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Roberts hearings begin with advice from GOP

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the opening day of confirmation hearings, Senate Republicans advised Supreme Court nominee John Roberts against responding to probing questions from Democrats on divisive issues: "Don't take the bait," said Texas Sen. John Cornyn.

Democrats promised to use the days of hearings to question Roberts on abortion, civil rights, privacy, election rights, capital punishment, judicial activism and the powers of the presidency and Congress.

President Bush chose Roberts to be the nation's chief justice, and at age 50, the appellate judge has the potential to shape the high court for decades.

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the Senate must determine whether Roberts "has demonstrated a commitment to the constitutional principles that have been so vital in advancing fairness, decency and equal opportunity in our society."

Republicans warned Roberts

against responding to "litmus-test questions."

"Don't take the bait," said Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, in his prepared statement. "Do exactly the same thing every nominee, Republican and Democrat alike, has done. Decline to answer any question you feel would compromise your ability to do your job. The vast majority of the Senate, I am convinced, will not punish you for doing so."

Roberts smiled and said merely,

"Good morning," as he left for the hearings from his suburban Maryland home Monday. Outside the Supreme Court, across the street from the Capitol, several dozen demonstrators carried signs that said "Confirm Roberts" and "Stop Abortion Now." Court officers stood shoulder-to-shoulder to keep demonstrators at a distance.

Lawmakers were devoting the first day of the weeklong hearings to

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Celanese Sunrise



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Lights from Celanese cast an iridescent glow in low hanging clouds today in the predawn sky over Pampa. The forecast calls for scattered showers and a high of 90 degrees today and cooler temperatures Tuesday.



DR. PAUL MUNDEN

Ophthalmologist expands to Pampa

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Ophthalmologist Dr. Paul M. Munden is now seeing patients in Pampa.

Munden, who has a practice in Amarillo, has been coming to Pampa once a month, but will increase his Pampa visits to twice a month beginning in October.

On the first Monday of each month, Munden plans to see patients in his clinic at

107 W. 30th. On the third Monday of each month, he will spend all day in Pampa, performing surgical procedures at Pampa Regional Medical Center in the morning and seeing patients at his clinic in the afternoon.

Munden will perform cataract surgery at PRMC. He is also a glaucoma specialist, and can perform corneal transplants, strabismus surgery, and LASIK, or

vision correction by use of laser surgery. He also writes prescriptions for corrective glasses and contact lenses.

Munden graduated from Texas Tech University School of Medicine in 1986. Following an internship at Lubbock General Hospital, he completed his residency training in ophthalmology at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics.

After a glaucoma fellow-

ship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Fla., Munden returned to Iowa to serve as an assistant professor of ophthalmology.

In 1996, Munden returned to West Texas to start a private practice in Amarillo, where he offers comprehensive eye care for adults and children.

He is a board certified

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Lefors ISD meets Tuesday

The Lefors Independent School District board of directors will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library at 209 5th St.

Among items to be discussed are financial reports, personnel and the superintendent's report.

2 dead, 2 injured near Wheeler

Two Amarillo teenagers were in critical condition today at an Amarillo hospital with injuries suffered in a car-bus accident near Wheeler that cost two women their lives.

Stephanie Lynn Fitting, 34, and Ruth Barton Hale, 80, both of Amarillo were killed Saturday morning in a collision with a 1968 Eagle bus on U.S. 83 about eight miles north of Wheeler.

Amanda Fitting, 15, and Adam Fitting, 16, both of Amarillo, were airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo by Life Star helicopter. Department of Public Safety Trooper Wayne Beighle said today

the two teens were in critical condition.

Officers said Stephanie Fitting was driving the middle car in a three car caravan parked on the northbound shoulder of U.S. 83 shortly after 9 a.m. Saturday.

"They were apparently on their way to a volleyball game in Fort Elliott," Beighle said.

Officers said the 2000 Ford Taurus, driven by Stephanie Fitting, pulled out in an apparently attempt to make a U-turn on the highway.

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Tax Rate OK due Tuesday

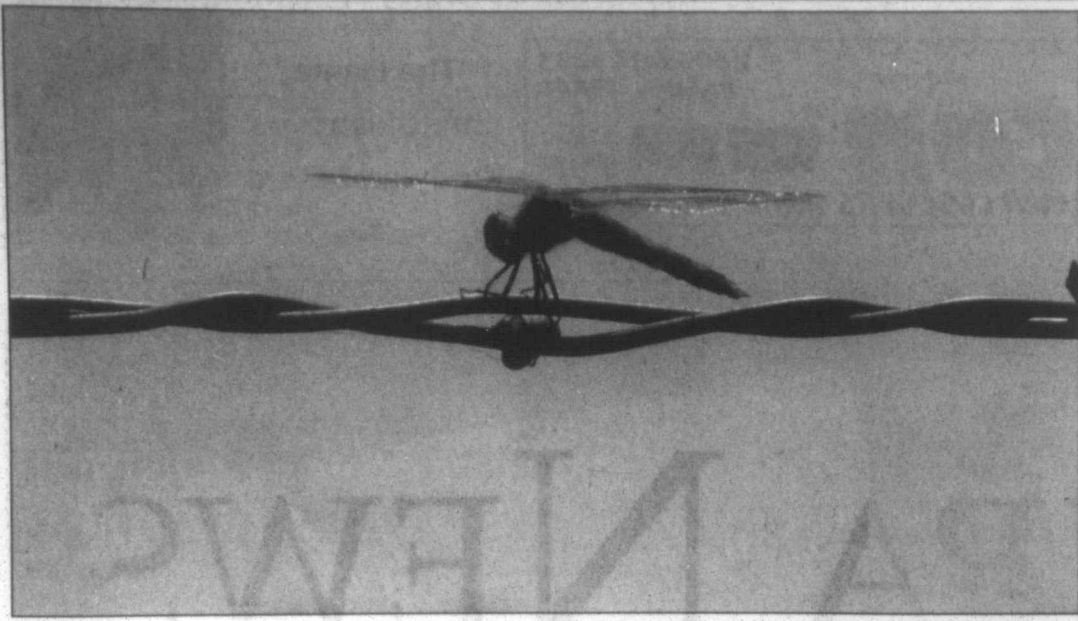
The Pampa City Commission is expected to approve on first reading a city ordinance setting the ad valorem tax rate at their regular meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The commission held two public hearings last week on the tax rate. There was no

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Join Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs
For A Town Hall Meeting
Wednesday, September 14 at 10:30am in the MK Brown Room
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This dragonfly hangs on to a barbed wire fence off Loop 171 recently as it fights to stay put in the face of a breeze. Today's forecast predicted southwesterly winds at around 20 mph, with a cool front on the way.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northwest wind

around 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low near 60. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. East northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 83. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 88.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 90.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Saturday, Sept. 10

Seventeen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 1500 block of North Faulkner.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 300 block of North Hobart.

One business alarm was reported. One business check was made.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Found property was reported in the 1300 block of Coffee.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 600 block of East Browning.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 500 block of North Frost, the 900 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of North Ballard, the 1200 block of Gwendolyn, the 600 block of North Dwight, and the 2600 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of Coffee.

Disorderly conduct/noise calls were received from the 800 block of North Nelson, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 900 block of East Francis, and the 700 block of Malone.

Disorderly conduct/other was called in from the 1000 block of Prairie Drive and the 1700 block of Beech.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby.

A domestic disturbance call was received from the 2100 block of North Sumner.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Assault by threat was called in from the 700 block of Brunow.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Fisher. A compact disc player, amplifier, speaker box and sub woofer were taken, for an estimated loss of \$554.

Theft was reported at Family Dollar, 421 E. Frederic, and led to the arrest of a shoplifter.

Andrew Scott Cooper, 19, 1111 Farley, was arrested in the 1100 block of Farley for military desertion and leaving the scene of an accident.

Leander Joseph Feltner, 22, Lefors, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for public intoxication.

Andrew Steven Keeton, 21, 720 N. Zimmers, was arrested in the 300 block of North Zimmers for displaying expired registration, failure to appear, and two counts of failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Sara Mitchell, 23, 904 E. Scott, was arrested in the 400 block of Frederic for driving while intoxicated, unlawful carrying of a weapon, theft under \$50, failure to identify as a fugitive, and capias pro fines for no driver's license, no insurance, and a hit and run accident.

Krissy Lee Dennis, 40,

in from the 500 block of North Somerville and in person in the police department lobby.

One business alarm was reported.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 200 block of East Brown.

Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart. An arrest was made in connection with the report.

Criminal mischief was reported at a parking lot in the 1300 block of West Kentucky. A vehicle was egged. Estimated cost of damage is unknown.

A disorderly conduct/fighting call was received from the 600 block of North Dwight.

Disorderly conduct/other calls were received from the 700 block of North Frost and the 100 block of South Sumner.

Criminal trespass was called in from the 900 block of South Wells.

A call concerning a subject with a weapon was received from the 900 block of South Wells.

Carrying a prohibited weapon was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic. A knife or cutting tool was involved in the incident.

Failure to identify as a fugitive was reported in the 400 block of East Frederic.

One suicide attempt was reported.

Domestic disturbance calls were received from the 1000 block of South Somerville, the intersection of Carter and Wells streets, and the 1600 block of Williston.

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612 E. Foster, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jeremy Wayne Hoskins, 23, 333 Anne, was arrested in the 900 block of South Nelson for criminal trespass.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Sept. 11

Tammy Lynn Saylor, 38, 529 N. Somerville, was arrested for theft over \$50.

Cydney Morris, 33, Lefors, was arrested on a Wheeler County warrant for forgery.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the weekend ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 10
6:19 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire west of the prison. Call was disregarded because it was in the Hoover district.

Sunday, Sept. 11
12:46 a.m. — Four units and eight firefighters responded to the 200 block of Tigner on a house fire. Heavy smoke was reported and the fire was contained to one room.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 10
9:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of west Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. There was no transport.

10:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

Family escapes flaming auto

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Robertsdale, Ala. family had a frightening interruption in their journey along Interstate 40 Friday when the driver, David Wright, noticed smoke coming out of the rear area of his white 1997 Buick LeSabre.

Wright, his wife and infant son, whose names were not available at press time today, were westbound at the 121 mile marker in Gray County when the vehicle began to emit smoke, said Lt. Joe B. Hoard of Gray County Sheriff's Office.

"The family was able to escape before the car was totally engulfed in flames," Hoard said. The car was totally destroyed in the incident.

No other information was available concerning the incident at press time today.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Sept. 8

12:26 p.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet Blazer, driven by McKinsie Rae East, 16, 1036 Crane Road; a 1994 Mercury Sable, driven by Sarah Nichole Langford, 17, 1108 Seneca; and a 2000 Ford Escort, driven by Jacqueline Denise Davis, 40, 1028 Huff Road, collided in the 2100 block of North Hobart. No injuries were reported. East was cited for following too closely and expired registration.

3:39 p.m. — A 1997 Harley-Davidson, driven by Anthony Kirk Rice, 43, 2218 N. Russell, and a 1993 Mercury Marquis, driven by

Jamie Almanza, 36, 1108 Darby, were involved in a non-contact accident at the intersection of Duncan and East Harvester streets. Rice was transported by Guardian EMS ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. No citations were issued.

9:51 p.m. — A 1993 Pontiac Sunbird, driven by Richard Dean Kidwell, 17, 1815 N. Hamilton, and a 1989 Pontiac Firebird, driven by Alicia Grace Kirkwood, 16, 2121 N. Dwight, collided at the intersection of 21st and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Kidwell was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Friday, Sept. 9

12:32 p.m. — A 1996 Mercury Cougar, driven by Zachary Dustin Joiner, 17, 2205 Evergreen, and a 1988 Pontiac Bonneville, driven by Ryan Charles Olson, 16, 1824 N. Christy, collided in the 1000 block of East Harvester. No injuries were reported. Joiner was cited for failure to control speed.

Sunday, Sept. 11
2:18 a.m. — A 2006 Oldsmobile Alero, driven by Andrew Scott Cooper, 19, 1111 N. Farley, collided with a legally parked 2006 Honda Accord, owned by Brittney Rochelle Monds, 1008 Terry Road, in the 1000 block of Terry Road. No injuries were reported. Cooper was cited for leaving the scene of an accident.

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Katrina spurs new debate on energy policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hurricane Katrina has reopened a national debate on energy policy, generating new congressional support for more stringent automobile fuel economy requirements and a fresh push by the oil industry for drilling in areas now off-limits.

Just over a month after President Bush signed into law a massive energy bill, lawmakers are talking about the need for a second one. If it emerges from Congress, it will carry the stamp of Katrina and the vulnerabilities the storm exposed to the nation's energy system.

"Hurricane Katrina exposed the harsh reality that we have been skating on thin ice when it comes to this country's energy concentrations on the Gulf Coast," said Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the Senate Energy Committee and an architect of the energy legislation passed this summer.

Domenici, in an interview and an appearance Sunday on cable TV's C-SPAN channel, also said the Gulf disaster and the skyrocketing gasoline costs it unleashed has made it clear more needs to be done to reduce energy use. That includes requiring automakers to significantly increase the fuel economy of their fleets, he said.

The hurricane was "a serious wake-up call that we have to do something both on the supply side and the conservation side" that before was politically impossible, Domenici said.

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opposition. The tax rate will have to be voted a second time before it is set.

Two public hearings were mandated by state law because the tax rate would result in an increase of tax revenues for the city, but City Manager John Horst said the increase in revenues would be because of new businesses and increased inventories. The tax rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation is the same as it has been for the past several years, Horst said.

The commission will also consider a recommendation by the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board to help fund resurfacing the Pampa High School tennis courts through water bill donation money.

The board is recommending \$5,000 this year and another \$5,000 next year. The Pampa Independent School District and the Tennis Booster Club are each expected match the city's funding.

The city commission will also discuss appointment of two people to the Gray County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

The commission will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the city commission chambers of city hall.

Crash

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The Taurus was struck by the northbound bus, driven by Jose Garcia, 52, of Clinton, Okla. Fitting and Hale, who was in the front passenger seat, died at the scene of the accident, according to DPS troopers.

The two teenagers, who were in the back seat of the Taurus, were flown by helicopter to the Amarillo hospital with head injuries, officers said.

The bus driver, alone on the bus, was not injured.

Palestinians take over abandoned Jewish settlements

RAFAH, Gaza Strip (AP) — Joyous Gazans flooded into empty Jewish settlements Monday and Palestinians climbed ropes and clambered over walls to the Egyptian side of this border town to join a chaotic celebration of the end of 38 years of Israeli military rule over the Gaza Strip.

Plans by Palestinian police to bar crowds from the settlements quickly disintegrated. Militant groups hoisted flags, fired wildly into the air and set abandoned synagogues ablaze, illustrating the weakness of the security forces and concerns about their ability to control growing chaos in Gaza. The pullout is widely seen as a test for Palestinian aspirations of statehood.

Among those crossing were purported members of the radical Islamic group, Hamas, who waved the group's green flag on Egyptian territory, raising immediate concern over Egypt's ability to meet Israeli demands to prevent militants from leaving Gaza.

Egyptian security forces stood by and let the crossings take place, describing it as a "humanitarian" gesture to let people Security officials also suggested the crossings would be short-lived as Egypt deploys 750 heavily armed troops to secure its border with Gaza.

Israeli soldiers long guarded the high walls splitting the Egyptian town of Rafah against cross-border infiltrators smuggling weapons and other contraband from Egypt into the volatile Palestinian territory. Within hours of the Israeli withdrawal, Palestinian militants toting guns stood atop the Palestinian wall as grinning Gazans climbed over to meet relatives.

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Roberts

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opening statements. Less than three years after first donning a judge's robe, Roberts seemed on a path toward speedy confirmation.

A turbulent week that included the funeral of William H. Rehnquist, his mentor and the man he hopes to replace, Roberts' renomination for chief justice and controversy over the government's tardy response to Hurricane Katrina didn't seem to cause any new problems for the nominee.

Liberal, civil rights, civil libertarian and abortion rights groups have come out against him, but not one of the Senate's 100 members has declared opposition.

"I expect these hearings will show that you have the appropriate philosophy to lead our nation into the future," said Sen. Mike DeWine, R-Ohio, and a Judiciary Committee member, in a written copy of his opening statement.

How Roberts answers questions from the panel's 18 members about his record as a conservative lawyer in the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations could affect the confirmation vote by the full Senate, expected before the end of

September. The Supreme Court begins a new term Oct. 3.

Roberts originally was chosen to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

But Rehnquist's death prompted the president to renominate him for chief justice.

Senate Democrats plan close questioning of Roberts now that he is slated to move all the way from a junior judge on the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia to the top spot on the Supreme Court.

"This hearing is the only opportunity for the American people to examine what kind of justice John Roberts will dispense," said Sen. Patrick Leahy of Vermont, the top Democrat on the committee, in an advance copy of his opening statement.

Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., the only woman on the committee, said in her prepared statement that she planned to ask Roberts about "the constitutional right to privacy" as it deals with abortion rights.

"I am concerned by a trend on the court to limit this right and curtail women's autonomy," Feinstein said. "It would be very difficult for me to vote to confirm someone to the

Supreme Court whom I knew would overturn Roe v. Wade."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, used his opening statement to say that answering such questions would be giving in to liberal interest groups who "only want judges who will do their political bidding on the bench, regardless of what is required by the law and the Constitution."

Roberts also will face questions on his ability to lead the current roster of eight strong-willed justices, all older and with more experience.

"The next chief justice will have the potential to change the court's image in the eyes of many as a super-legislature and to bring consensus to the court which has made a hallmark of 5-4 decisions, many of which are inexplicable," committee chairman Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said in his prepared opening statement.

Democrats will focus on Roberts' tenure as principal deputy solicitor general in the first Bush administration.

That office supervises and conducts government litigation in the Supreme Court, and dealt with such divisive issues as abortion and prisoners' rights during Roberts' time.

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Munden

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ophthalmologist who has trained in LASIK surgery with one of the top ten LaserVision correction surgeons in the country. He is a fellow of the American Academy of

Ophthalmology, American Medical Association, and the Texas Medical Association.

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Viewpoints

Texas virtue in response to natural disasters ...

Texas is a state affected by many natural disasters. We have everything from hurricanes and flash floods to draughts and tornadoes. Natural disasters kill people and destroy property. They also reveal something about who we really are down deep.

Whenever natural disasters are looming, our first effort is to do whatever we can to protect the people they threaten. After the event, we try to help those affected recover and move on with their lives. We also want to take a step back and see what we can learn. We need to examine the event and determine what measures will minimize the harm from similar events in the future.

Texas has been hit by

some powerful hurricanes such as Bret in 1999, Alicia in 1983, and Allen in 1980; but the most powerful hurricane to hit the state in the 20th century was the one that slammed into Galveston in 1900. According to some estimates, that storm had winds of 100 mph that peaked as high as 150 mph. It killed over 8,000 people, 25 percent of the population, and destroyed more than 3,600 homes on Galveston Island. Some Texans displayed remarkable courage: Four men spent hours in a row boat pulling people from debris-filled water saving as many as 200 lives. After the storm, the city built a six-mile-long seawall that was later extended.

Growing up in Galveston County, I lived through

Carla and other hurricanes. I have never forgotten the experience of driving to my parents' house because we had not heard from them. Telephone service was out, so we packed our car with water and other supplies and drove to their home. As we approached, we saw more and more of the hurricane's destruction. Finally, we reached their battered house, and fortunately found them unharmed.

Texas also has also had to deal with some devastating tornadoes. Back in 1997, we had a fierce tornado in Jarrell. The funnel cloud was

as big as three-quarters of a mile wide and had winds of well over 200 mph. It killed 27 people in a town of just 700, destroyed at least 50 homes, including one entire subdivision.

People described cars being flung about in the air. One place the tornado crossed the road it ripped off 500 feet of asphalt. Before dissipating, the tornado had caused \$20 million in damage. Our countrymen showed us their generosity, sending \$1.3 million and over 400 volunteers from 15 states to help Jarrell recover.

Dealing with these disasters has made Texans both

tough and compassionate. Whenever people encounter adversity, they are forced to make a decision about how to respond. So often, Texans have stood tall, displaying virtue in the heat of the moment. When battered by a hurricane, Texans have increased their resolve, battling the elements to survive. When threatened by funnel clouds, they have reacted with bravery and risked their lives to save the lives of others. And after the moment of danger has passed, they have showed kindness and generosity in helping neighbors get back on their feet.

Recently, Hurricane Katrina barreled up the Gulf Coast, striking our neighbors, and dealing them a powerful blow. Approximately 80 percent of

the city of New Orleans was covered in water, and thousands of people suddenly found themselves homeless and with no one to turn to. In the midst of this great misfortune, my heart was warmed by the many Texans who opened their arms and their homes to their fellow Americans. Public institutions, many churches and charities, and numerous individuals provided food, shelter, and money for those escaping the hurricane's devastation.

In one story that was particularly touching, a Texas couple who had just moved into their new home took their old home off the market in order to provide shelter to a family of nine in the

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Kay Bailey Hutchison

Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2005. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 12, 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed into the river that now bears his name.

On this date:

In 1880, author and journalist H.L. Mencken was born in Baltimore.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1944, during World War II, U.S. Army troops entered Germany for the first time, near Trier.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed the issue of his Roman Catholicism, telling a Protestant group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church

'While the word is yet unspoken, you are master of it; when once it is spoken, it is master of you.'

— Arab proverb

on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military, after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1986, Joseph Cicippio, the acting comptroller at the American University in Beirut, was kidnapped; he was released in December 1991.

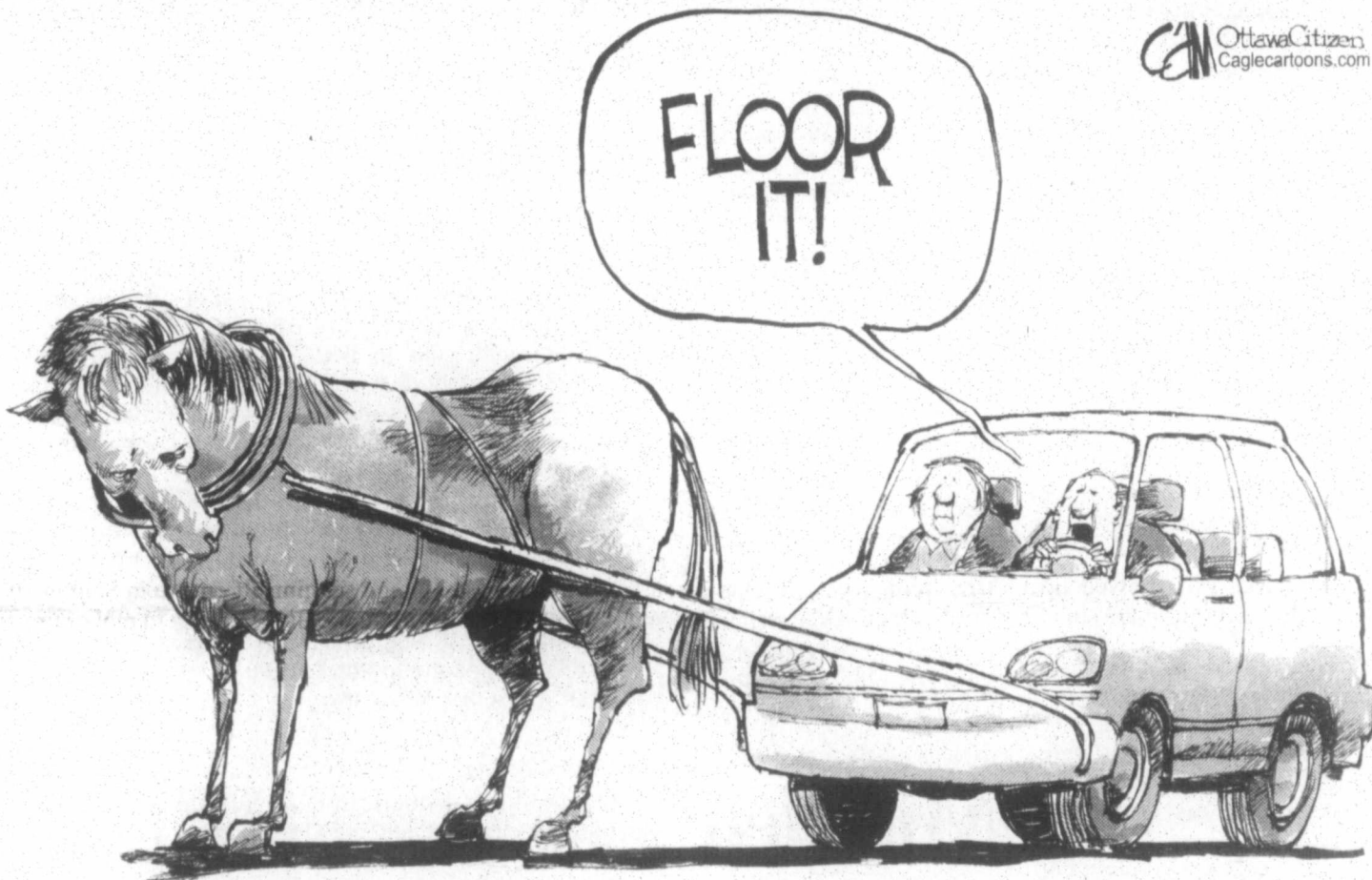
In 1988, Hurricane Gilbert slammed into Jamaica, killing 45 people and causing damage estimated at up to \$1 billion.

Ten years ago: The Belarussian military shot down a hydrogen balloon during an international race, killing its two American pilots, John Stuart-Jervis and Alan Fraenckel.

Five years ago: Hillary Rodham Clinton became the first first lady to win an election as she claimed victory in the New York Democratic Senate primary, defeating little-known opponent Dr. Mark McMahon. A series of clashes between police and protesters marred a generally peaceful second day of the three-day Asia-Pacific Economic Summit in Melbourne, Australia. Dutch lawmakers gave same-sex couples the right to marriage and all the trappings, including adoption and divorce.

AFTER KATRINA, THE SEARCH FOR ALTERNATE SOURCES OF ENERGY TAKES ON NEW URGENCY...

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Demonstrations mostly media circuses

I don't like demonstrations, no matter what the cause. They are artificial events mutually manufactured by ideologues and the media.

The business of Cindy Sheehan camped outside the president's ranch for a while offers a classic example. Let's analyze. Mrs. Sheehan, like 2,000 other mothers, lost a child in Iraq. She doesn't like the president, and she wants the American troops brought home right now.

OK, that's her opinion. There are 290 million of us in this country, and since opinions are like elbows, most of us have at least two of them. Thanks to our Constitution, we all have the right to express them. All right. Mrs. Sheehan has expressed her opinion. End

of story.

But it was not the end of the story because of the media. Ever since President Kennedy was assassinated with most of the news media absent, the press barons have sent a gaggle of people traipsing behind the president wherever he goes. They don't want to miss another assassination, to put the matter frankly.

When the president goes to Crawford, Texas, for a vacation, there is no news. He does not invite the press to breakfast or to a barbecue. He will occasionally provide media members with a photo opportunity, and the White House press people will

occasionally issue a press release. There is really no reason to have more than a pool of two or three reporters down there.

Otherwise, Crawford and nearby Waco are not exactly the entertainment capitals of the world, least of all for a bunch of jaded liberal newspeople.

August is normally a dead news month for political reporters. Washington shuts down except for the tourists. Press people stuck in Crawford become bored out of their minds.

So here comes Cindy. Actually, Cindy Sheehan should have been a one-day story, but with nothing else to amuse press members,

they start yakking about the anti-war movement, which they had previously ignored. Seeing cameras, all the professional anti-war types show up. The point is, they all have nothing new to say. They are ideologues. They repeat their one message over and over. There is no point in reporting the same thing day after day. The press should have taken note of her arrival and then ignored her. God knows, everything surrounding her is designed specifically for the media. In the old days, some journalists did not allow themselves to be used so openly.

Had they done that, there would have been no "story." Mrs. Sheehan was known as an anti-war person long

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Charley Reese

Columnist



Health education in schools catching on

There's at least one new medical finding out there that says Americans are getting healthier.

We're battling back mean old Mr. Tooth Decay. We're brushing and flossing, rinsing and spitting.

And health education in the schools is catching on.

Plus, there are advances made in the field of dental science that make going to the dentist less painful.

Some good-news data came out recently from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. The main finding was a decline in tooth decay for people in all racial, economic and age groups. It was

greatest among children.

That means there are two items of note: In our homes and in our schools, we're stressing the importance of healthy teeth.

Advancements, such as sealers, reduce the number of cavities, which reduces the number of teeth needing a drilling. If cavities (tooth decay) do occur, new advances make the drilling less painful.

Improvements in water fluoridation now reach two-thirds of Americans.

Fluoride, a mineral that helps prevent teeth from decaying, naturally occurs in

our water, El Paso dentist Brian Salome said. Salome cautions

that he is still seeing "quite a few" children with cavities. He reminds parents that small children do not have the strength to properly brush their teeth. In the latest testing period, 1999-2002, some 60 percent of children ages 6-19 have had no cavities in their lifetime. That's 10 percent better than a

decade ago. Use of sealants is up 64 percent.

Some 30 percent of children have at least one tooth sealed -- usually on the back teeth, which do a majority of the chewing. At the other end of the age spectrum, there was good news, too.

Only one in four people in the 60 age group have lost all their teeth. It used to be one in three from 1998-94 statistics. Adults with more than high-school degrees averaged three more teeth -- 25 vs. 22 -- than people without high-school degrees.

Overall, the news is good. Americans have healthier teeth than even a decade ago.

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Musician 'Gatemouth' Brown dies at 81 after fleeing Katrina

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, the singer and guitarist who built a 50-year career playing blues, country, jazz and Cajun music, died Saturday in his hometown of Orange, Texas, where he had gone to escape Hurricane Katrina. He was 81.

Brown, who had been battling lung cancer and heart disease, was in ill health for the past year, said Rick Cady, his booking agent.

Cady said the musician was with his family at his brother's house when he died. Brown's home in Slidell, La., a bedroom community of New Orleans, was destroyed by Katrina, Cady said.

"He was completely devastated," Cady said. "I'm sure he was heartbroken, both literally and figuratively. He evacuated successfully before the hurricane hit, but I'm sure it weighed heavily on his soul."

Although his career first took off in the 1940s with blues hits "Okie Dokie Stomp" and "Ain't That Dandy," Brown bridled when he was labeled a bluesman.

In the second half of his career, he became known as a musical jack-of-all-trades who played a half-dozen instru-

ments and culled from jazz, country, Texas blues, and the zydeco and Cajun music of his native Louisiana.

By the end of his career, Brown had more than 30 recordings and won a Grammy award in 1982.

"I'm so unorthodox, a lot of people can't handle it," Brown said in a 2001 interview.

Brown's versatility came partly from a childhood spent in the musical mishmash of southwestern Louisiana and southeastern Texas. He was born in Vinton, La., and grew up in Orange, Texas.

Brown often said he learned to love music from his father, a railroad worker who sang and played fiddle in a Cajun band. Brown, who was dismissive of most of his contemporary blues players, named his father as his greatest musical influence.

"If I can make my guitar sound like his fiddle, then I know I've got it right," Brown said.

Brown started playing fiddle by age 5. At 10, he taught himself an odd guitar picking style he used all his life, dragging his long, bony fingers over the strings.

In his teens, Brown toured as a drummer with swing bands and was nicknamed "Gatemouth" for his deep voice. After a

brief stint in the Army, he returned in 1945 to Texas, where he was inspired by guitarist T-Bone Walker.

"I'm so unorthodox, a lot of people can't handle it,"

— Gatemouth Brown
In a 2001 interview

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months ahead. In another part of Texas, one company offered about 40 vacant apartments in a retirement community, plus food, transportation and housekeeping for no charge.

Know that when I am working in Washington, you repeatedly make me proud to be from the Lone Star State. I am honored to be your senator. When I am working with other senators, it is not unusual for me to look over and see a confident gleam in their eyes because they know that, when the chips are down, they have a true

friend in Texas.

There are still ways that you can help our neighbors who have been hurt by hurricane Katrina. While all assistance is appreciated, generally donations of money are more helpful than donations of food and clothing. Money can be used to buy exactly what is most urgently needed, including perishable food and medicine.

Donations of money also save the costs of transporting goods to where they are needed most. Some reliable charities include the Salvation Army (<http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/USNSAHome.htm>), Church World Service (<http://www.churchworldservice.org/news/katrina/>), and the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>).

Donations of time and energy also provide important assistance and give you a meaningful connection to those you are helping. As of this date, three of our major cities are setting up huge sites for hurricane evacuees. To volunteer, call your local Red Cross office.

Finally, do not forget to be prepared for a natural disaster yourself. Be sure you have survival kits in your home and car, and you refresh them from time-to-time with new food and batteries. For specific suggestions on what to put in survival kits, go to <http://www.fema.gov/rrr/empres.shtm>. Also, be sure that you follow the directions of local government officials, especially their warnings to evacuate when necessary.

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before she showed up in Crawford. Everything done in Crawford was done just to get air and ink. The pro-Bush demonstrators who formed up in California are no different. OK, they support President Bush. End of story. Nobody, including Cindy Sheehan, has ever claimed to speak for everybody. All you have are two sets of ideologues competing for media attention.

The truth is, of course, that the war in Iraq is not an anti- or pro-Bush question. He started it, but it is now an American problem, and ideologues on either side have no sensible solution and contribute nothing useful to any serious discussion. Some of the TV journalists seem to think of themselves as either pro-Cindy or pro-Bush. Whichever, they ought to be fired. It's not about two personalities.

Well, if you can say nothing else about Hurricane Katrina, which is the meanest storm in my lifetime, it ended the silly charades in Crawford. Now the press has something else to cover. Both the Iraq War and the anti-

war movement are off the radar.

At least the deaths and destruction are real, not stuff that's done for media attention. The press has been covering demonstrations ever since a Buddhist monk drugged himself up and set himself on fire in Saigon after specifically checking to make sure his death would mesh with American deadlines.

I'd like to see the press ignore all demonstrations. But if media members are going to cover them, they should at least not pretend that they have nothing to do with "the circus." They are the cause of it.

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: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., 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. Wednesday 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 Thursday. 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. Friday 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 celebration activities, call Sherry Seabourn 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 all horses entered in the trail ride. Only original papers will be accepted. Prizes will be awarded including boots, horse feed and a Stetson hat. For more information, contact ride coordinator Gloria Swires at 665-2294 or Sherry Carlson at 669-9672.
- **The next Pampa Area Singles Dance** is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes with Earl Witt. Admission is \$6. No smoking or alcohol is allowed. Snacks are welcome. For more information, call 665-7059.
- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** will meet at 11 a.m. Sept. 21 at The Dixie Cafe in Pampa. For more information, call 669-9916 or 669-9297.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I was in a car accident two months ago. My best friend, "Heather," was driving. We grew up together and refer to each other as sisters. We were both under the influence, and I was so intoxicated I didn't realize how smashed Heather was. Anyway, I was really banged up in the accident. She got away without a scratch. For an entire week after the accident, Heather never once came to see how I was doing. It wasn't until after I was practically healed that she stopped by my house. Sometimes when I see her, I still feel angry at her -- or some emotion I can't put my finger on. I don't know if I still blame her or what. But now that I have healed, she doesn't want to talk about the incident, and I can't say anything because it makes her uncomfortable. But don't you think I am the victim here?

It is almost to the point where I don't want to be around her. After 20 years of having Heather in my life, I think I can survive without ever speaking to her again. What should I do? -- **LOST IN SAN MATEO, CALIF.**

DEAR LOST: For the sake of your 20-year friendship, clear the air and say what's on your mind -- including the fact that you felt betrayed when Heather failed to see you after the accident. She may have felt too guilty to face you. There are times when saying "I'm sorry" and "I'll never drink and drive again" may seem inadequate. And yet, those things are exactly what need to be said -- and you need to hear them -- regardless of whether or not the subject makes Heather uncomfortable. For your own peace of mind, please do it soon. You have nothing to lose and everything to gain.

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of four children (ages 6, 4, 3 and 2 months). About a year ago, I gave my dad and stepmom

temporary custody of my older kids so I could get my life together. During that time, I have gotten a job and found a great man. The fourth baby was not planned. I plan on moving to a larger place in February when my lease is up, and then getting my older three kids back. My question is: My stepmom says that my other children won't understand about the new baby and the fact that he can live with Mommy and they can't. So they have not seen him or Mommy since he was born. I'm not sure it is right to keep him from them. Who is right? -- **CONCERNED MOM IN MISSOURI**

DEAR CONCERNED: You are. Your children are old enough to understand that they are living with your father because you had problems and couldn't afford for them to stay with you for a while. If they want to know why the baby can live with you and they can't, tell them that it's because the baby is tiny and needs to stay with you -- just as they did when they were babies. Assure them that in just a few months you will all be together again. THAT'S what they need to know. Distancing yourself from your children and hiding their sibling is not healthy for them -- or for you.

DEAR ABBY: I have often heard the saying, "That would be like opening Pandora's box." Where did that phrase originate? -- **YVONNE IN NORLINA, N.C.**

DEAR YVONNE: It refers to a story from Greek mythology. The box was a gift to Pandora from the gods, but was given with the warning that she should never open it. When curiosity got the better of Pandora and she opened it anyway, a swarm of evils was loosed upon mankind.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

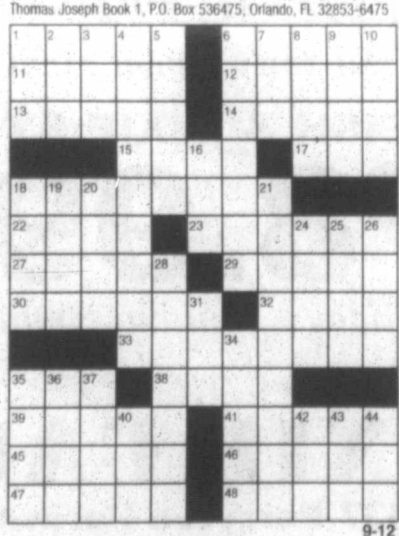
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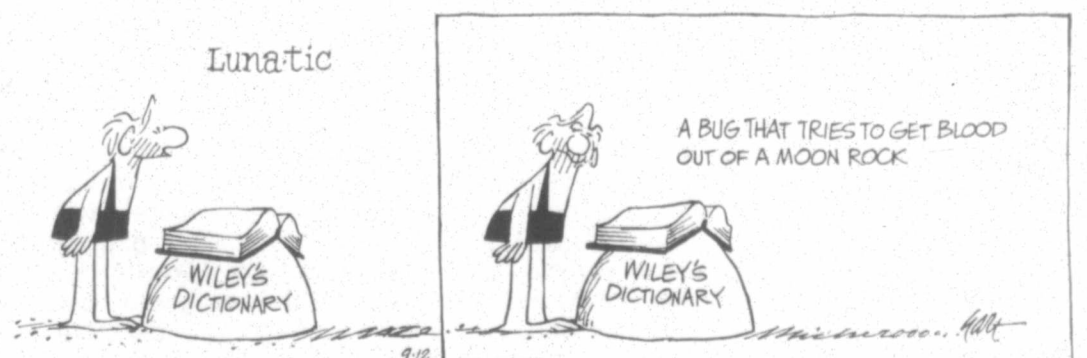
The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I knew before he was born that he'd be good at kicking things."

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Sports Day

Harvey time



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

With cheerleaders at the ready, and the home stands filled with Pampa fans — including the band seated behind him — Harvey the Harvester helps lead a song as Pampa and Amarillo High prepare to square off Friday night.

FOOTBALL TALK

The first week of the season is like a box of chocolates

The Game

How good could a game be if tied 0-0 at the end of regulation? What if the final score was only 8-6? Some would suggest one of the best ever played in the panhandle.

The defensive battle between Tascosa and Palo Duro was the talk of the town all weekend. Normally, defensive struggles don't make for entertaining eye candy, but this one did.

Seems everywhere I went, all people were talking about was "The Game". My wife and I motored around Amarillo Saturday wearing the cool new Pampa shirts we bought at the Harvester Hut the night before, and folks would ask, "Were you at the game?" As we answered, it became clear they were talking about the Rebels and Dons affair.

I went to Tascosa High School Saturday to catch the Lady Harvesters and Lady Rebels and maybe take a few pictures for the paper. Unfortunately, they decided to move the game up from the time I had listed on my schedule. I missed the game. I did run into some former Pampa personnel, including Coach Heath Parker, and commented on how all I had been hearing about was "The Game". Parker agreed it was good, but you could tell by the look on his face, he thought his team should be 3-0, not 2-1.

Oh Yeah, Our Shirts

By the way, the little lady and I wore our shirts with great pride. We always do. The cashier at the restaurant we had lunch at Saturday looked at us and asked the were you at the

game question. By this time, we just started saying, "No." Then I stopped and asked, "What game are you talking about?" "Pampa and Amarillo High," she replied. By the smile on her face and the fact she was working at an Amarillo eatery, my spidey senses told me she was probably a Sandie. She was.

She was cute though. Mama and I are always looking for our future daughter-in-law. We probably ought to start telling our son what we're up to.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



Speaking Of Defense

There was a pretty good display of defense here in Pampa Friday night. Let me rephrase that. There was an awesome display of defense here in Pampa Friday night. It is not often a loss can be considered a good thing, but what the Harvesters did against Amarillo in the second half Friday night was serve notice it is not to be taken lightly. Sure the final was 25-9, but one should keep in mind it was 19-3 at the half. The Pampa defense appeared to get better as the game went on.

Are They For Real

Pampa News Editor Dennis Spies asked me this morning if I thought the WTAMU Buffaloes were for real. I wasn't sure they would be able to get by Central Oklahoma on the road

Saturday. I know Coach Don Carthel. He is as positive a man as you can meet.

He is also a realist. Therefore, I believe he will forgive me for not taking them this week in the Fantastic Five Football Picks. WT upset the Bronchos 44-31, improving to 3-0. Do I think the Buffs are for real? Sure. More importantly, I think Coach Carthel is. And he has his team, his school and his community believing it too. Keep an eye on this program.

Super Bowl Talk

Where are you Dallas Cowboys fans? It has been little more than 24-hours since your team defeated San Diego and I have yet to hear you talking about the Super Bowl. In the past few seasons, any win provided the impetus to dream daring dreams. Still, a win is a win I suppose.

First Week

I hate the first week of NFL regular season football. You just don't know what to expect. Dallas defeating San Diego on the road? Miami blasting Denver? Indianapolis thumping Baltimore? SMU dropping TCU? Actually, the last one didn't shock me. But what does that say about Oklahoma, who had its own struggles against Tulsa? Mack Brown and his Texas Longhorns may actually be looking forward to this year's Red River Shoot-out.

Worth The Wait

454 yards passing. Five touchdowns, one came by way of his legs. Congratulations Texas Tech and former Hereford High School quarterback Cody Hodges. It was well worth the wait.

Rangers 7, Athletics 4

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mark Teixeira hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer that made him the major league RBI leader and the Texas Rangers beat Oakland 7-4 on Sunday to drop the Athletics to third place in the AL wild-card chase.

Teixeira's career-best 39th homer, his fifth in seven games, gave Texas a 5-2 lead in the fifth inning. It increased the All-Star first baseman's RBI total to 125, two more than Boston's David Ortiz.

Oakland (79-63) had

won three straight, but lost for the seventh time in 11 games overall. The A's began the day tied with New York at 1 1/2 games behind wild-card leader Cleveland, but the Yankees beat Boston 1-0.

Alfonso Soriano and Mark DeRosa also homered for the Rangers, who lead the major leagues with 241. They are on pace for 273 homers, nine more than the Seattle Mariners hit when they set the big league record in 1997, and have already set a club mark with 141 at home.

Brewers drop Astros, 4-2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Rickie Weeks doesn't always play like a rookie, but his teammates reminded him Sunday that he is one.

Weeks hit a two-run homer and Rick Helling pitched seven strong innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers over the Houston Astros 4-2.

After the game, Weeks and every other Milwaukee rookie was forced to wear white Hooters tank-tops and tiny black shorts before the Brewers left for their road trip.

"I'm feeling good," Weeks said before putting

on his new outfit. "I've been hitting the ball but I couldn't find a hole. Now I guess the holes are finding me."

Houston remained a half-game ahead of Florida in the wild-card race. The Astros, who failed to move a season-high 12 games over .500, begin a four-game series with the Marlins on Monday in Houston.

"It's a wasted opportunity, no question," said Houston manager Phil Garner, knowing that Florida already had lost.

The AP Top 25 Poll

(AP) — The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 10, 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 (56)	1-0	1,592	1
2. Texas (8)	2-0	1,538	2
3. LSU	1-0	1,404	5
4. Virginia Tech	2-0	1,345	7
5. Tennessee	1-0	1,297	6
6. Florida	2-0	1,242	10
7. Georgia	2-0	1,181	9
8. Florida St.	2-0	1,138	11
9. Ohio St.	1-1	1,100	4
10. Notre Dame	2-0	1,036	20
11. Louisville	1-0	941	12
12. Purdue	1-0	837	13
13. Miami	0-1	754	14
14. Michigan	1-1	740	3
15. California	2-0	634	16
16. Georgia Tech	2-0	575	17
17. Boston College	2-0	483	19
18. Arizona St.	1-1	373	15
19. Texas Tech	1-0	324	21
20. Clemson	2-0	316	25
21. Oklahoma	1-1	267	18
22. Iowa	1-1	252	8
23. Fresno St.	1-0	225	24
24. Iowa St.	2-0	223	—
25. Virginia	1-0	205	23

Others receiving votes: Alabama 137, Oregon 115, Utah 113, Wisconsin 88, Auburn 87, Colorado 62, Minnesota 41, Texas A&M 35, UCLA 24, Michigan St. 16, Penn St. 16, TCU 14, N.C. State 7, UTEP 7, Oregon St. 6, Toledo 5, West Virginia 4, Vanderbilt 1.

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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)

★★★★ Could too many opportunities be a problem? You might just begin to believe that today. Your choices do count, financially and emotionally. You might need to make a major expenditure. Tonight: Don't even consider an early bedtime.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Fortunately, you have the get-up-and-go to meet today's demands. Still, do as much as you can over the phone or at your desk. Make calls rather than go down the hall. Remember, you might be a Bull, but your energy isn't limitless. Tonight: Treat your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others want and need to put in their two cents. You will be able to reveal

your thoughts at the right moment. Your creativity is in demand. Use it, even if it's just to amuse yourself. Lighten up a natural heaviness. Tonight: Ask a friend to join you in a game of tennis or some other sport.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others prove to be strong and demanding. Somehow, they will be heading in a positive direction. You might find some are stronger-willed than you. Go with the flow. Tonight: Say yes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Focusing will take talent, as so much is happening around you. Someone key to your life might be pushing you hard. Listen and try to accommodate this person. Emphasize strong communication. How you say what you think makes a difference. Tonight: Choose a relaxing activity.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You can make money or spend a lot of money, depending on how you handle a demand and your present need for self-expression. You do need to stop and think rather than impulsively book a trip or take off. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Though you might be a bit lazy or tired, you get energized by those around you. Your mental enthusiasm energizes others; you don't need to be active. Just go into the business of being a cheerleader. Tonight: Rest up, because tomorrow you will need every drop of energy possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ You tell it like it is. Yet you might know more than you are letting on. Just as well, because you will feel more confident, keeping this information to

yourself. You are a secretive sign. Act like it as well. Others seek you out. Tonight: Find a favorite nook.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ Others might push you toward a risk, and only you can decide if it is worth it. You might risk, but know when to pull back and take care of yourself. The suggestion could be appealing. Tonight: Fun doesn't have to cost.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You have the ideas, creativity and charisma to create much more of what you want. Someone might compliment you, and although you might like the praise, you could be overwhelmed. Tonight: What would make you happy?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★ Others push and prod for what they think should happen. You might be more irritated than you realize. As a result, you will cocoon and vanish. Still, seek out a different perspective. Tonight: Get as much sleep as you can. You will need it.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You have the energy and force to accomplish what you want. Be careful how hard you push and of the words you choose. You could be a lot more brusque than you think. If angry, calm down before doing anything. Tonight: Follow another's lead.

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Crop report: cotton, sugar cane production should go up

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The hurricane's effects on U.S. agriculture rippled far beyond the southern Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana farm fields in its wake, although it's too early to determine the exact toll, the department said.

In its monthly crop report, the Agriculture Department raised its forecasts for cot-

ton, rice, soybeans and corn over last month's estimates. And though farmers are expected to grow more sugarcane than in 2004, the department lowered its production forecast from last month.

Harvest of corn and soybeans, the main export crops, won't be fully under

way for a couple of weeks. U.S. agriculture depends heavily on foreign sales of crops, many of which are exported down the Mississippi River through Gulf Coast waterways and ports that were ravaged by Katrina.

"When the Midwest harvest gets into full swing and

whether they'll be able to handle grain shipments then, that's going to be the true test," said Terry Francl, economist for Farm Bureau, the nation's largest general farm organization.

The river and the key agricultural port, the Port of New Orleans, were operating Monday but at limited

capacity.

"I don't want to give you the wrong impression — it's not like it was before the storm," said Chris Bonura, spokesman for the port. "But we're starting to see the first steps of getting back to commercial cargo."

Exodus scrambles politics

WASHINGTON (AP) — Population shifts caused by the exodus of hurricane victims from the Gulf Coast could have ripple effects for years to come in Louisiana political races and perhaps beyond.

How big depends on how many people stay away, which ones stay away and where they end up putting down roots.

The early thinking is that the evacuees least likely to return to their homes in Louisiana may be the poorest — and thus, Democrats for the most part. That would hurt the party in a state where Republicans already were making inroads.

If the lion's share of those leaving settle in Texas, that could work to the advantage of Democrats in President Bush's home state.

"I'm believing that the greatest displacement occurs among those who are traditionally Democratic voters," said Elliott Stonecipher, an independent political consultant from Shreveport, La.

"Based on sheer demographics, those who are Republican voters have the wherewithal and, we believe, the will to go home and rebuild," he said.

Stonecipher sees the New Orleans area losing Democratic voters and a political network that was of great benefit to Sen. Mary Landrieu and other Democrats.

"On Election Day there is a well-oiled machine that knows how to turn those votes out from specific neighborhoods and in specific ways," Stonecipher said.

Landrieu was elected in a 2002 runoff by a 52-48 margin, a difference of just 42,000 votes. New Orleans was the base of her support.

"If that's compromised, that could be a problem for her," said John Maginnis, who publishes a political newsletter in Louisiana.

Landrieu is not up for re-election until 2008. Kathleen Blanco, the Democratic governor, who also won by a 52-48 margin, faces re-election in 2007.

Ray Nagin, the Democratic mayor of New Orleans, is up for re-election in February. No one knows if the city could even hold an election by then.

Overall, said Maginnis, Republicans have made gains in Louisiana in recent years and "the effects of the storm aftermath probably will help them." President Bush carried the state in 2000 and 2004; Democrat Bill Clinton did so in the previous two presidential elections.

Still, demographic shifts within the state could work to the Democrats' advantage in some cases, Maginnis said.

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Muslims aid Sept. 11 anniversary

HOUSTON (AP) — About 2,000 Muslim volunteers helped victims of Hurricane Katrina at the city's downtown convention center on Sunday — the fourth anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

Muslim leaders from around the country who were in Houston for the volunteer effort said the anniversary was mere chance. But they welcomed the coincidence as an opportunity to highlight their faith's true meaning.

"We're not trying to prove anything, other than what our faith requires us to do," said Mahdi Bray, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Muslim American Society. "What goes with our faith is to help others, to respond and show compassion when people need it and I'm glad we can do it."

Parvez Ahmed, chairman of the board of

the nonprofit Council on American-Islamic Relations, said Muslim leaders viewed Sunday's volunteer opportunity as another chance to show that the Sept. 11 attacks were carried out by Islamic extremists who do not represent the true meaning of their faith.

Religious and community groups who are volunteering to help at the various shelters in the Houston area, including those at the convention center, picked through a random drawing what day they would work. Houston's Muslim community got Sunday.

"If today not only happens to be a day where we are feeding people and helping people and doing our Islamic duties and doing our American duties, but at the same time it also presents an opportunity to dispel myths about Islam and terrorism, then so be it," said Ahmed.

School funding ruling expected in 2 weeks

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson said he expects the court to issue a ruling in the troublesome school funding case within two weeks.

"I can't say it will be definitive," Jefferson said in Saturday's online edition of the Midland Reporter-Telegram. "There will be a decision from the court and the Legislature will do what it does."

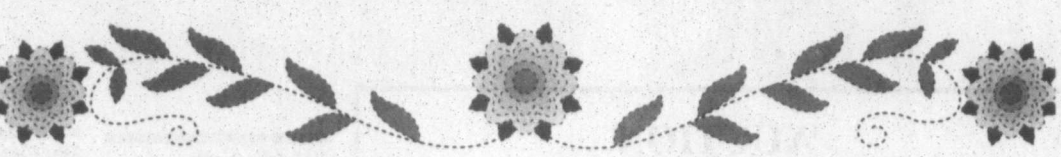
The state's high court took on the issue when the state appealed a lower court rul-

ing that said the method Texas uses to pay for public education is unconstitutional.

State District Judge John Dietz ruled the system unconstitutional and set an Oct. 1 deadline for the state to overhaul the system.

In the last three years, the Legislature has failed five times to find an agreeable solution — one that would replace local property taxes with another form of revenue, likely from new taxes.

The last special session ended in failure on Aug. 19.



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