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Sheriff's Dept. warns of telephone scam

Gray County Sheriff's Office warns local residents to be careful of someone calling them and asking for money to buy medicine for a baby.

Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said the sheriff's office has received several complaints in connection with this type of call. The caller, a woman, also referred to a local merchant as her employer. The person is no longer employed there, deputies were told.

"Be careful," Rushing said. "I want people to know they're not obligated to give any money. They can call the merchant if they have a question or if they feel they need to, they can call the sheriff's office and report it to us.'

Persons asking for money can be referred to local public assistance organizations.

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Amendments: Early voting is now

BY DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

Early voting is already under way for the constitutional amendments that the Texas Legislature put on the ballot that will go before voters Saturday, Sept. 13.

To date, 218 persons have voted in early voting at Gray County Court House, reported County Clerk Susan Winborne. Early voting will continue until 5 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 9, Winborne said.

Pampa's State Rep. Warren Chisum told members of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce at their monthly luncheon recently that the most important to him of the of the 22 amendments on the ballot was Proposition Five which essentially repeals a previous amendment that voters passed.

Chisum says that during the last session the legislature passed a constitutional amendment to correct the travel trailer tax exemption.

"If you own a travel trailer,"



Rep. Warren Chisum

Chisum said, "you got pretty involved in that because we'd passed a constitutional amendment that said that we were going to tax travel trailers, but we didn't tax things like motor homes. People that owned travel trailers to vote "yes" on Proposition Five. thought they were kind of discriminated against, and they really were, but then come to find out they voted for that constitutional amendment.

Still, travel trailer advocates ers would not claimed the amendment wasn't written properly.

Chisum said that a person might misinterpret what the amendment

"I contacted the Attorney General's office and the lawyers down there." Chisum said. "They said it didn't make any difference what it said, they were going to charge the tax anyway."

Therefore, Chisum said they passed another constitutional amendment to get back to where they were before all that happened.

"It's going to be Proposition Number Five," Chisum said. "That's the one that corrects the misinterpretation of the constitutional amendment that we passed in the last legislative session. We're getting back to ground zero."

Chisum is urging his constituents

In reviewing the other 21 amendments, Chisum said some of them Land Board for veterans homes for might have a direct bearing on citizens in the Texas Panhandle, but oth-

Organizers say Chautauqua

attracted more than 3,000

"Number 12 would put a cap on non-economic damages in medical malpractice lawsuits." Chisum said "That cap is going to be \$250,000. It doesn't have anything to do with the actual damages. It's just the pain and suffering part of the lawsuit."

Chisum said getting that amendment on the ballot was a hard fought

"It requires a constitutional amendment for the legislature to put that cap on it," Chisum said.

If the constitutional amendment passes, the legislature has mandated a 15 percent reduction on malpractice insurance premiums

"It will be up to the Insurance Committee to mandate lower rates. Chisum said. "Insurance companies have indicated that they would charge a lower rate.

Proposition One allows the state to borrow money from the Veteran's the aged or infirm.

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Busy night

Officers fill jail with arrests

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE

EDITOR

If Gray County Jail possessed a "no vacancy" sign, it'd be flashing today.

It's filled to the brim with persons arrested following a busier-than-usual night for local law enforcement officers.

Pampa Police Department arrested seven people on aggravated assault with a deadly weapon charges in connection with two separate incidents Wednesday evening.

While searching for an individual with warrants early today at a South Nelson Street residence, Gray County Sheriff's deputies instead discovered a suspected methamphetamine lab, resulting in more arrests.

With approximately 14 arrests Wednesday and early today, Gray County Jail contained 76 prisoners this morning, said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing. As a result of all the activity, jail officials were kept busy with the booking process and settling prisoners in. Police officers and deputies still had paper work to do and Justice of the Peace Curt Kurfman continued to conduct bond hearings for the variety of charges at press time today.

Pampa police charged three persons with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after being called to a domestic dispute in the 300 block of Miami. Police had not completed the full report on the incident, so the circumstances of the assault and the names of the alleged victims were not available at press time.

However, records show that police stopped a vehicle reportedly involved in the incident on Loop 171, a halfmile south of U.S. Highway 60. Officers confiscated a tire iron and wooden club from the vehicle, as well as beer and drug paraphernalia.

One of the persons in the vehicle, Carl Aragon, 21, of Amarillo, was taken by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment of a fractured ankle and a minor head wound. Officers said the man had suffered the

(See ARRESTS, Page 3)

BY DARLENE BIRKES FOR THE NEWS

Children creating with wood scraps, tissue paper, art stamps, beads, paint on tiles. An elderly gentleman keeping time with the music. Exchange students looking in awe at a "live" Native American in a teepee. Toddlers hugging a balloon "animal." Boys swinging from a climbing wall, and girls challenging each other in climbing a hunter's blind. Warming up for the 5K, watching corn popping in the huge kettle, downing pancakes, funnel cakes and mustard-decorated, foot-long corndogs. That's

Food sales rose, beverage sales slid in the cooler weather, organizers said.

"Judging from the food sales, we estimate over 3,000 attended," said Roy Morriss, Pampa Fine Arts treasurer. "The cooler weather decreased attendance in the morning but actually increased attendance late in the day."

Several Pampa Fine Art Association artists furnished materials for adults and children in the art tent, in keeping with the Chautauqua purpose. Mimi Gross introduced sculpey "scupting." Janice Sackett offered painting on tiles. Ruth Barrett worked with art stamp creations, and Salvation Army volunteers helped with paper flowers and beaded items.

"We made an effort to have more children's braving the cool wind.

activities this year." said Lilith Brainard. Several who contributed activities included Cornerstone Baptist Church with free bottled water and bouncer for children; Seth Davidson and Linda Daniels with their calfroping booth; Plains Dairy with its 200 bottles of chocolate milk that went to Pokey the Clown for the train (cattle herd) riders; and Pampa Firefighters with water polo for those

Kingsmill;



(Courtesy photo)

Cole Buck "advertised" the Gifted and Talented face-painting booth at this year's Chautauqua.

Most of the stage participants contributed their time and talent to round out what organizers say was a most successful community event for 2003.

Kicking off the event was the 5K and fun run sponsored by Pampa Regional Medical Center. Over 120 people participated, and most of the winners were from out of town with several out of state.

City begins seal coating streets this week Starkweather from Francis to · Varnon from Crawford to Huff:

As City of Pampa begins its annual seal coating this week, residents of the Parkway: streets to be resurfaced are asked to move their vehicles from the right of ways until the work is completed.

Seal coating is expected to begin on Wednesday and weather permitting will take approximately two weeks to complete, said Donny Hooper, city engineering technician.

Areas to be sealed are as follows:

- 25th from Duncan to Perryton
- Hamilton from 20th to 23rd; · Coffee from Randy Matson to
- Williston from 18th to 23rd; • 22nd from Charles to Hamilton;
- 17th from Hamilton to Coffee;
- Hobart from 23rd to Crane; • Nelson from 19th to 21st; Hazel from Kentucky to Jordan;
- Ba ard from Tyng to Brown; Craven from Finley to Houston;

· Russell from Tyng to Brown;

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- · Crawford from Hobart to Nelson;
- Crawford from Dwight to Wells; Barrett from Wilks to Crawford;
- · Varnon from Crawford to
- McCullough:
- Wilks from Huff to Love;
- Banks from 21st to 22nd; • Sumner from 22nd to 23rd:
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Economy: Productivity, jobless claims soaring, labor reports say

BY JEANNINE AVERSA ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — The productivity of U.S. companies in the second quarter posted the biggest gain in a year as businesses produced more with fewer workers. New claims for unemployment benefits climbed last week to the highest level since the middle of July

The pair of reports released Thursday by the Labor Department underscored some of the strains facing U.S. workers even as the economy shows signs of gaining momentum.

Productivity soared at an annual rate of 6.8 percent in the April-to-June quarter, even stronger than the government's first estimate of a 5.7 percent growth rate. The revised sales in August as parents opened

reading was better than the 6.4 per- + their wallets for back-to-school merincrease since the first quarter of

The department said new applications for jobless benefits rose by a seasonally adjusted 15,000 to 413,000 for the work week ending Aug. 30.

The rise propelled claims to their highest point since the week ending July 12 and pushed them above 400,000, a level associated with a weak job market. In the prior two weeks, claims managed to move below that threshold, raising hopes among economists that the pace of layoffs was slowing.

cent growth rate economists were i chandise. Discounters and lowpredicting and marked the largest priced stores fared the best, while it was a mixed bag for department and mall-based apparel stores.

> And, the Commerce Department said U.S. manufacturers saw demand for their products rise by a sharp 1.6 percent in July — twice the 0.8 percent gain economists were forecast-

The strength in July's factory orders was broadbased with "durable" big-ticket goods, such as cars and machinery, and "nondurables," such as chemicals, posting gains. In June, orders placed with factories rose 1.9 percent.

On Wall Street, stocks were Many retailers reported robust mixed. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 5 points, while the

Nasdaq was up 5 points in morning trading.

Although recent economic reports have displayed signs that the economy is rebounding, businesses still remain cautious, especially when it comes to hiring workers, economists say. Businesses want profits to improve and want to feel more confident about the vigor of the rebound before they go on a hiring spree, analysts say.

Economists expect the nation's unemployment rate to stay stuck at 6.2 percent when the government releases the employment report for August on Friday. Economists say that the battered job market will be one of the last areas of the economy

With other parts of the economy

on the mend, economists believe the Federal Reserve probably will hold a key short-term interest rate steady at a 45-year low of 1 percent when its meets on Sept. 16.

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The 6.8 percent productivity growth rate registered in the second quarter was three times faster than the 2.1 percent growth rate posted in the first quarter, which from an economic perspective is good news.

For the economy's long-term health and rising living standards, solid productivity gains are crucial. They allow the economy to grow faster without triggering inflation. Companies can pay workers more without raising prices, which would eat up those wage gains. And, productivity can bolster a company's profitability.

ON RECORD

at 7 a.m., today.

patient to PRMC.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Someone broke a back window of a vehicle in the 1200 block of North Hobart and stole a CD player and 30 CDs. Loss and damage was . estimated at \$850.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Four persons were arrested for assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a domestic dispute reported in the 500 block of Lefors.

Burglary of a residence was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner. Someone kicked in the back door and stole two rings, silver dollars, \$2 bills, \$5 bills, a company pin and Masonic rings. Loss and damage was estimated at \$2,200.

The back door of a vehicle in the 1800 block of North Dwight was dented and scratched. Damage was estimated at \$750.

A flute, valued at \$400, was taken from the front porch of a residence in the 700 block of fy. North Christy.

Paul Harrison Mayo, 34, 1016 S. Christy, was arrested for animal nuisance, animal at large, animal not restrained, four counts of issuing bad checks, and failure to register as a sex offender

Victor Allen Isham, 21, 1518 Williston, was arrested on a Texas Department of Public Safety capias pro fine for speeding.

FIRE

lowing calls during the 24-hour period end-

Wednesday, Aug. 3

responded to the 100 block of South Russell

Thursday, Aug. 4

responded to the 800 block of West 25th on a

4:49 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

6:30 a.m. - One unit and three firefighters

responded to the 1300 block of Russell on a

carbon monoxide check. The firefighters

found, fire officials said, a malfunctioning

Gertrude "Trudy" Kelley, 74, of Pampa,

died Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2003. Services are

on a call for medical assistance.

2:49 p.m. – One unit and five firefighters

ing at 7 a.m., today.

call for med assist.

alarm.

Pampa Fire Department reported the fol-

Jeremy Blake Jones, 18, 425 N. Russell, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Jeffery Blain Jones, 19, 1111 S. Farley, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly

Shannon Smith, 22, 1111 S. Farley, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and unspecified capias pro fines.

Arturo Ruiz, 18, 425 N. Russell, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault by threat, no Texas driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

Carl Aragon, 21, Amarillo, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Erasmo Gonzales, 31, 217 S. Miami, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and fraudulent identification and failure to identi-

Laura Selvedge, 34, 217 S. Miami, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, violation of open container law, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Thursday, Sept. 4

All four tires on two different vehicles, belonging to the same family and parked in the 400 and 500 blocks of North Nelson, were punctured, causing an estimated \$900 damage.

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Gray County Sheriff's Office today report-

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the fol-

lowing calls during the 24-hour period ending

Wednesday, Aug. 3

23rd and Sumner and transported a patient to

2:58 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the

3:37 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the

400 block of Maple. No patient was transport-

100 block of South Russell and transported a

Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:53 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

arrested for assault with a deadly weapon vehicle, and failure to render aid. He was released on bond.

Jimmy Claude Davis, 58, 717 Sloan, was arrested on a theft by check warrant.

6:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 100 block of South Russell.

8:50 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Aug. 4

12:51 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:59 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

SHERIFF

AMBULANCE

ed the following arrests.

Wednesday, Sept. 3

Benito Martinez, 17, 1610 Harvester, was

Daniel Hoffman, 43, Rio Rancho, N.M. was arrested to serve sentence for driving while intoxicated - subsequent offense.

Pete Vargas Perez, 25, 853 S. Sumner, was arrested on a Hall County warrant for possession and transport of a dangerous chemical with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, and theft over \$50 and under \$500.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's weather forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid 80s and east winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy skies are predicted with lows in the upper 50s and southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday should see partly cloudy skies. Highs in the upper 80s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 60.

By The Associated Press

Weekend temperatures should be fair over the state with only slight chances of rain in a few areas. Highs will be mostly in the mid 80s to low 90s.

Today, most areas of South Texas will see some scattered rain. On Friday, some scattered rain is likely in deep South Texas and in the Coastal Bend.

West Texas should see excellent weather through the weekend. Highs will be in the 80s regionwide, with partly cloudy skies. Rain should be limited to some scattered rain today and Friday in the Permian Basin cloudy and dry, with the end.

STATEWIDE and Edwards Plateau, mostly slight chances.

Beginning Sunday, a slight chance of rain is forecast in the Panhandle and South Plains. Skies will be partly cloudy.

potential for scattered storms later today in nearly all areas. Some may contain heavy rain, with gusty winds and frequent lightning. Skies will be mostly cloudy today. Rain chances will continue Friday in the Coastal Bend and deep south, with partly cloudy skies over the region.

Saturday and Sunday should be clear to partly

deep south possibly seeing some rain on Saturday. Highs through the weekend will be in the upper 80s to low 90s, with a few mid 90s possible in the west.

The North Texas forecast South Texas will see the calls for good weather through the weekend. Today, some storms are possible in far East Texas, and in southern areas of North Texas. Skies will be partly cloudy today.

Friday through Monday, skies will be clear to partly cloudy, with no rain in the forecast. High temperatures will be in the mid 80s to lower 90s through the week-

Bolton firing causes Latino protests

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GERTRUDE 'TI 'DY' KELLEY

DALLAS (AP) — Hispanic community leaders have denounced the use of "hate speech" by blacks protesting a Hispanic city manager's decision to fire Terrell Bolton, the city's first black police chief.

City Manager Ted Benavides dismissed Bolton last week, citing poor job performance, but Bolton and his supporters are fighting the decision, which they say was orchestrated by Mayor Laura Miller, who is white.

Members of Hispanic activist group People United for Representation and Equality, or P.U.R.E., said at a news conference Wednesday they were "saddened and disheartened" by racial slurs against Hispanics displayed recently on signs at a rally and a recent City Council meeting.

"Hate speech has no place in the public discourse of individuals who speak about justice and equality," said Diana Flores, a trustee with the Dallas Community College District.

Dallas lawyer Rosa Orenstein said the racial epithets threaten to "split the communities apart" and make Hispanics less

willing to listen to the black community's concerns over Bolton's firing.

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"When you call a Hispanic a wetback, all reason will immediately fail," Orenstein said, reading a statement from P.U.R.E.

The Rev. Stephen Nash, president of Dallas' Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance joined the news conference with other blacks wearing T-shirts reading "Recall Mayor Miller" and "Reinstate Chief Bolton." Nash said he was appalled by the racial slurs made by a small number of people and apologized for them.

"I don't even know who made the racial slur, but they certainly didn't speak for the African-American community," Nash said. "It's as much an insult to us as it is for Hispanics."

Nash said the blame goes to the mayor, who he believes has "deliberately pitted blacks against Hispanics."

"Her objective is to get rid of not only Chief Bolton, but Benavides as well," Nash said. "The best way is to pit us against one another and neither the black nor Hispanics communities should be gullible."

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Proposition Four would allow Municipal Utility Districts to issue debt to develop parks and recreational facilities.

"I didn't particularly like it because it allows these counties that are listed to go into debt to build parks," Chisum said. "Generally, when you build parks, it cost more to maintain them than it does to build them."

Proposition Six allows refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mort-

Proposition Seven permits six-member juries in misdemeanor cases.

"Right now," Chisum said, "you have to have a 12member jury. In misdemeanor cases that's sometimes a problem, and it costs counties money to do that."

Proposition Eight authorizes the legislature to permit someone to take office without an election if the person is the only one qualified for that office.

That is very similar to Proposition 18," Chisum

Proposition 18 just applies to political subdivisions such as cities and

"It would allow them to do that also," Chisum said. "In some places, you might have only one person running."

If only one person is qualified, there wouldn't be an election.

Proposition Nine would change the formula in figuring income and appreciation of the Permanent School

"I put on my notes not to vote for that," Chisum said, "because what that does it allows them to spend the

money out of the Permanent School Fund, which is the fund that we have for schools from oil and gas royalties in the State of Texas."

Chisum said that if the amendment passes, it would allow the state to spend more than the income of the fund.

"It would have a tendency to dilute the fund," he said. "I thought that might not be a good idea."

Proposition 10 lets municipalities donate surplus firefighting equipment or supplies to volunteer fire departments.

Proposition 11 would allow the legislature to govern wineries.

"We have a huge wine industry in the State of Texas, but our liquor laws, that are constitutional laws, top us from allowing the wineries to sell their wines to people who come to visit their wineries," Chisum said. "This would allow them to do that."

While this would not directly impact Pampa, it is of interest in the area.

"We don't have any wineries around here, but there are some around Lubbock," Chisum said. "They're the big push behind that."

Proposition 13 would allow counties, cities and junior college districts to freeze the ad valorem taxes on homesteads of the disabled, the elderly and their spouses.

"It's similar to what we do with school taxes now," Chisum said.

Proposition 14 would allow borrowing money on a short-term basis for transportation infrastructure.

"There's a big push now to do a lot of transportation funding in the State of Texas," Chisum said. "It requires a constitutional amendment for that to hap-

Chisum said none of the

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money will be spent anywhere near Pampa.

"It will be spent in places like Dallas and Houston where they have a lot of transportation problems," Chisum said

Proposition 15 says certain benefits under specific local public retirement systems may not be reduced.

"This is a proposition that would require that you not reduce retirement benefits to anyone who retired from the public retirement system, like teachers or public employees," Chisum said. "The problem is if you can't reduce benefits, like medical services if the cost of medications go really high then you've guaranteed those benefits. You can't reduce that. Somebody has to make that up. The current workers would have to make that up. It's a tough question to address."

Proposition 16 would authorize a home equity line of credit.

"You could put your house up to guarantee a line of credit," Chisum said.

Proposition 17 would prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on a resident homestead of a disabled person.

"It would create a situation where a school district could freeze the taxes of a disabled person," Chisum said. "In some cases, that might be very proper to do."

Proposition 19 would

·Stocks - Bonds

repeal the authority of the legislature to create rural fire prevention districts.

"We don't have any of those around here," Chisum said, "but some places they do have them in the state."

Proposition 20 would authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds or notes of less that \$250 million with regard to the closing of military bases in the

"I don't know if we have any military bases around here," Chisum said, "but they are closing some military bases along the Gulf Coast, and they're closing some of the bases around San Antonio."

The money would be used for economic development, including projects that would enhance the military value of military installa-

Proposition 21 would allow university professors to serve on local water districts and receive compensation for their service.

"This is the third time this has been on the constitutional ballot," Chisum said. "The other two times, it was turned down."

Proposition 22 would allow the appointment of a volunteer to fill a public office if the person holding the office was called to active duty in the armed

"Vote for number five," Chisum said. "I need that. Some of these travel trailer people are really, really upset."

ARRESTS

injuries prior to police stopping the vehicle. He was treated and released for transport to jail, according to police reports.

Aragon was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was awaiting a bond hearing at press time.

Also arrested were Erasmo Gonzales, 31, and Laura Selvedge, 34, both of 217 S. Miami. Bond for Gonzales was set at \$10,000 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, \$5,000 for fraudulent identification, \$1,000 for failure to identify, and \$500 for possession of drug paraphernalia. Selvedge's bond was set at \$10,000 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, \$500 for possession of drug paraphernalia, and \$500 for violation of open container

All three remained in jail in lieu of bond at press time.

While police investigated the Miami Street incident, an emergency call sent officers to the 500 block of Lefors on another domestic disturbance.

Tobias J. Rich, 23, 520 N. Lefors, told police that a former girlfriend and, three men had come to the residence to talk with him but he refused to go outside to talk to them.

. Rich told police, according to the report, that the four persons were carrying weapons. He said he was standing behind a glass door and they reportedly shot at him, shat-

tering the glass.

Officers searched the area and stopped a vehicle matching the description given by the victim at Short and Yeager streets. Police arrested four people in connection with the incident on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Bond for Shannon Smith, 22, 1111 S. Farley, was set at \$5,000 for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and \$255 capias, pro fine for

Arturo Ruiz, 18, 425 N. Russell, was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, assault by threat, no Texas driver's license, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$10,000 on the aggravated assault charge and \$500 for each of the other charges.

Also arrested were brothers Jeremy Blake Jones, 18, 425 N. Russell, and Jefferey Blain Jones, 19, 1111 S. Farley. Each were charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Judge Curfman set bond at \$10,000 for each of them.

None of the four had made bond by press time.

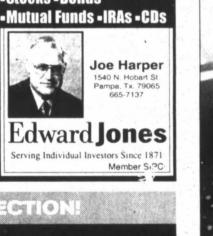
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

He's betting apathy will win

To the editor:

Some years ago, the Nuclear Regulatory commission, offspring of the Atomic Energy Commission, proposed the storage of nuclear waste material at a site near Hereford. The nuclear waste was to be stored underground, between the surface and the Ogallala Aquifer. Rousing public sentiment forced the NRC to change plans regarding Hereford area as the first choice, and look at locations that actually wanted the waste site. Go figure?

My point is, Hereford and area citizens and businesses gathered together in a victory against big government to thwart a really stupid idea. It's hard to imagine an idea to plant nuclear waste on top of one of the greatest natural resources the Panhandle of Texas has.

It amazes me that the citizenry of the Texas Panhandle is so apathetic when it comes to Boone Pickens and his plans of selling Ogallala Aquifer water to municipalities hundreds of miles away. Cities of San Antonio, El Paso, and others figure into his plans. Imagine the environmental scar a pipeline sufficient in size to carry water to San Antonio would leave across this great state?

I was a teenager in Pampa when the change from Ogallala Aquifer water to Lake Meredith water was made into our taps. Tasty stuff, huh? The Panhandle communities receiving the majority of their drinking water from CRMWA have suffered many years with the poor quality of water supply.

I lived in San Antonio long enough to experience water rationing because of low aquifer levels brought about by drought conditions. Wasn't fun waiting on tropical systems to come along and produce rainfall to raise the aquifer level. There are more droughts than there are hurricanes. If Boone succeeds in his plans, San Antonio and Bexar County, the 10th largest populated area in the United States, could get Ogallala Aquifer water.

How long would it take for San Antonio to deplete the Panhandle extension of the Ogallala Aquifer? Boone is the capitalist supreme, his sights include other municipal purchasers as well. Boone's plan represents the single greatest threat to the quality of life the Panhandle has. Boone's plan could be the final blow to the economic stability of this entire region. Boone will be making a profit; cities like San Antonio will get water -Texas Panhandle water - and wells will go dry here.

Economically, Pampa is sinking fast, with the population leaving at record pace. The once-great natural resource called oil is gone, depleted in about 60 years, with insignificant production remaining. The even greater natural resource of the Ogallala Aquifer will be gone if Boone Pickens succeeds in his plans; and Boone is pretty far along at this date.

Hereford and area citizens and businesses stopped the federal government from a really stupid idea. Can the citizens and businesses of the Texas Panhandle save the Ogallala Aquifer from a really stupid idea?

From what I've read and studied to date, the answer is no. My bet is on apathy.

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America's academic tyrants

Many of America's colleges and universities have become the modern leaders of racism and intolerance. Recently, we were treated to information about racism at the University of Michigan, where its academic elite gave students 20 extra points toward admission based solely on race.

The U.S. Supreme Court found this explicit racism unconstitutional but did allow continuance of a more hidden form, where universities can consider race as "a plus" in admission decisions. The University of Michigan case is merely the tip of the iceberg. There are loads of racist and intolerant practices thought up by the academic elite that our youngsters will encounter as they take on the new semes-

Jeanne McDonnell, a freshman at the College of William and Mary, tells her story in an Aug. 25 Washington Times editorial. She sought to enroll in a five-week seminar called the Summer Transition Program offered to help students develop good study habits and test-taking skills. She found out that the seminar was racially segregated, and as a white young lady she was denied admission -- only preferred minorities were accepted. Would supporters of this practice be bothered if William and Mary had seminars for whites only where blacks and Hispanics need not apply?

What about segregated graduation ceremonies? Vanderbilt, Stanford University, the University of California, the University of Michigan and the University of Pennsylvania are among those that offer

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separate graduation ceremonies and separate "celebratory events" for black, Hispanic and Asian-American students. University administrators not only condone segregated ceremonies but racially segregated student housing, as well.

This "enlightened" policy not only occurs at backwater colleges but at our most elite universities, such as Stanford, Cornell, MIT, Pennsylvania and California-Berkeley. What if white students demanded whites-only graduation ceremonies and whites-only dorms?

In addition to racism, universities have become bastions of intolerance. America's liberals are known for their strong advocacy of free speech, including vile speech and speech that assaults precious symbols, such as the U.S. flag and the Bible. Liberals are free speech advocates because it's crucial to their propaganda agenda for control. But liberals have contempt for most freedoms, and once they're running the show, that contempt will extend to free speech.

Yesteryear's flower children are today's academic elite -- they control our universities. Through campus speech codes, free speech is under assault on some college campuses. Steve Hinkle, a Cal Poly stu-

dent, posted a flier announcing a lecture by Mason Weaver, author of "It's OK to Leave the Plantation," a book that argues that dependence on government programs places many blacks in circumstances analogous to slavery. The flier offended some black students, and Hinkle was ordered to write letters of apologies, which he refused to do and now faces disciplinary action."

Harvard Law School faculty adopted "Sexual Harassment Guidelines" targeted at "seriously offensive" speech. Texas Tech bans "communications (that) humiliate any person." The university offers as examples of punishable expressions, "sexual innuendoes," "referring to an adult as "girl," "boy" or "honey," or "sexual stories:" Professor Alan Kors of the University of Pennsylvania, concerned by so many egregious violations of free speech, founded Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE). FIRE has successfully brought suit against several universities for their suppression of speech and ideas.

Both as taxpayers and donors, Americans have been exceedingly generous to our universities. The academic elite has contempt for American values and the wealth that make that generosity possible. I think university administrators might get the message if we'd put a halt to our generosity. Maybe a good donation strategy is to search a university's website or catalog. See whether it has multiculturalism, diversity or equity offices and programs. If it has, it's probably practicing some form of racism. The next step is simple: Close your pocketbook

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Somehow, they got the job done

By LARRY RAY

Some of you I have told about the old combat Marine I met at The Cancer Treatment Center in Tulsa, Okla., while my wife Lynn was a patient there. He and his wife are volunteers at the center and work at the front desk on Tuesday.

I met Lloyd Dinsmore after seeing personalized plates on his car while I was walking through the parking lot one morning. It showed him to be a Marine Corps veteran and serving on Saipan, Tinian, and Iwo Jima with the 2nd Armored Amphibious Battalion. I left a note attached to his car introducing myself as a former Marine and expressed my admiration, respect, and thanks for what he had done for his country. He contacted me in our room at the hospital and our friendship developed from there.

At age 78, the spring in his step implies to me he could still carry an M-1 rifle without too much difficulty. He was an amphibious tractor or LVT (landing vehicle tracked) driver at the invasions of Saipan, Tinian and Iwo Jima. His job was to shuttle ammunition, men and supplies onto the beach head and, sadly enough, dead and wounded buddies back out to the hospital ships waiting offshore. His trips to shore were especially targeted because the Japanese knew he was delivering death and destruction upon their heads.

I asked him one day as we visited at the hospital, "Lloyd, how in the world did you do it?" He replied, "I made every trip fully expecting to die. When I didn't, I thanked God and asked Him for one more."

He was only one of 30,000 Marines who hurled themselves against 23,000 Japanese who had toiled for eight months preparing Iwo for the American invasion. Iwo was one of the last two major islands standing between the Japanese homeland and the hated Americans. Okinawa was the other. Hundreds of reinforced blockhouses

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had been built along with thousands of smaller pillboxes of similar construction.

Many of the caves on Iwo had been interconnected with tunnels. It has been said that most of the surviving Marines at the battle's end never saw a live Japanese, they were so entrenched. The Japanese had carefully set their machine guns for firing lanes and pre-aimed mortars and artillery before the invasion so that virtually every square yard of the beach was covered.

It was into this man-made hell that 19year-old PFC Dinsmore drove his LVT time after time. On the first day alone, 548 Marines died with 1,775 being wounded. The final count would be 5,931 killed and 17,272 being wounded. Some of the first, second, and third wave companies suffered 70 and 80 percent killed or wounded.

On the fourth day amid ships' whistles, landing craft horns, and Marines and sailors cheering, PFC Dinsmore witnessed a piece of living history from his LVT offshore - the raising of the American fiag on Mt. Suribachi. The battle would rage on for another 32 days with Dinsmore making trip after trip. After Iwo was secured, Admiral Chester Nimitz said, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

For those of you who read this and have had family or friends how served in the other branches, please know I in no way diminish the bravery of sailors at the Battle of Midway or at Okinawa where Kamikazes took a dreadful toll. I think of soldiers who also made a horrible dash off of landing craft at Normandy. I remember brave airmen making bombing missions over Germany and Italy. One tail gunner on a B-17, Don Stephens, was dear to my heart. I saw him his last day on this earth at the hospital here in Pampa. His son Roy Don remains a near, dear friend.

Perhaps what stands alone as a testament to PFC Dinsmore and our Corps is this: Of the 80 Medal of Honor winners in the Marine Corps awarded during the entire war, 22 were earned (not awarded) at the 36 days of living hell that was Iwo.

Last June, as Lynn and I were at the treatment center for continuing test for Lynn's breast cancer (which I can say, thanks be to God, were A-OK), Lloyd invited us to his old outfit's reunion at Talequah, Okla., Oct. 9, 10 and 11.

This was for me like an avid football fan (which I am) getting 50-year-line tickets to the Super Bowl, or perhaps a real baseball "nut" getting a ticket to the deciding game of the World Series. The big difference being to me is that I will be among real heroes instead of watching spoiled millionaire pro athletes perform.

Yes, I'm going to pack my dress blues. Lynn is going to take her pretty patriotic dress with the American flag design. Her dress has attached a small Marine Corps emblem, the eagle globe and anchor, fastened with a tiny gold chain to lance corporal stripes. It was given to her by this L/Cpl. 43 years ago, before we were mar-

I hope, and I will be so very proud, if these brave men will see fit to give me an honorary induction into their battalion. In February 1945, while Iwo was being won, I was a lad of 6 at Baker Elementary here in Pampa. What makes me feel a kinship to these men, 12 to 18 years my senior? It is from having such an interest in the Marine Corps South Pacific Campaign and being a former Marine. The utmost thing is standing in complete awe of what these men accomplished against such impossible

I mentioned to Lloyd one day as we visited how "high tech" war had gotten now.

He replied, "Yes, we didn't have a lot to work with, but somehow we got the job done."

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Abbas tells parliament to support him or send him home

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) -Palestinian Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas, weakened by his power struggle with Yasser Arafat, told parliament Thursday it must either support him or send him home.

Abbas suggested the Palestinians can only hope to make progress on the U.S.-backed "road map" peace plan if he is given the full power to implement it, but he stopped short of seeking a vote of confidence.

Parliament scheduled a closeddoor session for Saturday to discuss his speech, after which legislators were to decide whether to hold a vote.

The U.S.-backed Abbas could be toppled in a confidence vote, dealing a heavy blow to efforts to end three years of violence and move toward Palestinian statehood.

Earlier Thursday, Palestinian gunmen killed an Israeli soldier in a shooting ambush near the West Bank town of Jenin. The Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade, an armed group linked to the Fatah movement claimed responsibil-

In his speech to parliament, Abbas only hinted at his conflict with Arafat, saying there were "problems" between his government and the Palestinian leadership. Abbas is demanding that Arafat relinquish control over security forces. For now, each leader commands four of the armed services, and

Arafat has balked at giving up one of down. "This government does not his last vestiges of power.

Abbas told parliament that "without a legitimate force in the hands of one authority ... we will not advance one step on the political track," a reference to the road map. The United States and Israel demand that the Palestinians begin dismantling armed groups, as required by the road map.

Abbas also told parliament he had no intention of ordering a clamp-

deal with the opposition groups with a policing mentality, but with a mentality of dialogue," he said.

Abbas portrayed a unilateral cease-fire, declared by the armed groups June 29, as the main achievement of his first 100 days in office. He accused Israel of having sabotaged the truce with deadly arrest raids to try to evade its obligations under the

PPHM receives \$100,000 donation; acquires major piece by Santa Fe art colony founder Carlos Vierra

CANYON - Joseph W. and Nancy Foran of Dallas have donated \$100,000 to Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon in honor of Mr. Foran's parents, William J. and Roberne Foran, his uncle and aunt, Don and Mozelle Foran, all of Amarillo, and the rest of the Foran family.

The Forans asked that part of the gift be used to acquire a major work of art for the museum society's art collection, and a painting by Santa Fe art colony founder Carlos Vierra was chosen.

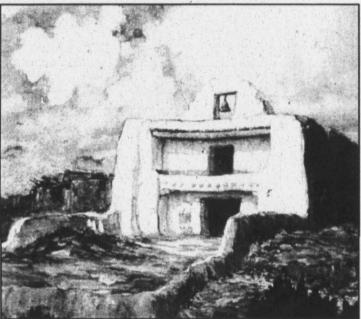
The museum will name its changing exhibitions galleries after the Foran family in recognition of this monetary gift.

"It's a pleasure to have a chance to give back a little to the community," Joseph Foran said, "and to recognize my parents and aunt and uncle who have made such a difference in my life."

nus, Joseph attended the University of Kentucky and Southern Methodist University before founding Matador Petroleum in Dallas. ty has two field sketches by Nancy, a Dallas native, Vierra from the James D. majored in art history at the Hamlin Collection, but nei-University of Texas.

department for the past several years, contributing personally and helping raise funds for the acquisition of Taos artist Victor Higgins' major Calif., a small fishing town on painting "Evening Sky Monterrey Bay, Vierra (1876-(Solitude)" in 2001.

William J. Foran was society president in 1994 while Roberne currently volunteers in the Research Center. Both have been active supporters of became its first resident artist. the society's activities for many years. Don has volun- phy studio on Santa Fe Plaza



(Courtesy photo)

tos of traditional Indian and

Spanish architecture. He

became a proponent of the

preservation of the architec-

and was actively involved in

The Vierra painting, entitled "Zia Pueblo Mission," is considered by some as Vierra's masterpiece, according to museum curator of art, Michael R.

Department and Mozelle has demonstrated weaving for the museum. All are society members.

An Amarillo High alum- tled "Zia Pueblo Mission," is considered by some as Vierra's masterpiece, according to museum curator of art, Michael R. Grauer. The societher is of exhibition quality. The Forans have been sup- Consequently, in an effort to porters of the museum's art upgrade its Santa Fe art colony collection, the society needed a more representative example of Vierra's work.

A native of Moss Landing, 1937) studied at Mark Hopkins School in San Francisco and in New York. Due to tuberculosis, he moved to Santa Fe in 1904 and

Vierra opened a photogra-

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of the Museum of Fine Arts. Following the untimely death of Donald Beauregard, who had been hired to paint murals for the Museum of Fine Arts, Vierra completed the murals, even painting himself as Christopher Columbus in one of them. He also sent murals to the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Diego in 1916.

About 1918, Vierra began a project to make paintings of all the Spanish mission churches at all the pueblos in New Mexico. This project may have been sponsored by New Mexico pioneer Frank Springer who traveled with Vierra while he painted the missions. "Zia Mission" was part of that series.

Vierra and Springer eventually donated 14 paintings in the series to the Museum of Fine Arts in Santa Fe.

PPHM will first house "Zia The Vierra painting, enti- tural heritage of New Mexico Mission" in the Recent Acquisitions area on the secthe restoration of the Palace of ond floor.



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Many protest rebuilding at ground zero

About 15 people who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center attack tried to block a gate into ground zero in a protest against rebuilding on families," Pataki said when the footprints.

Police thwarted the demonstration Wednesday by locking the large steel gate about 30 minutes before the protesters arrived.

The protesters wore yellow clothing and held signs with messages like "3,000 people consecrated this ground with build on the footprints.

NEW YORK (AP) - systematically destroyed," said protester Beverly Eckert, who lost her husband in the 2001

> "My heart goes out to the asked about the protest. "We're doing everything we can to be as respectful and supportive and understanding of the families' desires as possi-

Reconstruction plans call for a memorial to preserve the approximate area the towers stood on. Infrastructure and their blood." They accused other development would Gov. George Pataki of going encroach on the footprints at back on a promise to never bedrock level, an area viewed by some families as a sacred "An irreplaceable part of cemetery for the nearly 2,800 our American heritage is being people who died there.

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Unwary College Kids Can Be Buried Under Credit Card Debt

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing to raise awareness about a serious and widespread problem - student credit card debt. Young adults, who are often "credit card illiterate," are inundated with credit card offers once

they set foot on college campuses.

Parents need to understand that their college-bound teens will be able to obtain multiple credit cards even if they have no prior credit history, no employment and no co-signer. Many students then face life-altering consequences because of excessive credit card debt, such as dropping out of school, defaulting on school loans, or graduating with a poor credit rating or looming bankruptcy. Credit card debt can also cause psychological depression and contribute to lower GPAs and increased substance abuse.

It is vital that parents educate their children about responsible credit card use before they leave for college. Financial literacy should also be taught in high schools so that young adults fully understand the costs of credit and the consequences of irresponsible credit card use. Students who graduate with poor credit ratings are likely to have difficulty renting apartments and receiving competitive-rate loans. They may even have limited

employment opportunities. Thank you for sharing this important information with your readers.

CAROL'A. CAROLAN, Ph.D. CENTER FOR STUDENT CREDIT CARD EDUCATION INC

DEAR DR. CAROLAN: I hope both parents and students will heed your message. An important lesson learned last year by a college senior bears repeating. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In my freshman year, I was bombarded with credit card applications promising great rates and free merchandise for

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signing up. I couldn't resist accepting, but promised myself I would use credit cards only for emergencies.

I am now about to graduate and owe several thousand dollars on my credit cards and have nothing to show for it. If I pay only the minimum each month, it will take me 12 years to pay off what I owe. I wish I had been given the following tips:

(1) Live within your means. (2) If you cannot pay cash for a meal at a restaurant, do not eat out. Eat at the school cafeteria or make a sandwich.

(3) The new CD or DVD you want will still be around when you can afford it. Listen to the radio or rent a movie

(4) Rather than going to a club or movie with a group of friends, find inexpensive activities (like playing cards or board games) and spend your evening enjoying them. You'll be amazed at what you can save.

(5) If your college offers a class on managing credit and credit cards take it! If you have already resolved never to rely on credit, it will reinforce that intelligent decision.

I hope you deem this letter important enough to print, Abby. Credit card debt is a huge problem for many college students. I should know; I'm one of them.

COLLEGE SENIOR WHO LEARNED THE HARD WAY

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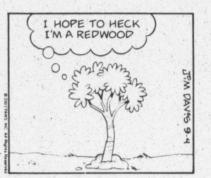
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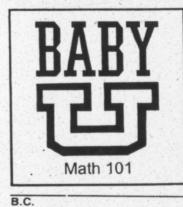
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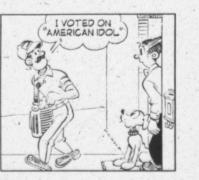


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VOLLEYBALL

CANYON - West Texas A&M senior Kendra Morgan was named the Division II National Player of the Week by the Volleyball American Coaches Association.

Morgan is the first WT player to receive the award since Shannon Stroud won it in 2001 after the Colorado Premier Challenge. Stroud is now the Pampa High head

Morgan had WT's first triple-double in more than a decade when she ring up 56 assists, 20 digs and 11 kills in the Lady Buffs' fivegame victory over then No. 7-ranked Grand Valley State on Saturday night.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Kansas City Royals have been struggling lately, but manager Tony Pena says it would be a mistake to overlook his team down the stretch.

Rookie Jimmy Gobble pitched seven strong innings as Kansas City snapped a four-game losing streak with a 3-1 victory over the Texas Rangers on Wednesday night.

Mike Sweeney, Joe Randa and Carlos Beltran each had RBIs in a three-run fourth inning to help the Royals move within one game of both Chicago and Minnesota for the AL Central lead.

"We'd lost four and they were tough losses," Pena said. "But you have to be happy where we are. We're only one out. It's going to be close all the way to the end. We took some punches but we're not knocked down yet.'

Gobble got off to a shaky start, giving up a leadoff homer to Michael Young, but regained his focus and retired the last seven hitters he faced in order.

"I had to get it out of my mind quick," Gobble said. "They had some tough hitters coming up. I had to work through it. I knew I had to be aggressive and just keep my team in the game."

Gobble (3-3) allowed one run and four hits, struck out six and walked two after being called up from Triple-A Omaha on Tuesday to join the expanded roster. He had five starts for the Royals in August, winning his first two.

He struggled in his last two starts, however, allowing a total of 13 runs and 17 hits over 10 1-3 innings in losses to the New York Yankees and Anaheim Angels.

"After giving up the homer, he collected himself and pitched well and shut them down," Sweeney said.

"He showed a lot of poise." Gobble was facing the Rangers for the first time, and he was especially effective against veteran sluggers Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro, who were a combined 0-for-7.

Harvesters hope to end Lowrey Field hex

By L.D. STRATE

Sports Editor

PAMPA — The Harris Ratings believe Pampa is going to have it easy against Lubbock Estacado this Friday night, predicting a win by four touchdowns. Apparently, Harris isn't aware of the Lowrey Field hex on the Harvesters.

Pampa head coach Heath Parker knows all about the problems the Harvesters have had at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

"Playing there has always been difficult for us," coach Parker said. "We've only beaten Estacado one time in school history in that stadium and that was in 1998."

In fact, it wasn't until 1996 when Pampa was able to beat Estacado for the very first time.

"They had skunked us pretty good up until '96. Estacado has a lot of tradition," Parker said. Estacado's been down on their luck in recent years, but I know their coaching staff is working hard to get them back to the point where they're winning

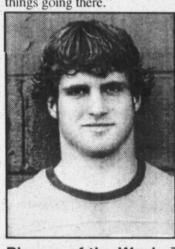
The Matadors dropped their

opener 14-7 in overtime to Hereford last weekend.

"Estacado had Hereford beat," Parker added. "They got inside the 10-yard-line twice in the fourth quarter, but a fumble and penalty kept them from scoring."

The Matadors will have experience on their side against the Harvesters, something that was lacking in their 1-9 season a year ago. They return seven starters on offense and eight on

"They're a senior-laden team," Parker said. "This is the third year with coach (David) Moody at Estacado, so he's getting his system in place. They're working hard to get things going there.



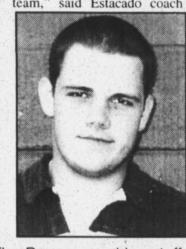
With the exception of senior receiver Dannie Meza, the Harvesters go into tomorrow's contest with an injury-free ros-

"We're as healthy as we've ever been," Parker said: "The thing with us, with only 30 players on the roster, one guy getting hurt can change the complexion of our entire team. If we lose one player, we lose one spot on every unit."

Meza is sidelined for the season with an ankle injury.

The Harvesters have won four of the last five meetings with Estacado.

"We haven't been able to slow Pampa down lately. They've got another good team," said Estacado coach



David Moody.

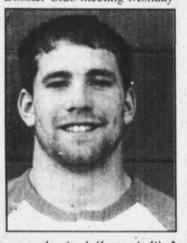
Moody is still shaking his head over the Mats' overtime loss to Hereford.

"We just didn't make plays when we needed to. That was the difference in the game," coach Moody said.

Moody said the Matadors have a blend of experience and youth this season.

"We're got a young offensive line, but our skill kids like at quarterback and running back have played a lot. I feel like we should do pretty good on the defensive side of the ball," he said.

Players of the Week were recognized at the Harvester Booster Club meeting Monday



night. They were Mac Smith (defense), Andrew Curtis (offense), Seth Foster (special teams) and Alan Curry (scout team). Pampa coaches picked the players based on their performances against Perryton.

PHS Schedule

Pampa 37, Perryton 0

Sept.

5-Lubbock Estacado, 7:30 away; 12-Amarillo High, 7:30 home; 19-Borger, 7:30 away; 26-Randall, 7:30 home.

Oct.

3-Plainview, away; 10-Hereford, homecoming; 16-Palo Duro, away (Thursday); 24-Dumas, home; 31-open date.

Nov. 7-Caprock, away.



Players of the Week: The Pampa coaching staff has selected (from left) Andrew Curtis, Alan Curry, Mac Smith and Seth Foster as players of the week based on their performances against Perryton in the season opener.

Rivals Ennis and Waxahachie meet Friday

ENNIS, Texas (AP) — If football is a religion in Texas, the people in Ellis County are some of its most threw for 3,411 yards and devout followers.

When Class 4A No. 1 Ennis travels to face No. 9 Waxahachie on Friday, more than one-third of the about 40,000 people in the two cities are expected to attend. Dubbed The Battle highway in Ellis county both are located on, this will be the teams' 53rd consecutive meeting.

"It's our biggest rivalry," Ennis quarterback Graham Harrell said. "Some people in town don't care if you win another game all year. They say if you beat Waxahachie, you've had a successful season."

Although the two schools met as early as 1933, the game didn't become a yearly event until 1950. Since then, Ennis leads the series

"It is talked about all year," said Waxahachie Mayor Joe Jenkins. "There will be more people there than the stands can hold. It is a big night for both towns."

Ennis, which won state titles in 2000-01 and lost in the semifinal round last sea-

meetings between the two. Harrell, reigning 4A offensive player of the year, reached 100 career touchdowns last season.

lettermen from last season's Division I regional final team that had a perfect 5-0 district record.

The Indians have made of 287 for the stretch of the playoffs the past 13 sea-

Linebacker Arthur McKenzie had six sacks last season and was named the district defensive player of the year.

The game is this week's only meeting of ranked teams. Ennis also faces a ranked team next week when it plays No. 3 Denton Ryan. Ryan won the Class 4A Division II title last sea-

"Playing good teams early on gives you a good idea of what areas you need to get better at," Ennis coach Sam Harrell said. "It will get us prepared for big games down the road."

Other games involving ranked teams include:

-In 5A, No. 1 Lufkin at Nacogdoches, No. Converse Judson at Waco, No. 3 DeSoto plays son, has won the past five Lancaster, No. 4 The at Hallsville.

Woodlands at Kingwood, No. 5 Austin Westlake at Lott plays Waço LaVega, Paris Chisum. Round Rock Westwood, No. 2 Corrigan-Camden Thursday, No. 6 Longview will play Hitchcock, No. 3 Como Pickton, No. 3 plays Neville, La, No. 7 Southlake Carroll at Irving, Springs, No. 4 Garrison No. 4 Shiner plays No. 9 Houston Washington plays Houston Worthing Thursday at the Astrodome.

—In 4A, No. Texarkana Texas High at Texarkana Arkansas High, No. 3 Denton Ryan plays Fort Worth Dunbar, No. 4 La Marque will play Galveston Ball, No. 5 Brownwood at San Angelo Central, No. 6 Bay City plays West Orange Start Saturday at the Astrodome, No. 7 Corpus Christi Calallen at Beeville Jones, No. 8 New Braunfels at San Antonio Roosevelt, No. 10 Stephenville plays Burleson.

-In 3A, No. 1 Burnet at Gatesville, No. 2 Everman plays Eastern Hills, No. 3 Marlin will play Waco University, No. 4 Bellville at Cameron, No. 5 Midland Greenwood Shallowater, No. 6 Forney plays Mesquite Horn, No. 7 Decatur at Pottsboro, No. 8 Fairfield will play Lorena, No. 9 Daingerfield plays Gladewater, No. 10 Atlanta

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Waxahachie returns 16 No. 8 Aldine Eisenhower at plays Elysian Fields, No. 5 Schulenberg, No. 5 Albany Sugar Land Willowridge, Van Vleck will play will play Dublin, No. 6 Sweeny, No. 6 Panhandle at Anton at Nazareth, No. 7 Sunray, No. 7 Crane plays McCamey, No. 8 Odem will plays Rocksprings, No. 9 play Bishop, No. 9 (tie) Thrall plays Round Rock Bangs will play Ballinger, JV. **Boosting Baylor spirits**

> than a year ago, a sold-out crowd paid as much as \$25 each to hear comedian Bill Cosby perform at Baylor University's Ferrell Center an event that raised money for a new floor in the gold-domed basketball arena.

On Thursday, the entertainer will return to the 14,000student university in Waco.

But following heartache and scandal at Baylor, Cosby's mission will be different — and admission will

"With full band and yell leaders, we are going to have a rally, a pep rally, not for the golfers, not for the swimmers, not for the basketball team, not for the football team but for the students, for the faculty, for the administration, for alumni, for the town," Cosby said Wednesday night in an interview with The Associated Press.

Baylor will open Floyd Casey Stadium, home of its Chilton at Italy, No. 8 Iraan

No. 9 (tie) Tom Bean at

-In 1A, No. 2 Celeste at

DALLAS (AP) — Less football team, for the 8 p.m. CDT rally, which Cosby bills as an effort to boost morale after basketball player Patrick Dennehy's death.

Since Dennehy's death and the arrest of former teammate Carlton Dotson on murder charges, revelations of secretly paid players, failed drug tests and a taperecorded plot by former coach Dave Bliss to cover up wrongdoing have shaken Baylor.

So, Cosby called Baylor President Robert Sloan last month and offered to host the rally.

At first, Cosby said with a chuckle, Sloan found it difficult to believe that he was offering to do the event for free.

"He kept saying to me, Now, let me get this straight, what you're offering is' ... and he was saying it loud too," Cosby said. "I said, 'Get a witness, put somebody on the phone."

Rookie Robertson pitches Astros past Dodgers

LOS ANGELES (AP) -Sometimes baseball isn't fair. For example, Jeriome

Robertson of the Houston Astros is 13-7 with a 5.10 ERA and Kevin Brown of the Los Angeles Dodgers is 13-8 with a 2.37 ERA.

"You can't win games without run support," Robertson said after setting a franchise record for wins by a rookie left-hander in Houston's 8-2 victory over the Dodgers on Wednesday night.

first two batters, but the Astros then touched him up for four runs in the first inning on a two-run single by Richard Hidalgo and a two-run double ·by Geoff Blum.

That would be enough for Robertson and the Astros against the punchless Dodgers, who are averaging less than 3 1/2 runs per game and have scored exactly 200 fewer runs than Houston this season.

Brown retired the game's that was really big," Robertson

said. "Kevin Brown's a dominating pitcher - one of the best.

Brown was dominating after the first inning, blanking the Astros and retiring the last 14 batters he faced before being lifted for a pinch-hitter in the seventh.

"When we dig holes like that for ourselves in the early part of the game, there's not been too many times I've sat here and talked about come-"For us to jump on him like backs," Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said.

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Blitz! Thomas, Seau give Dolphins 2 Pro Bowl LBs

autographed Junior Seau poster that Zach Thomas acquired in college no longer hangs in his bedroom.

Or so Thomas claims.

He sheepishly acknowledges owning the poster but says it's back at his parents' house in Pampa, Texas. Thomas remains a Seau fan. however, especially now that they're lining up side by side with the Miami Dolphins.

"It's like playing on offense with Dan Marino," Thomas says. "I've always loved the way Seau played."

Seau can still play that way at find out beginning with their. Now he's eager to show that season opener Sunday against the Chargers made a mistake the Houston Texans.

Seau was acquired in a pick trade in April after 13 seasons with his hometown team, the San Diego Chargers. He made

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DAVIE. Fla. (AP) -- The the Pro Bowl for the 12th year in a row in 2002 but was hampered by an ankle injury, missed three games and had a career-low 84 tackles.

> He looked slow at times during the exhibition season last month, including when he was beaten by Tampa Bay running back Michael Pittman for a 28-yard reception.

"That's what you do - see if Junior Seau has anything left in the tank." ESPN analyst Ron Jaworski said. "He

Seau says he has been more concerned about learn-The question is whether ing the Dolphins' defensive scheme than about going fullage 34. The Dolphins will tilt in meaningless games. letting him go for a low draft

Thomas believes they did. "I never thought we'd be able to get someone like that,

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"I never thought we'd be able to get someone like that, because you know how important he was to San Diego."

- Zach Thomas, Miami linebacker from Pampa

because you know how important he was to San Diego," Thomas says. "He's a playmaker. You learn from him, and it makes you better."

The prospect of an improved Thomas is difficult to imagine. He led the Dolphins in tackles for the sixth time last season, a team record, and earned All-Pro honors for the first time.

"Zach is the best football player ever to play the game," Seau says with a smile. "He's way better than me."

The comment is hyperbolic humor, because while the 30year-old Thomas is an undersized overachiever, Seau has long been a disruptive force admired for his big-play ability and work ethic.

Their contrasting styles complement each nicely

"When Zach see something, Junior reacts to it, and vice versa, so it's a good comsafety bination," Marion says. "Any time you add a guy to a team like upgrade. He's still able to run and give the offense a bunch of fits."

The two linebackers share a hunger for playoff success. They've been on the winning side of just three postseason games apiece, with the most recent victories coming in 1994 for Seau and in 2000 for Thomas.

They were first teammates in 1999 at the Pro Bowl in Hawaii, and it was there that Thomas told Seau about his poster. Thomas bought it while playing at Texas Tech, and a friend of a friend's father got Seau to sign it.

"It was cool," Thomas says. "But it wasn't like I went up to him and said, 'Hey, will you sign this for me?"

"It makes you step back," Seau says. "This is a great linebacker in the NFL who had a poster of me when he great scenario to be a part of."

Junior, it's going to be an was in college. It's definitely rewarding.'

> Miami's plan is for Seau and Thomas to anchor a defense that touts five other Pro Bowl players. The Dolphins allowed the fewest yards in the AFC last year but turned soft at times away from home, and losses in the final five road games kept them out of the playoffs.

> As Miami tried to complete a deal for Seau last spring, he and Thomas talked by phone about playing together.

"Zach made a pitch," Seau says. "He gave me a little background about how disappointed the players were about not making the playoffs. It was nice to hear their leader say that, because that means they care. That means people are going to go to work and get it straight. It's a

Miami starters



Miami opens the football season Friday night at McLean with the six-man contest starting at 7:30. Miami's returning starters (back row, I-r) are Jeffrey Browning, Kris Roach, Ean Miller, Kyle Roach and Chris Brewer. They are pictured with coaches (I-r) Allan Kostedt, head coach Danny James and

Tyler freshman making early impact on Texas A&M defense

Texas (AP) — Two weeks "That's when I was having into fall workouts at Texas trouble with the plays. I didn't Justin Warren was ready to go think I could learn." home: He wasn't homesick; he was confused.

to Tyler right now, or I'll be Texas A&M's defense. He on straight academic or some-

A&M. freshman linebacker know where to go, I didn't

Warren's fog lifted in time for him to become the only "I said, 'man, ship me back true freshman starter for responded in Saturday's season-opening win over

fumble that set up an Aggies Superman." field goal

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"It was that I wasn't in the got extra work. right place to make the plays,'

COLLEGE STATION. Warren said with a laugh. Arkansas State with six tack- not in the right place to make said. "About the fourth week, knew what I was doing," les and a sack, and forced a the plays. You can't be

> Frustrated after those first His confusion early wasn't two weeks of preseason practice, Warren went to defensive coordinator Carl Torbush and

"The next few days I got Warren said. "It doesn't mat- better and he talked to me ter how good you are if you're more than yelled," Warren

I started shining up."

The closer the season opener got, the better Warren played. Now he feels confident that he can grasp the intricacies of the Aggies' multiple defense, and film watching with Torbush is more fun.

"I've messed up a couple of times but when I did, I

Warren said. "We'd see it on film and we'd just shake heads at each other. He knew that I knew what I did."

Warren is the first starter from the initial recruiting class of coach Dennis Franchione, who took over as Aggies coach

Rainy weather scrambles U.S. Tennis Open schedule

U.S. Open limped through another rainsoaked day, completing just one match and further backing up a schedule that could stretch the tournament into next

matches in between numerous rain delays on Monday and Tuesday, organizers waited better than 13 hours before get out there. You want to play." finishing another one on Wednesday -Day 10 of America's Grand Slam.

The start of play was delayed by nearly three hours because of a stubborn mist that left courts damp and unplayable. When the weather cleared long enough for a match to begin, topseeded Kim Clijsters won three games from No. 5 Amelie Mauresmo in 10 minutes.

Then it started raining again.

About seven hours later, two men's matches reached court. No. 4 Andy Roddick was up 6-3, 2-2 against Xavier Malisse and No. 12 Sjeng Schalken had a 5-1 jump on No. 8 Rainer Schuettler when the weather window closed and play was halted by still another rain delay. They resumed long enough for Roddick to win 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (5). Schalken and Schuettler returned to the court but never played another point. They will resume on Thursday.

"It was tough conditions out there,"

NEW YORK (AP) — The soggy Roddick said. "The ball was like a watermelon. I was glad to get through it. I don't have to worry about the weather

'I didn't think we'd get on the court tonight. I was hanging out in a suite. After managing to squeeze just three Somebody said, it's not raining anymore. I'd better get downstairs.

'It's tough, frustrating. You want to

The tournament had ambitious plans for Wednesday, scheduling a record 106 matches in an effort to catch up. At day's end, the event was 174 matches behind where it was supposed to be with 388 matches completed at a time when it was supposed to have finished 562. There are 110 on Thursday's schedule.

The biggest problem is on the men's side of the draw where just two players, Roddick and top-seeded Andre Agassi, has reached the quarterfinals. If the Open is to conclude as scheduled on Sunday with the men's final, it would require the men still stuck in the roundof 16 to play best-of-five matches on four straight days, a grueling schedule.

"I can't imagine playing three out of five sets two days in a row, let along three or four, which is what it's looking like," said third-seeded Lindsay Davenport, whose quarterfinal match against No. 24 Paola Suarez was among Wednesday's postponements.

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 5,

in order to review where you are and one's requests. what you want. Your creative juices flow CANCER (June 21-July 22) from your vocabulary. If you are single, a your work done. Tonight: Say "yes." relationship will become a definite part LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) CAPRICORN helps you see alternatives.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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of fresh air, changes the environment Tonight: Be a duo. around you. Make a long-distance call to SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) catch up on another's news. Tonight: *** You could feel uptight about Split ASAP.

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special luck cycle. Recognize that you might be surprised at the possibilities your budget cannot have what you want unless you that come forward. Others seek you out. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) know what it is. Drop the word "no" Know when to close your door to get

the same thing as you. Make it OK. off, if not today then in the very near very different future. You too need a rest sometimes. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll of a personal matter. Tonight: Get some sets in and you need to pull back. Clear

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

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someone you care about. Think in terms Tonight: Go along with others' plans. * * * * Allow more feedback. Above of moving a project along. Touch base all, don't shut down unnecessarily, even with someone you care about and explain BORN TODAY if you feel like it. Sometimes a break, how important he or she is, but also Singer Freddie Mercury (1946), celebrity like taking a walk or just getting a breath explain your professional demands.

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*** You're all smiles, and as a result, you handle an ongoing situation differently. Someone in your immediate of your life, if you want that as an expe- ** Get into work, even if you're not environment could be unusually tough or rience. If you are attached, sometimes in the mood. You might want to make difficult. Take an overview. Walk in this your significant other doesn't want to do plans that allow you to take some time person's shoes. Tonight: Try something

Think carefully about the pros and cons *** Recognize when exhaustion out as much work as you can. Call it an early day if possible. The break will do * * * * Sometimes you are so you a lot of good. A partner is unusually PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

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A survey in March and April of 4,057 randomly selected adults suggests that during that 27.3 million people were victimized during the past five years when someone made unauthorized charges on their credit cards, took money from their bank accounts, or obtained a credit card or official document in their name.

Last year, based on the 9.9 million survey, Americans were victims of identity theft, costing them \$5 billion and businesses and financial institutions \$48 billion.

The FTC has set up a Web

site with tips on how to avoid identity theft, www.consumer.gov/idtheft, and urges consumers to carefully review their credit card statements each month, destroy charge slips rather than simply throw them in the trash, and check their accounts annually with the three credit reporting bureaus.

"The best thing to do is be careful about who you give your credit card to," Howard Beales, the FTC's consumer protection director, said Wednesday. "Keep up with your receipts."

Beales said the number of victims was higher than he expected. In 2002, for example, the FTC received 161,819 complaints about identity theft. The margin of error for the telephone survey was plus or minus 1.5 percentage points, the agency

Bush administration officials used the new FTC study to push for legislation to create a national fraud alert system and improve the accuracy of credit reports.

"The problem is so great and its impact on consumers so terrible that we should not delay giving consumers and law enforcers these important new tools to fight identity said Wayne theft," Abernathy, the Treasury Department's assistant secretary for financial institutions.

But consumer groups said the administration-backed legislation — the Fair Credit Reporting Act — would make things worse because it

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would pre-empt tougher state laws against identity theft.

"Despite the fact that millions of Americans are victimized by identity theft each year, Congress is getting ready to pass a bill that provides only weak protection for consumers and blocks states from enacting tougher reforms," said Rob Schneider of Consumers Union, which publishes Consumer Reports magazine.

One consumer organization, the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, said banks need to do a better job verifying the identities of the people they give credit cards to, and Congress needs to make it easier to sue banks who let people open accounts in someone else's name.

"The profits from issuing credit cards fraudulently outweigh the costs to the companies, so they ignore the real plight of the victims," said Ed Mierzwinski, consumer program director for the group. "They just don't care. It's a cost of doing business."

John Hall, a spokesman for the American Bankers Association, said banks have taken new steps to verify the identities of those requesting credit cards.

"Banks work diligently to reduce their fraud losses," he

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In addition, the USA Patriot Act requires financial institutions beginning Oct. 1 to follow more stringent procedures to check the identities of anyone opening a new account, Hall said.

Beales said financial institutions should pay more attention to whom they are extending credit.

"Consumers, business, legislators, law enforcement all have vital roles and responsibilities for combating identity theft," said John Ford, chief privacy officer for Equifax, a credit reporting bureau. "It's going to take all of those working together to solve it."

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ARRESTS

Gray County deputies went to a residence at 123 S. Nelson in search of a person for whom they had warrants.

They didn't find the person they sought, but they found two persons who had outstanding traffic warrants, so they arrested them, Rushing said.

"There were several people in the house, so (the deputies) were checking the premises for their own safety," he explained.

As a result, officers discovered another person in the back yard and a strong odor of chemicals coming from a

Inside the shed was a suspected methamphetamine lab, Rushing said.

Marland Miller, 40, of Pampa, was arrested and was in the process of being booked into jail, Rushing said.

The chief deputy said he expected Miller to be charged with possession of a controlled substance over four

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Preparations for the Top O' will be held and door prizes Show and Brunch are currenting merchant including V.J.'s scheduled to begin at 10:30 Bealls, all in Pampa; Audra's a.m., Saturday, Sept. 6, at in Shamrock; Cavender's Pampa Country Club. Quiche, Boot City in Amarillo; and

> Treat yourself, family, and friends to a fun morning and attend the Top O' Texas CattleWomen style show and brunch. All ticketholders are eligible for the drawing for the travel certificate even if unable to attend. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased from CattleWomen members, at participating merchants in Pampa, and at Joy's Unlimited in Pampa, or by calling Lilith Brainard at

Hall. Thomas, an award-

winning author of several

novels and short-story col-

lections, will speak for

approximately an hour about

how to be a best-selling

The lecture is free and

For more information

about Thomas' upcoming

lecture or about the lecture

nator, at 806-651-2467 or

skelly@mail.wtamu.edu.

services and is there to provide assistance in many situ-The Leprechaun in Perryton. ations. Salvation Army also provides specialized programs throughout the year.

paign.

Seasonal events include its Spring Community 'Fling' with crafts, an egg hung and care baskets for shut-ins. In the summer, weekly camps are offered at Midlothian along with a day camp at 701 S. Cuyler and "Beat the Heat" for seniors.

A back-to-school clothing program is offered at the beginning of the school year and a "Fall into Fall" festival autumn. the At Thanksgiving, The Salvation Army serves a meal with all the trimmings to shut-ins and to other individuals who have no other resource durthe holiday. Christmas, the organization sponsors the Angel Tree program and again offers a special holiday meal.

The Salvation Army has a social service department with service to the homebound, nursing home and hospital patients, serving many people in need.

According to Patricia M.

Steward, local captain, on one occasion, a woman came to its social service office in need of a prescription medication. She had spent the night in an emergency room waiting for her ear to be found and reattached. It has been bitten off during a domestic quarrel.

The Salvation Army was there to provide much-needed assistance until the woman was on the road to recovery and could begin supporting herself.

On another occasion, Capt. Steward said, a call came in at 4 p.m. on a winter day from an agency in Amarillo. It was certain that a young father and his small children were going to be forced to leave a hotel room in the city. The family was destitute and had no more funds to pay for another night. The weather was icy and cold.

Since the family was from Gray County, no Amarillo agencies would agree to help them. The mother of the family had delivered a baby and developed an infection soon after that eventually took her life. The newborn was placed in intensive care. The father wanted to stay near the infant.

Capt. Steward and her husband personally traveled to Amarillo and presented a check to the hotel in question. The Salvation Army continued to assist the father, providing a suit to wear to his wife's funeral and more.

The newborn died within a couple of months of being released from the hospital, Steward said, adding that the father "did have a steady job and was able to take care of his family until this devastating time in his life shattered all that meant anything to him. ... This is one of the cases that we have continued to serve due to the extenuating circumstances. No all



(Courtesy photo)

Mary and Margie are volunteers with The Salvation Army's Senior Program.

cases need such a demand from us."

In other cases, The Salvation Army is there with clothing, food, rent, prescriptions or monies to pay an odd utility bill or two. The Salvation Army also has its own national disaster team and a fully-equipped mobile Canteen vehicle. Yearly and monthly training is provided for immediate service to victims of disasters of various sorts.

The Salvation Army has even extended financial support to immediate family members of men and women serving in the Iraqi war effort. This service is funded from its Dallas office and is available to all branches of the military service.

The Salvation Army offers a live video-interview service to veterans which they can then keep and share with generations to come, and Capt. Steward is a representative with Texas Division for Volunteers in

Veterans Affairs. The summer camping programs, Steward said, are designed to foster improved self-esteem and to develop skills to help better the lives of the campers, many of whom are impoverished.

Steward described a situa-

tion involving a troubled "He had been in and out

of juvenile delinquent situations for a couple of years. The strain of several years to come in payments to the probation office is evident on the family's financial situation. He attended one of the camps offered at our camp in Midlothian, Texas. We had to get special permission from his probation officer for him to go to the camp. The staff at our camp is equipped to manage all youth so as to give all campers the right and liberty to enjoy being a kid. You see, with this boy, it had been his awareness of his family's poverty that had seemed to drive him ..."

Steward concluded that in the end this young camper "soared in his self-esteem and it is evident in his family that he has made a definite impression on them."

She said in conclusion, "On behalf of the true life situations of the few persons I have shared with you and hundreds more, I thank God for The Salvation Army and the privilege of being a part of such a wonderful caring organization!"

throughout the fall semester. series itself, contact Dr. Sean The first lecture is set for Kelly, lecture series coordi-

author.

open to the public.

WT lecture series set to begin

Jodi

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Youngsters in full costume at The Salvation Army's pre-school costume party.



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The Salvation Army's youth groups show off the garden they planted.