



## Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

**FISH, Juanita** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Alanreed Cemetery, Alanreed.  
**MARTIN, Aline** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

#### Dee Anna Atwood, 60

JACKSBORO — Dee Anna Atwood, 60, died Sept. 7, 2005, at Fort Worth. Services were at 2 p.m. today in Coker Funeral Home Chapel with Eugene Weldon officiating. Burial will be in Loving Cemetery under the direction of Coker Funeral Home of Jacksboro.

Mrs. Atwood was born April 24, 1945, at Wichita Falls, to the late Willie Dee and Patsy Ruth (Haynes) Preston. She was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Odus and Robert; and two sisters, Alva Dee and Vina Jolene.

Survivors include two sons, Rick Atwood of Decatur and Randy Atwood of Pampa; four sisters, Linda Rockey, Lounetta Damron, Karen Riddle and Debra Leatherwood, all of Jacksboro; three brothers, Willie Preston, Johnny Preston and Thomas Preston, all of Jacksboro; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

#### Thelma Louise Cruise, 86

SHAMROCK — Thelma Louise Cruise, 86, died Sept. 6, 2005, at Amarillo. Graveside services are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. Saturday in Cedar Bluff Cemetery at Fairgrove, Mo.

Burial will be under the direction of Greenlawn Funeral Home North in Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. Cruise was born April 20, 1919, at Springfield, to Roy B. and Edna Womack Day. She married G. Howard Cruise on May 9, 1936, at Strafford, Mo. He preceded her in death. She lived in Springfield after retiring

until recently moving to Shamrock to be with her daughter.

She was a member of Walnut Street Christian Church.

Mrs. Cruise was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Ruby; and a brother, Glen.

Survivors include a daughter, Mona Patterson of Shamrock; a son, Larry Cruise of Denison; two sisters, Gleam of Iowa and Juanita of Missouri; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

#### Juanita Fish, 90

McLEAN, Texas — Juanita Fish, 90, died Sept. 6, 2005, at Wheeler, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Alanreed Cemetery at Alanreed, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Juanita Alta Spradlin was born Jan. 4, 1915, to Sam and Alta Spradlin in Blum, Texas. She married Noble Fish on Dec. 21, 1932, in Sayre, Okla.

She was a homemaker who enjoyed cooking and sewing. She loved her family and will be missed by all.

Survivors include four daughters, Evelyn

Sanders (Don), McLean, Texas, Cathy Jameson (Glenn), Pampa, Texas, Alta Turner, Amarillo, Texas, and Jean Morgan (Wayne), Houston, Texas; one son, Noble "Ray" Fish, Houston, Texas; one sister, Joyce Gouldy, Amarillo, Texas; two sisters-in-law, Marjorie Fish, McLean, and Agnes Spradlin, Washington State; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Noble Fish, in 1999.

The family requests memorials be to McLean Care Center, McLean, Texas, or to Heald Methodist Church, McLean, TX 79065.

#### Aline Martin, 89

TUCSON, Ariz. — Aline Martin, 89, of Tucson, died Sept. 5, 2005. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa, Texas, with Dr. Ed Barker, pastor of the Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship Church of Pampa, officiating.

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

Mrs. Martin was born Oct. 4, 1915, in Shelbyville, Tenn., to William and Etta Mae Bennett. She was a longtime Pampa resident before moving to Tucson six years ago. She married L.D. Martin in 1943. He preceded her in death in 1975.

She was a member of the Highland Baptist

Church when she lived in Pampa. She was a selfless, devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother and a very special person to everyone who knew her. She will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Survivors include two sons, David Martin of China, Texas, and Nick Martin of Pampa, Texas; one daughter, Anita Freedlander of Tucson, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Lucille Hale, Ruth Glaze and Edith Butcher; two brothers, Roy Bennett and Joe Bennett; and a son-in-law, Rusty Guy Freedlander.

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



MARTIN

### Stocks

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

Wheat ..... 3.04  
 Milo ..... 3.13  
 Corn ..... 4.00  
 Soybeans ..... 5.09

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

OXY ..... 84.27 +0.47  
 BP PLC ADR 69.78 -0.37

Cabot Corp ..... 32.93 +0.05  
 Celanese ..... NA  
 Cabot Oil Gas ..... 43.86 -0.08  
 Coca Cola ..... 44.43 -0.09  
 VLO ..... 110.50 +1.09  
 HAL ..... 64.67 -0.15  
 TRI ..... 47.04 -0.01  
 KMI ..... 97.85 -0.06  
 XCEL ..... 19.59 -0.03  
 Kerr McGee ..... 89.40 +0.50  
 XOM ..... 61.13 +0.07  
 Limited ..... 21.13 -0.21  
 Williams ..... 22.52 +0.10  
 MCD ..... 33.15 +0.49

Atmos ..... 29.54 -0.03  
 Pioneer Nat ..... 51.85 -0.11  
 JCP ..... 48.45 +0.40  
 COP ..... 67.10 +0.31  
 SLB ..... 84.88 -0.23  
 Tenneco ..... 18.59 -0.11  
 CVX ..... 62.51 +0.17  
 Wal-Mart ..... 45.50 -0.19  
 OKE ..... 33.07 -0.10  
 NS Grp ..... 41.94 +0.50  
 New York Gold ..... 444.00  
 Silver ..... 7.03  
 West Texas Crude ..... 65.96

### Gray County Weather

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 4 p.m.

Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 62.

South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low near 62.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88.

### Trailer found in 2 hours

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Sometimes, "seek and ye shall find" can happen in a surprisingly short amount of time.

Gray County Sheriff's Department received a call at about 3 p.m. Tuesday from a man who reported a covered stock trailer stolen from a location on Farm to Market Road 749.

Less than two hours later, at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Deputy Robert Douglas spotted the missing trailer near the old skating rink on Price Road, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

"I thought that was pretty amazing on Deputy Douglas' part," Hoard said.

The case is open and remains under investigation, and the sheriff's department is looking at possible suspects, Hoard said.

### City commission acts quickly

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

It was five minutes from gavel to gavel.

At a special meeting of the Pampa City Commission Tuesday, Mayor Lonny Robbins brought down his gavel at 4:01 p.m. and opened a public hearing on a proposed increase of the property tax rate in Pampa. No one spoke for or against the proposal.

City Manager John Horst explained that the tax rate would remain at 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation, the same that it's been for the past several years, but if the city retains that tax rate, it will bring in more revenue for city coffers.

He said the increase was because of new businesses and added inventories.

One of the new businesses was expected to generate an additional \$83,000 in tax revenues over last year, he said.

Horst said that if a residence had the same value placed on it as last year, the taxes should be the same.

A second public hearing on the proposed property tax increase will be at 4 p.m. Friday in the city commission chambers at city hall.

After the hearing, the commission unanimously passed on second and final reading the 2005-2006 Pampa operating budget.

At 4:06, Robbins brought his gavel down to end the meeting.

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### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

##### Tuesday, Sept. 6

Ten traffic stops were made. Vehicle accidents were reported in the 300 block of West Kingsmill and the 500 block of West Francis. Hit and run accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Wells and the intersection of 21st and Hobart streets.

An animal complaint was received from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of West Brown.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1300 block of Coffee.

One holdup alarm and one open door were reported.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. The incident resulted in an arrest.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 400 block of Powell.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles, and in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, and in the police department lobby.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Ward and the 1500 block of Coffee.

Theft was reported in the 500 block of Lefors. City water valued at \$40 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Assault by threat was reported in the 900 block of Fisher.

Joe Lee Holly, 1200 N. Wells #22, was arrested in the 1200 block of North Wells for public intoxication and a hit and run accident.

#### Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accidents.

##### Monday, Sept. 5

2 p.m. — A 2003 Chevrolet K2500 pickup, driven by Wendy M. Stainthorpe, 26, 1000 Varnon Drive, collided with a legally parked 1990 Chrysler LeBaron, owned by Judy Tipton Gates, 2904 Rosewood Lane, in the 2900 block of Rosewood Lane.

Stainthorpe was cited for hit and run.

5:33 p.m. — A 1984 Dodge Prospector van, driven by Ricky Dean Putman, 47, 533 Sloan, collided with a legally parked 1994 Lincoln Town Car, owned by Top of Texas Used Cars, 503 E. Atchison, near the intersection of East Atchison and South Starkweather.

##### Tuesday, Sept. 6

5:56 p.m. — A 1986 Mercury Cougar, driven by Joe L. Holly, 49, 1400 N. Wells #22, and a 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Charles Alexander Dallas, 43, 2212 N. Wells, collided at the intersection of West 21st and North Perryton Parkway. Holly was arrested and charged with failure to comply/leaving scene.

#### Sheriff

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

##### Tuesday, Sept. 6

Deborah Hilton, 33, 613 N. Wells, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for two counts of theft by check, one of which is out of Potter County.

Thomas Leon Bennett, 33, 945 S. Faulkner, was arrested by DPS for theft by check and a capias pro fine.

Jason Lynn Prather, 27, 318 Sunset, was arrested for two counts of theft by check, five counts of issuing a bad check and capias pro fines for two counts of issuing a bad check.

Shawleen Brown, 29, McLean, was arrested by DPS on a Potter County probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Stephen Jones, 39, McLean, was arrested by DPS for possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Fire

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

##### Tuesday, Sept. 6

12:43 p.m. — One unit and five firefighters responded to the 700 block of North Nelson to assist a young boy locked in a bathroom.

12:10 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner on a lift assist.

#### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

##### Tuesday, Sept. 6

2:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of Neel Road. No transport.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Baten prison unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Cop Corner

The school year is in full swing. I hope everyone has made the adjustment from summertime. Everything has been going pretty good so far with traffic, and such, except for a couple of concerns.

Today's school safety topic is "Stopping for School Buses." The school district has 14 routes with about 150 total scheduled stops they make everyday to pick up kids. They have routes that take them to every part of town and outside of the city limits.

The drivers even go house-to-house picking up pre-K and kindergarten students. Most of the routes are in residential areas, but some are on major streets like



Fred Courtney

Duncan, Hobart and Sumner. Every Pampa Independent School District bus is equipped with emergency lights. The newer busses

also have a stop sign that is displayed when the bus doors open.

State law requires motorists approaching a stopped school bus (from either direction) with its red and amber lights flashing, to stop until the lights go off or the driver motions the cars to proceed.

If you do not and are written a citation, the fine can be between \$200 and \$1,000 dollars. That is a hefty price to pay for a few moments of your time. I hope we can all work together to ensure the safety of our kids by watching for school busses loading or unloading children. Go Harvesters!

Cop Corner provided by Pampa Police Department.

## Emergency

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"This affected so many more communities and states," Hall said, "that it's very difficult to imagine what they've gone through."

An experienced emergency manager, Hall said he could understand the frustra-

tion that the people trapped in the flood waters in New Orleans and along the Central Gulf Coast felt, but he said he also has a lot of respect for the emergency workers there.

He said that many of the emergency responders in New Orleans were also victims. Many of them lost their homes to the winds and floods.

Hall said that much of the controversy arising from the government's response to the hurricane disaster came from frustration and possibly too high an expectation of government. He said that while state and federal emergency management agencies can pre-stage resources, it still takes time to get them to the areas where they are needed after a disaster happens, especially

in such a massive relief situation like Hurricane Katrina.

"There's going to be an influx of immediate resources," Hall said, "but for the most part it's going to take a while to get back in there. I know people get frustrated with things like that."

## Baby

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tually taken to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where she stayed in the neonatal intensive care unit before being released to come home three months later.

"She's perfect. Her hearing, her eyes, her breathing and everything is good. She has no known problems," said Adkins.

"We call her our miracle baby," Lang said.

Calls that have a happy ending, like the one involving Sydney, are the highlight of emergency workers' jobs, McDonald said.

"It's just because of y'all that she's here," Adkins said to the group involved in giving Sydney her first medical care.

Sydney and her mother visited Lang at the dispatch offices in City Hall Tuesday. McDonald and Brock were also there to see the infant.

Sydney seemed to know she was among friends. She rested against Brock's chest, sleeping peacefully, during the visit as Brock held her and gently patted her back.

## Red Cross

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of Hurricane Katrina, had come up to the reception desk while Vick was working there and asked if he could help.

The two had spent long hours, between checking people in and out of the civic center, talking about his ordeal.

Manny Macgee of New Orleans spent Sunday evening in his wheelchair

eating peach cobbler. It was his 73rd birthday. A few days before, he said he wasn't sure he was going to see it.

Gregory said the evacuees that she's talked with were delighted with their reception in Amarillo. For most of them it was the first dry, safe place they'd been in a week. It was the first hot food they'd had in days.

The outpouring of concern throughout the Panhandle, Gregory said, has been tremendous.

An Amarillo church

donated an inflatable playground where kids bounced in the parking lot.

Gregory said they finally had to start turning away volunteers and supplies.

The supplies and volunteers would have been needed if the 400 to 700 evacuees that Panhandle emergency officials had been told to expect had materialized.

Gregory said no more evacuees were scheduled to come to Amarillo. They are now being flown to other states.

## Charges

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April 19, 2000, Barler was convicted in Baca County, Colo., for driving while ability impaired. On July 21, 2004, in 251st District Court in Randall County, he was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Alan William Broadbent, 42, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$7,000. On Feb. 4, Broadbent allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Ambrocio S. Chavez, 55, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On May 28, 2004, Chavez allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated. On April 16, 1985, in district court in Curry County, N.M., Chavez was convicted of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, second or subsequent offense. On April 4, 1996, he was convicted in district court in Curry County, N.M., of driving while intoxicated, third offense. On April 3, 2001, he was convicted in Curry County, N.M., district court of aggravated driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs, fourth or subsequent offense.

Robert Lindsley Curtis Jr., 54, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the

third-degree felony was set at \$4,500. On April 28, Curtis allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated. On April 12, 1994, Curtis was convicted in Gray County of driving while intoxicated. On May 23, 1997, he was convicted in Carson County of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Michael Lee Ellis, 19, was indicted for failure to register as a sex offender. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On April 28, Ellis allegedly failed to register with local law enforcement in Pampa, required because of a conviction for aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Robert Wayne Ellison, 22, was indicted for failure to register as a sex offender. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On Feb. 28, Ellison allegedly failed to register with local law enforcement in Pampa, required because of a reportable adjudication for sexual assault.

Michael Ray Hartzell, 36, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On Nov. 8, 2004, Hartzell allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated. On Oct. 19, 1993, Hartzell was convicted in Gray County of driving while intoxicated. On Nov. 22, 1999, he was convicted in Gray County of driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Michael Shane Johnston, 28, was indicted for assault on a family member, enhanced. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at

\$7,500. On April 8, Johnston allegedly struck Shandra Renee Keever on the shoulder. On Nov. 23, 2004, Johnston was convicted in Randall County of assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

James Milan Turner, 42, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000. On May 1, 2004, Turner allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated. On April 10, 1990, Turner was convicted in Phillips County, Colo., of driving under the influence. On March 12, 1990, he was convicted in Logan County, Colo., of driving under the influence.

David Allen Bolch, 27, was indicted for theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000. On Feb. 20, Bolch allegedly unlawfully appropriated two gas meter boxes from the owner, Jerry Franklin, with intent to deprive Franklin of the property.

Aaron Kyle Childress, 22, was indicted for evading arrest with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000. On April 9, Childress allegedly used a vehicle while intentionally fleeing from Brady Bishop, a peace officer.

Vikki Belinda Spear, 46, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with child passenger. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000. On April 30, 2004, Spear allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger younger than 15.

## Gray County SWCD to host public meeting

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District will be hosting a meeting of the Gray County Program Development Group on Sept. 15 to solicit input and information concerning the operation of the 2005 Environmental Quality Incentive Program.

Anyone interested in being part of the group is invited to attend this meeting to provide input and advice on the 2006 EQIP program. The PDG would include anyone with an interest in the agriculture industry in Gray County as well as agencies and organizations such as the local SWCD, FSA County Committee, County Extension Agent, community-based organizations, agriculture associations and environmental and commodity groups.

The program development group provides recommendations for consideration by the Local Work Group on matters such as resource concerns, conservation practices, cost-share rates, incentive levels and other items of local concern.

The upcoming meeting will be held at the Gray County Annex Building, 12125 E. Frederic Avenue in Pampa, at 8 p.m. For more information, contact Gray County SWCD office at 665-1751, ext. 102.

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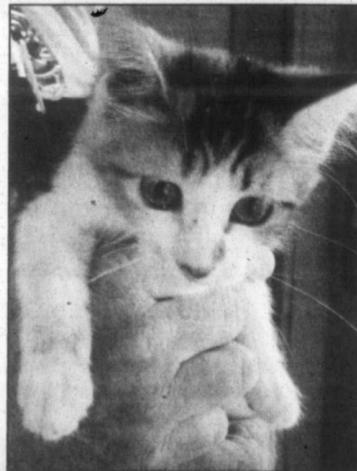
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# Viewpoints

## President will rebound from Katrina missteps

Normally, disasters such as floods, hurricanes, tornadoes and such are chances for the president to gain popularity and for his administration to shine. It was the unique and inexplicable inability of the Bush people to understand the magnitude of what they confronted and to respond to it quickly that managed to transform this chance for a big political gain into a monstrous liability.

Americans will want to know why the trucks didn't start rolling when the winds started blowing. And when they quieted, where were the airlifts and evacuations that could have fed and watered thousands and prevented many deaths and much psychic and physical harm?

But make no mistake about it: Every day for the

next year, voters will see nonstop scenes of federal relief, rebuilding, renovation and reconstruction along with the empathy, sympathy and compassion these efforts imply in the heart of George W. Bush. He may have had a terrible first week, but he will rebound big time in the months to come.

The aid an administration gives in the aftermath of a momentous disaster will be covered continuously by the media. Every relief convoy will get a wide slice of publicity. As the pumps run and the city and the gulf region drain, the nation will feel a surge of heady optimism at our ability to bounce back from disaster. Happy visuals will replace tragic ones, and interviews with homeowners joyously moving back in will run instead of the tearful

stories of refugees.

After Sept. 11, Bush was heavily criticized too. Remember the slowly ticking minutes in Michael Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11" during which Bush continued to read to a class

of children even after hearing about the Trade Center attack? (Bush was absolutely right not to bolt from the room and traumatize the kids and the nation even more.) It was not until his bullhorn speech several days later that the president got ahead of the story. Soon his response to Sept. 11 was the mainstay of his popularity and of his claim for a second term on

the job.

The recovery from Katrina may well follow a similar trajectory.

While the air in Washington will be filled with recriminations about why the levee wasn't reinforced and why the aid was so slow in coming after the storm hit, the airwaves around the nation will be filled with evidence of the administration's response, just as they were in the months after Sept. 11.

All this is not to take away from our justifiable anger at the human pain, loss of life and needless suffering that FEMA's inability to get off the dime fast caused. To

watch those pictures of Americans crowded into what was increasingly called the Sewerdom is to simmer in rage at the dunderheads in Washington who stood on ceremony, budgetary considerations, bureaucratic constraints and chain of command rather than rushing to help those in need before a weather disaster became a human one.

It is also not to take away from the need for a thorough examination, preferably through a Sept. 11-style commission, of why the levee was not strengthened after the warnings of Hurricane Ivan a year before and of why relief was so slow in coming.

But let the Democrats hold their rejoicing. In a year, Katrina and the relief and rebuilding efforts that

are about to follow will be seen as having imparted a new and crucial momentum to an administration that was obviously increasingly running out of ideas, out of steam, and — like its nation — out of gas.

Katrina has the capacity to shape the second Bush term in the same way Sept. 11 shaped his first term — not only in rebuilding New Orleans but in taking preventative steps around the nation to bolster our defenses against natural and man-made disasters and terror strikes.

Responding to disasters is a source of presidential strength and popularity, and Bush is about to show how it is done.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

**Dick Morris**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2005. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 7, 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

*'People do not live in the present always, at one with it. They live at all kinds of and manners of distance from it, as difficult to measure as the course of planets. Fears and traumas make their journeys slanted, peripheral, uneven, evasive.'*

— Anais Nin  
American writer  
(1903-1977)

On this date:

In 1822, Brazil declared its independence from Portugal.

In 1892, James J. Corbett knocked out John L. Sullivan to win the world heavyweight crown in New Orleans in the first major prize fight conducted under the Marquis of Queensberry rules.

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was

born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock, Texas.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its initial blitz on London during World War II.

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

## Our readers write

### Hurricane Katrina sure to be blamed for man's failure along Gulf Coast

After watching and hearing about the Gulf storm, it was one of the worst natural disasters in years, but what class of people were left there? They were all poor people.

For years, the United States government, the state and even our town have put the low income as the least of their concerns. It's all

been about money, power and control. This was an act of God. He must have gotten tired of the bull crap that's been going on for a long time and decided to show them He's still boss.

These high gasoline prices didn't start with the storm. They were high before. I

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## Each person should see to their own soul

Pat Robertson, host of "The 700 Club," is not a Christian. No man who publicly advocates coldblooded murder for political reasons can claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Robertson did that on his television show, saying it would be cheaper to murder the president of Venezuela than to overthrow him with a war.

The president of Venezuela, Hugo Chavez, is a frequent critic of President George Bush and the United States. He is also democratically elected. It's funny how many people in the American elite who profess to advocate democracy tend to change their minds when the results of democracy don't suit them. Nowhere is it written that a free and democratic election will produce a leader whom we like. That should be obvious from

the outcomes of our elections. Sometimes we like the winner, and sometimes we don't. The essence of a democratic society, however, is that when we don't like the winner, we put up with him until the next election.

For a long time, I've not believed that Robertson is a Christian. I have this old-fashioned idea that rich preachers are incompatible with Christianity. If you don't already know this, most of the televangelists spend an inordinate amount of their time and efforts fund raising and living in the lap of luxury. I assume darn few of them will squeeze through that eye of the needle that

Christ spoke of in regard to a rich man getting into heaven.

Robertson is a politician who uses Christianity as a source of income and as a cover for his political goals. What business is it of

Robertson who the president of Venezuela is, or what he thinks of our president? Lots of world leaders don't like George Bush. It doesn't seem to bother Bush; why should it bother Robertson?

Venezuela, despite its oil wealth, is a very poor country. The bane of most Latin American countries is that the wealth is held by a few families while the bulk of the population is poor. Chavez seems to want to do

a better job of redistribution of the country's income. That's such a tough job that he doesn't need any grief from us.

I suspect the CIA was slyly involved in the move to oust Chavez a year or so ago, and if true, he has a right to be irked. One of the sins of imperial America is that we are always meddling in the internal affairs of other countries, usually with bad results. If you think the CIA has a bad record in finding weapons of mass destruction, let me tell you, it has an even worse record of picking leaders of foreign countries. Some of the murderers the CIA helped put into power are easily candidates for the Hall of Infamy.

But to get back to Mr. Robertson, his followers

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



## Sheehan public face of growing skepticism

It is difficult by now to try dispassionately to assess the phenomenon of Cindy Sheehan, the grieving mother whose son was killed in Iraq and who has been staging a peace vigil outside the president's home in Texas. But it's worth an effort.

There are two major reasons Sheehan has received so much attention from the media. The first, of course, is that when President Bush takes a working vacation in Texas, the White House press corps is obliged to follow him, but they end up doing a lot of standing around, hoping for a scrap

of news. So it's not surprising that they leapt like panthers on the story of a grieving mom hoping for an audience with the commander-in-chief.

The second, more serious phenomenon at work here is that opinion polls are starting to show a dramatic turnaround in Americans' attitude toward the war.

An Aug. 8 CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll showed

57 percent of American adults responding that the Iraq war has made the U.S. less safe, not more safe,

from terrorism, up 18 percentage points in 60 days. The same poll showed 54 percent believing it

was a mistake to send troops to Iraq and 44 percent saying it was not a reversal of what Americans told pollsters in June. How to cover the story of increasing skepticism about the war?

Cindy Sheehan made herself available, so she became one public face of that skepticism, as war skeptics from the beginning were not entirely pleased. Sheehan has unburdened herself of an array of remarks ranging from personal insults of the president and his family to offhand remarks about Israel and Palestine.

There's a constituency for such outbursts, but they aren't likely to resonate with most ordinary Americans. But we have no reason to

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WORLD NEWS

# Election contested in Egypt

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Egyptians voted today in the country's first-ever contested presidential election, but charges of fraud and a big boycott rally marred balloting that longtime leader Hosni Mubarak portrayed as a major democratic reform.

Ordinary citizens and opposition party members told The Associated Press that election workers inside polls in Luxor instructed voters to choose Mubarak, who is expected to be easily re-elected to a fifth six-year term. In Alexandria, workers for the ruling National Democratic Party promised food to those who cast a ballot, voters said.

More than 3,000 people marched through downtown Cairo at mid-afternoon. Police watched from a distance, despite government vows the day before that protests would not be allowed.

Egypt says the decision to allow challengers to Mubarak signals a move toward greater democracy in a country that has seen only authoritarian rule for more than a half-century.

Opponents, however, dismissed the reform claims as a sham. They note that Mubarak's party controls most of the government, including the electoral process. And they argue the wide publicity given Mubarak by state-owned media made it difficult for opposition candidates to gain wide support.

Until now, the 77-year-old Mubarak has been re-elected in referendums in which he was the only candidate and voters' only option was saying "yes" or "no" to his continuing in power. Mubarak has promised further democratic steps if re-elected.

Accountant Ahmad Ibrahim al-Shimi, 41, was one of many who joined the Kifaya march that started at noon in Cairo's main square, then swelled and spread to surround-

ing streets.

"I've never been in a demonstration before, I've never done anything before. But I'm disgusted. I've had enough," he said.

Turnout among the 32.5 million Egyptians registered to vote was expected to be low because many are deeply alienated from a government they see as accomplishing little, and they are unused to casting ballots or they believe the election will not make a difference.

Other Egyptians seem to genuinely fear change in the country of 72 million and said they would freely vote for Mubarak, long seen as the country's father and protector.

"I can't take a risk at a time like this because this is the destiny of a country," said Mohammed Shahat Bilal, 58-year-old welder in Alexandria. "We don't want what happened in Iraq to happen here. We want a stable country."

Nine candidates are running against Mubarak, but only two are considered significant: Ayman Nour of the al-Ghad Party and Noaman Gomaa of the Wafd, the oldest opposition party.

Nour, a young, media-savvy candidate whose arrest earlier this year raised international protests, said he hoped elections would be "conducted with transparency. And if this happens it will be a big achievement for Egypt."

Mubarak was among the first to vote, casting his ballot in a school close to the presidential palace, accompanied by his wife and his son, Gamal, a rising politician.

The country's election commission said today that private groups and observers were welcome to go inside polling stations, despite earlier rulings that only voters, judicial supervisors, election workers and some party representatives could enter.

*'I've never been in a demonstration before, I've never done anything before. But I'm disgusted. I've had enough.'*

— Ahmad Ibrahim al-Shimi  
41-year-old accountant

## Events calendar

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. The following clinics will be offered: 1-4 p.m., today and Sept. 21, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Sept. 19, Wheeler School, Wheeler; and 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m., Sept. 22, Groom Elementary School, Groom.

• **Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs** will host a town hall meeting at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 14 in the M.K. Brown Room of Pampa Community Building (Chamber of Commerce), 200 N. Ballard. Combs will preside over an open forum to explore issues affecting Texas agriculture and rural communities today. The following topics will be addressed: Agricultural marketing, labor, nutrition, regulatory, rural economic development, trade and water. For more information, contact Ryan O'Neal, TDA producer relations specialist, at (512) 463-4879.

• **Pants Mandolin** will perform from 6-9 p.m. at Amarillo Museum of Art on Sept. 15. The group was formed about two years

ago and consists of five West Texas A&M University students and a Canyon High School senior.

• **A reception is scheduled for Pampa High School "Harvester" veterans** at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the school library. Individuals who played football for the Harvesters are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served and photographs will be taken. Harvester veterans who plan to attend are asked to call Eric Kingcade at 662-0975 or Callie Cobb at 664-0893 to RSVP. For additional details on Homecoming celebration activities, call Sherry Seabourm at 669-4800, ext. 301, or 669-9213.

• **Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens** will hold its annual Trail Ride Sept. 17 at Reynolds Ranch, 17 miles north of Pampa on Highway 70. Sign-up will begin at 8:30 a.m. The ride will get under way at 9:30 a.m. and conclude around 3 p.m. Registration is \$20. A current Coggins Test is required. For more information, contact ride coordinator Gloria Swires at 665-2294 or Sherry Carlson at 669-9672.

## Storm

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guess the storm is going to be blamed for man's failure.

This story about a housing shortage is a bunch of malarkey, too. Maybe it's not the high-dollar houses, but any street you go down there's empty houses. There are probably hundreds of people right here in town who

would buy them and live in them, but they are not allowed to because of their income.

People here had rather let the elderly, disabled and people with babies live in unsafe houses and even let them do without.

There are loans and grants from the government that could make it possible for the low income here, but I was told about a month ago that basically there were more important people and things that needed to be done than worry about the poor people.

There are lots and lots of people living in unsafe houses, but a city official stated there was nobody here to apply for loans and grants. It's a matter they don't want to address, so look at the storm then look at our town.

How many high-dollar people are begging for food for themselves and their babies, are even refused water?

Sue Meeks  
Pampa

## Souls

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now have a clear choice: Are they going to follow the teachings of Christ or the teachings of Robertson? The two are incompatible. Some people are skillful at reading the Bible out of context, but you won't find one word in the New Testament, which is the Christian Bible, that advocates murder for any reason. No one can be a Christian and a booster of political assassination, too.

Unlike many people in the political wars, I don't condemn what the left calls the Christian Right. Most of these people are just plain Christians, and in these

decadent times, simple Christian morality is certainly deemed to be an "extremist" position by the debauched secularists. To be honest, humble, faithful to one's spouse and respectful of human life certainly strikes the far left as being "out of the mainstream," which is exactly where decent people want to be when the mainstream connects the toilet to the cesspool.

Nevertheless, Christians should publicly disavow people like Robertson who bring the religion into disrepute. Christ lived in the Roman Empire and never advocated its reform or overthrow. His message was, "See to your own soul." The idea of involving Christianity in political wars, assassinations or as allies of Zionism or any other "ism" is heresy. Christianity is about the next world, not this one.

## Protest

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doubt Sheehan's sincerity and we deplore some of the intemperate attacks on her from certain quarters. Still, her value as an antiwar spokeswoman is limited. Perhaps she will be yesterday's news

soon. The important thing will be whether a serious national discussion is under way about wars like Iraq.

This war is a reality and it will take more than a spotlight on Cindy Sheehan to end it soon. Perhaps the best we can hope for is that quiet reflection on a large scale will lead to more widespread skepticism the next time a leader or faction within government tries to drum up public enthusiasm for another dubious war.

## Annan to face criticism in oil-for-food report

By NICK WADHAMS  
Associated Press Writer

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. Security Council and Secretary-General Kofi Annan will both face sharp criticism for allowing corruption and waste to overwhelm the Iraq oil-for-food program, according to a probe of the \$64 billion operation.

The Independent Inquiry Committee's definitive report, to be released today, will fault U.N. management for allowing Saddam Hussein to manipulate the program.

The committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, calls for widespread reform to take on such tasks in the

future. It questions whether the United Nations is even capable of running such massive operations.

"Neither the Security Council nor the Secretariat leadership was clearly in command," the preface to the report said. "When things went awry — and they surely did — when troublesome conflicts arose between political objectives and administrative effectiveness, decisions were delayed, bungled or simply shunned."

The preface called for four central reforms, including the creation of a chief operating officer at the United Nations. The U.N. General Assembly should demand that the changes go into force no later than a

year from now, the preface said.

Annan's failure to properly manage the \$64 billion program will be a central focus, but there is no new "smoking gun" linking him to an oil-for-food contract awarded to a Swiss company that employed his son Kojo, said one official with knowledge of the final report, speaking on condition of anonymity because the report had not been released.

Meanwhile, the Italian business newspaper Il Sole 24 Ore and the London-based Financial Times were to report in today's editions that Kojo Annan received more than \$750,000 from oil trading companies being scrutinized by oil-for-food investigators.

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# Sports Day

## The AP Top 25

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(AP) — The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Southern Cal (61)	1-0	1,621	1
2. Texas (4)	1-0	1,541	2
3. Michigan	1-0	1,360	4
4. Ohio St.	1-0	1,301	6
5. LSU	0-0	1,291	5
6. Tennessee	1-0	1,280	3
7. Virginia Tech	1-0	1,253	8
8. Iowa	1-0	1,146	11
9. Georgia	1-0	1,131	13
10. Florida	1-0	1,129	10
11. Florida St.	1-0	1,064	14
12. Louisville	1-0	911	12
13. Purdue	0-0	740	15
14. Miami	0-1	710	9
15. Arizona St.	1-0	553	20
16. California	1-0	514	19
17. Georgia Tech	1-0	459	—
18. Oklahoma	0-1	375	7
19. Boston College	1-0	372	22
20. Notre Dame	1-0	345	—
21. Texas Tech	0-0	274	21
22. TCU	1-0	254	—
23. Virginia	1-0	232	25
24. Fresno St.	0-0	221	24
25. Clemson	1-0	164	—

Others receiving votes: Alabama 153, Oregon 119, Auburn 118, Utah 111, Texas A&M 106, Colorado 61, Wisconsin 44, Boise St. 31, UCLA 23, Iowa St. 21, Minnesota 16, Penn St. 16, N.C. State 13, Michigan St. 11, Arizona 10, UTEP 8, Bowling Green 7, Oregon St. 6, Southern Miss. 5, West Virginia 3, Toledo 2.

## PJHS 8th grade teams split with Westover Park

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Junior High School 2005 football season kicked-off Tuesday with the 8th grade teams hosting Westover Park, while the 7th grade teams traveled to Canyon to face the Warriors.

### B-team

The B-team started the season off in fine fashion, whipping the Warriors, 22-6.

Anthony Allen was involved in much of the Pampa scoring, with a 35-yard TD toss to Dylan Hendrix and a 7-yard pass for a touchdown to Zach Shaw.

Allen also scored on a 3-yard run. Zach Organ converted two extra points runs.

Safety Craig Conner sealed the win with less than six minutes left in the game with an interception. The B-team record is 1-0.

### A-team

The A-team faced Westover Park in rainy conditions throughout much of the contest. Despite a solid effort, Pampa fell to the Warriors, 26-12.

Nathan Webb scored all of Pampa's points on touchdown runs of five and seven yards. The A-team record is 0-1.

Both teams will host Hereford Tuesday. The B-team game will begin at 5 p.m., with the A-team game to follow at 6:30 p.m.



Courtesy photo

**Eighth grader Craig Conner runs the ball after the Pampa Junior High School safety picked-off a pass to seal a 22-6 B-team win over Westover Park Tuesday. The play came with 5:38 to go in the game. The B-team is now 1-0.**

## TOUR DE LANCE

### Armstrong to train with team this winter

PARIS (AP) — Lance Armstrong plans to train with his team this winter, increasing speculation he will end his retirement and attempt an eighth straight Tour de France win.

"It's definitely an open possibility, I know he is on the bike," Discovery Channel team director Johan Bruyneel told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Wednesday.

"He absolutely wants to be part of the training camp in December and wants to get fit to compete with the guys there," Bruyneel said, adding that Armstrong can decide to return as late as February.

When Armstrong retired in July after his seventh straight Tour win, Bruyneel had to decide whether to recruit a new team leader. He opted not to do so, suggesting the door may have been kept open for the Texan.

"We didn't really look for somebody to replace him," Bruyneel said. "For one there is nobody, not a strong leader like he was. Without him we have a very good team ... but not the favorites."

The Amaury Sport Organization, which organizes the Tour, would not comment on the speculation.

"We will express ourselves only if and when he decides to come out of retirement," spokesman Christophe Marchadier said. "There is nothing to stop him coming back on the Tour as a professional cyclist."

*"It's definitely an open possibility, I know he is on the bike."*

— Johan Bruyneel  
Director, Team Discovery Channel

Armstrong, who turns 34 later this month, won this year's Tour by a comfortable margin — 4 minutes, 40 seconds ahead of Italian Ivan Basso and 6:21 ahead of Jan Ullrich of Germany.

"I'm sure he could win (another Tour)," Bruyneel said. "The way he won this year ... everything pretty much under control and he never showed any weakness. He has another

Tour in his legs yet."

Armstrong, who announced his engagement Monday to rock singer Sheryl Crow, issued a statement Tuesday confirming that he's considering a comeback in part to rankle French media.

On Aug. 23, sports daily L'Equipe, which is owned by the Tour organizer, reported it had evidence that six of Armstrong's urine samples from the 1999 Tour tested positive last year for the blood booster EPO. The substance was banned in 1999, but there was no reliable test at the time.

"I think he's been very offended," Bruyneel said. "If you know him he doesn't need a lot to find some motivation. I think it woke up the competitive side of him."

Should Armstrong return, the media scrutiny surrounding him would be intense and he would likely receive a hostile reception from the French public.

"He proved in the past that he can deal with that. He is at his maximum under pressure," Bruyneel said. "Physically and mentally he can deal with a lot."

## Pampa defeats Borger

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester varsity volleyball team continues to roll on the road, taking care of Borger Tuesday, 15-25, 25-16, 25-15, 25-16. The win improved Pampa's record to 17-6 overall. Stats were not available as of press time.

Coach VanGilder and her team have two tough tests looming with a visit to Tascosa Saturday, and a home date with Amarillo High Tuesday. Seminole and Kermit separate those dates from the start of district play Sept. 20.

## Booster club to meet Thursday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The PHS Baseball/Softball Booster Club will meet Thursday at the school library. That meeting is to begin at 7 p.m.

The focus of this brief meeting will be the Homecoming float.

The club also wants to remind you tickets for Friday's annual all-you-can-eat steak dinner can still be purchased. To do so, or for more information, contact Marie Hickman, 665-6689.



Lady Harvester softball team members Whitney Wichert (left) and Callie Cobb.

## Giants set ticket policy for rescheduled game vs. Saints

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — New Orleans Saints season ticket holders will have first choice of seats for the team's game rescheduled for Giants Stadium on Sept. 19.

Giants season ticket holders and others who had already bought tickets for the game originally scheduled for the storm-damaged

Louisiana Superdome on Sept. 18 will be able to buy tickets for the rescheduled game beginning Thursday, the Giants said Tuesday.

Giants season ticket holders will be able to buy tickets beginning the same day, three hours later.

The general public will be able to buy any remaining tickets beginning Sept. 13.

The Giants have said they will send "a substantial amount" of the ticket proceeds from the game to disaster relief organizations.

## Report states Herrion died of heart disease

SANTA CLARA, Calif. (AP) — The Denver County coroner's report confirmed what Thomas Herrion's family and friends already believed: The San Francisco 49ers offensive lineman died of a heart attack that was unpredictable and probably unstoppable.

Herrion had heart disease and evidence of previous heart trouble when he collapsed and died after a preseason game in Denver Aug. 20, assistant coroner Amy Martin said Tuesday.

Herrion's condition was caused by factors that are often nearly undetectable, though fairly rare in a 23-year-old athlete in good physical condition. Herrion had ischemic heart disease with significant blockage in

his right coronary artery.

"It's not unheard of, but it certainly isn't extremely common in somebody who is otherwise fairly healthy," said Martin, a forensic pathologist. "Usually when it happens in somebody this young, there's some sort of factor that accelerates a process that we usually associate with aging."

"One of the biggest factors is genetics. If you're born to a family who is prone to get heart disease, then you're more likely to get it."

Herrion's father, JC Herrion, died last year from a stroke complicated by diabetes. His mother has high blood pressure and hypertension.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 8, 2005:

You need to be honest with yourself about what you do and don't like about your life. You will have an opportunity in the near future to change your life if you know what you want. You are going to be much happier in your daily life, especially after the fall. As a result, others will want to be around you. You will meet people easily. You also might be considering buying a new car or perhaps a computer. You will spend more than you want, but will be very happy. If you are single, you will have a set of admirers. You might enjoy dating more than making a commitment. If you are attached, you love going out together as a couple. You get reacquainted. SCORPIO energizes you.

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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\*\* You have a lot going on with an association or partnership. The issues you are dealing with could concern money or emotions. A friend might give you advice, but he or she is not seeing the situation clearly. Tonight: Quality time with that special person.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* You could easily be distracted by those around you right now. A boss only adds to the present confusion. Let others call the shots, as what you say and do might be irrelevant for now. Let others reveal their ideas. Tonight: Just don't be alone.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* You might need to get down to the

hard facts. What you do does make a big difference at work. Focus on the here and now, and get a project done. If you dream, you could make a mistake. Tonight: Do something utterly relaxing.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your imagination and resulting ideas make sense to you, but might not to an associate or partner. Don't worry; you just need to frame your ideas differently to get your point across. Use care with funds. Tonight: Get into weekend mode.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You might be disappointed when someone forgets something essential and basic. Don't go into a cocoon. Rather, start talking out a problem and allow yourself to open up as well. You might need more security. Tonight: Be a couch potato.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* You say the right words to make others happy. However, you are easily distracted. If you feel bored, you need work that is more fulfilling. You want to make a difference. Start talking about possibilities. Tonight: Go cruising to a favorite spot or two.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Worry less about a child or loved one. You sense that this person is pulling the wool over your eyes, and you are right. But you cannot confront this situation just yet. Deal with your finances in a steady, conservative manner. Tonight: Recognize how much play money you have.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You are king or queen for the day. You might be a bit confused about a property investment, a domestic matter or a relative. Worry less. Focus on where

you can make a difference. A meeting is important. Tonight: What makes you happy.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You might need some downtime. If you can, take a personal day. Otherwise, steer away from crowds. You also might misread someone's comment. Focus on work. Check in with a parent. Tonight: Be unavailable.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Emphasize what you want. You might need to make some calls and do research. Friends prove to be most supportive. You have what it takes. The only area you could slip up in is financial. Tonight: Enjoy your friends.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* You might not be sure which way to go. Even when others give you a strong sense of direction, you get confused. Delegate or ask for help, knowing that you aren't 100 percent present. Relax with a partner or associate. Tonight: Get home as soon as possible.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Do not follow your instincts right now. Go for facts and information, and find experts. Ask a question rather than make an assumption. Detach and take the high road. Don't listen to gossip. Tonight: Let your mind relax.  
**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Pink (1979), singer Patsy Cline (1932), actor Peter Sellers (1925) \*\*\*\*\*  
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#### 5 Special Notices

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#### 10 Lost/Found

**FOUND** Schnauzer. Monday evening. Call to describe. 665-2771

#### 14d Carpentry

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**SONIC** America's Drive-In

#### 21 Help Wanted

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- State, local and DOT regulations
- Variable workloads with flat-bed and winch type loads

We offer top wages and a great benefit package that includes medical / dental / life ins., profit sharing and a 401(k) plan. Confidential, fast learners, please send your resume with salary history or give us a call at:

**BAKER TANKS** 3000 Huber Ave. Borger, TX 79007 Attn: Mike Livingston Ph (806)273-3747 Fax (806)273-3766 EOE, M/F/D/V

#### 21 Help Wanted

**COOK** Asst. / Dishwasher. 2 days per week. Pick up application at First United Methodist Church.

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**TEXAS** Rose needs Cooks & Dishwashers Apply in person before 2-5 pm, ask for manager.

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**AXYDLBAAXR** is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

#### 9-7 CRYPTOQUOTE

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THOUGH WE TRAVEL THE WORLD OVER TO FIND THE BEAUTIFUL, WE MUST CARRY IT WITH US OR WE FIND IT NOT. — RALPH WALDO EMERSON

#### 60 Household

**HOT TUB / SPA** New-Never Used, 5 HP, w / lounger, waterfall, digital control, seats 6. Full warr. \$3900. 806-670-9337.

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**1 twin sz. captain's bed** w/ new mattress and 1 brass queen sz. bedframe. Aft. 5, call 665-2241.

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**2 LOTS FOR SALE AT** MEMORY GARDENS CEMETERY. CALL 806-669-6034.

**77 Livest./Equip.** ORTHOFLEX barrel saddle, 15 in. Like new! \$1500. Call 662-8613, lv. msg.

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**Beautifully furn. 1** bdr. starting at \$360. We pay gas & water, you pay elec. 6 mo. leases. Pool & laundry on site. Caprock Apts. 1601 W. Somerville 665-7149 Mon.-Fri. 8:30-5:30 Sat 10-4

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**104 Lots**

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**116 Mobile Homes**

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**DRIVER- ALL FOR YOU!** Home time, new trucks, no NYC, no touch. Paid 2-day orientation. Solo's, O/O & Teams. Freymiller, Inc. 1-800-257-1381, Ext. 330

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**MISCELLANEOUS** AIRLINE MECHANIC - Rapid training for high paying career. FAA predicts severe shortage. FAA approved. Job placement assistance. AIM 1-888-349-5387.

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Justin," and I have been together 12 years, married for five. We get along well, except for one thing, his so-called "jokes."

Rather than coming out and saying I've done something that bothers him, Justin will make a sarcastic comment, then insist he's "just kidding." If I forget to turn off a light, he'll say something like, "So, you're trying to make sure the electric company doesn't go out of business -- right?" If I tell him his unshaven face hurts when he kisses me, he'll say, "Most women would love it if their husbands gave them kisses all the time ... maybe I should have married one of them." No single remark sounds that terrible, but it's been going on for 12 years and I've had enough.

No matter what he says, as long as Justin claims to be "kidding," he doesn't think I have a reason to get angry. He'll say I don't have a sense of humor, or that I'm "thin-skinned." I tell him frequently that it bothers me. I have asked repeatedly that he just say what's on his mind, but he doesn't. How can I get through to him that what he's doing isn't "joking"; it's avoiding accountability for his comments? -- **NOT AMUSED IN VERMONT**

**DEAR NOT AMUSED:** It would be interesting to know something about the atmosphere in which your husband was raised, because emotionally, he's a coward. The term for what he's doing is "passive aggression." People who use it aren't secure enough to be directly confrontational, so they beat around the bush -- taking little jabs here and there, not enough to do serious damage. The measured doses of venom keep their victim off balance and in a constant state of irritation. (If the targets react, it becomes "their" fault.)

You must be a very strong person to have tolerated this for so long. I'm sad to say, your husband may be incapable of changing. However, a way to get him to recognize what he's doing, and how damaging it is, would be through marriage counseling. If he won't go, go without him. It will give you insight and perspective.

**DEAR ABBY:** My mother has been living with this guy for seven years. We don't live with her, but when we visit, he mentally and emotionally abuses her. Yesterday he cursed me and my brother out, and threatened to beat us up.

My mother wants to leave but she can't. I know it's none of my business because I am only 13, but my brother and I want her to get out. We don't like this guy and don't want to see him anymore. I have told my mother this. She says she'll leave, but she never does! What should I do? I need help to get her to leave this guy because mental abuse leaves a scar on your life that causes you to hate and fear others. -- **MICHAEL IN NASHVILLE, TENN.**

**DEAR MICHAEL:** For someone 13, you are very world-wise. I respect that you want to help your mother get away. However, that will take not only careful planning, but a strong desire on her part -- and I'm not sure your mother really wants to go.

Are her parents still living? If they are, tell them what you have told me. Does she have sisters and brothers? Tell them, too. If she has no one, give her the number of the National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 799-SAFE ([www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)). When she's ready, they can help her make a plan for leaving. But no one can do this for her. Ultimately, this is something your mother must do for herself.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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