




NEXT DAY FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		
Cloudy	Partly cloudy	Sunny

Tuesday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Cloudy, with a high near 47. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Tuesday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 45. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 65. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 72. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

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Convicted child killer set to die

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Alvin Kelly doesn't deny he committed a murder and deserves a prison cell.

But Kelly, 57, insisted he had no involvement in another murder spree — where three people, including a 22-month-old child, were gunned down 24 years ago in East Texas — that put him on death row.

The former Tyler truck repair shop owner is to be executed Tuesday evening in Huntsville.

He'd be the 10th Texas prisoner executed this year, the first of two set to die this week and the first of 12 scheduled for lethal injection in the next six weeks in the nation's busiest death penalty state.

"As I stand before God, I'm innocent of this case," Kelly said last week from a small visiting cage outside Texas death row. "I'm not responsible for this case. I'm not saying this to save my life. My life is for God. And I'm at peace with what's fixing to happen to me."

Kelly's lawyer, Scott Smith, was not optimistic but said he hoped the U.S. Supreme Court would stop the punishment while it considered another case from Tennessee about whether poor death row

inmates seeking mercy from state officials have a right to lawyers paid by federal taxpayers.

Recent appeal attempts by other condemned inmates citing that case have not been successful.

"I doubt they're going to issue a stay on this one," Smith said. "But that's what we're working on."

Kelly was convicted of killing Devin Morgan, the 22-month-old son of Jerry and Brenda Morgan. Relatives discovered the bodies of the child and his parents at their Gregg County home in 1984. All had been shot. Several items were missing from the home, including a car, at least five guns and some television and stereo gear.

The slayings went unsolved for six years until a man told authorities that his former wife, who also had been married to Kelly, had information about the crime.

At the time, Kelly already had confessed to an unrelated murder and was serving a 30-year prison term. The new information led to a capital murder indictment against Kelly, who was convicted and sentenced to death.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Pampa PD

Pampa Police reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Thursday to midnight Saturday.

Thursday, Oct. 9
 Five traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1000 block of North Somerville, the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of Harvester and Williston streets, and the 2300 block of Beech.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Ballard.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 11800 block of Highway 60, the 1800 block of West Harvester, the intersection of Finley and Albert streets, the 800 block of East Browning, the 1000 block of Farley, the 1000 block of Fisher, the 1100 block of Willow, the 1900 block of North Christy, the 800 block of North Dwight and the 1800 block of Alcock.

One unattended death was reported. Agency assistance was rendered on Highway 152 and in the 1400 block of South Hobart.

Welfare checks were made in the 2200 block of North Nelson, the 200 block of Canadian and the 500 block of Reid. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 500 block of Reid.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart

Civil matters were reported in the 3000 block of Rosewood and the 800 block of North Wells.

One attempt to serve papers was made and resulted in at least one arrest.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1100 block of North Frost and the 400 block of Hughes.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 200 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne, the 500 block of North Sumner and the 400 block of West Foster.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan.

One alarm was reported.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident involved checks which were stolen and forged in the amounts of \$60 and \$45.

Identity theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of Christine. A bank account was opened using someone else's Social Security number.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of Bradley Drive. An engagement ring valued at \$400 was taken.

Theft was reported at Peggy's Place, 1801 Alcock. A customer ate a meal and left without paying. Estimated value of loss is \$8.34.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby.

Friday, Oct. 10
 Thirty-six traffic stops were made.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 400 block of East 23rd.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Sirroco and the police department lobby.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of Purviance.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 300 block of Tignor, the 2500 block of Aspen, the 2500 block of Dogwood and twice in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Ballard.

Welfare checks were made in the 2700 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of North Starkweather, and the intersection of Faulkner and Alcock streets.

A civil matter was reported in the

300 block of North Hobart.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets, the 200 block of West Foster, the 100 block of West Kentucky, and the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of 23rd and Hobart streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Frederic and Barnes streets. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A prowler was reported in the 1400 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Neel Road, the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 300 block of North Dwight.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of North Warren. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. Minor injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Two alarms were reported.

One building check was made.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby, the 2800 block of Charles, the 1100 block of Gwendolen and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 400 block of Gray and involved two forged checks with total value of \$90.

Saturday, Oct. 11
 Nineteen traffic stops were made.

Stops in the 1100 block of Carter and the 1100 block of Alcock resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1800 block of Alcock and the 1800 block of Hamilton.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Charles and the 1600 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1900 block of Williston, the 800 block of East Francis, the 1000 block of South Wilks, the 2100 block of North Nelson, the 1900 block of North Christy, the 200 block of North Cuyler, the 700 block of North Christy, the 1100 block of East Francis, the 1500 block of North Duncan and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 100 block of West 30th, the 2300 block of Alcock, the 800 block of East Frederic and on Gray County Road 1/2.

Lost property was reported in the 1000 block of East Foster. A wallet containing a driver's license and gas card was lost.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of North Sumner, the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway and the 1100 block of South Christy.

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of South Nelson, the intersection of Rham and Hobart streets, the 800 block of Campbell, the 1800 block of North Zimmers and the 1900 block of Duncan.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1200 block of Garland.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of South Gray and at Heard-Jones Health Mart, 114 N. Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of North Nelson and at McDonald's Restaurant, 1201 N.

Emergency Services

Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of Sloan and the 600 block of North Wells.

Assault with minor injuries was reported in the 1000 block of Sirroco.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$6 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of Jupiter.

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Oct. 11

Ryan Randal Hill, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for public intoxication.

Renard Lee Villarreal, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of West Foster by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated, no valid driver's license and no insurance.

Sunday, Oct. 12

Aaron Benton Watson, 21, of Rowlett was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Francisco Flores, 21, of Canadian was arrested in the 500 block of East Frederic by Pampa PD for no valid driver's license, no insurance and expired motor vehicle registration.

Jonathan Lee White, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 500 block of North Nelson by Pampa PD for operating a motor vehicle without license plates or with only one and failure to appear.

Natalie Samantha Ramirez, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of Henry by Pampa PD on capias pro fines for two counts of animal nuisance.

Monday, Oct. 13

Ashley Dawn McIntosh, 23, of Lockney was arrested by Pampa PD for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Oct. 10

11:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of West Brown and transported a patient to PRMC.

5:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a football standby.

8:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Oct. 11

11:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:05 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:01 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Craven and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Roberta and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Oct. 12

7:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:37 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Christy and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Woman accused of getting US passport illegally

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A woman accused of entering the United States illegally used her U.S. passport 89 times before federal agents detained her on her way back from Matamoros, Mexico, in mid-September, her attorney said.

Maria Teresa Payan de Castillo, who obtained notarized statements from witnesses of her delivery at home in the United States by

a midwife, was approved for the passport four years ago and assumed her quest for citizenship was over, The Brownsville Herald reported in Monday editions.

"The State Department saw sufficient proof to provide her a passport," attorney Juan Magallanes said. "How is it that they're detaining her when her passport is valid and approved by the government?"

The State Department claims Payan de Castillo should have never been given a passport. A criminal complaint filed in federal court alleges she was born in Durango, Mexico, and obtained a passport "by means of fraud and misrepresentation."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement has placed a detainer on Payan de Castillo, of Cameron Park, to keep her

in custody without bail.

The newspaper reported that her arrest worries some residents who fear her case may be a forerunner of a crackdown on current passport holders.

Payan de Castillo received a delayed birth certificate from the state, detailing her birth outside a hospital. About 1,000 such birth certificates are issued annually.

Iraq calmer but copycat kidnappings spread

WASHINGTON (AP) — Five years ago, retired Air Force intelligence officer Kirk von Ackermann became the first of 39 Americans to be kidnapped in Iraq. He's still missing, his wife fearing she'll never see him again.

Besides the personal tragedy, his disappearance and those that have followed have taken on a larger significance. They mark a turning point in terrorist tactics that U.S. intelligence officials say has produced a startling statistic: a 500 percent increase in foreigners taken hostage around the world as militants adopt the methods of the most violent figures in the Iraq insurgency.

Figures compiled by the Defense Intelligence Agency from classified and unclassified sources — provided exclusively to The Associated Press — show that in 2004, some 342 foreign and U.S. hostages were taken by terrorist and insur-

gent organizations. By 2006 that number had grown to 501. By 2007 it had jumped to more than 1,500, and it is on track to rise even higher this year, according to Thomas Brown, director of the office that analyzes information about prisoners of war and those missing in action.

His office does not count in the total the kidnapping of a country's own residents by terrorist or insurgent groups — a much more frequent and long-standing practice.

The office gave the AP data providing a more detailed breakdown, including:

— The total kidnappings, some based on classified information.

— The 1,079 foreign kidnappings since 2001 for which the hostage takers are unknown. That smaller number is drawn from public sources and includes cases in which the details of the dis-

appearance are unverified. — The 747 kidnappings of people traveling or working in foreign countries since 2001 for which the terrorist group responsible is known. Of those, also based on unclassified information, 73 are Americans and the fates of 11 remain unknown.

Those 11 include von Ackermann, who was working for a private contractor and vanished on Oct. 9, 2003, on the road between Kirkuk and Tikrit.

His wife, Megan von Ackermann, said the Army's Criminal Investigative Command told her he was believed to be the victim of an opportunistic kidnapping, not an organized effort, and that the man suspected of being behind it has disappeared.

"What we've got is a presumption of death; that's a certificate that's issued by the State Department," she said in an interview with the

AP. "This is what our best guess is. The case is still open. The fact is we'll never really know what happened to him."

Kidnapping as a terrorist tactic has spread rapidly after its spike to 229 in Iraq in 2004 — though the practice has waned somewhat in Iraq since the death in 2006 of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the former leader of al-Qaida in Iraq.

In Afghanistan, foreigners are more likely than Americans to be taken, and killed. Since 2001, three Americans have been kidnapped, the most recent in January. Two were released and the third is officially unaccounted for but believed dead.

In the same period, 101 foreigners were kidnapped, 86 of them since 2005. Nineteen have been executed, 10 in 2006 alone.

Iraq has been most dangerous for Americans, who have a better than even chance of being murdered by their captors there — an 80 percent chance if the nine still missing are factored in. Foreigners, kidnapped in much higher numbers, have had a 20 percent chance of execution.

Thirty-nine Americans have been taken hostage since 2003 in Iraq, and 22 are known to have been executed.

Some 495 foreigners were captured in the same period in Iraq, and 51 were executed. Al-Qaida in Iraq and Sunni groups killed 13 Americans and 34 foreigners. Shiite extremists have killed nine Americans and 17 foreigners.

Analysts attribute the different execution rates to several factors, including the U.S. government's refusal to pay ransom. Other governments, particularly those in Europe, privately take a

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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Wall

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VFW Area 1 State Coordinator Bill Frazier, District 9 Commander Clayton Hoffman, Command Sergeant Major Joseph D. Smith, AVTT Speaker Don Allen, City Commissioner Brad Pingel and Patriot Guard Johnny Harper. Martin is still looking for one more guest speaker and additional entertainment.

"All of the elementary schools will perform on different days and we're hoping to get other schools in the area to participate," Martin said. "Anybody that wants to do something patriotic from churches, schools or anything is invited to. There will be lulls and there's always a spot to fill."

A parade will be held on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 10 a.m. The theme this year will be "Patriots going to the wall." The entire community is invited to get involved. Trophies will be given to the winner and runner-up for each of the following categories: bands, commercial, school, classic/antique cars, individual, service organization, churches and motorcycles/four-wheelers/bicycles.

The wall will be in Pampa from Thursday, November 6 to Tuesday, November 11. It will be 370 feet long and about 8 1/2 feet tall at the apex. It was constructed in 1997 and began traveling America in 1998. It is the largest Wall replica traveling the United States. The

exhibit will also feature the "Cost of Freedom" memorial, a series of stand up exhibits created in gold dog tags to record the names of those who gave their lives since Vietnam, including present day Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

There will be a 9/11 memorial with lighted twin towers to make sure "We never forget." Each name will be recorded according to their location.

"I was really impressed with this wall and the guys that bring it. They're all veterans," Martin said. "I've been to the wall in Washington DC and for me, this was almost a better. There will be people speaking that are from our community. The experience is more personal."

The Americinn has made considerable contributions by offering free rooms to those who must travel to Pampa to be apart of the exhibit. Frank's Hardware will be providing the chairs and West Texas Landscape and Brandon's Flowers will provide the decorations. However, according to Martin, there is still more to be done.

"We're still taking donations," Martin said. "This has been a hard thing to get here but I think it's important. It's kind of healing point and it effected everyone."

Anyone who would like to participate in the parade or make a donation can contact Martin or Floyd Sackett at the VFW at 669-1264.

"Our kids need to know about this," Martin said. "When you get the opportunity to hear veterans talk about their experiences, it can get pretty emotional. People will understand that feeling."

Rescue

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Sweetwater Fire Chief Grant Madden invited PFD to participate in joint training for Sweetwater and Pampa fire departments during the Wind Energy Consortium Conference in Trent in August. Powell, Tomaschik, and Captain Robert Griffin all attended the consortium. Griffin, training officer for PFD then organized the turbine training.

General Electric donated a turbine for training use and gave PFD a tour of the facilities in Sweetwater and volunteered the regions head safety officer Kirk Gros to help with the training.

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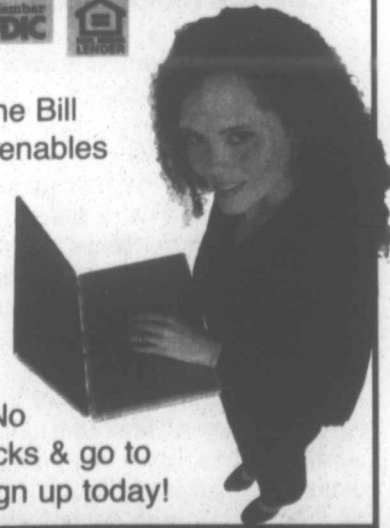


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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 13, the 287th day of 2008. There are 79 days left in the year. This is the Columbus Day holiday in the United States, as well as Thanksgiving Day in Canada.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 13, 1792, the cornerstone of the executive mansion, later known as the White House, was laid during a ceremony in the District of Columbia.

On this date:

In A.D. 54, Roman emperor Claudius I died, poisoned apparently at the behest of his wife, Agrippina.

In 1775, the United States Navy had its origins as the Continental Congress ordered the construction of a naval fleet.

In 1843, the Jewish organization B'nai B'rith was founded in New York City.

In 1858, the sixth debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Quincy, Ill.

In 1908, the Chicago Cubs won Game 4 of the World Series, defeating the Detroit Tigers 3-0 to take a 3-1 Series lead.

In 1943, Italy declared war on Germany, its one-time Axis partner.

In 1944, American troops entered Aachen, Germany, during World War II.

In 1960, Richard M. Nixon and John F. Kennedy participated in

'There are some things one can only achieve by a deliberate leap in the opposite direction. One has to go abroad in order to find the home one has lost.'

— Franz Kafka
Austrian author
(1883-1924)

the third televised debate of their presidential campaign. (Nixon was in Los Angeles; Kennedy was in New York.)

In 1962, "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" by Edward Albee opened on Broadway.

In 1974, longtime television host Ed Sullivan died in New York City at age 72.

Ten years ago: White House and congressional budget bargainers continued to hunt for agreement on issues snarling a massive \$500 billion bill for the new fiscal year. Five scientists in the United States won the Nobel Prize in chemistry for developing ways to analyze molecules in chemical reactions and the Nobel Prize in physics for discovering how electrons can change behavior. The National Basketball Association wiped out the first two weeks of the 1998-99 season after collective bargaining talks broke off. The New York Yankees won the American League pennant, defeating the Cleveland Indians 9-5 in Game 6 of their championship series.

Five years ago: The U.N. Security Council approved a resolution expanding the NATO-led peacekeeping force in Afghanistan. Texas Gov. Rick Perry signed into law a controversial redistricting bill designed to put more Republicans in the Texas congressional delegation. Democratic congressman Dennis Kucinich formally kicked off his presidential bid.



Ike was an epic storm

The end of a violent storm calms some of our fears, but stirs up a new set of concerns and challenges. Everywhere I have traveled in the areas struck by Hurricane Ike, I have seen destruction almost beyond belief. There's no question this storm delivered a devastating blow to Southeast and East Texas. Unfortunately, Ike came on the heels of earlier storms this season, like Hurricane Dolly, which also hurt Texas families and small businesses. Now we see in front of us a job of recovering and rebuilding that will test the best we have to offer.

Positive things already are happening, thanks to the roll-up-your-sleeves-and-get-down-to-work attitude Texans are known for. Thousands, including people from other states, immediately began tackling the jobs of caring for evacuees and survivors, search and rescue efforts, restoring power, and removing wreckage and debris.

One of my highest priorities is to push the federal government and cut through red tape to get the aid Texas needs as fast as possible. Communities in Texas are struggling right now and the federal government needs to

be doing everything in its power to help them. Equally important is making sure that the victims are treated on par with the way victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and other disasters were treated when it comes to federal funding for recovery and rebuilding. We also must ensure the flow of assistance continues steadily and consistently as long as additional needs are uncovered.

John Cornyn
U.S. Senator

incredible needs and pressure they are facing. Information from these trips armed me to go back to Washington, D.C. to make the case for the federal assistance Texas needs and deserves. An important step forward came with Senate approval to secure new tax relief provisions for Texas



counties devastated by Ike in the tax extenders package. The original package treated

damaged public infrastructure. Victims of both Hurricane Ike and Hurricane Dolly will be eligible for this critical assistance. Clearly, the lessons of Katrina and Rita were taken to heart before, during and after Ike. I commend Governor Rick Perry and his team, as well as mayors, county judges, other local officials and their staffs, first responders and charitable organizations for the preparations that kept millions of Texans safe from harm. Because of their tireless efforts, we are certainly on the right path to making Texas whole again.

There is more work, however, to be done to fully recover from all storms this season — particularly Ike and Dolly — but I know Texas is up to the task. History will undoubtedly remember their fury and destruction. But more importantly, it will record Texas' great can-do spirit and the unprecedented outpouring of compassion and assistance that followed. Once the rebuilding and recovery is complete, it's my hope that the memories that endure are those of volunteerism and Texans helping their neighbors in need.

Texas unequally compared to flood recovery efforts in the Midwest, so I worked to ensure that Ike victims are entitled to the same benefits as other disaster victims. This bill will extend tax exempt bonds and low income housing tax credits to help Texans rebuild their communities, homes and businesses.

In addition, working with my colleagues in the Texas Congressional delegation, we were successful in securing supplemental disaster funding for Texas, including vital Community Development Block Grant funding to help rebuild housing stock and repair

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Oct. 3
The Dallas Morning News on changes to Texas' 10 percent rule:

Want to know who holds the most vulnerable jobs in Texas? At this rate, admissions officers at the University of Texas at Austin could become as obsolete as computer mainframes.

No joke. Look at the trend lines for the top 10 percent rule, a law that guarantees admission to a Texas university for students who finish in the top 10 percent of their Texas high school graduating class.

This fall, 81 percent of UT's entering class came from that elite ranking. Those numbers are up from 71 percent last September, and the escalation shows no signs of abating.

At this trajectory, UT almost surely will reach 100 percent soon, at which time it could bid adieu to its admission officers. Why would the school need them? UT execs could simply open its mail and accept every applicant from Texas high schools' top rungs.

Don't get us wrong: The rule's purpose is noble. It emphasizes merit as a way for achieving students to attend a

Texas college. It also has helped more students from more parts of Texas, especially rural areas, pursue higher education.

But there's a competing reality: UT needs relief, if the flagship school will continue to admit freshmen other than those in the top 10 percent strata.

UT was chartered to educate the sons and daughters of Texas, so it should consider more than just those with the highest grade-point averages. Not to mention that the state is losing talented students to out-of-state schools because they might have fallen short of the top 10 percent at the most competitive high schools.

Admittedly, this problem largely afflicts UT. Texas A&M University's fall classes have been running steady, with about half its freshmen coming from the 10 percent ranks. Yet who's to say that A&M, too, won't soon experience its own 10 percent overload?

We're not arguing for abolishing the law, just amending it in the 2009 Legislature. That could include limiting how many 10 percent grads any college must accept. Or it could mean admitting all students in, say, the top 7 percent of their class.

Whatever the answer, legislators need to provide relief. Ultimately, this problem will hit far more Texans than

just those UT admission officers. URL: <http://www.dallasnews.com>

■ Oct. 5
San Antonio Express-News on railroad safety legislation:

Sometimes, vital issues become vital only when tragedies highlight their significance.

Such was the case with the railroad safety bill recently passed by both houses of Congress.

The bill, sweeping in the reforms it mandates, was sent to President Bush last week, the Express-News reported.

In San Antonio, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, Rep. Charlie Gonzalez and local officials had fought for the legislation since a series of accidents in the area.

In 2003, a switching foreman was struck and killed by locomotives in San Antonio.

The death was followed by six train-related accidents in 2004, one involving a collision that ruptured a car with toxic chlorine gas, killing three people.

Those mishaps alerted the community to the problem of railroad safety.

The clamor for more stringent safety guidelines, however, intensified after the collision between freight and pas-

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 12-year-old, and I'm not pretty. I just started seventh grade, and I have noticed that people date each other based completely on looks. I think that's superficial, and I wouldn't want to date someone just because of it. The sad thing is, everybody does it. People are passed over because of their looks who may actually be nice people inside. I don't understand why people judge me based on what my parents gave me -- like my eyes or the shape of my lips. I mean, I know I could change my hair or wear makeup, but I can't change my genetics. Suggestions? -- **PLAIN OLD ME IN NORTH CAROLINA**

DEAR PLAIN OLD YOU: Absolutely. Good looks can be an asset. However, before you put yourself down anymore about what you inherited from your parents, it's important that you give yourself a reality check. Their appearance didn't prevent them from finding each other attractive and falling in love. Also, it takes some people longer to mature into their final "product" than it does others. In other words, the way you look now at age 12 isn't necessarily the way you will look by the middle or end of your teens. While I believe that each generation is becoming more beautiful than the one before, not everyone will be a classic beauty. And beauty is a trait that's notorious for its short shelf life. That's why it is so important to develop your personality and your mind, so you will have tools for success later in life. This is the time you should do it, instead of worrying about who is dating whom in seventh grade. Believe me, your classmates' tastes will change -- and so will yours. That's what growing is all about. It's far more important to concentrate on what you can do to better the world you live in than it is to worry that you might not be beautiful enough. When the right person comes along, he will be more interested in a col-

laborator than a trophy. Trust me on that, because it's the truth.

DEAR ABBY: You often print letters from parents who are baffled by how selfish and ungrateful their children are. They are hurt and perplexed because they believe they were the best parents anyone ever had. It's time to take off the blinders. These parents are just as egocentric as the kids they raised. Their children are a direct byproduct of their upbringing. Kids don't turn lazy or selfish overnight. It is their parents' duty to teach them how to be caring, concerned and appreciative, but someone failed to teach them every step of the way. Somehow, they repeatedly showed their children that it was OK to treat others badly and that they, as parents, deserve no appreciation. Parents: If a student hasn't learned, then the teacher hasn't taught. If the method you have used to teach someone has failed, then it's up to you to do something differently and try again -- or to accept your failure and make the best of the situation. -- **ONE WHO KNOWS**

DEAR ONE WHO KNOWS: Your point is well-taken, although you may be overly harsh in your assumption about the parents' motivation. I agree that some parents fail to assert themselves because it's the "easy way out" instead of laying down the law when discipline is needed. However, when parents have had a difficult childhood, they sometimes have a tendency to "overcorrect" in the opposite direction, trying to make sure their children don't have the same experience. And that is why they do too much, give too much and fail to teach their children consequences or how to achieve true independence.

For Better Or Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Heredity unit
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 - 9 Legitimate
 - 10 Stratagems
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 - 13 Depart
 - 14 Olive's love
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 - 17 Metal sources
 - 18 Polite agreement
 - 21 Scarlet
 - 22 Imposed
 - 23 Bent downward
 - 24 Untie, perhaps
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 - 32 Steak-house choice
 - 34 Japanese film genre
 - 37 "a Hot Tin Roof"
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 - 39 Dark wood
 - 40 Give temporarily
 - 41 Rational
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 - 15 Glasses
 - 19 Tied up
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 - 22 Hit ABC
 - 23 Large snake
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Answers to Yesterdays

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



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Sports



Lefors Pirate Nick Hess brings down a Samnorwood ball carrier during the Pirates' 54-6 win over the Eagles last week. The game was the district opener for both teams. Lefors (4-2) will travel to Miami this week.

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Sooners seek redemption after loss to Texas

DALLAS (AP) — Oklahoma's season opened with the highest of hopes, and they were only amplified when the Sooners reached the No. 1 ranking a month into the season.

Crushing as it may seem to those in crimson and cream, a loss to Texas may not be the end of those preseason aspirations.

"It's always disappointing to invest so much and you end up losing. But in the end, I think everyone realizes, if you watch everyone else play, it isn't that easy to go undefeated at all," Sooners coach Bob Stoops said. "There's a ton of games left. There's half the season still left and a lot of good teams out there."

"We've got to be ready to play, to be at our best, but chances are everyone else could have the same thing happen to them. I don't need to refresh everyone's memory but, heck, the national champion a year ago had two losses and late in the year."

If there's a tiny slice of good news, it's that the Sooners (5-1, 1-1 Big 12) emerged with the highest ranking of any of the one-loss teams in the country at No. 4 after a 45-35 loss in one of the Red River Rivalry's most memorable games. Texas took over Oklahoma's old No. 1 ranking, and unbeaten Alabama and Penn State are the only

other teams ahead of the Sooners.

"We know there's a lot of games to be played, a lot of games," linebacker Travis Lewis said. "There's a lot of one-loss teams right now, and our goals are not thrown out by any chance, by any means. We have our heads up."

"We've got a good team coming into home next week in Kansas. That's a good redemption game."

The Sooners have some issues to shore up before the 16th-ranked Jayhawks (5-1, 2-0) arrive next Saturday.

They're one of only four teams that have allowed two kickoff return touchdowns this season, and Stoops has indicated the problem is simply an unwillingness to tackle by some players on the coverage unit. Jordan Shipley's 96-yard return gave the Longhorns their first touchdown of the game, and their first big emotional play.

"We just all kind of stand there and stick our hand out, and he runs right through everyone," Stoops said in assessing the play.

There's also the matter of replacing Ryan Reynolds, the only experienced linebacker on the team. Stoops said the solution would involve moving either Lewis or Austin Box from the outside to the middle, but it would take a little more time to figure out which one.



Stephenea Marshall, a freshman at Pampa High School and daughter of William Marshall and Cheryl Reed, wore her mother's Harvester shirt for Homecoming week's green and gold day and to the Homecoming game. Stephenea's mother wore the shirt in May of 1983.

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Armstrong to race in Giro d'Italia in 2009

ROME (AP) — Lance Armstrong agreed to ride in next year's Giro d'Italia, giving him a crucial test before his attempt to win an eighth Tour de France title.

Armstrong announced last month that he is making a comeback after three years in retirement.

The American has never competed in the three-week Giro, considered the sport's most prestigious stage race after the Tour de France.

"I'm so excited to be coming to the 2009 Giro. I raced a long time professionally and never did the Giro," Armstrong said in a video message released by race organizers Monday. "It was one of my biggest regrets and now I'm going to be able to erase that regret and be at the 2009 Giro. And who knows, maybe with a good result."

The Giro is scheduled for May 9-31. The Tour de France starts July 4.

Armstrong will begin his comeback at the Tour Down

Under in Adelaide, Australia, in January, then will likely enter the Tour of California in February.

Armstrong is loading his schedule to get more racing days in before the Tour. In his heyday, Armstrong usually only entered a handful of short races before the Tour.

The last rider to win both the Giro and the Tour in the same year was Marco Pantani in 1998. Pantani died of a cocaine overdose in 2004.

Armstrong's comeback is meant to draw attention to his global campaign to fight cancer, a disease he survived before winning seven straight Tours from 1999-2005.

Armstrong has joined the Astana team, which also features Alberto Contador, the defending Giro champion.

By competing in the Giro, Armstrong will have raced in all three major multistage races. He finished fourth in the 1998 Spanish Vuelta.



Hayden Skinner, a senior at Pampa High School, recently made a hole in one on #12 at the Pampa Country Club. The shot was witnessed by Athletic Director Stuart Smith, Coleby West and Alex Torres. Skinner is a member of the PHS golf team and the varsity basketball team.

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Young Coyotes on the prowl

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — So far this very young NHL season, the Phoenix Coyotes look considerably more lively than past years.

An infusion of youth seems to have sparked coach Wayne Gretzky's team, which played with spirit, speed and success in a 4-2 victory Sunday night that spoiled the Anaheim Ducks' home opener.

Rookies Kyle Turris and Mikkel Boedker both scored their first NHL goals, and college hockey's outstanding player of 2007-08, Kevin Porter, chipped in with an assist.

"They work hard, they see the game and they understand the game," Gretzky said. "They want to get better and they practice hard. More importantly, my veteran guys really brought them along."

"These guys have really made it comfortable for them to come to work every day and learn how to be a good pro. These kids are pretty unique and they are pretty good."

Two games and two wins into the season, Gretzky's enjoying coaching the youngsters.

"I think although they're kids, they're pretty mature,"

he said. "They really have their eyes wide-open and are having a lot of fun. They're fun to be around."

In the other NHL games Sunday night, Edmonton edged Colorado 3-2 and San Jose blanked Los Angeles 1-0.

Turris was taken by Phoenix with the third pick in the 2007 draft, and Boedker was selected eighth this year. Porter was taken in the fourth round in 2004, before his outstanding college career at Michigan.

"So far there have only been two games, but every one is special, and obviously getting my goal in my second game, that's unbelievable," Boedker said.

The Coyotes' Ilya Bryzgalov, formerly Jean-Sebastien Giguere's backup in Anaheim, made 33 saves to run his record against the Ducks to 4-1-1, and Shane Doan scored twice for Phoenix.

Ryan Carter and George Parros scored for the Ducks (0-2).

Doan's second goal gave Phoenix a 4-1 lead with 3:40 remaining, and Parros capped the scoring just 13 seconds later.

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2 Houses For Sale. 2 bdrm, 1 bath, w/ garage. HUD, w/ tenants. Call for details, investors preferred. 486-1173 after 6 pm.

2901 Rosewood. C h&a, 3 bdr., easy to enter lrg. shower w/ seats. All appliances incl. Dining area w/ access to patio. Huge 2-car att. gar. Lrg. det. workshop. New: Roof, cabinets, countertops, wooden fence, windows, doors, water heater and high-quality siding. 806-665-5923

BEAUTIFUL, historic home FSBO. Corner of Somerville & Buckler. 4600 sq. ft. + basement, 5 bdr., 4 ba., circle drive, lrg. yard. 669-1412.

CUSTOM town home, Amarillo, near medical center. 1918 sq. ft. 2/2 1/2 + office. Low maintenance front yard & patio. 676-0237, 676-2312.

FOR all your Real Estate needs, call John Goddard, at Century 21! Where knowledge & expertise matter. 806-595-1234.

FOR Sale By Owner. Very nice 3 bdr., 2 ba., 4 car gar. w/ detached office or guest room. Approx. 2000 sq. ft. 2421 Evergreen. 665-0441.

HIGHEST CASH PAID FOR HOUSES! CALL 665-1875

OWNER Will Finance. EZ terms. 1333 Garland, 2 bd, 1 bath, 332 Sunset, Large 2 bdrm 1 bath. 1 carport. Call Milton, 806-790-0827.

115 Trailer Parks
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121 Trucks
86 Nissan ext. cab., auto., a/c, 4 cyl., 135K mi. w/o top. \$1800 obo. 01 Chevy 1/2 ton ext cab, 4 dr., auto, a/c, 6 cyl. 99k mi. \$9850 obo. 664-1700

2004 Dodge Diesel Quad Cab, 2 wh. drive, 3/4 ton. Best offer. 806-282-4448, 806-282-4449.

05 Honda CBR1000RR, gray / black, 23K miles. K&N air filters. New rear tire, chain & sprockets. 1 owner. \$6500 Call 806-282-6815

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