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Baghdad bombs kill 35 children

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Three bombs exploded at a capital's outskirts. neighborhood celebration in western al-Amel

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The bombs in Baghdad's had been drawn to the scene residents were celebrating they told us, 'Come here, Baghdad, killing 35 children caused the largest death toll ing out candy. and seven adults, officials of children in any insurgent. The blasts went off in swift was passing by at the same beside them, then a car

neighborhood by American soldiers hand- the opening of a new sewage come here,' asking us if we

car bomb killed a U.S. sol- Iraq began 17 months ago. killing 42 people and wound- spokesman. Col. Adnan

dier and two Iraqis on the The children, who were still ing 141 others. The bombs Abdul-Rahman on school vacation, said they targeted a ceremony in which said. Hours earlier, a suicide attack since the conflict in succession about 1 p.m., time, said Interior Ministry

"The Americans called us, system, and a U.S. convoy wanted sweets. We went

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barber.

Deaths

Nita LaVon Dedmon. 71, NGPC retiree. W.A. 'Gip' Gipson, 85,

JoBeth Elliott Shelley, 47, art teacher.

Texas Today

Another document on military service

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House said seven months ago that it had released all the records on President Bush's stateside military during service the Vietnam War, yet new records are still dribbling out as Election Day approaches.

The White House on Wednesday night produced a November 1974 document bearing Bush's signature from Cambridge, Mass., where he was attending Harvard Business School, saying he had decided not to continue as a member of the military reserve.

The document, signed a vear after Bush left the Texas Air National Guard, said he was leaving the military because of "inadequate time to fulfill possible future commitments."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the resignation was found in connection with a lawsuit brought by Associated Press. The White House said the document had been in Bush's personnel file and that it had been found by the Pentagon.

Earlier Wednesday, the White House said Bush never was disciplined while serving in the Texas Air National Guard, never failed a physical and never asked his father or family friends for help to get him into the Guard.

Fine is in the mail for many drivers

AUSTIN (AP) Nearly 200,000 Texas drivers are getting some bad — and costly — news in the mail.

The Department of Public Safety this week is sending notice that drivers with drunken driving and various license and insurance violations since September 2003 owe fees on top of whatever fines they've already paid.

Fire contracts face final OK

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Fire contracts with the City of Pampa and Hoover Volunteer Fire Department are once again on the county commissioner's agenda for their regular meeting at 9 a.m. Friday in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse.

Commissioners had voted Sept. 20 by a margin of three to two to pay the City of Pampa \$120,000 for fire coverage of 27 square miles outside city limits. The county voted to pay Hoover VFD \$35,000 for coverage of another 193 square miles previously assigned to Pampa Fire Department. The amounts to be paid are for the 2004-2005 fis-

Action tomorrow on the fire contracts will be to vote on approving and accepting the written contracts.

Election issues on the agenda are a resolution to appoint central counting station election workers, and a resolution supporting federal grant money for the Helping America Vote Act.

Commissioners will vote on whether to participate in the 2005 Indigent Defense Grant Program and the Texas Procurement Commission Cooperative Purchasing Program.

Courthouse lighting is also scheduled to be discussed, along with clarification on Minute Order 04-185 regarding salary increases, appointing Sharon Braddock for a two-year term on the Texas Panhandle Mental Health-Mental Retardation Board of Trustees, and declaring November to be Home Care and Hospice Month.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

And the winner is

Terry Ledbetter, salesman, left, and Matt Laughlin, shop foreman, wait for a guest to claim a door prize during J-W Power Company's grand opening luncheon Tuesday at 116 Western St. The company has grown from one employee in Pampa eight years ago to 14 at present, and has built a new facility for its operations, which include selling and leasing gas compressors, third-party service work, and gas measurement. J-W Power Company is a subsidiary of J-W Operating Company.

Winter energy crisis looms ahead

their homes.

A looming winter energy

As if \$2 a gallon gasoline hold before the Nov. 2 electivat while there is plenty of in some regions, particularly likely to shock consumers hasn't been bad enough, peotions, also could become a gas in storage, the market is during extreme weather," even more. With crude prices ple now should be bracing growing issue in the presi- expected to remain tight said Joseph Blount, president at near \$50 a barrel, heating for sharply higher heating dential race as President because of increased Unocal Midstream and oil prices have soared as well bills this winter whether they Bush and Democrat John demand, the higher whole- Trade, a subsidiary of Unocal to nearly twice what they use oil or natural gas to warm. Kerry wrangle over who is to sale cost of gas and expected. Corp., and chairman of the were at the same time a year blame.

The natural gas industry, in

crisis, while unlikely to grab a report out Thursday, said really impact customers' bills colder-than-normal weather. Natural

"This tight market could Association.

Gas Supply

And heating oil costs are

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No hardbacks, please

Friends of the Library book sale focus on paperbacks



Pampa News photo by SKYLA BRYANT

Roy Morriss, left, chair of the upcoming Friends of the Library Paperback Book Sale, discusses with Ed Copeland, right, how he wants the tables arranged for the book sale.

By SKYLA BRYANT **News Editor**

Pampa Friends of the Library are gearing up for a "Paperback Book Sale" from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, and from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 3, in the auditorium at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

"Donations of paperbacks only, will be accepted at the door," said Roy Morriss, Friends of the Library board member and chair of the upcoming book sale.

Traditionally, Friends of the Library holds a much larger book sale every year in the spring.

This book sale will be limited to paperbacks and will only be offered a couple of days, Morriss said.

If this sale is successful, he said, the local Friends of the Library may hold another this same time next

The book sale helps raise funds to

benefit the library. "The fund-raiser is for extra stuff for the library," Morriss explained, "and for the literacy program things not covered by the library budget."



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Aiming higher

High school student Brandon Parsley, right, gets information from Ed Poley, a representative of Southwest Kansas Technical School, during College Night, hosted annually by Pampa High School officials to help students and parents discover opportunities for higher education.

Nita LaVon Dedmon, 71

2004, Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of the First Christian Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-

Dedmon Whatley Funeral Directors.

Nita was born Nov. 18, 1932, in Sweetwater, Oklahoma. She married Bob Dedmon of Pampa on Sept. 3, 1949, and lived 32 years in Miami, Texas. Nita was past worthy matron of the Order of the Eastern Star in Miami. She was a student pilot, beginning ham radio operator, and enjoyed riding motorcycles, dune buggies

Nita LaVon Dedmon, 71, of Pampa, of Natural Gas Pipeline Company. She was Texas, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at an avid reader, accomplished computer lover, talented cook, successful flower gar-Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 1, dener, and a devout Bible student. However, Nita was best known for her loving nature, devotion and loyalty to her family and friends. Nita never met a stranger and everyone who met her loved her.

Survivors include her husband of 55 years, Bob Dedmon of Pampa. She was mother to Sharon of Denton, Sandra of Livingston, and Mike of Pampa. Mommer to Gary and Brad. Gran to Amanda and Sarah. G.G. to Kayla, Christina, Alex and Melissa. Sister to Allene and her husband Lyle, J.D. and his wife Marianne, Larry and his wife Lynn, and brother-in-law Chuck. Aunt, cousin, niece and friend to scores of others.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Bonnie Ray, and a sister, Jean

The family requests memorials be to Macular Degeneration American Foundation, P.O. Box 515, Northhampton, MA 01061-0515, or online at www.macular.org http://www.macular.org/

-Sign the on-line register book at Nita retired after 25 years as an employee www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Services tomorrow

DEDMON, Nita LaVon — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial

Texas company to build wind field with 80 turbines at Tucumcari, N.M.

TUCUMCARI, (AP) — A Texas company plans to install 80 wind turbines near Tucumcari to generate electricity.

Austin-based Cielo Wind Power president Walter Hornaday said he expects the 80-megawatt wind farm 30 miles southeast of Tucumcari to produce electricity by

spring. Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy has contracted to buy all the electricity, which would be added to the mix of electricity that Xcel delivers to 106,000 New Mexico cus-

take advantage of a 1.5-cent per kilowatt federal tax credit for producers reinstated in a tax bill Congress passed last week. Under the measure, the tax credit will be extended to Dec. 31, 2005. It

N.M. expired at the end of last

New Mexico already generates electricity from giant wind turbines in other parts of the state. As of the end of 2003, the latest figures available, New Mexico ranked ninth among the states in electricity from the wind at 206 megawatts.

Public Service Company of New Mexico has a contract to purchase all the power generated from New Mexico Wind Energy Center near Fort Sumner, owned and operated by Florida-based FPL Energy. The 204-Cielo said it will be able to megawatt wind farm, with 136 turbines, opened last October.

Xcel expects the federal tax credit to help lower the cost of producing electricity from the new Caprock Wind Ranch to about 3 cents per

kilowatt hour. The company had expected the cost to be about 6 cents per kilowatt hour, Xcel spokesman Wes Reeves said.

Xcel committed to buying wind ranch electricity even if the tax credit had not been reinstated because the utility has to comply with a New Mexico requirement that utilities get at 5 percent of their electricity from renewable sources by 2006, Reeves

He said the company plans criminal investigation division. to include wind power from the ranch in its regular mix of electricity to sell to wholesale and retail customers.

Xcel customers have been able to purchase wind power, for an extra charge, from a 2megawatt wind ranch near Clovis and an 80-megawatt ed in the lobby of the police department for wind ranch near White Deer, public intoxication. Texas, north of Amarillo.

Two charged in weekend pipeline blast

charged with first-degree felony criminal mischief in connection with a weekend pipeline explosion that caused about \$1 million in damage and forced about 250 people from their homes.

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(AP) — Two men have been arrest Douglas Lloyd Crosby, 30, and Dennis Lt. Rand Henderson said. Wade Durrenberger Jr., 21,

both of New Caney. The pair rode four-wheel vehicles into the area northeast of Houston early

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Sunday and began tampering with several pieces of con-A fingerprint and other struction equipment being

> Zoofs Unlimited up, Henderson said.

No one was injured in the blast and no homes were

NEW CANEY, Texas evidence led authorities to used in an electric transmission line project, Sheriff's

> A track hoe struck a pipeline, releasing propylene, a highly flammable chemical used in the manufacture of plastics.

Then a spark from an unknown source ignited the leaking chemical, which burned for several hours.

The two men were able to flee the area before it blew

Crosby and Durrenberger were arrested Tuesday and were being held at the Montgomery County Jail. Conviction on the charge could get them up to 99 years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

damaged.

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W.A. 'Gip' Gipson, 85

W.A. 'Gip' Gipson, 85, died Wednesday, Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Sept. 29, 2004, at Palestine. Services are pending.

Mr. Gipson was born on April 6, 1919, at Guthrie. He was a Pampa resident from 1948 until moving to Palestine in 2003.

He married Margie Williams on Dec. 23, 1947, at Clovis, N.M.; she died in 1991. He later married Daphne Lincycomb on May 11, 1996, at Pampa.

Mr. Gipson was a self-employed barber and a member of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa Optimist Club and

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy, serving as a boiler technician in World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Daphne Gipson of Palestine; two daughters, Priscilla McLearen of Pampa and Pamela Waugh of Guymon, Okla.; two stepsons, Dan Rose of Palestine and Jack Rose of Pampa; a brother, Cecil Gipson of Littlefield; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

JoBeth Elliott Shelley, 47

LUBBOCK, Texas — JoBeth Elliott Shelley, 47, died Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2004, at Lubbock.

Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa, with Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of the First Christian Church of Pampa, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Shelley was born Sept. 1, 1957, in Kermit. She was a graduate of Pampa High School and received her Master's degree in art history from West Texas State University in Canyon. She lived in Clarendon and taught art at Clarendon College until 2001 when she moved to Lubbock.

She was employed by Texas Tech University where she was working on her doctorate degree. She was a member of the First Christian Church of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Dee and Joy Henderson and Bill and Lorene Wilson; and her step-father, Bob

Survivors include her children, Andrea Shelley of Clarendon, Jessie Shelley of Liberal, Kan., and Casey Elliott of Lubbock; her mother, Peggy Baker of Amarillo; her father, B.J. Elliott of Kermit; three sisters, Lisa Elliott of Kermit, Valorie Pfannenstiel of Houston, and Terri Wilterding and husband David of Amarillo; three brothers, Dean Elliott and wife Debbie, and Kelly Baker and wife Melody, all of Pampa, and Bobby Elliott of Kermit; three grandchildren, Michaela Whitaker of Clarendon, Dakota Harden and Ethan Harden; and special friend, Andy Moneyhan of Lubbock; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the

Wednesday, Sept. 29

7:31 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

10 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a

2:09 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

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9:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

9:48 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

Thursday, Sept. 30

5:20 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

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PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to

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NWTH and transferred a patient(s) to

the 900 block of South Finley and transport-

the 600 block of North Davis and transport-

Highway 60 and Gray County Road 12 and

transported a patient to Northwest Texas

local nursing facility and transported a

patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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ending at 7 a.m. today.

Hospital, Amarillo.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Domestic assault was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. Charges were filed. Minor injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Domestic assault was reported in the 500 block of Perry. Minor injuries were reported. Sexual assault was reported in the 500 block of Perry. The case was referred to the

Interference with a 911 emergency call was reported in the 900 block of Varnon. Criminal mischief was reported in the 900

block of Varnon. An estimated \$500 damage was done to a glass door.

Domestic assault was reported in the 900 block of Varnon. No injuries were reported. Bruce Brunswig, 49, Perryton, was arrest-

Abraham D'Jesus, 17, 913 Varnon, was

arrested in the 900 block of Varnon for minor in possession of tobacco.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 29

Steve Lance Brown, 39, Amarillo, was arrested for theft of services over \$50 and under \$500.

Carl Derand Wine, 29, Lubbock, was arrested for robbery.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 29

responded to a medical assist in the 600 ed at 321 N. Ballard.

Corrections

ported a patient(s) to PRMC.

In an article published Sunday, Sept. 26, regarding the Pampa High School Hall of Fame inductees, two Hall of Famers were omitted from information provided to The News. Sylvia Grider and Bob Jernigan, both Class of 1959 members, are also past inductees to the Hall of Fame.

An incorrect address of the local Republican Headquarters was provided to The Pampa News for an article published 9:09 p.m. – One unit and three firefighters Monday, Sept. 27. The headquarters is locat-

Gray County Weather

a high around 79. South thunderstorms. southwest wind between 10 cloudy, with a low near 52. and 15 mph. Tonight: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind around 10 mph. Friday: A 30 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73. South wind 10 to 15 mph b7ecoming northeast.

Today: Partly cloudy, with cent chance of showers and Mostly North northeast between 15 and 20 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. Northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. cloudy, with a low around Friday Night: A 30 per- 50. East wind 5 to 10 mph

becoming south. Sunday: A 20 percent

chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. South southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. Southwest wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north-Monday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 75.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are	Cabot Oil Gas44.71	+0.13	Pioneer Nat 34.20	+0.3
provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.	Coca Cola 39.97	-0.04	JCP35.15	-0.6
Wheat	VLO80.98	+2.43	COP	-1.19
Milo 3.34	HAL33.77	+0.57	SLB67.58	+0.3
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out by evil not want the brate and do struction) pr said Iraqi Na Ahmad Saac

Tulia drug bust officer's perjury trial moved to Lubbock

The bottom line is I just don't feel you would be able to seat a jury in a town this small that has been through a controversy this big.'

> Jay Arrington PTS Employee

that the former undercover credited drug busts in Tulia can-Lubbock, 66 miles away.

"In my opinion, the publici- Coleman is white ty surrounding the entire situavast, to say the least," Visiting video surveillance to back up Tulia. Judge David Gleason said his claims. Wednesday. "It is the court's

TULIA (AP) — Declaring be held in Swisher County."

Of the 46 people arrested in received fair trials. The testiciple involved here." not receive a fair trial in the 1999 drug busts, 39 were mony involved his employ-Tom Coleman's perjury case to groups to question if the busts sheriff's deputy. were racially motivated.

> Coleman, 44, testified at tri- Coleman disagreed, calling including Mr. als that he bought cocaine several Tulia community lead-

"Is think this is terrible," Coleman is accused of lying Coleman's attorney John Read this fown is either involved in suit claiming the arrests were opinion that a fair trial cannot under oath during a March said after Gleason issued his the case, related to someone racially motivated.

Coleman's trial is tentative- to determine if four black men here to decide what happens to ion." agent at the center of now-dis- ly set for the week of Jan. 10. arrested during the drug busts. Tom Coleman. There's a prin-

Prosecutor John Nation said Swisher County, a judge moved black, which led civil rights ment as a Cochran County in Thursday editions of the and ranching community of Prosecutors favored the Gleason's decision was sound, and Lubbock. Charges were

change of venue. Attorneys for don't feel you would be able ed. to seat a jury in a town this Coleman's appearance on from drug dealers in Tulia, ers who testified Wednesday small that has been through a charged and jailed in the cases national television — has been though he had no audio or that the trial should be held in controversy this big," Nation began receiving checks this

2003 evidentiary hearing held decision. "I want the people who is or has a strong opin-

Gov. Rick Perry granted pardons last year to 35 defendants in Tulia, a small farming Amarillo Globe-News that about 5,000 between Amarillo "The bottom line is I just dropped against others arrest-

Tulia residents wrongly was quoted as saying in the summer from a \$6 million set-Globe-News. "Everybody in tlement stemming from a law-

Heat

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ago.

Soaring energy costs have been a drag on the U.S. economic recovery and could be a factor in the presidential race, especially in politically critical cold-winter states

Wisconsin.

While voters seem to have taken this summer's high gasoline costs in stride, the double whammy of \$2 a gallon gas and record heating bills may be another matter. Still, the heart of heating season is a few months away and the impact in many regions of the country is

such as Ohio, Michigan and unlikely to be felt until well after the election.

While oil prices retreated slightly Wednesday after government data showed U.S. inventories of crude Department. That's still grew last week, the cost of crude for November delivery was still \$49.51. It was just under \$30 a barrel a year ago.

Gasoline prices had been declining but reversed course

last week, as prices jumped by a nickel on average nationwide to \$1.92 a gallon for unleaded regular, according to the Energy down from a peak of \$2.06 a gallon reached in May, but is

for heating oil increased to on Wednesday to \$6.16.

this time a year ago.

33 cents a gallon higher than

\$1.38 a gallon Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange. A year ago in the weeks leading up to the heating season, the price was 74 cents a gallon, according to the Energy Information Administration.

Natural gas prices, in the \$5-plus range much of the The wholesale spot price summer, jumped by 62 cents

401(K) **ROLLOVER HEADQUARTERS Duane Harp**

Iraq

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exploded," said 12-yearo' Abdel Rahman Dawoud, lying naked in a hospital bed with shrapnel embedded all over his body.

The day of violence, including insurgent attacks and U.S. airstrikes in Fallujah, left a total of 46 people dead and 208 wounded.

In the northern city of Tal Afar, a car bomb targeting the police chief killed at least four people and wounded 16, Iraqi and U.S. officials said. A police officer speaking on condition of anonymity said the police chief, whose name was only given as Col. Ismail, escaped the assassination attempt.

Also Thursday, the Arab news network Al-Jazeera showed video of 10 new hostages seized in Iraq by militants.

Al-Jazeera said the 10 were taken by The Islamic Army in Iraq. The group has claimed responsibility for seizing two French journalists last month.

A Lebanese official later said kidnappers had released one Lebanese captive, although it was not clear if he was among the 10.

In the al-Amel bombings, grief-stricken parents wailed over the bodies of their children at the Yarmouk Hospital morgue. One woman tore at her hair before pulling back the sheet covering her dead brother and kissing him.

One man carried his younger brother to the hospital, where some children were put two to a bed because of the many wounded. Outside, women sat on the ground and wept as they awaited news about their children.

The hospital received 42 bodies and 131 wounded. said lyhsan Nasser, head of the facility's statistics department.

At the site of the blasts, body parts were strewn in the streets amid pools of blood. A U.S. helicopter evacuated some of the wounded while other aircraft circled overhead and soldiers sealed off the area.

Lt. Col. Jim Hutton, spokesman for the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division, said 10 American soldiers were among the wounded.

Another spokesman, Maj. Phil Smith, said the first two explosions targeted the ceremony, while the third was aimed at a nearby Iraqi National Guard checkpoint. The Americans said all three blasts were from car bombs; Abdul-Rahman said two were suicide car bombs and one was a roadside bomb.

"This attack was carried out by evil people who do not want the Iraqis to celebrate and don't want (reconstruction) projects in Iraq," said Iraqi National Guard Lt. Ahmad Saad.

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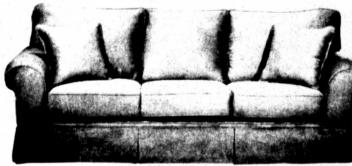
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Viewpoints

I'm dreaming of a German-style Christmas

quaint, far-away places, but I'm not the adventurous, world-traveler type. I like Texas. It is a state – nay, it is a place - like no other. In Texas, we have it all.

Next month Braunfels, a city with strong German roots, will kick-off a full slate of activities geared towards the holidays and, more precisely, to keeping alive its strong German traditions.

New Braunfels, located deep in the Texas Hill Country and home to Comal County Courthouse, was founded by Prince Carl Braunfels, Germany, in 1845, according to a press kit mailed to

I often dream of visiting The News from the commu-

"I thought your readers might like to learn," writes Judy Young, director, New Braunfels Convention & Visitors Bureau, "more about the old German holiday traditions that have become integral parts of our American Christmas cele- a brations.

"Did you know German Feather Trees were the earliest artificial trees? They were introduced in the late 1900s in Germany to protect the forests from aggressive Christmas tree harvests during the holidays! These trees were handmade with goose feathers and they are popular holiday decorations in many

New Braunfels homes where they display family heirloom ornaments.'

When I upended the packet sent to The News by the kitchen (this, I understand, bureau, a somewhat comical little frog

ornament plopped out. How odd,

> frog **News Editor** Christmas

Skyla

Bryant

tree ornament, thought,

holding it up and examining rather dubiously. However, the press packet explained that in Germany the frog is synonymous with good luck "because it only travels forward - towards the prosperous future!"

yes, you heard right - the known carrot ornament, the packet said, brings good luck in the knocks-mark). mainly applies to brides)

> all things, as the pinnacle of good

fortune to where it is hidden on the toric family Christmas tree.

opening of the town's Plaza, sparkling with holi-

"Weihnachtsmarkt" (Vie-

Tannenbaum "The (Christmas Tree) lighting while the ceremony," the press packet pickle said, "includes the traditionornament al Christmas Parade that is revered, brings Santa Claus to town and is centered on the town square.

The area becomes a holiday wonderland with its quaint 99-year-old Main whoever first uncovers Plaza bandstand and the his-Comal County Courthouse facing it out-The community's holiday lined in lights like gingeractivities are set into motion bread houses, and the treeon Nov. 19 with a tree-light- lined downtown streets that ing ceremony and an official come together at Main

The carrot ornament - German Christmas Market day lights. Food vendors, street entertainers, musicians and choirs recreate a good old-fashion celebration to kick off the holiday season."

New Braunfels celebrates the holidays with Santa's Ranch Christmas Light Park Tour, which the packet touts as "nearly one mile of holiday scenes illuminated by over a million lights"; with its 40th Annual ARToberfest Art Show; and with its Gruene Christmas Market Days, Dec. 4-5, which sees some 100 vendors hocking a variety of gift wares and "Texas" foods.

On the third, 10th and 17th of December, the town

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 30, the 274th day of 2004. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

On this date:

In 1777, the Congress of the United States — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record.

In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes. In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine "Nautilus," was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

> Nothing you can't spell will ever work.

Will Rogers American humorist

In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

In 1993, an estimated 10,000 people were killed when an earthquake measuring a magnitude of 6.4 struck southern India.

Ten years ago: The space, shuttle "Endeavour" and its six astronauts roared into orbit on an 11-day mission.

Five years ago: Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered a top-level investigation of accounts of mass killings of Korean civilians by U.S. soldiers at No Gun Ri in 1950. A major leak at a uranium-processing plant in northeastern Japan exposed dozens of people to radiation. German novelist Guenter Grass wins the Nobel Prize in literature. The San Francisco Giants played the Los Angeles Dodgers in the last baseball game at Candlestick Park; the Dodgers won, 9-4.

One year ago: The FBI began a full-scale criminal investigation into whether White House officials had illegally leaked the identity of an undercover CIA officer. Eighteen accused al-Qaida sympathizers were convicted in Belgium's biggest terrorism trial.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Deborah Kerr is 83. Actress Angie Dickinson is 73. Singer Cissy Houston is 71. Singer Johnny Mathis is 69. Actor Len Cariou is 65.

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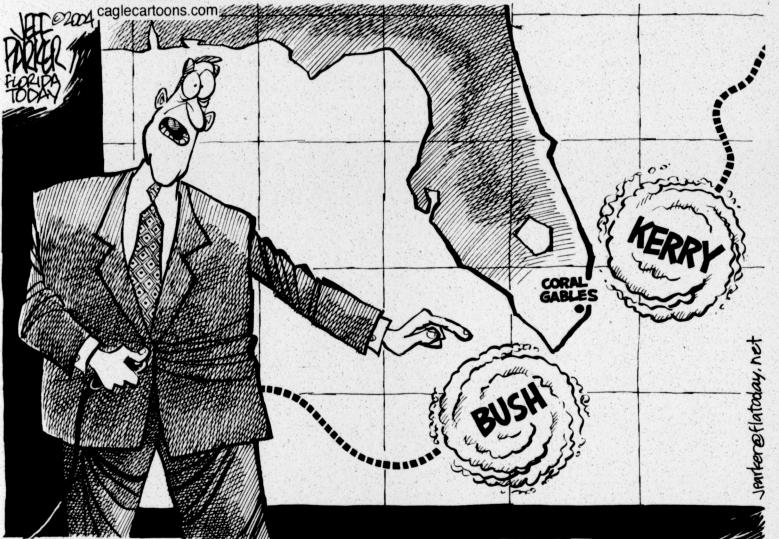
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"...AND THE TWO ARE EXPECTED TO CONVERGE ON CORAL GABLES SOMETIME THURSDAY EVENING, SO WE'RE EXPECTING TO SEE LOTS OF WIND AND MUD..."

If we're sheep, we'll be eaten

Last week. Washington Post columnist George Will column a "Despotism in New London" (Sept. 19, 2004). In it, he described how Connecticut's Supreme Court, by a 4-to-3 ruling, allowed the New London Development Corp. to use laws of eminent domain to condemn much of the city's Fort Trumbull neighborhood, near a \$270 million Pfizer research facility, and lease it to luxury hotel, condominium and office builddevelopers. New London, Conn., is hard up for tax revenues, and if the property is taken away from middle-class homeowners and transferred to wealthy interests, it will yield the city more tax revenue.

The Fifth Amendment is very clear about takings. It says, in part, "nor shall pripublic use, without just compensation."

such as roads, bridges, mili- of fallow farmland that he tary installa-

tions Walter public build-Williams The ings. Connecticut Columnist Supreme Court held that the only

requirement for the taking of private shopping center deal fell property is that there be some public benefit.

With that kind of reasoning, no one's private property is safe because what's a

wide interpretation.

This kind of despotism is rife. John A. Rapanos, a 68vate property be taken for year-old Michigan landowner faces a 10-month federal imprisonment and up to \$10 The key phrase is public million in fines. Rapanos use. Public use means uses cleared and graded 175 acres

with the intention constructing a shopping center. When the

had owned

since 1950

through, he leased the land to a local grain farmer. What was his crime?

Under the Clean Water Act, no person may dispublic benefit is subject to charge, dredge or put fill

material into the navigable waters of the United States without a permit. The closest navigable waters Rapanos' land are in Saginaw Bay, some 20 miles away. Rapanos' crime in the eyes of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was that he filled in depressions on his land without permission.

According to his defense at the California-based Pacific Legal Foundation, "the Corps has argued that isolated pools and puddles were magically transformed into 'navigable waters,' and subject to regulations, merely by the stopover of 'migratory' birds." With the Corps' reasoning, you could go to jail if you had a tree stump

See DESPOTS, Page 5

Freedom seems to be in retreat

retreat.

that freedom is on the march.

He refers primarily to the prospect of elections in Afghanistan and Iraq, even if some areas remain too strife-torn to participate.

However, as the president democracy.

Freedom is moving, all well knows, for much of the right, but for many of the world's populace, freedom President Jiang Zemin handworld's people it is in and democracy are in retreat. ed control of the military to

President Bush declares Russia, Texas Thoughts Communist Party leader Vladimir Putin is **Houston Chronicle** using

> Chechen terrorism as a pretext to roll not involve any input from back his nation's fledgling

In China, former

his successor, Hu Jintao.

The transfer of power was orderly but did

the Chinese people. In Pakistan, President

Pervez Musharraf has signalled his intent to remain a military ruler.

Throughout much of the world, journalists who criticize government are subject to harassment, imprisonment, even murder.

Freedom is indeed on the march in this dynamic age. But often it moves in the wrong direction.

Milita Cathy Jor

at M.K. Br

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Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Military education opportunities

Cathy Jones and her son, Nathan, ask for information from ViAnna LaRue, an education services specialist from the Military Entrance Processing Station during Pampa High School's annual College Night at M.K. Brown Auditorium Wednesday.

Dream

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stages an event it calls "Caroling in the Caverns." "Area choirs perform in spectacular underground rooms more than 100 feet

below the surface for a one

of a kind experience amid ancient formations of stalagmites, stalactites, flowstones, chandeliers, and soda straws," the press packet

That I would love to hear. Hymns celebrating Jesus' birth in an awe-inspiring set-7 ting, a living example of the power and girth of God's

majesty.

Braunfels, but according to its Convention & Visitors Bureau it is magical place Christmas-time. (Makes me wish I had relatives who live there.)

I could rediscover the joy I form.

enduring and gracious used to feel when the holidays rolled around, instead I've never visited New of feeling more and more stressed-out and financially hidebound with each passing

Skyla Bryant is news cities

tor Write, to her at Perhaps in New Braunfels lifestyles a thepampanews c

> dess and less each day. The good news is that we have energetic minds at organizations. such as the Institute for Justice www.ij.orgr and the Pacific

Legal Loundation (www.pacifieldall.org) who are fighting against the emasculation of our Lifth Amendment rights and other constitutional guarantees. But they cannot do it alone;

we must help them. Benjanim Remember American statesman - Franklin's admonition: "Make yourself sheep and the wolves

will cat you."

Walter Williams, Ph D. is a John M. Unfortunately, our courts have Olin Distinguished Professor of A micesus in Fairfax Va.

Despots

Continued from Page 4

ground out and filled the hole. In the early stages of Rapanos' case, U.S. District Judge Lawrence Zatkoff noting that a drug dealer had been before him that day - said rebelliously, "Here we have a person ... who commits crimes of selling dope, and the government asks me to put him in society, that propprison for 10 months. And then we erty is not as have an American citizen, who buys land, pays for it with his own money, and he moves sand from one end to the other, and the government wants me to give him 63 months in prison. Now if that isn't our system gone crazy, I don't know what is. And I am not going to do

Rapanos' sentencing has been protections of private property mean delayed because the constitutionality of federal criminal sentencing guidelines. in another case.

will be heard by the U.S. Supreme Court in October. President John Adams (1797-

1801) said, "The moment the idea is admitted into sacred as the laws of God, and that there is not a force of law and public justice to protect it.

anarchy and tyranny commence."

increasingly become tools for powerful. Economies at Geologe vested interests, and the constitutional

Make yourselfs sheep and the wolves will eat you.

Benjamin Franklin





Chuckwagon feast

A chuckwagon feast like this one from a previous WRCA Ranch Rodeo is on the menu for this year's event, Saturday, Oct. 2, at Recreation Park. Chicken fried steak, beans, potatoes and gravy, bread and drinks will be served at 5 p.m. for \$6 per plate. During the dinner, entertainment will be provided by Trudy Fair and the Honey Do Spoiler Band. A cowboy breakfast and church services are planned for 9 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 3, at the Top O' Texas Norris Pavilion.

Scientists predict small or moderate eruption at Mount St. Helens soon

Mount St. Helens intensified mountain, further Thursday, and scien- Geological Survey said. tists warn that a small or moderate blast could spew strengthen early Thursday ash and rock as far as three with several exceeding magmiles from the crater in the nitude 3, according to the next few days.

bling last week, and by Network. Wednesday earthquakes times a minute, possibly which killed 57 people and

flurry of earthquakes at the crater of the 8,364-foot with ash. the

The quakes continued to Web site of the Pacific The volcano began rum- Northwest Seismograph

Scientists did not expect ranging from magnitude 2 to anything like the mountain's 2.8 were coming about four devastating eruption in 1980,

SEATTLE (AP) - The weakening the lava dome in coated towns 250 miles away mountain, which is in a national forest about 100 Few people live near the miles south of Seattle.

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Calendar items

 2CARE for Moms and Babies is conducting free car seat safety classes. Limited car seat distribution is also available through the program. For more information, call 665-5339

· Canadian, Texas, will host its fifth annual 'Main Street Block Party" from 4-10 p.m. Oct. 2 in downtown Canadian. The block party affords local non-profit organizations an opportunity to raise funds. The event, set to include live music, food and fun, will offer something for the entire family.

Taylor Shaller Benefit Chili Cook-off is planned for Oct. 2 at Lefors Baseball Park in Lefors. Entrants must setup by 10 a.m. The chili will be served at 11:30 a.m. and judging will begin at 1 p.m. For more information, call Judy at (806) 835-2200 or (806) 665-4292

Vendors are also welcome. Booth space is \$10. All proceeds will benefit Taylor Shaller, 4, a recent kidney transplant recipient. Taylor's father was the donor. The family is facing financial hardship due to medical bills.

 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 Roberts County Extension office at 1-806-868-3191 on or before Sept. 29

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Woody Guthrie in Pampa Texas

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"A Granddaughter's Legacy" VANAVER CARAVAN "Pastures of Plenty"

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Oct 1st

WRCA Ranch Rodeo Performance • 7 PM

Oct. 2nd

Pokey's Junior Ranch Rodeo • 2 PM (children ages 4 to 16)

Chuckwagon Dinner • 5 PM (6 per plate)

WRCA Ranch Rodeo Performance • 7 PM

Oct 3rd

Cowboy Church and Breakfast • 9 AM (Sponsored by Fellowship Of ChristianCowboys and Panhandle Perforators)

WRCA Ranch Rodeo Finals • 2 PM Entertainment provided by Trudy Fair

Winning team will compete in the World Championship Ranch Rodeo in Amarillo, November 2004

More information ... Call Rodeo Office in Pampa (806) 669-0434 Ticket Prices: '6.00 Adults Children 12 and under '3.00

Dear Abby... By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have a medical condition known as gender identity disorder -- more commonly called transsexualism. I have prayed every night ever since I was a young boy that God would turn me into a girl. During my teens and into adulthood, I learned to live with the constant pain of pretending to be a man when, really, all I wanted was to live my life as a woman. However, earlier this year I began the gradual process to transition from male to female.

After years of therapy for depression, ingesting dozens of different medications for a variety of misdiagnosed ailments, hospitalization for post-traumatic stress disorder, and daily thoughts of suicide, I made the decision to reveal my lifelong secret to my siblings, some friends and professional colleagues. Generally, the reaction has been supportive.

It is now time to tell my adult children and parents that I intend to live the rest of my life as a woman. How to tell them, and what to tell them, is causing me great distress. Any advice you can offer would be appreciated.

"LILY" IN THE VALLEY

DEAR "LILY": Tell them exactly what you have told me. Explain that this is not a whim, but the actualization of something you have felt since you were a child. Tell them that making this choice has been so difficult that it has cost you years of depression, ineffective medications, hospitalization and repeated thoughts of sui-

Your parents and children are bound to be shocked, so be prepared for it. Answer their questions and concerns honestly. An excellent way to deal with this would be to have the discussion in the presence of vour psychotherapist.

It would also be a good idea to have on hand some literature on the subject of transsex-

ualism. One book that's recommended by the International Foundation for Gender Education (IFGE) is "True Selves" by Mildred L. Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley. It can be ordered from the IFGE by calling (781) 899-2212. Or, visit the Web site at ifge.org. P-FLAG has a support group for parents of transgendered people, aptly called "TransParents." The Web address for P-FLAG www.pflag.org.

DEAR ABBY: Veterans and their families might be interested to know about a new Web site: www.govbenefits.gov. It's government-sponsored, and organizes 500 federal and state benefit programs, targeting citizens into one single site. Veterans can log on, answer a few anonymous questions and find out which benefits they may be eligible to receive. It's also a helpful site for case workers, relatives or caregivers.

I answered the questions for my grandfather, a World War II veteran from 1941-'45, and discovered 21 benefit programs for which he might be eligible.

KEITH NELSON, WASH-INGTON, D.C.

DEAR KEITH: Bless you for sharing this information with my readers. Upon further investigation, I learned that www.govbenefits.gov was created by the U.S. Department of Labor, with contributions by 10 federal agencies and several states. (There is at least one benefit in every state.) Hosted by firstgov.gov, which just celebrated its fourth anniversary, the site also includes a Spanish language version: www.govbenefits.gov/es. Bravo!

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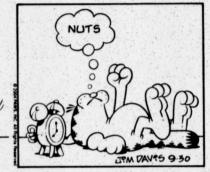
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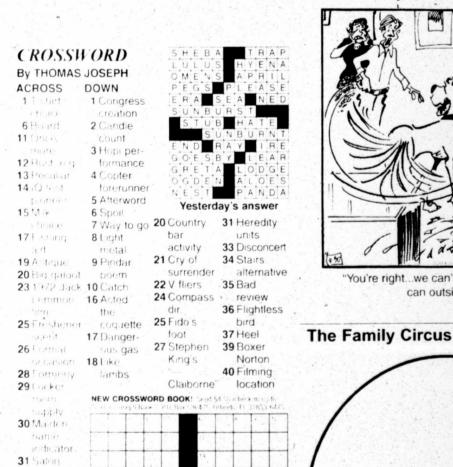




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Crossword Puzzle



Marmaduke



You're right...we can't ground him, but we can outside him!"

B.C.



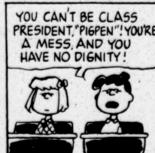
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Sports Day

Harvester Varsity football team ready to pick up where it left off

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

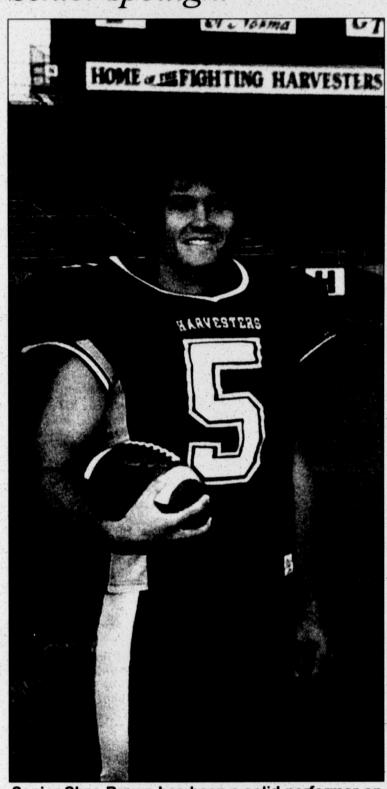
Coach Heath Parker and his 2-2 Pampa Harvester Varsity football team must be ready, if not chomping at the bit, to get back on the field and look across the line at someone other than a teammate. The Harvesters last played nearly two weeks ago in Borger where they downed those Bulldogs 30-7. Tomorrow night, they'll host another team of Bulldogs when Plainview comes to town. It's Pampa's Homecoming. This is Pampa's last game before entering District 3-4A play next week, starting with Randall.

However, Parker and his team take things one step at a time. First-things-first, if you will. And that means taking care of business at home. Plainview comes to town a week removed from dismantling Hereford, 28-6.

Kick-off at Harvester Field is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night.

The JV and Freshman teams are in action tonight. The Freshman team hosts Palo Duro at 5 p.m. The Junior Varsity team is on the road to take on the Plainview Bulldogs. That game also scheduled to kick off at 5 p.m.

Senior spotlight



Senior Shea Brown has been a solid performer on both sides of the ball so far this season.

This is my favorite time of year What a great time of the year we are Pampa hosts Plainview. Saturdays about basketball. I wait to late

in. I love this time of year. The days are still 'T-shirt' warm. Evenings cool enough to torch up the chimineya, sit on the back porch and enjoy a cup of coffee with the wife. We snuggle, talk about our days and share thoughts on other subjects. At least until 6 p.m. or so. Then I have to get back to work. I do a lot of research at that time. Usually takes me at least three or four hours to do. Research. At least that's what I tell her it is.

COUCH POTATO

What I love about this time of year is that, almost any night of the week, there is a football game on. I love this sport so much I endure the blowouts. This week in particular is a great week to be a slave to the pigskin. Monday Night Football. There was the Miami-Ohio and Marshall game last night. Tonight, the Air Force Academy faces Navy or you have Pittsburgh at Connecticut. I haven't checked the schedule for tomorrow yet. Don't need to. I will be here taking in the Harvester Homecoming game as

Hidden Hills Sr.

Scramble results

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Here are the results from Monday's Senior

Regular Scramble at Hidden Hills golf course.

Whitey White, Bob Lyle, Bob Brandon,

Jim Brashears, Lucio Moreno, Dwayne

Jim Cantrell, Ralph Wilson, Joe Magry,

Booster clubs plan

meetings Oct. 4, 8

Media. Parents are encouraged to attend.

The Pampa Swimming and Diving Booster

The Pampa Baseball Booster Club will host

Adults, \$10 per plate. Children under 8, \$5

For more information, please contact Renee'

Brown at 665-0618, Shelly Teichman at 665-

4242, Ginger Foster at 669-0955 or Randy

Club will meet on Oct. 4, 6:30 p.m., at Central

the PHS Baseball and FFA All-You-Can-Eat

steak dinner Fundraiser Friday, Oct. 8, at the

high school cafeteria from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Travis Taylor, Ray Covalt, Butch Shepherd,

Buddy Briley, Joe Wheeley; 61

Stiles, Richard Abbott; 65

Howard Musgrave; 66 Closest to the Pin, #6

First Place

Second Place

Third Place

Paul Hinton; 65 **Fourth Place**

Howard Wells

Dunn at 665-7323.

blow my mind. Even with picture-inpicture and the various cable packages available to me, I can't keep up with all the games. Come Sunday, I am almost in a zombie-like state.

Michael J. **Stevens**



Sometimes I am not sure who I am watching, but I stare at the tube anyway. I cheer the Denver Broncos and root for the team playing the Cowboys. The wife keeps me fed and hydrated. The dogs nudge me from time to time. I think it is equal to poking me with a stick to see if I will move.

But it's not just football. I am a baseball fan this time of year too. I have long thought the baseball season is just too long. I feel the same way

September, early October to begin tuning in the Boys of Summer. I figure by that time, the pretenders have been eliminated and only the contenders remain. Hockey is just around the corner. Not a big fan of the puck, but I love a good fight.

Motorsports? Don't even get me started. The restructured NASCAR Nextel Cup points race, though I thought it was odd early on, is making things very interesting this year. Busch, ASA, ARCA, Hooters Cup, I love them all. I even enjoy the X-Games. Especially the motorcycles. These are among some of the bravest men I have ever seen.

High School volleyball and tennis. Basketball and wrestling are not far

Yep, I love this time of year. Though I need to convince one of the neighbor kids that raking my leaves builds the upper body, cardio-vascular and endurance. Either that or, I'm going to host a lawnmower race.

Shea Brown, DB/Receiver

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Shea Brown in among one of the many Harvester players who does a little bit of everything. The Senior plays much bigger than 5'9", 150-pounds. When he's not catching passes or taking hand-offs on offense, he's blocking. He is just as strong on the defensive side of the ball as

Player Name: Shea Brown

Player Jersey Number: 5 Player Position(s): Corner/Receiver

Player Grade: 12

Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Greg & Renee' Brown School Activities/Interests: Football, Baseball, D-Fy-It, FCA, First Baptist Church

Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

Pampa golfers compete in **Area 16 Special Olympics**

Hidden Hills golf course recently held the Area 16 Special Olympic Regional golf tournament. Golfers from Amarillo, Stinnett and Pampa participated in the tournament. Results for the Pampa golfers were as follows:

Individual Skill Golfers

Gold Medal winners

Silver Medal winners

Mark McMinn

Amy Hammer

Chris Bradley

Liberty Bloxom

Hector Estrada

Amee Street

Bobby Garcia Eric Knott

Bronze Medal winners Lisa Busby Shawn King

Dicky Don Hendricks Linda Lou Pierce 9-Hole Athlete

> Partner winners Gold Medal Chaney and Leslie Jones

Silver Medal Cody and Finis Dyer

Bronze Medal Cordell Larry

Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

A shout out

Jaclyn Spearman lets out a yell after the Lady Harvester volleyball team scored a point in Tuesday's win over Palo Duro. Pampa travels to Dumas this Saturday. Game time, 2 p.m.

Major league baseball returns to Washington

returning to the nation's capital for the first time in 33 years, in the form of the Montreal Expos.

Major League Baseball announced the team is moving to Washington to begin play at RFK Stadium in the 2005 season.

The announcement came one day before the 33rd anniversary of the Washington Senators' final game. The

WASHINGTON (AP) - Baseball is team moved to Texas after the 1971 season, which was also the last time a major league team moved.

Relocation of the Expos is subject to certain contingencies, including a vote by team owners in November and passage of legislation by the District of Columbia Council to build a ballpark on the Anacostia River waterfront in southeast Washington, baseball said.

SMU optimistic after breaking losing streak

DALLAS (AP) — Southern Methodist is feeling confident after breaking a 15-game losing streak, but it may be a little early to say the Mustangs have turned things around.

Sure, they looked impressive in a 36-13 victory over San Jose State on Saturday that snapped the nation's second-longest losing

But San Jose State was the one team SMU was expected to beat. The Spartans were picked to finish last in the Western Athletic Conference and the team's only win this season came against I-AA Morgan State.

This week SMU (1-3, 1-0) will get a much bigger test at No. 23 Boise State. The Broncos (4-0, 1-0) have the nation's longest winning

streak at 15 in a row and their 21 consecutive wins at home is also tops in the country.

Schneider

"We are still not where we want to be," SMU athletic director Jim Copeland said. "The next step is to win a game we are not supposed to or to win a close game."

While coach Phil Bennett knows beating San Jose State doesn't mean his team is ready to compete against a WAC power like Boise State, he is encouraged.

"There are a lot of things that we need to improve on," said Bennett, who is 4-24 with the Mustangs. "But I saw some things (against San Jose State) that give me a lot of hope. I've told the players that we are just looking for improvement from week to week."

Wednesday's MLB Linescores

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Lilly, Chulk (5), Frasor (7), Speier (9) and Zaun; BChen, Julio (7), Grimsley (8), BRyan (9) and GGil. W-BRyan 4-6. L-Speier 3-8. HRs-Toronto, VWells 2 (22), CDelgado (31), Adams (4). Baltimore, RPalmeiro 2 (23).

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Chacin, JMiller (8), File (8) and Quiroz, Zaun (8); Bauer, Groom (7), Grimsley (8), BRyan (9) and JvLopez. W-Bauer 2-1. L-Chacin 1-1.

First Game Minnesota 300 000 000 — 3 10 1 New York 100 000 40x — 5 8 0

Santana, Balfour (6), Romero (7), JRincon (7), Fultz (8) and HBlanco, Borders (8); Mussina, Quantrill (7), Gordon (8), MRivera (9) and Posada. W-Quantrill 7-3. L-Romero 7-4. Sv-MRivera (52). HRs-Minnesota, THunter (22). New York, Matsui (29).

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Lohse, Crain (7), Nathan (8) and Borders, HBlanco (8); Lieber, Heredia (6), Sturtze (7), Gordon (8), MRivera (9) and Flaherty. W-Lieber 14-8. L-Lohse 8-12. Sv-MRivera (53). HRs-New York, ARodriguez (36), Matsui

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PMartinez, MMyers (6), BKim (7), Embree (8), Timlin (8) and Varitek; Waechter, LCarter (6), TreMiller (8) and THall. W-Waechter 5-7. L-PMartinez 16-9. Sv-TreMiller (1). HRs-Boston, Hyzdu (1), Nixon (6). Tampa Bay, TMartinez (23).

Cleveland 101 003 000 - 5 10 0 Kansas City 020 000 000 - 2 10 1

Denney, Bartosh (5), Miller (6), Betancourt (7), Howry (8), Wickman (9) and VMartinez; MWood, DReyes (6), MacDougal (9) and Buck. W-Bartosh 1-0. L-MWood 3-8. Sv-Wickman (12). HR-Cleveland, Broussard (16).

Anaheim 300 020 001 02 - 8 11 0 Texas 004 010 010 01 — 7 11 3

(11 innings) Washburn, Donnelly (5), FRodriguez (7), Gregg (8), Shields (9), Percival (11) and BMolina; Loe, Ramirez (5), JeNelson (6), Mahay (7), FCordero (9), BShouse (11) and Laird. W-Shields 8-2. L-FCordero 3-4. Sv-Percival (32). HR-Anaheim, Glaus (18).

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Harden 11-7.

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Heilman, Stanton (7), Bottalico (8) and JPhillips; RuOrtiz, Alfonseca (8), Smoltz (9) and JEstrada. W-RuOrtiz 15-9. L-Heilman 1-3. Sv-Smoltz (43). HRs-New York, Diaz (3). Atlanta, Laroche (12).

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Hudson, MMatthews (7), JoAcevedo (7), GWhite (9), Van Poppel (10), Riedling (11), Valentine (12) and LaRue, Valentin (7); Rusch, Dempster (7), Remlinger (7), Hawkins (9), Farnsworth (10), Leicester (12), Wuertz (12) and Barrett. W-Riedling 5-3. L-Leicester 5-1. Sv-Valentine (4). HRs-Cincinnati, Dunn (45), Kearns (8). Chicago, Rusch (2).

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Snell, Grabow (6), Meadows (6), Corey (7), Brooks (8) and Kendall; Padilla, Cormier (6), Madson (7), Worrell (9) and Pratt. W-Padilla 7-7. L-Snell 0-1. HRs-Pittsburgh, Wigginton (17). Philadelphia, Pratt (2).

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Vogelsong, Gonzalez (6), STorres (7), Meadows (7), Grabow (8) and Cota; BMyers, FRodriguez (8), BWagner (9) and Lieberthal, W-BMyers 10-11. L-STorres 7-7. HR-Pittsburgh, Bay (26).

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Glover, JBennett (7), Kolb (9), LVizcaino (9) and GBennett; Fossum, Fassero (5), Cormier (6), Choate (7), Bruney (8) and Brito. W-Glover 2-1. L-Fossum 4-15. Sv-LVizcaino (1). HRs-Milwaukee, Jenkins (27), KGinter (17).

Florida 041 040 000 — 9 15 1 Montreal 000 100 000 - 172

Pavano, Weathers (8), Seanez (9) and Lo Duca, Treanor (8); SKim, Majewski (3), Tucker (5), Horgan (6), Beltran (8), CCordero (9) and EDiaz. W-Pavano 18-8. L-Skim 4-6. HR-Florida, Cabrera (32).

St. Louis 000 202 000 — 4 6 0 Houston 010 210 20x — 6 9 1

Suppan, Kline (8), Cali (8) and Matheny; Clemens, Qualls (7), DMiceli (8), Lidge (9) and Ausmus. W-Qualls 4-0. L-Suppan 16-9. Sv-Lidge (27). HRs-St. Louis, Rolen (34). Houston, JKent (25), Ensberg (9).

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Francis, Simpson (7), Fuentes (8), Tsao (9) and TGreene; OPerez, Brazoban (9), Venafro (9), Carrara (9) and Mayne. W-Fuentes 2-3. L-Brazoban 4-2. Sv-Tsao (1)

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Lowry, TyWalker (7), Christiansen (7), Brower (7), Eyre (8), Hermanson (10) and Torrealba; DWells, Hoffman (9) and RaHernandez. W-Hoffman 3-3. L-Hermanson 6-8. HRs-San Diego, Aurilia (2), RaHernandez (18),



PBC boxer Leo Badillo, right, lands a solid right to the face of Amarillo's Juan Hinohosa during last weekend's tournament in Garden City. Badillo won the fight and the 140-pound divi-

Badillo denied rematch

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Boxing Club traveled to Garden City, Kansas last weekend to take part in a tournament. However, only two boxers were able to secure matches. Leo Badillo, hoping to avenge an earlier loss to Wichita's Alex Arroyo, and Jose Larrazolo.

Badillo, who lost a decision to Arroyo Sept. 18, was hoping for a rematch in Garden City. However, Arroyo gained some weight and moved up a division, thus eliminating the rematch. Badillo instead took to the ring against Juan Hinohosa, who boxes out of the Maverick Boxing Club in Amarillo. Badillo, using his experience and ability to harness emotion, stayed patient against Hinohosa and when the final bell sounded, had himself a victory in the 140-pound division.

Larrazolo would square off

against Garden City's Mario Aquilar in the 125-pound division. Larrazolo peppered Aguilar with body and power punches and fought a good fight. However, the decision would go to Aguilar. A decision that surprised, among others, Aguilar himself. Coach Lupe Larrazolo said, "Jose fought hard and never quit. I am proud of Jose's performance. It was a great fight."

The club's next tournament is coming up October 23, at the Maverick Boxing Club in Amarillo. Fans are encouraged to come out and support the Pampa Boxing Club.

Anyone interested in boxing is invited to stop by the gym, located at the old Baker Elementary School cafeteria. PBC boxers meet there Monday through Friday, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call Lupe Larrazolo at 669-1271 or 662-4000.

Oklahoma not looking ahead

NORMÁN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops knew it was only a matter of time before he was asked The Question.

First came others about the Texas Tech offense his No. 2 Sooners would be facing. How would Oklahoma slow the highpowered passing game? Is the running game for real? What effect does the unique spread offense have on a defense?

Then it came. And, as usual, Stoops was prepared to deflect it away. No, he said, Oklahoma would not be looking past its next opponent just because the Longhorns were looming a week

"We get the same question every year," Stoops said. "I think our track record speaks to that. We've been pretty decent before

and after the game. All of our attention is where it needs to be, and that's totally on Texas Tech."

It wouldn't be hard to focus on the Texas game. All an Oklahoma player would have to do would be turn on the sports talk radio shows or glance over at the T-shirts at the mall with any variety of anti-Longhorns sentiments.

But Stoops claims Texas Tech can grab its own attention. The easiest way is to look at what the Red Raiders have done so far this

"Just put the tape on and see the plays they make," Stoops said. 'You'll also see that they're a few seconds away from being 4-0 and ranked."

Quarterback Jason White said Stoops does his best to always keep the Sooners focused on their next game.

tors and business owners say they don't want to be forgotten in the Dallas Cowboys' plans for a new retractable-roof, 75,000-seat stadium that would be among the NFL's largest. Robert Phanelson, president of the African-

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Minority contrac-

American Chamber of Commerce, said Wednesday a fair-share agreement must be in place before minorities can vote on Nov. 2 for increases in sales tax and hotel and car rental taxes to finance half of the stadium's \$650 million construction cost.

Such an agreement would set goals for the team to hire minority- and women-owned firms in construc-

Minority group urges agreement tion and operation of a new stadium.

> Also, team officials and their lawyers met with school district trustees and legal counsel in closed session for about two hours Wednesday. The two sides discussed how the district's tax base will be affected if voters agree to help finance the stadium, said Superintendent Mac Bernd.

> Arlington Mayor Robert Cluck said he has met

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You become more generous than in past years. You express a real gentleness and caring toward others this year. You work best on a one-on-one level with individuals, getting down to basics and wanting deeper bonds. Finances could become your specialty. Investments are highlighted. If you are single, your true romantic self emerges. You could be hurt easily when your fling du jour falls from his or her pedestal. You might consider taking off your rose-colored glasses if you want a successful and authentic relationship. If you are attached, you enter an extremely romantic period, where you act like new lovers. Be more playful together. Spend quality time together. TAURUS

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

** Vagueness gets to you, as you are bold and direct. Unfortunately, not everyone manifests those traits. In fact, a friend could waffle to such an extent that you toss your hands in the air in frustration. Resist expressing your feelings, and help this person clarify histor her words. Tonight: Organize your CDs. music. etc.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** You are the cat's meow, with the exception of perhaps one person -so you think. Someone pivotal in your life might be the victim of misinformation or be confused. Your magic really does work on him or her. Tonight: Strive for clarity at work, at home and in communication in general. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. ★★ You could be confused by what you are hearing. Don't take someone's comments personally; rather, understand that he or she might be feeling. bad about him- or herself. Maintain a low profile as you figure out what is

going on Tonight: Do something just

for yourself. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** You might be well-rewarded by your efforts in a meeting or with a group. A key individual in your life might not be reading information correctly. Confirm facts and figures here. Be indulgent of others' failures. Tonight: Go shopping or join friends to

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** You might think you understand

what is going on, but in reality, you don't. The issue might not be you, but the confusion that surrounds others. They might be deceiving or confusing themselves. You are reacting to their persona. Tonight: Work late. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Your vision about what might work certainly doesn't coincide with that of associates. You might need to find a mutually acceptable solution Know that you have the wherewithal to do it. Find an expert. Stay intellectual; refuse to become emotional. Tonight: Split work ASAP.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

*** You're not being honest with yourself about a key relationship. You would prefer to delude yourself and stay in your fantasies. Ultimately, this could cause you more of a problem. Listen to a financial adviser. Be practical Tonight: Be a duo

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Others run with the ball. Meanwhile, you might be thinking of something other than the matter at

three or four times with the fair-share task force, which includes members from minority chambers of commerce, the Dallas/Fort Worth Black Contractors Association, the League of United Latin American Citizens and NAACP.

hand. Realize that it would be better if

you were present in the moment. Get

with the program, at least at work!

Tonight: Christen the weekend with

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

*** You have a sixth sense about

what might be going on. You might

even know when something is going to

happen before it does. Resist getting

into conversations and diversions until

you clear out your work. Tonight: Off

**** Your ingenuity helps you

clear out the door early for the week-

end. You might even ask some co-

workers to join you for a glass of bub-

bly and nibbles. Socializing might be

more costly than you think. Tonight: Be

** You confuse others, especially

those close to you. Your family and

close friends might be scratching their

heads at what you do out of the blue.

You might consider the impact of your

impulsiveness. Let your creativity flow.

Tonight: Buy a table fountain on the

*** You might be worried or con-

cerned about a private matter that you

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Woods makes it through day

Ireland (AP) — Tiger Woods looked as if he should have withdrawn with a bad back. He played as if he was capable of winning the American Express Championship for a third straight time.

Wincing on every shot and sometimes letting out a yelp at impact, Woods shot a 4-under 68 at Mount Juliet

THOMASTOWN, on Thursday that left him in a large group two shots behind British Open champion Todd Hamilton.

> "I was hoping it might loosen up a little bit, but it didn't," Woods said. "I was hoping the spasms would go away, but that didn't happen, either. I just had to get through it somehow and post a number." Woods hurt his back last

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week when he fell asleep in an awkward position on his private plane, and said on the eve of the tournament he might have to withdraw.

It looked like he wasn't kidding.

He took two painkillers upon his arrival at Mount Juliet. After his tee shot on No. 4, he raised his shirt and had his caddie apply heating cream on his back. Woods did a curtsey to stick a tee in the ground and pluck his ball from the cup. And he walked the fairways with his back tilted to the side, trying to relieve the pres-

Hamilton birdied four straight holes toward the end of his round to get to 7 under, but made his only bogey on the 18th hole for a 6-under 66.

He had a one-shot lead over a trio of Ryder Cup players from Europe Sergio Garcia, Luke Donald and Miguel Angel Jimenez along with Stuart Appleby, Adam Scott and Steye Flesch.

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Canyon marker dedicated to the battle.

Speakers will be on-hand to describe the battle and the reasons it occurred. Among those set to address the crowd will be Native Americans Billy Turpin and 1874. Organizers will gather James Coverdale, living his-

Beginning at 1 p.m., at the site of the Palo Duro tory presenter Jimmy history. Northcutt and others.

> Besides a full slate of guest speakers, a mounted and unmounted delegation of Comanches, Kiowas and Cheyennes have been invited to participate in the commemoration, so significant, organizers say, to the area's

Known locally as the Red River War of 1874, the clash was between Comanche, Cheyenne Kiowa and nations living in the canyon and the 4th U.S. Cavalry led Colonel Ranald by McKenziel Organizers will be commemorating the bat-

tle as the final tribute to the Southern Military Campaign of the Indian wars of 1872 through 1874.

A reconstructed military supply camp and numerous items of the period will be on display along with an

authentic Native American tipi. To learn more about the regiment or the upcoming event, contact Jimmy Northcutt at (806) 622-1289. To contact the park, call (806) 488-2449 and ask for Ranger Mike Loy.

Tralee safe haven for battered families

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2004 "Community Matters" fund-raising campaign.

"Tralee helped me figure out how to start over. Often I had been confronted by people who felt I should have left sooner, because I stayed so long, it was my fault. Tralee offered support, not condemnation. To actually speak to someone who understood and didn't judge me was so comforting. Tralee also helped me work with law enforcement and the judicial system. They helped me with utilities to keep me afloat until I could get my bearings. Most important, they offered support groups for victims and their children. I am living, breathing proof that domestic violence need not ruin your life. Thanks, Tralee."

This is an actual quote from a client of Tralee. She has successfully completed college and has a degree in nursing.

Tralee Crisis Center, a United Way Agency, celebrated its 20th anniversary in April of this year. Travis Plumlee, founder of the agency, was an honored guest at the banquet as well as past and present board members, volunteers and executive directors.

Plumlee reminded all that attended how the agency got started. He was a counselor at the community hospital in 1979. He watched as domestic violence victims and rape victims came in to the hospital and were treated and released.

Many returned back into the homes where the incident occurred. There was no safe

haven to send them to. One case particularly haunts Plumlee and set in motion the establishment of the agency. A woman had been brought in to the hospital with horrible injuries sustained from her husband.

He had beaten her with a guitar. When she tried to stand up, he grabbed a kitchen chair and broke it over her back. She was then beat about the face. After treatment and crisis counseling from Mr. Plumlee, she was dismissed.

The law enforcement officer said that he was going to call her husband to come pick her up. Plumlee's response was, 'Why are we going to call him now. He's the one that did this to her. I don't think it is in her best interest to be with him right now.'

The officer looked at him and said, 'She has no where else to go does she? She's married to him. She belongs

It was at that point, the husband came and picked her up. Travis Plumlee vowed that night that he would do something to make sure that any child or woman who had suffered from domestic violence or rape would have a safe

refuge to temporarily get some help until decisions could be made about the future for the family.

He called on volunteers to help and soon, they opened their homes to become safe havens for these victims. Tralee still relies very much on help of volunteers.

There originally were six women who volunteered. Today, the agency has a volunteer base of about 20 with a total number of volunteers and potential volunteers approaching 40.

Tralee covers a seven-county area and more volunteers are always needed. The agency is funded by federal and state grants, United Way, fund-raisers like local poker runs and private donations. Staff and volunteers can be seen around the area presenting a special program, setting up information booths at the business expo and other gatherings, and recognizing Pampa's most honorable men. October and April are special months of the year as they represent awareness of domestic violence and sexual

There are several ways individuals in the area can help to support Tralee. One is by monetary donations or donations of household items and clothing. Many of our clients walk out of their situation with nothing but what is on

> dren are with them. Personal care items are very important for these special people. New pillows and cases are a high priority for the shelter as well as food items and

their backs and usually two or three chil-

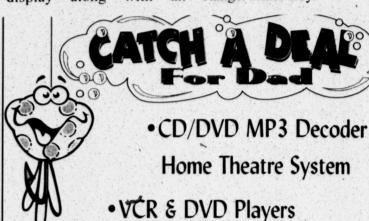
baby items. Services provided by Tralee Crisis Center include: safe shelter; crisis counseling; accompaniment to the hospital, police,

shelter and court; advocacy socially, legally and medically; and transportation. The shelter is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week and is staffed during those times.

It has six individual rooms, a common living area, fully stocked kitchen, several restrooms and showers as well as a playground for the kids. Tralee has a 24-hour hotline that offers crisis counseling immediately to those who call and need it for domestic violence.

The hotline can also be called in the event of a sexual assault where an advocate can accompany a victim to the hospital, communications with law enforcement and court. The agency offers on-going counseling for survivors and their children as well as parenting classes and support groups. If a survivor needs help to get to work, court, school, there are staff and volunteers to help with that as

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