr. Maurice Wilkins

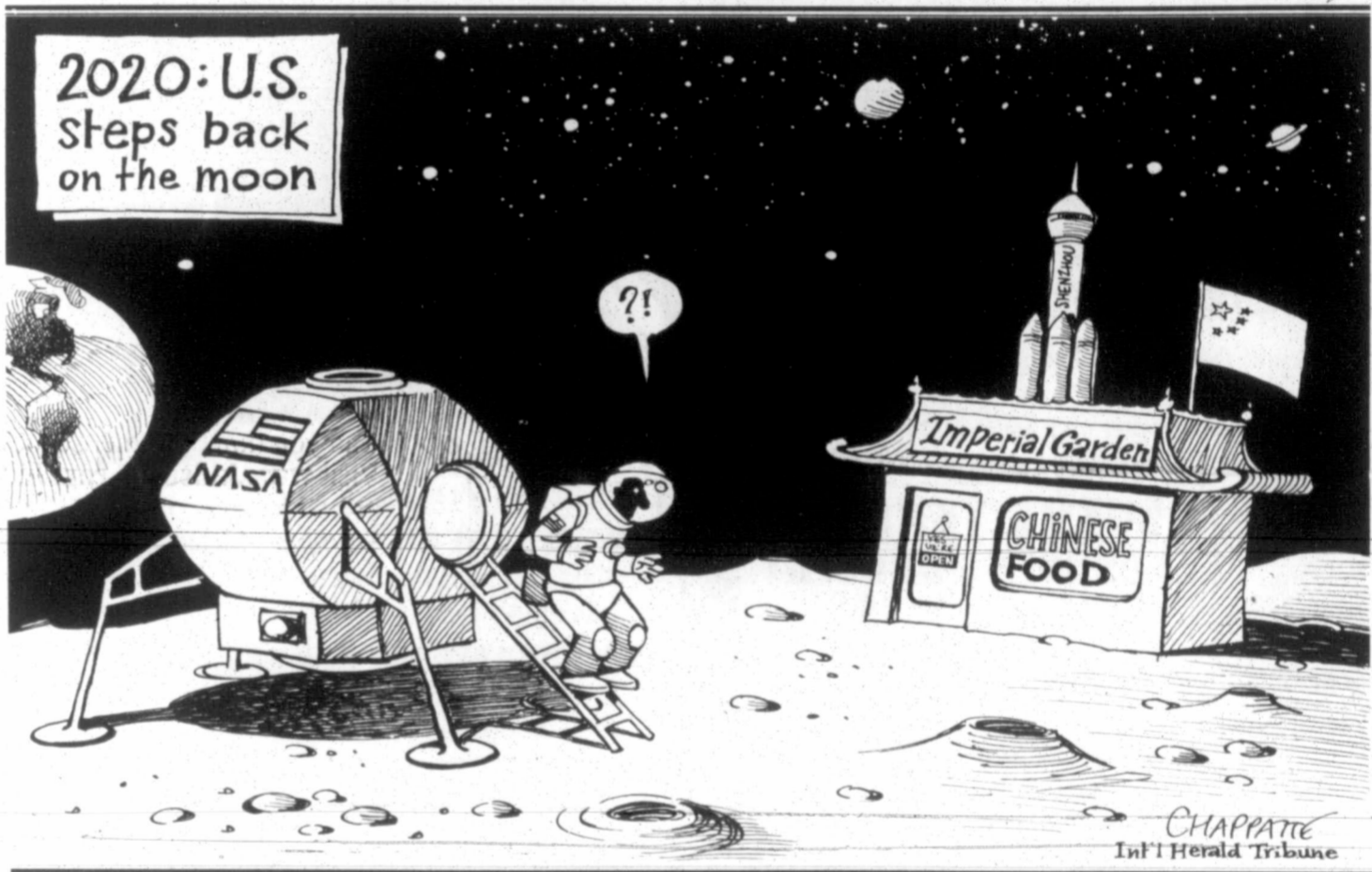
of Britain, were named winners of the Nobel Prize for Medicine and Physiology for their work in determining the double-helix molecular structure of DNA.

In 1968, the U.S. Olympic Committee suspended Tommie Smith and John Carlos for giving a "black power" salute as a protest during a victory ceremony in Mexico City.

In 1969, the federal government banned artificial sweeteners known as cyclamates because of evidence they caused cancer in laboratory rats.

"I do not prize the word cheap. It is not a badge of honor ... it is a symbol of despair. Cheap prices make for cheap goods; cheap goods make for cheap men; and cheap men make for a cheap country!"

— President William McKinley (1843-1901)



Dumb responses to 'if-then' comment

Bill Bennett, former secretary of education and drug czar, now host of the "Morning in America" talk radio show, caused quite a stir and hand-wringing in his response to a caller. The caller hypothesized that had there not been so many abortions in America, Social Security wouldn't be facing its deficit problems. Why? Because there would be more workers per retiree.

Bennett dismissed what he called "far-reaching, extensive extrapolations," giving the following conditional statement: "... I do know that it's true that if you wanted to reduce crime, you could, if that were your sole purpose, you could abort every black baby in this country, and your crime rate would go down. That would be an impossible, ridiculous and morally reprehensible thing to do, but your crime rate would go down. So these far-out, these far-reaching, extensive extrapolations are, I think, tricky."

So what does that comment make Bennett? Permit

me to make some statements of the same genre: If a 100 square-mile meteor strikes the Earth, millions of people will be killed. If a person falls off the Empire State Building, he will die. Here's another: If a person goes 30 days without water, he will die. All of these statements, as well as that made by Bennett, are what are known as conditional statements. A conditional statement is an "if-then" statement of the form: "if P, then Q." P is the antecedent, the "if" part of the statement, and "Q" is the consequent, the "then" part of the statement. Going back to my first example, "If a 100 square-mile meteor strikes the Earth," is the antecedent; "billions of people will be killed" is the consequent.

Walter Williams
Columnist

That is, will going without water for 30 days or falling off the Empire State Building cause death? Is making a conditional statement advocacy? In other words, do you interpret my

conditional statements as calling for a 100 square-mile meteor to strike the Earth, or calling for people to fall off the Empire State Building or go 30 days without water? One would have to be an idiot to make such an interpretation.

Let's examine Bill Bennett's conditional "if black babies were aborted the crime rate would go down." According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Uniform Crime Reports for 2003 (http://www.fbi.gov/ucr/cius_03/pdf/03sec4.pdf), blacks, who are 13 percent of the population, were 49 percent of murder arrests, 33 percent of arrests for rape, and 54

percent of arrests for robberies. That means Bennett's statement was true.

One could make another conditional statement: If male babies were aborted, there would be an even larger reduction in crime. While males are slightly less than 50 percent of the population, according to FBI reports, they constitute 90 percent of the arrests for murder, 99 percent of the arrests for rape and 90 percent of the arrests for robberies. What the crime statistics unambiguously demonstrate is that males, as a group, and blacks, as a group, are disproportionately represented in criminal activity. If making the true statement that males are disproportionately represented in criminal activity doesn't make one a sexist, at least I haven't heard such an accusation, why then would making the true statement that blacks are disproportionately represented in criminal activity make one a racist as Bennett has been charged?

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Our readers write

Pampa town truly a caring community ...

Thank you with all my heart "sir" for the write-up on my little Schnauzer that was killed. And thank you also for all the great phone calls from our Pampa people, and here's the greatest — a lady here in town drove to Amarillo and

paid over \$700 for me a 9-week-old baby Schnauzer. It is so wonderful and precious.

I had lots of calls wanting to give me one. How could I be so lucky? This little "Bo" has already healed some hurt!

Thank you to all of you so much. Our Pampa town is truly a family.

And thank you, Mr. Editor. How can I ever repay or say thank you enough for the precious baby dog?

Helen Adair
Pampa

A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

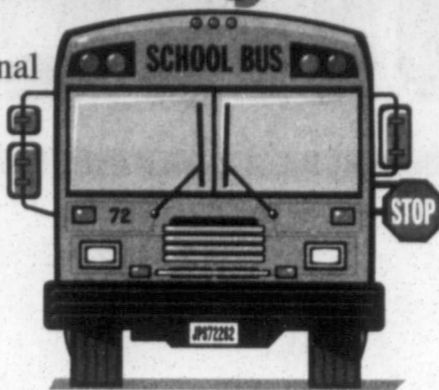


This Week: School Bus Safety

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OCTOBER 16 - 22 IS:
National School Bus Safety Week

This year's theme for National School Bus Safety Week is **Flashing Red Means Stop Ahead**. While National School Bus Safety Week is always the third week of October, bus safety is a year-round subject.



Kid Scoop News Navigator

Newspapers Know How To Get Around

Imagine you have just moved to a new town. The newspaper will help you get to know your new town! Look through the newspaper to find and list the following:

- The number of movie theaters.
- The names and locations of grocery stores.
- Two apartments to rent.
- Two homes for sale.
- Name of a person who works for the city's government.
- Headline of an article about a local school.
- Score of a local sporting event.
- A job that is available in town.

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

SCHOOL BUS MAP
Read the list of places where the school bus picks up students of Acorn Elementary. Mark on the map places the bus stops, then draw the route the bus will take.

432 Cherry St.
567 Sycamore Way
222 Maple Dr.
848 Manzanita Ave.
747 Pine St.
449 Acacia Ct.

Bus Safety Rules Match Game

These are some safety rules from Robin Padgett, a school bus driver from Lynchburg, Virginia. Write the number of the rule each student is talking about next to each student's face.

- Be at the bus stop early.
- Wait for the bus in a safe place — away from the road.
- Listen to the bus driver and follow directions.
- Keep hands, arms and head inside the bus at all times.
- Please don't eat or drink on the bus.

Make a safety poster for your class illustrating one of these rules.

A bus is wider than a car, it gets very close to trees and poles, you could be seriously injured if you have any body parts outside the bus.

Wait away from the road because a car could hit you if you are too close to the road.

You could choke on the food and the driver might not see you.

The bus driver's instructions are for your safety.

The bus driver may not see you running for the bus if you are late, you could slip and fall under the wheels.

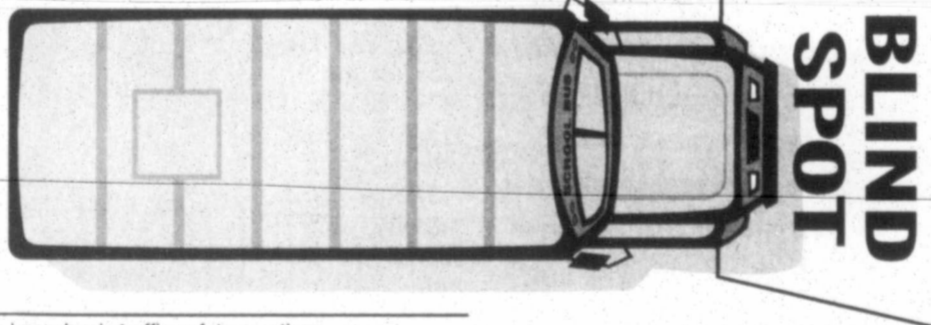
Can you think of other school bus safety rules? Visit www.kidscoop.com/kids/index.html for a printable, mini poster with more of Robin's rules.

Standards Link: Health and Safety: Students know basic traffic safety practices.

Beware the Blind Spot

Many children are injured each year while getting on or off school buses. This is because the bus driver cannot see the area that is 10 feet in front of the bus. This is called the **blind spot**.

Look at the overhead view of the school bus. Color in the blind spot. You can avoid being in the blind spot by always taking at least 10 giant steps away from your bus before crossing in front of it. And, always wait for the bus driver or another adult to tell you when it is safe to cross the street.



Standards Link: Health and Safety: Students know basic traffic safety practices.

Extra! Extra! Number Master

Look through today's newspaper for a number written as a numeral. Rewrite the number as a word using letters.

For example:
18 eighteen

Standards Link: Number Sense: Write numerals to 100.

What a Character! Caring is ...

Remain seated at all times!

... helping younger children with learning school bus safety rules.

Word Whiz Challenge!

How many three-letter or longer words can you make from this year's School Bus Safety Week phrase? If a letter only appears **once** in the theme, it can only be used once in a new word. For example the word **hood** would not qualify as the letter **o** appears only once in the theme.

Flashing Red Means Stop Ahead

Standards Link: Spell: Spell grade level words correctly.

Number Busters

Use the code to find out some amazing school bus facts!
National Safe Kids say that more than **▲▲** million students ride school buses daily. This includes about **▲▲▲▲** public school buses that travel approximately **▲▲** billion miles!

SECRET CODE ▲ / ▲ ▲ + ▲ / ▲ ▲ × ▲ / ▲ ▲
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow written directions.

Double Double Word Search

- SAFETY
- RULES
- BEWARE
- BLIND
- ROBIN
- FLASHING
- STOP
- BILLION
- NATIONAL
- GIANT
- DRINK
- WEEK
- FACE
- BUS
- DRIVER

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

R E V I R D G S C H
B E W A R E I O L O
L I S U C D A A B U
S K L A P K N I R D
S E F L F O T I A N
S E F E I E T T L I
Y W V T B O T S O B
P B A W U E N Y E O
G N I H S A L F K R

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

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word:
NAVIGATE
Navigate means to steer or find your way through something.

The school bus driver carefully **navigates** the bus across town every morning.

Use the word **navigate** in a sentence today when talking with your friends, parents or teachers.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Bus Trip

Look through the newspaper and make a list of five or more places in your town. Now look at a map of your town. Imagine you are a school bus driver and have to visit all the places. Draw a route that would take you to each place in the shortest amount of time.

Standards Link: Social Science: Use map skills to interpret information.

How do bees get to school?

ANSWER: By school buzz!

Write On!

School Bus Adventure

One day I got on the school bus and to my surprise ...
Finish this story.

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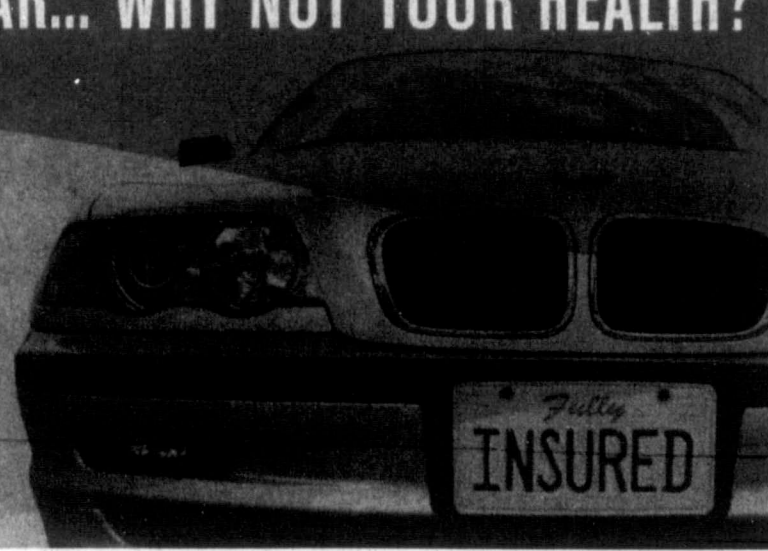


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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Thank you for the safety tips you offered to "Curious in Indiana," who bikes alone. As a female cyclist and mother of a biking daughter, I agree that telling her parents her riding plan (or leaving a descriptive note), and carrying a cell phone are good measures. In addition, she should dress like a boy! Leave the cute little tops for when she's riding with a large group, and instead, wear a bright, high-visibility T-shirt or jersey that can catch a motorist's eye but doesn't shout "female!" from half a mile away.

"Curious" should also be constantly aware of her surroundings. This assumes no headphones, and means she'll know what vehicles are approaching from front and rear and who is in them. She should be ready if a dog runs out, and know if a storm is imminent. A family password is also a good idea, so no stranger can impersonate a "caring messenger" and get too close. -- **HAPPY TRAILWINDS IN WISCONSIN**

DEAR HAPPY: Thank you! I received a slew of letters and e-mails from readers eager to offer additional safety tips to that girl. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You forgot one very important tip. Wear a bike helmet! If she fell and hit her head on one of those lonely country roads, it could mean the difference between life and death. -- **AVID BICYCLIST IN SACRAMENTO**

DEAR ABBY: Your suggestions were good, but it might also be wise for that girl to carry Mace or pepper spray for protection if it can be used legally in her state. -- **KATHLEEN IN TITUSVILLE, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: Please remind every bike rider to wear reflective clothing, and ensure that their bike has front and back lights. Most important, they need to observe the rules of the road.

A bike is just like a car and needs to stop at lights and signs. It will help that 13-year-old ensure her own safety. -- **WALTER J., SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA**

DEAR ABBY: "Curious in Indiana" should check to see if there are any bicycle groups nearby. It's a great way to find like-minded teens and instant friends in the '70s, as a bike leader for the American Youth Hostels, I was trained in first aid and bike repair -- both of which I used on the long-distance trips I led. (That was in the days before cell phones.) As a mom today, I'd prefer that my daughter was not alone on the road. -- **DR. J., KALAMAZOO, MICH.**

DEAR ABBY: She should be sure to carry water, as well as some form of ID when she rides. It should include her name, her city or town, home phone number or the number where her parents can be reached, her blood type, and any allergies or medical conditions. (The information can be worn around her neck, engraved on a bracelet or attached to her shoe.) -- **MELODY IN IRVINE, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: That cyclist should make sure she knows how to change her own flat tire, and carry all the tools necessary to do so every time she rides. (She should always check to be sure the glue in her patch kit hasn't dried out.) The more she can learn about "out-there repair," the less chance she'd rather not be. -- **FELLOW CYCLIST, LEMONT, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: My son, who is the same age, rides his bike and hikes in an area where cell phones are not reliable. We gave him a walkie-talkie with a seven-mile radius, and it's much cheaper than a cell phone. -- **COUNTRY MOM, STEVENS POINT, WIS.**

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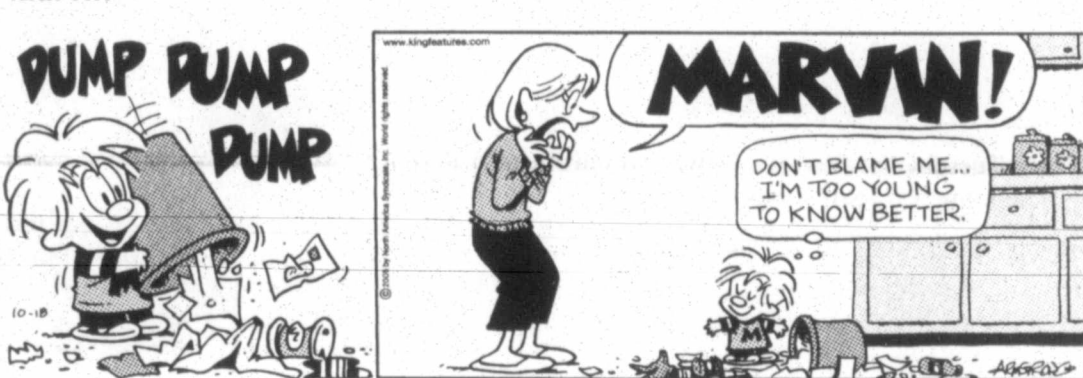
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

BY THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Receive eagerly
- 6 Walked to and fro
- 11 In the know
- 12 Kitchen come-on
- 13 Golfing site
- 15 Building add-on
- 16 Traffic stopper
- 17 Canyon "critter"
- 18 Remote locales?
- 20 Cook's herb
- 23 Alpine trill
- 27 Pinnacle
- 28 Company symbol
- 29 More recent
- 31 Maestro's prop
- 32 To this point
- 34 Madison Avenue output
- 37 Zeus or Thor
- 38 Before today
- 41 Boy George's group
- 44 Really impressed
- 45 Semblance
- 46 Floor models



DOWN

- 1 Sneaker
- 2 Deserter's letters
- 3 One of the Fab Four
- 4 Coffee holder
- 5 Gas (Bnt.)
- 6 Busy day at the bank
- 7 Compass tracing
- 8 Soft drink
- 9 Flightless birds
- 10 Little bits
- 14 Gridiron
- 18 Boxcars
- 19 Flare type
- 20 Illegalize
- 21 "Tarzan" extra
- 22 Attach a patch
- 24 Web address part
- 25 I strain
- 26 Horror star
- 29 Chaney
- 30 Scoundrels
- 31 Scoundrel need
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Sports Day

Seattle's Hamlin in ICU

By GREGG BELL
AP Sports Writer

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks are more concerned with Ken Hamlin's health than when — or if — he'll be able to rejoin the team.

The starting free safety was in serious but stable condition early Tuesday with a fractured skull and other head injuries following a fight outside a downtown Seattle nightclub.

"It's pretty tough," said cornerback Marcus Trufant, whose locker is next to Hamlin's. "I'm very concerned about his health and I'm just hoping and praying that everything goes well."

Hamlin's injuries included a small blood clot and bruising of brain tissue. He was to remain in intensive care for the next day or two, team physician Stan Herring said. Herring said doctors are waking up Hamlin every hour or two to ensure he is still stable.

The fight may have also involved a homicide, according to a published report. A 31-year-old man who was killed near the city's Seward Park on Monday morning was involved in the fight with Hamlin, a man claiming to be the brother of the victim told the Seattle Post-Intelligencer for a story published Tuesday.

Tramaine Isabell saw video of the fight on Seattle TV newscasts and identified one of the men as his brother, Terrell Milam. Isabell told the newspaper the video showed Milam punching Hamlin and knocking him to the ground, and that Milam was the man found dead by a jogger three hours later near Seward Park.

Police spokesman Rich Pruitt confirmed on his office phone voice mail early Tuesday morning that there was a homicide in south Seattle on Monday morning. He also told the newspaper that police were interested in speaking to Isabell, but added, "At this time, we have no proof there is a connection" between the death and Hamlin's assault.

According to a police report, Hamlin and his girlfriend were leaving Larry's Nightclub in the Pioneer Square section of Seattle at about 2 a.m. Monday, several hours after the Seahawks defeated the Houston Texans.

The girlfriend told officers that Hamlin placed his hand on another man's back and said, "Excuse me." The man told Hamlin to stop pushing, and the men began shoving each other.

According to the report, Hamlin then punched the man in the face; Herring said Hamlin has a fractured right hand.

Another man struck Hamlin with his forearm, knocking him down, before the two men began fighting with other men nearby.

Sports brief

The Basketball Booster Club at Pampa High School will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

COLLEGE SPORTS

WTA&M stays behind Washburn

Buffaloes remain No. 2 NCAA-II in Southwest Region rankings

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University football team remained No. 2 in the NCAA-II Southwest Region Rankings, released today (Oct. 17) by the NCAA.

The rankings, which determine the postseason playoff field, list six Lone Star Conference teams. WTAMU was followed by Tarleton State University at No. 3, while Angelo State University is No. 9, Texas A&M University-Kingsville plummeted from third to 10th, while Southeastern Oklahoma State University is 11th and Eastern New Mexico University is 12th.

Washburn University remains No. 1 for the second week in a row, after defeating Truman State University, 21-14, Saturday.

The Buffaloes, who are nationally ranked at No. 10 in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), but are expected to move up, as three teams ahead of them lost, including Texas A&M-Kingsville, who was blasted by Midwestern State University, 41-14, Saturday night at Wichita Falls, Texas.

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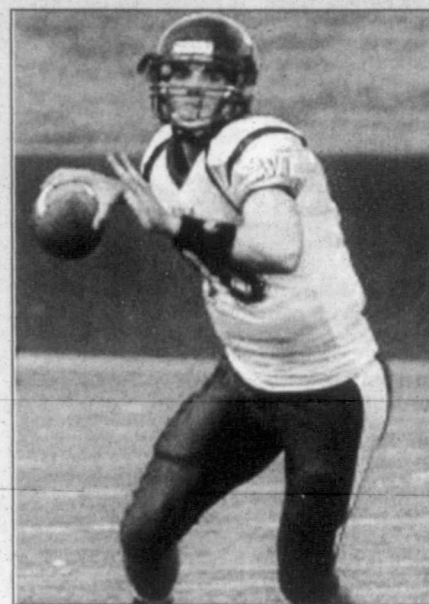
a LSC showdown, between the first-place Buffaloes and the tied for second-place Rams.

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

The complete region rankings are available at www.ncaasports.com.

NCAA-II Southwest Region Rankings

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| No. Name Record |
| 1 Washburn (7-1) |
| 2 West Texas A&M (8-0) |
| 3 Tarleton State (6-1) |
| 4 Nebraska-Kearney (7-1) |
| 5 Northwest Missouri State (5-2) |
| 6 Pittsburg State (6-2) |
| 7 Missouri Western State (6-2) |
| 8 Central Missouri State (5-2) |
| 9 Angelo State (7-1) |
| 10 Texas A&M-Kingsville (5-2) |
| 11 Southeastern Oklahoma State (5-2) |
| 12 Eastern New Mexico (4-4) |



(Photo by Bob Fishback)
Redshirt freshman back-up QB Keith Null and the 10th-ranked Buffaloes remain second in the NCAA-II Southwest Region Rankings.

Harvester Tennis Team suffers painful loss

The Harvester Tennis Team suffered a painful loss at the hands of Palo Duro on Saturday, but they travel to Dumas today with a chance at a three-way tie for first with Dumas and Palo Duro.

Going in to the Palo Duro match, Pampa knew that a win would mean a definite trip to Wichita Falls for regionals at the end of October. The consequences of a loss never entered their minds.

"They were ready to go," said head coach Emily Laurence. "The team seemed more enthusiastic than I've seen them at any time this season so the whole team was very confident going in to the match."

On the other hand, Palo Duro knew that a loss would mean elimination from the post season. So both teams came out ready to take care of business. Pampa took the lead at the end of doubles by a score of 4 to 3 and would never lead again. Palo Duro took several of the singles matches quickly to take the lead from the Harvesters by a score of 7 to 4.

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— Emily Laurence
Head coach

"At this point I began to get a little worried," Laurence said. "I watched Steven Smith, a senior on the team, pour all he had into his singles match. He did what any coach would ask, he left it all on the court. Unfortunately he still lost. I was proud of the effort, though, and then turned to my girls and lower boys to bring in the rest of our wins."

With wins from Myca Vinson and Ashlee Lucus, both seniors, and Michael Foreman, a junior, Pampa tied the score at 7 all. In the end the Harvesters lost by a score of 10 to 9 to the Dons. The Harvesters now face a do or die situation in which they must win at Dumas today to keep regional hopes alive.

If the Harvesters beat the Demons they will end the regular season with a three-way tie for first place with Dumas and Palo Duro. Extra playoff matches will then be in order to determine who will advance.

"The loss was devastating to our team, but we only allowed ourselves 10 minutes to feel bad before we had to get our heads up and get ready," Laurence said. "I was really proud of my seniors after the match when they urged the team to keep the Harvester Tennis traditions alive."

A trip to regionals means a lot to this team which has made it there every year for the last 8 years.

"This team has a lot of heart and we will see for sure what they are made of

on Tuesday, Laurence said. "I predict a win so that the other coaches and I will have to figure out what you do in the event of a 3-way tie!"

The Harvesters would like to have as many fans as possible in Dumas at 4 today as they fight to stay in it!

Pampa 9 Palo Duro 10

- ### Boys Singles
1. Michael Foreman def. Westmoreland
 2. Jareth Fortenberry lost to Perez
 3. Nick Julian lost to Mingboupha
 4. Steven Smith lost to Trinh
 5. Kevin Frels lost to Souvannasac
 6. Tyler Morris lost to

Mixaydy
7. Landon McNeely lost to Le

- ### Girls Singles
1. Myca Vinson def. Mingboupha
 2. Ashlee Lucus def. Phommasak
 3. Lacie Long lost to Truong
 4. Haley Acker def. Hy
 5. Tanna Stowers lost to Hoang
 6. Kourtney Farmer def. Sihaphon
 7. Maegan Patterson def. Le

- ### Boys Doubles
1. Frels/Foreman lost to Mingboupha/Perez
 2. Smith/Fortenberry def. Westmoreland/Trinh
 3. Morris/McNeely lost to Mixaydy/Le

- ### Girls Doubles
1. Vinson/Long def. Mingboupha/Hy
 2. Lucus/Stowers def. Phommasak/Sihaphon
 3. Acker/Farmer lost to Truong/Hoang

- ### Mixed Doubles
- Julian/Patterson def. Souvannasac/Le

NFC INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

By The Associated Press					
Through Week 6					
Quarterbacks					
Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int	
Bledsoe, Dal.	196	124	1663	11	4
Hasselbeck, Sea.	194	128	1495	8	3
McNabb, Phi.	200	123	1464	11	3
Manning, NY-G	153	80	1200	10	3
Brunell, Was.	178	103	1240	9	2
Bulger, St.L	223	145	1769	11	8
Favre, G.B.	186	120	1256	12	8
Delhomme, Car.	170	99	1336	10	8
Griese, T.B.	174	112	1136	7	7
Warner, Ariz	101	64	696	1	2
Rushers					
Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Alexander, Sea.	131	715	5.5	45	12
Dunn, Atl.	111	577	5.2	59	2
Jones, Chi.	109	502	4.6	25	6
Williams, T.B.	99	447	4.5	71t	2
Portis, Was.	104	443	4.3	41	0
J. Jones, Dal.	112	407	3.6	25	3
Barber, NY-G	88	397	4.5	27	3
S. Jackson, St.L	93	383	4.1	24	4
McAllister, N.O.	93	335	3.6	26	3
S. Davis, Car.	104	318	3.1	39	7
Receivers					
No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	
Holt, St.L	44	638	14.5	44	4
S. Smith, Car.	39	596	15.3	80t	7
Owens, Phi.	37	556	15.0	68t	4
Boldin, Ariz	36	547	15.2	46	2
Fitzgerald, Ariz	36	504	14.0	47	3
Moss, Was.	33	631	19.1	78t	4
Galloway, T.B.	31	499	16.1	80t	4
Burress, NY-G	30	451	15.0	46	4
T. Glenn, Dal.	29	582	20.1	70t	3
Jackson, Sea.	29	376	13.0	48	2

Astros like to do things hard way

By KRISTIE RIEKEN
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros could have won the NL championship series over St. Louis in five games and clinched their first World Series berth.

But that would've been the easy way to do things.

The Cardinals won 5-4 on a ninth-inning home run by Albert Pujols, cutting the Astros' lead in the NL championship series to 3-2 and sending the series back to St. Louis.

"Unfortunately I can't be shocked by it," Astros third baseman Morgan Ensberg said. "This is exactly the way we've played this year. We don't ever do it the easy way. This is always the way it happens to us."

This is, after all, the same team that waited until the last day to clinch its NL wild-card berth. They're also the same guys who started the season 15-30 and became the first team since 1914 to make the postseason after falling 15 games under .500.

year: Do it the hard way," right fielder Jason Lane said. "But that's just part of the game. That's what makes it exciting."

Exciting yes, but also scary considering the Astros' recent history.

Houston led the NLCS series 3-2 last season before returning to St. Louis and losing the final two games.

CONFIDENT CARPENTER

Even after giving up a three-run homer to Houston's Lance Berkman in the seventh inning, St. Louis pitcher Chris Carpenter wasn't disappointed with his performance.

The Cardinals still pulled out a 5-4 victory Monday night on a ninth-inning home run by Albert Pujols. The win cut the Astros' lead in the NL championship series to 3-2 and sent the series back to St. Louis.

"I really feel good about myself tonight," he said. "I'm not going to take that pitch back."

Berkman's home run gave Houston a 4-2 lead.

"I felt relaxed," Carpenter said. "I felt confident. When I

was in trouble, I wasn't concerned about it. I was really focused on what I needed to do and I did it all night long."

He said the pitch to Carpenter was a "quality pitch."

Carpenter went seven full innings, throwing 119 pitches. He struck out six, walked one and gave up nine hits.

"I battled my butt off the whole night," he said. "I kept thinking about that pitch, but it was a pitch I wanted to make."

He said that he could pitch in Game 7, if necessary.

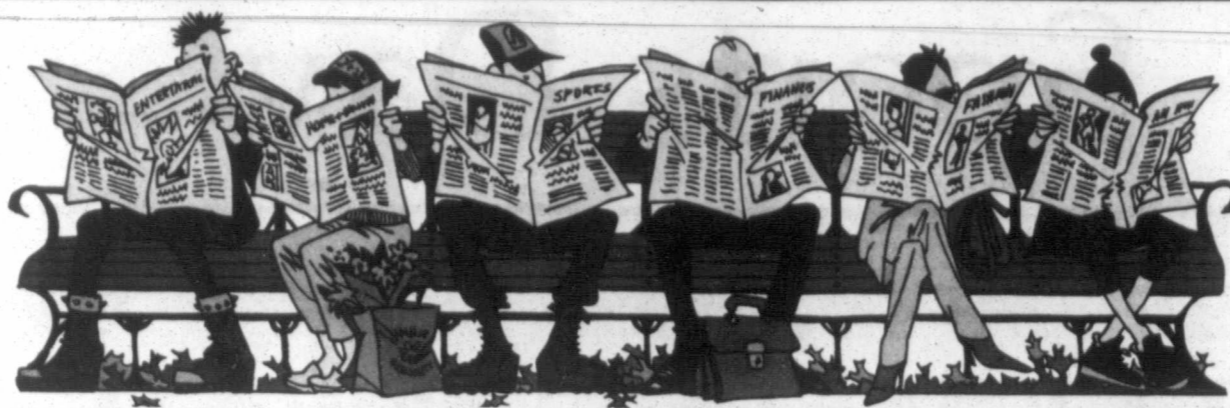
"If they need me, I'll be ready to go anytime they want," he said.

LA RUSSA'S REMARKS:

Critical remarks by Tony La Russa, directed at umpire Wally Bell, before Game 3 of the NL championship series may have come back to haunt the Cardinals manager.

On Saturday, La Russa said he hoped that Roger Clemens wouldn't get preferential treatment from Bell, who worked the plate in that game.

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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

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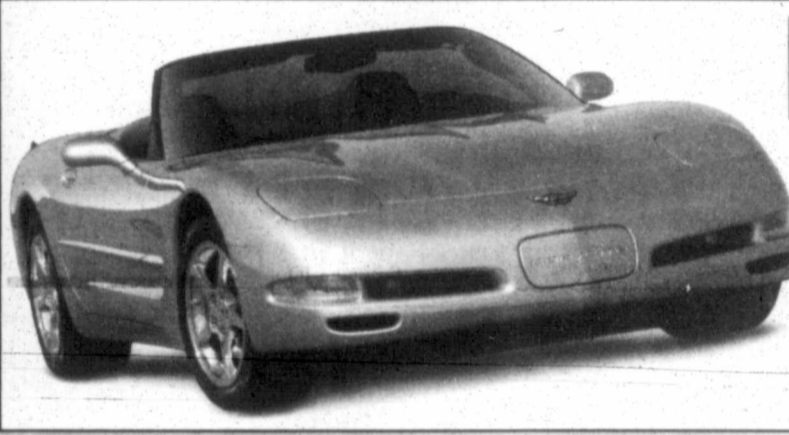
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Drilling Intentions

Intentions to Drill
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Mewbourne Oil Co., #3 Prater, 467' from North & 2216' from East line, Sec. 10, 4, AB&M, PD 13650'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & HEMPILL Upper Morrow) Samson Lone Star, L.P., #24 Hobart '49', 1550' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 49, A-2, H&GN, PD 14000'.
HEMPHILL (WILDCAT & SOUTH RED DEER CREEK Upper Morrow) Pablo Energy, Inc., #5013 Campbell Ranch '13', 933' from North & 467' from East line, Sec. 13, 1, I&GN, PD 12600'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #1R Mayer, 796' frp, North & 363' from East Line, Sec. 37, Y, A&B, PD 2900'. Replacement well for #1.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & ALLISON-Parks Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1 Rogers '5', 990' from South & 660' from East line, Sec. 5, RE, R&E, PD 15000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & B&B Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #1-T West, 3357' from North & 1980' from West line, Thomas James Survey, PD 15000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Apache Corp., #6019 Bartz '19', 2040' from south & 660' from West line, Sec. 19, A-3, H&GN, PD 16000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #3023 Stiles Ranch '23', 660' from South & 1980' from West line, Sec. 23, A-3, H&GN, PD 16000'.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Atherton '69', Sec. 69, A-7, H&GN, PD 17000', for the following wells:
 #8A, 1565' from North & 2150' from East line of Sec.
 #10, 2300' from North & 2150' from West line of Sec.
WHEELER (WILDCAT & STILES RANCH Atoka) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #6 Stiles '67', 1980' from South & West line, Sec. 67, A-7, H&GN, PD 18000'.
Gas Well Completions
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2 Powledge, Sec. 2, 4, AB&M, spud 5-10-05, drlg. compl 6-5-05, tested 8-1-05, TD 12750', PBDT 12260'.
HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #2224 Puryear, Sec. 24, M-1H&GN, spud 2-6-05, drlg compl 3-6-06, tested 8-9-05, TD 13698', PBDT 13240'.
HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE Red Cave) J.M. Huber Corp., #10R Whittenburg, Sec. 5, X-02, H&OB, spud 8-1-05, drlg. compl 8-3-05, tested 9-8-05, TD 2250', PBDT 2203'.
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Range Production Co., #103 Courson Ranch TEW, Sec. 3, 44, T.E. White, spud 4-3-05, drlg. compl 4-13-05, tested 5-30-05, potential 4459 MCF, TD 9150', PBDT 8445'.
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #2060 Helton, Sec. 60, M-1, H&GN, spud 12-5-04m drlg. compl 12-28-04, tested 6-21-05, TD 12800', PBDT 12756' -- Form 1 filed in Peak Operating
WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #3060 Helton, Sec. 60, M-1,

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UNITED WAY

Local South Side Senior Citizen Center venue for get-togethers

The greatest accomplishment in last year's operation, officials from the center said, was the beginning of its Tuesday meals. The center served a lot of people and also gained a lot of interest in what it does at the South Side Senior Citizens.

The center affects the quality of life in Pampa by extending its friendship and a warm welcome to the churches of our community. It is a venue for reunions for families and friends, birthday parties and just old-fashioned fellowship with everyone to come in and relax and enjoy life.

In the year of 2004, the center served over 2,000 people in the city of Pampa with food and other things.

It serves 85-87 people every Saturday morning. It is growing continually.

—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.



Nursing focus of career fair at WT

CANYON — Numerous employers looking to fill their ranks with nurses will set up shop at West Texas A&M University on Thursday, Oct. 20 for the fourth annual Nursing Career Fair.

The fair is scheduled for 1-4 p.m. in the Virgil Henson Activities Center Ballroom on campus and will feature nursing recruiters from regional hospitals, the armed forces and more.

Sponsored by WTAMU's Office of Career and Counseling Services and the Division of Nursing, the fair is free and open to nursing students at any level of education.

"Whether you are going to graduate this year or you're just beginning your college program, you can benefit from attending this event. It's excellent for networking, and you might just come away with a job that will

launch your career," Kim Muller, assistant director of career and counseling services, said. "We feel that this is a mutually beneficial contact for both employer and student."

Students who attend the career fair are encouraged to bring a stack of resumes, a copy of an official transcript and be professionally attired.

For more information about WTAMU's Nursing Career Fair, contact Muller at 806-651-2345 or kmuller@mail.wtamu.edu.

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