NEWS BRIEFS

Local

Everyone 18 years and older is encouraged to use the power of the vote and go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 3. Polling places in Miami and surrounding areas will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. A heavy voter turnout is expected to determine the next President of the United States.

Three main challengers for the office are: Republican candidate George Bush, Democratic Party candidate Bill Clinton and Independent candidate Ross Perot.

State

A referendum and a constitutional amendment Wednesday plans for recommending the reduction or cancel of welfare benefits to many recipients who haven't been a job for two to five years. The plan to make several welfare reform recommendations including ways to control Medicaid costs in Oklahoma.

National

The end of the world is drawing near, according to a national religious movement that predicts the final reckoning will occur Saturday.

"Some people don't believe," said Lee Inkyung, spokesman for the Jehovah's World Mission whose leader is 64-year-old Kang-in Ha.

The revelation was that Jesus would come this month for Judgement Day. "But many people believe. It's all up to them how much their minds are closed to God."
State questions require examination prior to general elections next week

During the second session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislative Session seven state questions passed. These questions have been placed on the Nov. 3 general election ballot.

The balloted titles for the legislative referenda below are provided so voters can be informed.

State Question 643, HJR 2177 Legislative Referendum 289
Approval of this measure will repeal Section 14 of Article 9 of the Oklahoma Constitution. Section 14 requires that a railroad must pass through a county seat if it passes within the limits of the county seat.
Section 14 also requires that railroad maintain a depot at the county seat. If this measure is approved those requirements will be removed from the Oklahoma Constitution.

State Question 645, SJR 28 Legislative Referendum 289
This measure adds a new section of law to the state Constitution. It adds Section 24 of Article 23. It requires that all processes, assets, and income of certain public retirement systems be held, invested, or disbursed as a trust for a limited purpose. The retirement systems involved include those administered by a state agency. The limited purpose for which the funds are to be held in trust is to provide benefits, refunds, investment management, and administrative expenses of any such systems.

The proceeds, assets, and income of such systems shall be used for any other purpose.

State Question 646, HJR 2797 Legislative Referendum 292
This measure would amend the Oklahoma Constitution. It would add a new Section 23 to Article 11. It would allow annual property tax levy for a county to maintain an Oklahoma cooperative extension office for field bureau programs.

The levy could only be made if approved by a majority of the voters of the county. The levy must be sufficient to meet the county’s share of the total funding of the cooperative extension office. It could not be more than one mill on the dollar value of property.
The levy would be assessed annually by the voters of the county. The office would be maintained as provided by law. All tax revenues from the levy would be spent in the county where the levy was approved. All public funds could also be used for the office.

State Question 647, HJR 2179 Legislative Referendum 291
This measure grants the authority to the death of each member of the Oklahoma House of Representatives. The measure would allow a death certificate to be granted to the estate of the member of the state legislature whose death occurs after the last session of the legislature.

Norse Wind

Writer issues invitation for mystery caller to respond

Dear Mr. X,

Well, well, well, it seems that I have a tale.

First of all, wherever you are, I would like to tell you that your ac-


views and attributes of me are quite exquisite, very detailed, and in your tone.

I don’t know who you think you are but, I do know that your nor-


nely with the wrong person! You are obviously very cowardly and

while your approach, and I should think that you could do a better

than he is an amazing machine.

We on the Norse Wind staff are very much like to come in con-

act with you.

So there is a place we can meet to discuss your “ideas” further, we

would be happy to oblige you, period.

However, if this is not the case, all I can tell you is you need to get

fessional help and you need to leave me alone.

After all, I just doing my job.

Hollie Vannour
National observance draws attention to continued substance abuse problem

With the end of October comes Red Ribbon Week, which is a time for our country’s citizens to reflect on how substance abuse harms our lives and to communicate with each other.

Among the most evident of the tragic results of substance abuse is its effect on the many suffering caused by drunk and drugged driving.

Probably everyone who is reading this has been affected directly, some of us more personally than others.

On an average weekday, one out of 60 drivers on the road is alcohol or drug impaired beyond the legal limit.

Drivers or pedestrians impaired by alcohol account for one death on U.S. highways every 22 minutes, adding up to about 20,000 lives lost in 1991.

Almost a quarter of a million people have lost their lives in the last decade. About three-quarters of a million more people are injured in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes annually.

To make that number mean something to us, the total population of Oklahoma would be injured in four years if all the accidents occurred in Oklahoma.

What can we do about this threat to our safety, our families, and our nation’s well-being?

For some of us who have loved ones in a crash involving a driver or pedestrian impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, service on the Victim’s Impact Panel can provide a valuable option.

At the Victim’s Impact Panel, victims relate their stories to those people who have a Driving Under Influence.

Call Inter-Tribal Council’s Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Office at 542-2043 for further information.

Other options include examining our state and local legislature and initiating and supporting legislation which has proven effective in other states.

Examples include the ALR (Automobile License Renewal) which allows an arresting officer to immediately confiscate the license of a driver who is legally impaired.

Also, a "zero tolerance" law for youth can be adopted. Over 3,500 youth ages 15 to 20 died in alcohol-related crashes in 1990. The relative risks for drivers under 21 is greater than or equal to 30.

Good drinking water requires careful study

Many people don’t consider unfiltered water a beverage and even some dictionaries tend to agree.

Yet, as our population grows larger, more health-conscious, water is becoming the beverage of choice.

Water is vital to all bodily function and helps to eliminate harmful substances. But how healthy is water straight from the tap?

"U.S. drinking water is one of the safest and most highly regulated supplies in the world," said Marshall B. Roth, director of communications for the Water Quality Association in Little Falls, N.Y.

"However, water quality varies from place to place, even from house to house, due to a variety of factors."

If you are worried about your tap water and want to know what it contains, the first steps is to request a copy of test results from your local water department.

If you see sediments or suspect contaminants are entering your water after it leaves the treatment facility, you’ll need to have your tap water tested by an independent laboratory.

Most municipal water is safe to drink right out of the tap. However, there are some low cost and fast methods to reduce the contaminants in your tap water.

1. Run the tap for two minutes before using, to rinse out accumulated lead and other impurities from pipes or faucets.
2. When you turn on the tap, increase the pressure gradually to keep contaminants from breaking loose.

These steps improve tap water but won’t remove all contaminants. Some bottled waters are improvements over tap water, but many are not.

"Water labeled "drinking" or "purified" (distilled) is usually municipal tap or spring water treated to remove contaminants. Spring, or well water labeled "natural" may be untreated and could contain naturally occurring pollutants from the environment."

"To help assure that you are buying high quality bottled water, be sure to choose brands that have the type of treatment based on the label."

Shop at stores that sell a lot of water. You’re more likely to find information that hasn’t been sitting on the shelf too long.

An alternative to bottled water is a home filtration system. The three most commonly used today are:

1. Activated carbon filters out unpleasant tastes and odors.
2. Distillation boils away such contaminants as lead, copper, sodium, nitrates, certain pesticides and fungicides, and organic contaminants.
3. Reverse osmosis uses pressure to force water through a microscopic membrane.

SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Student Body Government representative Shaw Black, a sophomore from Miami, and Student Body Government president Terry Harrison, a junior from Miami, will be the guest speakers at the Student Union’s luncheon Tuesday in front of the Carter Student Union.

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Red Ribbon history short lived

There was a shocking history behind the observance of Red Ribbon Week. On February 7, 1985, U.S. Drug Agent Enrique Camarena was tortured and murdered in Mexico by drug traffickers. His mission was to bring down Mexico's powerful drug barons. What he found was a systematic conspiracy that involved not only drug cartels, but also high-ranking officials of several government agencies. The U.S. interest in Mexico's drug business is obvious, as today Mexico remains our number one source of heroin and marijuana and is a staging area for at least one-third of the cocaine entering the U.S. market. It had taken a leap of faith for Camarena to become a narcotics agent. Born in the poor Mexican border town of Mexicali and raised in the poor California border town of Calexico, he had been a high school football star, a Marine, and a police officer. When he joined the Drug Enforcement Agency in 1976, he knew, better than most, the odds stacked against him. He had seen the misery that led people to take drugs and the desperation that caused them to smuggle. He knew about the corruption that involved the drug trade. When he joined the agency, he brought the police to his fight and to take on the frontier line. Their message soon spread to other communities who shared in the anger and, within a year the idea of RED RIBBON Campaign the first Red Ribbon Week was a success.

California, Florida, and other states were organizing campaigns that involved hundreds of communities and thousands of volunteers. An NFP representative from each state was invited to attend a meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, in April 1988. At this meeting, the idea of RED RIBBON was born. The idea of a drug-free society. Millions and millions of RED RIBBONS were worn and displayed in October of 1988, just three and one-half years after Mr. Kiki's death, and each year in October millions more will appear. Whether we pin a RED RIBBON to our lapel, or tie it to a RED RIBBON to a tree, or hand a RED RIBBON from a building, we are reminding ourselves all who see of Mr. Kiki's courage, of his sacrifice, and of his vow to never give up!
Bulldogs try to "trick" Golden Norse

By Jeremy Pendleton

The second-ranked Golden Norsemen return to Robinson Field to treat their stuff with the Georgia Military College, Saturday afternoon.

The Bulldogs threatened in the first four broken games. Georgia Military College was ranked eighth in the NCAAs before losing 23-0 to the Georgia Southern junior varsity team 2 years ago.

Last weekend the Bulldogs pulled off a 22-12 upset of the fourth ranked in the CAA 44-1-1 victory over North Greenville, S.C. With that win, the Bulldogs moved into the No. 3 spot in the polls.

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Rout of Vols extends streak to 15

By Chris Franks
Sports Editor

"We spent the week selling our kids that they need to go to Knoxville and take care of business," said Golden North head coach Mike Lyon.

The Norsemen did just that by stomping the University of Tennessee Junior Varsity 56-7 last Friday.

The game put the second ranked Golden Norse at 7-0 on the season and continued a 15-game winning streak.

The loss dropped the Tennessee Junior Varsity to 0-1 on the season.

The Golden Norse defense shone against the Volunteers, creating five fumbles and an interception that led to four touchdowns.

The Vols took an early lead after flanker Rick Sulliam ran a reverse 49 yards down the field for a touchdown.

Jason Epison kicked the extra point for the 7-0 lead with 10:44 left in the first quarter.

The Golden Norse then got the ball and covered 77 yards in eight plays for the touchdown.

Sophomore fullback Joe Jefferson carried the ball six times for 46 yards before scoring on a four-yard run.

The extra point by Eric Jackson tied the game at 7 with 9:47 left in the first.

After the teams exchanged passes, the Norsemen covered 41 yards in six plays to take the lead.

Wide receiver Ralph Strickland caught a 24-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Brent Scott to end the drive.

Jackson's kick gave the Norse a 14-7 lead with 2:33 left in the first.

The ensuing kickoff was fumbled by Sulliam and Golden Norse defender Mark Taylor recovered the ball on the Tennessee 18-yard line.

Jefferson carried the ball three of the four Norse plays and scored on a one-yard plunge as the first quarter expired.

Jackson's PAT gave the Norse a comfortable 21-7 lead.

Sophomore linebacker Eric Hobbs stripped Tennessee tailback Neal Kenny and recovered the ball on the Vols 15-yard line.

The Golden Norse scored after just four plays.

Scott ran the ball in from the one for the touchdown.

Jackson's extra point put the Norse in front 28-7.

Another fumbled kickoff return by Sulliam was recovered by Cleveland Everhart on the Vols 23-yard line.

Tailback Matt Howey scored on a sweep around the left end that took him 23 yards into the endzone.

Jackson missed the kick and the Norse led 34-7 with 11:33 left before the break.

Tennessee retaliated with a 65-yard scoring drive.

Epison concluded the drive with a 31-yard field goal.

The Vols then trailed 34-10 through the half.

Taking the second half kickoff the Norsemen moved 77 yards in eight plays.

Jackson concluded the drive with a 22-yard field goal to give the Norse a 37-10 cushion with 6:09 left in the third quarter.

The Vols were held and had to punt the ball away.

Punt return specialist Carl Kordt returned the ball 84 yards for a spectacular touchdown.

The extra point by Jackson was blocked but the Norse led 49-0 with time left on the clock.

Glen Williams then got his turn to recover a fumble.

Silversuffed another return and Williams pounced on the ball to give the Norse possession on the Tennessee 47-yard line.

Freshman fullback Kelton Danigan rushed for all 80 yards and the touchdown on two plays.

Jackson missed the extra point but the Norse led 49-0 with 12:11 left in the game.

Tennessee quarterback Quincey Prigmon was intercepted by Everhart on a flare pass to Sulliam.

The Norse took the ball on the Vols 42-yard line.

Freshman fullback Simon Tucker carried the ball six times for the final touchdown.

The PAT gave the Norse a 56-7 victory.

"I think we took the wind out of their sails after we scored three times within five minutes. They never recovered after that," said Lyon.

Youth abundant on men's cage squad

After graduation left the Golden Norsemen basketball team with only two returning sophomores. Coach Lonnie Spencer's squad meets the season Monday with an abundance of new talent.

The Golden Norse travel to Trenton on Monday for an 8 p.m. game with Northern Oklahoma College.

The Norse return home next Friday and Saturday to host the two-day Golden Norse Classic.

"Our main strength thus far has been our strong work ethic," said Spencer. "Our kids have been working hard and competitive and want to do well."

Under Spencer's first year as head coach, the Golden Norse won their second consecutive Region II Tournament and advanced to the second round of the National Junior College Athletic Association National Tournament.

The Golden Norse finished second with a 21-0 overall record.

Nine of last years team members are gone including the likes of four starters.

There's no doubt about it, we're going to be awfully young and inexperienced going into the season.

"Talent wise I think we're solid but I don't think you separate yourself from other teams necessarily or talent. I think work ethic and willingness to compete are equally as important."

Former Golden Valley White and Alvin Latham are the only two holdovers from last year's team.

White (5-5 from Toledo, Ohio) returns as either a power forward or center position. As a freshman, White averaged 66 points and 3.3 rebounds with 11 blocked shots in 32 games.

Lamb (6-4 from Ashland, N.Y.) returned as the post position after averaging 7.4 points and 4.8 rebounds per game as a freshman.

Lamb also recorded 22 blocked shots.

Joining the Golden Norse along the front lines are sophomores transfer, Ray Mahon and David Williams.

Mahon, younger brother of former Norse standout Jeff Mahon, joined the Norsemen after spending his freshman season at St. Gregory's College in Shawnee, Kan.

Latham (6-7 from Broken Arrow, Okla.) is expected to be another forward or guard position.

Williams (6-8 from Selma, Ala.) starred in 23 games as a freshman for the University of Tennessee Chattanooga.

He averaged 8.3 points and 5.4 rebounds per game.

Freshman Anthony Collins (6-4 from Athens, Ga.) Kevin Luncford (6-4 from Columbus, Ohio), Ray Prescher (6-0 from Ypsilanti) and Aaron Band (6-6 from Waynesboro, Pa.) are expected to see considerable playing time from the perimeter at forward or in the post position.

"We're going to go with a three guard set and use a lot of motion out on the floor in our offense. We're encouraging our post people to step out farther and.or stand more and to take the shot," Spencer said.

"We want to try and open things up as tight to give ourselves opportunities to cut through. We can play a power game and we will at times, but what we like best of all is to have a lot of movement."

Inexperience in the backcourt will be a major obstacle for the Golden Norse prior to the season.

The main competition at the point guard position for the Norsemen has come from freshmen Shane Williams and Orlando Edwards. Williams (6-1 from Johnson City, Tenn.) and Edwards (5-8 from Tuscumbia, Tenn.) have similar styles with different skills.

"Either one of them could be in the starting lineup since they both have different skills. There will be many times we play both of them at the same time," said Spencer.

Their skills have different strengths and weaknesses. Depending on what team we are playing we will make that decision.

"There's no clear leader there."

Freshman Brian Morgan (6-3 from Tuscumbia, Tenn.) Chad Knowles (6-3 from Saginaw, Mich.) and Andy Clark (6-4 from Terrell, Texas) should see time at guard.
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