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## New tax law to be focus of upcoming meeting

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A public hearing on a new law which expands tax exemptions for goods in transit will be held during the Gray County commissioners' meeting which begins at 9 a.m. Thursday in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

House Bill 621, which goes into effect Jan. 1, allows a tax exemption for goods in transit which are not already exempted by the freeport rules.

Freeport taxes are taxes on property which businesses have in stock for relatively short periods of time. The goods must be shipped out of state within 175 days of their receipt by a business in order to be considered freeport goods.

The new bill, which was passed by the state Legislature on April 4, can exempt all goods in transit.

"The only exclusion will be oil and gas," said Gray County Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. The bill can also exclude petroleum products, aircraft, dealers' motor vehicle inventory, dealers' vessel and outboard motor inventory, dealers' heavy equipment inventory and retail manufactured housing inventory.

The goods must be located on property owned by someone other than the owner of the goods in order to qualify for the tax exemption. Each taxing entity may vote

on whether to allow the exemption, Bagley said.

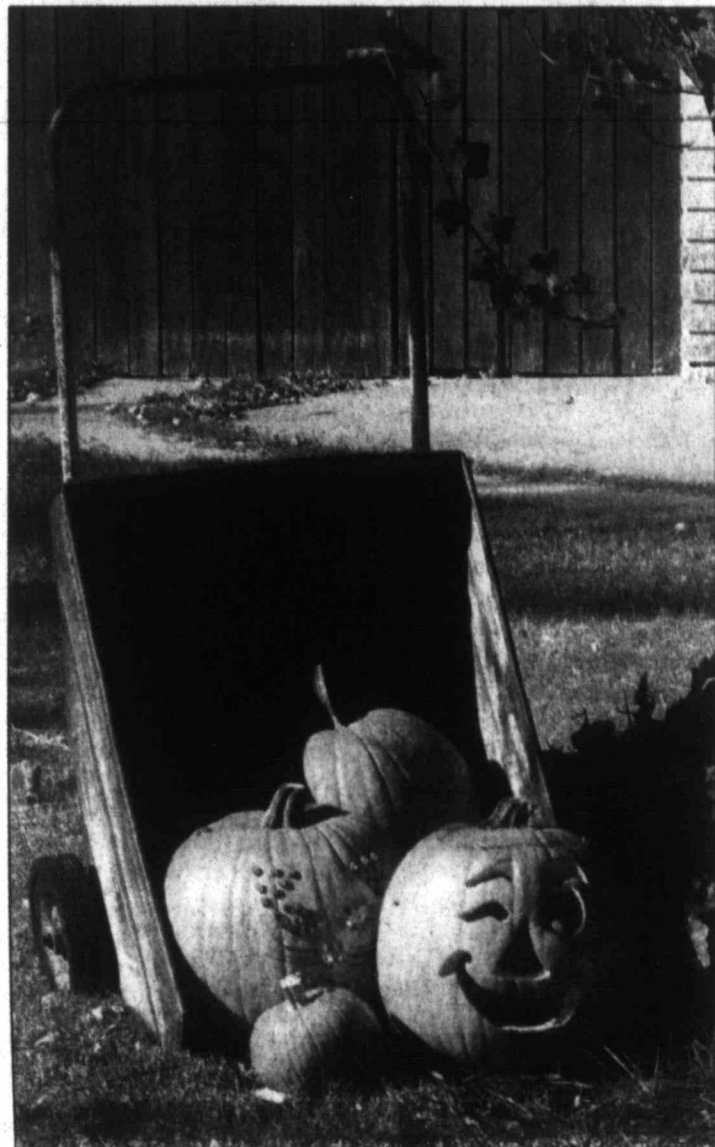
The purpose of the public hearing Thursday will be to allow residents and interested parties to comment on the new law, said County Judge Richard Peet. Commissioners will not respond to comments made during the public hearing, but will have an opportunity to discuss the issue after the hearing and to make and vote on motions concerning the law.

"Gray County is already losing \$60 to \$70 million a year in appraised value of goods not taxed because of the current freeport laws," Peet said. "The new law could expand that list."

Another item on Thursday's agenda which commissioners will hear is a request from Guardian EMS Ambulance Service for permission to offer a supplement subscription program to residents in the Guardian service area. The ambulance service is seeking approval to offer a supplemental insurance policy which would cover any portion of ambulance service left unpaid by a customer's insurance policy, Peet said.

"If someone wanted to, they could take out the policy with Guardian to pay the difference in case ambulance service is needed," he said. "Anyone who wants the policy could buy it. They need court approval before they can go out and offer

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Happy Halloween!

A quartet of pumpkins, including one with a carved face and one with a beaded face, spill from a wheelbarrow onto a front lawn.

## WINTER EFFORT

## Drive seeks to give warmth to elderly, disabled

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

New blankets and new space heaters are being sought for distribution to needy elderly residents during the second annual "Warm Hearts, Warm Homes Blanket and Heater Drive," sponsored by Adult Protective Services and its volunteer groups, the Silver Star Boards.

The drive began the week of Oct. 23.

"The winter months are especially dangerous for the elderly and disabled, so this year, APS is committed to making sure blankets and heaters are available for those who need them the most," said Greg Cunningham, Texas Department of Family and Protective Services representative. APS is a department of DFPS.

"Every year, somewhere in the state, we see a tragedy when an elderly or disabled person succumbs to the cold because they did not have the tools to keep themselves warm," said Val Joiner, APS regional director. "We hope that this year, with the generosity of folks across this area, we can keep that from happening and make sure all of our elderly and disabled clients make it through winter safe

and warm."

Elderly and disabled people find themselves particularly at risk during the winter months, according to a news release from the Amarillo DFPS office. Fixed incomes make it difficult to afford rising utility costs, while health issues and some types of medication make the elderly and disabled more susceptible to cold injuries.

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## Area gin preparing for influx of cotton harvesters

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — It's the best of times. It's the worst of times.

The Carson County Gin is ginning as the 2007 cotton harvest begins. For the past several months, the equipment housed here has been cleaned, adjusted, repaired and in some instances replaced in preparation for the harvest. Now is the pay-off for long hours of work, worries over the weather and concerns about the market. It is the best of times for area cotton farmers and the cotton gin staff and employees.



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

### Carson County Gin.

Farmers only get one pay-day a year.

It's also the worst of times. Beginning this week, the facility will be working

around the clock everyday of the week to get the cotton ginned. There will be a lot of work ahead.

It all began Oct. 22, when

John Kotara brought in the first cotton to be ginned. With the first bale, came a bonus.

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the 55 to 56 cent range per pound, Huddleston Cotton Co. of Memphis made up the

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**Gilbert Weldon Turner, 92**

Gilbert Weldon Turner, 92, of Pampa, Texas, died Oct. 28, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Turner was born July 7, 1915 west of Mobettie. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He married Billie Jo Davis on November 23, 1949 in Hobbs, New Mexico. He worked for the Frank M. Carter ranch for 34 years as a cattle foreman. He was a Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Billie Turner of the home; one son, Guy W.

Turner of Washington, D.C.; one brother, Gaylon Turner and wife Georgia Jean of Hobbs, N.M.; two sisters, Mary Ada Phillipp and husband Leslie of Lohn, and Nina McLeerran and husband Graham of Cameron; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and several brothers. **MEMORIALS:** American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

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**Obituaries**

**Thelma Ellen Wakefield-Davis, 91**

Thelma Ellen Wakefield-Davis, 91, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, in Wichita Falls. Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 1, 2007, at Christ Gospel Church with Rev. Ken Matthews officiating. Interment will follow at Bowman Cemetery under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls. A daughter of the late Joe and Virgie (Goad) Lee, she was born April 6, 1916, in Provo, Ark. She was a Pentecostal Preacher for 30

years, and later a homemaker. Thelma's greatest joys in life were her children and grandchildren, and her love for the Lord. The family wishes to say a special thank you to the staff at American Hospice and Grace Care Center, and to Thelma's special angel, her granddaughter Brenda Kouri, for all the love and care that was given.



Wakefield-Davis

She is also preceded in death by two husbands, Homer Wakefield, and Duell Davis, Sr.; her son, Clint Wakefield; and stepson, Joe Davis, Jr. Survivors include four children, Mary Travis, James Wakefield and wife Linda all of Wichita Falls, Barbara Sackett and husband Charlie of Pampa, and Thomas Wakefield, Sr. and wife

Charline of Iowa Park; 15 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; 17 great-great-grandchildren; half-brother, J.L. Ferguson; two stepsisters, Ruth Sellers and Maudine Fudge all of Wichita Falls; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and other family. Visitation will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2007, at Owens & Brumley Funeral Home. Memorial donations may be made to American Hospice or Grace Care Center.

**Ledru F. 'Jake' Jacobs, 85**

DENVER, Colo. — Ledru F. "Jake" Jacobs, 85, of Denver, died Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, from complications from a hip fracture in August. Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church of Tahoka with Gordon Smith and Vernon Baker officiating. Interment will be in Nevels Cemetery in Tahoka. Mr. Jacobs was born Sept. 2, 1922, at Elmwood, Okla., to Albert Leroy Jacobs and Viola Adams Jacobs. He attended school in Spearman, graduating in 1940, and later enrolled at West Texas State University. He entered the U.S. Army in 1943, serving in the mili-

tary police in the Philippines and Japan. After the war, he returned to the university, earning his bachelor of science degree in 1947. He received his master's degree in education from Texas Tech University in 1952. He married Patricia Hill of Tahoka. Mr. Jacobs played basketball for West Texas State Buffaloes. The team played in the NIT finals in Madison Square Garden and was featured in Look Magazine. He coached basketball in Tahoka and was athletic director from 1947-1966. He was principal of Tubb (North) Elementary School until moving to Bovina in 1966 where he was a high

school principal. He later became superintendent of schools in Bovina and Wilson. He retired in 1981 and moved to Lake City, Colo., where he acted as county administrator of Hinsdale County. He relocated to Parker, Colo., in 1991, living there until recently moving to an independent living facility. He was named Coach of the Year by Texas Roundup Association in 1958. He was a member of First Methodist Church in Tahoka and Wilson and First Presbyterian Church in Lake City. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; three daughters, Vicki Taylor of

Albuquerque, N.M., Becky Ferguson of Conifer, Colo., and Fran DuBose of San Antonio; one brother, Jerry Jacobs of Gonzales; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to Holly Heights Nursing Center in care of Monty Yeo, Activities Director, 6000 East Hiff, Denver, CO 80222 or to the Jake Jacobs Scholarship Fund for Outstanding Sportsman, 516 N. School St., Boerne, TX 78006. Arrangements are with White Funeral Home in Tahoka. Send condolences to [www.whitefuneralhome.com](http://www.whitefuneralhome.com).

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.  
**\*1st 24-hour period**  
 Eleven traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of 18th and Duncan streets. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Randy Matson and Charles streets, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of West Brown. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 500 block of North Somerville and the 600 block of Naida. A welfare check was made in the 600 block of East Craven. A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight. A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Sunset. Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest. A suspicious person call

was received from the 1500 block of North Banks. A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 700 block of North Dwight. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Garland and the 400 block of Magnolia. Assault was reported in the police department lobby. An information report was given in the 500 block of East 17th concerning items taken from a residence. The items were a rifle and a pellet gun. Counterfeiting was reported at First State Bank of Miami, 120 W. Kingsmill. The incident involved two money orders for \$920 each, for a total loss of \$1,840. Forgery was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Roberta. Burglary was reported in the 1100 block of Huff Road. A bathroom sink and vanity were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$200. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of South

Christy.  
**\*2nd 24-hour period**  
 Five traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of North Hobart. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Randy Matson and the 1900 block of Holly. Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1300 block of North Zimmers, the 1600 block of North Zimmers, the 600 block of North Naida, the 600 block of North Zimmers, the 1000 block of South Christy and the 1100 block of Sirroco. Agency assistance was rendered in the 1300 block of South Hobart, the 500 block of North Zimmers, the 800 block of West Kingsmill and the intersection of Kingsmill and Frost streets. Found property was reported in the police department lobby and the 1000 block of North Somerville. A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper. Warrant service was

attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest. Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of South Cuyler and the 1100 block of Huff Road. A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of Sirroco. A prowler was reported in the 400 block of Short. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1600 block of North Christy. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of Murphy. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner. Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Faulkner and the 300 block of South Gray. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner. A sexual offense was reported at Recreation Park, 1600 East Highway 60. Four alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 400 block of Hill. Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the follow-

ing arrests today.  
**Monday, Oct. 29**  
 Rene Martinez Villanueva, 25, of Borger was arrested in the 800 block of South Hobart by Pampa Police Department on a Hutchinson County charge of evading arrest. Bobby Joe Sanchez, 17, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to maintain financial responsibility, failure to appear and three counts of no driver's license. James Ivan McKinney, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on an Ector County motion for enforcement concerning non-child support. Curtis Ray Smith, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Hobart by PPD on capias pro fines for minor in possession of alcohol, simple assault and two counts of failure to appear. Kory Justin Harris, 29, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for a seat belt violation for two adults and a capias pro fine for no driver's license. Brent Keith Crossman, 49, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no liability insurance and capias pro fines for no valid driver's license and failure to appear. Stephen Orin Stokes, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by PPD for forgery of a financial instrument. Ricardo Gaspar Hernandez, 36, of Miami was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
 Larry Michael Gaines, 34, of Odessa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for injury to a child. Marquez Adrian Long, 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a bench warrant for aggravated assault. Billy Dale Simpson, 34, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for expired motor vehicle inspection. Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and

7 a.m. today.  
**Monday, Oct. 29**  
 No calls reported.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
 10:53 a.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1500 block of North Hobart on a possible fire. No fire was found. 3:58 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of Finley on a call for lifting assistance. 3:57 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of South Hobart on a motor vehicle accident. 4:34 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire in the vicinity of Highway 70 and Loop 171. 7:04 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1200 block of East Kingsmill on a call for lifting assistance. Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.  
**Monday, Oct. 29**  
 9:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Faulkner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 2:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Western and transported a patient to BSA Hospice. 5:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2000 block of Williston. No transport. 10:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Brown. No transport.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 30**  
 10:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 3:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to a local residence. 6:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC. 10:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

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## Ghoulish decorations



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Three witches and a ham? These Halloween decorations dress up the front yard of a home in the 2000 block of Christine, where the grill on the right is also located.

## County

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it to the general public.”  
The topic was on a previous county commission agenda, but was tabled because a Guardian representative was unable to attend that meeting, Peet said.  
Commissioners will vote on a resolution to authorize an application for grant money to help finance the final phase of the courthouse’s restoration. The funds will be used to restore the doors and balconies, Peet said.  
“Originally, counties could get only \$4 million,” he said. “We got \$3.8 million. Now, the total has changed to \$6 million. We are eligible to seek additional grant money up to the \$6 million total.”  
The county has approximately \$350,000 earmarked for the work on the balconies and doors. The reserved amount is

made up of the unused portion of the \$3.8 million in grant funds and funds from settlements involving the tobacco industry, Peet said.

“It’s going to cost more than that to do the balconies and doors,” he said of the reserve fund.

Requests for proposals for insurance coverage for the county will be opened. The types of insurance sought are comprehensive general liability, property, public officials’ and employees’ liability, heavy equipment floater, business auto insurance, county law enforcement professional liability coverage, workers compensation, and general liability and lessors’ interest at Perry LeFors Airport.

A request from KW Land Specialists to install a catholic protection unit in the county right-of-way in Section 144, B1, B2, H&GN will also be considered by commissioners.

## Gin

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difference to pay Kotara a dollar a pound.

Keith Mixon, the general manager of the Carson County Gin, said that since then the arrival of cotton from the fields has been sporadic. The first few days went well, but there were the usual problems in starting up equipment that has been sitting and waiting for months.

With most of the start up bugs out of the system, Mixon said the gin will be

running around the clock now until January in its fourth season of operation, and Office Manager Sherrie Bronnimen’s desk is piled with paperwork.

“We’ll be hitting 24-7 starting today,” Mixon said.

Christy Brown, who handles the marketing of the cotton, said prices are over the loan price. She said the cotton coming in is getting four or five cents a pound over the loan price.

“The grade is good,” Mixon said. “Overall, the quality is good.”

Mixon said the yields appear to be up as well,

although as corn prices rose earlier in the year, many area farmers switched from cotton to corn. Now, with wheat prices up, Mixon said some of that acreage may go to wheat, but he expects to see increased corn acreage next year.

“If cotton prices don’t come up some,” Mixon said, “some of this ground could go to wheat.”

Dryland cotton yields are running about a bale to the acre. Irrigated cotton is averaging about 2.5 bales to the acre.

Mixon took over the gin May 10. Among the issues

he’s had to deal with so far was getting some of the sophisticated equipment in the gin up and running again. Some of electronic equipment got fried during a lightning storm last summer, Brown said.

A veteran gin manager from Seminole, Mixon said he’s still adjusting to some of the differences of the new gin and the climate of the Panhandle.

“We’re getting over the start up blues,” Mixon grinned.

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according to the release. More than 160,000 eld-

erly and disabled people live in the Panhandle and High Plains areas.

“We really hope people will take a few minutes out of their busy schedules to drop off a blanket or a

heater,” said Gladys Diggs, member of an area Silver Star board. “It’s no exaggeration to say that doing so could literally save a life this winter.”

New blankets and new

space heaters may be dropped off at any DFPS office. The Pampa office is located at 1517 N. Banks, telephone 669-1888.

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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: Playing the blame game

It was inevitable — a huge swath of Southern California was ablaze in one of the worst wildfires in the state's history, yet all that gasbag liberals could do in the face of this disaster was to go looking for someone to blame.

While hundreds of heroic firefighters risk life and limb to save as many homes as possible, and state and federal disaster officials bend every effort to put in place all the firefighting assets available to them, the likes of Harry Reid and Barbara Boxer and their allies scurry to use this immense tragedy to make political capital out of it.

Reid was bad enough, dredging up the specter of imagined global warming to

explain why California was burning, but Sen. Boxer outdid him by reaching down into her bag of slime to blame the fact that the fires were beyond the control of firefighters on the war in Iraq and the fact that many California National Guardsmen were involved there on the firing line and not at home on the fire lines.

They ignore a few salient facts, such as the reality that California is a bone-dry desert filled with highly flammable undergrowth and subject to a phenomenon known as Santa Ana winds, which at this time of the year tend to come roaring down the valleys towards heavily populated areas, ready to spread the fires that inevitably erupt in the fall

months.

Given those facts, it is easy to understand — if you want to understand — why, from time to time, this tinderbox of an area is given to destructive wildfires.

But the partisan liberals who infest the political arena in California don't want to understand, and they certainly don't want you to understand these simple facts. They want to use such natural disasters to fan the flames of anger at the president and anybody else who doesn't share their ultra left-wing views and agenda. What they want most,

however, is to direct your attention away from the real culprits — their ardent supporters among the environmentalist extremists, whose agenda they fully support and sanction through laws they enact at every opportunity.

A major reason why the fires spread so quickly was the universal presence of all those dead trees, tinderbox-dry underbrush, assorted weeds and all-but-dead grass that has been allowed to exist because the preventive controlled burning of this flammable material has been stopped dead in its tracks by

the tree huggers and spotted owl-lovers who routinely put critters above humans.

Without all that ready-to-ignite material, the fires would never have been able to gobble up thousands of acres and reduce thousands of homes to smoking rubble. It seems that to the wackos who dominate both the extremist environmentalist movement and the controlling left wing of the Democrat party, human habitats are less important than owl nests.

Notice that neither Mr. Gore nor his environmentalist friends who are so worried about saving the trees have arrived on the fire lines with even a thimbleful of water to douse the flames. Instead they stand far off,

tut-tutting about the horror of it all, blaming global warming, President Bush and the Iraq war for a tragedy to which they so abundantly contributed.

Thanks largely to their efforts to stop fire-preventive controlled burning for the past 20 years, they may have saved a few spotted owls, but the thousands of people who lost their homes paid the price for their victory over common-sense preventive measures.

The very warmth and dry climate that all but guarantee wildfire outbreaks are the exact reasons why people live here. And recurrent wildfires that threaten their homes and their lives are the

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 31, the 304th day of 2007. There are 61 days left in the year. This is Halloween.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 31, 1517, Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses on the door of the Wittenberg Palace church, marking the start of the Protestant Reformation in Germany.

On this date:

In 1864, Nevada became the 36th state.

In 1926, magician Harry Houdini died in Detroit of gangrene and peritonitis resulting from a ruptured appendix.

In 1941, the Navy destroyer USS Reuben James was torpedoed by a German U-boat off Iceland with the loss of some 100 lives, even though the United States had not yet entered World War II.

In 1956, Navy Rear Admiral George J. Dufek became the first air traveler to set foot at the South Pole.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu took the oath of office as the first president of South Vietnam's second republic.

In 1968, President Johnson ordered a halt to all U.S. bombing of North Vietnam, saying he hoped for fruitful peace negotiations.

In 1984, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two Sikh security guards.

In 1994, a Chicago-bound American Eagle ATR-72 crashed in northern Indiana, killing all 68 people aboard.

In 1996, a Brazilian Fokker-100 jetliner crashed in Sao Paulo, killing all 96 people on board and three on the ground.

In 1999, EgyptAir Flight 990, bound from New York to Cairo, crashed off the Massachusetts coast, killing all 217 people aboard.

Ten years ago: British au pair Louise Woodward received a mandatory life sentence, a day after a jury in Cambridge, Mass., convicted her of second-degree murder in the death of 8-month-old Matthew Eappen. (The verdict was later reduced to manslaughter, and Woodward was set free.) Chinese President Jiang Zemin rang the bell at the New York Stock Exchange to open the day's trading.

Five years ago: Authorities charged the two Washington sniper suspects with murder in a Louisiana attack that came just two days after a similar slaying in Alabama. The Securities and Exchange Commission ordered an investigation into allegations that Chairman Harvey Pitt had concealed information on the corporate ties of William Webster, his choice to head a new accounting oversight board. (Pitt and Webster both ended up resigning.) An earthquake toppled a school in San Giuliano Di Puglia, Italy, killing 27 children and a teacher.

*'Success is a public affair. Failure is a private funeral.'*

— Rosalind Russell  
American actress  
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## Modern clichés often obscure the truth

It's fun sometimes to collect current clichés, which are worn-out uses of the language, such as "at the end of the day." Why can't we just say at twilight or after the sun sets?

Another cliché is "you can run but you can't hide." Osama bin Laden has disproved that, and indeed there are literally thousands of fugitives in the U.S. who have successfully both run and hidden.

Usually when some politician says "the reality is" or "the facts are," the reality isn't and the facts are fiction. The Bush administration continues to claim that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapon. There is no evidence to support that claim. It continues to claim that the Iranians have called for the destruction of Israel. They have not. They have called for a change of government

in Israel.

The Republican candidates for president, with the exception of Ron Paul, seem to be competing to see who will start a war with Iran first. They, like the president, repeat the same lies.

The reason our so-called diplomacy hasn't worked is because the Bush administration position is this: Iran, unless you stop what you are legally entitled to do (enrich uranium for nuclear fuel), we won't talk to you about not doing what you are legally entitled to do. You can't have talks if your position is that the other side must give in to your demands as a precondition.

**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



Vladimir Putin's recent and successful visit to Iran seems to have so rattled Mr. Bush that he is prattling on about World War III. If he would read the joint statement issued at the end of the meeting, he would see that the meeting was mostly about doing business. Russia and Iran have the right to do business with each other. Putin, who also doesn't want Iran to develop nuclear weapons, said making threats is counterproductive. He also said that he sees no evidence that the Iranians are pursuing nuclear weapons.

Bush, as if to contrast his lack of knowledge, said that people who want to avoid World War III should want

to prevent Iran from getting "the knowledge" to make a nuclear weapon. That knowledge has been available to practically the whole world for decades. The real difficulty is the engineering.

Bush is starting to scare me. His disconnect with reality seems to be growing. Hopefully, he's not really delusional; it's just the way he mangles the English language that creates that impression.

We should keep in mind that Iraq's Saddam Hussein kept saying he had no weapons of mass destruction and the Bush administration kept insisting that he did and was about to use them on us. Turns out, of course, Saddam was telling the truth and the Bush administration was not.

Now the Iranians keep

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 22  
San Antonio Express-News on legislation for disabled Texas veterans:

It is hard to ignore the sacrifices our veterans have made for this nation.

Proposition 9 on the Nov. 6 ballot is designed to show Texans' appreciation for the sacrifices of disabled veterans.

If the constitutional amendment passes, some disabled veterans will get a larger break on property taxes for their homesteads, while others could be totally exempt.

According to current state law, all

disabled veterans are entitled to an exemption from paying a portion of their property taxes, but the exemptions would increase under the proposition.

Under the current system, if a veteran has a disability rating of 34, his exemption is rounded to the nearest 10th, which means he would get an exemption of only 30 percent, while a veteran with a disability rating of 36 would get an exemption of 40 percent.

The amendment would alter the structure to match the Department of Veterans Affairs' disability calculations and make sure veterans get the exemptions they deserve.

If the amendment passes, veterans who are 100 percent disabled will get a

total homestead property tax exemption. Currently, totally disabled veterans get only a \$12,000 exemption. They deserve more.

"This is not going to affect communities that much, because we're looking at only a handful of veterans who would be impacted," Rep. Jim McReynolds, D-Lufkin, said. "And even so, aren't our veterans deserving of this? You can't overstress how important these people are."

McReynolds is right. Passing this amendment to help disabled veterans is the right move to show Texans appreciate their sacrifices. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

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## Trick-or-Treaters

- \* Carry a flashlight
- \* Walk, don't run.
- \* Stay on Sidewalks
- \* Obey traffic signals
- \* Stay in familiar neighborhoods
- \* Don't cut across yards or driveways.
- \* Wear a watch you can read in the dark.
- \* Make sure costumes don't drag on the ground.
- \* Shoes should fit (even if they don't go with your costume)
- \* Avoid wearing masks while walking from house to house.
- \* Carry only flexible knives, swords or other props.
- \* (If no sidewalk) walk on the left side of the road facing traffic
- \* Wear clothing with reflective markings or tape.
- \* Approach only houses that are lit.
- \* Stay away from and don't pet animals you don't know.

## Parents

- \* Make your child eat dinner before setting out.
- \* Children should carry quarters so they can call home.
- \* Ideally, young children of any age should be accompanied by an adult.
- \* If your children go on their own, be sure they wear a watch, preferably one that can be read in the dark.
- \* If you buy a costume, look for one made of flame-retardant material.
- \* Older children should know where to reach you and when to be home.
- \* You should know where they're going.
- \* Although tampering is rare, tell children to bring the candy home to be inspected before consuming anything.
- \* Look at the wrapping carefully and toss out anything that looks suspect.



## Homeowners

- \* Make sure your yard is clear of such things as ladders, hoses, dog leashes and flower pots that can trip the young ones.
- \* Pets get frightened on Halloween. Put them up to protect them from cars or inadvertently biting a trick-or-treater.
- \* Battery powered jack o'lantern candles are preferable to a real flame.
- \* If you do use candles, place the pumpkin well away from where trick-or-treaters will be walking or standing.
- \* Make sure paper or cloth yard decorations won't be blown into a flaming candle.
- \* Healthy food alternatives for trick-or-treaters include packages of low-fat crackers with cheese or peanut butter filling, single-serve boxes of cereal, packaged fruit rolls, mini boxes of raisins and single-serve packets of low-fat popcorn that can be microwaved later.
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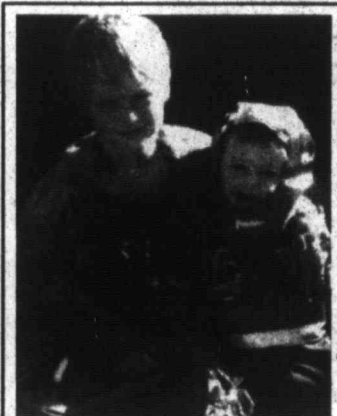
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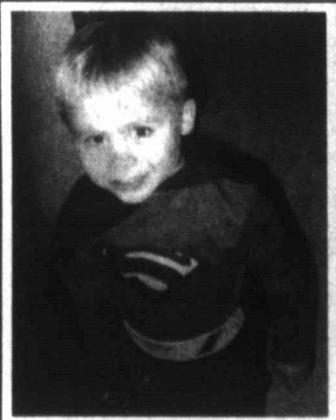
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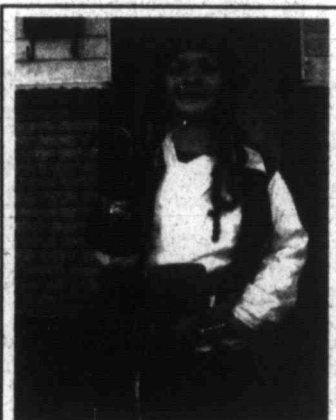
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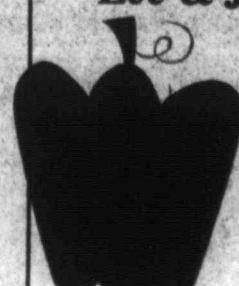
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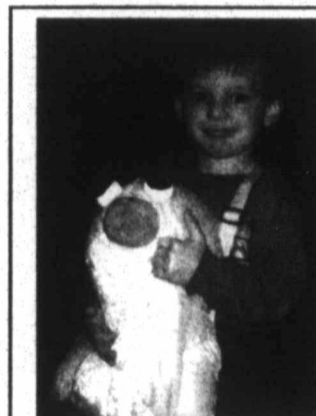

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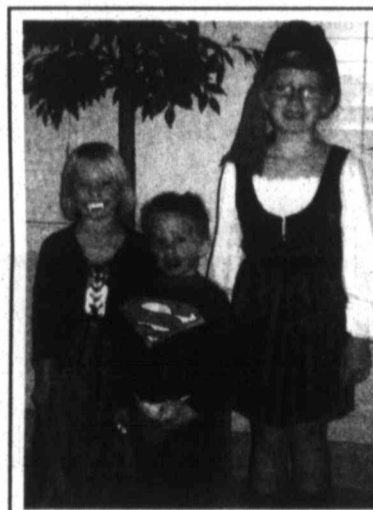
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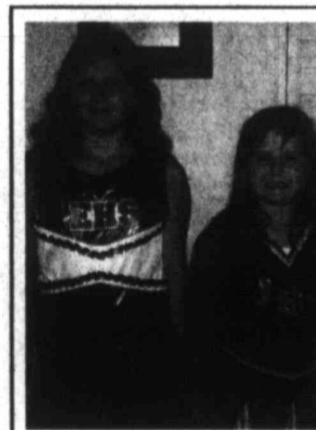
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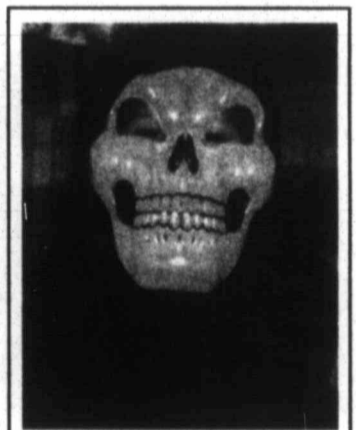
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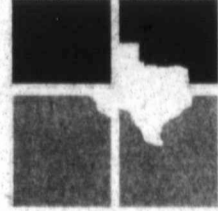
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Every year I receive baked goods from a friend who lives across the country. They are petrified by the time they arrive. About the same time, I get food baskets containing highly processed food and waxy chocolate candies (heart attack inducers, I call them) by mail-order from several family members. I have never eaten this kind of food. I throw it all right in the trash. It bothers me to be wasteful, but I don't want the stuff, and it's not suitable to give to a shelter. I have asked repeatedly that any gifts to me be donations to charities of their choice. It doesn't matter what I say; I keep getting stuff I don't want. Any ideas how I can get my message across without being perceived as rude or ungrateful? -- **PIQUED IN PALM DESERT**

**DEAR PIQUED:** You have already gotten your message across. Your friend and family members have chosen to ignore it. Your name is probably part of a long list that is routinely submitted to these mail-order companies every year -- and removing it may take more effort than these people are willing to exert. Even though you have never eaten "this kind of food," plenty of others do. Rather than letting it go to waste, offer it to friends, neighbors and co-workers. Don't just throw it away.

**DEAR ABBY:** I would like your advice on how to develop a "thick skin." I volunteer at a retail store for a local nonprofit organization. A nasty customer recently came in and yelled at me and insulted me in front of other customers. I was so upset I left the store in tears. The incident happened several days ago, and I am still upset. I know this person does not know me, and with luck I'll never see him again, yet I can't seem to let it go. This isn't the first time I have felt this way, as I tend to take things very personally. I am always impressed by people who can shrug off rude or confrontational remarks. Is it possible to learn to be less sensitive? --- **TOO WIMPY IN TEXAS**

**DEAR "TOO WIMPY":** Yes, it is. The first step is to stop calling yourself names. The second is to accept that sometimes unpleasant incidents occur because (1) the other person is having a bad day, or (2) the other person has no class and feels entitled to dump on anyone he or she feels is in a subservient position. This has nothing to do with you, your efficiency, or your value as a human being. It is only about "them" and their inadequacy. Once you understand that, you'll be less vulnerable.

**DEAR ABBY:** I lost my wife a little over two years ago and have met a beautiful lady who lost her husband around the same time. We've been dating a lot lately, and we don't see anyone else. We love each other. How should I introduce her to people? Should I say, "This is my girlfriend"? or should I say, "This is my ladyfriend"? I am in my 60s. -- **JOE IN NEW JERSEY**

**DEAR JOE:** I have a third alternative. Say, "This is my special friend." People will quickly catch on to the fact that you are sweet on each other. People who are in love usually radiate that fact.

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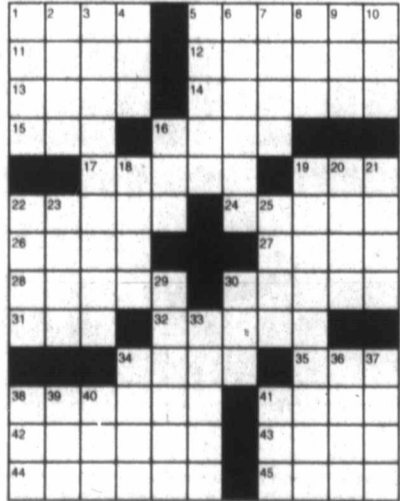
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# Sports Day

## Lady Harvester Volleyball players enjoy banquet



▲ The team voted Jessica Miner, left, as Best Offensive Player for 2007. There was a tie for the Hustling Lady Harvester for 2007 and that went to Chandler Talley, middle, and Taryn Eubank, right.



▲ Lilly Price, left, won the Lady Harvester Heart Award and the team voted Krishna Henderson, middle, and Kara Stephens, right, as the MVP's for the 2007 season.

### Photos by Kerri Smith



▲ The Junior Varsity team voted for the player they thought was the MVP for 2007 and Emilie Troxell, left, was given that award by Coach Bobbi Gill.



▲ Kelby Doughty, left, won the award for 2007 Best Setter and Libby Dyson was voted as Best Defense Player for 2007.



▲ The Upcoming Freshman award went to Kay Kirkham and it was presented by Coach Janyth Bowers.

## Defending champs San Antonio Spurs beat Trail Blazers

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — If only this one night, exacting San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich would give his players a break.

With their newest championship banner hanging high above the sellout crowd and the players looking like kids in a candy store as they examined their shiny new championship rings, it was understandably a challenge for the team to buckle down for a regular old basketball game.

The Spurs eventually did, beating the Portland Trail Blazers 106-97 Tuesday night. And even Popovich was willing to overlook the occasional lack of concentration.

"I think the ring ceremony is always a little bit emotional and always a lot of fun," Popovich said. "It probably keeps you from being your best as far as

focus is concerned."

But losing focus to the point of losing a game is just not the Spurs' style.

"It's always a special game when you play after a ring ceremony," Parker said. "It's great memories. But we're back to work and ready to defend our title."

Aside from the win and the rings, there was other news to please Popovich. Star Tim Duncan had reached an agreement to stay until the end of the 2011-12 season and likely finish his career in Texas.

Duncan had 24 points and 13 rebounds as the Spurs got their title defense off to a successful start. Parker added 19 points for the Spurs and Manu Ginobili had 16 points and eight assists off the bench.

LaMarcus Aldridge led the Trail Blazers with 27 points. Martell Webster added 21

and Joel Przybilla contributed 13 points and 10 rebounds for Portland.

"We played a very talented team, a very young team. I think they're going to be pretty good," Parker said. "They played a tough game. They stayed in the game, and we didn't shoot the ball well from outside."

Aldridge said he's using the Spurs as motivation.

"I was so pumped and I was so excited because I feel one day we are going to be in that position where we're going to win and get our rings one night," he said. "I felt like tonight was our first step in that direction."

Despite the long-awaited ring ceremony to kick things off, the game didn't have quite the excitement that was anticipated when it was announced the Spurs would open against the Trail Blazers, who drafted Greg

Oden with the No. 1 overall pick. Oden had microfracture knee surgery this summer, ending his first season before practice even began.

"We were definitely looking forward to having Greg," Webster said. "That doesn't stop our journey. Our journey is to get to the playoffs. ... Can't say anything about championships. Mostly, we want to take this one game at a time."

With Oden out, it only seemed appropriate that this night would be all about the Spurs.

And it was, with the Spurs controlling the game until the Trail Blazers threatened with about two minutes to play in the fourth quarter. Aldridge's basket brought the Blazers within three points, the closest they'd been all quarter, with 2:01 left.

Parker made it 100-95 for

San Antonio, then a goal-tending call against Aldridge gave Parker another basket, putting the Spurs up 102-95 with 1:07 to play.

Brandon Roy, last season's Rookie of the Year, hit one of two free throws to make it 102-96. But another goal-tending call, this time against Przybilla, gave Duncan a basket and the Spurs a 104-96 lead with 36 ticks on the clock.

## Romo humble despite whopping contract from Dallas Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Wearing jeans and an untucked Dallas Cowboys golf shirt, Tony Romo treated Tuesday as if it was any other day of work.

Well, there were a few differences. Such as the fact he brought mom and dad to team headquarters.

And the six-year, \$67.5 million contract he showed up to sign.

On one of the biggest days of his life, Romo remained the average guy he's been since joining the Cowboys as an undrafted free agent five years ago. He said he was humbled by the \$11.5 million signing bonus and by cementing a spot in the lineage of Don Meredith-to-Roger Staubach-to-Troy Aikman, but he also insisted the only thing that's going to change is his tax bracket.

Want proof? He's even

planning to keep his apartment — and his roommate — despite having the third-highest annual salary among NFL quarterbacks, ahead of Tom Brady and Brett Favre.

"I never really thought this was a goal along the way. I still don't necessarily perceive it as a goal, but it's something really neat that I get to experience," Romo said, flashing the dimpled aw-shucks grin that's helped him land dates with gorgeous actresses and singers.

"It's special just to be a part of this. The best feeling by far is that the organization, the Jones family, our coaches and everyone say, 'Hey, you're our guy. You're the guy we want to go to the next level with. We want to get back to the Super Bowl around here and win these things.' That

means everything, more than the money ever could."

If Romo's attitude seems too good to be true, there's a good reason for it. The story of how he got to this point fits the same description.

Undrafted out of college, he turned down \$25,000 signing bonuses elsewhere and took \$10,000 from the Cowboys because he liked his chances of beating out the competition. Before last season, his fourth, he still hadn't thrown a pass, but asked for a multimillion-dollar contract as a challenge to his bosses, telling them the more they paid him, the more likely they were to play him.

He got the deal and, eventually, the playing time. The contract numbers show he's made the most of it.

## Padres player gets slapped with 25-game suspension

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Mike Cameron, the Padres' Gold Glove center fielder, was suspended for the first 25 games of next season on Wednesday after testing positive a second time for a banned stimulant.

Cameron, who plans to file for free agency, said he believes he took a tainted supplement.

"The one thing I wanted to make sure was explained is, no steroids," Cameron told AM 1090, the Padres' flagship radio station. "I never took nothing like that before in my life. That would be 50 games, and that would affect me a whole lot more."

Cameron issued a statement through his agent, saying doctors for the players' association helped him narrow down what triggered the positive test.

"After all of the analysis and testing, I can only conclude that a nutritional supplement I was taking was tainted," he said. "Unfortunately, the actual supplement is gone, and therefore cannot be tested. Without the actual supplement in hand, the rules are clear, and I must accept the suspension."

Players who initially test positive for a stimulant receive counseling. Suspensions begin only with a second positive test.

The only other player suspended for testing positive for stimulants under Major League Baseball's drug plan was Detroit infielder Neifi Perez, who received a 25-game suspension on July 6 following his second positive test, and an 80-game suspension on Aug. 3 following his third positive test.



# Rockets withstand rally from Bryant, Lakers in 95-93 win

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rick Adelman's first game as the Houston Rockets' coach was a winning one. Kobe Bryant made it a nervous one.

Bryant scored 45 points, 18 in the fourth quarter, but Shane Battier made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2.5 seconds left in the Rockets' 95-93 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

Booed before the game, Bryant won back the fans — and nearly the game.

"Overall, I thought it obviously was a good win," Adelman said after the Rockets squandered a late 14-point lead. "We just didn't finish it very well, but the second half we were pretty solid until the last few minutes. It's hard when Bryant keeps getting on the line and the clock stops."

Tracy McGrady scored 30 points and Yao Ming had 25 points and 12 rebounds for the Rockets.

Bryant and his old backcourt mate, Derek Fisher, almost pulled it out. After Bryant got the Lakers close, Fisher hit a jumper to cap a 13-0 run that tied it at 92 with 13 seconds remaining.

Battier followed with his 3-pointer, then fouled Bryant before he could get off a shot with 1.3 seconds on the clock.

"He's hit big shots in the past, so it's good it went to him," Adelman said of Battier. "We

wanted to foul before he (Bryant) took the shot and we definitely did that. He hadn't even turned around yet when Shane fouled him."

Bryant was given two free throws despite his protest that he was beyond the arc trying to shoot and should have gotten three. He made the first and intentionally missed the second. The rebound came back to him, but the ball was knocked out of his hands as time expired.

Bryant, who over the summer called the Lakers' front office a mess and asked to be traded, drew some boos during pregame introductions; but most of the fans in the sellout crowd of 18,997 were on their feet cheering when he led the team's comeback.

"I understand where they're coming from, but they really don't know the entire situation because I just keep my mouth shut — as I should," Bryant said. "They shouldn't worry about it, just focus on watching us play and watching us do what we do, and the business side of it should remain behind closed doors."

"But it was good to see them come back to

normal later in the game."

He said it wasn't difficult for the Lakers to leave any problems off the court.

"When we're playing in a game, we just focus on one another and the bonds that we have," Bryant said. "It has nothing to do with (trade) speculation or business or anything like that."

"Business a lot of times can cloud the game and take the fun out of the game if you allow it to. And that's something that I won't allow to happen."

After things quieted down at training camp, Lakers owner Jerry Buss stirred them up again by saying he would listen to trade offers for Bryant.

Fisher, who rejoined the team this summer, scored 17. He and Bryant were the only Lakers in double figures.

Bryant was 13-of-32 from the field and 18-of-27 from the line. The Lakers missed 18 of their 45 free throws.

The Rockets had a busy offseason, with Adelman's replacing Jeff Van Gundy just one

of a number of changes. They added point guards Mike James and Steve Francis, and power forward Luis Scola of Argentina, with that trio figuring to fit well in Adelman's up-tempo offense. James had 13 points, Scola played 9 minutes and didn't score, and Francis didn't play.

Bryant, wearing a sleeve on his right arm to keep his injured wrist from stiffening up, as usual made a number of spectacular plays in the loss. In the first quarter, he drove, scooped, the ball left-handed under Yao's arms, off the glass and into the hoop.

Bryant also did some playmaking, including a drive when he dropped the ball off to the trailing Ronny Turiaf and Turiaf dunked to bring a roar from the crowd.

Notes: The Lakers lost 27 of their last 43 games last season to finish 42-40, then the Phoenix Suns eliminated them in five games in the first round of the playoffs. ... Adelman, asked about Bryant before the game, joked, "I personally was kind of hoping that they made a move today, but they didn't, so I expect the best out of him and I expect the best out of the Lakers. But I can't worry about them. I have enough problems of my own." ... Los Angeles was without its second-leading scorer from last season, Lamar Odom. He's still recuperating from the shoulder surgery he had last May.

*'Overall, I thought it obviously was a good win. We just didn't finish it very well, but the second half we were pretty solid until the last few minutes.'*

— Rick Adelman  
Coach

# Grady Little throws in towel as Los Angeles Dodgers manager paving way for Joe Torre to take helm

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Grady Little is out as manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers, a move that sure seems to pave the way for Joe Torre to take over.

One report said Torre and the Dodgers had already reached a deal that would give the former New York Yankees manager a new job only weeks after he parted ways with the club.

The New York Post reported on its Web site Tuesday night that Torre had agreed in principle to a \$14.5 million, three-year contract with the Dodgers, but a baseball official with knowledge of the search said no deal was imminent. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the job was still open.

Torre's agent, Maury Gottfrand, declined comment.

Torre and his former bench coach with the New York Yankees, Don Mattingly, have discussed the possibility of joining the Dodgers together, according to those talks. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the manager's job was still open in Los Angeles.

"We haven't hired anybody," Dodgers general manager Ned Colletti said. "We're talking to some people, that's all I'm going to tell you. We'll talk about where we go from here at a later date."

Little resigned on Tuesday with a year remaining on his contract in a move he said he considered for some time. First, he called it "a mutual resignation." Later, he said it was his choice to leave.

"I've got my own personal reasons. There's a lot of belief I've been dealt an injustice here. That couldn't be further from the truth," Little said on a conference call. "My plans? To play with my grandkids."

When asked if reports that the Dodgers were speaking with Torre influenced his decision, Little replied firmly: "No."

Colletti said he had a sense the 57-year-old Little was leaning toward stepping down, so he recently discussed the job with potential replacements. One of those candidates, Colletti acknowledged, was Joe Girardi, hired by the Yankees as Torre's successor earlier Tuesday.

Colletti refused to put a timetable on picking Little's

successor. The GM stressed that Little would have kept his job for next season had he decided to come back.

"This is a difficult day for many of us," Colletti said. "Grady is a man I'm very fond of. Our friendship and relationship I expect to last as long as we're here on earth."

The 67-year-old Torre managed the Yankees to four World Series championships and 12 playoff appearances in as many seasons before turning down a one-year, \$5 million offer for next season with an additional \$3 million in incentives on Oct. 18.

Torre, who completed a three-year, \$19.2 million contract this year, ranks eighth on baseball's career list with 2,067 victories and has won a record 76 postseason games.

The Dodgers entered this season as the clear-cut favorite to win the NL West and had the league's best record in mid-July. But they dropped 11 of their last 14 games to fade out of contention, finishing at 82-80.

Clubhouse unrest surfaced between veterans and young players during the season's final two weeks, when the Dodgers lost seven straight

games to the Colorado Rockies.

Little said he told Colletti at season's end that he wasn't certain he wanted to come back.

"I told him I needed to go home, drive across the country, do some serious thinking," Little said Tuesday.

Even so, Colletti said he wanted Little back.

"I encouraged him a handful of times to think it through," Colletti said.

Little managed the Boston Red Sox from 2002-03 before he was fired despite winning more than 90 games each season.

The Red Sox led the Yankees 5-2 late in Game 7 of the 2003 AL championship series before Little opted to leave in pitcher Pedro Martinez instead of going to the bullpen. The Yankees rallied to tie the game before winning in the

11th on a homer by Aaron Boone.

That led to Little's dismissal.

Speaking before what turned out to be Little's final game for Los Angeles, Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said Little would return next season and he was encouraged about the Dodgers' direction under the GM and manager.

"We should be playing next week," McCourt said, referring to the playoffs. "It's sort of an odd place I'm at right now. I feel the fans' disappointment. I share it. On the other hand, I feel something very positive here. The future is very, very bright."

When asked if health was a factor in his decision, Little replied: "I have a combination of a lot of reasons. I'll leave it at that. All of them are personal."

## HEALTH

### Houston coach suffers heart attack

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston coach Joe Curl is set to undergo bypass surgery this week after suffering a mild heart attack on Sunday, the school said Tuesday.

Curl, 53, was returning from a recruiting trip when he experienced chest pains. He remains hospitalized in Houston and will be out indefinitely.

Assistant coach Danny Hughes, who is in his third year with the team, has been named interim coach.

Curl has coached the Cougars for 10 years and has an overall record of 142-126.

# Robert Goulet is remembered for anthem at Ali-Liston title fight

LEWISTON, Maine (AP) — Robert Goulet is being remembered in this former mill city for mangling the lyrics to the national anthem before the Muhammad Ali-Sonny Liston heavyweight championship fight more than 30 years ago.

Goulet, 73, died Tuesday in Los Angeles while awaiting a lung transplant.

Goulet's May 25, 1965, performance at the Central Maine Youth Center was described as being off-key and out of synch with the organ accompaniment.

"He finally managed to

slur his way through it," fight spectator David Bernier, then a 15-year-old high school freshman, told the (Lewiston) Sun Journal.

Newspaper stories at the time said he sang "dawn's early night" and "gave proof through the fight."

Interviewed years ago by online boxing writer Barry Lindenman, Goulet only admitted his mistake on the opening line.

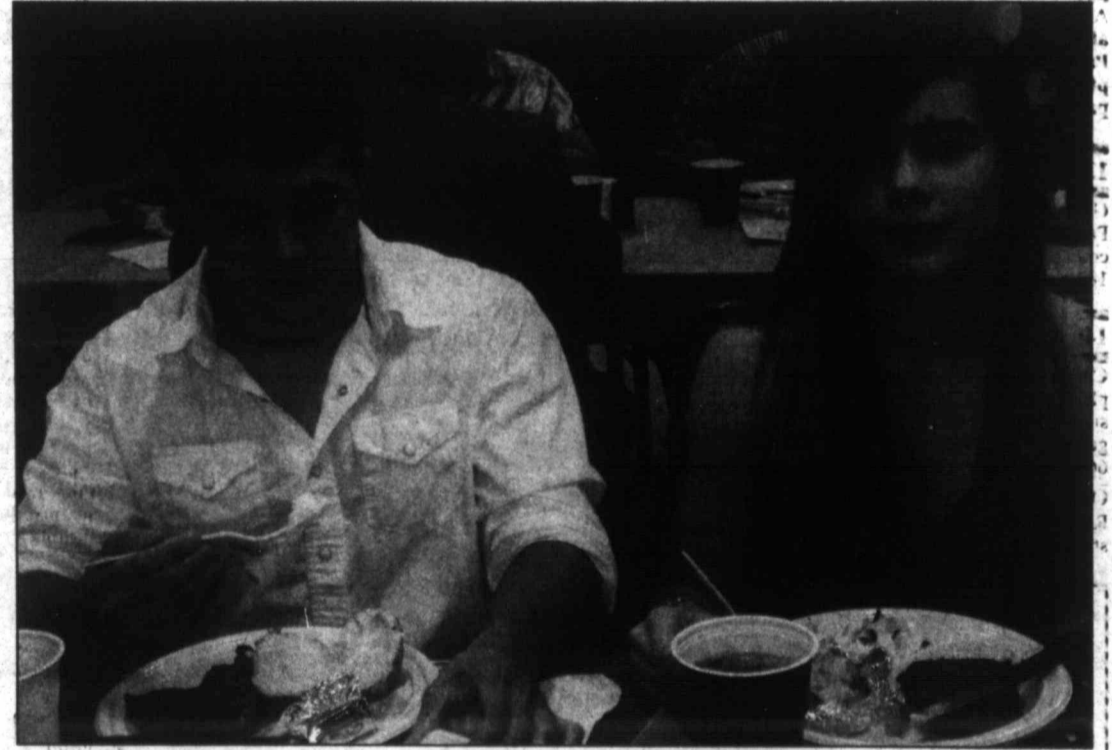
"Even though I had never sung the national anthem, I said OK because I wanted to see the fight," Goulet said. "So I went and had dinner

with the governor (John Reed) that night. I left the table three times to go to the porch and practice."

"The fight lasted a minute and a half. They blamed me, and I walked out of town a bum," he lamented.

Goulet's rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner" wasn't the only aspect of the fight that came into question. Referee Jersey Joe Walcott mishandled the count when Liston hit the canvas, and skeptics complained that Ali toppled his challenger with a "phantom punch."

## Volleyball banquet



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH  
Jessika Rosenberg, who is a JV Lady Harvester volleyball player, attended the volleyball banquet Tuesday evening with her date Duke Flores. It looks like Flores is wondering, "What exactly are we eating for dinner?"

# WTA&M sophomore Prinsen gets 45 kills in three volleyball matches

CANYON — Sophomore outside hitter Laura Prinsen earned Lone Star Conference Offensive Player of the Week recognition for her strong play last week as she helped the Lady Buffs improve to 27-7 on the season with three road wins over Panhandle State, Midwestern State and Cameron.

Prinsen delivered a game-high 26 kills — just one short of her career high — in the regular season finale against Cameron on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Buffs' offensive leader all season long, Prinsen pro-

duced a team-high 45 kills in three matches last week despite playing sparingly against Panhandle State on Thursday. For the season, she leads WT with 452 kills.

The weekly award was Prinsen's first of the year and the team's 15th honor. Prinsen is sixth in the LSC in both hitting percentage (.269) and kills (452) for an average of 3.90 kills per game.

WT will host the 2007 LSC Tournament in Canyon at "The Box," beginning on Thursday, Nov. 8.



Prinsen

## Bufs in 6th place after five fall rodeos

CANYON — The West Texas A&M University men's rodeo team capped its fall season of National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association (NIRA) action with a solid fifth-place finish at the Texas Tech University rodeo Oct. 25-27 in Lubbock.

The 380 point effort pushed West Texas A&M to sixth place overall in the NIRA Southwest Region standings after five fall rodeos — the midpoint of the season; the WTAMU men will compete in five more 2007-2008 rodeos in the spring. WTAMU has amassed 1,110 points through the

first five rodeos. Western Texas College is in first place with 2,268 points on the year.

"This was probably our best rodeo so far, and that gives us plenty of hope heading into the spring portion of the schedule," said WTAMU rodeo coach Mark Eakin, whose 2005-2006 men's team captured a national collegiate championship.

"Anything can happen in this region. Hopefully we can make a run come spring."

Leading the way for WTAMU in Lubbock were James Mitchell and John Casey Sisk, who finished

fourth and sixth, respectively, in the men's all-around competition.

Mitchell, a senior agriculture education major from Borger, placed third in steer wrestling and fourth in tie-down roping.

Sisk, a junior agricultural business and economics major from Corona, N.M., was fifth in saddle bronc riding and eighth in bull riding.

Pitching in with a second-place effort for WTAMU in steer wrestling was Trent Bohlender, a sophomore animal science major from Clarendon.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Nov. 2, 2007:

You have much more power and strength than you realize. Use it well, and you will make great changes in your life. Your ability to communicate emerges, making a big difference in your relationships. Think positively. What starts out as a mix-up can easily be resolved if you relax and remain open. If you are single, you will meet people easily. Picking the right person will take talent. If you are attached, the more you share and do what you like together, the closer the bond becomes. LEQ understands how to push you.

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) \*\*\*\*\* What has been a "mess" in some context of the word becomes easy and perhaps even clear — finally. Others finally start talking about what has been bothering them. You are relieved as the air clears. Don't think that this is an overnight process. Tonight: Act like there is no tomorrow.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Settle in and become anchored, knowing what is important. You might need to clear the air. Understand what is going on with a key partner by listening more. Confusion surrounds daily talk. Cars and mechanical matters are important. Tonight: Happy at home.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* How you say what you are thinking could make a big difference in the outcome. Keep communication flourish-

ishing. Understand what is making you tick, as well as a key co-worker or associate. Tonight: Hang out.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Be aware of how much you offer. Let others come to you. It is time to get a problem resolved. You have allowed a situation to go to an extreme. Clearing the air now will feel good. Let it happen. Tonight: Gather your bills.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You are full of energy and sparkle. You might wonder what needs to happen in order to make someone feel more at ease. How you feel about a situation could change dramatically once the talks begin. Tonight: Fun and games.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Know when to back off and assume a lower profile. What you are doing might not be working well for you. If you want to think through a problem, there is no better time than now. Be willing to reveal your thoughts, especially after someone does true confessions. Tonight: Some time for you.



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## Events calendar

- Pampa Fine Arts Association's Artist of the Year, Dona Cornutt, will be featured throughout the month of November in an exhibit at White Deer Land Museum in Pampa.
- The Red Hat Dollies Society of Pampa will meet at 9 a.m. Nov. 1 at Sisters Spudnuts in Pampa and 11 a.m. Nov. 15 at Pizza Hut in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.
- Photographer Stephen Shore will present a gallery talk at 6:30 p.m.

- Nov. 2 at Amarillo Museum of Art. Shore's work will be showcased in an exhibit at the museum Nov. 3-Jan. 6. For more information, call (806) 371-5050.
- The area chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will present "Unmasking the Mystery of MS" Nov. 3 at Amarillo College Business and Industry Center in Amarillo. Presenters will cover rehabilitation strategies, new research, treatment options and more. Some CEU's will

- be available to healthcare and other professionals. The charge to professionals is \$25. The sessions will be open to the public for \$5. For more information, call (806) 468-8005 by Nov. 1.
- The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter Youth of the American Red Cross will sponsor a chili supper fund-raiser to benefit the Pampa United Way from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 6 at 108 N. Russell in Pampa. Cost of the meal will be \$5 per person.

## Reagan

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price they pay to escape the harshness of winter and the summertime humidity that

plague much of the nation. All through the winter there is a huge influx of people from colder climates coming here to enjoy a warm, dry climate.

Californians understand this. They know the fires will come. It's the price nature makes them pay and when the bill arrives they shrug their shoulders and get on with their lives. Most of all, they don't scurry around looking for somebody to blame. They are adults.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

## Reese

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saying they are not pursuing nuclear weapons and have no desire to acquire nuclear weapons, while the Bush administration keeps insisting that they are and that Iran represents an imminent danger to Israel and to the U.S. As sad as it is to say, the credibility at this point rests with the Iranians.

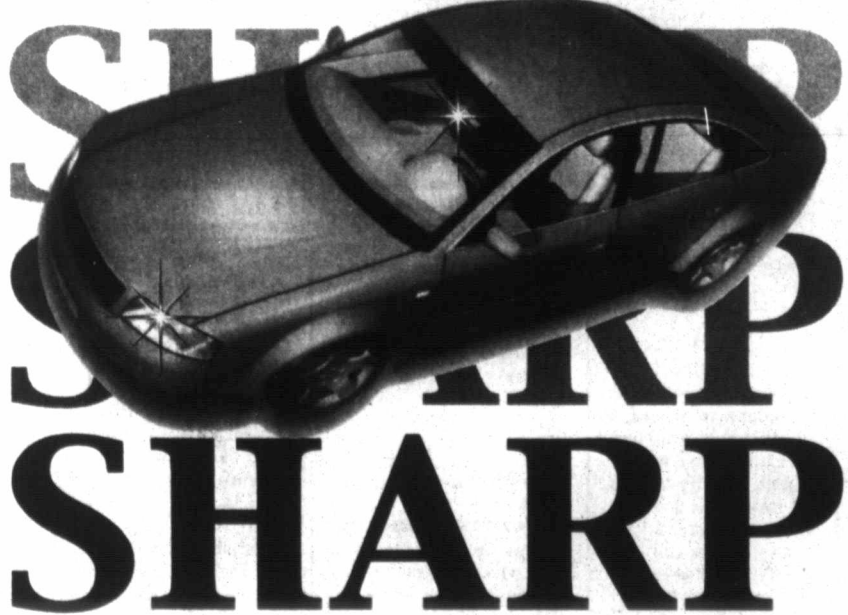
And if you are curious as to why the

Bush administration and the Republican presidential hopefuls are so fixated on the alleged threat posed by Iran, it's because Israel is pushing the U.S. to attack Iran. Israel, unfortunately, seems to have grown paranoid, even though the idea that Iran could threaten Israel, which already has plenty of nuclear weapons, is absurd.

But at the end of the day, the reality is that truth has an uphill struggle in America these days. Know what I mean?

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

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