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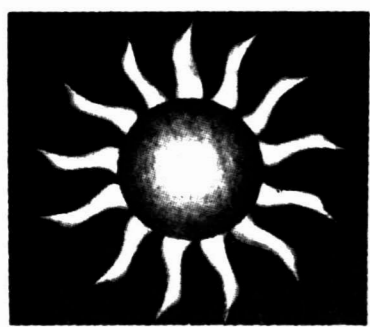


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PAMPA — Rocktoberfest — a Citywide Street Dance in downtown Pampa on Cuyler Street — is set for Saturday, Oct. 2 from 7:30-11 p.m. It's sponsored by the PHS Choir Boosters and features FlashBak, Damascus Road and The Pampa High School Show Choir. Singles are \$5 and couples \$8 and tickets may be purchased from choir members or at the alcohol-free dance. Burgers, chips and soft drinks will be available.

PAMPA — The Pampa Masonic Lodge 966 will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday for fellowcraft proficiency and Master Mason degree. A meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. prior to the meeting.

PAMPA — The annual Homecoming Parade will be held at 4:15 p.m. Thursday. Floats representing student groups and activities will be in the parade. The parade will begin at Pampa High School traveling south on Mary Ellen which goes into Cuyler. The parade will end on Atchison.

Candidates for Homecoming King and Queen will be featured during the parade. The King and Queen will be named at the Pampa-San Angelo Lakeview game.

The Homecoming game is set to begin at 7:30 at Harvester Stadium.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The use of a standardized test to determine who gets a high school diploma is unfair to minorities because of inequalities in the Texas school system, an education professor has testified in federal court.

• **Erik Drake Johnston**, infant son of Valeria and Joel Johnston.

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Heritage Fest



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Chelsea Luster works on a hamburger during Heritage Fest at Lake McClellan Saturday.

Middle school volunteers play important role

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Partners in Education — those are the parents, grandparents and interested community representatives of Pampa Middle School.

The group which is beginning its sixth year at the Pampa school is invaluable to the local school, said Kim Dyer, coordinator of the program for the past five years. PIE members assist the school employees with many tasks which the school district needs but does not have enough paid employees to perform. Just recently representatives of PIE assisted the local middle school when it was experiencing a lockdown due to a bomb threat.

Dyer said the parents who are members of PIE were the only parents allowed into the school when the school was locked down. She said PIE representatives were very helpful in getting students out of class whose parents had requested they be removed due to the bomb threat. "The employees were so tied

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up with incoming phone calls in the office in relation to the threats, and PIE members were so helpful," said Dyer. "I think just their presence in the building had a very calming effect upon the students. They monitor the halls and were such a tremendous help to us."

Police Chief Charlie Morris echoed Dyer's statements. He said the help provided by PIE was "fantastic". "They did a tremendous job that day. They need to be commended," said Morris.

(See VOLUNTEERS, Page 2)

Rodeo here Saturday

High schooler rodeo stars will come busting out of the chute Saturday, Sept. 25, at the Top O' Texas Rodeo Arena.

The Tri-State High School Rodeo begins with a morning performance at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 25. The rodeo queen will be crowned at 2 p.m. The afternoon performance begins at 3 p.m.

Rod Fry will hold cowboy church at 9 a.m. Saturday, before the first performance.

Sponsors for the Pampa high school rodeo are James Mears and Robert Douglas.

The Pampa rodeo is the second high school rodeo of the fall series. The first rodeo this fall was Sept. 18, in Dumas.

Other high school rodeos in the series are scheduled for Boys Ranch, Oct. 2; Wheeler, Oct. 9; Sayre, Oct. 16; Canadian, Oct. 23 and 24, and Hereford, Nov. 6 and 7.

Fewer pupils prompt district budget cuts

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

Pampa Independent School District budget for 1998-1999 should come in under budget with \$100,000 left in reserve, according to PISD Business Manager Mark McVay.

McVay recently requested a budget amendment for the upcoming 1999-2000 budget year due to the changing economic situation in the district.

The changes were based upon projected reduced state funding due to the Average Daily Attendance declining. McVay requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$293,325. The district is down by 188 pupils this year.

PISD Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr said the upcoming year's travel and training has been reduced by 30 percent. The district has eliminated buying two buses and reduced facilities renovation.

Mileage reimbursement has been dropped from .275 cents per mile to .20 cents a mile for business use of personal vehicles. It became effective Sept. 20. Orr said the teachers will be able to claim the mileage on income tax.

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Because of declining enrollment and property tax base, the administrators said budget cuts are necessary to maintain a balanced budget. Lowering the mileage reimbursement rate will reduce travel and training costs. Although federal employees receive 32.5 cents a mile and state employees receive .28 cents a mile, Orr said the .20 cents per mile will still reimburse employees enough to cover direct automobile expenses.

(See BUDGET, Page 2)

State's new seat belt law has police issuing tickets

By KATE B. DICKSON
Associate Publisher

Violators of the state's revised seat belt law are now getting citations in Pampa after an initial grace period for the changes which became effective at the first of the month.

Police Chief Charlie Morris said the changes "... are designed to protect children 15 years and under" and he expressed hope "the new laws will encourage parents to use vehicle restraints" in order to reduce serious injury or death.

The Department of Public Safety is also enforcing the law which upped the age covered from 4 years old to 15 and requires they be properly restrained throughout the automobile, not just in the front seat.

Fifty-two percent of those killed in traffic crashes

in 1997 were not wearing seat belts. (1998 figures are not yet available.)

Some other facts about the new seat belt law:

- The new law also extends the seat belt requirement to one-ton pickups for children under 15. Children under 4 already were covered.
- The law clarifies "seat belt" as meaning both the lap and shoulder belt when the vehicle is so equipped.
- Punishment for violating the law is the same — a fine of between \$25 and \$50.
- For those 15 years of age and older, safety belts are required only in the front seat of vehicles. However, law enforcement officials strongly recommend universal seat belt use.
- The law requiring children under 2 years of age to be in an approved car safety seat remains in effect.

Oops! Man makes bad choice

Another tip for people who are wanted by law enforcement. It might be better if you don't go by Sheriff's Department front door.

That was what happened about 4:15 yesterday afternoon when Russell Whitehead, 39, 321 E. Brown #111, decided to walk home and passed by the Gray County Sheriff's Department. He might have gotten home except one of the sheriff's employees happened to look out the door, recognized him and remembered he had outstanding warrants.

The employee called Lt. Jim Scott and Deputy

Dallas Hardin and confirmed Whitehead had three warrants including one from Potter County. He was wanted on bad check and theft charges.

Scott and Hardin took off and caught up to Whitehead on Frost Street where they took him into custody.

Hardin said Whitehead told him, "I was wondering if I should go that way. I usually go home another way."

"Maybe you should have done that today," Hardin said as they headed off to Gray County Jail.

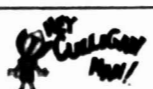


(Pampa News photo by Jeff West)

Ducks and geese enjoy a swim on a shimmering Recreation Park Lake, made even better by recent cooler temperatures. However, warmer weather, with highs in the 80s, is returned today and for most of the week.



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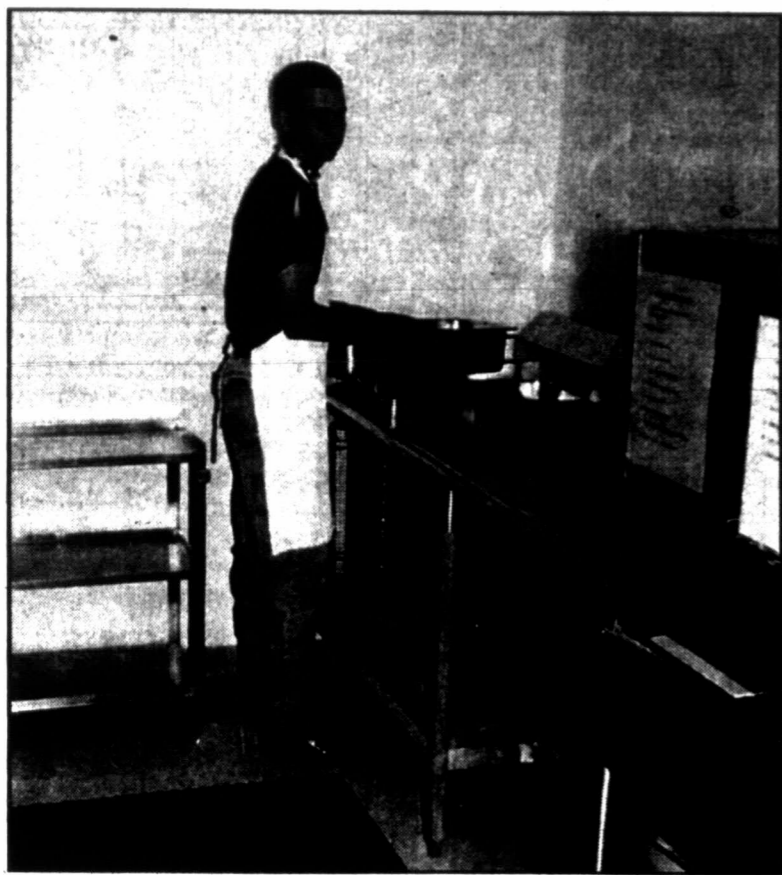


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Meals on Wheels helpmates



(Photo by Judy Elliott)

Students from Pampa High School Senior Development Class enjoy the opportunity to help out with the Meals on Wheels program. Above: Howard Eblin worked in the kitchen this summer after training with Meals on Wheels during the past school year.

Order of Indian Wars



(Community Camera photo by Gerald Wright)

Members of Order of Indian Wars — 77 in group — recently participated in a tour of Little Bighorn Battle Field. Above are Gerald Wright, Walt West Green, Superintendent Neil Mangum and Jerry Patterson.

UW funds benefit Child Proctive Services

This article is one in a series of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 1999 "Caring Hearts Build Hope" fund-raising campaign.

During the past year, Gray County Child Protective Services handled 198 investigations with 23.7 percent of them being valid reports of child abuse or neglect. Some of those cases required children be removed from their parents' care. During the past year there were 28 children in foster care from Gray Co.

In one particular case, the mother was unable to make the changes necessary to provide a safe environment for her child. After working with the case-worker and various other providers, the mother was able to accept that she would never be able to provide an appropriate home for her child and agreed to relinquish her parental rights. The father's rights were terminated by the court and the child was freed for adoption. She was then subsequently adopted by the foster parents with whom she had been residing for approxi-

mately 10 months. This child now has a family with a mother



and a father who are very excited to be her parents and siblings who welcomed her with open arms.

Not all cases end with such a happy ending, but it was satisfying to see at least one child have hope for a happy future after having started out in life with such dim prospects for a good life.

Hastings to host Y2K book talks

AMARILLO — Across Texas, 28 Hastings Bookstores are hosting book talks to provide healing answers to fears associated with the millennium including stores in Pampa and Borger. The Borger store will host the Y2K talk from 4-6 p.m. Sept. 24 and the Pampa store will host the talk from 7-9 p.m. on the 24th.

"Customers want books and information to dispel their fears and answer questions relating to the millennium," says Cindy Clapper, book manager for Hastings Bookstore in Kerrville. Janice Rangel, floor manager for Hastings in Seguin, remarked, "I want my customers to become informed and more at ease about the millennium."

"Millennial excitement and

millennial dread are in almost every country on earth. Sometimes the results are positive, but too often negative thoughts characterize today's millennialism," explains Jeremy Adams, professor of History at Southern Methodist University. "Many religious leaders seek to use millennial consciousness as a call to spiritual advancement. This impulse is surely in line with Mary Baker Eddy's understanding of its meaning as a time to seek an end to material obsession and to welcome the spiritualization of human life."

For more information, call Hastings in Pampa, 665-1020, or in Borger, (806) 274-4371, or visit the website, www.marybakerred-dy.org.

Calendar of events

TOASTMASTERS
The Toastmasters will meet every Wednesday night from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. at Furr's Cafeteria.

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM
The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrowhead collection and art gallery. Elevator.

RED CROSS
The Red Cross is offering free blood sugar and blood pressure testing every Friday from 10 a.m. - noon at Red Cross Office, 108 N. Russell.

EMMAUS REUNION
Emmaus Reunion Group meets the second Thursday of each month. For more information call 669-3426 or 669-9226.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION
High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

LOVETT MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Fall pre-school story hours have begun at the Lovett Memorial Library. They will be held every Tuesday morning at 10 a.m. until December 14. The programs are for all children between the ages of 18 months and 5 years. Shanla Brookshire, the children's

librarian, will plan stories, crafts and activities for every program. Special Tuesday story hours are being planned for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas. All the programs are free and no registration is required. For information call the library at 669-5780.

SKELLY-GETTY-TEXACO RETIREES CLUB
Skelly-Getty-Texaco Retirees Club will meet at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 at Senior Citizens Center.

HARVESTER BOOSTER CLUB
Harvester Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday of each week in the Ready Room located in the Athletic Building at Pampa High School. For more information, call 665-7149.

ROCKTOBERFEST
Pampa High School Choir Boosters will sponsor "Rocktoberfest," a citywide street dance for all ages, from 7:30-11 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2, on Cuyler Street in downtown Pampa. Entertainment will be FlashBak, Damascus Road and PHS Show Choir. Tickets are \$5 for singles and \$8 for couples and may be purchased from PHS Choir members or at the dance. Refreshments will be available but no alcohol will be allowed.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
Crown of Texas Hospice and Park Central in Amarillo will host a lecture by nationally known grief counselor, lecturer and author Doug Manning on "Share

My Lonesome Valley: The Slow Grief of Long-Term Care" from 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 23 at Central Church of Christ Auditorium, 15th and Monroe. Open House and book signing will follow at War Memorial, 400 West 14th St. "The Gift of Significance: Walking with People Through the Death of a Loved-One" will be presented from 6:30-8 p.m. at Central Church of Christ Auditorium. Open House and book signing will follow at Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson. Refreshments will be served at both events. The public is cordially invited to attend. For more information, call (806) 372-7696 or 1-800-572-6365.

PAMPA AREA SINGLES DANCE
The Pampa Area Singles is having a dance at the M.K. Brown Auditorium, Sept. 25 and is featuring "Indian Summer." Potluck will be from 7-8 p.m. and the dance will be from 8-11 and it is \$5 per person. For more information call 665-0219. There will also be no smoking or alcohol.

87TH INFANTRY DIVISION ASSOCIATION
The 87th Golden Acorn Infantry Division will hold its 50 anniversary reunion Sept. 26-Oct. 3 at the Drawbridge Estates at Fort Mitchell, Ky. For more information, contact Gladwin Pascuzzo, 2374 N. Dundee Ct., Highland, MI 48356-3716, (248) 887-9005, e-mail: GAPEX1@aol.com.

Annual chuckwagon cookoff to be held in Clarendon

The fifth annual Col. Charles Goodnight Chuckwagon cookoff will be held Saturday, Sept. 25, 1999, in Clarendon on the grounds of the Saints' Roost Museum.

Sixteen wagons are registered to compete for top prizes this year, and three of the wagons from Pampa will be participating in the cookoff. The Pampa wagons are owned by Les Darsey, Gerald Rasco, and Keven Romines.

Trade booths have been reserved for Kenneth Wyatt Galleries, Leon Parks Custom Knives, Art of the Native Americans by Betty, Lone Star Forge (blacksmith), and William Shapp (woodworking). The gate opens at 8 a.m., and breakfast and lunch concessions will be provided by the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce. The trade show opens at 10 a.m., and museum tours will be available throughout the day.

Entertainment will begin at 11 a.m. and performances are scheduled all day. Performing groups will include: The Rimrockers from Claude, featuring Don and Joe Minkly, Scott Pepper, Kent Watson, Karen Walters, and Glen Spiller along with Rooster Morris from Nara Visa, NM; the Tall Grass Prairie Strings, featuring Chet Calcote, Joe Gillis, and Jean Warren from Amarillo; Jimmy Burson from Silverton; and the Saints' Roost Band from Clarendon.

Admission to the all-day event is free, and the authentic chuckwagon supper will be served at 5 p.m. Supper tickets are \$10 per plate, and may be purchased or reserved at the Clarendon Chamber of Commerce office at 806/874-2421 or at Henson's hardware store at (806) 874-3517.

All proceeds will benefit the Saints' roost Museum, which is located just off State Hwy. 70 South in Clarendon

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After 25 years of marriage, I have discovered that he knew very well when he did something wrong. It made him angry at himself, and to cover up his insecurity, he added insult to injury.

During the last year of his life, when he knew he could die any minute, he admitted his inability to apologize and thanked me for recognizing it at the beginning of our marriage. Instead of a smart-aleck remark, I would give him a loving smile or a little kiss as a sign of forgiveness, letting him keep his "macho man" dignity.

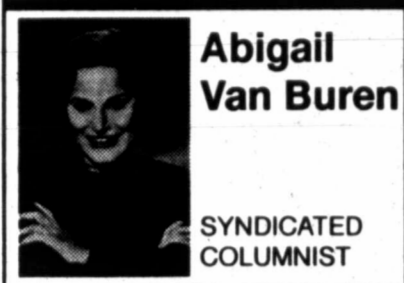
He took it to his grave six months ago.

"Frustrated," you are young. You can still learn. If your husband is as good as you stated in your letter, love him and let him believe that you think he is perfect. He knows he's not, but he doesn't like to admit it, so don't force him. You will be rewarded with a happy life.

NORA BENE,
 PLEASANT HILL, CALIF.

DEAR NORA: Please accept my heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your beloved husband. With an attitude like yours, I'm sure the union was a happy one. You are a wise woman.

The letter from "Frustrated"



Abigail Van Buren

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motivated other women who share your problem to write. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Please tell "Frustrated," whose husband is never wrong, that so many men suffer from this malady I have concluded it must be genetic.

Not only is my husband never wrong, my boss is never wrong either!

I used to try to prove them wrong by looking up items in almanacs, dictionaries and the Encyclopaedia Britannica. But of course, these reference books were also "wrong."

After several years of banging my head against these walls, I decided to simply agree with anything and everything they said. I just respond, "Yes, whatever you say," in a pleasant voice and walk away. This aggravates them more than their stubbornness ever aggravated me, and my blood pressure has never been lower.

CALM AND SERENE IN DALLAS

DEAR CALM AND SERENE: Your medicine sounds better than a tranquilizer, but it takes a strong woman to apply it. My hat is off to you. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I, too, am married to a husband who will never admit he is wrong. The marriage has lasted 50 years. This message is for "Frustrated":

Face reality. This man will never change. That is the way he is, and nothing you can do or say will cause him to behave any differently. He doesn't really think your feelings are not important, or he wouldn't work two jobs, keep himself clean for you and help with child care.

When he's wrong, he may possibly realize it without your telling him. If you do tell him, he'll definitely know it. So you both know it, even if he refuses to admit it.

Quit being frustrated. When he makes his cute remark, shrug your shoulders, cast your eyes heavenward, smile and say to yourself, "There he is, being that way again," and then forget it. If he won't or can't change — then you must, or you will continue to be unhappy.

EXPERIENCED IN HENDERSONVILLE, N.C.
DEAR EXPERIENCED: I think you have discovered a vital ingredient for achieving serenity.

Office- and work-related matters might have you frazzled. Look carefully at what you might change. Tonight: Take in a movie.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Dig into a situation rather than reacting to others. You get a lot of flack and could take it personally. Brainstorm, with an eye to challenges and what could be. Take time to talk with an upset loved one, if he can calm down. Your caring does make a difference. Tonight: Be with someone you are comfortable with.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

** Be sure of yourself and don't let others shake you up. You find both family and associates disagreeable, for the moment. Listen to your inner voice with family. You could be irritated, but there are many ways of expressing your frustration. Tonight: Let another choose.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** What you hear could irritate and distract you from what you need to accomplish. Stay even, and know what you want to do. Misunderstandings run rampant; you feel as if you are cornered. Don't worry. Just concentrate on work. This, too, will pass. Tonight: Soak away stress.

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Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 23, 1999

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 *** The sun glides into your opposite sign, commencing a monthlong cycle of challenges. How well this period flows will reveal a lot about how you are living your year. Meanwhile, others unleash their frustration and anger today. Be smart and don't get into it. Tonight: Take a break from the world!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 *** Today is all about work, work and more work! An associate could challenge every money decision you ever made, or so it feels. This person needs to air out his feelings. Negotiate later — certainly not today! Avoid signing any papers right now. Tonight: Work late, but make time for a friend, too.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 *** Others seek you out for advice and feedback, but when you give them direction, you meet with disagreement! Work proves to be daunting. You might strongly sense the need to reorganize. Do this, and you will be pleased with the net result. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 *** Look within yourself when challenged by the here and now. Your outlook on life and your ability to visualize could make a considerable difference.

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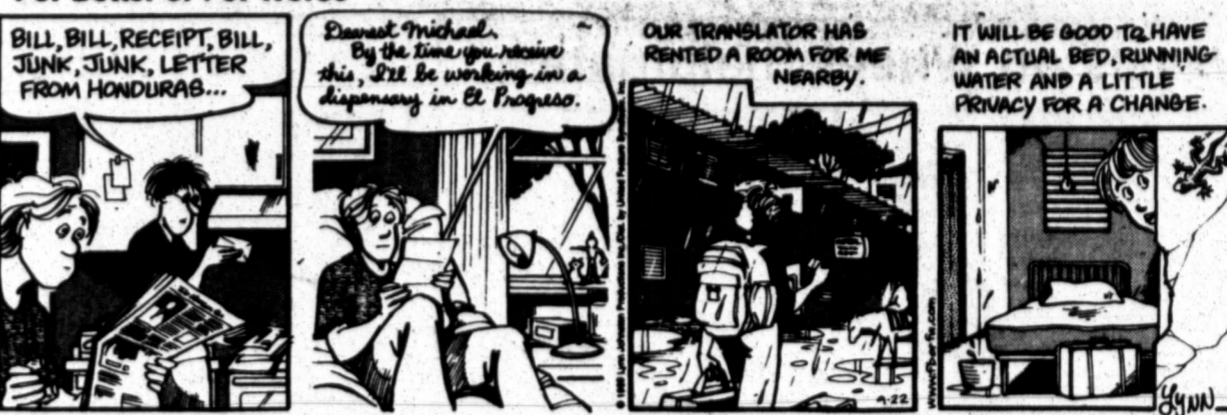
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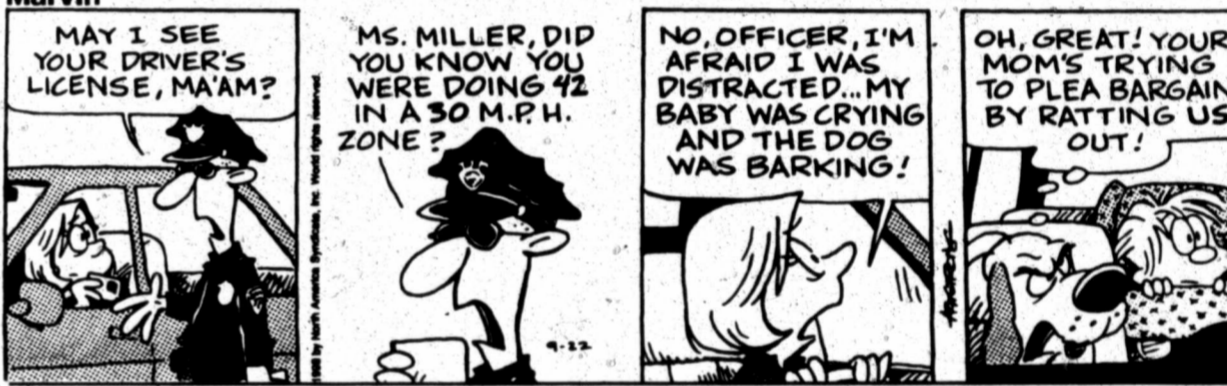
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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Went 80
- 5 Helper: abbr.
- 9 New York's — Island
- 11 Friend of Threepio
- 12 Augusta setting
- 13 Israeli leader
- 14 Co. abbr.
- 15 Similar things
- 17 Stowe footwear
- 19 Family
- 20 Baseball's Rusty
- 21 Barbie's beau
- 22 Feed the fire
- 24 Lunched
- 26 Asian nomads
- 29 Winter ailment
- 30 Pooch places
- 32 In need of
- 34 Snapshot
- 35 Invited
- 36 Tolkien character
- 38 Omits
- 39 Annoyed
- 40 Categorical imperative
- 41 Disorder



Yesterday's answer

- 18 Soldier's place
- 21 Composer Jerome
- 23 Karate's cousin
- 24 "Seward's Folly"
- 25 Fix one's shirttail
- 27 Oust from power
- 28 Travel shots
- 29 Snort source
- 30 Young folks
- 31 High-landers
- 33 Main-tained
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Texas round up ...

Jurors hear final arguments today

BRYAN, Texas (AP) — Jurors today were hearing final arguments before deciding the fate of a white supremacist convicted of capital murder for the vicious dragging death of a black East Texas man.

After brief closing statements from attorneys on both sides, the jury was to begin deciding what punishment to give Lawrence Russell Brewer, 32.

The panel had only two choices — life or death.

The same Brazos County jury convicted Brewer of capital murder Monday for the June 7, 1998, killing of James Byrd Jr., who was chained by his ankles to a pickup truck and dragged for three miles over a bumpy country road outside Jasper.

They must answer three questions to reach their decision: whether Brewer intended to kill Byrd, whether he is a future danger to society and whether any mitigating circumstances about him should be considered.

If the jury unanimously answers "yes" to the first two questions and "no" to the third, Brewer goes to death row. If even one juror holds out, Brewer receives a life sentence, which in Texas means at least 40 years in prison without chance of parole.

A death sentence would send Brewer to join former prison buddy John William King, 24, of Jasper, who in February became the first of three white supremacists convicted and condemned for killing Byrd.

Bush calls for gun prosecutions

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush's call for stepped-up prosecution of criminals carrying guns is a step in the right direction, but he could go further, critics say.

Days after a gunman killed seven people and himself at a Fort Worth church, the Republican presidential front-runner said Tuesday it is time to "vigorously" enforce federal and state laws that could make streets safer.

"We have some very tough laws against gun violence in Texas, and federal law with its mandatory sentences is tough as well," Bush said. "Only with tough enforcement can we win the war against gun violence."

Bush and Attorney General John Cornyn unveiled a two-year, \$1.6 million program they said could add prison time for using or possessing a weapon during a crime.

While saying it welcomed the initiative, the group Texans Against Gun Violence said Bush should do more.

Ms. Butts criticized Bush for failing to support a bill in the Legislature this spring that would have required background checks on buyers at Texas gun shows. Bush said it was a federal issue.

Legal showdown possible over Barnes' deposition

AUSTIN (AP) — A legal showdown is looming between former Lt. Gov. Ben Barnes and lawyers for a fired Texas Lottery official over questions about how Gov. George W. Bush got into the National Guard during the Vietnam War.

Lawyers for Lawrence Littwin, who alleges that his stint as director of the Texas Lottery was terminated by the Lottery Commission as a result of political influence by lottery operator Gtech, say they intend to ask Barnes about the National Guard issue.

Barnes is involved in the lawsuit because the former Texas House speaker and lieutenant governor was formerly a high-priced consultant for Gtech. In January 1997, the company bought out Barnes' contract for \$23 million.

Littwin's lawsuit alleges that Gtech's political clout was bolstered by Barnes' political clout.

"Barnes was reportedly close friends with Governor Ann Richards and other state officials and is alleged to have helped the current governor, George Bush, avoid active duty during the Vietnam War," Littwin said in response to questions submitted to him by Gtech's lawyers.

He said he based his accusations on an anonymous letter that circulated among state officials.

Barnes avoided answering the questions earlier this month when the deposition was postponed after U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks ruled that Barnes could not block questions about Bush's military service.

Texas executes dying convicted killer

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — A dried tear glistened on the face of convicted killer Richard Wayne Smith as he drew his last breaths in the Texas death chamber, but his lawyer said it was exactly how the career criminal wanted to go.

Smith, 43, was executed Tuesday evening for the 1992 robbery and murder of a Houston school teacher moonlighting as a convenience store clerk in nearby Baytown. Terminally ill from hepatitis C, Smith had stopped his appeals and told attorney Guy Womack that he preferred lethal injection to dying of liver failure.

"When I tried to dissuade him from dropping his appeals he told me, 'Guy, you don't understand that I'll be much happier dead and not suffering. If I win the appeal, what does that mean?'" Womack said.

When a warden asked whether he had a final statement, Smith said, "No, sir." With a tear stain visible under his right eye, Smith licked his lips, closed his eyes and exhaled twice before dying.

Smith was pronounced dead at 6:25 p.m., eight minutes after the flow of lethal drugs began. He was the 25th convicted killer put to death in Texas this year and the fourth this month.

Prosecutors said Smith appears on a Dec. 2, 1992, surveillance videotape robbing the convenience store where Ms. Birky, 38, worked so she could buy supplies for her special education students.



New Opti Mrs. officers were installed during installation ceremonies and Galene Skaggs was also honored as Opti Mrs. of the Year. Front row (from left) are Berdena Richardson, treasurer; Mrs. Skaggs; Whitney Davis, president; back row (from left) Jeanne Davis, second vice-president; Marylyn Kidwell, secretary; Lois Strate, parliamentarian and Jane Skinner, first vice-present. Opti Mrs. is a community service organization affiliated with the Pampa Optimist Youth Club.

Names in the news ...

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The man convicted of stalking comedian Jerry Lewis must continue to stay away from him for at least one more year.

Justice of the Peace Jennifer Togliatti granted Lewis' request Tuesday to extend a 1992 protection order against Gary Benson until Sept. 21, 2000.

Benson, a 56-year-old diagnosed chronic schizophrenic, was convicted in 1995 of aggravated stalking. He will be released from prison on Oct. 5. With work credits and good behavior time, Benson served slightly more than four years of a six-year sentence, prison officials said.

"You are to have no contact with Mr. Lewis," Togliatti said, telling Benson that that included e-mails, phone calls, personal contact and "skywriting."

Benson's attorney told Togliatti that his client has made plans to reside in another state upon his release.

Lewis did not address the court and refused to answer reporters' questions after the short hearing.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Lucas, Steven Spielberg and David Geffen have donated more money to the University of Southern California's School of Cinema-Television.

The gifts will fund computer graphics classrooms and digital soundstages for film students at

USC's Robert Zemeckis Center for Digital Arts, Dean Elizabeth Daley said Tuesday.

Lucas pledged \$500,000 for a computer graphics and advanced media classroom; Spielberg gave \$1.5 million for a digital studio honoring the late Stanley Kubrick; and Geffen committed \$1 million toward a multi-camera soundstage for teaching and the production of film and TV.

"ER" producer John Wells also donated \$500,000 toward an addi-

tional computer graphics classroom.

Lucas and Spielberg already had donated \$2 million to the center for a digital studio named after the late director Akira Kurosawa and a computer graphics classroom.

Construction of the high-tech facility began in June, funded in part by a \$5 million gift from "Forrest Gump" director Zemeckis.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Siegfried

and Roy — Las Vegas entertainment icons for nearly 30 years — are going Hollywood.

The famous illusionists are scheduled to attend Thursday's unveiling of their honorary star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. They'll be accompanied by two of their rare white tiger cubs, Magic and Illusion.

Later in the day, the two will attend the world premiere of their IMAX movie, "Siegfried and Roy: The Magic Box," in Los Angeles.

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Meals on Wheels



(Photo by Judy Elliott)

Members of PHS Senior Development Class deliver meals for Meals on Wheels each Tuesday to residents of the Schneider House. Above: Senior Development Job Coach Troy Owens, Peer Tutor Lucinda Arreola and students Josh Brown and Rocky Ivey visit with resident Mary Lou Douglass during a delivery. Meals on Wheels can always use volunteers to help serve meals to its 150 clients. For more information, call 669-1007.

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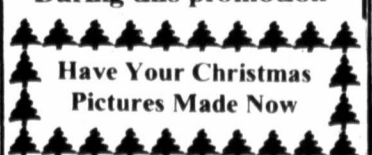


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6200 MCF, TD 8115', PBTD 8074' —
ROBERTS (LIPS Cleveland) Alpar Resources, Inc., #4C Courson Lips '135', Sec. 135,C,G&M, elev. 2721 gr, spud 4-29-99, drlg. compl 5-17-99, tested 8-2-99, potential 3000 MCF, TD 8500', PBTD 6944' — Form 1 filed as #4C Barbara Lips '135'

ROBERTS (WEST LIPS Lower Shawnee) Crescendo Resources, L.P., #46 Courson 'B' 15, Sec. 50,R,AB&M, elev. —, spud 6-8-99, drlg. compl 6-22-99, tested 7-9-99, potential 260 MCF, TD 8808', PBTD 5540' — Plug-Back

Plugged Wells
HUTCHINSON (ARRINGTON Cherokee) Enron Oil & Gas Co., #3 C.W. Kirk '86', Sec. 86,5-T,T&NO, spud 8-5-97,

plugged 8-25-99, TD 6300' (gas) —
HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., Huber State, Sec. 69,46,H&TC, spud unknown, (oil) — Form 1 filed in Van Norman Oil Co., for the following wells:

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#12, plugged 8-18-99, TD 2690' —
ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Louis Dreyfus Natural Gas Corp., #2 Courson Lips '156', Sec. 156,C,G&M, spud 7-23-99, plugged 8-9-99, TD 9075' (dry) —

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PAMPA — Valleyview had more than enough of Johnny Moore Tuesday night.

Moore scored all three touchdowns as Pampa defeated Valleyview 22-16 Tuesday night in an 8th grade game.

Pampa was trailing when Moore scored the winning touchdown on an 80-yard kickoff return with 30 seconds left in the game. Moore also scored on TD runs of 10 and 11 yards. Moore and Jesse Tarango had conversion runs.

Pampa also won the B team game 28-18.

Joe Merez scored two of the three Pampa touchdowns on runs of 2 and 11 yards. He also had two conversion runs.

Pampa scored on a 45-yard pass from Hunter Craig to Blake Howard, and Dean Moman scored on a 3-yard run.

Both Pampa teams have 2-0 records.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Voters in the Judson School District will be called upon to do something that some of Texas' finest high school football teams haven't been able to.

Approval of a \$181 million bond plan would include The bond election called Tuesday night will be held Nov. 13. Early voting will begin Oct. 27 and continue through Nov. 9.

The proposed bond issue is an eight- to 10-year plan created in response to growing student enrollment. By 2003, Judson High School in Converse is projected to have as many as 5,600 students. With 4,300 students this year, Judson already is seen as a superschool.

District officials said it's time for the district to focus on students rather than a championship-caliber football team. They said a survey of public opinion last month showed that a majority of residents supported building three four-year schools.

Parents said smaller campuses would give students more opportunities to excel academically.

The vote to set the bond election was 5-1 with the only opposing vote coming from Ron Pruett, who said he doesn't support the high school configurations. Board President Bill Ercoline was not present at the meeting.

Trustee Pete Navarrette said the consensus from the community was to build traditional campuses. "This bond issue is for 16,000 kids, not 4,000 (at the high school)," Navarrette said.

Pruett disagreed. "All you're (Navarrette) doing is taking the emphasis off the high school," Pruett said. "I think we're making a big mistake."

The bond proposal calls for \$70 million for two new four-year high schools, \$35 million for three new elementary campuses, \$18 million to convert the senior high school to a four-year campus and \$3 million to remodel the ninth- and 10th-grade campus to a middle school. Another \$12 million would be tagged for technology.

OLYMPICS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress will ask the president of the International Olympic Committee to testify next month at hearings on the "culture of corruption" surrounding Atlanta's bid for the 1996 Summer Games.

Rep. Fred Upton, R-Mich., said Tuesday the House commerce subcommittee on oversight and investigation will subpoena IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch if he declines to appear voluntarily.

Upton said a report on the Atlanta bid, submitted to Congress last week by former Attorney General Griffin Bell, shows that IOC members often expected gifts and favors and that Atlanta bid committee officials willingly accommodated them.

Dallas D returns winning favor to offense

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Payback arrived quickly in the Dallas Cowboys locker room.

A week after being bailed out by the offense, the Dallas defense returned the favor Monday night in a 24-7 victory over Atlanta.

Against the Falcons, the guys who allowed Washington to put up 504 yards and 35 points in the opener set up 10 of Dallas' first 17 points with an interception and a fumble.

Then, when they started to slip in the final minutes, giving Atlanta at least a glimmer of hope, the defense roared back when Greg Ellis returned an interception 87 yards for a game-sealing touchdown.

"Last week we were proud of our offense for coming back and winning the game," Ellis said. "But we knew we didn't play well defensively and we wanted to come out and make a statement."

Dallas joined Detroit as the NFC's only 2-0 teams. It is the best start for the Cowboys since their last Super Bowl season, 1995, and they get an extra week to savor it as they have a bye this Sunday.

When Dallas returns Oct. 3 at home against Arizona, the secondary could have a new and improved look. Deion Sanders' gimpy left big toe will likely be ready for action and there's a decent chance Kevin Smith will be ready to test his aching back.

The Cowboys managed three interceptions without them Monday and had a Sanders-like 154 yards in returns. Amazingly, Ellis, linebacker Dexter Coakley and safety Izell Reese combined for more yards than the Dallas offense had on the ground (133) or in the air (98).

The Cowboys had just 231 yards of offense, less than half the 541 they gained against the Redskins in a 41-35 overtime vic-

tory. Then again, they didn't need much as their three scoring drives went 4, 60 and 26 yards.

"I think our team has a great sense that it takes everybody to win and it's not going to be exactly the same every week," Cowboys coach Chan Gailey said Tuesday.

"The offense isn't going to score 41 every week and the defense isn't going to get four, five turnovers and score every week. It's going to be probably somewhere in between most weeks. So our enthusiasm is for the whole team."

The damper on the celebration is that Dallas didn't exactly stop the same Atlanta offense that represented the NFC in the Super Bowl. This unit was without Pro Bowlers Chris Chandler and Jamal Anderson.

Chandler suited up but didn't play because of a strained hamstring. Anderson tore a ligament

in his right knee six minutes into the game and is out for the season.

With Tony Graziani and Danny Kanell trying to fill in for Chandler at quarterback and Byron Hanspard replacing Anderson, the Falcons gained just 148 yards through three quarters. Atlanta crossed Dallas' 49-yard-line only once in that time, and that trip ended with a missed field goal.

A big push from the defensive line was the catalyst for the Cowboys. Dallas' five sacks was its most in 24 games, dating to November 1997. Chad Hennings had two of them, doubling his 1998 total, and rookie Peppi Zellner got his first sack on the game's final play.

"There was a lot of good pressure without blitzing," Gailey said. "I thought we got around the quarterback and made things happen with just our front four.

That was good to see."

The shutout lasted 56 minutes until a 45-yard touchdown pass from Kanell to Tim Dwight. Then the Falcons began making things interesting.

A 52-yard pass to Terance Mathis that ricocheted off a defensive back helped put Atlanta within four yards of making it a 17-14 game in the final minute.

But after two incompletions into the end zone, Kanell tried escaping a beeline attack from Darren Woodson and threw the ball into Ellis' facemask. He reacted quick enough to catch it, then huffed and puffed 87 yards for his first career touchdown and the fifth-longest return in team history.

"I thought the quarterback was going to get me," Ellis said. "Once I got past him, I just kept going. I thought I was going to run out of gas at the 20, but I didn't."

Wheeler favored by one over Spearman

WELLINGTON — Top-ranked Wheeler is just a 1-point favorite over Spearman, according to the latest Harris Report. The two teams meet Friday night at Wheeler.

Wheeler ripped Wellington 55-0 last week to boost its record to 3-0 for the season. Spearman, also 3-0, downed Sudan 10-6 last week. Spearman is ranked No. 9 in Class 2A.

Wheeler rolled up 494 yards in overpowering Wellington. The Mustang defense limited Wellington to just 116 yards.

Casey Childress ran for four touchdowns and finished with 128 yards rushing for the Mustangs. Michael Hawks and Caleb Finsterwald had two rushing touchdowns apiece. Finsterwald rushed for 129 yards and Hawks added 94.

Ben Dollar kicked four extra points and Gavin McQueen had one.

Wheeler, leading 19-0 at halftime, scored 29 third-quarter points.

Wellington's Randy Munn had 30 yards rushing to lead Wellington.

DALLAS (AP) — Marlin speedster who reeled in four dazzling touchdowns and an air show in Grove highlight the newest Associated Press high school football honor roll. Some of the top performances in the state last week included:

ALL-AROUND EFFORTS
— Roderick Smith rushed 17 times for 199 yards and two touchdowns in Marlin's 41-13 win over Mexia. But Smith saved his biggest impact for Marlin's special teams, as he had kickoff returns of 100 and 88 yards for touchdowns.

— Damien Dixon rushed for 219 yards and two touchdowns and passed for 162 yards and two more scores as Wortham beat Itasca 32-6.

— Isaac Shaw rushed for 289 yards and accounted for six touchdowns (four rushing, two passing) in Dawson's 63-0 win over Rice.

— Tyson Poindexter rushed for 111 yards, passed for 101 yards and a touchdown and intercepted a pass in Seymour's 34-21 win over Windthorst. He also accounted for all 90 yards of a crucial 37-second touchdown drive before halftime.

— Bobby Bruce rushed for 233 yards, passed for 85 yards and intercepted two passes as Hughes Springs beat Hawkins 32-18.

— Toby Speights ran 17 times

Angels down Rays

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Gary DiSarcina hit his first home run of the season and Andy Sheets also drove in two runs as the Anaheim Angels held off the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 7-5 Tuesday night.

Ramon Ortiz (2-3) won for the first time in six starts since beating Chicago on Aug. 19 in his major league debut. The right-hander gave up three runs and four hits in five-plus innings after allowing 17 earned runs in 11 1-3 innings in his previous three outings.

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for 155 yards and a touchdown and passed for 95 yards and another score to lead Rowlett to a 26-7 victory over Rockwall.

— Rashon Myles rushed 15 times for 179 yards and three touchdowns and also threw a 78-yard touchdown pass for Dallas Christian against Dallas First Baptist.

ON THE GROUND
— Alvin McGilvery scored five touchdowns and had 281 yards on just 13 carries as Hubbard beat Maypearl 45-0.

— Jose Tello had 24 carries for 284 yards and five touchdowns in Laredo United South's 41-0 win over San Antonio Edison.

— Wes Calcote ran 30 times for 279 yards and two touchdowns in Winters' victory over Ozona.

— Caesar Martinez had 27 carries for 248 yards and three touchdowns as Ballinger beat Coleman.

— Derek Willis ran 10 times for 163 yards and three touchdowns in Fairfield's 62-21 win over Ferris.

— Ty Groat rushed 25 times for 212 yards and two touchdowns as Miles beat Irion County.

— Josh Carrell had 29 carries for 175 yards and two touchdowns in Irion County's loss to Miles.

— Colby Ford rushed for 226 yards and five touchdowns for Big Spring against Lubbock Estacado.

— Moises Gonzalez ran for 203 yards and two touchdowns in Plains' win over Wink.

— Scott Harris rushed for 226 yards and three touchdowns for Saint Jo against Wichita Falls Notre Dame.

— Jason Trammell ran for 206 yards and a touchdown as Haskell beat Stamford.

— Levi Nevarez had 204 yards and three touchdowns for Bryson against Rising Star.

— Willie Thomas rushed for 163 yards and two touchdowns for Childress against Canadian.

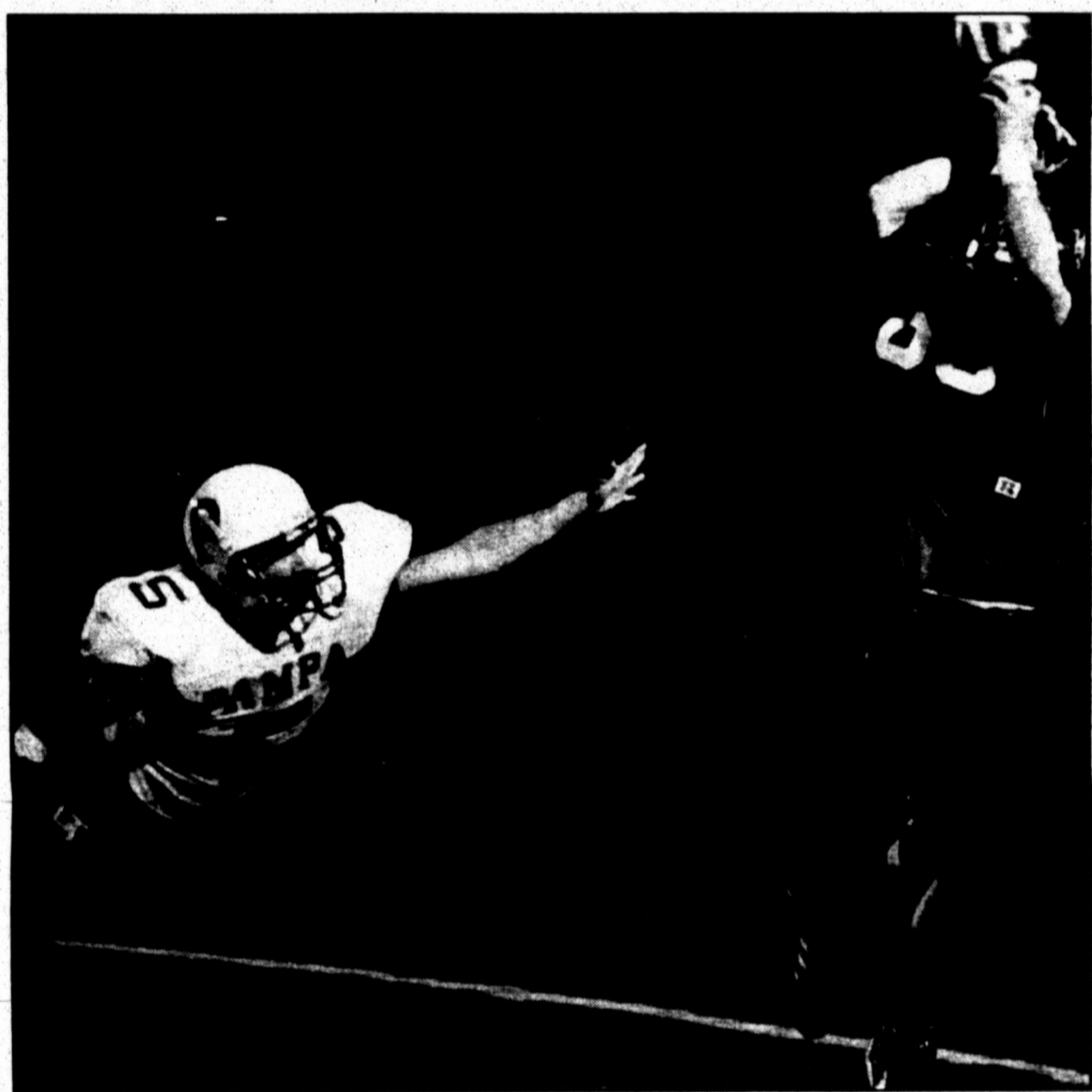
— Chip Richmond had 30 carries for 188 yards and two touchdowns for Burkburnett against Castleberry.

— Isaac Rincon rushed 24 times for 213 yards for Mercedes against Port Isabell.

— Joseph Morman ran 33 times for 159 yards and two touchdowns for La Feria against Sharyland.

— Hector Canales had 25 carries for 210 yards and two touchdowns for Santa Rosa against La Villa.

End zone play



(Pampa News photo by L.D. Strate)

Pampa cornerback Russell Robben makes a diving attempt on a Plainview receiver in the end zone during last week's game at Plainview. Pampa (1-2) hosts San Angelo Lakeview (2-2) at 7:30 Friday night in the annual homecoming game.

Wilson, Mitchell win all-around rodeo honors

DUMAS — Rodey Wilson of Hereford and Shawna Mitchell of Gruver won all-around honors at a Tri-State High School Rodeo Association rodeo held earlier this week in Dumas.

Tri-State Rodeo Results

Breakaway roping: 1. Julie Dawson, 2.758; 2. Johnna Garcia, 3.210; 3. Amanda Schumacher 3.487.

Barrel racing: 1. Shawna Mitchell, 2. Andrea Whaley 17.219; 3. Kori Merrick 17.229.

Calf roping: 1. Rodey Wilson 10.269; 2. Jake Vernon 10.725; 3. Josh Donnell 11.354.

Pole bending: 1. Kaily Richardson 20.918; 2. Shawna Mitchell 21.274; 3. Sheree Lucero 21.303.

Ribbon roping: 1. Dustin Lanham 6.530; 2. Clint

McCloy 7.427; 3. Marty Eakin 7.447.

Goat tying: 1. Emily Smith 7.909; 2. Randus London 9.076; 3. Shawn Mitchell 9.079.

Bull riding: 1. Jeremy Fondren 66; 2. Jacob Campbell 65; 3. Marty Wilson 64.

Team roping: 1. Kip Kendrick and Rodey Wilson 7.441; 2. Kip Kendrick and Andy Jones 7.441; 3. Ty Crutchfield and Rodey Wilson 9.060.

Steer wrestling: 1. Marty Eakin 14.127; 2. Troy Bryant 20.271; 3. Dustin Lanham 24.889.

All-Around Boy: Rodey Wilson, Hereford, 27 points.

All-Around Girl: Shawna Mitchell, Gruver, 27 points.

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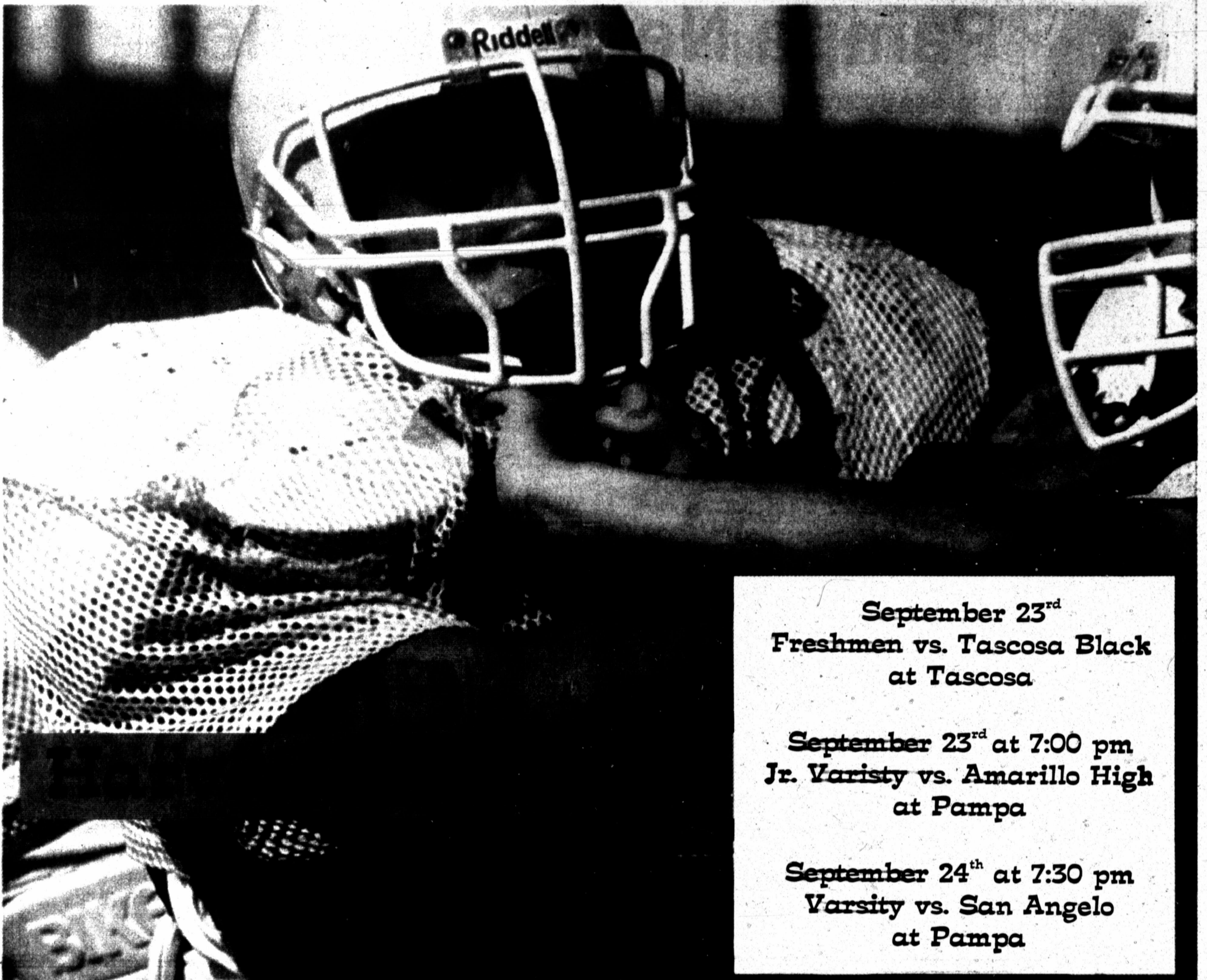
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