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Voter registration deadline today; vote early Oct. 23

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer
Today is the deadline for registering to vote in the Nov. 7 general elections for those who have never been registered voters.

Persons who have never been registered to vote have until 5 p.m. today to take a valid driver's license, photo identification card or Social Security card to the tax assessor-collector's office on the ground floor of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, to become eligible to vote.

Voters who are already registered but need to correct information on their voter registration, such as their residence address, may either bring in or mail change of address cards

which are available at the tax assessor-collector's office. Changes of address postmarked today are acceptable, said Gaye Whitehead, county tax assessor-collector.

Early voting will be Oct. 23 through Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays in the first-floor non-jury courtroom at the courthouse, according to Gray County Clerk Susan Winborne. All Gray County voters, regardless of precinct, will cast early ballots at the early voting location.

Two precinct polling places have changed for this general election, Winborne said.

Travis Elementary School will not

be the polling place for Precinct 5 voters. Voters in that precinct will vote Nov. 7 at First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, in the Family Life Center behind the church.

Precinct 6 voters will not cast their ballots at Austin Elementary School. The polling place has moved to the fellowship hall of Zion Lutheran Church, 1900 N. Duncan.

Pampa Independent School District's proposition to issue \$47 million in bonds for renovation and construction involving the junior high and high schools will be included on the ballots. Voters wishing to vote in the school district election

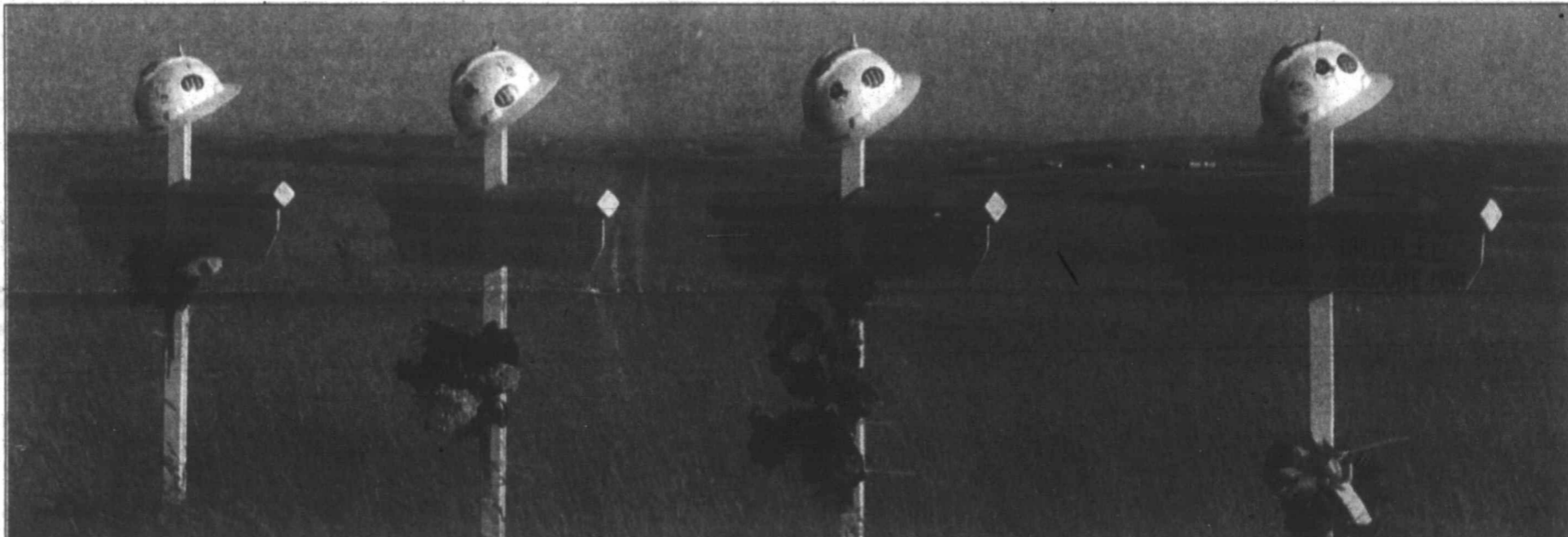
will be able to do so at the same location and on the same ballot, said Winborne.

Voters eligible to vote in the school bond election will have that election included on their electronic ballots, she said. Those not eligible to vote in the school election will vote on ballots that do not include the bond election.

Precincts 4 and 6 will be able to vote on one of two write-in candidates for the unexpired term of Precinct 4 county constable. Curtis Broaddus filed as a write-in candidate for the unexpired term of Don Fletcher, who vacated the office

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In memoriam



Four crosses mark the place where four oil field workers died during the March 12 wildfires which burned across the Panhandle. The victims' names and ages, which are on metal plaques affixed to the crosses along with their work titles and nicknames, were Gerardo Villarreal, 30; Merardo Garcia Jr., 27; Arturo Dominguez, 32; and Roberto Chavira, 42. The crosses are placed about eight miles northwest of Miami beside Quarter Horse Road.

Government says winter heating bills to be lower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Winter heating bills are expected to be slightly lower for most families across the nation, with the highest reductions for those who use natural gas, the government said today.

Families using natural gas should expect to pay an average of \$119 less during the upcoming winter compared to last year, a decrease of 13 percent, the Energy Department said. Those heating their homes with fuel oil will pay \$91 more, an increase of

6 percent, it said.
The department said that propane users can expect to pay \$15 less this winter, a drop of 1 percent.

Natural gas is the most widely used source of fuel for residential heating in the nation, especially in the Midwest. Fuel oil is used heavily in the Northeast.

Government and industry officials note that weather can always play a major factor in costs. If parts of the nation experience an unusually cold

winter, heating prices can jump.

"As always, the uncertainty is substantial and significantly colder temperatures could lead to substantially greater expenditures," said Guy Caruso, head of the Energy Information Administration, the Energy Department's statistical agency.

Last year, there was concern that heating bills would soar following the struggles of the oil and gas industry to recover from hurricanes

Katrina and Rita. But the warmest January on record reduced demand and helped temper some of the expenses for consumers.

"This is a very different scene than we had a year ago in the wake of hurricanes Katrina and Rita," Caruso said.

The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration projected Tuesday that most of the country

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ACT I opens season this weekend

ACT I, in conjunction with Clarendon College Pampa Center, will present "Feiffer's People" by Jules Feiffer as their first production of the season. It will be in the atrium of the college at 1601 W. Kentucky.

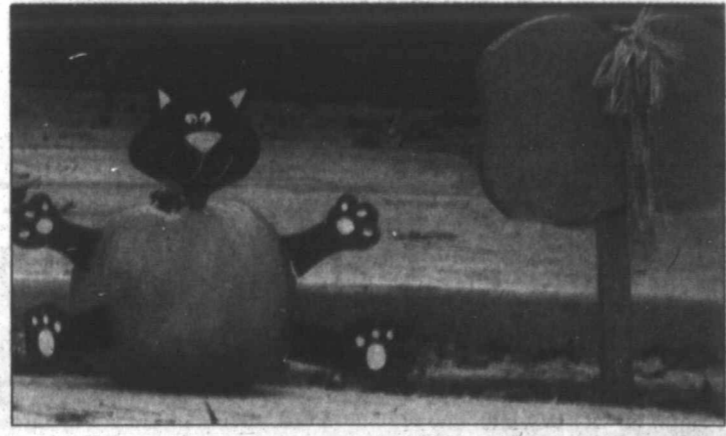
"Feiffer's People" is a humorous, sometimes caustic, series of short sketches about assorted characters and their observations about life.

Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, and \$5 for students. Performances are scheduled for 7 p.m. on Friday, Saturday and Oct. 20, and 21. There will be a matinee performance at 2 p.m. on Sunday. A special performance will be held in Lefors as a fund-raiser for

the Lefors Lions Club on Oct. 28.

The director for the production is Tim Justice. Cast members include Megan Jouett, Julian Goerge, Marge Danko and Trish Sudbury, all of Clarendon College Pampa Center drama department, and faculty members Ken Wilson and Rochelle Lacy. Other cast members include Bill Hildebrandt, Tim Justice, and Chris Crook.

ACT I is currently in the process of reorganizing and welcome new participants. They are also seeking persons to serve on the Board of Directors. If you are interested, contact ACT I president Rochelle Lacy at 669-2009, or leave a message in the college office.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
This Halloween decoration combines two symbols of the season, a black cat and a pumpkin. Harvest and Halloween decorations are popping up around town as the fall celebrations approach. Halloween is on a Tuesday this year, with daylight-saving time ending at 2 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

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Tonight: Cloudy during the early evening, then gradual clearing, with a low around 48. Northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly

sunny, with a high near 66. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of rain. Partly cloudy, with a low around 38. North-northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 54. Northeast wind 15 to 20 mph decreasing to between 5 and 10 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 40. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 63. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 44.

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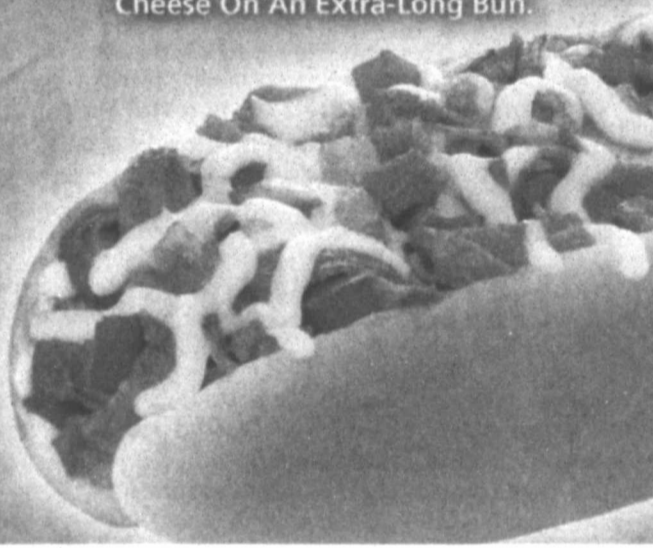
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Obituaries

John C. 'Fly' Whitson, 81

John C. "Fly" Whitson, 81, of Pampa, died Oct. 9, 2006, at McLean, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Whitson was born April 8, 1925, in Sopar, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He retired from Windsor Oil Service in 1990 after 39 years of service. He had been a resident of the McLean Care Center for the past three years. He married Freeda

Christian on April 22, 1951, in Clovis, N.M. She preceded him in death on Dec. 4, 1999.

Survivors include two sons, Lesley Whitson and wife Lillian of Pampa, and John A. Whitson and wife Lillian of Morrisville, N.C.; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. He was preceded in death by a

daughter, JoAnna Lynn Whitson; and a son, James L. Whitson.

MEMORIALS: McLean Care Center, 605 W. 7th, McLean, TX 79057, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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Dovie Sue Williams Schoolfield, 88

GRANBURY — Dovie Sue Williams Schoolfield, 88, died Sunday, Oct. 8, 2006, at Glen Rose Medical Center in Glen Rose, Texas. Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m.

Thursday in Granbury Cemetery.

A former resident of Pampa, Waxahachie, Texas, and Sylacauga, Ala., Mrs. Schoolfield was preceded in death by her husband, John

Boyd Schoolfield, in 1994.

Survivors include her sons, John Boyd Schoolfield, Jr. of Hood County, James Robert Schoolfield of Waxahachie and Ernest Lynn Schoolfield

of Birmingham, Ala.; seven grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Wiley Funeral Home.

Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Monday, Oct. 9

Melodee B. Marlow, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on warrants for theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000 and evading arrest.

Larry Don Coulter, 41, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation for theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Three traffic stops were made. A vehicle accident was reported in the 400 block of Doucette.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 600 block of North Banks, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of East Harvester, and the 1500 block of East Browning.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1100 block of Terrace.

A runaway was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy. The person was later found.

A silent/abusive 911 call was

received from the 1800 block of Evergreen.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of South Ballard.

Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1600 block of North Dwight.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1800 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. No injuries were reported.

Failure to register as a sex offender was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco and the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Hamilton. A vehicle was scratched. No estimate of damage cost was reported.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported at PHS. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident

occurred in the 2000 block of Coffee. Taken were power tools including a circular saw and drill. Estimated value of loss is \$855.45.

Robbery was reported at Dollar General Store, 105 N. Cuyler. Three bags of candy were taken. No estimated value of loss was reported.

Burglary was reported in the 1300 block of East Francis.

Fire

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

Monday, Oct. 9

8:53 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 2300 block of North Hobart on a fire prevention program.

10:09 a.m. — Two units and four personnel responded to the 700 block of West Browning on a fire prevention program.

1:21 p.m. — Four units and seven personnel responded to the 900 block of Duncan on a fire prevention program.

5:44 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 900 block of Osborne on a natural gas leak.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer:

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Celanese	18.12	+0.09
Cabot Oil Gas	47.05	+0.68
Coca Cola	44.30	-0.12
VLO	50.57	+0.74
HAL	27.26	+0.17
TRI	42.46	-0.30
KMI	105.06	-0.01
XCEL	20.54	-0.08
Anadarko	42.61	+0.98
XOM	66.77	+0.22
Nat'l Oilwell	54.50	+0.60
Limited	28.49	+0.10
Williams	23.78	+0.17
MCD	40.59	+0.02
Atmos	28.95	-0.03
Pioneer Nat	38.30	+0.55
JCP	71.70	+0.17
COP	57.96	+0.49
SLB	59.52	+1.15
Tenneco	22.29	+0.18
CVX	63.76	+0.52
Wal-Mart	48.18	-0.04
OKE	38.56	-0.04
NS Grp	64.94	+0.06

New York Gold	582.80
Silver	11.42
West Texas Crude	59.96

STABBING

Kaufman County authorities searching for tattooed suspect

KAUFMAN, Texas (AP) — An arrest warrant on a charge of aggravated sexual assault was issued Tuesday for a man authorities believe was at the scene when a woman was stabbed to death and two of her young daughters were tied up, a sheriff's spokeswoman said.

Daniel Joseph Griffin, 34, was being sought in connection with the Monday incident that left Sheri Lynn Duggan dead, said Sharlie Davis, spokeswoman for the Kaufman County sheriff's office.

Duggan was stabbed to death at her mobile home, but no warrants were issued on murder charges, Davis said.

Investigators believed Duggan's eldest daughter, Christina Harrison, 19, was with the suspect but they weren't sure if she accompanied him against her will or voluntarily, Davis said.

Chuck Stradley, a friend and neighbor of the victim, said witnesses told author-

ities that someone stabbed Duggan, tied up her two younger daughters, then left with her oldest daughter. He said the two girls escaped and sought help.

Both of the younger girls were hospitalized in fair to good condition, Davis said.

"This is a very quiet neighborhood and there is never a lot going on around here," Stradley told the Tyler Morning Telegraph for a story in Tuesday's editions. "This is quite an ordeal for our neighborhood."

Griffin was described as a white male, 5-feet-9 inches tall, weighing 172 pounds, with extensive tattoos on his upper body and arms, Davis said. He was believed to have left the crime scene in a blue Plymouth minivan with Texas license tags, number T55 PPL, Davis said.

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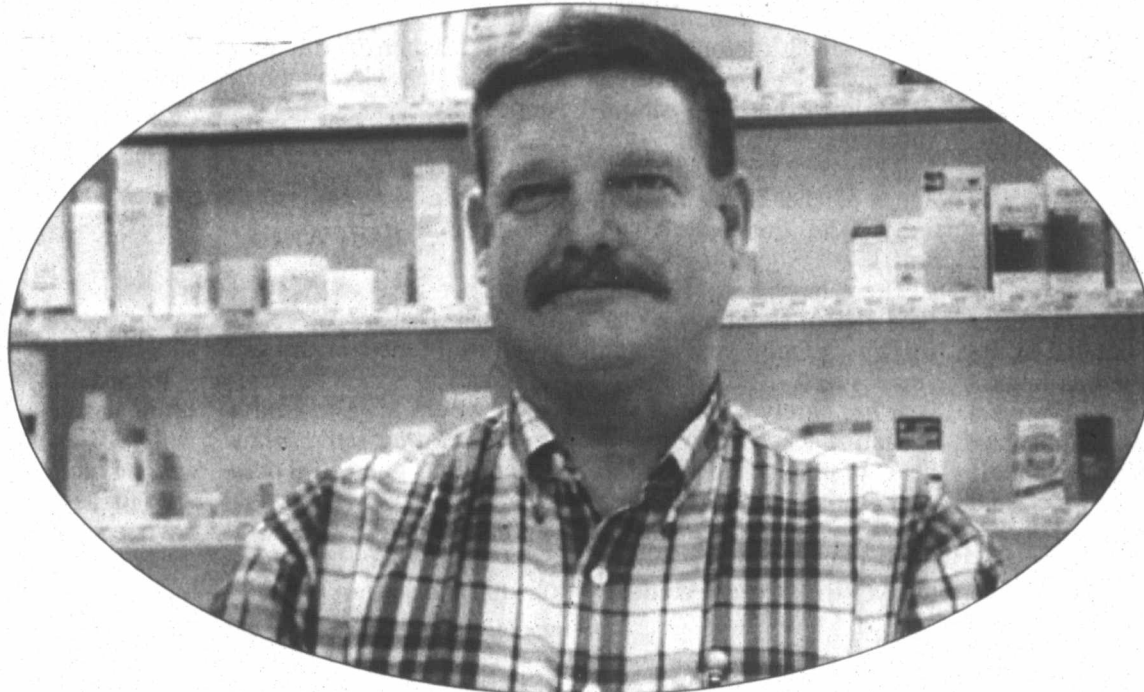
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Viewpoints

It's time to find answers to questions about school violence

A very serious problem exists when schools turn into killing fields rather than bastions of safety and learning.

The latest in what is becoming a long string of violence at American schools occurred yesterday when a 13-year-old boy carried an assault rifle into a Missouri school and fired a shot into the ceiling after pointing it at some fellow students. He tried to fire again but the gun had jammed.

A note was found in his backpack that said an explosive had been planted at the school, but none was found.

The shooter isn't always a student. A week ago, a man entered an Amish schoolhouse in Pennsylvania and killed five girls, shot others and then killed himself.

Students aren't always the

victims of school violence. Two weeks ago, a 15-year-old at a Wisconsin school shot and killed the school's principal.

There are numerous other instances of such bloodbaths. Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., will always be remembered as a prime example of school shootings. Two teens shot and killed 12 fellow students and a teacher there in April 1999. The final death toll was 15.

There have been 17 non-fatal school shootings so far for this school year alone, since Aug. 1. And the school year has barely begun.

I am shocked every time I hear of such shootings. I cannot imagine what it must be like to be in elementary, junior high or high school today. When I was a student,

one never heard of such violence.

Why has this type of crime become such a problem? How can it be prevented?

One Wisconsin state lawmaker recently suggested arming teachers, principals and other school personnel, supposedly as a deterrent to future shootings.

The school personnel would be trained in the use of the weapons, and the lawmaker would have to find a way around the federal law that prohibits guns on school grounds.

What would we have then? Shootouts between students and staff in the hall-

ways? Various other security measures have been proposed, and some have been implemented at some schools.

Metal detectors at all entrances, random searches of backpacks and lockers, and heightened screening to detect troubled students have all been put forward as ways to help prevent future shootings.

Pampa has seen its share of scary events, none of which, fortunately, led to anyone being hurt or killed.

In the last few years, there have been bomb threats at the high school, and one elementary school student

brought a handgun to class.

One thing I can think of that is different from when I was a student is the use of backpacks. My classmates and I did not use backpacks to carry our books and other items. Backpacks were used only by hikers.

Coats and other clothing may provide chances to conceal a weapon, but it seems to me that backpacks provide an ideal way to transport all kinds of contraband, including handguns. Admittedly, assault rifles and other long guns won't fit in them.

Still, I think backpacks have become one way to facilitate the carrying of guns into schools by students.

I once asked a local school administrator why backpacks were used. He said

one advantage of backpacks was that it provided a way for teachers to communicate with parents. Teachers can send home papers for the parents in the backpacks, and the parents can send back signed papers and other items via the backpacks.

When I was in school, we also had papers to take home to parents. But we didn't have to have a backpack to carry them home or bring them back.

Issuing clear plastic backpacks, using the latest in security devices, and screening for troubled students doesn't get to the root of the problem, however. The fact is that some students today turn to deadly violence, and have the opportunity to gain access to lethal weapons

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 10, the 283rd day of 2006. There are 82 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 10, 1845, the U.S. Naval Academy opened in Annapolis, Md.

On this date:

In 1813, composer Giuseppe Verdi was born in Le Roncole, Italy.

In 1911, revolutionaries under Sun Yat-sen launched their overthrow of China's Manchu dynasty.

In 1935, George Gershwin's opera "Porgy and Bess" opened on Broadway.

In 1938, Germany completed its annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

'An expert is a person who has made all the mistakes that can be made in a very narrow field.'

— Niels Bohr
Danish physicist
(1885-1962)

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek took the oath of office as president of China.

In 1956, the New York Yankees won the World Series, defeating the Brooklyn Dodgers, 9-0, in Game 7 at Ebbets Field.

In 1964, the 18th Summer Olympic Games opened in Tokyo.

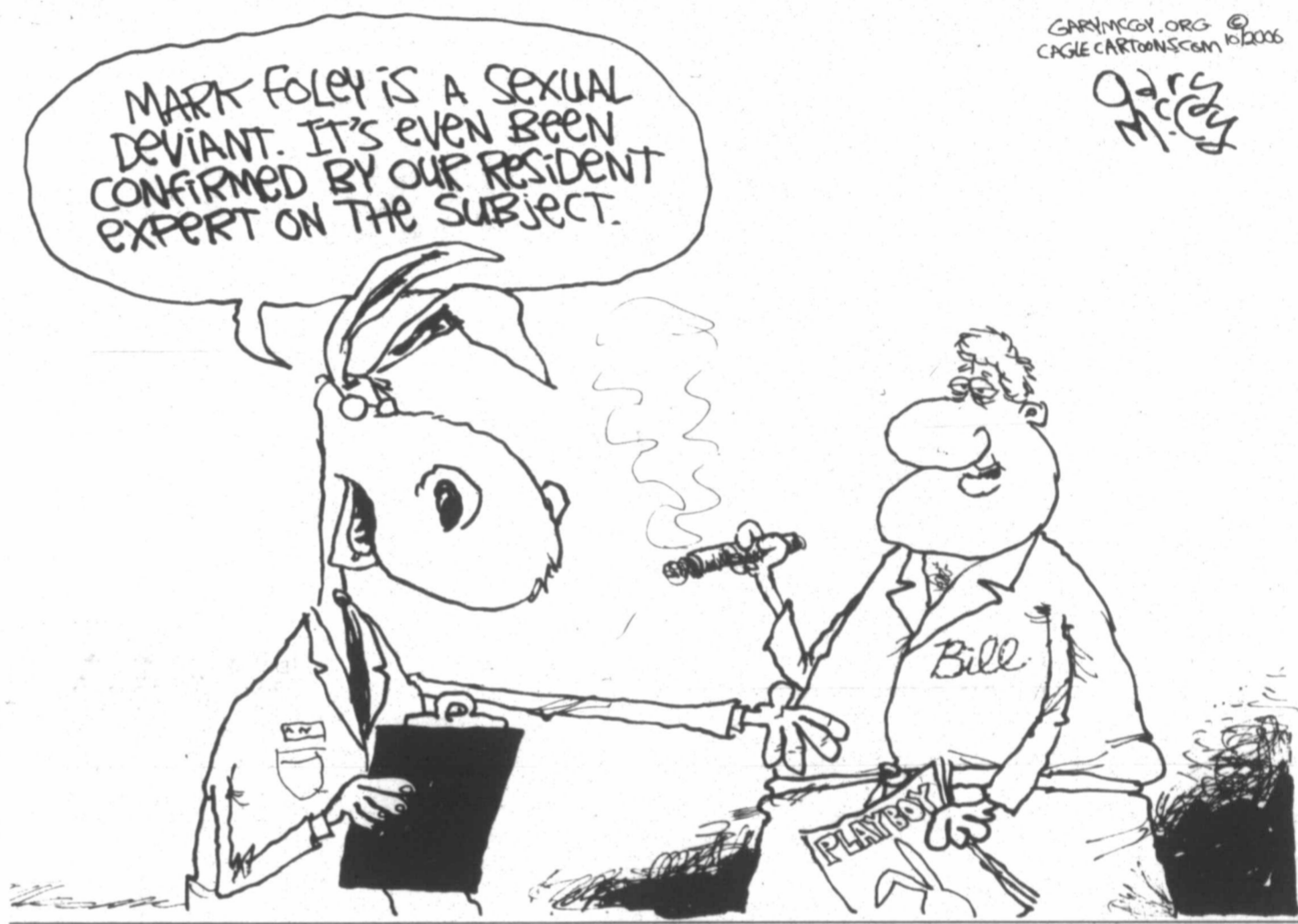
In 1970, Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped by the Quebec Liberation Front, a militant separatist group. (Laporte's body was found a week later.)

In 1973, Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, accused of accepting bribes, pleaded no contest to one count of federal income tax evasion, and resigned his office.

In 1981, funeral services were held in Cairo for Egyptian leader Anwar Sadat, who had been assassinated by Muslim extremists.

Ten years ago: President Clinton joined Vice President Gore in Knoxville, Tenn., where the president moved to broaden the sweep of the Internet at 100 universities, national labs and other federal institutions. Republican presidential nominee Bob Dole hosted a rally in Cincinnati that featured his running mate, Jack Kemp, and retired Gen. Colin Powell.

Five years ago: U.S. jets pounded the Afghan capital of Kabul. President Bush unveiled a list of 22 most-wanted terrorists, including Osama bin Laden and associates. U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California won the race for the No. 2 House Democratic leader. Americans George A. Akerlof, A. Michael Spence and Joseph E. Stiglitz won the Nobel Prize in economics; Americans William S. Knowles, K. Barry Sharpless and Japanese Ryoji Noyori won the Nobel Prize in chemistry.



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Discrimination, prejudice and preferences

My previous columns have attempted to reduce confusion by suggesting operational definitions of discrimination and prejudice. Discrimination was defined as the act of choice, and prejudice was the act of decision-making on the basis of incomplete information. Good analytical thinking requires that we don't confuse one phenomenon with another.

The final behavioral phenomenon related to discussions of race is racial preference. We can think of preferences generally as likes and dislikes, and we all have them for many things. Some of us prefer Bordeaux wines to California wines, while others prefer the opposite. Some of us prefer jazz music while others prefer classical music. The list of differences in human preferences is endless.

There's no logically consistent argument that says to prefer one good, service or person is better, or more righteous, than another. Let's try it. Is my preference for California wines better, or more righteous, than your preference for Bordeaux?

Is your preference to marry a white woman better, or more righteous, than my preference to marry a black woman? While we might like or dislike another's preferences, there are no analytical standards by which we can judge one set of preferences to be superior to another.

Preferences alone do not determine behavior. If we conducted a survey asking people which they prefer:

filet mignon or chuck steak, Rolex watches or Timex, Rolls Royces or Dodge Neons, I'm guessing that filet mignon, Rolex and Rolls Royce would win hands down. Having found what people preferred the most, then watch what they actually do. You would find chuck steak outselling filet mignon, Timex watches outselling Rolex, and Dodge Neons outselling Rolls Royces any day of the week.

To fully understand behavior, we must go beyond preferences and take restrictions on choice into account, namely income and prices. That fact is very relevant to issues of race. Let's look at it. During South

Africa's apartheid era, white labor unions that would never have a black as a member were the major supporters of minimum wages for blacks. Their stated intention was to protect white workers from competition with low-wage black workers.

Gert Beette, secretary of the Building Workers' Union, said, "There's no job reservation left in the building industry, and in the circumstances, I support the rate for the job [minimum wages] as the second best way of protecting our white artisans."

In the U.S., the Davis-Bacon Act of 1931 (still on the books), a super minimum wage law, was enacted to protect unionized white construction workers from competition with black workers. The support ran

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Walter Williams

Columnist



Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 1

Houston Chronicle on Foley scandal: The scandal surrounding U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, the Florida Republican who resigned Friday, improves Democrats' chances to regain a majority in the House. However, partisan advantage is a long way from being the most salient feature of this story.

Foley makes a powerful example not only of corruption in high places, but also of the U.S. political arena's boundless capacity for hypocrisy. The more some politicians talk of God, country, honor and the sanctity of the family, the more likely it is they have little regard

for any of them.

Foley focused his political career on efforts to punish sexual predators and protect children from them. Until his resignation, he co-chaired the Congressional Missing and Exploited Children's Caucus. He was the author of key sections of legislation to outlaw the online solicitation of sex with a minor. Yet at least for a year he grotesquely exploited his association with young House pages, sending several of them overfriendly, sometimes sexually explicit electronic messages.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., said at various times that he didn't know about the problem with Foley until the scandal became public last week, and that he couldn't remember being apprised of the situation months

ago by Rep. Tom Reynolds, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee. If one takes Hastert at his word, apparently he was told about inappropriate e-mails between a member and a page, but the information didn't register with the speaker.

Foley is the third Republican representative to resign his seat before the election. Tom DeLay quit while fighting campaign finance charges and being investigated for his association with sleazy lobbyist Jack Abramoff. Rep. Bob Ney of Ohio resigned his seat and agreed to plead guilty to charges stemming from Abramoff's bribes and influence-peddling.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am the military wife who signed my letter "Going Crazy in San Diego." I would like to apologize to you and all of your concerned readers for the worry I caused with my letter. Since I wrote you, I have been seeing a doctor and taking antidepressants, which have made a big difference. I will look into speaking to our military ombudsman as well. I would like you and your readers to know I have never laid a hand on my child in anger, nor would I. Please understand that those were the thoughts of a scared, unsure and extremely exhausted new mother. It's not easy to raise a new baby, but it's much harder when you're alone for months, far away from family and friends, and don't know if you'll ever see your husband alive again. I have spoken to other new mothers in my situation and was relieved to discover I was not alone with my fears. My grandmother and an aunt are flying out to see me in a few weeks to give me a helping hand, and I'll be taking the baby to see them early next year. My baby is doing amazingly well and sleeping through the night, which has been a big step in our happiness together. To ease her colic, I have discovered she enjoys being read to. So that's what we do together. I have also found it's really nice to have a tiny person to cuddle, and that reading Dr. Seuss for long stretches of time is enjoyable when your audience is so enthralled by it. Abby, I hope you and your readers can forgive the harsh words of a young mother who, in her time of need, turned to you for advice. We all make mistakes, and no child was harmed during mine. I apologize for upsetting so many people. — **NO LONGER GOING CRAZY IN SAN DIEGO**

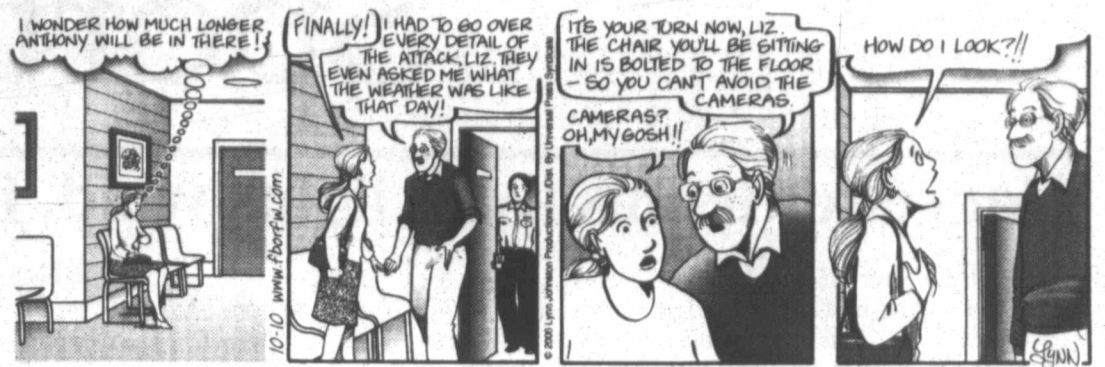
DEAR NO LONGER GOING CRAZY: There is no need to apologize and nothing to be forgiven for. It is never an imposition

to reach out for help to me -- ever. No one is angry with you. The thousands of people who responded to your letter were deeply concerned -- as was I -- with your plight and wanted to offer support. I am relieved that you took my advice, are now under a doctor's care, feeling better about yourself and your daughter, and better able to function in your role as a mommy. It is letters like yours that make my column so soul-satisfying. And I know my readers will be as pleased as I am that you took the time to write and let us know you are back in control and receiving the support you need from your doctor and your family. — **LOVE, ABBY**

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-year-old girl whose aunt has a special nickname for her. My aunt constantly calls me "Chubster"! She thinks it's funny and cute, but Abby, she doesn't know I'm self-conscious about my weight. I know she doesn't mean to hurt my feelings, and it is supposed to be a loving nickname, but I can't help wondering why she didn't give that nickname to my older sister, who is a thin ballerina. I don't want to insult my aunt, but this has to stop! Please help. — **ANOTHER ABBY IN FLORIDA**

DEAR OTHER ABBY: Calling you "Chubster" may have been cute when you were a baby, but it is not appropriate now. It would not be insulting to tell your aunt frankly that the nickname she has given you is hurtful, and ask her to either select another one or call you by your given name. If she continues to call you "Chubster" after that, avoid her. Maybe then she'll get the message.

For Better Or For Worse



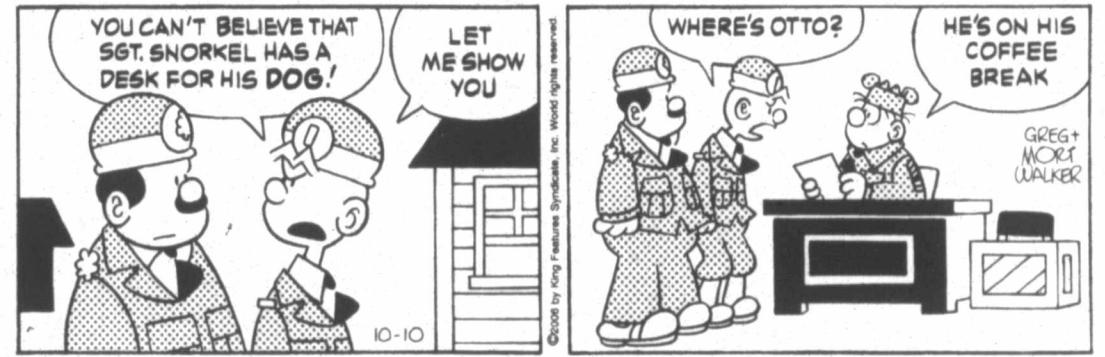
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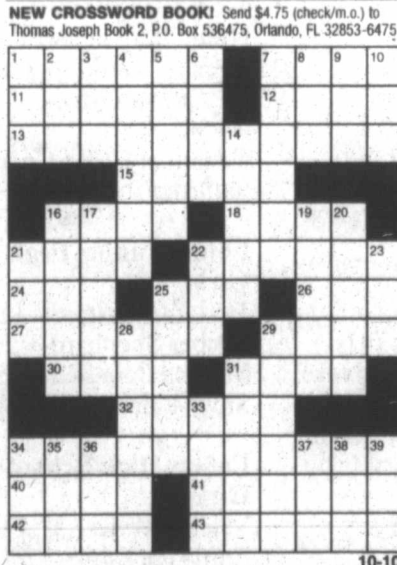
Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Roman ruler
- 2 Big galoot
- 3 Pig out
- 4 Jerks
- 5 In the future
- 6 Depend
- 7 Be frugal
- 8 Boxing great
- 9 Cargo weight
- 10 Easter findable
- 11 "Hedda Gabler" author
- 12 European fashion center
- 13 Portly
- 14 Less friendly
- 15 Small dog, for short
- 16 Very bright
- 17 Cautious
- 18 Like bar beer
- 19 William Faulkner book
- 20 Sandwich shop
- 21 Indiana school
- 22 Fountain order
- 23 Morphine, for one
- 20 Common
- 21 Traffic tie-up
- 22 Sold-out show
- 23 Golf area
- 24 Summer of song
- 25 "Settle down!"
- 26 Old scrolls
- 27 Crumple into a ball
- 28 Secretary's goof
- 29 Nav. rank
- 30 Gallon: setting
- 31 Under the weather
- 32 Writer
- 33 Tarbell
- 34 Fanatic
- 35 "Aw, shucks!"

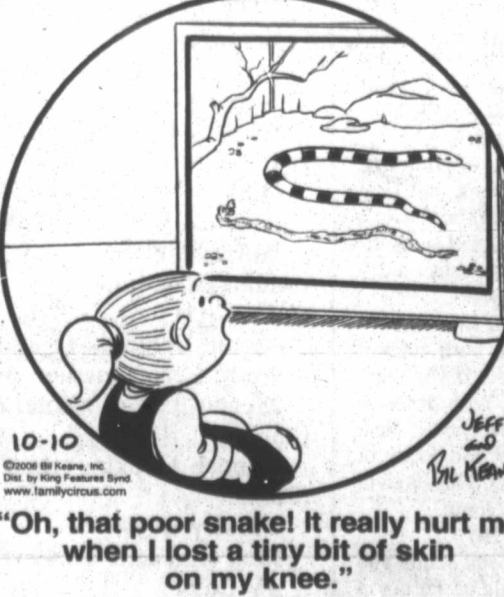


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Flo & Friends



Blondie



Sports Day

Harvester tennis team fights wind, Demons; Ware posts lone win in loss

The Harvester Tennis team began the second half of its district season with a loss to Dumas Saturday. On the windiest day that Pampa has had to play in so far, the Harvesters struggled to adjust.

Coach Emily Laurence said, "The wind played a definite factor in the matches. The more experienced players tend to be able to defeat the wind and their opponent." Laurence added, "Dumas has a more experienced team then we do so they were able to adjust."

"The good news is that just two years ago we beat Dumas by a comparable score. So we can continue to work hard and gain experience in order to turn this score around next year."

Pampa hosts Caprock this afternoon at 3:30.

Pampa 1, Dumas 20

Boys Doubles

1. Foreman/Frels lost to Green/Wilhelm 4-6, 4-6
2. Fortenberry/Morris lost to DeShazo/Vincent 4-6, 2-6
3. Foreman/Ware lost to

Gresham/Jurado 1-6, 3-6

Girls Doubles

1. Acker/O'Neal lost to Woodrum/Bernal 6-7 (4-7), 1-6
2. Julian/Barnett lost to Lucero/Crunelle 0-6, 0-6
3. Lee/Hernandez lost to Lint/Jimenez 1-6, 1-6

Mixed Doubles

1. Coutts/Albracht lost to Medina/Brown 1-6, 1-6

Boys Singles

1. Michael Foreman lost to Jade Green 2-6, 4-6
2. Kevin Frels lost to Ryan Wilhelm 1-6, 3-6
3. Tyler Morris lost to Riley DeShazo 3-6, 0-6
4. Jareth Fortenberry lost to Aaron Vincent 2-6, 0-6
5. Myles Foreman lost to C.J. Gresham 0-6, 0-6
6. Jack Ware def. Rafael Jurado 6-7 (3-7), 7-5, (10-7)
7. Garrett Coutts lost to Jacob Medina 4-8

Girls Singles

1. Haley Acker lost to Jessie Lucero 4-6, 1-6
2. Katie O'Neal lost to Addyson Woodrum 0-6, 0-6
3. Anna Julian lost to Maria Bernal 0-6, 0-6
4. Megan Barnett lost to Cheyenne Lint 2-6, 1-6
5. Rachel Lee lost to Desi Jimenez 1-6 1-6
6. Krissa Whitley lost to Gabi Crunelle 1-6, 2-6
7. Brenna Albracht lost to Chelsea Brown 2-8

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Parcells sticks with Bledsoe

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Like it or not, Terrell Owens will still be catching passes from Drew Bledsoe this week.

Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells stood by his quarterback Monday, instead blaming the offensive line for most of Bledsoe's mistakes in a 38-24 loss to the Philadelphia Eagles.

"I'm not switching the quarterback," Parcells said. "I don't think that's the answer right this minute. ... Let's try to get some of the things corrected (on the line) and we'll go from there."

Bledsoe threw three interceptions Sunday, the last on a pass to the end zone that could've tied the game in the final minute, but wound up going 102 yards the other way.

Pampa in action

Football

Pampa Junior High will take on Canyon this afternoon. The 7th grade Green and Gold teams will travel to Canyon, while the 8th grade teams will host the Eagles at Harvester Field. Games will begin at 5 p.m.

Volleyball

The varsity and JV teams will host Caprock tonight. The junior varsity game will begin at 6, followed by the varsity at 7:30.

The freshman team hosted the Lady Horns Monday. The junior high teams were at Westover Park in Amarillo Monday. Scores from these matches were not available.

Tennis

The Pampa High School tennis team will seek its rebound from Saturday's loss at Dumas when the Harvesters host Caprock this afternoon at 3:30.

Your turn



Taylin Neff (left) and Kelsie Bagley change goal keeper gloves during a recent soccer match at the Pampa Soccer Association soccer fields. The two are members of the Soccer Chicks U-12 division team coached by Kathy Hinton.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

POYC basketball sign-ups, tryouts begin next week

Registration and tryouts for Pampa Optimist Youth Club Girls' Basketball are scheduled for Oct. 17, 18, and 19 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Optimist Gym, according to Kevin Davis, Optimist Vice-President in charge of youth activities.

"We will have an organizational meeting for coaches Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Optimist Club," Davis said. "We will have a division

for third and fourth grade girls and a division for fifth and sixth grade girls."

All eligible girls will need to register.

Teams will be formed next week with practices to begin as soon as the draft is completed.

A playing fee of \$35 will be requested.

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

Cross Country results

Pampa High School
WTAMU Meet
Saturday

Varsity Girls

- Chelsey Knight- 13:22 (12th)
- Kylee Wariner- 15:18 (41st)
- Whitney Webster- 15:20 (42nd)
- Amanda Harkins- 16:04 (45th)

Note: Faby Soria was unable to run due to an injury.

JV Girls

- Victory Jenkins- 15:25 (36th)
- Audri Leal- time not given (41st)
- Megan Gragg- time not given (73rd)
- Hannah Hopkins- time not given (76th)

Varsity Boys

- Matt Jimenez- 16:49 (8th)
- JV Boys
- Mitsu Tereda- 18:21 (12th)
- Ryan Freudenrich- 21:01 (place not given)

Pampa Junior High School
Sarai Soria- 13:43 (9th)
Karen Jimenez- 14:03 (18th)

Kaitlyne Ramirez- 14:13 (23rd)
Crystal Garcia- 14:14 (24th)
Team- 3rd Place

Note: Both schools end the regular season Saturday with the Canyon Meet.

Canadian Cross Country Meet Saturday

Lefors Junior High School Girls

- Taylor Overstreet- 12:12 (6th)
- Amber Shephard- 12:50 (55th)
- Monica Pairsh- 13:46 (34th)
- Story Pairsh - 14:15 (48th)

Lefors High School Girls

- Valerie Miller- 11:47 (4th)
- Emily Jackson - 12:10 (8th)
- Tori Meeks- 13:18 (30th)
- Lacie Johnston- 13:39 (38th)
- Ashley Shephard- 15:53 (46th)

Boys

- Gabriel Miller - 18:43 (9th)

Former Duster Roberson III signed by Dallas Desparados

The Dallas Desparados of the Arena Football League announced Monday that former Amarillo

Dusters WR/DB John Roberson III signed a free-agent contract for the 2007 season.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2006:

You make waves this year with avant-garde thinking and a new perspective. You often might wonder where an issue ends and begins. Others come to you, as you often shed light on a situation. Many of you could consider going back to school or trying something different. Why not? Travel plays a distinct role in your choices. If you are single, someone quite different could wave hello and enter your life. This type of happening could occur more than once this year. If you are attached, plan on that special retreat you have dreamt about. GEMINI punctuates your life with different thinking.

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)

★★★★ You have the energy and clout to back your actions, ideas and opinions. Still, events or information could challenge you. Thinking through an idea can only be helpful and make sure you are on the right track. Tonight: Flex with others' plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ You have a way of justifying any quality indulgence that takes you down a new path. Just the same, you might want to think before you leap. A partner or associate might have very different financial ideas. Listen. Tonight: Your treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Yes, you are feeling your Wheaties. The real issue lies in how to handle all this energy. Someone could

challenge you or feel threatened by you — time to use your charm! Tonight: You are the lead actor.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★ Know when to call it quits or just say you are tired. This knowledge and ability could separate you from the many who surround you. Schedule a checkup or dentist's appointment soon. You can only stall so long. Tonight: Curl up with a book. Happily vanish.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★★ You might not know when to put a halt to what seems like a runaway situation. You will feel pushed to a point where even a purring Lion could become a snarling animal. We understand. Learn to say no sooner. Tonight: Hang with your pals.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ Take charge, keeping in mind what needs to happen. Sometimes others defer to you because they trust your judgment. Rarely do you go out on a limb. A family member creates an uproar. Could he or she not be getting enough attention? Tonight: Try to curb the socializing and head fume.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★★ Sometimes you need to disengage. Pull out of a situation and detach, perhaps imagining what it would be like to walk in another person's shoes. You might decide that it is time for a change. Tonight: Let your mind roam to music, or perhaps surf the Internet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Even you might need to think before you take action. A partner conceptualizes a situation differently. He or she has an interesting perspective. Yes, you do need to express your ideas, especially if your finances are involved. Tonight:

Time for a special person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ Do you ever have a sense that you could be a touch pushy? Today is one of those days when you push others away, perhaps only because you need to snarl or be testy. Look within before making comments. Do you have this trait that you are criticizing? Tonight: Go along with someone else's plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Know when to back off. Your best bet will be focusing on work and your routine. You will mellow out and gain a novel perspective. Your abilities in the public or professional realm make a difference. Tonight: Slow down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You need to see both sides if you want to keep the peace. If you manage to identify and work with different opinions, you will discover how clear you are. A friend could let you down, or a meeting could be difficult. This too will pass. Tonight: A midweek romp.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★ Duck before someone slams you with information you would prefer not to hear. If you listen to an associate or boss, you are getting a distorted version. Know when something doesn't work. Tonight: Mosey on home.

BORN TODAY

Food manufacturer Henry Heinz (1844), founder of the YMCA George Williams (1821), actor Luke Perry (1966)

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Winter

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will see above-normal winter temperatures, though slightly cooler than last year's very warm winter.

"December is really a wild card right now but we have increasing confidence that it will get warmer as the season goes along. We don't see any freezes in Florida which is good news for orange growers," said

Michael Halpert, lead forecaster at the NOAA Climate Prediction Center.

From December through February, forecasters said they expect warmer than average temperatures in the West, Southwest, the Plains,

the Midwest, most of the Northeast, the northern mid-Atlantic and most of Alaska. Near-average temperatures are predicted for parts of the Southeast while below-average temperatures are expected in Hawaii.

NOAA said Maine, the southern Mid-Atlantic, the Tennessee Valley and most of Texas have equal chances of warmer, cooler and near-normal temperatures this winter.

The DOE's Energy

Information Administration said in its annual outlook for residential heating bills that for the first time since the 2001-02 winter, prices are projected to be either lower than or close to last year's prices.

Bush hopes idea-sharing will quell violence

CHEVY CHASE, Md. (AP) — More than metal detectors or security cameras, the key to halting school violence is communication, safety specialists said at a White House-led summit today.

President Bush called experts together after three deadly shootings at schools in Wisconsin, Colorado and Pennsylvania. In panel discussions led by members of Bush's Cabinet, speakers said the best response is

basic: get parents, school leaders, students and police to work together.

"Our first line of prevention is really having good intelligence," said Delbert Elliott, director of the Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence in Boulder, Colo. He said schools should encourage kids to speak up when they hear classmates boasting of violent plans.

The speakers hit the same themes — schools get safer when they take bullying seri-

ously, practice their crisis plans, and talk to parents about what's happening with their kids.

"The communication link is very important," said George Sugai, a University of Connecticut education professor. "Parents are not going to engage the schools if they have to walk through a metal detector, if they have to go through steps to access the teachers."

The lack of magic-bullet solutions was not surprising. School safety experts have said for years that changing school culture is the best way to halt violence, although it's hard to do.

The administration, compelled to respond to the violence of the last two weeks, said a public sharing of ideas would help because the nation is suddenly focused on school safety.

First lady Laura Bush, speaking at the event in the Maryland suburbs, said school children need to know the grown-ups are protecting them.

"I urge all adults across the country to take their responsibility to children — their own children, and their community's children — seriously," she said.

Opening the conference earlier, Education Secretary Margaret Spellings called on schools to practice crisis response plans. She and Attorney General Alberto Gonzales led morning panels.

"All of us who are parents know it's frightening," she said of the recent shootings, one of which took place at a one-room schoolhouse in the Amish country of Pennsylvania.

and chuck steak \$4, the cost of discriminating in favor of filet mignon is \$5 a pound, the price difference. But if a law mandating a minimum price for chuck steak were on the books, say, \$7 a pound, it would lower the cost of discrimination against chuck steak.

Minimum or maximum prices are one of the most effective ways to encourage people to indulge their preferences, be they racial or any other preference. In general, any kind of economic regulation that restricts peaceable, voluntary exchange has the capacity to lower the costs of preference indulgence. Decent people should be against such regulations.

—Dr. Williams serves on the faculty of George Mason University as John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics.

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along the lines of Alabama Rep. Clayton Allgood's testimony: "That contractor has cheap colored labor that he transports, and he puts them in cabins, and it is labor of that sort that is in competition with white labor throughout the country." (Congressional Record, 1931, page 6513).

What minimum wage laws do is lower the cost of, and hence subsidize, racial preference indulgence. After all, if an employer must pay the same wage no matter whom he hires, the cost of discriminating in favor of the people he prefers is cheaper. This is a general principle. If filet mignon sold for \$9 a pound

General Alberto Gonzales to launch a criminal probe not only of Foley, but of all those who knew about his abhorrent behavior but apparently swept it under the rug.

Several Republicans in Texas are seeking re-election on the basis of their desire to protect children against sexual predators. If they are sincere, they will express outrage not only at Foley's behavior, but at the grotesque failure of the House leadership to expose Foley and decisively act to protect the young pages in their charge.

Foley

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American voters cannot escape the conclusion that the House leadership failed to act against Foley in part because it feared the scandal would endanger the Republican majority in the coming election.

The House leaders' long-standing knowledge of Foley's indiscretions is perhaps the most disturbing element of the scandal. This weekend, Speaker Hastert asked U.S. Attorney

attempted killers, and what we can do to prevent it.

I wish I had the solution to this problem. It will take people more knowledgeable than I to find the answers.

But we'd all better find them soon. Schools should not be scenes of slaughter.

Schools

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with which to unleash that violence.

We need to ask ourselves why some children and teens become killers and

Voting

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upon winning the 2004 election and being sworn in. Fletcher's promise to voters was that, if elected, he would resign and thus save county taxpayers the cost of having a constable for that precinct.

Fletcher filed as a write-in candidate in response to Broaddus' filing, and said he would once again vacate the office if elected in order to continue the cost savings to the county.

Statewide races include those for the offices of governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, comptroller of public accounts, com-

missioner of the general land office, commissioner of agriculture, railroad commissioner, and assorted judges.

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, a Republican, is being challenged by Barbara Ann Radnofsky, a Democrat, and Scott Lanier Jameson, a Libertarian.

U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Republican, is facing Roger J. Waun, a Democrat, and Jim Thompson, a Libertarian.

State Rep. Warren Chisum, R-Pampa, is also up for re-election, and faces Timothy Justice, L-Lefors.

Area and local races, other than that for Precinct 4 constable, consist of unopposed incumbents. They are: Lee Waters,

Democrat, 223rd District judge; Steven R. Emmert, Republican, 31st District judge; Gaye Honderich, Republican, district clerk; Lynn Switzer, Republican, 31st District attorney; Richard Peet, Republican, county judge; Susan Winborne, Republican, county clerk; Joe Patrick Martinez, Republican, Precincts 1 and 3 justice of the peace; Mary Ann Carpenter, Republican, Precinct 4 justice of the peace; James L. Hefley, Republican, Precinct 4 county commissioner.

Scott Hahn, who won the Republican nomination over incumbent Lee Cornelison for county treasurer in last year's elections, is also unopposed.

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