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Fire Prevention Week Local department conducting area programs

by Marilyn Powers
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Pampa Fire Department is observing Fire Prevention Week this week by visiting children at schools and day care centers in order to familiarize children with firemen and fire engines and to teach basic fire safety, said Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan.

The visits began Monday at First Baptist Church Child Development. Today's visits were to be at Community Day Care Center on Kentucky Avenue and at Lamar Elementary.

The schedule for the remainder of the week is: Wednesday — Community Day Care Center on Gwendolen Street, St. Matthew's

Keep home fire escape plan in mind

by Marilyn Powers
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In observance of Fire Prevention Week this week, Pampa Fire Department offers the following tips to prevent home fires.

- **Be prepared and plan ahead.** "Kids have fire drills at school and parents have them at work. Why shouldn't we have them at home, too?" said Pampa Fire Marshal Michael Ryan. "Home fire drills should be practiced at home at least twice a year. By practicing, you could cut down on precious time wondering what to do. Remember, practice makes perfect."
- **Have a plan.** A fire escape plan should include: (1) A drawing of your home that shows where smoke alarms are and at least two ways to get out of

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Episcopal Church and Wilson Elementary School; Thursday — Travis Elementary School and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic School; and Friday — Austin Elementary School and Community

Christian School at Briarwood Church. PFD's Fire Safety House will be taken to third-grade classes Oct. 20 through 24. The schedule for the fire safety house includes visits to Austin and

Wilson Elementary Schools on Oct. 21, Community Christian and Travis Elementary Schools on Oct. 22, and Lamar Elementary and St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Schools on Oct. 23.

"The Fire Safety House is a mobile home unit used to simulate actual fire emergencies," Ryan said. "The children are able to tour this structure, make emergency 911 calls and be involved in

simulated fires. This program is designed to give the children somewhat of a feeling of what the conditions would be like in an actual fire emergency."



staff photo/J. Thompson

Canara Carruth recounts stories from his time spent in the 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion at a recent reunion.

Veterans recount stories at World War II reunion

by Julie Ann Thompson
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"We worked 24 hours a day getting these old tanks ready," said Canara Carruth as he leaned back in this chair. "We worked day and night. They called them armored but a .22 (caliber) would go through it—wasn't much armor to it."

Carruth was among the veterans attending the reunion of the 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion held recently at the Pampa's AmericInn.

He was speaking of the tanks that were the center of the battalion's mission. Able to move in water and on land, they would carry the first Americans onto the beaches of Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. "June 15, 1944 ... they picked us up,"

Carruth said. "Saipan we kind of goofed. It was our first operation. We had 70 tanks and that night 13 were ruined. As a result of that we had 67 men killed that first day, 107 wounded. I don't know how many MIAs. We don't know yet where they are."

Across from him, two other men and members of the battalion nodded. They've all been friends since 1944. Their reunion has dwindled in numbers over the years and there is talk that this might be their last. Once, the room might have been full of World War II veterans telling these same stories. Now, there are 13 in attendance.

Carruth lives in Irving, but he was born and raised in Pampa. The reunion ended up here through another member of the com-

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Veteran celebration



submitted photo

Jesse Christiansen of Great Bend, Kan., can still wear his original World War II uniform. The following other members of the USMC WWII 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion at Saipan, Tinian, Iwo Jima, present at the 2008 reunion were: Lloyd Dinsmore of Tulsa, Okla., Ernie Lawrence of Tahlequah, Okla., Guy Timmons of Quinlan, Canara Carruth of Irving, Gene Lewis of Silver City, N.M., Jake Somerhalder of Burlington, Okla., Ori "Doc" Morgan of El Dorado, Ark., Jack Harvey of Palm Desert, Calif., Quentin Hadwiger of Ada, Okla., Marshall Harris of Elk River, Minn., Bernard Blubaugh of Danville, Kan., and Howard Banks of Kaufman.

Public invited to program on dyslexia

A free program on dyslexia will be offered to the public next week.

The keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Terri Zerfas of Southern Methodist University (SMU) School of Education and Human Development. It will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 13, at the AmericInn Event Center, located at 1101

N. Hobart. The program is co-sponsored by Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa Texas and Pampa Independent School District. The local Altrusa chapter involvement is its participation in USA Magazine's "Make A Difference Day." Dyslexia is a learning disability that is neurological in origin and affects over 10 per-

cent of the population. Dr. Zerfas earned a B.S. degree in special education and an M.S. degree in Speech/Language Pathology from Texas Tech University. Her interest in special needs children led to certification in Severe/Profound Handicapped from the University of Texas at Dallas.




After moving to Rockwall where she currently resides, Dr. Zerfas became interested in dyslexia because of her own daughter's dyslexia and ADHD. After teaching students with dyslexia for many years, she completed certification to become an instructor of teachers.

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Obituaries

Dr. Mark C. Sherrod, 51



Sherrod

AMARILLO — Dr. Mark C. Sherrod, 51, died Oct. 4, 2008. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today at South Georgia Baptist Church with the Rev. Bob Miller officiating. Burial will be in Llano Cemetery East by Cox-LaGrone Funeral Home, 4180 Canyon Dr. Dr. Sherrod was born Oct. 19, 1956, in Dumas to Ky and Frances Sherrod. He grew up in Channing and graduated Valedictorian of his class in 1975 at Channing High School. He was a three-time All-State Basketball player at Channing. He earned an associates degree from Amarillo College and a Bachelor of Science from West Texas

State University. He was a member of Alpha Chi Honor Fraternity, Psi Chi Chapter Honor Society and also a member of Phi Delta Theta Social Fraternity at WT. Mark earned his Chiropractic degree from Palmer Chiropractic College and graduated Magna Cum Laude. He was a member of Beta Beta Beta Biological Society and Pi Tau Delta National Honor Society. He was an avid hunter and trained hunting dogs and was also a Black-belt in Karate. He coached AAU girl's basketball for several years

and coached girls teams in the Panhandle All-Star games. He loved to play and coach tennis and trained many individual players. He practiced Chiropractic for over 25 years in Amarillo, Booker and Pampa and every patient he cared for was very special to him. Mark had a zest for life and will always be remembered for his love of people and his good humor. He was preceded in death by his mother, Frances Sherrod. He is survived by one son, Caeleb Sherrod of Amarillo;

two daughters, Keelie Sherrod of Austin and Darcee Maddy of Weatherford; a grandson, Ethan Maddy of Weatherford; his father, Ky Sherrod of Amarillo; two brothers, Randy Sherrod and wife Carolyn, of Canyon and Brent Sherrod and wife Joy of Amarillo; two uncles, M.L. Sherrod and wife Maxine of Canyon, and Wham Sherrod and wife Barbara of Abeline; and many loving cousins, nieces, nephews and close relatives. **MEMORIALS:** The family requests memorials to BSA Hospice. The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 12:01 a.m. Sunday to 7 a.m. today.

Sunday, Oct. 5

Six traffic stops were made. Stops in the 200 block of West Brown, the intersection of Short and Carr streets, the intersection of Kingsmill and Somerville streets, and the 800 block of South Hobart resulted in arrests. Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Somerville and Cook streets, and the 2600 block of North Hobart. A call or stop concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of East Foster. Agency assistance was rendered in the 8300 block of South Highway 70, and the intersection of Francis and Gillespie streets. A welfare check was made in the 2800 block of Charles. A runaway was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner. A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby. Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of West Crawford, the 500 block of West Crawford, the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets, and the 100 block of West 28th. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident at the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets. Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 400 block of Hill and the 1200 block of North Hobart. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 1200 block of North Hobart. Prowlers were reported in the 1600 block of North Sumner and the 1100 block of North Russell. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of Mary Ellen. A domestic disturbance with minor injuries was reported in the 1100 block of Farley. Domestic disturbances were reported in the 900 block of Murphy, the 400 block of Lefors, the 700 block of North Wells and twice in the 2400 block of Dogwood. Two alarms were reported. Theft was reported in the 400 block of South Price Road and the 1500 block of North Banks.

Monday, Oct. 6

Twenty traffic stops were made. At least one arrest was made in connection with a stop in the 300 block of North Sumner. Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of Hamilton, the 1400 block of Dogwood, the 1300 block of Terrace, the intersection of Fisher and Rose streets, the 1200 block

of North Hobart and the 1400 block of North Hobart. A vehicle accident was reported in the police department lobby. Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 500 block of Doucette, the 300 block of North Dwight, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of West Kentucky, the 1000 block of Clark, the 2600 block of Cherokee and twice in the 1400 block of East Francis. Warrant service was attempted on two occasions and resulted in at least one arrest. Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of North Cuyler and the 400 block of Graham. One suicide attempt was reported. A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers. Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Brown Street and Huff Road, and the 1900 block of Duncan. Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1000 block of North Sumner and the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway. A prowler was reported in the 800 block of Scott. Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 2300 block of Chestnut, the 1300 block of North Hobart, the 2500 block of Aspen, the 1800 block of Williston, the 1200 block of East Browning and the 1400 block of West Somerville. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Jordan, the 1100 block of East Francis, the 100 block of East Harvester and the 700 block of North Nelson. The incident in the 700 block of North Nelson involved a medical assist. Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of North Sumner and involved a grass fire which did an estimated \$150 damage. Telephone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Duncan. Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight and the 400 block of Graham. Two alarms were reported. One open door was checked. Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy. Four bicycles with total estimated value of \$315 were taken. Burglary was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. **Tuesday, Oct. 7** Nine traffic stops were made. One stop in the 2000 block of North Hobart resulted in at least one arrest. Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Gwendolen and Banks streets, and the 500 block of West Brown. Suspicious vehicle calls were

received from the 900 block of South Faulkner and the 800 block of East Browning. A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2500 block of Chestnut. Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche. Public intoxication was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic. One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic. **Sheriff** Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. **Monday, Oct. 6** Hugh Jackson Parman, 20, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of dangerous drugs, expired registration and possession of drug paraphernalia. Kameran Dwayne Taylor, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department on a bond surrender for two counts of failure to identify. Ricardo Conrado Chavez Jr., 28, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft of property valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000. **Tuesday, Oct. 7** Jimmy Duane Burks, 35, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for credit or debit card abuse and burglary of a building.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today. **Monday, Oct. 6** 10:27 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. 4:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC. 5:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of North Zimmers and transported a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 10:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Christine and transported a patient to PRMC. 11:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Faulkner and transported a patient to PRMC. **Tuesday, Oct. 7** 12:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Red Deer and transported a patient to PRMC. 3:33 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart. No transport.

Woman sues oil exec over 19-year-old daughter's drug death

HOUSTON (AP) — The mother of a stripper who died of a cocaine overdose has filed a lawsuit against a Houston oil industry executive, accusing him of supplying the drugs and not calling for help immediately when her daughter became ill. Geneva Cloud sued Robert Pace Andrews for \$2 million in

a lawsuit filed Monday. Andrews is owner, president and CEO of Houston-based Andrews Technologies Inc., a provider and contractor to the oil industry. His ex-wife is married to Neil Bush, a brother of President Bush. Andrews is serving two years' probation after pleading guilty in April to possession of

less than a gram of cocaine. He was granted deferred adjudication, which means he will not have a conviction on his record if he successfully complies with the terms of his probation. Geneva Cloud alleged that Andrews supplied cocaine to her daughter, 19-year-old Jessica Lynn Cloud. On Nov. 2, Andrews called

911 to report that a guest at his town house became unconscious after ingesting cocaine. Jessica Lynn Cloud, a part-time dancer at Centerfold's nightclub, died the next day at a hospital. An autopsy found she died from complications of acute cocaine intoxication and her death was ruled an accident.

Debate an opportunity for both McCain, Obama

WASHINGTON (AP) — The winner of Tuesday night's presidential debate is the candidate who can best use his performance to boost his standing with voters. For Republican John McCain, that means slowing if not reversing Democrat Barack Obama's edge in national and swing-state polls.

Obama would just as soon build on his slight lead over McCain with a strong showing after the town hall-style setting at Belmont University in Nashville, Tenn. NBC's Tom Brokaw will moderate as the audience and voters participating through the Internet pose questions on both foreign and domestic policy just four weeks before Election Day.

Although the faltering economy is dominating the news and the public's attention,

McCain and Obama are likely to clash on character issues.

McCain's team began forcefully revisiting that topic last weekend when running mate Sarah Palin pointed to Obama's ties to 1960s-era radical William Ayers and later the Democrat's former pastor, the incendiary Rev. Jeremiah Wright. The Republican campaign argues that what Obama has and hasn't said about the controversial figures make him unacceptable for the presidency.

"This election is about the truthfulness and judgment needed in our next president," Palin told supporters at a rally in Jacksonville, Fla., the morning of the debate. "John McCain has it, Barack Obama doesn't."

In New Mexico on Monday, McCain himself asked, "Who is the real Sen. Obama?"

Obama retorted in North Carolina that McCain was engaging "in the usual political shenanigans and smear tactics" to distract from economic issues, even as his campaign rolled out a video recounting McCain's involvement in the 1980s Keating Five savings and loan scandal in which the Senate Ethics Committee criticized his "poor judgment."

The newest TV ad from the Obama campaign plays up widespread reports that McCain's focus on the Democrat's past associations is an effort to turn the discussion away from the economy. "As Americans lose their jobs, homes and savings, it's time for a president who'll change the economy, not change the subject," says the ad released Tuesday.

The town hall is McCain's signature —

one way he built his "Straight Talk" reputation by interacting with voters in the 2000 campaign and then pulled himself out of single digits to win this year's Republican primary. Since he won the nomination, however, the audiences for these events have needed to get tickets and have not been the come-one-come-all events of the primaries.

Obama has used the town hall format sporadically throughout his campaign, but not recently.

Instead the Democratic nominee has carefully protected his lead with a highly scripted campaign style ever since an off-the-cuff line blew up into a false controversy four weeks ago. Ever since, he's been exclusively sticking to rallies and speeches with a TelePrompTer almost always feeding him prepared text to read.

Reunion

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munity who found the battalion almost by chance and, ironically, during his own battle.

Larry Ray was a marine during peace time between the Korean and Vietnam wars. In October 1999 his wife, Lynn, was diagnosed with breast cancer. It was on a trip to Tulsa for one of Lynn's treatments that Ray's journey with the battalion began.

"I decided to take a walk in the parking lot and I happened to pass this Buick LaSabre. It had a picture on it of the Iwo Jima flag raising," Ray said.

On the other side of the car was a sticker signifying a member of the United States Marines from World War II. Ray decided to write a note to the owner of the Buick thanking him for his service, which he then left on the windshield. The owner of the car was Lloyd Dinsmore and that note began a friendship that has lasted to this day.

"They call them a mysterious fraternity," Ray said. "I think that explains it all."

In October 2003, Densmore invited Ray to a reunion in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. While there, Ray was officially adopted as a member of the 2nd Armored Amphibian Battalion. He was in the first grade at Baker Elementary School the day the battalion landed on Iwo Jima.

"They call us 'the kids' and I'm 69," Ray said. "My wife would hate it if I told her age."

Ray and his wife volunteered to hold the reunion this year to relieve the workload from one of the members who had been holding it in Tahlequah. His daughter, Kristi Hutto, catered the event. Carruth and the others were eating various assortments of hors d'oeuvres she provided in the hotel foyer as they traded stories. Carruth had just learned what happened to a jeep he'd "borrowed" on Iwo Jima to round up more water for his company.

"It was an army jeep and I changed the name to USMC. Someone said, 'Where'd they get that jeep?'" Carruth laughed. "I thought, 'I know exactly where they got it!'"

Carruth would up leaving the jeep parked on a beach as he boarded a transport ship leaving the island.

"This lieutenant ... he loaded that thing aboard an LSD (landing ship dock) and took it all the way back to Maui," he recalled. "Well, everything went fine until he got drunk one night and wrecked it and they found out it was a stolen jeep."

The battalion's tanks had a flaw: The clutch overheated. When it did, it left the men and their tanks stranded. It complicated their mission to take the beach first.

"I had one guy tell me,

you know, 'Larry, we didn't get the job done.'" Ray said. "They had to sit there and send all those infantry in past them. He said they'd just be blown back by the gunfire. Some of these stories will make you laugh, but some of them will just bring tears to your eyes."

Carruth's tank was one of two that got all the way on to the beach.

"The rest of them couldn't even get up there. My driver, I told him to head toward the volcano and we'll start shooting," Carruth said. "I looked up and there was something coming down the beach, flinging dirt everywhere, and I said 'Steve, get ready we're gonna get hit.' I tell you, it shook that old tank like a baby rattle."

Carruth and his men never found out what had hit them. Later, after they'd been floating around for days, Carruth again decided to pick something out on the mountain and start shooting at it. It returned fire.

"This old boy that wrote that book 'Flags of our Fathers' ... he was up in Wichita Falls one day and he hadn't written the book yet but he was forming it up," Carruth said. "He got up and said 'There was no combat on Mount Suribachi when the flag went up.' And I jumped up and said 'Whoa, wait a minute!' There was four of us still alive and I can prove everything I'm gonna tell you. I said, 'If there wasn't no combat then that mountain was shooting at us.' D Company killed 13 Japs that morning around the side. Right below the volcano. That's where I was at."

When the battle of Iwo Jima was over, the battalion returned to Maui and were packed and ready to go to Japan when they heard the war had ended. There is a general agreement at the

table that none of them would be alive today if they'd gone.

"People still criticize dropping that (atomic) bomb, but they've never been to war," said Bernard Blubaugh of Danville, Kansas. "We didn't kill nearly the people who would have been killed if they hadn't dropped it."

The battalion were the first Americans to land in each of their missions and they would have been the first in Japan as well.

"We were just numb, we couldn't hardly believe it," Carruth said. "I really truly don't think I'd have ever made it home, but thank God we didn't have to go."

The reunion lasted the better part of two days. It included a trip to the Freedom Museum and a banquet at First Baptist Church. Ray said he was proud to have been given the opportunity to organize it.

"For us this has been a labor of love. All of these men are heroes," Ray said. "They were indeed the greatest generation."

Fire

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each room, (2) a meeting place outside your home where all family members will get together in case of a fire, and (3) an agreement on who will wake up any children who might not respond to a smoke alarm.

• **Get out and stay out.** "If there is a fire in your home, get out as fast as you can," Ryan said. "Call 911 from a neighbor's house or a cell phone. Once you are out of the house, do not return. Everything inside the house can be replaced, but you cannot."

• **Fire extinguishers.** Fire extinguishers are best used when there is a small fire contained in an area such as a wastebasket. When using a fire extinguisher, always remember PASS:

Pull the pin. Release the lock nozzles pointing away from you.

Aim low. Point the extinguisher at the base of the fire.

Squeeze the lever slowly and evenly.

Sweep the nozzle from side to side.

• **Smoke alarms.** Always remember to test each smoke alarm in your home once a month. Push the test button until you hear a loud noise. Change out the batteries in the smoke alarm once a year.

"A good way to remember this is to change your batteries when you change your clock," Ryan said.

Dyslexia

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Commerce.

Dr. Zervas established the SMU Diagnostic Center for Dyslexia and Related Disorders in 2004. She is currently a full time lecturer in the Annette Caldwell Simmons School of Education and Human Development at SMU. She also has a private practice in speech/language assessment.

Four free testing scholarships will be given which will entitle testing by SMU diagnosticians. The diagnosticians will come to Pampa to administer the tests so recipients will not be required to travel to Dallas.


Altrusa will also furnish brisket sandwiches, drinks and dessert along with door prizes at the conclusion of the program. For more information, call 669-2771, 665-1298 or 662-9008.

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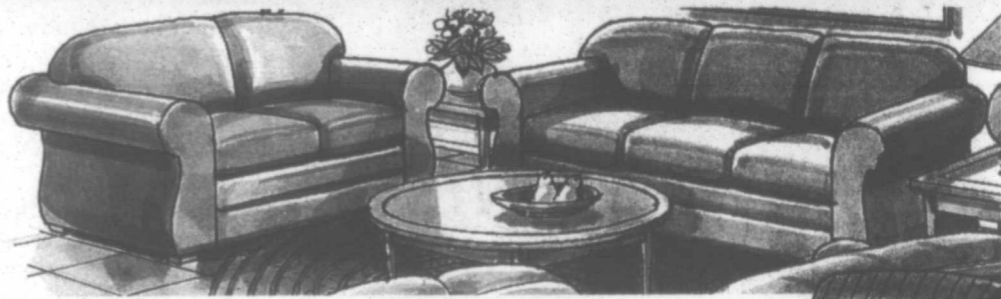
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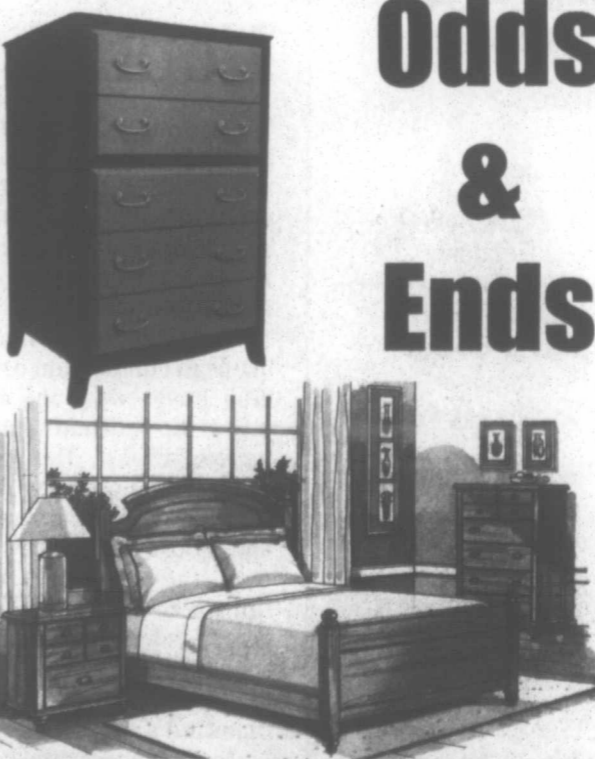

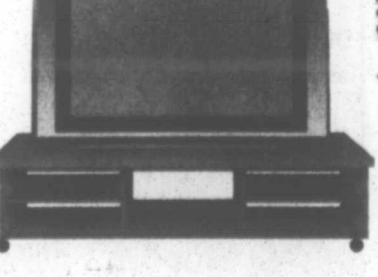
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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 7, the 281st day of 2008. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 7, 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.)

On this date:

In 1571, allied Christian forces defeated an Ottoman fleet in the naval Battle of Lepanto.

In 1858, the fifth debate between Illinois senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen Douglas took place in Galesburg.

In 1868, Cornell University was inaugurated in Ithaca, N.Y.

In 1916, in the most lopsided victory in college football history, Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland University 222-0 in Atlanta.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1954, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy and Republican opponent

'Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries.'

— James Michener
American novelist
(1907-1997)

Richard M. Nixon held their second televised debate, in Washington, D.C.

In 1979, Pope John Paul II concluded his weeklong tour of the United States with a Mass on the Washington Mall.

In 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean. (The hijackers, who killed an elderly Jewish American tourist, surrendered two days after taking the ship.)

In 1991, University of Oklahoma law professor Anita Hill publicly accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of making sexually inappropriate comments when she worked for him; Thomas denied Hill's allegations.

Ten years ago: Matthew Shepard, a gay college student at the University of Wyoming, was beaten, robbed and left tied to a wooden fence post outside of Laramie; he died five days later. (Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney are serving life sentences for Shepard's murder.) The Justice Department sued Visa and MasterCard, the nation's largest credit card networks, on grounds they were restraining competition and limiting consumers' choices. (A judge later ruled that the Visa and MasterCard associations had to allow their member banks to issue other credit cards.)

Five years ago: California voters recalled Gov. Gray Davis and elected Arnold Schwarzenegger their new governor. Turkey's parliament voted overwhelmingly to allow Turkish troops to be sent to Iraq. Ten Southeast Asian nations signed an accord establishing a Europe-like economic community by 2020. American scientists Alexei Abrikosov and Anthony Leggett and Russian Vitaly Ginzburg won the Nobel Prize in physics for their work in how matter can behave at extremely low temperatures.



Gov't bail-out: The key phrase here is 'in the end'

Sometimes I wonder how decisions are made in Washington.

Take the recent bail-outs for players in the U.S. financial arena. When the big bail-out most recently passed was under discussion, I heard claims that if the bail-out didn't pass, it would cost us taxpayers a lot more in the end that it would to do the bail-out. I think the key phrase here is "in the end."

I want to believe that the right thing was done, that it was truly wiser to come to the rescue of these foolish financial institutions than to let them suffer the consequences of their own poor planning.

I can't help thinking, however, that it isn't fair to everyone. And it may not be a wise precedent to set, either.

I can see it now . . . Every business in the land that gets into financial trouble decides to file a lawsuit after their

request for a government bail-out is denied. How are courts to explain that the big companies are the only ones worthy of rescue?

I may be speaking out of turn. I admit I know relatively little of big finance and of the potential consequences of allowing the recent big business woes to continue rather than putting a stop to them.

But I still wonder how such decisions are made in Washington, and how the decision-makers live with some of those decisions.

Our federal government hasn't managed to keep to a balanced budget in quite some time now. But that doesn't stop them from throwing around money they don't have.

If, on the other hand, I

wrote checks for more money than I had in the bank, guess what would happen. It sure wouldn't go unnoticed or be forgiven free of charge.

The government throws taxpayers' money around like there's plenty more where that

came from. The problem with that is that one of these days, that seemingly endless supply may dry up if we all get poor enough.

These bail-outs join other forms of government giveaways that have always been a thorn in some taxpayers' sides. Think of all the pork barrel politics that goes on, where one representative's pet company or agency at home gets megabucks to perform some useless research or construct some

ridiculously expensive and totally unnecessary structure.

Another way of spending taxpayers' cash is all in the name of diplomacy. The U.S. gives a number of foreign countries a great deal of money, plus other forms of aid which also cost money, such as military assistance and things such as food.

I am all in favor of helping others. I have always been taught that that is one of the things we are supposed to do. But sometimes I wonder why some get helped and others don't.

Both of the presidential candidates keep trumpeting that it's time for a change in Washington, and add that they are the best means of making that change.

One thing I'd like to see the winner change is how government finances are managed.

Marilyn Powers
Staff Writer



Lobbyists contributing to erosion of liberty

Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis warned, "The greatest dangers to liberty lurk in the insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well meaning but without understanding."

The freedom of individuals from compulsion or coercion never was, and is not now, the normal state of human affairs. The normal state for the ordinary person is tyranny, arbitrary control and abuse mainly by their own government. While imperfect in its execution, the founders of our nation sought to make an exception to this ugly part of mankind's history. Unfortunately, at the urging of the American people, we are unwittingly in the process of returning to mankind's normal state of affairs.

Americans demand that Congress spend trillions of dollars on farm subsidies, business bailouts, education subsidies, Social Security, Medicare and prescription drugs and other elements of a welfare state. The problem is that Congress produces nothing. Whatever Congress wishes to give, it has to first take other people's money. Thus, at the root of the welfare state is the immorality

of intimidation, threats and coercion backed up with the threat of violence by the agents of the U.S. Congress. In order for Congress to do what some Americans deem as good, it must first do evil. It must do that which, if done privately would mean a jail sentence, namely, take the property of one American to give to another.

According to a Washington Post article (6/22/05), there were nearly 35,000 highly paid registered lobbyists in Washington in 2004 who spent \$2.1 billion lobbying the White House, Congress and various agencies on behalf of various interest groups. Political action committees, private donors and companies give billions of dollars to political campaigns. My question to you: Do you think that these people are spending billions of dollars to assist presidents and congressmen to better perform their sworn oath of office to preserve, protect and defend the U.S. Constitution? If you do,

you're a fine candidate for a straitjacket. For the most part, the money is being spent to get politicians and government officials to use their coercive power to create a favor

or special privilege for one American at the expense of some other American.

If we Americans didn't give Washington such enormous control over our lives, I doubt whether there would be 10 percent of the money currently spent on lobbying and campaign contributions. This enormous control that Congress has over our lives also goes a long way toward explaining much of the government corruption that we see in Washington.

If the average American were asked whether he wishes to return to mankind's normal state of affairs featured by arbitrary abuse, control and government dictates, I am sure he would find such a suggestion repulsive. But if you were to ask, say, the average senior citizen whether Social Security, Medicare and prescription drug subsidies should be

continued, he would probably answer yes.

The same would be true if you asked a college professor whether higher education should continue to be subsidized, or a farmer or a dairyman whether their products should be subsidized, or a manufacturer whether there should be tariffs and quotas on foreign products that compete with his product. The problem with congressmen producing favors and privileges to all interest groups is that it creates what none of us wants — massive control, numerous dictates and micromanagement of our lives.

There is no question that if one were to ask whether we Americans are moving towards more liberty or more government control over our lives, the answer would unambiguously be the latter — more government control over our lives. We might have reached a point where the trend is irreversible and that is a true tragedy for if liberty is lost in America, it will be lost for all times and all places.

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Dear Abby...



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The number of fires in the United States has declined over the years, and while that's encouraging, there is still a real cause for concern today. In 2007, eight in 10 people who died in a fire were killed in a home fire. Practically everyone runs the risk of experiencing a home fire. Most - if not all - home fires can be prevented. However, while it may be overwhelming to think about the risk, especially when spending time at home doing routine things like whipping up a meal or relaxing in a warm living room on a brisk fall evening, thinking about the risk and doing something to eliminate it can prevent a home fire from happening in the first place. This year's Fire Prevention Week public awareness campaign (Oct. 5 to Oct. 11) focuses on preventing home fires and highlights personal actions the public can take to become familiar with fire safety hazards and learn to avoid them. Since 1922, this fire safety observance has brought attention to fire safety issues. Everyone can eliminate fires with a little extra care. When it's time to prepare a meal or snack, remember that cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Keeping fire safety in mind when cooking, and paying attention to what is on the stovetop or in the oven, can pay off when it comes to reducing the risk of cooking fires. Most often, these fires start when cooking is left unattended. It's also a good idea to monitor the cooking area to make sure that curtains and other things that can burn are a safe distance away from the stovetop. Cooking causes the largest number of fires, but more people die in fires involving smoking materials or heating equipment. Taking recommended precautions where they are involved will also help to reduce the risk of people dying in home fires. Each year, home fires kill approximately 2,500 to 3,000 people, injure another 12,000 to 13,000, and cause between \$6

billion and \$7 billion in property loss. Don't take the chance of becoming one of these statistics. -- **JAMES M. SHANNON, PRESIDENT AND CEO, NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION ASSOCIATION**

DEAR JAMES: Every year we hear tragic reports in the news about lives that are lost because of fires in the home, caused by carelessness or lack of preparedness. That's why it's so important to prepare for a fire even before one occurs. Start by making sure that smoke alarms are installed in bedrooms and outside each sleeping area on every level of your dwelling. And remember, they should be maintained and tested monthly. It is also vital to develop and practice a home fire escape plan, which includes identifying two ways to exit every room, and practicing the plan with everyone living in your home -- especially children. Being alerted to a fire and being prepared to escape from it will help residents to act more quickly in an emergency. The time saved because everyone knows exactly what to do could literally be life-saving. Also, if you can afford it, in addition to having smoke alarms, consider installing residential sprinklers for added protection. To learn more about fire prevention and safety, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.

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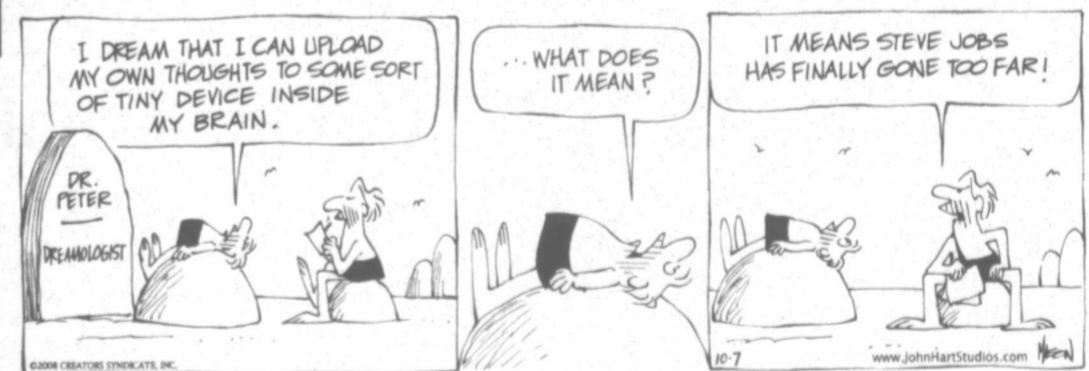
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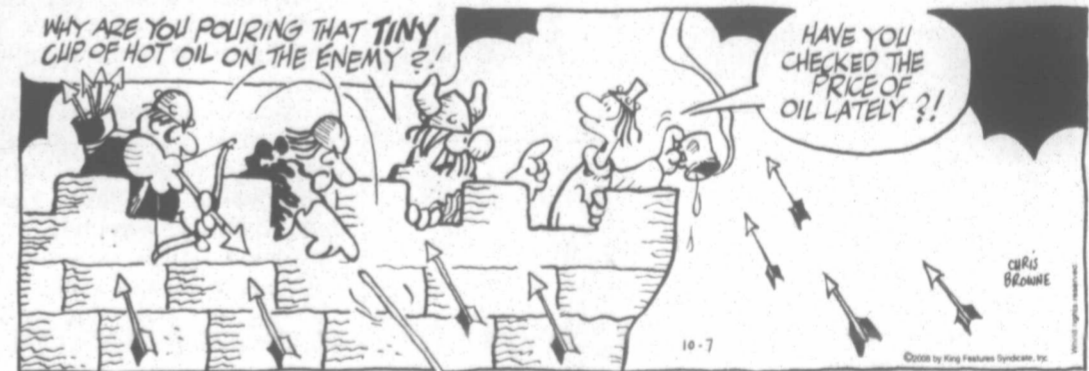
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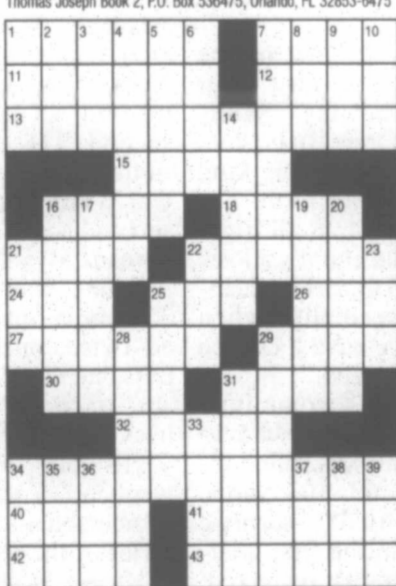
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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I guess this must be the drawer I spilled the glue in."

Flo & Friends



Sports

Harvester Up!



The Fourth Annual Tennis Mini-Camp was held recently at the Pampa High School tennis courts for ages kindergarten through fifth grade. Above: Varsity and JV Harvester tennis team members scattered on the court with prizes the kids could win. Below left: Campers were taught tennis strokes (forehand, backhand, volley and serves) by current PHS tennis team members. Below right: Kindergarten campers and PHS team members were very creative when the campers tired of practicing tennis strokes with a game of "Duck, Duck, Goose." The PHS team is coached by Head Coach Sarah Corse and Assistant Coach Starla Kindle. Their district record is four wins, three losses. The next home match will be at 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 11 against Hereford.



High School choir to hold shoot-out

The Pampa High School Choir will hold a hole-in-one "Shoot-Out" beginning Saturday, October 11 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

Sponsored by Fenton Motors, the preliminary will go from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The top ten golfers will advance to the finals which will begin at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The grand prize is a Jeep Wrangler Unlimited provided by Fenton Motors. Cash prizes will be awarded to finalists.

Tickets may be purchased from PHS choir members or at the preliminary on Saturday. Tickets are five dollars for the first three shots and additional unlimited shots may be purchased for one dollar each.

AFC Individual Leaders

Week 5

Quarterbacks

| Att | Com | Yds | TD | Int | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---|
| Favre, NY-J | 124 | 87 | 935 | 12 | 4 |
| Rivers, S.D. | 138 | 84 | 1183 | 11 | 4 |
| Cutler, Den. | 191 | 125 | 1502 | 10 | 4 |
| Roethlisberger, Pit. | 124 | 79 | 947 | 7 | 3 |
| Edwards, Buf. | 122 | 81 | 948 | 4 | 2 |
| Pennington, Mia. | 112 | 75 | 817 | 3 | 1 |
| Russell, Oak | 99 | 54 | 668 | 4 | 1 |
| Cassel, N.E. | 104 | 70 | 707 | 3 | 3 |
| Garrard, Jac. | 149 | 97 | 983 | 3 | 4 |
| Manning, Ind. | 154 | 96 | 1031 | 5 | 5 |

Rushers

| Att | Yds | Avg | LG | TD | |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| L. Johnson, K.C. | 93 | 417 | 4.5 | 65 | 3 |
| C. Johnson, Ten. | 85 | 381 | 4.5 | 51 | 2 |
| Tomlinson, S.D. | 89 | 331 | 3.7 | 41t | 4 |
| Lynch, Buf. | 92 | 330 | 3.6 | 22 | 4 |
| Brown, Mia. | 58 | 286 | 4.9 | 62t | 6 |
| Slaton, Hou. | 57 | 285 | 5.0 | 50 | 3 |
| McFadden, Oak. | 51 | 272 | 5.3 | 50 | 1 |
| L. McClain, Bal. | 63 | 266 | 4.2 | 17 | 4 |
| Young, Den. | 47 | 266 | 5.7 | 49 | 1 |
| Parker, Pit. | 66 | 263 | 4.0 | 32 | 3 |

Receivers

| No | Yds | Avg | LG | TD | |
|----------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---|
| Marshall, Den. | 34 | 423 | 12.4 | 35t | 3 |
| Houshmandzadeh, Cin. | 31 | 351 | 11.3 | 26 | 3 |

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|--------------|----|-----|------|----|---|
| Royal, Den. | 30 | 321 | 10.7 | 29 | 2 |
| Bowe, K.C. | 27 | 324 | 12.0 | 30 | 2 |
| Welker, N.E. | 27 | 251 | 9.3 | 26 | 0 |

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Opportunistic Vikings beat error-prone Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Bernard Berrian ran the wrong route at the right time.

The result was a game-tying, 33-yard touchdown pass from Gus Frerotte intended for another receiver. When Frerotte did throw the ball Berrian's way a little later, the Vikings' big-play receiver didn't even have to catch it to set up the winning score.

A pass interference call on a deep throw into double coverage set up Ryan Longwell's 30-yard field goal with 13 seconds left, allowing the Minnesota Vikings to escape with a 30-27 victory over the New Orleans Saints on Monday night.

Reggie Bush ran back an NFL record-tying two punts for touchdowns of 71 and 64 yards which helped the Saints turn a 10-point third quarter deficit into a one-touchdown fourth quarter lead. But the Saints committed too many blunders — and the Vikings were too opportunistic — for Bush's night to matter.

"This is as good a win as it gets," Vikings coach Brad Childress said. "I don't know if I've ever been involved in one that went that way."

Saints fans have seen their team lose plenty of games in the final seconds of a game in the Louisiana Superdome — and still managed to score in a

32-31 Vikings win. That was the beginning of a three-game slide for New Orleans, which finished 9-7 and narrowly missed the playoffs.

This time, Frerotte repeatedly delivered clutch throws under heavy pressure, absorbed several hard hits and at one point needed a doctor's clearance to return to action. He passed for 222 yards and his only TD was the one Berrian unexpectedly snagged.

"I was just determined to go up there and catch it," Berrian said. "It just hung up there and I made a play."

The Vikings' other touchdown pass was thrown by running back Chester Taylor, who took a handoff on third-and-goal before finding Visanthe Shiancoe on a 4-yard toss.

"I love this team, the feeling we have in the huddle," said the 37-year-old Frerotte, who has won two of three starts since taking over for 25-year-old Tarvaris Jackson. "They're looking at me and have trust in what we are doing."

The Vikings didn't get a chance to line up for their game-winning field goal until Saints kicker Martin Gramatica, who had a field goal attempt blocked and returned 59-yards for a touchdown in the first quarter, pulled a 46-yard attempt wide left with two minutes left.

"The worst thing about is I let the team down," Gramatica said. "These guys killed each other for 60 minutes. It is frustrating when you have a group of guys who are tight like us. It kills

you to let them down." The loss was reminiscent of a 34-32 setback at Denver in Week 3, when Gramatica missed a 43-yard field goal that could have put the Saints ahead with about two minutes to go.

Berrian's TD wasn't the only Vikings mistake that worked out in Minnesota's favor anyway. When linebacker Chad Greenway yanked Bush's face mask during a running play, the officials didn't call a penalty, but Bush fumbled, stalling a promising New Orleans drive.

"It's probably one of the weirdest games I've ever been involved in," Saints quarterback Drew Brees said. "Just the way this thing kind of went back and forth. I'm trying to digest it all right now and in the end it's a loss."

"That's extremely disappointing, especially when once again we have a chance to win it at the end."

New Orleans committed four turnovers, dropped several passes and was called for 11 penalties for 102 yards. The Saints tried a surprise onside kick in the first quarter, but Minnesota recovered, setting up Longwell's 53-yard field goal, which tied his season long.

With the Saints trailing 20-10 late in the third quarter, Bush had his first touchdown return for 71 yards, slipping a tackle early and accelerating past a bone-jarring block at midfield by Jo-Lonn Dumbar.

Bush nearly broke another punt return, but tripped at the Minnesota 49. Still, New Orleans only needed one first down to set up Gramatica's

53-yard field goal to tie it.

Childress told punter Chris Kluge to aim his next kick out of bounds. Kluge's aim was off and Bush caught it on the run, then burst between a pair of defenders who appeared to have a shot at him before cutting outside for a 64-yard score.

Bush was the 12th player in NFL history to return two punts for TDs in a game. The last to do it was Eddie Drummond of Detroit against Jacksonville on Nov. 14, 2004.

Vikings cornerback Antoine Winfield scored after recovering Gramatica's blocked kick in the first quarter and set up Minnesota's second TD with a forced fumble on a sack of Brees that Winfield recovered himself and advanced to the New Orleans 5-yard line.

Brees was 26-of-46 for 330 yards but was intercepted twice, once on a tipped pass deep in Vikings territory and once on a desperation heave in the final seconds.

His lone touchdown pass went for 17 yards to Devery Henderson on the Saints' first series of the game.

Notes: Bush's 176 return yards in the game set a Saints record. His four career punt returns for TDs and three this season are also club records. ... Drummond's returns — 55 and 83 yards — were both in the fourth quarter of the Lions' 23-17 overtime loss. ... The Vikings have won four straight Monday night games, while the Saints are 8-17 all-time on Monday night.

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These fifth-graders from Lamar Elementary School showed off their "green and gold pride" before a recent Pampa High School football game. Above: (Back row) Corby Snapp, Ana Chavez, Kyler Ramming, Brittany Lang, Iriscel Cabrales, Marissa Saldierna, Rosa Cabrales, Ashleigh Pulatie; (front row) Angel Brumfield, Shianna Regalado, Anjelica Garcia, Raeli Walker and Alexxis Watkins.



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▲ Roy Nelson recently fed a waterdog to a bass fish in seventh grade science at Pampa Junior High School. The class recently explored biological food chains.

UTSA professor reinstated

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — One of two tenured engineering professors suspended from the University of Texas at San Antonio for allegedly violating the school's ethics policy said he has been reinstated and will return to work this week.

Last week, on the eve of a faculty tribunal hearing, the school dropped its case against Alberto Arroyo and gave him his job back.

"I am in heaven. I am alive again," Arroyo said in a story in the San Antonio Express-News. "Finally, somebody put the file together and read it and said, 'We are going to hang an innocent man.'"

UTSA officials are proceeding with their case against the other professor, Chia Shun "Rocky" Shih. He appealed his firing to a faculty tribunal, which heard his case last week and will send its conclusions to University of Texas System regents for a final decision.

As for droppings their case against Arroyo, university officials said only that it was best for the students and the university.

Arroyo and Shih were suspended without pay earlier this year as the school began termination proceedings against both men. Shih has been at the university since 1974; Arroyo has been there since 1982.



Science class

◀ Danna Eppison, a sixth grader at Pampa Junior High, recently participated in an experiment in Sara Carmichael's science class.

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