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Halloween safety tips offered for children

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
Halloween is a time of great fun for children and parents, but it is also a time to think about safety. Children who are trick-or-treating should be made aware of certain safety tips and adults should also keep certain things in mind to help this holiday be safe for both children and pets.

Teachers' Insurance Plan recently sent out a list of Halloween safety tips and the Web site www.halloween-safety.com also gives safety advice that should be followed by everyone.

One of the main things that parents should do while driving around Wednesday evening is to watch for children running out into the

street. Children who normally stop and look both ways before crossing the street can get caught up in the excitement of trick-or-treating and forget to stop and check for oncoming traffic.

A few things to help make crossing the road safer is to tell your children to always cross at a corner and not in the middle of a block. Children should have reflective tape on their costumes and they should also carry flashlights so they can see where they are walking.

Homeowners should clear their yards of anything that a child could trip over and the front walkway should be lit with a porch light. Jack-o-lanterns that have candles inside should be placed far

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Fire destroys home



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER
The Pampa Fire Marshal today was investigating the cause of a fire Saturday night in the 600 block of Russell. Officials termed the house a total loss.

Hemphill, Wheeler grand juries hand up indictments

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer
Grand juries in Hemphill and Wheeler counties handed up a total of nine indictments in 31st District Court this month.

A Wheeler County grand jury handed up six indictments on Oct. 18. One is a second-degree felony, and the remaining five are state jail

felonies. Josephine Lilly, 50, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the second-degree felony, enhanced, was set at \$15,000.

On Aug. 4, Lilly allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated by alcohol. On Dec. 22, 2000 in

Collingsworth County Court, Lilly was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated. On Nov. 21, 2006, Lilly was convicted in Wheeler County Court of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated. On Sept. 2, 2003, she was convicted in 31st District Court in Wheeler County of the

felony offense of aggravated assault. Olan Doyle Bay, 41, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On March 25, Bay allegedly possessed less than one gram of
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ACT I to hold casting call for upcoming musical

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer
The ACT I Community Theater is having an open casting call for an upcoming musical they plan to perform.

"Hank Williams: Lost Highway" is a play about the music and legend

of Hank Williams. Auditions will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight and Tuesday at Sacred Grounds Coffee Studio, 2145-B N. Hobart.

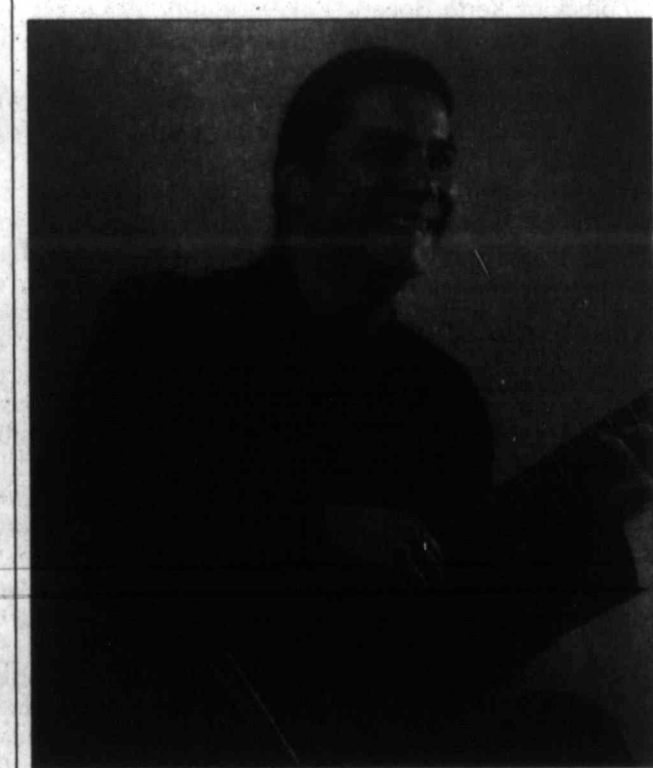
ACT I will cast for the following roles: Hank Williams; Tee-Tot, a black south Alabama street singer; Waitress, keeper of the all night diner

who is a cheerful lonely person; Mama Lilly, Hank's mother who is strong and somewhat overbearing; Hoss, a member of Hank's band who plays the upright bass; Jimmy, the lead guitar player in the band; Leon, the fiddle player in the band; Fred Rose (Pap), the founder of a

Nashville music publishing company; Audrey Williams, Hank's first wife who is an Alabama beauty; and Shag, who plays steel guitar in the band.

For more information, contact Ron Smith at 663-1684.

Cruz to kick off community concerts



Courtesy photo
Guitar virtuoso Edgar Cruz to begin Community Concert Series.

Acoustic guitarist Edgar Cruz will lead off the 2007-2008 Pampa Community Concert series.

Cruz, with a repertoire of more than 400 songs, will be featured in the Pampa Community Concert Association series first concert of the season at 7:30 p.m., Monday, Nov. 5, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The Pampa Community Concert Association is planning three concerts this season. Following Cruz on Nov. 5, will be "Saxophobia," featuring Rob Verdi in a jazz session, on March 31, 2008; and "Revolution, a tribute to the Beatles," on Tuesday, May 6, 2008.

The Pampa Community Concert Association is conducting its annual membership drive. Membership is \$30 for adults, \$70 for families and \$15 for students.

For more information call 665-0343.

St. Matthew's offers fund-raising cookbook

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is selling a cookbook as a fund-raiser for their youth program at the church and also for Good Samaritan Christian Services. The recipe book titled "St. Matthew's Family Favorites" sells for \$15 each and half of the proceeds go toward the church and the other half will be given to Good Sam for their 25th anniversary on Feb. 14, 2008, so they can help families in need around the area.

"We feel this would be a great Christmas present for someone since the holiday is coming up soon," said Iris Ragsdale, one of the cookbook committee members. "The book contains more than 550 recipes for appetizers, salads, dips, soups, entrees, candies and desserts.

Many of the recipes have interesting stories and comments that go with them and some are over 150 years old."

To purchase a cookbook, you can go by the church office at 727 W. Browning from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except during the lunch hour, or you can call the office at 665-0701 if you would like to place an order or make arrangements to pick them up.

The books can also be mailed for a total price of \$17, which includes shipping.

"One woman from another town said her family was once in need and was helped by Good Samaritan," Ragsdale said. "She asked to buy \$100 worth of the cookbooks to help repay Good Sam."

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 48. Southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 63. North-northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 36. Northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 57. North-northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southeast.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 38. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Soybeans	8.21
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OXY	71.00 +0.23
BP PLC ADR	78.31 +0.53
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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BULLICK, Ilene — Memorial graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
CUNNINGHAM, Janis Jones — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.
HILL, Carmanita — Mass, 10 a.m., St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Pampa.

Carmanita Hill, 69

Carmanita Hill, 69, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 27, 2007, at Pampa.

Vigil services will be 7 p.m. today, Monday, Oct. 29, 2007, in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel. Mass will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. Mrs. Hill was born Oct. 8, 1938, in Niotaze, Kan. She

married Bob Hill Nov. 2, 1956, in Cherryvale, Kan. She graduated from Bartlesville Business College in 1957.

She had lived in Pampa since 1973 where she was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

She enjoyed raising her 11 children and traveling. She was preceded in death by her mother, Bonnie Covington; father and step-



mother, Dan Scott, Jr. and Arles Scott; one son, Raymond Francis Hill; and one daughter, Robin Manzaneres.

Survivors include her husband, Bob Hill, of the home; five daughters, Rhonda Hill, Renita Logan Hill, Renita Logan

and husband Greg, Richelle Norris and husband Bruce, Rene Hill, all of Pampa, and Rhea Oeser and husband Jared of Muskogee, Okla.;

four sons, Randy Hill and wife Aubry, Ronnie Hill and wife Tammy, Robbie Hill, and Richie Hill and wife Rachel, all of Pampa; one sister, Delores Scott of Lompoc, Calif.; two brothers, Danny Scott and wife Norma and Tom Dikeman, both of Caney, Kan.; 20 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Masses or your favorite charity. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whately.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Oct. 26

Five traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2500 block of Dogwood and the intersection of Sumner and Kentucky streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Brown and Ballard streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the intersection of 30th Avenue and Perryton Parkway, the police department and the 1000 block of Mary Ellen.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of North Christy, the 600 block of Deane Drive, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the intersection of 23rd and Wells streets, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 800 block of West 23rd, the 2800 block of Charles, the 500 block of North Zimmers, the 1500 block of West Kentucky and the 100 block of West 30th.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 400 block of East Francis.

Welfare checks were made in the 2000 block of Alcock, and the intersection of Brown and Somerville streets.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of South Sumner.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion. Civil matters were report-

ed in the 100 block of South Faulkner and the police department lobby.

A suspicious person call was received from the 700 block of Malone.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 300 block of North Doyle.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Roberta and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of North Frost and the 600 block of East 17th. An arrest was made in connection with the incident on East 17th.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Pitts and the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 500 block of North West. Taken were a bicycle, tools and an amplifier.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Christine.

Saturday, Oct. 27

Eleven traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 700 block of North Naida, the 600 block of North Christy, the 1400 block of North Zimmers, the 2600 block of North Hobart, the 700 block of North Somerville, the 200 block of Wynne, the 1100 block of South Dwight, twice in the 2400 block of Duncan and once in the 1000 block of South Wells.

Found property was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 1600 block of North Christine.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2300 block of Charles.

Prowlers were reported in the 1800 block of North Banks, the 300 block of West McCullough, the 1200 block of North Wells and the 600 block of North Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster and the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Christy. Window and door screens were damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$100.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Dwight. The back window of a vehicle was shattered. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved bills for electrical and telephone service.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Two traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 100 block of West 30th. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2600 block of Navajo.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 600 block of East Craven, the 300 block of Sunset, the 600 block of Jupiter, the 1200 block of Finley, the 700 block of Malone, the 1200 block of East Foster and the 300 block of North Faulkner.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of West McCullough.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of Crane Road.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of West Foster.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 2700 block of Duncan and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 500 block of Magnolia and the 200 block of West Craven.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes, the 700 block of Sloan, the 100 block of

South Faulkner and the 500 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. A window of a vehicle was shot out. Estimated cost of damage is \$250.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of East Scott. A vehicle window was shot out and paint on the vehicle was damaged. Estimated cost of damage is \$1,500.

Assault, burglary, endangering a child and interference with a 911 call were reported in the 400 block of North Roberta. No visible injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of North Frost.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Merchandise valued at under \$50 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of West Craven.

Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. Tools valued at between \$4,000 and \$5,000 were taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Cologne and 50 to 60 compact discs were taken. Estimated value of loss was not reported.

Monday, Oct. 29

A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of West Francis.

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Astronauts continue high-stakes construction

HOUSTON (AP) — Astronauts plowed ahead today with the mammoth job of moving a 17 1/2-ton beam on the international space station, a task made even more crucial following the discovery of debris in an important part of the orbiting lab's power system.

A spacewalking astronaut on Sunday found metal shavings inside a joint that is needed to turn a set of solar power panels. Astronauts used a magnet to determine that at least some of the shavings were metallic, and officials said it could be steel from the bearings or rings.

The rotary joint, launched and installed just four

months ago, controls the huge solar panel wings on the right side of the space station to make sure they're facing the sun. It has been experiencing electrical current spikes for nearly two months.

NASA has limited the joint's motion to prevent the debris from causing permanent damage. But that also limits the system's ability to generate power for the station.

Space station managers would like additional inspections of this joint while Discovery is docked and have requested that the shuttle spend an extra day there to accomplish the job. That

would add a 15th day to the shuttle mission. A decision was expected later today.

The glitch raises the stakes for the Discovery crew's ongoing attempt to move the giant beam from one part of the orbiting complex to another.

Failing to install the girder or to unfurl its enormous folded solar wings would delay the planned December installation of the European Space Agency's science laboratory, named Columbus. The lab is supposed to latch onto the new Harmony module that Discovery delivered last week.

Mike Suffredini, NASA's space station program man-

ager, said it's too soon to know whether and how the joint trouble will affect future flights. Everything should be fine into early next year, he told reporters this morning.

Today, as music played, the astronauts used two robotic arms to move the girder into place for its installation during a spacewalk on Tuesday.

"It's a heck of a lot more fun flying the arm with some Huey Lewis in the background," radioed astronaut Daniel Tani.

The schedule for Tuesday's spacewalk also includes time for an inspection of the joint for the left

solar wings. That joint is working fine. Spacewalker Scott Parazynski has been asked to take pictures and samples like those gathered Sunday at the other joint so NASA can compare the findings.

The astronauts have spare parts for the joint with them in orbit, including extra bearings.

As of now, Discovery is set to undock from the station on Sunday and land on Nov. 6. But both those dates probably will slip a day. Mission managers have determined the ship's thermal shielding is in good shape for re-entry.

Today's schedule includes some off-duty time for the astronauts. The day started well for astronaut and Boston native Stephanie Wilson, who heard from Mission Control that the Red Sox had swept the World Series.

"That's great news!" Wilson said.

Fund set up to aid family

A fund has been set up at FirstBank Southwest to help the family of Randy Suttle, who passed away Oct. 24.

Friends of the family wanted to help Suttle's wife Louan and daughter Kaylee with expenses.

To contribute to the fund, send payments to FirstBank Southwest, P.O. Box 1181, Pampa, Texas 79066 and reference "Suttle fund" on the check. Send to the attention of Lynette Dean.

For more information, contact Dean at 665-2341.

Juries

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methamphetamine.

Letcher Kay Green, 45, was indicted for three counts of driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$7,500, for total bond of \$22,500.

On July 28, Green allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol and while the vehicle was occupied by three passengers, each of whom was younger than 15 years of age.

Michael Scott Pena, 20, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On July 21, Pena allegedly used a vehicle to flee from a peace officer who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

A Hemphill County grand jury handed up three indictments on Oct. 25. They are two third-degree felonies and a state jail felony.

James Edgar Gray III, 39, was indicted for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On June 14, Gray allegedly possessed one or more grams but less than

four grams of methamphetamine.

Ross Dwayne Cates, 42, was indicted for assaulting a public servant. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On July 19, Cates allegedly pushed a peace officer in the chest with his hand, causing the peace officer to fall over a coffee table, while the peace officer was conducting a criminal investigation.

Reymundo Trevino Vasquez, 22, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On June 26, Vasquez allegedly used a vehicle while fleeing from a peace officer who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

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One burglar alarm was reported.

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

Saturday, Oct. 27

Thomas Bennett, 35, of Pampa arrested by GCSO for failure to appear, possession of drug paraphernalia and a probation violation for theft by check.

Brian Peters, 41, of Garland was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for no driver's license, no insurance and a fugitive warrant for driving while intoxicated.

Sunday, Oct. 28

Steven Hopkins, 52, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of West 30th by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Charles Dean Shaw, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Frost by PPD for no seat belt, unrestrained child under 4 years of age and two counts of failure to appear.

Elizabeth Lang, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for possession of one or more grams but less than four grams of a controlled substance.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Oct. 27

9:50 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a fire safety program.

12:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of East 14th on a call for lifting assistance.

1:36 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1200 block of South Dwight on a structure fire.

4:33 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Russell on a call for medical assistance.

10:40 p.m. — Four units and 10 personnel responded to the 600 block of North Russell on a structure fire.

Sunday, Oct. 28

10:19 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Zimmers on a call for medical assistance.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Oct. 26

A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing

facility at an unspecified time.

10:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

10:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of East Kingsmill. No transport.

Saturday, Oct. 27

9:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to BSA Hospital and transported a patient to the 1300 block of Kentucky.

4:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Russell and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

10:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block North Russell on a fire standby.

Sunday, Oct. 28

3:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of West Foster and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Zimmers and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Yeager and transported a patient to PRMC.

Safety

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enough from the front door so the candles cannot ignite a child's costume.

The costume a child wears should have bright colors if possible to show up better at night. It is recommended to use make-up on a child's face instead of having them wear a mask so their vision is not obstructed. If they do wear a mask, make sure the eye holes are large enough for them to see clearly. If possible, all costumes should be fireproof. Any props that are carried should not contain any sharp points.

Children should be told

to never enter a house where they are trick-or-treating or to eat candy that is open or unwrapped. It is better for children to travel in groups and it is recommended that at least one adult accompany the group if possible. Tell children not to cut through alleys or fields and to stay on the designated route.

Parents should know exactly where their children are going to trick-or-treat and also know if they are going to attend any parties. Children should be told what time to be home. Parents should discourage their children from participating in vandalism, such as egging homes or cars, and participating in animal cruelty.

Pets should be kept indoors on Halloween night if possible for their own safety. Any candles that are lit inside the home should not be placed where a wagging tail or curious cat could knock them over and start a fire. Animals should never be allowed to eat Halloween candy and the candy should be kept out of reach of pets. Not only is chocolate deadly for some animals, but the foil wrappers that many candies are in can become lodged in the animal's throat.

Halloween is a fun time for all involved, but it is a time to remember safety tips for drivers, children and pets.

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The Chupacabra: myth or real blood-sucking creature?

Does a zoologically unknown, blood-sucking creature prowl the South Texas mesquite?

Lacking a pedigree and being a long way from official acceptance, it does have a name: Chupacabra. That's a combination of two Spanish words; the verb "chupar," which means to suck and the noun "cabra," for goat.

No one so far has suggested that chupacabras have gone vampire to the extent of attacking humans, but they are reputed to be mighty fond of goats, smaller animals and chickens.

Her desire for yard eggs is what propelled Phylis Canion into the zoological Twilight Zone. Not long after moving to DeWitt County from Africa, where her husband Steve had worked four years for an oil company, Canion bought some chickens to range the home pasture of their ranch outside Cuero.

You have to break an egg to make an omelet, but Canion wasn't even getting any eggs. Her chickens started disappearing. Assuming bobcats or coyotes to be the culprits, she set up a video surveillance camera to identify the chicken thief.

She did catch a chicken-swiping bobcat on video and eventually shot one she thought might have been the guilty party. But then she found a dead chicken that appeared to have been sucked dry of blood. Knowing that bobcats and coyotes take their chicken dinners to go, not leaving meat behind, she began wondering what was going on.

Something went on to ensanguinate 26 of her chickens. Canion's brother suggested she might have a chupacabra afoot, but she did not take that seriously even though she and her sister had both seen an animal on the ranch they could not identify.

Nothing else showed up on her video monitoring system, but one morning last summer a neighbor called about 7:45 and said he had seen an unusual looking road kill near her ranch, which is just off U.S. 183 south of Cuero. Five minutes later she stared at a creature like nothing she had ever seen

grayish-blue hide and head. It had big ears, blue eyes, a long snout, two canine incisors and two worn lower incisors — but no other teeth. Unable to chew, it could have gotten by sucking blood through wounds made by its incisors.

The animal also had no hair, except for short, mane-like tufts along its spine. Its hind legs were longer than its front legs, and the paws on the back feet were different from the front paws.

No one who has seen the frozen head questions that it looks strange. Definitely dog-like, but different as well. Two other similar creatures were found dead in the area within four days, though no one else kept them.

The local Parks and Wildlife Department game warden sent a picture of the head to headquarters in Austin, but Canion has not heard anything back.

Game Warden Mike Bradshaw,

stationed for more than 30 years deep in the South Texas brush country at Carrizo Springs has heard plenty of chupacabra stories, but he's never seen one.

Nor has he seen the animal found near Cuero. Even so, he has a theory.

"I'd put my money on it being a mangy coyote," he said.

Canion still awaits the test results of a tissue sample sent for analysis to Texas State University in San Marcos. Similar testing on a weird-looking creature found by a rancher near San Antonio in 2004 — the media dubbed it the Elmendorf Beast — came back showing it was a coyote with mange.

No matter the animal's DNA, its unusual appearance places it in another zoological category as far as Canion is concerned.

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Texas Tales



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 2, the 302nd day of 2007. There are 63 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 29, 1929, "Black Tuesday" descended upon the New York Stock Exchange. Prices collapsed amid panic selling and thousands of investors were wiped out as America's Great Depression began.

On this date:

In 1618, Sir Walter Raleigh, the English courtier, military adventurer and poet, was executed in London.

In 1901, President McKinley's assassin, Leon Czolgosz, was electrocuted.

In 1923, the Republic of Turkey was proclaimed.

In 1940, Secretary of War Henry L. Stimson drew the first number — 158 — in America's first peacetime military draft.

In 1947, former first lady Frances Cleveland Preston died in Baltimore at age 83.

In 1957, former MGM studio boss Louis B. Mayer died in Los Angeles at age 75.

In 1966, the National Organization for

Who, I ask you, can take, dare take, on himself the rights, the duties, the responsibilities of another human soul?

— Elizabeth Cady Stanton, American feminist (1815-1902).

Women was formally organized during a conference in Washington, D.C.

In 1967, Expo 67 in Montreal closed after six months.

In 1987, following the confirmation defeat of Robert H. Bork to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, President Reagan announced his choice of Douglas H. Ginsburg, a nomination that fell apart over revelations of Ginsburg's previous marijuana use.

In 1987, jazz great Woody Herman died in Los Angeles at age 74.

Ten years ago: Chinese President Jiang Zemin met with President Clinton at the White House; the two leaders clashed over China's human rights record, but agreed to end the diplomatic chill between their countries. The Baghdad government barred Americans from the U.N. disarmament effort in Iraq — a move that outraged chief weapons inspector Richard Butler and prompted him to suspend inspections.



Protecting Texans' right to work

Texas has a proud tradition of capitalism, free enterprise, and hard work. Ours is a land of industrious colonists, determined ranchers and enterprising wildcatters. Texas workers certainly aren't afraid to work hard for a living, provide for their families, and give back to their communities.

Texas recognizes that its labor force needs to be protected. For some, that means the right to work without having to join a labor union. For others, that means the freedom to join a labor union and enjoy the benefits of union membership. Importantly, Texas protects its workers from compulsory union membership, while also providing laborers with the freedom to join a union if they so choose. In the proud western tradition, we allow the individual to make the choice that best serves their own interests.

Our workers have that freedom because six decades ago the Texas Legislature passed one of the nation's first "right-to-work" laws. As the statute states, "Workers must be protected without regard to whether they are unionized. The right to work is the

right to live." Texas' right-to-work laws protect an individual's ability to get a job without being threatened, coerced, intimidated or forced to join a labor union or pay union dues. Our system ensures that workers can't have union dues taken out of their paychecks with-

Greg Abbott
Attorney General



out their consent. Texas workers are free to trade their union dues for a hefty paycheck.

Most unions and employers abide by the law. Unfortunately, at least one union thinks it can ignore our right-to-work protections by arguing that certain federally run facilities in Texas are exempt from state labor laws. In both Corpus Christi and El Paso, the International Union, Security, Police and Fire Professionals of America tried to enforce unlawful collective bargain-

ing agreements against private security guards at two facilities operated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The Office of the Attorney General took the unions and the employers to the courthouse, where we obtained injunctions prohibiting them from forcing their employees to join a union.

Fortunately, both employers cooperated with our lawyers. In El Paso, the employee who was indefinitely suspended without pay for refusing to pay dues was reinstated and repaid his lost wages and benefits. In Corpus Christi, the improperly collected union dues were repaid. Thanks to the State's enforcement action, both employers are no longer requiring that their security officers pay union dues. Despite the employers' willingness to cooperate with the State and comply with the law, the union has indicated that it will continue opposing our efforts to protect Texas workers.

But the State's enforcement efforts

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 21
Houston Chronicle on drug discount cards:

Montgomery County recently became the first county in the Houston area to offer its residents a prescription discount card, a program that will provide savings up to 20 percent on medications.

The card is available to all county residents, insured or not, which will be a boon to the approximately 21 percent of those residents who have no medical coverage at all. As health care is by far the most worrisome domestic issue to a large majority of Americans, good

news such as this is reason to cheer.

Equally positive news for this area is that a similar program will be launched in Harris County in the next few weeks. Harris County Hospital District spokesman Bryan McLeod predicts the average savings on the cards for the uninsured will be more than 30 percent.

This comes on the heels of news that store-based clinics, in which pharmacies and grocery stores offer inexpensive and efficient health services, are burgeoning in the area, with increasing numbers set to come on line rapidly. It's all part of a smart, entrepreneurial response to a critical need for efficient, affordable health care. But it is also just a drop in the bucket when it comes to the horrendous deficits in access to medical care. Seeing a doctor and hav-

ing reliable access to affordable medicines continue to be out of reach for millions of Texans.

The state has the highest rate of uninsured in the nation, at more than 5.9 million nearly 25 percent of the state's total population. Millions of others are underinsured. Harris County has an estimated 1.1 million people, or 31 percent of the population, without health insurance.

Another 500,000 residents are underinsured.

Many organizations and officials throughout the state are struggling valiantly to bridge the gap. A couple of examples: The Texas Health Institute, a non-partisan think tank, made a com-

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Sports Day



Courtesy photo

Lefors girls cross country team with their first place medals. From left, Emily Jackson, Monica Pairsh, Taylor Overstreet, Lacie Johnston and Valerie Miller. Coach Gary Kirby stands in back.

Lefors girls grab first place again

The Lefors cross country track team took first place the District 2-A cross country meet held in Canadian last week. This is the fourth years in a row for the girls to place first.

All Lefors runners qualified for the regional meet to be held in Lubbock Saturday. Attached are 2 pics from district 2-A cross country meet held in Canadian this

week.
Results were:
Valerie Miller, 1st, 12:15; Taylor Overstreet, 2nd, 12:25; Emily Jackson, 3rd, 12:39; Lacie Johnston, 8th, 13:33; Monica Pairsh, 29th, 15:12.
Gabriel Miller placed third with a time of 18:41 for the boys team.

Pampa has 2 regional qualifiers

Pampa's junior varsity and varsity cross country teams participated in a district meet over the weekend.

Faby Soria of the varsity girls and Miguel Tapia of the varsity boys were regional qualifiers.

The teams will run in Lubbock Saturday at 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Results are as follows:

JV Girls
Teysha Parker, 15:47, 16; Bianca Hernandez, 19:06, 23.

Varsity Girls
Faby Soria, 12:18, 4; Hailey Nies, 13:50, 19; Whitney Webster, 14:12, 23; Karen Jimenez, 14:22, 24; Crystal Garcia, 15:11, 36; Audri Leal, 16:21, 41; Kaci Reyes, 16:31, 42.
JV Boys
Michael Fisher, 20:09, 10; Steven Botella, 20:51, 12.
Varsity Boys
Miguel Tapia, 17:47, 9; Cesar marruffo, 19:34, 27.

Pats, Colts perfect for matchup

By The Associated Press

The last time the New England Patriots went to Indianapolis, they lost.

Ever since falling short in the AFC championship game there, the New England Patriots have gone on a rampage, blowing out every team they've played.

On Sunday, New England (8-0) whipped Washington 52-7 to ensure they'll enter their game against Peyton Manning and the Super Bowl champions next weekend on a historic tear.

Indianapolis hasn't been as brutally efficient, but the Colts are still perfect at 7-0 after disposing of Carolina 31-7 on Sunday.

The rematch is on. "Everybody's been talking about it for a long time, except us," Manning said. "I guess now it's safe to talk about it."

It may well be, but the Patriots have preferred to talk about what little they've done wrong.

The Patriots have scored at least 34 points in each game and have won each by at least 17 points. They've outscored opponents by an average of 41.3 to 15.9. A more dominant first half would strain the imagination.

"It's a long season," quar-

terback Tom Brady said. "It's not even November yet and we've got a lot of room for improvement left."

So true. Brady's passer rating for the season actually went down to 136.2, still it's 15.1 points better than the single-season record.

The holder of that record? Manning.

It's not as if he and the Colts haven't been dominant either. In their win Sunday over Carolina, Manning broke Johnny Unitas' team record for career scoring passes. Joseph Addai rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns and caught a TD pass, showing that the Colts are firing on all cylinders heading into their next game.

But the Patriots are simply on another level.

At the rate they're going, they'll score 662 points, shattering the NFL single-season record of 556 set by Minnesota in 1998.

Also Sunday, the NFL played its first overseas regular-season game. The New York Giants beat Miami 13-10 at Wembley Stadium outside London.

In other games stateside, it was: Pittsburgh 24, Cincinnati 13; Detroit 16, Chicago 7; Jacksonville 24, Tampa Bay 23; New Orleans 31, San Francisco 10; Tennessee 13, Oakland 9;

Cleveland 27, St. Louis 20; San Diego 35, Houston 10; Philadelphia 23, Minnesota 16; Buffalo 13, New York Jets 3.

Kansas City, Seattle, Arizona, Dallas, Atlanta and Baltimore were off.

Tonight, Green Bay visits Denver.

Red Sox complete sweep

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

DENVER (AP) — They celebrated a mile up on major league baseball's loftiest infield, sky high again, a repeat of that raucous night at old Busch Stadium in St. Louis a few years ago.

Boston is baseball's bully, the example other teams seek to emulate. "Damn Red Sox," anyone? Three years after they ended the Curse with their first title in 86 years, now the curse is on everyone else.

What a tale to tell. Those decades of frustration that left their faithful doubting if their day would ever come are distant memories, stored up in the attic with sepia-toned photos from the original Red Sox dynasty, which won five World Series titles from 1903-18.

On another night to remember back at Fenway Park, Faneuil Hall and all over New England, Boston became World Series champions for the second time in four years by beating the Colorado Rockies — flattening them — in a sweep that ended with a 4-3 victory Sunday night.

"Pretty darn heavy," Jon Lester said after lifting the trophy that all of baseball had sought since pitchers and catchers reported to Florida and Arizona last February.

Lester was one of the stars, a 23-year-old who overcame cancer, returned to the Red Sox and won the World Series finale by pitching 5 2-3 scoreless innings in his first start since Sept. 26.

There was Mike Lowell, the World Series MVP, who hit .400 with four RBIs, including a solo homer in the finale that pushed the lead to 3-0. There was baby-faced Jacoby Ellsbury, who led off the game with a double and scored the first run.

There was the old guard from 2004,

Manny and Big Papi, Curt Schilling and Jason Varitek.

And there were new faces such as closer Jonathan Papelbon, who got the final five outs to preserve the slim lead, then threw his glove up so high it seemed as if a gusher had splashed it toward the heavens.

"It took all 25 of us to get the job done," Papelbon said. "It's just phenomenal."

In the clubhouse, players wore blue goggles to keep the celebration spray out of their eyes. Daisuke Matsuzaka, who in Game 3 became the first Japanese pitcher with a Series win, bowed out on the field, celebrating with his own native style.

They came together from several corners of the world to represent a city that obsesses over its baseball like no other, and in a contest between Boston lobster and Colorado beef, the shellfish left the meat charred and scarred. Colorado, fourth in the NL West in mid-September, had a remarkable run of 21 wins in 22 games to reach the Series for the first time. But after an eight-day layoff, the Rockies were rusted and got routed.

With the second-highest average in Series history behind the 1960 New York Yankees, Boston outthit them .333 to .218, outscored them 29-10. Maybe any of the four American League playoff teams would have swept any NL champion. Sure seemed that way.

Colorado, in its 15th season, has not nearly the pedigree of Boston, which has been around for more than a century. Somehow, even though they failed to win a game, the Rockies seemed satisfied.

"No reason to hang our heads. We accomplished a lot this season," Todd Helton said. "They outplayed us. We have no reason to be

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A-Rod opts out of contract

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

DENVER (AP) — Alex Rodriguez and agent Scott Boras picked quite a time for their big announcement.

Smack in the middle of Game 4 of the World Series, Boras ended months of speculation and said A-Rod is opting out of the final three seasons of his contract with the New York Yankees.

Oh, and Boras let the Yankees know by leaving a voice mail for general manager Brian Cashman.

"Kind of strange timing," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said after Boston completed its sweep of Colorado.

Red Sox fans sure took notice fast. After their team won the title for the second time in four seasons, they stood behind the visitors' dugout at Coors Field and chanted: "Don't sign A-Rod!"

In a decision that likely ends four tumultuous and unfulfilling seasons with the Yankees, Rodriguez forfeited \$72 million he was owed over the final three seasons of his record \$252 million, 10-year deal, which he signed with Texas before the 2001 season. The Yankees lose \$21.3 million in remaining payments from the Rangers, a subsidy agreed to at the time of his 2004 trade.

New York, which failed to make the World Series in all of Rodriguez's seasons, has said it would not attempt to re-sign A-Rod if he opted out.

Could A-Rod wind up in Boston?

"We're staying out of that discussion," Lucchino said. Said David Ortiz: "Man, I never would walk away from \$150 million."

Boras said he attempted to notify Cashman of the decision but couldn't reach him, so he left the voice mail.

"He was traveling and I was traveling," Boras said.

Boras said during a tele-

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SMU fires Bennett

DALLAS (AP) — SMU coach Phil Bennett was fired Sunday, a day after the Mustangs lost 29-23 at Tulsa and were eliminated from bowl contention.

Bennett, who is 18-48 in six seasons, will finish out the season, athletic director Steve Orsini said.

"I appreciate Phil's efforts here at SMU, but I felt it was

time for a change," Orsini said in a statement.

The Mustangs are 1-7 with four games remaining. They play at Houston on Sunday.

Bennett is expected to address the media Tuesday. He did not immediately return a phone message from The Associated Press on Sunday.

Special Olympics



Courtesy photo

Cyndal Boyd participated in the Borger Bowling Tournament over the weekend for the Pampa Special Olympics. The team will participate in the Pampa Special Tournament Saturday at Harvester Lanes. There will be two shifts, the first will start at 8:45 a.m. with opening ceremonies. The second shift will begin at 11:45 a.m. Pampa bowls in the second shift.

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phone interview that Rodriguez made his choice because he was uncertain whether Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada and Andy Pettitte would return to the Yankees. Boras said it became clear that the others wouldn't make a decision by Rodriguez's deadline to opt out — 10 days after the World Series.

"Alex's decision was one based on not knowing what his closer, his catcher and one of his statures pitchers was going to do," Boras said. "He really didn't want to make any decisions until he knew what they were doing."

Cashman did not respond to messages seeking comment.

A-Rod, likely to win his third AL MVP award next month, made his decision before the Yankees announced a replacement for departed manager Joe

Torre. Broadcaster Joe Girardi and bench coach Don Mattingly were the top contenders, and the team also interviewed first-base coach Tony Pena.

A Yankees official and an agent who deals regularly with the team said it appears Cashman was leaning toward recommending Girardi. The pair spoke on condition of anonymity because no decision has been announced.

Texas turns out to be the biggest winner, saving the remaining money it would have had to pay New York as part of the trade. Boras said the Rangers are still responsible for \$3 million in annual deferred money A-Rod is owed in the next three years under the contract.

"We're going to wait until we hear officially, but obviously it would be welcome news on our end," Rangers general manager Jon Daniels said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.

Pals Gordon, Johnson battle for NASCAR prize

By PAUL NEWBERRY
AP Sports Writer

HAMPTON, Ga. (AP) — They're teammates. They're boss and employee. They're the best of friends.

Only one can be the champion. Jimmie Johnson and Jeff Gordon, who look as though they were peeled off the pages of a fashion magazine and drive even better, have turned the Chase for the Nextel Cup championship into their own personal showdown.

Mano-a-mano, with everyone else

just along for the ride.

"It's going to be a fight to end," Johnson promised.

Gordon is still leading the Nextel Cup standings, but had his advantage shaved to a mere nine points when Johnson won Sunday's Pep Boys Auto 500 at Atlanta Motor Speedway. With only three races to go, no one else in the Chase is within 100 points.

Despite their close relationship away from the track, there's little doubt that Johnson and Gordon are fierce rivals once they get behind the wheel. This

isn't Formula One, where teams often have a strict pecking order for their drivers.

May the best man win this one.

"There's more drama when you have two teammates racing for a championship," Johnson said. "It's not like we are out there just giving each other position and pulling by saying, 'Hi, buddy, go on,' and 'No, sorry, you go through.' It's far from that, and I think that's putting a lot of drama in our sport."

Boston fans celebrate; 37 arrested

BOSTON (AP) — Police in riot gear cleared several large crowds gathered around Fenway Park early Monday after the Red Sox won their second World Series title in four years.

Police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll said 37 arrests were made in the city, mostly for disorderly conduct. No serious injuries were reported.

An unruly crowd flipped a pickup truck to its side near Fenway Park and at least one car fire was reported. Young people sprayed each other with beer and some climbed street signs or utility poles.

"Two World Series in four years is pure heaven," said Andrew Dumas, a Boston University student from West Boylston.

Police shut down access to Kenmore

Square, near Fenway, as Game 4 neared its end in Denver Sunday night. The Red Sox won the game 4-3, touching off celebrations around New England.

Boston authorities cracked down on rowdy sports celebrations after an Emerson College student was struck and killed by a pepper pellet fired by police into an unruly crowd celebrating the Red Sox's 2004 victory over the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series.

On Sunday, hundreds of police officers took positions on foot, bicycle and horseback around Fenway, hoping to discourage fans from congregating around the ballpark. The police department had announced it would have more than 50 cameras trained on the city to record any vandalism.

Elsewhere around the region, some 1,500 University of Massachusetts-Amherst students poured out of their dormitories after Boston completed its sweep.

The university said on its Web site that the crowd was boisterous but peaceful, with no damage reported. Six people were arrested for disorderly conduct or for failing to obey a dispersal order that was issued at about 12:45 a.m.

One person suffered a minor injury when he fell to the ground while body surfing.

In Durham, N.H., several thousand University of New Hampshire students gathered on Main Street, many carrying brooms and chanting "sweep, sweep, sweep."

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upset. We made the World Series. We did a lot this year. We came a long way."

Boston was a loss from elimination when it trailed Cleveland 3-1 in the AL championship series, then finished with seven straight victories, a streak that dwarfs that of the Rockies' in significance if not length.

Lester, undergoing chemotherapy for cancer at this time last year, handed a 2-0 lead over to his bullpen. Ellsbury scored in the first on Ortiz's single, and Lowell doubled in the fifth — one of 18 by the Red Sox — and came around on Varitek's single. Lowell's homer off Aaron Cook, whose career was sidetracked a few years ago because of blood clots in his lungs, made it 3-0 in the seventh.

The towel-waving fans at Coors

Field didn't get down. They kept screaming, hoping the Red Sox rooters who brought brooms to the ballpark would be denied, at least for one day.

Brad Hawpe's leadoff home run in the bottom of the seventh got the Rockies a run, but Bobby Kielty made the most of his first appearance in this Series, connecting for a pinch-hit homer in the eighth against Brian Fuentes and raising both arms triumphantly. Garrett Atkins' two-run shot off Hideki Okajima made it close in the bottom half and Boston brought on Papelbon, who pitched 10 2-3 scoreless innings over seven postseason appearances.

He got five straight outs for his third save of the Series, as automatic as Mariano Rivera was back when the Yankees — remember them? — won three in a row. And when it was over, Varitek ran to the mound, jumped into his arms and raised his right arm in jubilation.

"This team's got a lot of heart,"

Varitek said. "We worked really hard. We just beat a very, very good team, an excellent team. We had to do the little things."

While the Yankees owned the 20th century, the Red Sox are the first team to win two titles in the 21st. In this era of parity, they are well on their way to becoming the team of the decade.

"It's premature. It's nonsense," team president Larry Lucchino said in a corner of the clubhouse, trying to stay dry as his cell phone kept interrupting. "We're the team of 2004 and 2007."

Notes: Of the seven postseason series this year, five ended in sweeps. ... Varitek is giving the ball from the final out to the Red Sox. Three years ago, Doug Mientkiewicz kept it for awhile, sparking a snit that ended when the team took him to court and he later agreed to give it to the Hall of Fame. ... Boston's Terry Francona is the first manager to start 8-0 in the Series.

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affordability. Among them were dividing coverage costs among several parties; tax credits for businesses that provide coverage; pre-paid medical plans; expansion of community health centers and expansion of the popular Children's Health Insurance Program, the subsidized state health insurance plan for children.

All of their solutions were introduced in some 40 bills in this year's legislative session. And a few modest successes resulted, including expanding assistance to more Medicaid-eligible workers and restoring more children's eligibility for the state's CHIP program.

Ronald R. Cookston is executive director of Gateway to Care, a Harris County collaborative of about 170 advocacy groups and service providers that seek medical care for some 2.2 million medically indigent residents in the greater Houston area. He applauded the initiative of storefront clinics and prescription discount cards. "They offer convenience to a lot of people, and we're a convenience-oriented society, but we need other solutions," he told the Chronicle. "It's extremely important for people to have a regular, consistent medical home."

At the end of the day, given all of the public and private sectors' efforts in initiatives large and small, Cookston speaks truth to power: "Reform is needed. It's an issue that the state of Texas is going to have to address."

Texans should demand no less. URL: <http://www.chron.com>

Cox

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Chupacabras and all other unknown or mythical animals are known as cryptids, and the study of them is called cryptozoology.

And chupacabras are third on the top three listing of mythical creatures, behind Big Foot and the Loch Ness monster, in that order. Theories range from chupacabras being an unknown species that has moved into Texas from South America to a mangy coyote to some form of hybrid.

Canion says she intends to have a taxidermist mount the strange head and put a stuffed chicken in its mouth. The trophy will join the mounted elk, white-tail, bobcat and zebra in their paneled den.

Whatever the hairless creature is, it has stimulated the local economy a bit and given Cuero international name recognition. The initial Associated

Press story on the critter got worldwide play, all the major broadcast and cable networks have done stories, and the Discovery Channel has filmed two segments on the mysterious animal. The Canions agreed to display the head at the annual Cuero Turkey Fest and it drew quite a crowd.

Though Canion and her husband have sold more than 9,000 blue-on-gray T-shirts that read "2007 The Summer of the Chupacabra Cuero, Texas" for \$5 each, she bristles at the suggestion that she's out to make money off the critter.

"I'm happy to get a little recognition for Cuero," she said, "but this is not about money."

The frozen head she owns may or may not be from a chupacabra, but Canion has become Cuero's Chupacabra Lady. When someone sent her a letter addressed only "The Chupacabra Lady, Cuero, Texas," the Post Office delivered it to her.

Mike Cox, a member of the Texas Institute of Letters, is the author of a dozen Texas-related books.

Work

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will not stop in El Paso and Corpus Christi. Workers all across Texas are afforded the same right-to-work protections. We are investigating whether similar violations are occurring in other parts of the state.

According to the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 576,000 Texans are represented by unions. These folks are either labor union members, part of an employee association that is similar to a union, or work at a job site that is covered by a union or employee association contract. And these Texans need to know they can't be forced to join a union and can't be required to pay union dues. They are protected by the law.

Texans who wish to report a possible violation of the state's right-to-work laws can file a complaint on the

OAG Web page at www.oag.state.tx.us. Texans can also lodge a complaint by calling (800) 252-8011.

A healthy, vibrant Texas economy depends upon a workplace that respects free enterprise, free association, and the freedom to join or not join a labor union. Let's keep it that way.

POINTS TO REMEMBER

- Texas' right-to-work laws protect an individual's ability to get a job without being threatened, coerced, intimidated or forced to join a labor union or pay union dues.

- Workers can't have union dues taken out of their paychecks without their consent.
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2007:

You have a way of taking in the big picture this year that takes many aback. You can also debate the pros and cons. What might be equally important is working out a way that others can conceptualize and understand. Togetherness and teamwork easily become an unbeatable force if you allow them to develop in your life. If you are single, you will make a lot of progress as you vault to a new level of understanding. If you are attached, your relationship will blossom with travel and more mutual acceptance. You might enter a very dreamy year. CANCER understands you better than you think, and perhaps more than you would like.

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 might be surprised how pulling yourself out of the equation can help other issues fall into place. Perhaps you were pushing a tad too much (after all, you are an Aries). Remember, you don't always need to carry the banner. Others would like to do so sometimes. Come on, share! Tonight: Happiest at home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Others welcome your opinion and imagination. With teamwork, a project and/or solution becomes a distinct possibility. You might be amazed by how easily what seemed impossible several days ago becomes a reality. Tonight: Swap news with friends. Return calls.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Much might be going on that you would prefer not to share.

Investigate and get to the bottom of a money issue. Others' opinions are particularly significant right now. Think positively and welcome differences of opinion. Tonight: Pay bills first.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Step right through the door knowing that a risk will work out — though perhaps not in the manner you think. Be willing to adapt to circumstances. Others seem to naturally support your chosen path. Tonight: Make sure to get physical and let off steam.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★ You want others to believe that you absolutely know what you are doing. There might be a low-level inkling behind the scenes that you aren't as directed as you would like to be. Listen to associates who have different strengths and knowledge. Your temper might be a touch high. Tonight: Where you want to be.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You often are a lot stronger than others realize. You could push way too hard to get certain reactions. If you do, expect a backfire of sorts. Let your imagination focus on possibilities rather than push in impossible directions. Tonight: As you like.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You might need to establish your prominence within a situation. Not everyone understands where you are coming from. You don't need to explain what you are thinking. Tonight: Spontaneity plays a role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You have the ability to read between the lines, especially with a key associate. These skills tighten up your projects as well as your relationships. The unexpected, as always, spices up

your life. Tonight: Fun and games.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Let a partner dominate, and you'll get the results you've dreamt of. You might be surprised at his or her fiery response to your thoughts and ideas. Together, great ideas will be accomplished. Be as direct as possible. Tonight: Opt for the togetherness theme.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Others are sure they have better ideas than you. Who are you to dispute their theories? Everyone needs his or her turn in the limelight. Be careful with someone who is argumentative. He is bound and determined to win. Tonight: Do your thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You'll bring forth many possibilities if you are willing to relax and let go. How you handle someone might be very different from what you originally thought. "Easy" turns out to be the right recipe. Many people are assuming a lot of responsibility. Tonight: Easy does it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Give your best and let your creativity dominate. You might be delighted by what emerges while just hanging in the same space for a while. You might feel compelled to take a risk. Do just that if you want. Tonight: Lighten up even more.

BORN TODAY

Football coach Dick Vermeil (1936), singer Grace Slick (1939), actor Henry Winkler (1945)

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