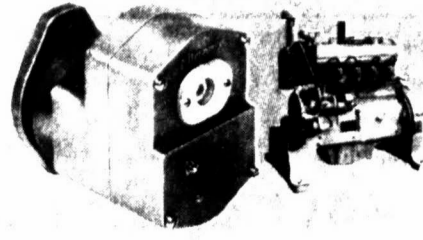


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## Budgets, bids and ordinances, oh my!

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Budgets, bids and ordinances dominate the Pampa City Commission agenda for Tuesday.

They will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed 2004-2005 operating

budget in conjunction with their Tuesday afternoon meeting.

The commission will also consider the Pampa Chamber of Commerce 2004-2005 tourism budget and the PEDC 2004-2005 operating budget.

The city commission is

expected to award bids to purchase 126 refuse containers at a cost of \$52,290 and to replace the upper roof on the M.K. Brown Auditorium. The bids on the roof range from \$121,700 to \$147,600.

Commissioners will consider on second and final reading an ordinance amend-

ing the city's zoning statute.

They will consider on first reading ordinances adopting the Texas Food Establishment Rules and changing the zoning on a lot on Perryton Parkway from agriculture to retail.

The city commission will also hear reports on water

sales to Lubbock, the city-county fire contract, the north lift station and weed and litter ordinance compliance.

City Manager John Horst said that the city is having problems with old tires being left on private and public property.

## Two hurt in wreck

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Two Pampa residents were injured when the motorcycle they were riding collided with a pickup in the 1800 block of Alcock at 7:43 p.m. Sunday.

Christoval Martinez, 34, and Christy White, 25, both of 2705 Seminole, were transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS with incapacitating injuries, according to a Pampa Police Department report of the accident.

At least one of the two was later transferred to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

No further information on the condition of Martinez or White was available as of press time today.

Martinez' eastbound 2001 Harley FX collided with a 1978 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by Nathan Allen Jones, 16, 1120 N. Rider St., as Jones was making a left turn from the westbound side of Alcock.

According to the accident report, Martinez "locked his brakes down for 121 feet. The last 49 feet, the motorcycle was on its side before impact." The motorcycle collided with the right front quarter of the truck.

Jones did not report any injury as a result of the accident. He was cited for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## Bridge builders

City of Pampa Public Service Department workers Mac Martinez, running the backhoe; Terry Brown, crew chief, at left; and Ed Turner set a length of pipe in place as they build the framework for a footbridge in Central Park. The bridge replaces one which was damaged by flash flood waters during a severe thunderstorm June 21.

## Freedom Museum USA's Hall of Honor Veterans remembered for price paid

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Editor

Three area freedom fighters received long deserved recognition when their names were added to the Freedom Museum USA's Hall of Honor Friday night.

Chester James Beasley of Shamrock, Lucian N. Youngblood and Bill W. Waters, both of Pampa, were awarded the honor posthumously by family and friends in a special presentation and banquet at the Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post Home, 120 S. Cuyler.

"Although we (are) recognizing specific individuals, this occasion is in fact dedicated to remembering all the veterans from the Texas Panhandle who have never failed to answer their country's call to arms," said John Tripplehorn, president of

the Freedom Museum, USA, in his introduction.

"As we remember the treacherous attack on Pearl Harbor, and now New York and 9/11, let us never forget that only through strength and commitment to freedom can we as a nation look forward to a peaceful and prosperous future for ourselves and our children," he said. "Only through properly remembering the past can we hope to avoid those costly mistakes that have taken us to the brink of disaster too many times in our history. "As has been stated so many times,

'freedom is most definitely not free,' but unfortunately, far too many have forgotten just how expensive freedom really is," he said. "Let us, in our Veterans Hall of Honor, keep those memories vivid and keep the watch fires of freedom ever burning brightly."

Beasley, Youngblood and Waters join 47 other local veterans who have been inducted into the Museum's Hall of Honor since 1990 bring the total number of honorees to 50.

Presentation of the honorees were

made by their family members: Dolores Ann Beasley Reeves (Chester Beasley), Mike Schale (Lucian Youngblood) and Steven D. Waters (Bill W. Waters).

Staff Sgt. Chester James Beasley grew up in and around Shamrock, joining the Army Air Corps on Aug. 7, 1942 where he served until his discharge on Dec. 15, 1945. He was married to Ima Lee Pepper Beasley and they had six children.

He trained in the U.S. until June of 1943 when he and his bomber group, the 381st Bomber Group, 534th Squadron of the 8th Air Force, left for England.

His first bomber mission occurred on Aug. 30, 1943, at which time he was credited with destroy-

to 50. See HONOR, Page 3



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## Obituaries

### Dovie Lou Easter Rasco, 87

Dovie Lou Easter Rasco, 87, of Pampa, died Saturday, Aug. 21, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 4 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 24, in the Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Edwin Waterbury, retired Apostolic Faith minister; the Rev. Ron Noble, pastor of Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, and the Rev. Paul Nachtigall, Baptist minister, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rasco was born on May 13, 1917, in Archer County to Lonzo Lee Easter and Ida Lou Hewett Easter. She graduated from Wellington High School and married C.T. Rasco on June 5, 1937, in Mangum, Okla. She and her husband celebrated 67 years of marriage together. They began their lives together as farmers in Wellington and their oldest daughter, Travis, and second daughter, Gloria Beth, were born in Wellington. After moving to Kingsmill in 1943, they added a son, Gerald; a daughter, Priscilla, and another son, Tony, to their family. In 1959, the Rascos moved their family to Pampa. Dovie worked in the Pampa Middle School Cafeteria from 1977 until her retirement in 1987. She attended the Apostolic Church in Kingsmill until it re-

located to the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith. She was called "Grandma" by many whom she had loved and cared for. She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Gloria Beth Norris, on June 27, 2004; a special grandson, Lonnie Cody; a brother, Raphael, and four sisters, Dimple, Mona Faye, Mary and Shirley.

Survivors include her husband, C.T. Rasco of the Pampa Nursing Home; two daughters, Travis Bowman and husband Orlin of Harmon, Okla., and Priscilla Rasco of Choctaw, Okla.; two sons, Gerald Rasco and wife Joyce of Pampa and Tony Rasco of Choctaw, Okla.; two special sons, Carl Rollins and wife Judy of Choctaw, Okla., and Lonzo Cody and wife Donna of Allen, Okla.; one sister, Elva Glenn of Vero Beach, Fla.; a son-in-law, Bill Norris of Pampa; brother-in-law, Royce Rasco and wife Lilly of Enid, Okla.; sister-in-law, Faye Rasco of Abilene; 21 grandchildren and 38 great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials may be made to the Pampa Chapel of the Apostolic Faith, 711 E. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065 or Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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



Rasco



These colorful chickens provided spots of bright color in a dreary day Friday as overcast skies and drizzle accompanied unseasonably cool temperatures. This week's temperatures, forecast in the mid to high 90s, will be more in keeping with the end of summer.

## Gray County Weather

Today, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid to upper 60s. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. West winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the



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mid to upper 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower to mid 60s.

Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 60s.

Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 80s.

## Services tomorrow

RASCO, Dovie Lou Easter - 4 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel.

## Stocks

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		29.47	-0.15	13.40	0.06
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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Wednesday, Aug. 18

Theft was reported at Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose. The incident occurred sometime during the summer. Handicap and bus parking signs were taken, for an estimated loss of \$150.

#### Friday, Aug. 20

A male was arrested at the intersection of Crawford and Love Streets for public intoxication, resisting arrest and criminal mischief. He was released due to medical complications after reportedly ingesting a plant, and was treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive. A water hose was placed in a mail slot, flooding the residence and causing an estimated \$500 damage.

A domestic information report was taken in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A gasoline drive-off was reported at Taylor Mart, 1324 N. Hobart. Taken was \$10 in gasoline.

Disorderly conduct language was reported at Recreation Park.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of West Brown. A cell phone valued at \$150 was taken.

Theft over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 300 block of Anne. A Mongoose bicycle valued at \$250 was taken.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of South Banks. A door was damaged, and jewelry was taken, for an estimated loss of \$4,200.

#### Saturday, Aug. 21

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2100 block of Williston. A purse and contents were taken, for an estimated loss of \$22.50.

Found property was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A bicycle valued at \$250 was found.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Assault was reported in the 600 block of Doyle. Minor injuries were reported.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was reported stolen in the 1900 block of Dwight.

Harlan Sealman, 43, homeless, was arrested in the 400 block of North Faulkner for driving while

intoxicated.

#### Sunday, Aug. 22

A bicycle valued at \$100 was reported stolen in the 500 block of Montague.

Gabriel Hernandez, 28, 509 Short, was arrested in the 200 block of Worrell for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

## Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

#### Thursday, Aug. 19

12:30 a.m. - A 1999 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Autumn Shantel Darden, 16, 612 N. Lowry, and a 1985 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Nicole Fernuik, 16, 2105 N. Christy, collided in the 100 block of West Randy Matson Avenue. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

11 a.m. - A 1996 Buick Regal, driven by Elma Frazee Elsheimer, 73, 1620 Faulkner, and a 2000 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Manuela Dominguez, 47, 2117 Christy, collided in the intersection of Faulkner Street and West 21st Avenue. No injuries were reported. Elsheimer was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

#### Friday, Aug. 20

12:18 a.m. - A 1977 Oldsmobile Cutlass, driven by Vivian Murrell, 83, 1028 S. Wells, and a 1996 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer, driven by Charlie L. Mullen, 64, 1022 S. Faulkner, collided in a private parking lot at 2200 N. Hobart. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

7:53 a.m. - A 1995 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Uriel Pena, 17, 1004 Huff

Road, and a 1997 Ford Mustang, driven by Shalea Ann Ausbrooks, 16, 1233 N. Charles, collided in the intersection of Kentucky Avenue and Russell Street. No injuries were reported. Pena was cited for failure to yield right of way.

8:30 a.m. - A 1984 Chevrolet school bus, driven by Tommy Dale Perry, 46, Lefors, collided with a business sign while in a private drive at 1020 E. Frederic. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

7:26 p.m. - A 1998 Cadillac Deville, driven by Bobby Gene Musick, 66, Lefors, and a 1989 Toyota Supra, driven by Jay Michael Tarvin, 35, Amarillo, collided in a private parking lot at 1050 N. Hobart. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Saturday, Aug. 21  
3:45 p.m. - A 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse, driven by Bree Ann Dennis, 22, Lubbock, and a 1992 Buick LeSabre, driven by Cynthia Searl Jones, 53, 508 N. Wynne, collided in the 500 block of Wynne. No injuries were reported. Dennis was cited for unsafe backing.

#### Sunday, Aug. 22

7:43 p.m. - A 1978 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by Nathan Allen Jones, 16, 1120 N. Rider, and a 2001 Harley FX motorcycle, driven by Christoval Martinez, 34, 2705 Seminole, collided in the 1800 block of North Alcock Street. Christoval and a passenger on the motorcycle, Christy White, 25, 2705 Seminole, were both transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by

Guardian Ambulance Service with incapacitating injuries. Jones was cited for failure to yield right of way while making a left turn.

## Sheriff

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

#### Saturday, Aug. 21

Albino Ramirez, 34, 431 N. Cuyler, was arrested for public intoxication.

#### Sunday, Aug. 22

Michael Patrick Barnhart, Mo., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana under five pounds.

## Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Sunday, Aug. 22

7:48 p.m. - Two units and three firefighters responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1800 block of Alcock. Firefighters assisted ambulance personnel with the injured.

10:15 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a LifeStar medical helicopter standby at One Medical Plaza.

## Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

#### Saturday, Aug. 21

5:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical

Center.

#### Sunday, Aug. 22

4:45 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:12 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:59 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montague and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:42 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Alcock and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:51 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Alcock and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Mary Ellen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:11 p.m. - A mobile ICU transported a patient from the Pampa Regional Medical Center to Northwest Texas Hospital.

10:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells. No transportation.

## Correction

On a caption beneath the Meals on Wheels staff photo on Page 5 of the Aug. 22 edition, the correct name of the Food Inventory Coordinator is Doris Stevens.

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Beasley broke his ankle upon landing and spent his first 36 hours evading the Germans. On the second day, he was guided by one of the French underground to a safe harbor, given first aid and fed. The next night, they tried to move him to another safe location. However, he was caught during the move and eventually sent to a POW camp in Krem, Austria where he spent the next 22 months. In May 1945, he and 4,562 other prisoners were marched across Austria so the German guards could escape the Russian Army.

During his time of imprisonment he accepted Jesus Christ and he, along with a fellow POW, built an altar to be used for the barrack's religious services. After the war, Beasley returned to the Texas Panhandle, farming near Kelton until 1961 when he moved to Shamrock. At Shamrock he became a carpenter and skilled cabinet-maker. He designed and built the WWII Memorial display in the Shamrock Pioneer Museum, was a member of

the American Legion and the Disabled American Veterans.

He was awarded the Aerial Gunner Wings, Distinguished Unit badge, Purple Heart, and Air and POW medals. He served as a deacon in the First Baptist Church until his death on May 27, 1984, at the age of 65.

The next honoree was one of the Doolittle Raiders, the popular name given to a mission to conduct a surprise attack on military and industrial targets on the previously untouched Japanese homeland. The raid is considered by many historians to be a primary cause for the Japanese decisions that led to the Battle of Midway. It was the United States' first major strike against Japan since Pearl Harbor.

**Maj. Lucian N. Youngblood**, was born in Pampa on May 26, 1918. He entered the military on Sept. 10, 1936, at Fort Sam Houston and began his training at the Army Air Force schools in California. He was assigned as a pilot to the 17th Bombardment Group of South Carolina and was chosen for the "Doolittle Project" in May of 1942.

The following is an excerpt from his unfinished manuscript: "On April 2, 1942, the Doolittle Group loaded planes on the Carrier Hornet and moved out under the Golden Gate Bridge into the Pacific. On April 18, all personnel were told to stand by their airplanes and told to prepare to take off. We knew our mission was practically impossible as we had enough gas for 1,900 miles and had to make 2,300. Doolittle was the first to take off. We were air-

borne at 0830.

"As we arrived at Tokyo, we entered the Bay and were immediately jumped by fighters. We pulled up, salvoed our bombs over the mainland and ran like hell. Never did know what we hit as we were too busy dealing with the Jap fighters.

"Our plane headed for China and after some hours our fuel supply was exhausted and the entire crew was instructed to bail out. I ended up on a mountain top, alone. It was April 19, 1942.

"After walking off the mountain and spending six more days traversing the Chinese countryside, I arrived in Chu Chien, China. Here I met up with others in our group who had survived."

Maj. Youngblood returned to the States in August of 1948. He was killed in an aircraft accident in the Serranias Delburro Mountains of Mexico in February 1949.

His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Silver Star, Air Medal and Chinese Army, Navy, and Air Crop Medal, Class A, 1st Grade.

**Bill W. Waters** was born in Idalou in 1924 to Harvey W. and Edith Perkins Waters. He attended the first three grades of school in White Deer before moving to Pampa and graduating from PHS in 1943.

He entered the U.S. Army on June 21, 1943, at Lubbock arriving for basic training at North Camp Hood. After basic training, his unit was sent to New York University for engineering training as part of the Army Specialized Training Program. The ASTP concept was to send trainees to Officer Candidate School after which they would begin regular military service in assigned units. However, the Army discontinued the pro-

gram in 1944, sending the trainees back to the Infantry as buck privates.

*'Water's unit was kept busy deactivating and removing German mine fields ...'*

— Biography of Bill Waters, honoree

placed by the Germans as they retreated.

Waters received the Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe Theater Campaign Medals with three bronze battle stars. He was honorably discharged in January 1946.

After service, Waters attended the University of Texas, graduating with a bachelor of laws degree and a doctor of jurisprudence degree in 1969.

He practiced law in Pampa from 1949 until his retirement in 2004. He served the community in many capacities including as Gray County Attorney and 31st District Attorney, a district director for the State Bar of Texas, trustee for the M.K. Brown

Foundation, and member of numerous civic boards. He was a charter member, teacher and deacon of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ.

In 1989, he was selected as Pampa's Citizen of the Year. As chairman of the Prison Steering Committee, he helped bring two state prisons to Pampa.

On Aug. 4, he died at his home in Pampa.

This year's banquet was presented through the work of the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor Banquet committee: Thelma Bray, chairman; Blake Laramore, plaques; and Susan Tripplehorn, program. Assisting Bray with decorations were Kathleen Chaney and Nelda Martin.

*'Our plane headed for China and after some hours our fuel supply was exhausted ...'*

— Maj. Lucian Youngblood  
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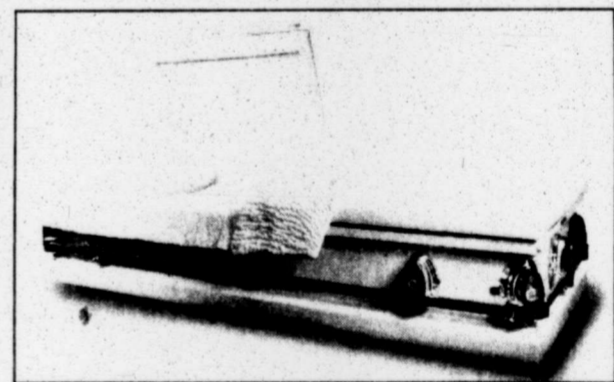
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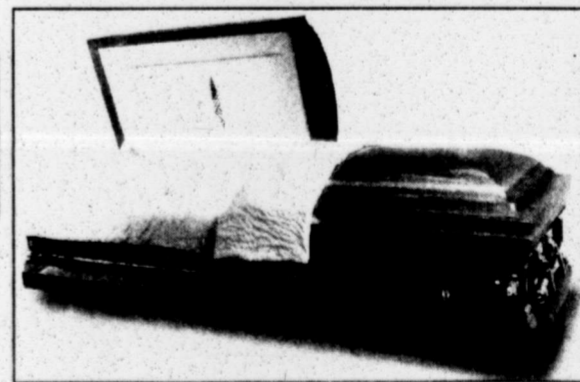
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# Viewpoints

## Attacks on Kerry's war record despicable

Despicable. That's the only word I can find to describe the Republican attacks on John Kerry's war record and on the war records of Max Cleland, D-Georgia, and John McCain, R-Arizona.

I have a lot of problems with Kerry's stances on a number of issues, but Vietnam is not one of them, neither his service there nor his anti-war statements when he returned.

Indeed, I identify with them.

As a young Naval officer, I volunteered for Vietnam. After a year there, I was so disgusted with the war that if I had not still been on active duty when I returned,

I would have driven the 60 miles to Washington and marched with Kerry and the other Vietnam Veterans protesting the war.

I met the enemy, and it wasn't the Vietnamese. Like the comic strip character Pogo (god, how I miss him) said, it was us.

That war was ill conceived and poorly led.

I never understood the anti-war movement's vehemence toward the soldiers, sailors and Marines who fought there. Most were heroes who stood up and did their duty as they saw it. I salute them for putting their lives on the line.

It's the policy makers I hold accountable. I still

think Robert McNamara, Secretary of Defense at the time, should be tried as a war criminal, particularly after his latest book.

To realize that the U.S. could not win the Vietnam War and to continue to send American youth into battle for a cause in which he no longer believed is nothing if not criminal.

I applaud the Vietnam veterans who returned home and protested the war. They certainly earned the right.

Perhaps it's a genera-

tional thing, but growing up in post-World War II America, I was taught to respect those veterans, whether it was the gas station owner down on the corner who was with the First Marine Division in the Pacific or the father of a friend of mine who was in Italy.

A little of that respect was tarnished a few weeks ago as I talked with a former Army officer who fought in Europe during World War II.

A recipient of several Purple Hearts, the man den-

igrated Kerry's. He also denigrated his own.

I found it interesting that over the weekend, Bob Dole attacked Kerry over the Purple Heart issue, dismissing Kerry's wounds as superficial and indicating disdain for the policy that allowed Kerry to return home after being wounded three times.

It was the policy at the time that allowed Kerry to go home. Policy is made in Washington where Dole spent so much of his life.

It's not Kerry's war service that worries me. It's the policies he might institute if he were elected to the nation's highest office.

It's not Kerry's medals

that I'm interested in. Medals have always been political. An entire Yankee regiment was awarded the Medal of Honor for reenlisting during the Civil War.

What interests me is that Kerry went to Vietnam when he didn't have to.

What interests me is that the men closest to him, his shipmates on a Swift Boat in the Brown Water Navy, are standing with him.

To me, that says something about the man.

I may not agree with his political philosophy. I may not vote for him, but I respect him for what he did and I find his attackers small petty people that are certainly not worthy of command.

**David Bowser**

Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Aug. 23, the 236th day of 2004. There are 130 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 23, 1914, Japan declared war against Germany in World War I.

### On this date:

In 1754, 250 years ago, France's King Louis XVI was born at Versailles.

In 1926, silent film star Rudolph Valentino died in New York at age 31.

In 1927, Italian-born anarchists Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were executed in Boston for the murders of two men during a 1920 robbery. Sacco and Vanzetti were vindicated in 1977 by Massachusetts Gov. Michael S. Dukakis.

In 1939, Nazi Germany and the Soviet Union signed a non-aggression treaty.

In 1944, Romanian prime minister Ion Antonescu was dismissed by King Michael, paving the way for Romania to abandon the Axis in favor of the Allies.

In 1960, Broadway librettist Oscar Hammerstein II died in Doylestown, Pa.

In 1972, the Republican national convention, meeting in Miami Beach, Fla., nominated Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for a second term.

In 1979, Soviet dancer Alexander Godunov defected while the Bolshoi Ballet was on tour in New York.

In 1982, Lebanon's parliament elected Christian militia leader Bashir Gemayel president. He was assassinated some three weeks later.

In 1989, in a case that inflamed racial tensions in New York City, Yusuf Hawkins, a 16-year-old black youth, was shot dead after he and his friends were confronted by white youths in the Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn.

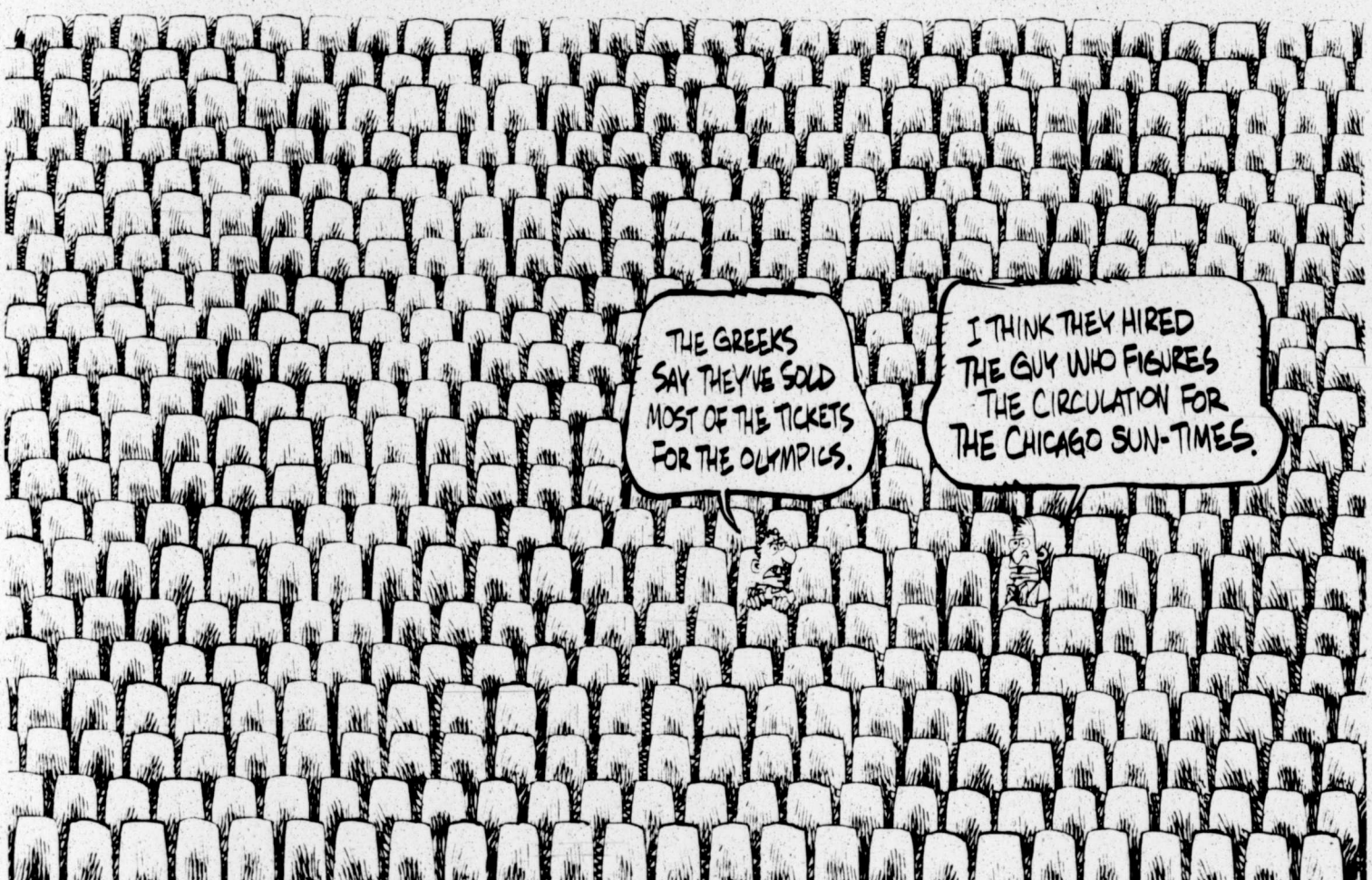
Ten years ago: Republican senators threatened to thwart a \$30 billion anti-crime bill unless Democrats accepted changes in the House-passed measure; President Clinton appealed for bipartisan cooperation.

Five years ago: The Dow Jones industrial average soared 199.15 to a record of 11,209.84. Fifty years after the German government moved to the capital of Bonn, Berlin reclaimed its role as a center of power in Germany with the arrival of Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

One year ago: Former priest John Geoghan, the convicted child molester whose prosecution sparked the sex abuse scandal that shook the Roman Catholic Church nationwide, died after another inmate attacked him in a Massachusetts prison.

*'Friendship is honey, but don't eat it all.'*

— Moroccan proverb



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## History: Repository of stupidity

Most conspiracy buffs underestimate human stupidity. They see people they consider smart and powerful do stupid things, and they think the people must have some hidden ulterior motive. Surely people in such high positions, they think, couldn't do something that dumb.

They should read more history. In the first place, lots of people are rich, and some end up in positions of power simply because of the luck of their birth or other circumstances. A position of power does not necessarily mean the person holding it is smart. I could cite a contemporary example, but then some people would accuse me of partisan sniping. Trust

me, my contempt for most politicians is nonpartisan.

But history really is a long story of mostly human blunders and some short interludes of brilliance. Nobody wanted World War I, but the leaders of Europe's major powers blundered into it. By the time they had counted the 10 million dead, it took a patient historian a long time to explain how and why it had happened. Then those same brilliant and smart people concocted a vindictive peace treaty that absolutely

guaranteed another war, which came in 1939. Most of the 20th century has been consumed with the consequences of those blunders that led to World War I and all that followed it.

The Palestinian-Israeli conflict? Started by Great Britain and France at the end of World War I. The Kurdish conflict? Ditto. In fact, the modern Middle East was created by a Frenchman and an Englishman without the slightest reference to the wishes of the native people or any natural borders.

And while we still struggle to undo mischief begun in the past century, our leaders are creating mischief that might well occupy our posterity. Here again, what they are doing appears plain stupid on its face.

I'm talking about the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. This war-fighting alliance was created at the end of World War II, when it seemed Josef Stalin might send the Red Army charging across Western Europe. Eventually, the Soviet Union formed the Warsaw Pact as a counter to NATO.

When the Cold War ended

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## And don't forget to supersize it

San Antonio Express-News on pet cloning:

The world is becoming a giant petri dish.

Once shrouded in laboratories that were as sterile as they were inaccessible, experiments have gone public in a big way.

Witness the Genetic Savings and Clone, a company based in Sausalito, Calif. For \$50,000, the company will clone your pet.

Its first products came off the, er, production line

recently two kittens, Tabouli and Baba Ganoush, that were cloned from two different surrogates, according to USA Today.

Aside from any moral issues, cloning may present, the company has turned science fiction into disturbing reality.

Why disturbing? Well, we expect entrepre-

neurs to produce products such as brooms or houses or even hamburgers; we do not expect them to produce living creatures.

But that is just what Genetic Savings and Clone has done.

"A Brave New World," in which Aldous Huxley depicted a dark, horrific future dominated by genetic engineering, has jumped off

the library shelves and into the real world.

What is next for the California-based company? How about franchising?

Imagine a pair of golden paws, in lieu of golden arches, outside its facilities, with the slogan underneath "Billions cloned."

Customers could come in and request a pet as nonchalantly as if they were ordering a cheeseburger.

"And, oh yeah," a client might say. "Don't forget to supersize it."

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# President, defense policy team to discuss key priorities

CRAWFORD, Texas (AP) — President Bush was mapping out defense strategy with his top advisers Monday as U.S. deaths in Iraq inched toward 1,000 and analysts predicted U.S. troop strength in Iraq would dominate the policy sessions.

Vice President Dick Cheney, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Gen. Richard Myers and national security adviser Condoleezza Rice are among those set to attend the meeting Monday at the president's ranch. Gen. George Casey, the senior U.S. officer in Iraq,

and Gen. John Abizaid, head of the U.S. Central Command, planned to participate via a video conference.

"This is a chance for the president and other military leaders to get outside of Washington, D.C., and have a good detailed discussion about key defense priorities," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

Bush's fourth annual meeting on defense priorities focuses on Iraq and threats to national security in the future. The president is spending a week at his ranch preparing for next week's Republican National Convention in New York.

At the defense meeting, a likely discussion topic was on rotating U.S. troops and a future reduction in forces, said Dan Gouré, a military analyst with the Lexington Institute, a public policy think tank in Virginia.

About 130,000 U.S. troops are in Iraq. More than 940 U.S. service members have died since the invasion in 2003.

"They're going to be doing another rotation in about nine months, so they'll be thinking through that whole policy — what forces they have, what forces they're going to bring on, how many will be National

Guardsmen — that kind of thing," Gouré said.

Another likely topic, he said, will be completing the training of Iraqi security forces, who can help secure the nation for elections at the end of the year. Creating functional internal security forces in Iraq is critical to withdrawing American, British and allied troops.

Gouré said other issues could include security in Afghanistan in anticipation of upcoming elections, terrorism and the overall makeup of U.S. forces during the next decade.

*'... they'll be thinking through that whole policy — what forces they have, what forces they're going to bring on ...'*

— Dan Gouré  
Military analyst



*Cool drinks on a hot day*

Brad Pingle, left, offers iced tea to Donna Finch and Candy Tefertiller, right, at the watermelon sales table for Briarwood Men's Ministries during the 2003 Chautauqua Labor Day Celebration. This year's Chautauqua, sponsored annually by the Pampa Fine Arts Association, will be in Central Park on Monday, Sept. 6.

## Stupid

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and the Soviet Union collapsed, not only did Russia withdraw its armed forces from Europe, but the Warsaw Pact was dissolved. At that point, any reason whatsoever for the continued existence of NATO died on the vine.

But did the United States disband NATO? Oh, no, it kept NATO alive and has now expanded it right up to Russia's borders.

Let us hope that the Russians recognize stupidity when they see it. Why should there be a Western war alliance when there is no country in a position to make war on Europe?

Only one country, Russia, has the power to be a potential attacker, and so any Russian official must conclude that the retention and expansion of NATO is directly aimed at Russia.

Just recently the idiots in the West admitted the Baltic countries — Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania — into NATO. As a very disgruntled Russia defense min-

ister just pointed out, the Baltics are a "consumer of security, not a producer."

These small countries, which share much bad blood with Russia, would be absolutely useless in a future war. They are too small and too close to Russia.

The only possible role they could play would be as a launching point for a U.S. attack against Russia.

You say no such attack is contemplated. Precisely — so why admit three small countries cheek to jowl with Russia to a Western European war-fighting alliance that excludes Russia?

And to compound the stupidity, NATO will have warplanes flying patrols along the Russian frontier. For what purpose?

Again the irate Russian defense minister has pointed out that four airplanes are not likely to find al-Qaida flying in Russian or Baltic airspace.

What four warplanes do is provide an opportunity for a dangerous accident should they stray into Russian airspace and get shot down. The United States should have disbanded NATO and concentrated its diplomacy on forming a strong relationship with Russia.

Instead, it seems to be stupidly intent on playing a dangerous game with a country that is not only justifiably suspicious but still retains very sharp nuclear teeth.

I know I've overworked the word "stupidity," but it is precisely this kind of blundering diplomacy that threatens the peace and prosperity of the world and makes it imperative that the present administration be unceremoniously dumped out of office.

For God's sake, let's make sure some future historian doesn't have to try to figure out how the United States and Russia blundered into a war after the Soviet Union collapsed.

*'... it is precisely this kind of blundering diplomacy that threatens the peace and prosperity of the world ...'*

— Charley Reese  
Columnist

## Hurricane victims continue to search for housing; FEMA says help on the way

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) — As people made homeless by Hurricane Charley began another week living in makeshift shelters, federal officials pledged Sunday that more substantial temporary housing was on the way, but it was unclear exactly how much help would be available.

A trailer park the government is constructing for mobile homes at an undisclosed location could take a month or two to finish, said Ken Burris, southeast regional director for the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

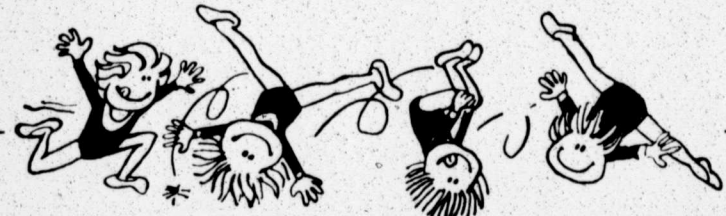
FEMA officials said as many as 5,000 mobile homes were on their way to the devastated area, and spokesman

Dick Gifford said the agency could bring in as many as 10,000 trailers depending on the need.

Some hurricane victims who had taken refuge in Red Cross shelters found themselves on the move during the weekend. Shelters had been set up in schools here in hard-hit Charlotte County and neighboring areas, but school officials needed to get the facilities ready before students return Aug. 30.

FEMA has doled out nearly \$20 million in housing assistance to the 41,200 families who have sought aid.

But what wasn't clear on Sunday, much to the frustration of those in the shelters, is when all of their housing needs would be met.



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## Jackson hearings still secret

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Despite the high-stakes legal tussle between prosecutors and defense attorneys in the Michael Jackson child molestation case, the public still doesn't know specifically what the two sides lately are arguing about.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers are battling over still-secret evidence that might make or break the case against the pop star. A pre-trial hearing resumes Monday.

The defense has been trying to suppress evidence from two searches, claiming one sweep at Jackson's Neverland estate was overbroad and unjustified, and that another at a private investigator's office violated attorney-client confidentiality.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Owen and I have been married for 30 years. My mother has lived with us for 27 of them. We moved in with Mom to help her with expenses after Dad passed away. Five years later, we bought our own house and invited her to come with us. She has always been helpful. Other than a lack of privacy, the arrangement has worked out well. Somewhere in the back of my mind, I always thought she would remarry.

Owen lost his job of 28 years a year ago, and I recently was laid off from the place I had worked for 15 years. I recently took a part-time job to pay for groceries.

My two sisters and brothers have done nothing to help in the support of our mother. I feel that Owen and I have been cheated out of a normal marriage. Our children are grown now, so when is it OUR time? Mom is in her mid-70s. I would never tell her how I feel because it would hurt her terribly. When she finally passes away, I don't think I'll ever speak to my siblings again because the older I get the angrier I become. The only reason I see them now is because Mom wouldn't understand my disgust with them. What should I do?

— BITTER UP NORTH

DEAR BITTER: Your mother has been living with you for so long that your siblings probably have no idea that you feel the frustration you have described. They may need to be reminded that your financial situation has changed and that you need their monetary help, or just a break from your mother and some private time with your spouse.

You are a devoted daughter, but please do not continue to suffer in silence. I'm not suggesting that you talk about this to your mother, but a conversation with your siblings is long overdue.

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DEAR ABBY: I don't know

what to do. My friend and I were told by someone that stealing is just borrowing without asking and it's OK. So we "borrowed" candy from a vendor and ate it.

We now know this is wrong. What should we do — apologize? We don't want to get caught.

— MISLED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISLED: For the record, "borrowing" is taking something with the lender's permission and then returning it. In your case, you and your friend ate the vendor's candy and the person suffered a loss. That's stealing.

You owe the vendor an apology and payment for the candy you stole. Ideally, it should be done in person. However, if you are afraid or ashamed to face the vendor, write him or her an anonymous note of apology and include payment for what you took.

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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I used to have a problem with kids sitting on the stone wall in front of our house and smoking cigarettes. Nothing would dissuade them, and our lawn was continually littered with butts.

Finally, I found a motion-sensor water sprinkler, and whenever the smokers came into the yard the sprinkler would activate. That solved our problem without confrontation.

Thanks for your steady good sense every day.

— TOM IN NUTTING LAKE, MASS.

DEAR TOM: Your solution is intriguing because it has probably discouraged more than smokers. I'll bet those sudden bursts of water also keep your yard free from deposits left by pets running loose in the neighborhood.

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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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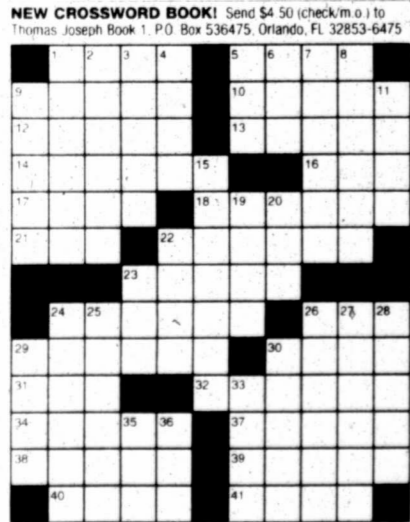
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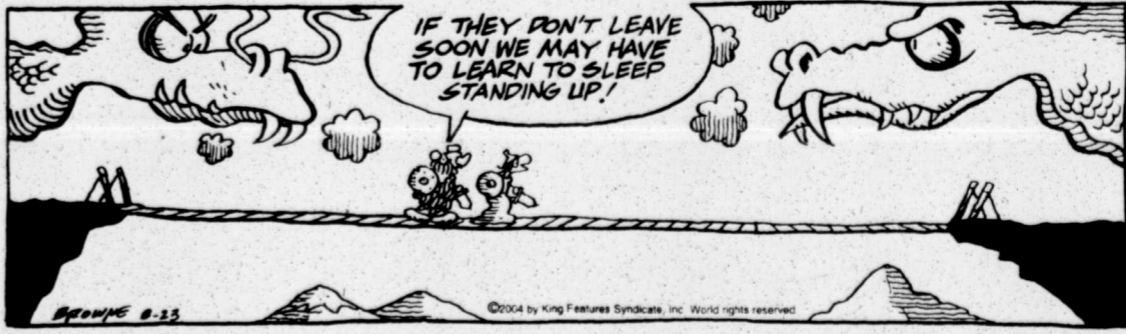
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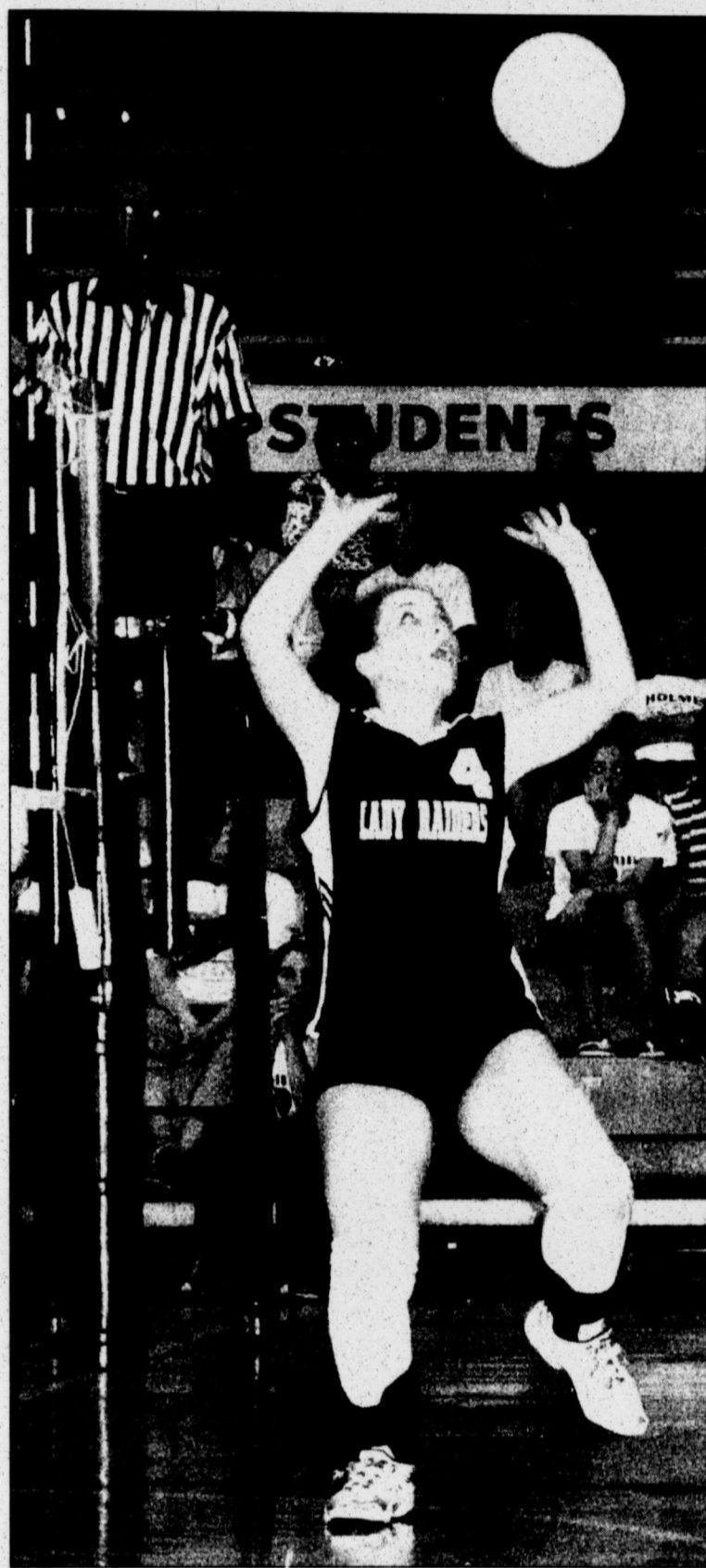
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# Sports Day



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## Set up

Randall senior volleyball player Kara Killian sets a ball during the final match up bracket of the volleyball tournament hosted this past weekend by Pampa. Randall finished second in the tournament which was won by Dumas.

## Final day to register for Pampa Football League

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Today from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. is the last day to register for the Pampa Optimist Football League and be guaranteed a place on a team, according to Leah Pearson, Commissioner.

"We will be conducting drafts in both the third and fourth grade division as well as fifth and sixth grade division after registration closes today," she said. "We will accept some late sign-ups," Pearson continued. "But they will be limited. Each team will have a minimum of 16 players and a maximum of 20 players. When we reach our limit, no more players can be accommodated."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

### BORN IN A SMALL TOWN

## Be proud of where you're from

In John Cougar Mellencamp's song, "Small Town", there is a line that reads, "Still hayseed enough to say hey look who's in the big town". I think he was John Cougar Mellencamp at the time. That whole song, in fact, can be adapted to the overall thought process behind today's column.

Over the past couple weeks, in preparation for the upcoming 2004 Football Fever insert, I traveled to a number of small towns. Towns that were no bigger than neighborhoods. Towns where everyone knows everyone else. It's probably more accurate to call them communities really. During my visits, brief as they were, I was afforded the chance to meet some interesting people. Better yet, in a few cases, I stepped back into a time that too many have forgotten.

Take my two hour stay in Lefors for example. I had to remind myself I wasn't but a short drive from my little cubicle in Pampa. Still, as I stood in line at a convenience store, all who came in to the store greeted one another by name. It was obvious to a couple I was not from around there. When I asked how to get to the football field, all began to bark out directions. Turns out I was only a left turn and short dirt road ride away from the stadium.

In McLean, I happened upon the school where again, I asked directions. A woman smiled, pointed up a hill and

said, "See that little trailer house? Turn left there and you'll see the stadium."

The most interesting visit I made was to Miami. I stopped in to a service station and asked a young man under the hood of his truck where I could find the team practicing. "You here for the scrimmage?" he asked. Not knowing anything about a scrimmage, I asked how to get to the school.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports Editor



I have learned by now not to ask how to get to a particular school such as the high school. The young man pointed out my path and I was on my way.

I stopped a teacher leaving the school for the day and asked how to get to where the team might be practicing. She asked, "You here for the scrimmage?" To save time I said, "Yes", and she began to offer directions.

After the second or third reference to a bend in the road and street signs, I found myself nodding as if I understood what she was telling me. I figured I could find the stadium myself. I did.

When I got to the stadium, I found some folks stocking the concession stand. I asked one of them what time the scrimmage started? She said about 4:15 p.m. The teams their fans arrived at about 5 p.m. I made my way to the field to shoot a team picture of the Warriors.

I had to wait for them to go through their warm-ups. Once finished, half of them took off, heading up the hill for what appeared to be the concession stand. I looked at one of the assistants as if to ask where they were going? He looked at me, smiled and said, "Those boys are nervous".

They weren't heading for the concession stand after all.

Each stop I made was interesting. While in Wheeler, I had to remind myself I was still in Texas. I had no idea Miami was nestled in a valley. Lefors is that blink-and-miss-it town we always hear about. Groom and McLean sit just off I-40 but you wouldn't know it. And the common denominator? The people.

And I would have to believe, the experience of being from a small town.

I look forward to attending games in these towns. These communities where family and values are evident. And I bet the stadiums are filled with loud, screaming support every Friday night.

## U.S. wins third softball gold medal

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — They are America's newest golden girls — powerful and just a shade from perfection.

The U.S. softball team won its third straight gold medal with an unprecedented and nearly unblemished romp through the Olympics, capped by a 5-1 victory Monday over an Australian team, that, like the rest of softball's elite, never had a chance.

The Americans zeroed in on a gold medal, and were four outs from a tournament-long shutout before the Aussies scored a run — the first given up by the U.S. pitching staff in 54 2-3 innings.

One minor flaw on an otherwise perfect run on the game's grandest diamond.

Women's softball has never been played better.

Lisa Fernandez pitched a four-hitter and Crystl Bustos homered twice in the Americans' best all-around game of the tournament. Under the burning Greek sun and in swirling wind, the U.S. team pounded three home runs off Aussie ace Tanya Harding.

They moved over runners. They played stingy defense. They did everything right while thrilling 5,000 fans unlikely ever to see a team as good as this red-white-blue Dream Team of power and speed.

These Yankees, minus the payroll and pinstripes, were simply awesome.

"This is the greatest feeling in the world," said outfielder Kelly Kretschman. "We made it look easy but every game was tough."

Bustos homered twice off Harding, and the United States completed a three-game sweep of the silver medal-winning Aussies, the only team in the same class as the Americans in these games.

The United States outscored Australia 20-1 in the three-

game sweep and finished the nine-game tournament by outscoring the field 51-1. The run total was just one of more than a dozen Olympic records that fell to the mighty U.S. squad.

After getting the final out, Fernandez flung her glove high into the air and was swarmed on by her teammates, who piled on one after another as if they were attempting to build a pyramid in the dirt.

The Americans are leaving Greece with what they came for: a gold medal for themselves, their country and a "team mom" who couldn't be there to share it.

A month before the Olympics, Sue Candrea, the wife of U.S. coach Mike Candrea, died of a brain aneurysm while traveling with the team on its way to Athens. She quit her job to join her husband of 28 years.

She had left behind two young American girls, who traveled with her and gave them companionship while on the road away from their families as they chased their dream of Greek gold.

The American women honored Sue Candrea by wearing "SC" decals on their batting helmets and wristbands. She was always in their hearts.

Until the final with Australia, the Americans stiffest test — and only one — came in the preliminary round against Japan, the bronze medalist which forced the U.S. team into extra innings and the excruciating international tiebreaker.

In the eighth inning, the U.S. caught a break when third baseman Reika Utsumi lost an easy popup in the sun, giving the Americans an extra out that seemed heaven sent.

"Sue was looking down upon us," Candrea said at the time.

She was in their thoughts as they savored the medal.

*'This is the greatest feeling in the world. We made it look easy but every game was tough.'*

— Kelly Kretschman  
Outfielder, U.S. Olympic Softball Team

## Panthers contending with early injuries

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Once considered a rebuilding project, the Carolina Panthers' offensive line has become a concern as injuries mount.

Two Carolina starters — Tutan Reyes and Matt Willig — were carted off the field Sunday.

Reyes was initially diagnosed with a sprained ankle, and Willig with a bruised knee. The exact extent of the injuries will be known after medical tests, coach John Fox said.

"These could be very minor, so it's hard to comment on them until I know what the prognosis is," Fox said.

Reyes' injury appeared to be the more serious of the two. He left the field in obvious pain and was barely able to put any pressure on his left leg.

Although Reyes has never started an NFL game, he's had an outstanding training camp and was dubbed the replacement for Geno James, who left in the offseason to sign a free-agent contract with the Miami Dolphins.

The defending NFC champs can't afford any more injuries on the offensive line.

Willig was Carolina's second-string right tackle, but was pressed into duty after free agent Adam Meadows' abruptly retired two weeks ago. Meadows had signed a five-

year, \$15 million contract in the offseason and was brought in to replace Todd Steussie, who was released. Right guard Kevin Donnalley also retired.

The Panthers also have lost defensive end Kavika Pittman for the season after he re-injured the same left knee that sidelined him for most of last season. Pittman tore his anterior cruciate ligament in practice Saturday will have surgery on Monday.

### Giants

Tight end Jeremy Shockey is listed as day-to-day after straining his right hamstring.

Shockey, who was injured in Saturday's practice, watched both practice sessions on Sunday at the University at Albany.

"No injury, a setback," Shockey said Sunday.

Shockey, whose practice time was supposed to increase this week, was hurt reaching for a pass thrown by Jesse Palmer.

The two-time Pro Bowl tight end had surgery on his right foot in June. He did not participate in any live drills in the first two weeks of training camp and has practiced on a limited basis in recent days.

"It's frustrating for Jeremy. It's frustrating for us," coach Tom Coughlin said. "It's very unfortunate. His foot feels fine."

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MRedman, RRincon (8), Duchscherer (8) and DMiller, Brazelton, Colome (8) and Fordyce. W—Brazelton 6-4. L—MRedman 9-10. Sv—Colome (3). HRs—Oakland: Durazo (19). Tampa Bay, JoCruz (17).

Anaheim 000 031 000 — 4 10 0  
New York 002 000 010 — 3 4 0

KEscobar, Donnelly (8), Percival (9) and BMolina; KBrown, Gordon (8), MRivera (9) and Posada. W—KEscobar 8-9. L—KBrown 9-3. Sv—Percival (24). HRs—Anaheim, BMolina (9). New York, Sheffield (31).

Seattle 010 040 000 — 5 11 1  
Detroit 030 000 000 — 3 10 0

Meche, Sherrill (7), Putz (9) and Olivo; Maroth, Dingman (8) and Inge. W—Meche 4-5. L—Maroth 10-8. Sv—Putz (3). HR—Seattle, Bloomquist (1).

Cleveland 020 000 001 — 3 9 0  
Minnesota 001 123 00x — 7 11 1

Sabathia, Miller (6), Howry (7), Wickman (8) and VMartinez, Radke, Romero (8), Nathan (9) and HBlanco. W—Radke 9-6. L—Sabathia 9-8. HR—

Minnesota, Koskie (21).

Toronto 034 100 000 — 8 12 0  
Baltimore 102 000 002 — 5 13 0

JMiller, Frederick (6), Speier (6), Chulk (8), Frasier (9) and Cash; Bedard, Rodriguez (3), Parrish (6), Borkowski (7), Williams (9) and JvLopez. W—JMiller 2-2. L—Bedard 5-8. Sv—Frasier (16). HRs—Toronto, VWells (15), Hinske (13). Baltimore, Tejada (24).

Texas 000 000 020 — 2 8 0  
Kansas City 005 040 10x — 10 10 1

Erickson, Benoit (4), BShouse (5), Brocail (8) and Laird; Greinke, DReyes (7), Affeldt (9) and ACastillo. W—Greinke 6-9. L—Erickson 1-3. HRs—Kansas City, Pickering (2).

Boston 310 000 020 — 6 11 1  
Chicago 000 030 200 — 5 8 1

DLowe, Leskanc (7), MMyers (8), Timlin (8), Foulke (9) and Varitek; FGarcia, Marte (8), Polite (8), Cotts (9), Takatsu (9) and BDavis. W—Leskanc 2-5. L—Marte 4-5. Sv—Foulke (22). HRs—Boston, MRamirez (33), DOrtiz (31), Mientkiewicz (6). Chicago, CaLee (24), Konerko (31).

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

Pittsburgh 200 000 020 — 4 13 2  
St. Louis 300 100 34x — 11 12 0

Vogelsong, Grabow (7), Corey (7), Meadows (8)

and Kendall; Morris, Simontacchi (8), Kline (8) and Matheny. W—Morris 13-8. L—Vogelsong 4-10. Sv—Kline (3). HRs—Pittsburgh, Bay (18). St. Louis, LWalker (10), Renteria (9).

Chicago 005 141 000 — 11 14 1  
Houston 010 101 201 — 6 11 1

Wood, Leicester (5), Mercker (8), Farnsworth (9) and Barrett, Bako (6); Oswalt, Bullinger (3), Gallo (5), Qualls (7), Harville (9) and RChavez. W—Leicester 4-0. L—Oswalt 13-9. HRs—Chicago, Alou (29), ARamirez (25). Houston, Bruntlett (3), Lamb (9), Biggio (19).

Philadelphia 003 000 100 5 — 9 12 1  
Milwaukee 010 200 100 2 — 6 7 1

(10 innings)  
Wolf, Cormier (7), TJones (8), FRodriguez (9), RHernandez (10), Worrell (10) and Pratt, Lieberthal (10); VSantos, Burba (7), Kolb (9), Adams (10) and GBennett. W—FRodriguez 5-6. L—Kolb 0-3. Sv—Worrell (16). HRs—Philadelphia, Glanville (2). Milwaukee, GBennett (2).

Montreal 200 111 030 — 8 14 0  
Colorado 010 000 100 — 2 8 1

JoPatterson, Ayala (7), Horgan (8), Tucker (9) and Schneider; Jjennings, Gissell (6), Fuentes (8), Dohmann (8) and Closser. W—JoPatterson 3-2. L—Jjennings 11-11. HRs—Montreal, JRivera (6). Colorado, Holliday (12), MaSweeney (8).

New York 000 100 000 — 1 8 0  
San Francisco 300 000 00x — 3 7 0

MGinter, DeJean (7) and VWilson; Rueter, Brower (8), Eyre (8), Hermanson (8) and Pierzynski. W—Rueter 7-9. L—MGinter 1-3. Sv—Hermanson (5). HRs—New York, Hidalgo (21). San Francisco, Durham (13), Bonds (35).

Atlanta 080 000 101 — 10 19 0  
Los Angeles 000 010 000 — 1 5 0

JSWright, Colon (8), Reitsma (9), TMartin (9) and EddPerez; WALvarez, Dessens (2), Sanchez (6), Venafro (8) and Mayne. W—JSWright 12-6. L—WALvarez 7-4. HR—Atlanta, CJones (22).

Florida 101 104 010 — 8 14 2  
San Diego 011 000 100 — 3 7 1

Pavano, Seanez (7), Mota (7) and Lo Duca; Hitchcock, Stone (5), Linebrink (6), Neal (7), Mcleary (8) and RaHernandez. W—Pavano 14-5. L—Mcleary 0-1. Sv—Mota (3). HRs—Florida, Pavano (2). San Diego, RaHernandez (12).

Cincinnati 130 000 430 — 11 10 0  
Arizona 000 001 000 — 1 6 2

Claussen, RWagner (6), Riedling (7), PNorton (9) and LaRue; Randolph, Cormier (4), Fetters (7), Sparks (9) and Snyder. W—Claussen 2-3. L—Randolph 2-4. HRs—Cincinnati, Casey (20), DJimenez (8).

## NFL

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### Chargers

Quarterback Doug Flutie hasn't regretted taking Drew Brees under his wing.

Flutie's situation in San Diego is not like his stint in Buffalo, where he and quarterback Rob Johnson were more rivals than teammates.

So far, Brees hasn't disappointed his 41-year-old backup. "He's throwing the ball real sharp, but he's been doing that all off-season," Flutie said Sunday. "I told him how I really love how aggressive he was (in Arizona) with the ball. He was decisive, and he was throwing the ball up the field when he had opportunities to. He made some plays."

Brees, the Chargers' second-round draft pick in 2001, has done that with regularity in the team's two exhibition games. In Saturday's 38-13 win over the Arizona Cardinals, Brees completed 13 of 21 attempts, for 172 yards, one touchdown and an interception. Overall this preseason, Brees is 24-of-35.

After getting picked on all off-season — and following the Chargers deal to bring in still-unsigned Philip Rivers — Brees' swagger is returning.

"Drew has played well the last two weeks, but it's not surprising to me," running back LaDainian Tomlinson said. "I said that Drew was going to bounce back, and he is proving what type of player he is."

### Colts

Wide receiver Troy Walters may need surgery on his broken right arm, an injury sustained in Saturday night's 31-7 preseason loss to the New York Jets.

Coach Tony Dungy said Sunday a decision on the surgery would be made Monday and that he was still not sure whether Walters would miss the rest of the season.

Walters was hurt on the first series when Peyton Manning tried to throw a deep pass over the middle. As Walters looked up and reached for the ball, New York Jets safety Jon

McGraw closed fast and hit him hard around the shoulders.

Dungy also said rookie linebacker Gilbert Gardner, who had a high ankle sprain in the game, would be out this week and that the team is awaiting MRI results to determine how much time he'll miss.

### Titans

Pro Bowl punter Craig Hentrich will have an MRI exam on his lower back Monday to determine the cause of back spasms that kept him out of the Titans' 16-15 exhibition win over Buffalo.

The Titans believe Hentrich hurt himself during warm-ups before practice Thursday, which led to some back spasms.

Offensive lineman Matt Martin may miss up to a week with a sprained right ankle.

### Texans

Linebacker Marcus Bell and cornerback Vontez Duff sustained shoulder injuries in the Houston's 38-3 loss to Pittsburgh, but neither injury is thought to be serious.

### Jaguars

Jacksonville released defensive end Tony Brackens because the team's career sack leader struggled this preseason with the latest in a string of leg injuries.

Brackens, an eight-year veteran and former second-round pick, had been on the sidelines since Aug. 10 with a strained muscle in back of his right knee.

### Raiders

Outside linebacker DeLawrence Grant will miss three to four weeks after undergoing arthroscopic knee surgery Sunday.

Grant was held out of the Raiders' 21-20 preseason loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Saturday because of continued pain in the knee. Coach Norv Turner said Grant apparently was injured earlier in training camp, but the full extent of the damage wasn't known until an MRI was performed after the game.

Akbar Gbaja-Biamila, whose older brother Kabeer plays for the Green Bay Packers, is expected to replace Grant.



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## All hands

White Deer Buck Sean Holly gets a little after-school practice time in last Friday. The Bucks open their 2004 season Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m. at Spearman.

## Biffle outraces Martin at Michigan

BROOKLYN, Mich. Speedway. (AP) — Greg Biffle drove Biffle, the only driver to to an easy victory, pulling win both the Busch and away from Mark Martin at Craftsman Truck series the end of the NASCAR championships, took the Nextel Cup race at the GFS Marketplace 400 for Michigan International his second career Cup win.

## Correction

On Sunday, Sept. 22, should have been identified Carley and Kaily in the top picture. Kaily Richardson were misidentified on the front page of Sports Day. Richardson should have been identified in the bottom picture.  
Carley Richardson

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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 24, 2004:

Finally, you head in the direction you want. You have unusual charisma and charm, though sometimes you attract people who aren't as clear or as evolved as you. You make a great first impression and instinctively know what to do and when. A new home or a change in lifestyle seems likely. Don't overspend or extend yourself in a moment of feeling opulent. Don't worry too much. If you are single, you will meet people easily and crave a homey relationship in which you spend a lot of time alone together. Check out this person carefully. If you are attached, your relationship will benefit from your positive attitude and willingness to change. Be patient with your sweetie. SAGITTARIUS understands you.

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)

★★★★★ You get a whole different impression of a work-related matter today. Facts help, and you feel energized. In the next few weeks, your creativity will be enhanced. Make it your business to find solutions. Tonight: Forget that it's Tuesday. Enjoy.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You are surrounded by affection and caring -- be it at work or in your personal life. Be sure not to lead on someone you care about only as a friend. His or her feelings are more important than whimsy. Deal with people individually. Tonight: Curl up at home with a favorite pet or loved one.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

★★★★★ You are graced by more effective communicating. Others bathe in the warmth expressed in your words.

Be careful, as you might throw a party at home to a roommate's or partner's dismay. You enjoy yourself much more than you have in a while. Tonight: Wherever you are, the party is.

### CANCER

(June 21-July 22)  
★★★ You might want to spend some money on yourself, whether it is to spruce up your looks or give yourself a present. Get ready for more shopping. You feel like you need a change in your daily life. Tonight: Buy a plant on the way home.

### LEO

(July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★★★ Mercury moves into your sign, adding to your expressiveness. You get a positive response just walking into a room. Be more aware of your intellect and magnetism, and use it to zero in on what you want. Your libido energies run high. Tonight: Take a mid-week break.

### VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★ Use care when meeting new people in the next few weeks. Others might not be all that they appear to be at first. Also, your feelings could be more sensitive in general. Let loose and enjoy your home and personal life more. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

### LIBRA

(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Mercury moves into a position in which it draws what you want. Friends want to help you. You meet new people who could be instrumental to your life's path. Just talk and reach out. Talk away. Tonight: Get together with your pals.

### SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★ Your public appeal seems to become much more positive. As a result, others go along with your ideas, especially those involving money and career. Someone might even propose to you, as you are so desirable right now. Tonight: Treat someone to a good time.

### SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★★ You are all smiles. You feel that you can accomplish a lot. Emphasize communication with a loved one at a distance or plan a mini-vacation in the next few weeks. You feel overwhelmed with responsibility, but you will see the end results very soon, if you haven't already. Tonight: Just ask.

### CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★ A partner or associate feels unusually generous and caring. Don't say "no" to his or her offer! Open up and express more vulnerability with a key person in your life. Share some of your many dreams. Tonight: Be mysterious. You don't have to tell everyone.

### AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★★ Others seem unusually attractive, whether they are new to your life or not. Develop even more sensitivity toward others. You find that you work well with a group and realize much more of what you want. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

### PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★ Keep your public image up. You find it much easier to be diplomatic and resourceful in the next few weeks. You see results, perhaps as soon as tonight. Be willing to be more nurturing to a co-worker. Tonight: Work late. Dinner out.

### BORN TODAY

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat (1929), actress Marlee Matlin (1965), basketball player Reggie Miller (1965)

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# Bold theft of art treasure, 'The Scream,' stuns Norway

OSLO, Norway (AP) — Police launched a nationwide Monday for armed robbers who barged into a lightly guarded Oslo museum and ripped the Edvard Munch masterpiece "The Scream" and another painting from the walls, as stunned visitors watched in disbelief.

on Sunday by masked, armed thieves who pulled them from the walls as visitors and staff watched in shock. Police said there had been no word from the thieves, who were widely expected to demand a ransom. "It can only be with horror that you react to something like this," Deputy Culture Minister Yngve Slettholm said by telephone, also

expressing shock over what he said was Norway's first armed art theft. "We can only hope they end up back at the Munch Museum." "The Scream" depicts an anguished figure appearing to be listening to a scream while holding his hands to his head. It was loaded into a waiting car along with another famous Munch work, "Madonna."

The getaway car and the picture frames were found by police in Oslo hours after the robbery. Oslo police inspector Iver Stensrud said all resources were being used to search for the national treasures, and that tips continued to pour in. "We are still working on new tips and are hoping for more," he said on the state radio network

NRK. Stensrud said the police were conducting a broad investigation, and have not focused on specific motives. Experts said the paintings were probably stolen for ransom or as a "trophy" robbery to impress other criminals, since it would be virtually impossible to sell them anywhere because they are so

well known. "The paintings could just as well be in Oslo as anywhere else," he said. Stensrud said police have been interrogating witnesses, but have no suspects. "The world screams," said a headline in the major Norwegian newspaper Aftenposten over international reaction to the theft.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

## Howdy Dance

Jessica Heron swing dances with Haile Green, in the photo above, at Pampa High School "Howdy Dance" sponsored by the PHS Student Council Friday night. Below, Megan Addington does the Electric Slide line dance during the event which heralds the beginning of each new school year.



## Israel approves more West Bank settlement homes; crisis escalates

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel announced plans Monday for more than 500 new housing units in the West Bank, following an apparent U.S. policy shift on Jewish settlements that has infuriated the Palestinians.

Also Monday, Israeli officials said there would be a one-year delay in construction of a large section of its West Bank barrier, citing a Supreme Court ruling that parts of the structure cause too much hardship on the Palestinians.

The barrier and settlement construction are linked to Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's "disengagement" plan to separate Israel from the Palestinians.

The plan includes a full withdrawal from the Gaza Strip next year and completion of the separation barrier, while simultaneously beefing up large blocs of Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

The United States has signaled recently that it will allow Israel to expand existing West Bank settlements, while remaining opposed to construction in undeveloped areas.

In the past, Washington has objected to all

settlement construction.

The Palestinians have said the shift threatens prospects for peace and demanded a clarification from Washington. The Palestinians object to all settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, where they hope to establish an independent state.

Israel captured the areas in the 1967 Mideast war. Today, more than 230,000 settlers live in Jewish settlements, the vast majority of them in the West Bank.

Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia accused Israel of escalating tensions on Monday.

"While it is talking about evacuating settlements in Gaza, it is expanding all settlements in the West Bank," Qureia said.

"This will not bring about stability nor will it bring peace."

Under the Israeli plan unveiled Monday, the country could build more than 500 housing units in existing settlements.

The Israel Lands Authority plans to lease land to contractors who will build 300 units in the Jerusalem suburbs of Har Adar and Har Gilo next year, spokeswoman Ortal Tzabar said Monday.

## Judge in Abu Ghraib hearings warns U.S. to speed up probes

MANNHEIM, Germany (AP) — A military judge hearing evidence about the alleged abuse of prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison pressed the U.S. government Monday to speed up its investigation, warning that delays could derail the case against at least one of the accused soldiers.

Judge Col. James Pohl issued a Sept. 10 target date for the government to complete three investigative reports so they could be used as evidence in Army hearings of soldiers charged with abuse at the prison.

At a hearing at a U.S. military base in Germany, Pohl said he would "seriously revisit" a request by lawyers for Spc. Charles Graner for his case to be dismissed at the next hearing, set for Oct. 21 in Baghdad, if there are no signs of progress on the reports by then.

"The government has to figure out what they want to do with the prosecution of this case," the judge said.

He suggested the case could be provisionally dismissed, but could always be reopened once the reports are available.

Pohl also showed frustration at the slow pace of the military's probe into records of a secret computer server at the prison.

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