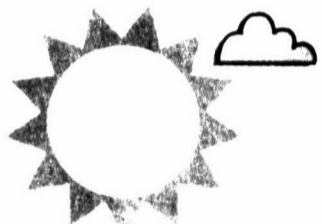


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## Deaths

**Berton Doucette, 89,**  
 mechanical engineer.

## Texas Today

### State Fair of Texas kicks off in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — When the U.S. Women in the Air Force Band strikes up its first song at the State Fair of Texas this year, it will be their first performance back at the fair in more than 50 years.

"I remember endless concerts," said band member Helen "Sandee" E. McClammy of Mesquite. "I can remember coming up on the stage. Young women at that time were not supposed to be musicians. We'd be up on the stage and people would be walking by. We'd start to play and they'd stop."

"We got some tremendous ovations," said 69-year-old McClammy, who plays the euphonium, or baby tuba.

The WAF band is reuniting at the fair for the first time since it was the featured band there from 1953 to 1957, McClammy said. It will be one of many attractions at the fair that kicks off Friday at Dallas' Fair Park and runs through Oct. 17. General admission is \$12.

### State announces new CPS measures after Dallas child's death

DALLAS (AP) — Outraged state officials have announced new Child Protective Services reforms after the unexplained death of a Dallas toddler less than two weeks after being seen by a caseworker.

A CPS caseworker met with the 2-year-old boy's mother, Candace Russell, on Sept. 10. The caseworker "noted the child had very dry skin, that the head appeared enlarged," signs of malnutrition, said Stephanie Goodman, spokeswoman for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

On Sept. 17, the caseworker went to the home and found no one at home. On Sunday, the child was taken to a hospital emergency room, where he was pronounced dead. A doctor said in an affidavit that Michael Russell appeared malnourished.

## Board discusses booster club gifts

Officials hope written administrative policies will provide more controls

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Editor

Campus support groups, or booster clubs, dominated the discussion at Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education meeting Thursday night, but board members took no official action.

At issue was the district's handling of gifts and donations from the groups, bidding laws, and ensuring equality among various extracurricular and cocurricular activities.

Superintendent Barry Haensch presented the board with two administrative policies that he hoped would provide guidance to accepting gifts and donations to the school district.

Haensch said the uncertainty surrounding the school district's financial status is the underlying cause for the proliferation of support groups for various school activities.

"We've probably sent the message to all booster groups that the school will be reducing our budget and that some extracurricular activities may be cut," Haensch told the board.

As a result, booster clubs have tried to lighten the district's financial load by providing gifts, donations and volunteer work for the various programs they support, he explained.

School administrators have realized that to maintain control over these outside contributions, written guidelines are needed.

"What we have are procedures that have been followed many years unwritten procedures, at least as far as I've been able to determine," Haensch said.

Attorneys advised Haensch that the district needs to take two different approaches to the matter — one that addresses gifts, improvements or purchases of equipment and/or supplies and the other to address renovation and construction of buildings.

"Renovation and construction of building is entirely different," he said.

Local and state policies and state laws address how the district should handle the different donations, Haensch explained. The administrative policies drafted by school administrative staff provide written guidelines that follow the local and state policies and laws.

Board members discussed at length problems that have arisen concerning equity. They expressed concern that students in activities that do not have a booster club do not get the

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Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

Kendra Blades speaks to the Pampa school board during the public comment period at last night's meeting. Blades, the mother of a Pampa Junior High School student, voiced her concern about the school's way of choosing students for yearbook classes and said the current policy for parents to share their concerns with school officials is "time consuming and very disappointing."

## Texas escapes worst of Ivan finale so far

HOUSTON (AP) — The storm system once named Ivan, the dreaded monster that wreaked death and destruction in its path through the Caribbean and southern United States, was welcomed Friday to some rain-starved parts of Texas.

Rachel Granberry, a secretary at Cass County Farm Supply in the far northeast Texas town of Queen City, reported a "steady drizzle" Friday. It wasn't much, she said, but it was more than the area has seen in weeks.

"It quit raining after July," Granberry said. "We had a real good first cutting of hay (this summer) and thought we'd have a good second one

if we got a little bit of rain."

Like much of the region, Cass County had a wet June and July and a dry August and September. The area was getting rain Friday only because Tropical Storm Ivan had regenerated and

come into southwestern Louisiana the night before. Initial forecasts predicted Ivan's remnants would drift

southwest in Texas, dumping 4 to 10 inches of rain along the way. Except for some isolated downpours in southeast Texas, the average rainfall amounts were less than 2 inches as of mid-day Friday.

Westerly upper level winds unexpectedly disrupted the system as it wandered into East Texas, said Bill Read, the National Weather Service's chief meteorologist in Houston.

"We're pulling back some

on the rain forecast, though it's not totally out of the question good rains could occur, but most look like they'll be east and north-northeast (of Houston)," Read said.

The storm came ashore near the Louisiana-Texas line, but by daybreak far southeast Texas largely was in the clear.

"It's beautiful here right now," said Chuck Frazier, emergency management coordinator in Orange County. "Partly cloudy and about 81 degrees. It's just the typical September day here right now. And 100 percent humidity, I might add."

Frazier said except for

heavy rain in Bridge City, which had brief street flooding, the county averaged about 2 inches of much-needed precipitation.

Rusty Cornelius, at Harris County's emergency management office, said Friday that if National Weather Service models held up, most of the Houston area will experience a "nice, long, soaking rain" over the week that could cause some ponding on low-lying streets.

Ivan was one of four tropical weather systems that were churning Thursday. In its previous incarnation, Ivan caused 70 deaths in the

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## Top official says elections planned in all areas of Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — The No. 2 official at the State Department said Friday that the elections planned for January in Iraq must be "open to all citizens," contradicting Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld who has suggested that voting might not be possible in the more-violent areas.

"We're going to have an election that is free and open and that has to be open to all citizens. It's got to be our best effort to get it into troubled areas as well," Deputy Secretary of State Richard

Armitage told a House committee Friday, after being asked about Rumsfeld's words.

Armitage told reporters after the hearing that: "We absolutely want to hold them in all parts of Iraq." Asked if partial elections were under consideration, he said: "No. Not now. Not that I know of."

Rumsfeld had first said Thursday — and reiterated in a meeting with reporters Friday before Armitage spoke — that he believes the elections should go ahead. Rumsfeld also suggested the

balloting may be impossible in areas where the potential for violence is too great.

"We recognize there is an increased level of violence as we move toward these elections," Rumsfeld said to reporters Friday after meeting with interim Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi at the Pentagon.

Rumsfeld said: "Every Iraqi deserves the right to vote. We and the government of Iraq intend to see that the elections are held, intend to see that they're

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## Phoenix man under arrest

### Officials test substances found in DPS traffic stop

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Samples of more than one suspected controlled substance are being tested in Texas Department of Public Safety laboratories after a Gray County traffic stop yesterday yielded over 400 grams of more than one type of suspicious substance, according to a DPS spokesperson.

Anthony Ray Willis, 24, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail after DPS troopers stopped him at 7:10 p.m. for allegedly speeding in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 40.

A canine search of Willis' 2002 Chevrolet pickup yielded contraband substances found concealed in luggage, the spokesperson said.

Willis remains in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$5,000 bond on a charge of possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

## U.S. Navy prepares to deploy ships off North Korea

ABOARD THE USS CORONADO (AP) — In the first step toward erecting a multi-billion-dollar shield to protect the United States from foreign missiles, the U.S. Navy will begin deploying state-of-the-art destroyers to patrol the waters off North

Korea as early as next week.

The mission, to be conducted in the Sea of Japan by ships assigned to the Navy's 7th fleet, will help lay the foundation for a system to detect and intercept ballistic missiles launched by "rogue nations."

Washington hopes to complete the network over the next several years.

"We are on track," Vice Admiral Jonathan Greenert, commander of the 7th Fleet, told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday aboard the USS Coronado,

which is based just south of Tokyo. "We will be ready to conduct the mission when assigned."

The deployment will be the first in a controversial program that is high on President Bush's defense agenda. Bush cleared the way

to build the system two years ago by withdrawing from the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty, which banned ship-based missile defenses.

He said protecting America from ballistic mis-

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Saturday, Sept. 18

Found property was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart. Marijuana weighing 0.65 ounce was found in the parking lot.

#### Thursday, Sept. 23

Theft was reported at Rent-A-Center, 1700 N. Hobart. A camcorder valued at \$1,000 was taken.

A report was made relating to breakage of a window by means which appear not to include human involvement, according to the police record. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Lea.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of Lea.

Assault by spitting was reported in the 1400 block of

North Hobart.

Possession of marijuana was reported in the alley of the 2700 block of Beech.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the alley of the 2700 block of Beech.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Somerville. An estimated \$100 in damage was done to carpet.

Bruce Brunswig, 50, Perryton, was arrested in the 1400 block of East Browning for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Lucinda Dawn Tollison, 27, Skellytown, was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart for public intoxication.

Michael Shane Griffin, 32, El Reno, Okla., was arrested in the 400 block of South Gillespie for burglary of a vehicle and two counts of theft over \$50 and under \$500.

Carl Lester Bugle, 28, Oklahoma City, Okla., was

arrested in the 1100 block of East Frederic for violation of probation on an Anderson County charge of theft by check.

Allen Lee Baumgardner, 42, 501 Doucette, was arrested for no driver's license, failure to appear, no Texas driver's license and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

#### Friday, Sept. 24

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Graham. A DVD player valued at \$200 was taken. One subject was taken into custody in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of Graham. A bicycle valued at \$200 was taken. One subject was taken into custody in connection with the incident.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 400 block of Graham. A scanner and DVD player were taken, for an estimated loss of \$249. One subject was taken

into custody in connection with the incident.

### Sheriff

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

#### Thursday, Sept. 23

James Brent Adkins, 33, Amarillo, was arrested for burglary of a building.

Zachariah Gercken, 25, 613 Red Deer, was arrested for probation violation on a charge of aggravated assault of a public servant.

Anthony Ray Willis, 24, Phoenix, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance over 400 grams.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following

calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Thursday, Sept. 23

6:28 p.m. — An alarm malfunctioned on County Road 1. Firefighters were canceled before they could respond.

9:12 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a report of smoke at the Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic. It was caused by a hot light ballast.

#### Friday, Sept. 24

12:25 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Maple.

12:57 a.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a fire alarm at the Garden Center of Wal-Mart. The alarm was activated by a drop in water pressure. No other problem was found.

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls

during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Thursday, Sept. 23

10:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2600 block of Rosewood and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported one patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Wells. No transport.

11:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Deane and transported one patient to PRMC.

#### Friday, Sept. 24

12:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Maple and transported one patient to PRMC.

2:24 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Starkweather. No transport.

## Obituaries

### Berton Doucette, 89

Berton Doucette, 89, of Pampa, Texas, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Pampa. Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, 2004, at Fairview Cemetery with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Doucette was born Jan. 22, 1915, in Gray County, where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a 1933 graduate of Pampa High School and received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University.

He married Adalen Brazil on Oct. 4, 1947, in Pampa. She preceded him in death in 1970.

He was a registered professional mechanical engineer and worked for Cabot Machinery for 26 1/2 years. In 1965, he established A-1 Rental Service which he

owned and operated until 1997.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II, where he was a Captain of the ground crew for the P-38 67th Fighter Squadron stationed in the South Pacific.

He was a life member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and was a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Survivors include one son, Bob Doucette of Pampa; three grandsons, David Edward Doucette of Lubbock, Jeremy Arlie Doucette and Christopher Berton Doucette, both of Pampa; one granddaughter, Amber Michelle Weatherly of Bridgeport; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Doucette and LeFors Doucette; and one sister, Dorothy Biery.

The family requests memorials be to The Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).



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## Services tomorrow

**DOUCETTE, Berton** — 3 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Anthony Grain of Pampa.

Wheat 3.25  
Milo 3.35  
Corn 3.98  
Soybeans 4.68

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

OXY 54.92 +0.40  
BP PLC ADR 57.89 +0.77

Cabot Corp.	36.33	+0.20
Cabot Oil Gas	45.13	+0.77
Coca Cola	39.83	0.19
VLO	76.68	1.09
HAL	32.75	+0.51
TRJ	34.16	+0.17
NOI	32.85	+0.42
KMI	61.33	+0.14
XCEL	17.34	0.01
Kerr McGee	57.53	+0.84
XOM	47.96	+0.20
Limited	22.12	+0.28
Williams	12.07	+0.09
MCD	27.30	+0.16
Atmos	24.79	+0.04
Pioneer Nat	33.81	+0.31
ICP	37.19	+0.44
COP	81.76	+0.55
SLB	66.79	+0.31
Tenneco	12.71	+0.02
CVX	53.09	+0.77
Wal-Mart	52.81	+0.27
ORF	25.38	+0.19
NS Grp	17.48	+0.52
New York Gold	409.75	
Silver	6.39	
West Texas Crude	48.86	

## More Texas schools expected not to pass progress standard

AUSTIN (AP) — Because federal officials have rejected the state's request to ease requirements for thousands of special education students, more Texas school districts are expected to flunk federal standards for adequate education this year.

The state lost a battle to include the passing scores for thousands of special education students who take a different test, officials with the Texas Education Agency said Thursday. The state has been exempting students with learning disabilities and limited English skills, allowing them to take an alternative test to the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS.

The U.S. Department of Education decision means that nearly 9 percent of Texas students will be counted as automatic failures in calculating whether their schools make "adequate yearly progress."

"There's no doubt there will be a sizable increase in the number of schools that fail

to meet AYP this year," Criss Cloudt, associate commissioner for accountability at the Texas Education Agency, told The Dallas Morning News in Friday's editions.

He said federal law limits alternative testing to 1 percent of a district's students, but almost all Texas school districts exceed that.

Dual ratings systems could prove confusing to parents, said a spokesman for the Texas State Teachers Association.

"Districts that are rated 'exemplary' under state accountability ratings may be 'low-performing' under NCLB (No Child Left Behind Act). Let parents figure out what that means," TSTA's Richard Kouri told the Houston Chronicle in Friday's editions.

Next week, parents at about 300 Texas public schools will find out that they have the option to transfer their children to a different school under the federal No Child Left Behind Act, with local school districts footing the bill for transportation.

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— Richard Kouri  
TSTA official

## Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 77. Calm wind becoming southeast around 5 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 78. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 54. East southeast wind around 5 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 76.

Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 77. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a high around 78. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 58.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 79.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 79.

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## PUBLIC AUCTION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY

Pursuant to authority granted in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and in compliance therewith, the 31st Judicial District Attorney, acting as agent for the State of Texas and in accordance with local agreements between said agent and law enforcement agencies, shall offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property seized and forfeited to the State of Texas by judgment of the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas, or the 31st Judicial District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, upon the following terms and conditions.

**PLACE: PARKING LOT DIRECTLY NORTH AND ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE GRAY COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

**DATE: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2004**

**TIME: 10:00 AM**

All persons are invited to attend and bid. All property will be sold to the highest bidder **FOR CASH**. All property will be sold **"AS IS"** with **NO WARRANTIES**. Property may be inspected at 9:30 a.m. on the day of the sale. **ALL SALES ARE FINAL**. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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"extras" received by those who are supported by an active booster club.

Board member John Curry also said he was concerned that some booster club gifts might set an unwanted precedent for the district.

"This way (with the policies), the administration retains control so you don't get yourself into a Title IX situation or something you can't afford to get into," said Charles Smith, board mem-

ber.

Title IX is a federal law that requires school district's to provide equally for both boys and girls sports. The recently constructed girl's softball field at Pampa High School was a Title IX requirement.

"I feel our booster clubs in the past have been able to run freely in what they wanted to do with their program," said Dick Dunham, athletic director. "What we're trying to do is get a little more control in what they're doing."

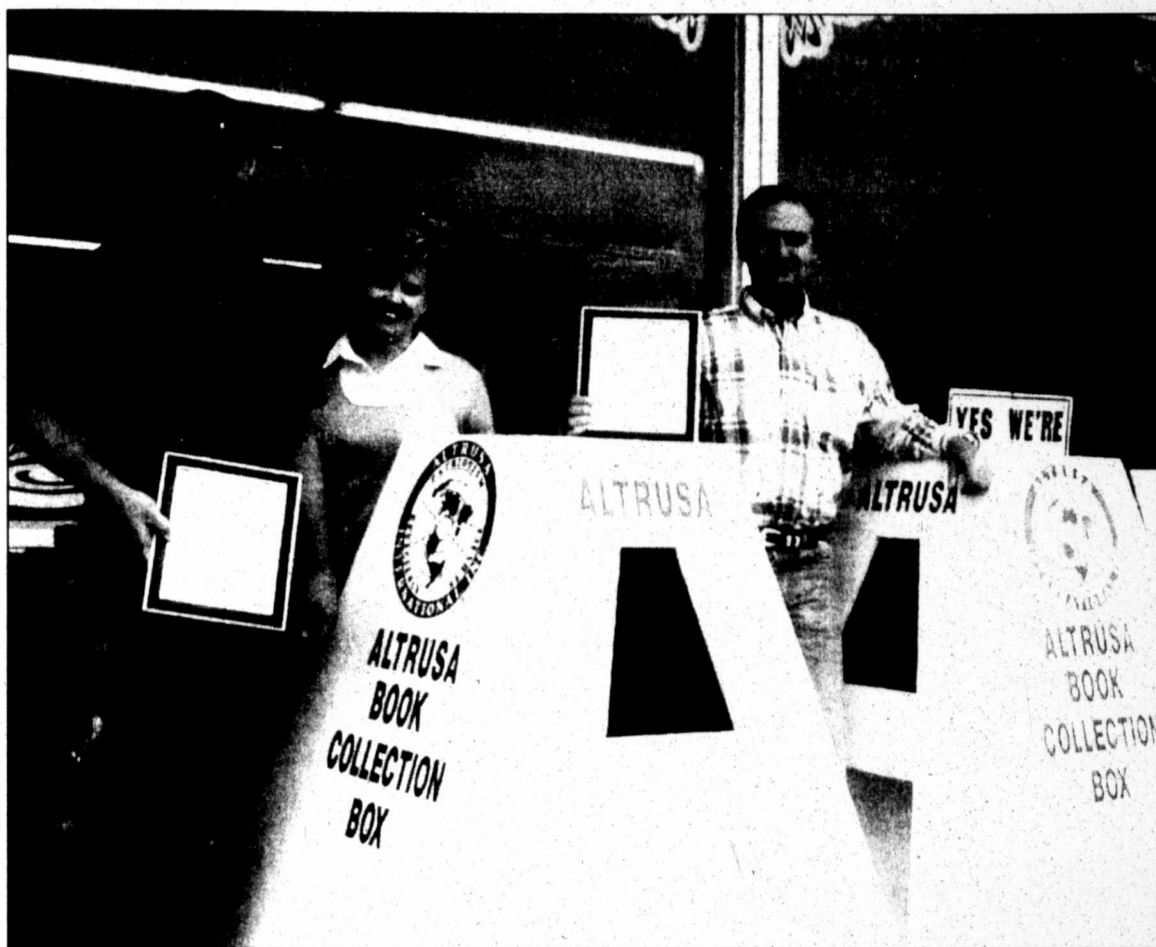
Board President Joe Martinez expressed his concern about public perception "when they see some pro-

grams get more than others, they need to know it's not coming from the district but from the boosters."

"I think this is good," said Smith, himself an active booster club member, referring to the administrative policies.

"I've never heard any negative comments from any boosters at the meetings I've been to," he said, adding, "They hate it, but they know it needs to get reined in." \*\*\*

*Editor's Note: More from Thursday's school board meeting will be reported in the Sunday edition.*



## Book box builders

DeLynn Gordzelik, of Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa, recently recognized with certificates of appreciation Dustin Stoddard, of Stoddard Construction, and Nick Williams, of Williams Signs, for their contribution towards the construction of "Book Collection Boxes" to be distributed throughout the community for residents to donate their gently-used books for a reading nook at Southside Senior Citizen Center. Altrusa is sponsoring the collection boxes as a literacy project.

## Ivan

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Caribbean and 60 more when its remnants plowed through the South and mid-Atlantic states last week.

Those remnants spun back into the Atlantic, across Florida and reformed as a minimal tropical storm.

The last time the Houston area saw a tropical storm was June 2001, when Allison hit and then looped back, dropping 36 inches of rain, killing 22 people and paralyzing the nation's fourth-largest city.

Tropical Storm Frances, in 1998, also caused major flooding in Houston and a pounding tide that eroded beaches and destroyed

dozens of homes along the upper Texas coast.

"The last few tropical storms we've had didn't look any different (from Ivan) when they started up, and Allison and Frances caused the trouble they did," Read said. "It's good people take these suckers seriously."

The hurricane season ends Nov. 30.

## Iraq

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held on time, and to do everything possible to see that that happens, and to see that every Iraqi has the right to vote."

Rumsfeld again acknowledged that some areas may be inaccessible to voting. On Thursday, he told a Senate committee that Iraqis may "have an election that's not quite perfect. Is it better than not having an election? You bet."

Allawi has not commented on Rumsfeld's remarks.

Some officials have raised the possibility of more troops going to Iraq to assist in elections security at a time when violence is expected to be high. Gen. John Abizaid

has said he expects Iraqi and possible international troops to do the job.

It is likely that during the elections the U.S. military will have extra troops in the country anyway, Army officials said Friday.

Because the Army is rotating fresh troops into Iraq this fall and winter to replace those whose one-year tours are ending, it expects to have an overlap of 10,000 to 15,000 extra U.S. soldiers in January when the 3rd Infantry Division's four brigades arrive to replace the 1st Cavalry Division, the Army officials said Friday.

Allawi, during a speech Thursday after an address to Congress and talks with President Bush, expressed annoyance with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan for suggesting last

week that there could not be "credible elections" if violence doesn't abate by January.

Allawi said he planned to ask Annan for a clarification of his remarks during a meeting in New York on Friday before heading home.

Allawi said he asked U.N. officials in Iraq whether they were privy to inside information about a postponement. Their answer was no, the prime minister said.

Phil Singer, a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, said Rumsfeld's comments were at odds with President Bush's own upbeat remarks earlier Thursday about Iraq's future. "For a White House that likes to condemn mixed signals, it certainly is sending out a few of its own," Singer said.

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siles was "my highest priority as commander in chief, and the highest priority of my administration."

The project is exceedingly complex, prompting many critics to argue that it will never be reliable or effective. It is also expensive, with an estimated price tag of US\$51 billion over the next five years.

The missile threat is hard to deny.

More than 30 nations have ballistic missiles, according to the U.S. Defense Department's Missile Defense Agency. Though

exact times depend on where the launch occurs, missiles could in less than 30 minutes reach virtually anywhere within the United States.

Greenert refused to give a specific date for the first deployment from the 7th Fleet, but said a deadline of Oct. 1 announced by Navy Secretary Gordon England in March has not changed.

Greenert, who assumed command of the Navy's largest fleet last month, also refused to name a target for the Sea of Japan patrols.

"I can't specify adversaries, but you're looking at rogue nations," he said in his first interview since taking the fleet command. "Take it from there."

The country best fitting

that description in East Asia is communist wildcard North Korea, which has missiles capable of reaching the American west coast and is believed to either already possess or be well on its way toward successfully developing nuclear weapons.

The North shocked Japan in 1998 by launching a multistage "Taepodong" ballistic missile over Japan's main island. Tokyo responded by beefing up its own surveillance capabilities and launching its first spy satellites in March 2003.

Though Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi won a promise in 2002 from the North for a moratorium on further long-range tests, distrust runs deep.

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# Viewpoints

## Public's writing skills becoming laughable

I have often wondered what possible impact the digital age would have, and most specifically the birth of the Internet, on literacy in the United States.

Optimistically, I thought it would create better readers and writers, but sadly a new survey proves this hope, as yet, is far from being realized by any stretch of reality.

Quoting from an Associated Press report, students are not the only Americans in need of instruction into the principles of sound writing and the fundamentals surrounding good grammar.

"It's not just students,"

the AP noted, tongue-in-cheek, "who need to brush up on their writing (skills)."

The AP last week reported on a survey — conducted by the College Board's National Commission on Writing — of employers and their take on the wherewithal of the American workforce, grammatically speaking.

The survey, according to the AP, found the predominance of participating U.S. employers felt their employees — one-third — don't measure up.

"A majority of U.S. employers say about one-third of workers do not meet the writing require-

ments of their positions," the AP relayed.

"In a fast-paced workplace, precision and brevity are essential. For e-mails, reports and presentations, the commission found that accuracy, clarity, spelling, punctuation, grammar and conciseness ranked among the most sought-after skills."

One businesswoman in particular told the AP that it isn't so much a case of the caliber of writing getting

worse (you wonder how bad it currently is) but rather of demand placing such a burden on the present-day workforce that the lack of essential writing

skills is thrown rather starkly into bas relief.

"Two-thirds of salaried workers in large U.S. companies have jobs that require some writing — and this includes some of the most technical occupations," the AP noted.

Each year politicians and educators lobby for more and

more funding for education, and yet what do we have to show for it?

A workforce that is hard-pressed to keep up with the demands of a highly "textual" age and all that comes with it.

According to the AP, "The survey was mailed to 120 resource directors in corporations affiliated with the Business Roundtable. Sixty-four companies, or 53.3 percent, responded, representing nearly 4 million employees."

Survey aside. If you want to see living proof of how technology has not advanced literacy in America today, check out

the Internet. Visit a chat-room. You will find much of the resulting text has been perverted into a simplistic, backward form of communication.

The word "you," for example, is shortened to "u," "for" can become the number four and so on. Abbreviations proliferate. Word phrases become acronyms. It is enough to make you lol. Translation: Laugh-out-loud.

It's either that or cry.

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News Editor



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 24, the 268th day of 2004. There are 98 days left in the year. The Jewish Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur, begins at sunset.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Sept. 24, 1789, Congress passed the First Judiciary Act, which provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court.

**On this date:**

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1896, author F. Scott Fitzgerald was born in St. Paul, Minn.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first all-instrument flight.

In 1934, Babe Ruth made his farewell appearance as a regular player with the New York Yankees in a game against the Boston Red Sox. (The Sox won, 5-0.)

In 1955, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1957, the Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va.

In 1963, the U.S. Senate ratified a treaty with Britain and the Soviet Union limiting nuclear testing.

In 1964, the situation comedy "The Munsters" premiered on CBS television.

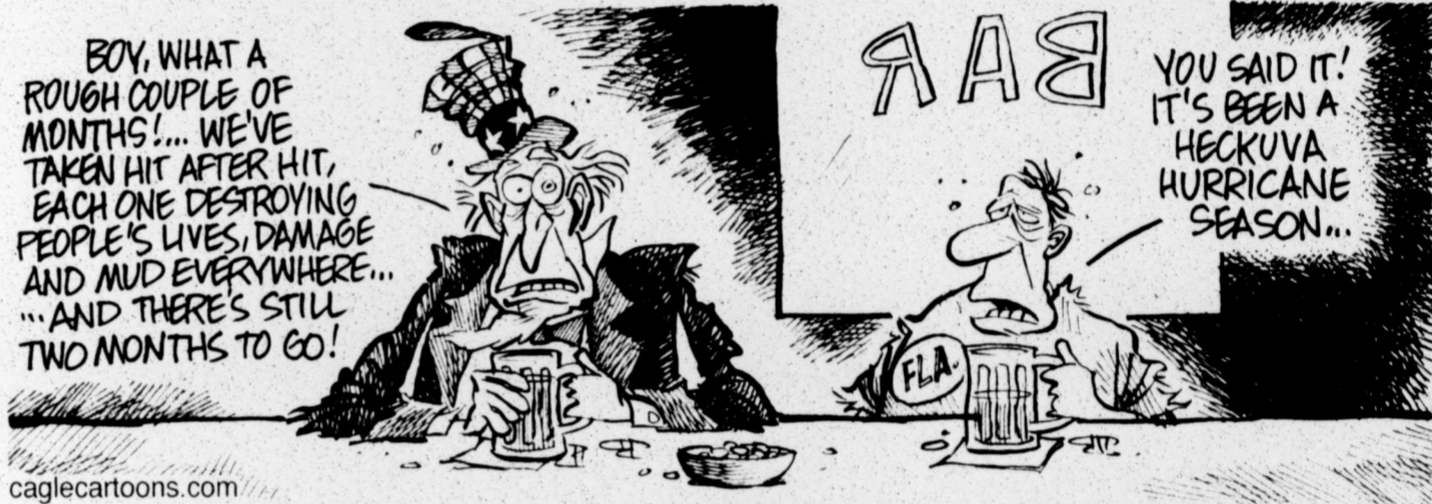
In 1996, the United States, represented by President Clinton, and the world's other major nuclear powers signed a treaty to end all testing and development of nuclear weapons.

**Ten years ago:** A fire erupted between U.S. Marines and a group of armed Haitians outside a police station in the northern coastal city of Cap-Haitien; 10 of the Haitians were killed.

**Five years ago:** Oregon teenager Kip Kinkel, who killed his parents and gunned down two classmates at school, abandoned an insanity defense and pleaded guilty to murder. (He was later sentenced to 112 years without parole.)

*'The easiest way to get a reputation is go outside the fold, shout around for a few years as a violent atheist or a dangerous radical, and then crawl back to the shelter.'*

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
American author



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## Final responsibility belongs to us

According to the geniuses who misled Americans into supporting the war against Iraq, the fighting should have been over a long time ago. The dancing in the streets should have long ago blossomed into a democracy Thomas Jefferson would have been proud of. The soothing effects should have spread throughout the Middle East.

Unfortunately, reality trumps banyard fertilizer. As I write this, 1,002 Americans have died, and the Pentagon admits that attacks are now running more than 600 a month against coalition forces. By the time you read this, it's

almost certain that more Americans will have died. That's a war that's a long way from being over.

As for the dancing in the streets, the only dancing I've seen is when Iraqis are celebrating the deaths of Americans.

Not only did the Bush administration mislead the country, its execution of the war and the occupation has been abysmal. If dishonesty and incompetence are not enough to persuade Americans to change admin-

istrations, then I wouldn't bet a lot on the future of this country.

A republic is supposed to work this way: We elect officials, and until the next election, they govern us. The people are then supposed to evaluate their performance. If the people are satisfied, they can reelect them. If not, the people can dump them out of office. There really is no need for term limits. If the American people have the brains and the will, they can limit terms

by voting incumbents out of office.

It seems to me that our election process has turned into a popularity contest. Candidates act like celebrities, with hordes of marketing specialists and publicists (people who mislead people for a living), while the people, rather than acting like citizens, act like fans of rock stars.

Under our system, sovereignty and political power rest with the people, not with the government or the media. Political power, however, is a peculiar thing. It exists only if it's exercised.

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## Kerry paints Bush as less than honest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Kerry says President Bush "failed to tell the truth" about Iraq and "misled the American people," but that's as far as he seems willing to take it. He stops just short of the "I-word" — liar.

Democrat Harry Truman may have been the last presidential candidate to call his opponent a liar, says Wayne Fields, an expert on political rhetoric. It just isn't something serious presidential contenders do these days.

Instead, this year's Democratic presidential nominee dips into a stack of euphemisms to suggest the president isn't telling voters the whole truth. In a more

aggressive verbal assault on Bush in the last few days, Kerry has said:

"The first and most fundamental mistake was the president's failure to tell the truth to the American people."

"The president also failed to level with the American people about what it would take to prevail in Iraq."

"The president cannot deny that they have not achieved what they said they've achieved. They've misled the American people."

"I think he's living in a make-believe world," Kerry told The Associated Press hours after declaring that Bush lived in a "fantasy land."

Kerry's surrogates haven't felt quite as restrained.

"Let us be crystal clear. Let there be no illusions as it relates to Iraq," Kerry's surrogates haven't felt quite as restrained.

Democratic National Committee Chairman Terry McAuliffe said at a fundraiser in New York. "George Bush lied to the American public. He lied to the world." Even the candidate's run-

ning mate, John Edwards, accused Bush of responding to Kerry's recent speech on the situation in Iraq "with more lies about John Kerry."

But it's risky to say or insinuate that Bush is lying, says Allen Louden, an expert in political rhetoric at Wake Forest University.

"If you're calling someone a liar essentially, you better darn well be right," Louden said. "It's a really risky thing to decide that your president's lying, so you just cognitively try to resist that."

Aides say Kerry isn't trying to insinuate that Bush is

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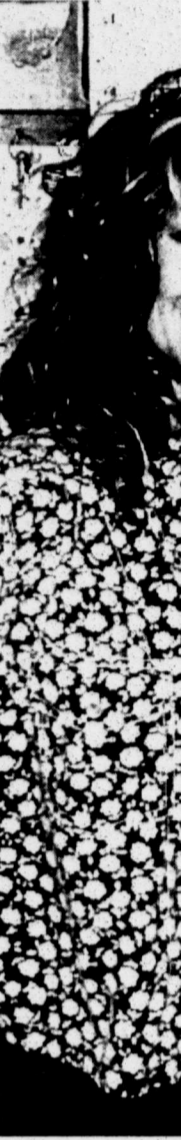
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## Allawi

WASHINGTON — Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki Allawi sees a bright future for Iraqi democracy, despite the skepticism of some analysts. Allawi's victory in the truncated election was a surprise because of the



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# Allawi optimistic on January elections, despite violence

WASHINGTON (AP) — Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi sees a bright future for Iraqi democracy, brushing aside skeptics who say elections set for January may be truncated or canceled altogether because of violence.

H. Rumsfeld said he believes the elections should go ahead but he suggested the balloting may be impossible in areas where the potential for violence is too great.

"Nothing's perfect in life," Rumsfeld told a Senate committee on Thursday. "You

have an election that's not quite perfect. Is it better than not having an election? You bet."

During an appearance Thursday night after an address to Congress and talks with President Bush and other officials, Allawi made no ref-

erence to Rumsfeld's remarks. But he expressed annoyance with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan for suggesting last week that there could not be "credible elections" if violence doesn't abate by January.

He said he planned to ask

Annan for a clarification of his remarks during a meeting in New York on Friday after winding up his Washington visit with morning meetings at the Pentagon.

Allawi said he asked U.N. officials in Iraq whether they were privy to inside informa-

tion about a postponement. Their answer was no, the prime minister said.

Phil Singer, a spokesman for Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry, said Rumsfeld's comments were at odds with Bush's own upbeat remarks earlier in the day.



*Fall decorations*

Elizabeth Sprinkle shows Lilith Brainard and Jimmie Williams a fall wreath she is making for an upcoming Pampa Fine Arts Association fund-raiser. PFAA is planning a silent auction and bake sale from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 26, at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa.

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cised; if it is not used, it ceases to exist.

The founders of this republic did not intend for every Tom, Dick and Harry to vote. They intended that the vote would be limited to serious citizens, people who took an interest in public affairs, who kept themselves informed and would be in a position to fairly evaluate the performance of their public servants. That's the serious duty of being a citizen.

If instead the people choose to pursue their own selfish interests, pay scant attention to public affairs and look upon an election as only an excuse to extract a

promise of goodies, then all kinds of riffraff, crooks, mountebanks and idiots will fill up the public offices.

Every elected official is a servant, not a master. The heel-clicking, hat-doffing, fawning, yassur-bossman attitude some Americans display toward public officials

*'Officeholders are only citizens on temporary duty.'*

— Charley Reese  
Columnist

is odious and inappropriate for a free republic. A public servant, including the president, is entitled to common courtesy—no more, no less. Officeholders are only citizens on temporary duty. That's why that greatest of all Americans, George Washington, said the only title the president needed was "Mr."

Freedom is not a gift of

God. It has to be earned. If the people become too lazy to earn it, they will lose it. History is full of examples.

Right now, our country is not in good shape. It is tremendously in debt — running a deficit of half a trillion dollars — is exporting jobs instead of products, is handing out favors to the very rich like the most corrupt of kings and has been bogged down in a war that will produce zero benefits even if we win it.

The old saying that people in a free society get the kind of government they deserve can be either a curse or a blessing. It depends on us, the people, who have the final responsibility for government in this country. Let's not blow a good thing.

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## Calendar items

• **Pampa Area Singles next dance** will feature Indian Summer and is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. As always, snacks are welcome. No smoking and no alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

• **Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Amarillo Self Help and Education Group** will begin meeting again after the summer at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27, at the South Branch of Amarillo Public Library, 4423 SW 45 St. For more information, contact CCFA North Texas Chapter at 1-972-386-0607.

• **"Wildlife Management Workshop for Absentee Landowners,"** sponsored by Texas Cooperative Extension, is scheduled from 5:30-9:15 p.m., Sept. 28-29 at the R&E Center in Amarillo.

The upcoming workshop will be worth two general CEU's. Discussion will include land management impacts

on rangeland, white tailed and mule deer management and marketing of wildlife resources. Pre-registration, due before Sept. 21, is \$50. After the deadline, the fee will be \$75 per person. For more information, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.

• **In cooperation with Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers,** Pampa High School will host "College Night" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Representatives from various colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools and recruiters with the U.S. Armed Services will be on hand at this come-and-go event open to high school juniors, seniors and their parents. For more information, contact Billie Lowrey, administrative assistant for PHS, at 669-4800, ext. 123.

• **Pampa Civic Ballet will conduct an audition class** with Neil Hess from

2-3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3 at Beaux Arts Dance Studio in Pampa. The class is open to 11- and 12-year-olds and to dancers ages 13 and up who currently take a minimum of two ballet classes per week from a regular instructor. A \$10 audition fee will be charged. Past members may deduct a dollar from the fee for each year of membership. This is an open class for advanced dancers.

• **A "Range Field Day" and tour for Panhandle producers** is scheduled Oct. 6 at the Roberts County Project Center. A slate of speakers, including J.F. Cadenhead, range specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, Jodie Stockett, representative for Dow Agro Sciences, and Dr. Ted McCullom, will address participants on a variety of topics, all devoted to helping producers make the most of their rangeland. Participants must RSVP to Roberts County Extension office at 1-806-868-3191 on or before Sept. 29.

## Liar

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a liar without flat out calling him one. "He's obviously not calling the president a liar," said spokesman Mike McCurry.

McCurry said Kerry is trying to show that Bush's portrayal of the security situation in Iraq and the U.S. economy, for example, doesn't match Kerry's understanding of the facts.

"Either he is so rigidly certain that his vision is correct that he can set aside contradictory information and not absorb it, which is a damning comment," McCurry said, "or that he in fact gets this information and chooses not to share it with the American people, in which case he is deliberately misleading them."

In response, Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt called Kerry's rhetoric a "preposterous" attempt to get ahead in the polls, some of which show a close race or with Bush slightly ahead.

"He has resorted to a fundamentally dishonest campaign to try to tear down the president," Schmidt said.

Anne Demo, a communications professor at Vanderbilt University, said there are few instances where a politician can be provably caught lying. She sees Kerry's rhetoric as encouraging voters to conclude for themselves that Bush is lying.

"They translate mislead into lie," she said. By not speaking the word "liar," Kerry skirts a debate over his choice of word. The focus stays on his portrayal of Bush as a leader painting rosy pictures over what Kerry says is a failed record, and Kerry avoids the awkward situation of being accused of lying about whether the president is lying.

"The idea of lying is that you know and you told something different than what you knew the truth to be," said Fields, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis. "He's got to be careful that he doesn't accuse them of a lie when it's only an incomplete telling of the truth. They will nail him."

Mary Dalrymple covers the presidential campaign for The Associated Press.

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# Religion



*Celebrating half-century of learning*

St. Matthews Episcopal Day School is celebrating its 50th anniversary with a reception and open house from 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2. Above are 2002-2003 students of the day school: Christopher Alexander, Kyler Pitman, Jonathan Doyle, Caragan Niccum, Maddie Smith, Amy Thomas, Chase Cree, Gage Greenhouse, McKenzie O'Neal, Jade Honeycutt, Shelby James, Caylee Hill, Bailey Joyce, Adisson Hinkle, Kylie Gordon, Justin Beck, Cody Beyer, Cason Troxell, Brady Harrison, Nathan Vike, Junior Villegas, Emily Miller, Conner Vike, Bryce Gordon, Clay Baten, Brendon Woelfle, Anthony Nguyen, Cade Engle, Colton Collins, Shelby Miller, Holland Poole, Drew Miller, Mason DeWitt, Stefan Alexander, Gage Chidester, Lauren Pingel, Angel Rosalez, Riley Roden, Dacie McGill, Charlie Webb, Shelby Langley, Shattner Reeve, Lee Buckhaults, Rhett Harden, Evan Free, Jett Richards, Lindzy Black, Kylie Pickering, Savannah Watson, Tessa Buckhaults, Jimmy Townson, Bryson Burrell, Cade Ferguson, Josie Aler, Corby Snapp, Kaitlyn Bruce and Michaela Blalock.

## St. Paul UMC to host revival services

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, will be holding revival services beginning Sunday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 p.m. Evening services will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 4-5, at 7 p.m.

Dr. Gary Exman will be preaching at each service. Dr. Exman has served the United Methodist Church for 39 years;

25 of them as the pastor of small town and rural churches.

He received his master of divinity from Asbury Seminary, master of arts in evangelism from Seagrett College, and his doctor of ministry in church growth from Fuller Seminary.

Dr. Exman has preached and consulted in more than 400 churches, including

jurisdictional and church-wide events.

He is currently the president of the United Methodist Church Council on Evangelism and has authored two books on church growth, "Beyond the Numbers Game," and "Get Ready... Get Set... Grow!"

The public is invited to attend.

## The most important election issue

Aren't you just about fed up with every reporter and newsperson and politician telling you what "the most important issue" is in this year's presidential election?

I hope you aren't totally fed up yet. Why? Because here is a preacher who wants to tell you what he believes the most important issue is in this year's presidential election.

From all of the commercials and news programs and speeches you would think that it was Iraq. Wrong. Is it the national economy and jobs and personal income? Wrong. How about social security? Wrong. Health care? Wrong. Education and schools? Wrong. Terrorism? Wrong.

So what then is the most important issue in this year's presidential election?

Since Jan. 22, 1973, there has been no serious question as to which issue has been the most important to God in every national election.

Abortion. People understandably cry out in agony and tears all over America about the war in Iraq and the 1,000-plus deaths of American soldiers and of the 3,000-plus deaths on Sept. 11, 2001. And each of those 4,000-plus deaths are horrible.

But they aren't the biggest issue in this year's presidential election; at least not to God.

Don't tell me I just don't understand, because, you see, I have a son named Chad in basic training at Fort Knox right now and our family realizes that he could be in

Iraq before Christmas. I understand clearly how horrible those 4,000-plus deaths were and are.

But I also understand that 4,000-plus defenseless babies are murdered every two days and have been for over 30 years.

Over 40 million abortions have been performed since Jan. 22, 1973, right here in the good old U.S.A. And God has cried more than 40 million tears over those years.

Are you thinking that I'm just another "anti-abortion nut"? You're right. But I'm in pretty good company. You see, God is too. Are you thinking that I'm arrogantly presumptuous trying to speak for God?

Let's just let God's book talk for Him.

Psalm 139:13-14: "For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well."

Doesn't sound much like "tissue" removal, huh?

Luke 1:41: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb ... As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy."

Luke 2:12, 16: "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger ... So

they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger."

In the New Testament, the same Greek word for baby, "brephos," is used to describe both an unborn baby inside the womb and a baby outside the womb. It seems that when God inspired the Holy Scriptures He just wasn't as smart as the Supreme Court was back in 1973. Not.

Now here is the real punch line, Ex 21:22-25: "If men who are fighting hit a pregnant woman and she gives birth prematurely but there is no serious injury, the offender must be fined whatever the woman's husband demands and the court allows. But if there is serious injury, you are to take life for life, eye for eye; tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, bruise for bruise."

God instructed Moses to tell the Israelites that if a man injured a pregnant woman and it caused the death of that baby in the womb, the man was to be killed (life for life). Not very tolerant, huh. God treated it just as harshly as any other murder. Why?

Because "inside womb" or "outside womb" is irrelevant to God. Life is life. I am sick of people claiming to be Christians who then not only tolerate these murders, but have the audacity to vote for candidates who guard with passion the rights of pregnant women and doctors to join forces to carry out the supreme act of terrorism against a defenseless child.

God's opinion on this issue is so clear that a person would either have to be blind or deceived or an unbeliever to miss it. So if you think that

## Macedonia Baptist sets 'Family and Friends Day' event

Macedonia First Baptist Church will be having its annual "Family and Friends Day" this Sunday, Sept. 26.

Services will begin at 11 a.m. with a guest speaker and Macedonia Youth Praise Dancers performing.

The public is invited to the event.

"Come one and all to 441 Elm Street and let's fellowship together and, afterwards, we will all sit down and dine together," said Rev. I.L. Patrick, pastor.

## Parade to kick off festivities

Macedonia First Baptist Church will sponsor a "Family and Friends Day" parade Saturday, Sept. 25, as a prelude to the annual "Family and Friends Day" services on Sunday, Sept. 26.

The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm, proceeding south on Octavius, east on Harlem Street, south on Gray, west on Crawford, south on Varion Drive, west on Plains, north on Neel, west on Varion Drive, south on Huff, west on Crawford, south on Prairie Drive, north on Huff and ending at Prairie Village Park.

## Freedom Christian Academy opens

Freedom Christian Academy recently opened at 300 S. Cuyler.

The Christian school offers the following:

- kindergarten through 12 grades accredited education;
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For more information, call the Rev. Walker Kyle or Carla Kyle, administrators, at 662-1523.

## Celebrate Recovery planning cookout

Celebrate Recovery invites the public to a Kick-off Cookout at Fellowship Baptist Church.

The cookout will begin at 6 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, at Fellowship Baptist Church gymnasium, 622 E. Francis.

Organizers invite the public to share the food and learn more about the organization.

For more information call 665-5976.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Last week I kicked my husband out of the house. "Joel" and I have been married four years and have a 3-year-old son.

Two years ago, Joel took up with "Connie," a 20-year-old single co-worker. He insisted they were just friends. When I found love letters from Connie in his wallet, Joel swore the letters were not from her. (Oh, come on!)

Things got messy when I started checking my husband's cell phone bill and discovered he was calling Connie several times a day. Upon checking further, I learned that some of his co-workers also thought something was up.

When Joel learned I'd been asking questions, he became very angry. Then Connie started calling him at the house at all hours. Once, around midnight, she got into a tangle with some guy and instead of calling police, she called Joel -- who rushed right over.

Since then I have caught Joel in more lies about where he was going. I have also caught my husband and his "friend" parked in empty parking lots and dead-end streets.

He says he doesn't want a divorce, but every time we talk, we end up fighting because he tries to twist the facts around to make me look like a fishwife.

Should I wait it out to see if Joel will come home to his son and me? Or should I cut him off, divorce him, and pray that God will send me a man who will give me the respect and love I deserve? -- SPURNED WIFE IN TEXAS

DEAR SPURNED: Your husband appears to be a remorseless manipulator. Even if you reconcile, what kind of example would he be for your son as he grows older? And could you ever trust him again?

You have asked me to make

a decision for you that only you should make. Counseling can help you to determine what you want and need to do. Some marriages can be saved, but only if both parties are willing to work at it, and your husband appears to be unwilling or unable to end his affair.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a single mother with two daughters, 2 and 4. I love them with all my heart, but I'm afraid my yelling is affecting them. I can't control it, and when I do it, I frighten them. They cover their bodies and start to cry. I have never hit either of them.

This is causing huge fights with their father. He is very involved with them, and he sometimes yells but they don't react the same way.

I feel like a bad mother and monster. What can I do to stop myself from losing my temper and have a better relationship with my daughters? I'm afraid I'll hurt them. -- FEARFUL IN MINNESOTA

DEAR FEARFUL: The first thing you must do is get to the bottom of what's triggering your anger. Is this how you were treated as a child? If so, you should know firsthand how damaging verbal abuse can be. Are your expectations of your little ones unrealistic? If that's the case, parenting classes could be helpful. Many school districts and hospitals offer them.

In the meantime, when you feel you're about to blow your stack, leave the room. If necessary, go outside for a few minutes. Count to 10 -- slowly. Decompress. Get a grip. Once you have calmed down, you'll be better able to act in an adult and rational manner, rather than react.

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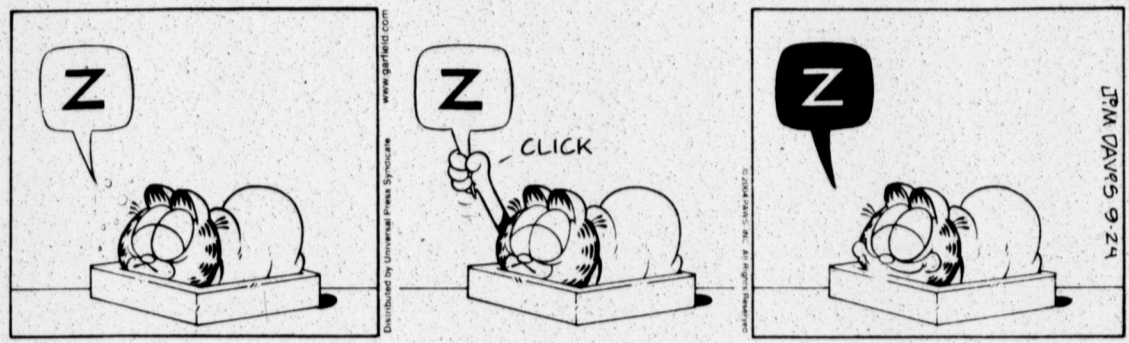
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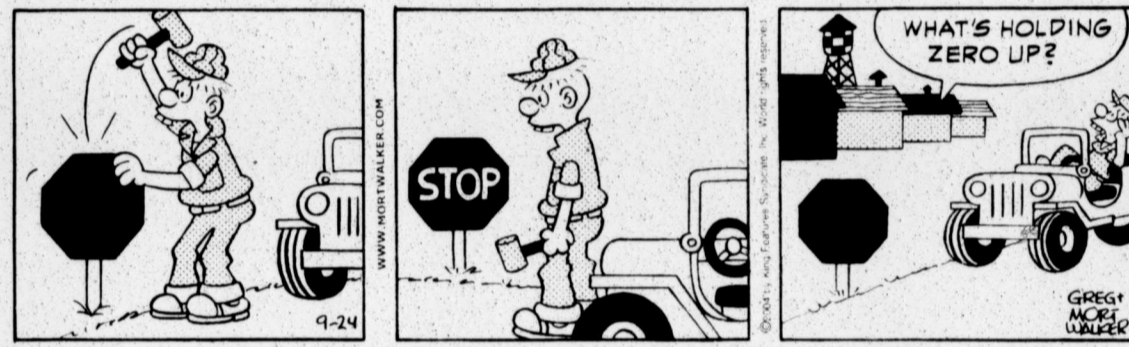
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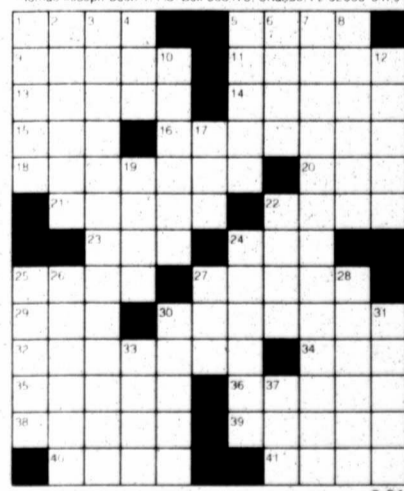
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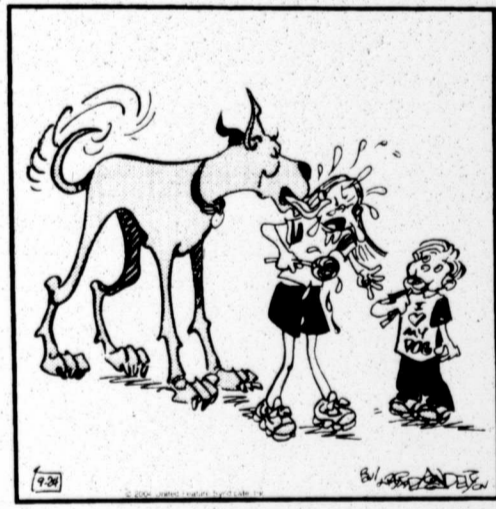
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# Sports Day



Pampa's Debbie Hooley proudly shows the first place medal she won during the Pampa Regional Medical Center Chautauqua 2004 Fun Run/Walk and 5K. The event raised \$1,194 for United Way.

## Chautauqua 2004 Fun Run, 5K results

### Fun Run - Male

**8 & under**  
1st- Josh Hernandez 8:08  
2nd- Trae Hannon  
3rd- Cory Chidester

**9-11**  
1st- Jonathan Cox 7:30  
2nd- Roger Cain  
3rd- Scott Kelly

**12-15**  
1st- Zach Doan 7:19\*  
2nd- Norman Rodgers  
3rd- Cole Guyer

**16-19**  
1st- Chris Norris 12:40

**20-29**  
1st- Unknown  
2nd- Unknown  
3rd- Unknown

**30-39**  
1st- Todd Alvey 9:36  
2nd- Pete Hernandez  
3rd- Chris Steward

**40-49**  
1st- Randy Cain 8:25  
2nd- Randy Skovbo  
3rd- Unknown

**50+**  
1st- Glenn Schafer 9:22  
2nd- Bob Steger  
3rd- Boyd Hutcherson

### 5K - Male

**19 & Under**  
1st- Zac Valdez 17:27 (Ama)  
2nd- Matt Jimenez  
3rd- Wayne Parker

**20-29**  
1st- W. Kirton 17:14 (Ama)\*  
2nd- R. Green (Norman, OK)  
3rd- Jason McGwen

**30-39**  
1st- L. Pulliam 19:19 (Can)  
2nd- John Hughes (Can)  
3rd- Dan Powell, MD

**40-49**  
1st- Hennessey (Ama) 17:33  
2nd- Jackie Cannon (Ama)  
3rd- Mark White (Ama)

**50+**  
1st- W. Lyles (Dumas) 23:42  
2nd- Dan Hatch (Ama)  
3rd- Dean Wallace (Ama)

\*best overall times by male & female

### Fun Run - Female

Savanna Mertz 10:23  
Sarah Schoenrok  
Autumn Woods

Autumn Chidester 7:40  
J'Cee Holmes  
Caitlin Sieck

Fibiola Soria 6:37\*  
Cindy Meza  
Amanda Harkins

Kaylee Hill 14:42

Krista Villarreal 12:56  
Jamie Danner  
Monica Velasquez

Tisha Sieck 8:02  
Tammy Hernandez  
Misty Hannon

Debbie Hooley 10:09  
Beth Miller  
Robin Manzanares

Mary West 10:14  
Belinda Elms  
Renee McCullough

### 5K - Female

Chelsey Knight 21:25  
Valerie Willis (Lefors)  
Tamara Trevathan

BethLee-Merrick 18:05 (Colo)\*  
Courtney Green (Norman, OK)  
Sali Kennedy (Edmond, OK)

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Beth Gerken (Ama) 25:09  
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## Kansas will test defense in Big 12 opener

DALLAS (AP) — The Kansas Jayhawks are about to find out if their defense is really that good.

Kansas has allowed just 37 points — the fewest in three consecutive games since 1999. Opposing offenses have gained just 288 yards a game.

Now comes the real test. The Jayhawks (2-1) play the Big 12 opener Saturday against Texas Tech (2-1), the nation's top passing team at 463 yards per game — more than 100 yards better than second-best Arizona State. The Red Raiders are also coming off a 70-35 win over TCU.

"We are not going to make any radical changes to our defensive structure," Kansas coach Mark Mangino said. "We are going to play our defense like we are capable of ... We are not going to invent a new defense for this offense. That would be foolish."

There are only two other games Saturday involving Big 12 teams, the last non-conference matchups in 2004. No. 5 Texas (2-0) is home against Rice (2-0), and Baylor (1-1) plays North Texas (0-3).

The rest of Big 12 teams have the weekend off before October begins with a full slate of games.

No. 2 Oklahoma, No. 25 Oklahoma State and Colorado are the only teams without a loss after playing their three non-conference games. Iowa State, Kansas State, Missouri, Nebraska and Texas A&M all are 2-1.

The Jayhawks and Red Raiders are

both coached by former Oklahoma offensive coordinators.

Texas Tech has its third different starting quarterback in as many seasons. But the results are still the same.

*'Everyone came together and we can build on that and keep it rolling. We did a good job and we need to continue it.'*

— Sonny Cumbie  
Quarterback, Texas Tech

Sonny Cumbie leads the nation with 1,360 yards passing, with nine touchdowns and four interceptions. Sophomore Jarrett Hicks is the top receiver and the first Red Raider with three straight 150-yard receiving games.

Last week, Texas Tech trailed 21-0 after three punts, two turnovers and two failed fourth-down conversions in its first seven possessions. Coach Mike Leach's team then scored touchdowns on 10 of its last 12 possessions, including 56 straight points over 24 minutes.

"Everyone came together and we can build on that and keep it rolling," Cumbie said. "We did a good job and

we need to continue it."

Rice has a five-game winning streak, its longest in 50 years, but hasn't had much success against Texas. The Longhorns have won 33 of the last 34 games in the series matching old Southwest Conference rivals and hasn't lost in Austin since 1965.

Texas, the nation's top rushing team (386 yards per game) had last weekend off after winning at Arkansas, another former SWC rival.

Baylor gets another chance to avenge one of its non-conference losses from a year ago, having missed a chance in the opener at Alabama-Birmingham by losing 56-14. North Texas beat the Bears 52-14 last year after they had six first-half turnovers.

"I don't know if revenge is a good motivator, but I've heard the buzz about we owe these guys," coach Guy Morriss said.

The Bears won't have to worry about stopping Patrick Cobbs, the defending Division I-A rushing champion who ran for 131 yards against them last year.

But freshman Jamario Thomas had 247 yards at Colorado last week in place of Cobbs, who has an injured left knee and a broken bone in his hand.

"When a freshman comes in and rushes for 250 yards against a Big 12 opponent, that's a little of a concern," said Morriss, whose team has allowed 237 rushing yards per game.



## Happy meal

PHS Senior Ricky Harvill talks football with, from left to right, Jose Hernandez, Leobardo Saucedo and David Saucedo during this morning's Pep Assembly at Lamar Elementary School.

## PHS football players share positive message

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The students of Lamar Elementary were visited today by members of the Pampa High School football team. The Harvesters spoke during an assembly on the importance of education. The message shared was, "You must

pass to play."

Following the assembly, members signed autographs for the young fans and future Harvesters. They also spent some one-on-one time with the students.

Both the Junior Varsity and Varsity football teams are off this week. They both face Plainview next week.

## PREP GRIDIRON

## High School games scheduled for tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here is a list of local and regional games scheduled for tonight. According to the schedules provided by each school, Canadian is off this week.

Wheeler is off as this was the week

they were scheduled to play Ft. Elliott, who was unable to field a team this year.

Unless otherwise noted, all games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m.

Pampa (OPEN)  
Hereford @ Plainview  
Caprock @ Perryton  
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Hart @ White Deer  
Lefors @ McLean  
Higgins @ Miami  
Wheeler (OPEN)  
Kress @ Groom  
Midland @ Amarillo High  
Frenship @ Randall  
Tulia @ Stratford  
Henrietta @ Childress

## Pampa Wolf Creek Classic results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Here are the Pampa Junior High and High School Cross Country results from the recently concluded Wolf Creek Classic at Lake Fryer:

**Junior High Girls**  
Faby Soria- 2nd  
Whitney Webster- 13th  
Destiny Fitzer- 51st  
Brittany Wheeler- 79th  
Amanda Hawkins- 82nd  
Olivia Chairez- 87th  
Cindy Meza- 89th  
Ariel Mercado- 107th

Christian Martinez- 121st  
Gabrielle Savior- 122nd  
Kayla Jeter- 127th  
Brittany Vick- 128th  
Megan Gragg- 147th  
Jessica Ramirez- 148th  
Vanessa Marquez- 151st

**Junior Varsity Girls**  
Amy Adams- 16th  
Nicole Fernuik- 48th

**Varsity Girls**  
Tamara Trevathan- 37th  
Jerica Timmons- 48th  
Maggie Hopkins- 49th

Holly Owens- 50th  
Heather Dills- 67th  
Janee Norris- 83rd

**Junior High Boys**  
Paul Soria- 26th  
Norman Rogers- 38th

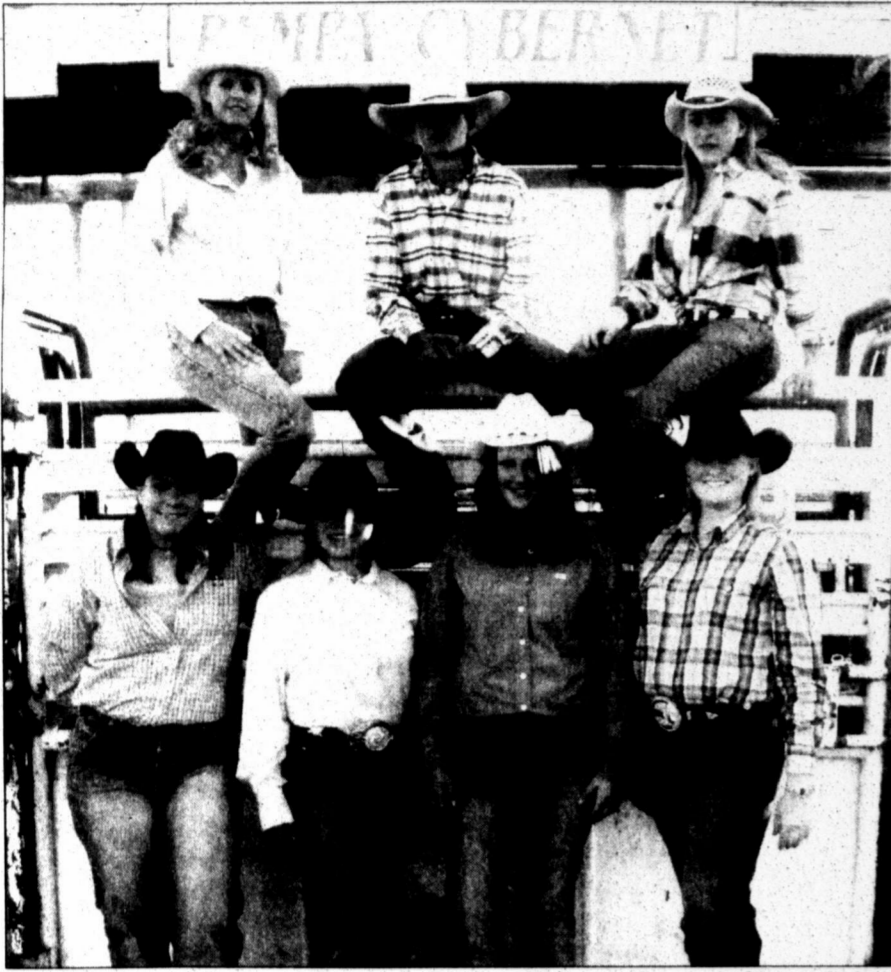
**Varsity Boys**  
Wayne Parker- 48th  
Chase Guyer- 61st  
Jeremy Martinez- 62nd  
Jimmy Logan- 68th

The next meet is scheduled for this Saturday in Lubbock.

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Pampa High School Rodeo Club officers, from left to right, top row- President Trinidee Talley, Second Vice President Hawk Tucker, Chaplain Brittny Taylor. Bottom row- Secretary Skye Niccum, First Vice President Karli Douglas, Treasurer Tasha Tripplett and Historian Whitney Wichert. The club will be hosting a rodeo beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Top O' Texas arena.

### EVENTS AND MEETINGS

## Wrestling sign-ups

**By MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

The Take Down Club will hold sign-ups beginning at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Pampa High School vocational building.

For more information, contact Bobby Burns at 665-0227 or 662-6047.

The Redneck Lawnmower Racetrack will hold its next event on Saturday, October 9, not tomorrow as had been previously reported.

If you have a meeting or event scheduled and would like it announced in The Pampa News, please forward your information to sports@thepampnews.com. Or fax it to 669-2520.

## Clemson limping into meeting with FSU

(AP) — Clemson and Iowa face potential turning points less than a month into the season.

The Tigers head to Florida State with a two-game losing streak. Another loss could lead to a long season, while a second straight win over the Wolverines puts them back in the Atlantic Coast Conference title hunt.

The Hawkeyes travel to Michigan having scored only 24 points in their last two games, including a startling 44-7 loss at Arizona State. A third straight win over the Wolverines in the Big Ten opener would ease concerns in Iowa City.

The latest matchup between Clemson coach Tommy Bowden and his father, Bobby, has a familiar feel.

Last year, the Tigers were slumping when Clemson went into Florida State and beat the Seminoles. It was the younger Bowden's first victory in five tries against his dad's team, and Clemson closed the season with three more victories.

Coming off a 27-6 loss to Texas A&M 27-6, the Tigers, who began the season ranked 15th, are in need of another turnaround.

Bobby Bowden figures he'll be facing a desperate Clemson squad.

The Seminoles rebound-

ed from yet another loss to Miami by easily taking care of UAB last week.

The last time the Hawkeyes visited the Big House, they handed the Wolverines a 34-9 loss — Michigan's worst home defeat in 35 years.

As for Michigan, the Wolverines followed their loss to Notre Dame by barely getting by San Diego State at home.

The picks:

Friday  
BYU (plus 21 1/2) at No. 21 Boise State  
Broncos won 50-12 in Provo last season ... BOISE STATE 50-12.

Saturday  
No. 1 Southern Cal (minus 22) at Stanford  
Trojans have allowed two TDs in three games ... USC 42-10.

Rice (plus 32) at No. 5 Texas  
Owls have won five straight; they haven't won six in a row since 1953-54 ... TEXAS 58-14.

James Madison (no line) at No. 6 West Virginia  
Colonels ranked No. 24 in Division I-AA ... WEST VIRGINIA 47-13.

Clemson (plus 17 1/2) at No. 8 Florida State  
Tommy Bowden could be heading back to the hot seat ... FLORIDA STATE 27-14.

The Citadel (no line) at No. 9 Auburn



**Rushing the field**  
Seth Foster, #3, and Tyrel Bolin, #50, lead the Harvesters on to the field at the start of last week's 30-7 win against Berger. Pampa is off this week but host Plainview next Friday night.

## Rangers within two games of the A's

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The way David Dellucci's luck had been going at the plate, he figured his hard-hit liner would be caught for the final out.

"I went from frustration to elation," he said.

Dellucci's hit was just out of the reach of a diving Jermaine Dye, and skipped into the right field corner. The double drove home two runs to give the Texas Rangers a 5-4 win over Oakland on Thursday and a three-game sweep of the Athletics.

"We knew we had to do that," said Brian Jordan, who scored the winning run. "It definitely does a lot for our confidence."

Texas, a surprise contender after four straight last-place finishes, moved within two games of the AL West-leading Athletics with 10 to play. The Rangers have won five in a row and 10 of 13.

Hank Blalock hit a solo homer with one out in the ninth, his 32nd to pull the Rangers to 4-3 against Octavio Dotel (4-2).

Then the stage got set for Dellucci, who was in a 5-for-44 slump and had been robbed of a hit two innings earlier. But Dye couldn't take another hit away.

"The way he hit it, it had a lot of hook on it. It was a do-or-die play," Dye said. "I had to dive and try to make the play. If not, it was going to the wall anyway."

Before Dellucci's winner, Michael Young doubled for his fourth hit and Mark Teixeira was intentionally walked, his team-record fifth walk of the game. Jordan reached on a forceout.

"I made sure to get to home plate and score. That turns the day around," said Jordan, who was 0-for-5. "I rounded second base, and I heard the fans cheering."

Mark Kotsay, Adam Melhuse and Bobby Crosby homered for the Athletics (87-63), who lead both Texas and Anaheim by two games. Oakland plays at the Angels this weekend, and the Rangers host Seattle.

Texas opened its final series against the A's with wins over All-Star starter Mark Mulder and Barry Zito. This was the 22nd time Mulder, Zito and Tim Hudson started in the same three-game series during their five seasons together. Only twice before — both at the New York Yankees — had the A's been swept, in April 2001 and April 2004.

## Thursday's MLB Linescores

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**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Oakland 100 011 001 — 4 10 0  
Texas 011 000 003 — 5 10 0

THudson, Mecir (8), Dotel (9) and Melhuse; Park, Ramirez (6), Brocail (6), Mahay (7), JeNelson (9) and Barajas. W—JeNelson 1-2. L—Dotel 4-2. HRs—Oakland, Kotsay (15), Crosby (21), Melhuse (11), Texas, Blalock (32).

Tampa Bay 000 100 110 — 3 11 1  
New York 230 200 00x — 7 12 0

Ritchie, Nunez (2), Webb (5) and Fordyce; Lieber, Gordon (8), Quantrill (9) and Flaherty. W—Lieber 13-8. L—Ritchie 0-2. HRs—New York, Jeter (23), Flaherty (6).

Minnesota 000 023 011 — 7 14 0  
Cleveland 200 320 11x — 9 13 1

Durbin, Guerrier (4), Fultz (6), JRincon (8) and HBlanco, Borders (8); CILee, Riske (6), JaDavis (8), Betancourt (9) and Bard. W—CILee 12-8. L—Durbin 0-1. Sv—Betancourt (4). HRs—Cleveland, Sizemore (3), Bard (1).

Baltimore 101 030 022 — 9 15 0  
Boston 010 130 002 — 7 11 2

Cabrera, Parrish (5), Williams (7), Groom (8), Julio (8), BRyan (9) and GGil; DLowe, Adams (6), Mendoza (8), MMyers (8), BKim (9) and Varitek. W—Williams 2-0. L—Mendoza 1-1. HR—Baltimore, Tejada (30).

Kansas City 200 102 100 — 6 10 0  
Chicago 000 010 033 — 7 10 1

MWood, Camp (8), Affeldt (9) and Buck; Contreras, Cotts (6), Munoz (8), Marte (9) and BDavis. W—Marte 6-5. L—Affeldt 3-4. HRs—Kansas City, Stairs (17), Chicago, Rowand (22), Gload (5), Crede (2) (19).

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Chicago 040 001 001 — 6 8 0  
Pittsburgh 020 001 000 — 3 9 2

Maddux, Farnsworth (7), Dempster (8), Mercker (8), Hawkins (9) and Bako; NFIGuerroa, Snell (3), Meadows (8), Brooks (9), Corey (9) and Kendall. W—Maddux 15-10. L—NFIGuerroa 0-3. Sv—Hawkins (23). HR—Pittsburgh, CWilson (28).

St. Louis 020 000 020 — 4 9 1  
Milwaukee 001 001 000 — 2 4 3

Haren, Eldred (6), Tavarez (8), Isringhausen (9) and YMolina; Hendrickson, Wise (7), LVizcaino (9) and Moeller. W—Eldred 4-2. L—Wise 1-2. Sv—Isringhausen (45). HRs—St. Louis, YMolina (1), Luna (3), Milwaukee, Jenkins (25).

First Game  
Arizona 000 001 000 — 1 9 1  
Colorado 300 000 04x — 7 13 0

Webb, Durbin (7), Fuent, Nance (7), Service (8) and Brito; Francis, Harikkala (7), Fuentes (8), Dohmann (9) and CJohnson. W—Francis 3-2. L—Webb 6-16. HR—Arizona, Hammock (3).

Second Game  
Arizona 100 000 000 0 — 1 9 0  
Colorado 000 000 100 1 — 2 12 0  
(10 innings)  
Fossum, Koplove (7), Choate (10) and Snyder; Wright, JrLopez (8), SReed (8), Fuentes (9), Simpson (10) and TGreene, Closser (9). W—Simpson 2-1. L—Choate 2-4.

New York 010 120 000 — 4 9 0  
Montreal 001 010 000 — 2 7 0

TGlavine, Stanton (7), Yates (8), Feliciano (8), Loooper (9) and JPhillips; Ohka, Rauch (6), Majewski (8) and Schneider. W—TGlavine 10-13. L—Ohka 3-6. Sv—Loooper (27). HRs—New York, Williams (3), Diaz (1), Montreal, Wilkerson 2 (31).

Philadelphia 200 030 210 1 — 9 12 1  
Florida 112 200 101 0 — 8 10 1  
(10 innings)  
Padilla, R Hernandez (5), Madson (6), Worrell (8), BWagner (9), TJones (10) and Lieberthal; Beckett, Seanex (6), Mota (7), Bump (8), Perisho (8), Benitez (10) and Lo Duca. W—BWagner 4-0. L—Benitez 2-2. Sv—TJones (2). HRs—Philadelphia, Rollins (12), Utley (13), Thome (42), DaBell (18), Florida, Cabrera (30), AGonzalez (21), LHarris (1).

Cincinnati 000 002 100 — 3 5 1  
Atlanta 100 000 001 — 2 6 1

Hudson, MMatthews (6), Van Poppel (6), PNorton (7), JoAcevedo (8), Valentine (9), GWhite (9) and Valentin; JSWright, Gryboski (7), TMartin (7), Alfonseca (8), JuCruz (9) and JEstrada. W—Hudson 4-2. L—JSWright 15-8. Sv—GWhite (1).

Houston 000 000 115 — 7 10 0  
San Francisco 101 010 000 — 3 10 0

Backe, Wheeler (3), Oliver (5), Qualls (6), Gallo (8), DMiceli (8), Lidge (9) and Ausmus, RChavez (8); Schmidt, Eyre (8), Hermanson (8), Christiansen (9), Brower (9) and Pierzynski, Torrealba (9). W—DMiceli 6-6. L—Hermanson 6-7. HR—Houston, Berkman (29).

Los Angeles 002 320 002 — 9 14 1  
San Diego 000 040 002 — 6 10 1

Ishii, Dessens (5), Brazoban (6), Gagne (8) and Mayne, Ross (7); Lawrence, Stone (5), Watkins (5), Osuna (6), Linebrink (7), Germano (9), Neal (9) and RaHernandez. W—Brazoban 3-0. L—Lawrence 15-13. Sv—Gagne (43). HR—Los Angeles, Izturis (4).

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**CITY OF LEFORS**  
SEWER UTILITIES  
RATE ORDINANCE  
Ordinance No. 04-04  
An ordinance approving a monthly fee for residential services to be provided either inside or outside the city limits of \$13.00 monthly for residential services inside the city limits and \$15.00 monthly for residential services outside the city limits. The ordinance provides for a penalty of \$500 for each violation of any provision of this ordinance. Passed and approved at a final reading of the 17th day of September 2004.

By: Cindy Stubbs

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An ordinance approving an \$11.00 residential monthly fee for sewer services to businesses located either inside or outside the city limits, a \$13.00 monthly fee for residential services outside the city limits of the City of Lefors; and providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation of any provision of this ordinance.  
Passed and approved on final reading the 17th day of September 2004.

CITY OF LEFORS, TEXAS  
By: Cindy Stubbs-Scully, Mayor  
Attest:  
Judy Williams, City Secretary  
A-46 Sept. 24, 26, 2004

**CITY OF LEFORS SEWER UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE**  
Ordinance No. 04-0902  
An ordinance approving an \$15.00 residential monthly fee for trash collection services for residences either inside or outside the city limits, a \$100.00 monthly heavy commercial collection rate for all businesses receiving trash collection services in and around the City of Lefors; and providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation of any provision of this ordinance.  
Passed and approved on final reading the 17th day of September 2004.

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By: Cindy Stubbs-Scully, Mayor  
Attest:  
Judy Williams, City Secretary  
A-47 Sept. 24, 26, 2004

**CITY OF LEFORS SEWER UTILITY RATE ORDINANCE**  
Ordinance No. 04-0901  
An ordinance adopted by the City Council of the City of Lefors approving, in addition to the monthly fuel costs to be passed on to its customers, an \$8.69 monthly base service fee for gas usage of 1 cubic foot or less, and a \$3.31 base service fee for each cubic foot of gas usage over and above the 1 cubic foot base limit for all users whether inside or outside the city limits of the City of Lefors; and, providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation of any provision of this ordinance.  
A-44 Sept. 24, 26, 2004

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CITY OF LEFORS, TEXAS  
By: Cindy Stubbs-Scully, Mayor  
Attest:  
Judy Williams, City Secretary  
A-48 Sept. 24, 26, 2004

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Phone: 512-416-2540

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Ordinance No. 04-0904  
An ordinance approving a \$12.50 residential base fee for water usage of 2,000 gallons or less per month for residences inside the city limits; a \$14.50 base fee for water usage of 2,000 gallons or less per month for residences outside the city limits; a \$14.50 base fee for businesses both inside and outside the city limits; and a \$2.00 fee for each 1,000 gallons of water used over and above the 22,000 gallon base limit for all users whether inside or outside the city limits of the City of Lefors, Texas; and providing for a penalty not to exceed \$500 for each violation of any provision of this ordinance. Passed and approved on final reading the 17th day of September 2004.

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# Halliburton to restructure, may spin-off construction division

HOUSTON (AP) — Halliburton Co. is restructuring its troubled engineering and construction subsidiary, and company officials say they would consider selling or spinning it off.

Halliburton subsidiary KBR "is on the road to a turnaround," Cris Gaut, Halliburton's chief financial

officer, told analysts and investors at a conference in Houston, where the company is based. "We are looking for improvement in the near term. This is not something we can let go on and on and on. It is something that is frustrating for our shareholders."

Halliburton is in the

process of settling 400,000 asbestos and 21,000 silica claims as part of a \$4.2 billion plan. Halliburton inherited most of the claims five years ago when the conglomerate, then under the leadership of Vice President Dick Cheney, acquired Dresser Industries Inc. for \$7.7 billion.

Gaut said Thursday that the company and the lawyers for the plaintiffs who brought the asbestos and silica claims are eager to move on.

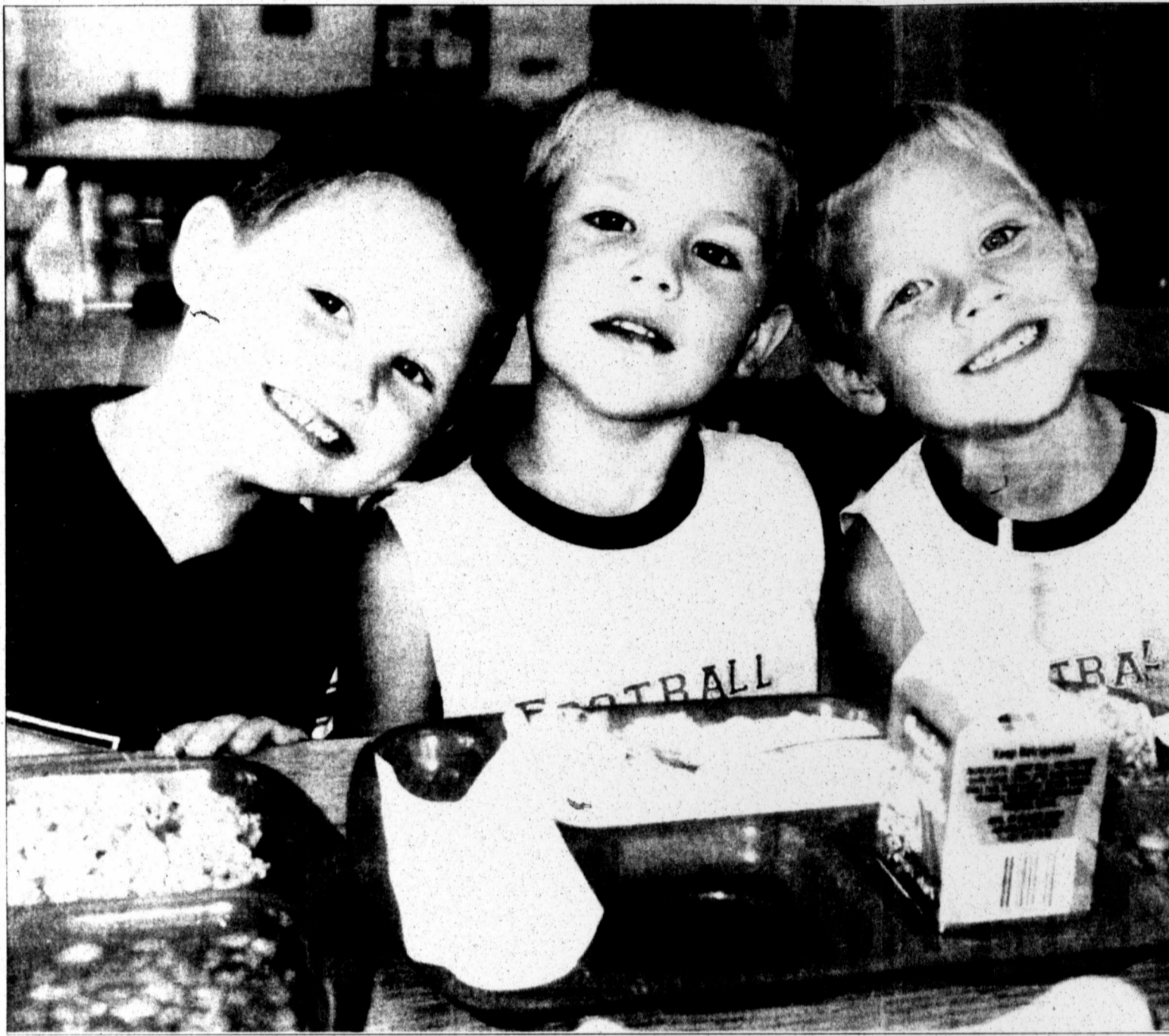
In the meantime, KBR will restructure. KBR chief executive Andrew Lane said KBR would reduce its five product lines to two to improve profitability. The

subsidiary will focus on its energy and chemicals and government and infrastructure divisions.

"KBR's strength is in engineering and project management and with this new alignment we plan to further capitalize on our core company strengths and capabilities," Lane said.

Halliburton has been the subject of criticism for its multibillion-dollar contracts in the Middle East, where it has more than 30,000 employees and subcontractors in Iraq and Kuwait. Cheney headed the company from 1995 until 2000, when he quit to become George W. Bush's running mate.

## Lunch-time



Zachary Haire, Jarred Thomas and Justin Thomas enjoy a meal together in the cafeteria at Lamar Elementary School. All three are enrolled in the school's 4 year old Head Start program. Approximately 114 students attend the Head Start and the pre-school programs at the elementary school.

## House votes to protect Pledge from Supreme Court rulings

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a vote with election-year consequences, the House sought to assure that God's 50-year place in the Pledge of Allegiance will be safe from federal court challenges.

The bill, approved on a 247-173 vote Thursday, would prevent federal courts, including the Supreme Court, from ruling on whether the words "under God" should be stricken from the pledge.

The legislation drew strong protests from Democrats who said they want "under God" to remain but viewed the measure as an unconstitutional attack on the judicial branch. They said it was meant mainly to force them into a controversial vote just six weeks before the election.

The bill has virtually no chance of clearing the Senate this year, but the issue was important to conservatives intent on getting lawmakers on the record on topical social issues such as gay marriage and flag burning.

In a similar vote in July, the House voted to prevent federal courts from ordering states to recognize same-sex unions sanctioned in other states.

Supporters said state judges, and not unelected federal judges, should have jurisdiction over whether children should use the words "under God" when they recite the pledge.

"Many federal judges have made no secret of their hostility to traditional values and religion in the public square," said House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas.

In June, the Supreme Court dismissed, on a techni-

cality, a 2002 federal court decision that the religious reference made the pledge unconstitutional.

But Rep. Todd Akin, R-Mo., who wrote the legislation before the House Thursday, predicted that if the issue returned to the high court, only three justices would support retention of

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the "under God" phrase. If the courts are allowed to strike the religious reference, "we will have emasculated the very heart of what America has always been about."

But Democrats said the bill would damage a system of judicial review that has been fundamental to government for 200 years. "We're

playing with fire here, we are playing with the national unity of this country," by letting each state make its own interpretation of constitutional law, said Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y.

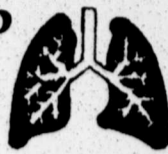
"This bill is a dramatic assault on the courts and individual rights, wrapped in phony patriotism," said the Rev. Barry Lynn, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

On the other side, House Judiciary Committee Chairman James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis., argued that "the Constitution clearly provides that the lower federal courts are entirely creatures of Congress, as is the appellate jurisdiction of the Supreme Court."

Democrats cited an 1803 Supreme Court decision in which the court asserted its role as the arbiter of what the Constitution says. But Sensenbrenner said the Constitution gives the high court original jurisdiction only in cases affecting foreign officials or when a state is involved.

In other appellate cases, he contended, the court is subject to congressional regulations.

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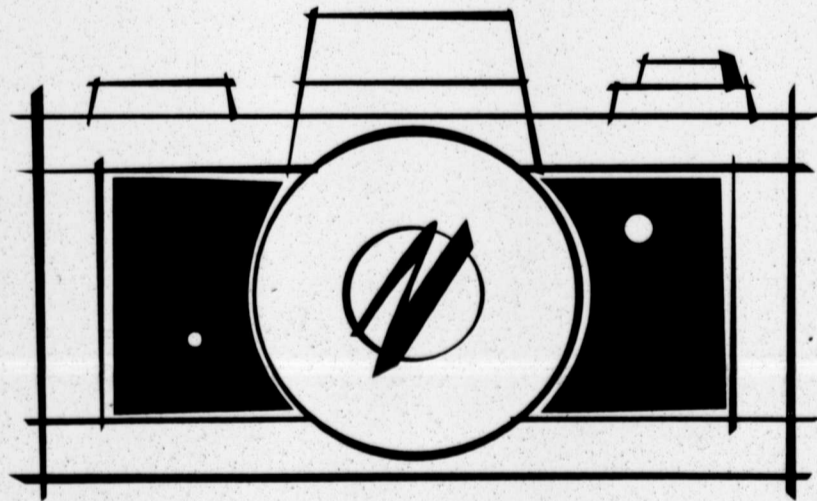
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