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## Grand jury returns six indictments on felonies

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Six indictments, for four third-degree felonies and two state jail felonies, were handed up Tuesday by a 223rd District Grand Jury.

Schuyler Bond Danner, 21, was indicted for possession of a prohibited weapon, unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, and escape.

Bond on the prohibited weapon charge was set at \$5,000. Bond on the unlawful possession charge was set at \$3,000. Bond on the escape charge was set at \$2,500. Total bond for Danner was \$10,500.

On Dec. 1, 2004, Danner allegedly

possessed a firearm before the fifth anniversary of his release from supervision under community supervision following conviction of the felony of possession of a controlled substance. The controlled substance conviction occurred on Sept. 30, 2004 in 31st District Court in Wheeler County.

On April 29, Danner allegedly possessed a prohibited weapon, a bolt action .22 caliber rifle with the buttstock removed and the barrel cut down to approximately two and one-half inches.

On Aug. 14, Danner allegedly escaped from custody when he was

in custody for criminal mischief and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Charles Ernest Kane, 40, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$1,500.

On Jan. 22, Kane allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated.

On Nov. 14, 1989, and on Jan. 30, 2001, he was convicted in Gray County Court of driving while intoxicated.

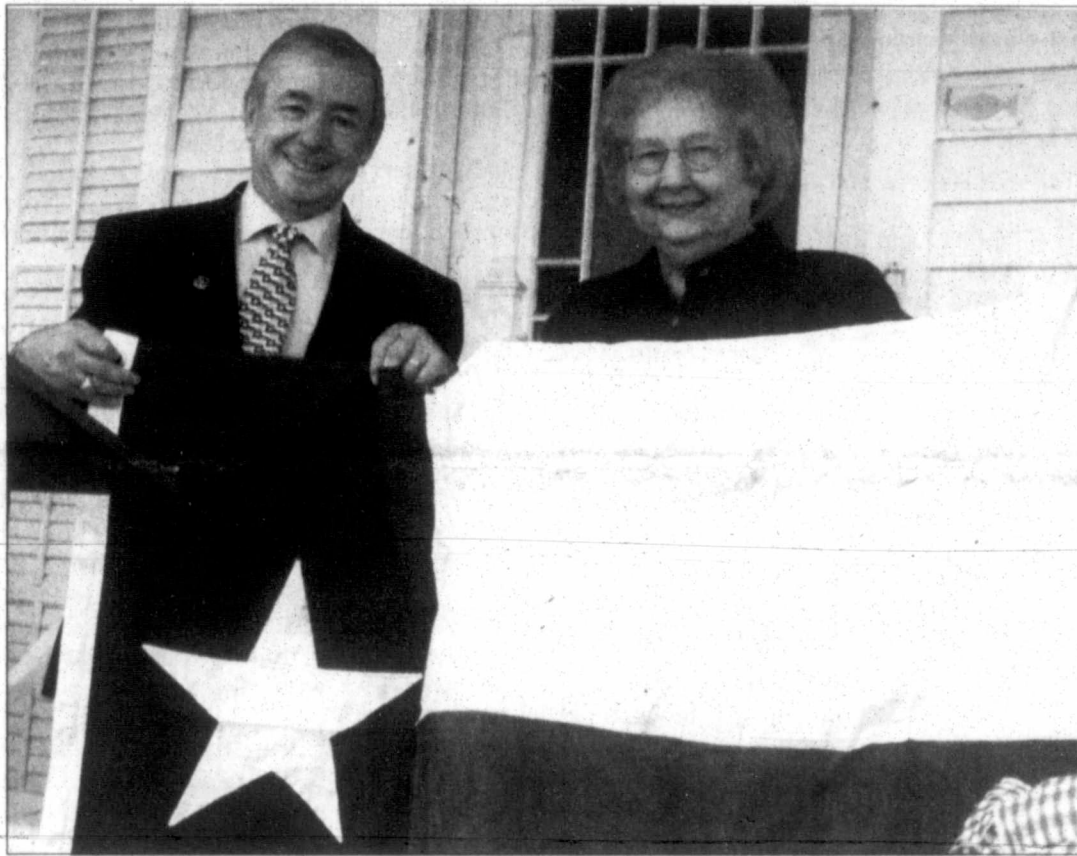
Jamie Teresia Jackson, 29, was indicted for forgery by passing.

Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On May 7, Jackson allegedly passed a forged check for \$41.01 made out to Allsup's, while knowing that the check was forged.

Justin Slade Orr, 26, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with child passenger. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.

On Aug. 13, Orr allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger who was younger than age 15.



Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

State Rep. Warren Chisum of Pampa presents to Monie Goodin, chairman of the Armstrong County Museum, a state flag that flew over the Texas Capitol for the Charles Goodnight House Historical Center in Goodnight.

## Goodnight house historical center

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

GOODNIGHT -- Pampa State Rep. Warren Chisum presented a flag to them.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs talked about rural tourism. Lorelee Cooley with the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center took notes.

Several hundred people, including Jim Haley of Canadian and Jeff Haley of Lefors with their father, J. Evetts Haley Jr. of Midland, gathered at Charles Goodnight's house here Tuesday afternoon for ceremonies designating it a historical center.

Over a period of years prior to Goodnight's death in 1929, J. Evetts Haley Sr. interviewed the pioneer at

his ranch home and in 1936 published "Goodnight, Cowman and Plainsman," the definitive biography of Goodnight. It remains in print 70 years later.

A frontiersman, Texas Ranger, Indian fighter and panhandle pioneer, Charles Goodnight drove his cattle down from Colorado into the Palo Duro to establish a ranch, one of the first in the area, in the fall of 1876.

"He could have built his house anywhere around here," grinned Chisum, "but he built right here on U.S. Highway 287."

The Brent Caviness and Marsh Pittman families, who recently bought the Goodnight ranch, donated

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Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS

About 45 marchers traveled south on Cuyler Street from Francis Avenue and turned west on Foster Avenue to reach City Hall at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Honorable Man March. The event, sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center, kicks off Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Two men shared Most Honorable Man honors: Darryl Hughes, left, and Marty Fields, right.

## Honorable Man March kicks off awareness month

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Marty Fields and Darryl Hughes were named Most Honorable Men at the end of Tuesday's Honorable Man March, sponsored by Tralee Crisis Center.

"Honorable men are those who have lived their lives with integrity and have not used their hands in violence against their family," said Lyn Ledbetter, volunteer coordinator and

educator at the crisis center and one of the event organizers.

About 45 participated in the march, which began at the corner of Francis and Cuyler streets and ended on the south steps of City Hall. Drummers from Pampa High School Band provided one drumbeat every 19 seconds during the march, to symbolize the fact that every 19 seconds, someone in the United States is affected by domestic violence,

Ledbetter said.

Many of the marchers wore purple ribbons, knit caps or gloves. The men who were named Honorable Men were among those who wore purple gloves. Honored were Fields, Hughes, Rick Beesley, Rick Bradley, Roger Myers and Roger Crawford.

"It was so hard to pick the most honorable. Each man is a man of honor, of integrity," said Kim Davis, executive director of the crisis cen-

ter, at Tuesday's ceremony.

A proclamation naming October Domestic Violence Awareness Month was also read. The proclamation had been signed by Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins earlier in the day.

This year's Honorable Man event drew more participants than last year, Davis said, when about 20 marched.

## You're Invited To Meet And Discuss The ECONOMIC FUTURE OF PAMPA

At A 4B EDC Town Hall Meeting On Thursday, October 6th  
At 6:30 PM In The M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**BLAYLOCK, Jo** — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, McLean.  
**JACKSON, Ralph E., Sr.** — 2 p.m., Briarwood Full Gospel Church, Pampa.  
**KENNEDY, Phanes Meleskie "Joe"** — Graveside services, 4 p.m., Petrolia Cemetery, Petrolia.

**Elsie Manuella Blair, 95**

Elsie Manuella Blair, 95, of Pampa, died Oct. 4, 2005, at Pampa.  
 Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mrs. Blair was born April 9, 1910, at Benington, Okla. She moved to Pampa in 1957 and married Clarence H. "Shorty" Blair on Aug. 8, 1961, at Pampa. He died in April of 1975.  
 She was preceded in death by a son, Eugene Leo Shorter in January of 2005; and

a grandson, Migel Shorter in June of 1999.  
 Survivors include a daughter, Betty Rose Minton of Pampa; a son, Don Lee Shorter of Tennessee; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and 12 great-great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Jo Blaylock, 75**

McLEAN — Jo Blaylock, 75, of McLean, died Oct. 4, 2005, at Amarillo.  
 Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday at McLean First Baptist Church with Pastor Kelly Raymond officiating.  
 Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.  
 Mrs. Blaylock was born Thelma Jo Smith on Dec. 15, 1929, at McLean, to Raymond and Juanita Smith. She married Leroy

Blaylock on Nov. 16, 1945, at McLean. He preceded her in death.  
 She worked in the school cafeteria for many years.  
 Survivors include two sons, Roy Blaylock of Amarillo and Ray Blaylock of Lubbock; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church of McLean, Texas, 79057.

**Shellie A. Downs, 76**

Shellie A. Downs, 76, of Pampa, died Oct. 5, 2005, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.  
 Mr. Downs was born Sept. 6, 1929, in Randolph County, Ala. He married Hattie R. Cook on Jan. 10, 1948, in Bowdon, Ga.; she died Oct. 2, 2001.  
 Mr. Downs moved to Pampa in 1951 and

worked for the City of Pampa.  
 He was a member of Knights of Pythias.  
 Survivors include three daughters, Shirley Duke of Valrico, Fla., and Evelyn Miller and Sheila Broadbent, both of Pampa; a son, Tommy Downs of Pampa; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**William Ray 'Bill' Hubbard, 65**

Funeral services for William Ray (Bill) Hubbard were held at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2005, at Prater-Lampton-Mills and Coffee Funeral Home Chapel in Hugo, Okla. William Bryce Hubbard and Gregory Thralls officiated. Interment was to be at Fort Towson Cemetery.  
 Mr. Hubbard died Saturday, Oct. 1, 2005, in Oklahoma City. He was 65.  
 William Ray (Bill) Hubbard was born on June 30, 1940, in Pampa, to Bryce and Leah Hubbard. He worked in the Carbon Black Division of CABOT Corporation until 1976. He then moved to Oklahoma. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren. He was a beloved father and grandfather who

will be greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bryce and Leah Hubbard, both of Pampa; and one sister, Karen Neumann of Washington, D.C.  
 He is survived by wife, Patricia Hubbard, of the home; daughter and son-in-law, Sharon and Ronnie Holmes of Pampa; son and daughter-in-law, William and Brenda Hubbard of Frogville, Okla.; daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Johnny Reich of McAlester, Okla.; one brother, John Hubbard of Amarillo; one sister, Mary Chitwood of Hugo, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Sunny Thralls, Johnny Reich, Jr., Jami Reich, Jordan Holmes, Autumn Lowrance, Nathanael Holmes, and Jacob Reich; and five great-grandchildren.

**Ralph E. Jackson, Sr., 82**

Ralph E. Jackson, Sr., 82, of Amarillo, Texas, died Oct. 4, 2005, at Amarillo.  
 Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005, at the Briarwood Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Gene Allen, retired minister, and the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.  
 Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with Masonic graveside rites courtesy of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM. Arrangements are by Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.  
 Mr. Jackson was born April 1, 1923, in Shidler, Okla. He married Dorothy Hancock, and later married Winnie Burrell Hughlett in 1979 in Pampa. She preceded him in death on May 15, 2005.  
 He was a former resident of Borger and Pampa, moving to Amarillo in 2003. He was a member of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa and currently attended the First Assembly of God Church on Bell Street



Jackson

in Amarillo.  
 He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966, Pampa Shrine Club, Khiva Shrine Temple in Amarillo, El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, and Knights of Templar.  
 He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.  
 Survivors include two daughters, Brenda Butler and husband J.W. of Borger and Lawaine Soukup and husband Mike of Pampa; four sons, Ralph Jackson, Jr. and wife Linda and Gary Coleman and wife Faye, all of Amarillo, Floyd Jackson of Dallas and James Coleman and wife Bonnie of Wichita Falls; 14 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.  
 The family requests memorials be to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, P.O. Box 190567, Dallas, TX 75219-0567.  
 —Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whatley.com](http://www.carmichael-whatley.com).

**Phanes Meleskie 'Joe' Kennedy, 65**

**CROWELL** — Phanes Meleskie "Joe" Kennedy, 65, of Crowell, formerly of Pampa, died Oct. 2, 2005, at Wichita Falls.  
 Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday at Petrolia Cemetery in Petrolia. Arrangements are under the direction of Owens & Brumley Funeral Home of Wichita Falls.  
 Survivors include his three sons, Timothy

J. Kennedy, Daniel J. Kennedy and Steven J. Kennedy, all of Grants Pass, Ore.; two brothers, Albert M. Kennedy of Pampa and Doyle M. Kennedy of Gordonville; four sisters, Dorothy L. Morgan of Crowell, Georgia E. Von Kanel of Pampa, Venita A. Kennemer of Visalia, Calif., and Annie J. Conner of Amarillo; and twelve grandchildren.

Stocks

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		MCD ... 33.07 +0.19	

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 4**  
 Eight traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 300 block of Canadian and the 300 block of Davis.  
 Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Worrell and Duncan streets, the 700 block of North Hobart, and the 800 block of North Hobart.  
 Motorist assistance was rendered in the 300 block of North Hobart.  
 Emergency medical services assistance was rendered at the intersection of Deane and Bradley streets.  
 Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of North Sumner, the 400 block of South Houston, and the intersection of 18th and Russell streets.  
 One open door was reported.  
 A civil matter was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.  
 Suspicious person calls were received from the 1300 block of Garland, the 1700 block of Hamilton, and the intersection of Harvester and Lefors streets.  
 A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of North Christy.  
 Disorderly conduct/other was reported on two occasions at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.  
 A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 300 block of Anne.  
 Violation of an Alcoholic

Beverage Commission law was reported at the intersection of Harvester and Mary Ellen streets.  
 Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby and in the 800 block of East Craven.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of Oklahoma. Minor injuries were reported.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Terrace. No injuries were reported.  
 A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Yeager. No injuries were reported.  
 Forgery was reported in the 1900 block of North Faulkner, concerning a book of checks.  
 Theft under \$50 was reported at United Supermarket, 1420 N. Hobart. Taken were a can opener, tenderloins, shrimp, a lighter, flints, beans, and a film processing fee.  
 Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Sumner, concerning a key chain.  
 Theft was reported in the 1000 block of South Christy. A motorcycle and wheels were taken, for an estimated loss of \$1,400.  
 Christina Margaret Daniels, 29, 1104 Crane, was arrested in the 800 block of North Hobart for theft by check.  
**Wednesday, Oct. 5**  
 Marcos Perez, 32, 322 Lynne, was arrested at the intersection of Browning and Houston streets for public intoxication.  
 Ronnie Ray Robles, 30, 925 S. Faulkner, was arrested

in the 400 block of Pennsylvania for failure to identify as a fugitive from justice, no driver's license, operating a motor vehicle with expired registration, and warrants for two counts of theft by check.  
 Sandra Robles, 58, 924 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 900 block of South Faulkner for failure to control speed.  
 Journey Stan Mundell, 34, 822 Frost, was arrested in the 400 block of Pennsylvania for failure to appear and no driver's license.  
**Sheriff**  
 Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 4**  
 Mitchell Cory Carroll, 19, 1905 N. Wells, was arrested on a probation violation for burglary of a motor vehicle.  
 Melvin Eugene Borders, 38, Southport, Ind., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for money laundering, possession of drug paraphernalia and no driver's license.  
 Jesus Valdez, 21, Hesperia, Calif., was arrested by DPS for money laundering.  
**Fire**  
 Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.  
**Tuesday, Oct. 4**  
 1:06 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 2200 block of Lynn on a Dumpster fire.

Gray County Weather

Today: A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly in the morning. Partly cloudy, with a high around 76. Windy, with a north northwest wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 40 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.  
 Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 39. Windy, with a northeast wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.  
 Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 54. Wind chill values between 31 and 36 early. North wind around 15 mph.  
 Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low near 41. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.  
 Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 65. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
 Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. South-southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.  
 Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 73. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.  
 Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 49. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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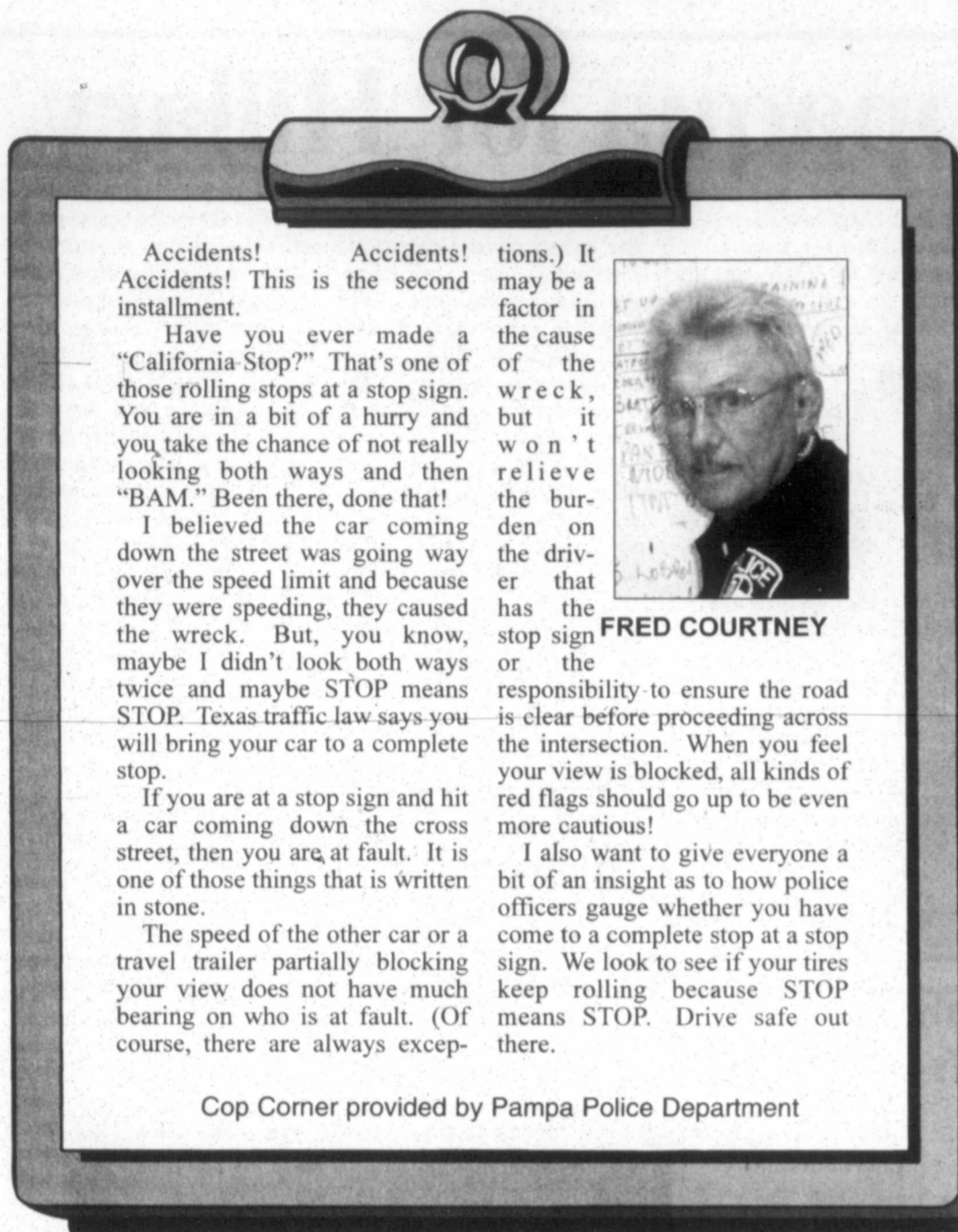
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**YOU'RE INVITED** to meet and discuss the Economic future of Pampa at a 4B EDC Town Hall meeting on Thursday, October 6th, 6:30 pm., in the M.K. Brown Civic Aud. (Questions will be submitted in writing to the moderator.)

## Cop Corner



**Accidents! Accidents!** This is the second installment.

Have you ever made a "California-Stop?" That's one of those rolling stops at a stop sign. You are in a bit of a hurry and you take the chance of not really looking both ways and then "BAM." Been there, done that!

I believed the car coming down the street was going way over the speed limit and because they were speeding, they caused the wreck. But, you know, maybe I didn't look both ways twice and maybe STOP means STOP. Texas traffic law says you will bring your car to a complete stop.

If you are at a stop sign and hit a car coming down the cross street, then you are at fault. It is one of those things that is written in stone.

The speed of the other car or a travel trailer partially blocking your view does not have much bearing on who is at fault. (Of course, there are always excep-

tions.) It may be a factor in the cause of the wreck, but it won't relieve the burden on the driver that has the stop sign or the responsibility to ensure the road is clear before proceeding across the intersection. When you feel your view is blocked, all kinds of red flags should go up to be even more cautious!

I also want to give everyone a bit of an insight as to how police officers gauge whether you have come to a complete stop at a stop sign. We look to see if your tires keep rolling because STOP means STOP. Drive safe out there.

**FRED COURTNEY**

Cop Corner provided by Pampa Police Department

## Waco VA to expand services

WACO, Texas (AP) — After an eight-hour public hearing on the future of the Waco Veterans Affairs Hospital, a federally appointed panel recommended expanding the services and rejected proposals to transfer programs elsewhere.

Tuesday's recommendations next go to VA Secretary Jim Nicholson, who will select up to six of the 18 possible options for further review. After more meetings and a public hearing, the Waco panel will again offer recommendations before Nicholson makes a final decision on the hospital next year.

"People need to understand that this fight is not over. It's just beginning," said U.S. Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco. "But we won a major battle today, and that will give us momentum in arguing for the Waco VA."

More than 40 veterans and politicians had urged the panel not to sanction moving the institution's significant programs to Temple, about 35 miles away.

Lawmakers, veterans and civic leaders have been fighting to save the hospital since it was one of seven nationwide recommended for closure in 2003 after a Government Accounting Office report said veterans hospitals weren't being run efficiently.

Last year, a VA commission proposed moving most of the Waco VA's major programs to Temple and Austin. But VA officials ordered more studies of several hospitals, and consultants from PricewaterhouseCoopers developed 17 proposals for the Waco hospital's future.

On Tuesday, the Local Advisory Panel made up of VA officials, health care professionals and Waco civic leaders voted by secret ballot in favor of the only proposals that would expand or maintain the 73-year-old hospital's programs.

## Weekend newspapers stolen

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

More than 200 Friday and Sunday editions of The Pampa News were stolen from newspaper vending machines around Pampa during the weekend, according to Leon Watson, circulation manager.

"The thefts could be related to the news stories about recent homicides which were in both issues," Watson said.

Fifty copies of the Sept. 30 paper were stolen, representing a loss of \$25. Losses of the Oct. 2 paper totaled 189, for a loss of \$189.

"Anyone witnessing an individual taking more than one paper at a time out of a News machine is urged to get a description of the person and vehicle and call The Pampa News at 669-2525, or Pampa Police Department at 669-5700," Watson said.

"The theft of newspapers from a machine is a criminal offense, and The Pampa News will prosecute," he said.

## Katrina victims' goods found

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Police breaking up an auto theft ring say they recovered various stolen items, including a man's only belongings left after Hurricane Katrina and equipment from Colorado firefighters who had helped in recovery efforts along the Gulf Coast.

Police got an unexpected break in the cases Tuesday after a pickup equipped with global positioning satellite equipment was reported stolen from a Fort Worth business. Officers tracked it to the back of a house and saw three people with hacksaws and torches stripping the truck, said police Lt. Dean Sullivan.

Officers arrested two men — Kenneth Baker, 38, and Kenneth Samuels, 49 — but the third ran away. The men are suspected of running an auto theft ring and chop shop, Sullivan said.

Inside containers in the yard, officers found firefighting equipment, including rubber gloves, masks and water-rescue gear, Sullivan said.

## Goodnight

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Goodnight's 117-year-old Victorian house along with 30 acres and seed money for a historical center.

Combs commended the Armstrong County Museum for restoring the house and turning a nearby playa lake into a bird watching center.

An advocate of rural tourism in the state, Combs said fishermen spend on average about \$27 a day.

Hunters spend \$39 a day. Birders spend \$78 a day.

Regular tourists, she said, spend about \$85 a day, but heritage tourists, the type that would be drawn to the Charles Goodnight Historical Center, spend an average of \$114 a day.

"We're going to see folks coming to this historic site," Combs said. "I think it's going to be a phenomenal success."

With his partner, Englishman John Adair, Goodnight built up the JA Ranch with 100,000 head of cattle and worked to save the American Bison from extinction.

He founded the town of Goodnight in Armstrong County where he built the Victorian house that is being restored by the Armstrong County Museum.

"It is an exciting challenge to realize that this project will establish a one-of-a-kind historical center honoring the legacy of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight," said Montie Goodin, chairman of the museum.

## Penry death sentence overturned again

AUSTIN (AP) — Convicted killer Johnny Paul Penry, whose case helped spark national debate over whether mentally impaired inmates could be executed, had his death sentence overturned for the third time Wednesday.

A divided Texas Court of Criminal Appeals sent the case back to trial for the punishment phase of the 1979 slaying of an East Texas woman. The court ruling said jurors during his most recent retrial may not have properly considered his claims of mental impairment.

Penry over more than a decade became the face of mentally impaired killers across the country, winning two reversals from the U.S. Supreme Court that changed the way judges instruct juries in capital murder cases.

In July 2002, shortly after the high court's ruling, a jury in Conroe determined Penry was not retarded and sentenced him to die.

Hours after Pamela Moseley Carpenter, 22, described her attacker as she lay dying from a stab wound to the chest, Penry gave a detailed confession of his premeditated break-in, beating, rape and stabbing of the woman in her Livingston home. Carpenter was the sister of former Washington Redskins kicker Mark Moseley.

"I knew if I went over to the chick's house and raped her I would have to kill her," Penry told authorities. He also admitted casing out the block and making sure Carpenter's husband was away, then said he got scared after the stabbing and decided to "boogie" out of the house.

## High court studies assisted suicides

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly installed Chief Justice John Roberts today sharply questioned a lawyer arguing for preservation of Oregon's physician-assisted suicide law, noting the federal government's tough regulation of addictive drugs.

The 50-year-old Roberts, hearing his first oral argument since succeeding William H. Rehnquist at the helm of the court, seemed skeptical of the Oregon law, and the outcome of this case was as unclear after the argument as before.

At the outset, Roberts laid a barrage of questions on Oregon Senior Assistant Attorney General Robert Atkinson before he could finish his first sentence.

"It's a tough case," signed Justice Anthony Kennedy, a moderate, who with Roberts and others got immersed in one of the most vexing cases to come before the court. Justices pondered whether the federal government has the power to block doctors from helping terminally ill patients end their lives.

As they did so, demonstrators carried their pleas to the courthouse steps.

Inside, retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor seemed ready to back the law allowing dying patients to obtain lethal doses of medication from their doctors.

Although O'Connor could provide the fifth vote in Oregon's favor, she likely will be off the court before the case is decided. A 4-4 tie would be decided by a new justice.

Voters in Oregon have twice endorsed doctor-assisted suicide, but the Bush administration has aggressively challenged the state law, the only one of its kind in the nation.

O'Connor immediately challenged Solicitor General Paul Clement, asking if federal drug laws also prevented doctors from participating in the execution of murderers.

Kennedy said he found it "odd" that the U.S. attorney general determined physician-assisted suicide to be an abuse of drug laws, when the state of Oregon strictly limited how the drugs could be administered.

## Miami cheerleaders conducting phone-raiser

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# Viewpoints

## Tough times at Chappaqua for Hillary

Right after Election Day in November 2004, Bill and Hillary Clinton seemed to have reached certain conclusions.

They appear to have decided that Hillary needed to stress religious values, hew to a hawkish position on the war on terrorism, remain steadfast in her support for the Iraq war and move to the center on a variety of issues, painting herself as a moderate.

But circumstances have changed, and there is increasing evidence that the Clintons are realizing that they miscalculated in their November decisions. The George Bush of 41 percent approval in September 2005 is a far cry from the man who was reelected with more than 51 percent of the

vote 10 months earlier. The endless casualties in Iraq, the inability to stop terrorist attacks in cities such as London and the high price of gasoline have all contributed to a swing to the left among the electorate and, especially, within the Democratic Party.

The antiwar movement represents a real menace to Hillary's ability to win the nomination in 2008 and might even represent a sufficient threat to give her a primary in her pursuit of the Democratic nomination for Senate from New York in 2006. These folks, from Cindy Sheehan to the followers of Howard Dean, are not to be trifled with.

Is Hillary looking a bit like Hubert Humphrey or Nelson Rockefeller did in

the mid-'60s? Once the liberal darlings, they were increasingly forced by their pro-war positions into an adversarial relationship with their former political base.

**Dick Morris**  
Columnist

There is no doubt that strident antiwar spokespeople are capturing the hearts of the Democratic electorate. And, as in the '60s, the political leaders of the Democratic Party are dragging their heels in following the voices of their own voters.

And, as in the '60s, new leaders who overtly echo the antiwar sentiment — the latter-day equivalents of Eugene McCarthy and

George McGovern — are likely to emerge from out of nowhere to take up the cause.

So far, Hillary has tried to backfill the hole in her left flank by ancillary positions that skirt the central issue of the war.

Her opposition to the confirmation of Judge Roberts and her vigorous criticism of Bush over his role in rescuing the victims of Hurricane Katrina are both examples of her move to the left. But, on the war, as reaffirmed in her meeting with Sheehan, there is no movement. Hillary is still a hawk.



But the stars do not align

in favor of such a course for the prospective Democratic nominee for president. Antiwar sentiment will increase with each week's casualty lists. Bush is not going to give in, and the terrorists won't stop trying to create mayhem.

If the Iraqi forces are ever able to replace U.S. troops, it will take quite a while for it to happen. (There is, after all, a reason that the minority Sunnis were able to impose their dictator on the rest of the country.)

And politics abhors a vacuum. One can easily see a latter-day McCarthy challenging Hillary for the Democratic nomination and upending her in the early going. Who will it be? Will Dean step into the space, as he did in 2004? Or Al Gore?

Or Joe Biden? Or some certifiably liberal senator? Or will someone from the movement itself — a Sheehan — come forth.

In any event, Hillary is caught in a dilemma. If she moves to the left, she risks running afoul of the stereotype that a woman cannot be an effective wartime leader.

She moves away from a Thatcher-esque image, which she will need to win the 2008 election. But if she leaves the left vacant, someone else will occupy the turf she has vacated and will give her fits in 2008, if not in her renomination run in 2006.

Tough times at Chappaqua.

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

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 5, the 278th day of 2005. There are 87 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address.

On this date:

In 1830, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt.

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

In 1937, President Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis — the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court — died in Washington, D.C., at age 84.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1955, a stage adaptation of "The Diary of Anne Frank" by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett opened at the Cort Theatre in New York.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, "Love Me Do," was first released in the United Kingdom.

In 1983, Solidarity founder Lech Walesa was named winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

In 1989, a jury in Charlotte, N.C., convicted former PTL evangelist Jim Bakker of using his television show to defraud followers.

Ten years ago: Seamus Heaney of Ireland won the 1995 Nobel Prize in literature. Bosnia's combatants agreed to a 60-day cease-fire and new talks on ending their 3 1/2 years of battle.

Five years ago: In the only debate of presidential running mates during the 2000 campaign, Republican Dick Cheney and Democrat Joseph Lieberman disagreed firmly but politely about military readiness, tax cuts and the future of Social Security.

One year ago: Vice President Dick Cheney and Democratic rival John Edwards slugged it out over Iraq, jobs and each other's judgment in their one and only vice-presidential debate.

*'The role of a do-gooder is not what actors call a fat part.'*

—Margaret Halsey  
American writer  
(1910-1997)



## Disempowering the 'Establishment'

One of the difficulties in understanding our world is the belief in separation that we pick up in school. We are taught that government and business are separate, that church and state are separate, and that education is an objective process that has nothing to do with politics or religion.

The world isn't structured that way. There is no separation between government and business, though there should be. Because of the high cost of elections in America, government and big business, and the people who run those businesses, share the same bed. Business supplies the money, and the politicians supply the favors.

About the only real separation is that of the ordinary American, who has practically zilch influence on his

government and, if he is a worker, on his employer. In fact, it's fair to say that most American working men and women are wage slaves. They have no power to bargain for better working conditions. They are at the mercy of their employer and of other employers in town.

The land-lord, the bank, the medical industry, the lawyer industry. Many of them work hard all of their lives, and even so, their families have to borrow money to bury them.

There are very few positions of power in this country. One professor who studies that sort of thing estimates that there are no more

than 5,000 to 7,000 such positions in both the civilian and military sectors. He defines a position of power as one in which the person can make decisions others have to obey. At your average newspaper, for example,

there is one such position: the publisher. The editor must please him, and the reporters must please the editor. If the paper is part of a big corporate chain, then of course the publisher himself is an employee and must please the people above him. Ultimately, however, there is one guy at the top who doesn't answer to anyone.

In most big American corporations, stockholders are

powerless, and even boards of directors tend to be paties for the CEO.

So, what you find is a relative handful of people who migrate between business, government, foundations and academia. These are the people who used to be called the Establishment, and their position is based on wealth or, in some cases, abject loyalty and service to the wealthy. Henry Kissinger is a good example. His patron was Nelson Rockefeller. These are the people who attend the secretive Bilderberger meetings and the economic conference at Davos, Switzerland.

There is no conspiracy. There is just a commonality of interests and backgrounds. They tend to go to

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## Multi-party system can lead to confusion

■ Sept. 20  
The Victoria Advocate on U.S. sympathy for Germany's recent parliamentary vote:

The United States has had some recent experience with disputed national elections, so Americans cannot help but sympathize with Germans in the aftermath of that country's too-close-to-call parliamentary vote. But the U.S. situation in 2000, with the near-deadlock between George W. Bush and Al Gore, likely was simpler to resolve because of this country's historic two-party tradition.

Five major parties ran

candidates for the German Bundestag, and the results show the difficulties inherent in multiparty elections and coalition politics. Incumbent Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's Social Democrats won 34.3 percent of the popular vote.

Challenger Angela Merkel's Christian Democratic-Bavarian Christian Social Union alliance won 35.2 percent. Neither came close to winning a parliamentary majority.

"Official results showed Merkel's group winning 225 seats, three more than the Social Democrats. The Free Democrats got 61, the Greens 51 and the new Left Party 54.

Voting in one district, in the eastern city of Dresden, is delayed until Oct. 2," The Associated Press reported. "The Bundestag has at least 598 seats, plus seats added under the country's system of proportional representation; the final number will be known after the Dresden vote," the AP continued.

So who will ally with whom to provide a needed majority?

Schroeder has governed in coalition with the Greens, but that party and the Social Democrats fall short of a majority in the new Bundestag. Likewise, the Christian Democratic-Christian Social Union alliance if it joins with the pro-business Free Democrats, which has pledged not to join any coalition that includes the Greens. And both of the two top parties have rejected an alliance with the Left Party,

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largely made up of former communists.

The U.S. Supreme Court must be glad it will not have any role in deciding the outcome of this election. German political analysts are speculating that a grand coalition of the two major parties is the most likely result, but that prospect contains two problems that may be insuperable.

The first is that the platforms of the two major parties differ considerably. Schroeder's is more European in its focus, committed to maintaining the power of trade unions and retaining high levels of social services and the taxes needed to fund them. Merkel wants to rebuild closer ties with the United States while simplifying the tax system and giving businesses more

power to fire workers.

"An unstable government and a perpetual election campaign with an uncertain outcome is the last thing our country needs," said Hermann Franzen, the head of Germany's HDE retail trade association. Second, Merkel wants to become Germany's first woman chancellor, but Schroeder wants to retain his office.

"We are the strongest group in the parliament and the government has no majority," she said. "The chancellor needed a new confirmation, and he did not get it." Social Democrat chairman Franz Muentefering countered, "The message was clear: This country does not want Mrs. Merkel as chancellor."

The new Bundestag has to convene within 30 days to attempt to elect a chancellor. If it cannot do so in three tries, figurehead President Horst Koehler can do so, even if the new chief minister lacks a parliamentary majority. If that happens, it

could lead to continuing instability unless the two major parties can find sufficient areas of agreement or compromise to preclude that.

Germany is too important to Europe and to the world to undergo a lengthy leadership vacuum. As the Financial Times reported Monday, "The uncertainty produced by the result was already being reflected in the markets on Monday morning as Frankfurt-listed stocks started to slide. The Xetra Dax index fell 2.2 percent in early trade, pulling Europe's other markets down alongside. The euro also suffered a modest fall in early trading."

So it is no surprise that Jose Manuel Barroso, the president of the European Commission, called on Germany's political parties to end the country's instability quickly.

"I have a duty on behalf of the European institutions to urge Germany's political leaders to a solution as soon as possible that is

stable for Europe," Barroso told the European Parliament.

This kind of election outcome is unprecedented in post-World War II Germany. And it was unexpected, because Merkel had been handily leading Schroeder in the polls until toward the end of the campaign. The result of the voting, however, does recall the political instability that allowed National Socialist leader Adolf Hitler to come to power in the early 1930s.

That instability partly resulted from post-World War I Germany's multiparty political system in which extremist parties of the left and the right made it difficult for the parties of the center to create governing coalitions. While the situation in Germany now does not resemble what happened there more than seven decades ago, the country's political leaders should carefully consider the possibility that future instability caused by too many parties might lead to a scenario far worse than today's.

# Mega Millions jackpot goes up

ATLANTA (AP) — The jackpot in the multistate Mega Millions lottery drawing grew to \$53 million Wednesday.

None of the tickets sold for Tuesday's \$42 million drawing matched all five lotto numbers and the Mega Ball. The next drawing will be Friday.

There were six second-prize winners from Tuesday night's drawing, matching all five lotto numbers but not the Mega Ball number to win \$250,000 each. Also, 34 players matched four of the five lotto numbers, plus the Mega Ball number. Those tickets are each worth \$10,000.

The winning numbers from Tuesday's drawing were: 12, 24, 28, 29, and 36.

# Bike-A-Thon



Several Lefors Elementary students participated in a bike-a-thon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital recently. Shown are (front row) Harli Jernigan, Travus Zeek, Kurtis Murray, Michael Reeves, (back row) Alana Shephard, Khori Lott, Shelby Whatley, Keagan Jernigan, and Jacob Gething. The group raised \$1,163.41 to be donated to St. Jude's.

# Reese

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the same prep schools and universities, join the same clubs, winter and summer in the same places, and, by and large, their children intermarry. They have their differences. Some are Democrats, and some are Republicans. The wealthy these days own both parties. The people who don't have a party are the working men and women of America.

Most legislation and most policies benefit the wealthy. Usury is virtually legalized in this country. Banks are authorized to create money. Some government programs insure not the home buyer

but the mortgage lender; not the student but the bank that lends him his student loan. We don't have debtor's prisons anymore, but we have debtor's hell, and the new laws on bankruptcy are designed to make sure ordinary people can't get out of it.

We misname education. We call it free public education, but it is not free and it is not public. It is government education, and we taxpayers pay for it, but we don't control it. Neither do the classroom teachers. The system indoctrinates children with the idea of secular-state worship. It's impossible to teach children in a moral and philosophical vacuum. Your choice as a parent is either a private

religious school or a government school that will teach the religion of the secular state.

Every now and then, some demagogue will talk about empowering the people, but before you can do that you must disempower the Establishment. One thing I've learned through the years: Things are the way they are because the people with the power to change them want them that way.

The only hope working Americans have is to regain control of their government, and to do that they must find a way to take money out of the election equation. Public financing with strict spending limits might be one solution.

# People in the news

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Dressed in a blue shirt, khaki pants and a blond wig, Jennifer Lopez chased a bus and attended a street protest as a crowd of onlookers broke into applause.

The 37-year-old actress-singer was filming scenes Monday in the Mexican border city of Nogales for "Bordertown," a movie about the largely unsolved killings of women in Ciudad Juarez.

Lopez plays a Chicago-based reporter sent to Mexico to investigate the killings. The film, directed by Gregory Nava, also stars Antonio Banderas.

Traffic backed up around the set and hundreds of people crowded the streets of Nogales, across from Nogales, Ariz., to get a glimpse of Lopez, who was accompanied by her husband, Marc Anthony, local newspapers reported Tuesday.

Filming in Nogales, where a crew has built a shantytown resembling a Juarez neighborhood where many of the victims lived, will last at least a week.

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — When the CBS comedy "Listen Up" was canceled, star Jason Alexander was the last to know.

"I found out about it in USA Today," Alexander told The Associated Press recently.

"That show had a sizable audience and a loyal audience and it wasn't a runaway hit but it wasn't a runaway miss," said the 46-year-old actor.

"We did better in our first year than the 'Raymond' show did in their first year, but there was a time that a network would allow a show to grow. Those days are gone."

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# Events calendar

- **Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage"** 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.
- **Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum** in Amarillo will play host to the "20th annual Indian Summer performances" at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Oct. 29. Dinner is available. For more information, call the museum at (806) 335-3175.
- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered:

- 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 10 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Oct. 10, City Hall, Canadian.
- **Gray County Local Emergency Planning Committee** is revising its bylaws. The revision will be voted on at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at its regular monthly meeting at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The proposed revisions are available for review at Gray County Clerk's Office.
- **Golden Spread Gem & Mineral Society's** annual "Jewelry, Gem, Mineral & Fossil Show and Sale" will be staged Oct. 15-16 at Amarillo Civic Center. The event will include working demonstrations and a Wheel of Fortune for kids. Exhibitors from across America will be on hand with minerals, jewelry, wirewrapping, faceting, fossils and gem stones. Door prizes will be given away will be given away hourly with a grand prize drawing to be held at 5 p.m. Oct. 16. Show hours will be 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 15 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Oct. 16. Admission donation will be \$2.
- **The local Girl Scout council** is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.
- **Just Between Friends** in Amarillo will be supporting the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project by collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals. For more information or to make a donation, call (806) 355-4256.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Eleven years ago, my 7-year-old son, Nicholas, was shot in a botched robbery in Italy. His organs were donated to seven Italian citizens. Since that time, donation rates in Italy have tripled and thousands of people -- many of them children -- are alive who would have died. Through its annual Holiday Resolution Campaign, the National Kidney Foundation is urging Americans to consider the ultimate holiday gift idea -- organ donation, the gift of life. By simply signing a donor card or enrolling in a state donor registry, we can do for the United States what Nicholas' story did for Italy. Abby, I hope you will join me in urging your readers to sign donor cards, and give those in need of the gift of life a new beginning. -- **REG GREEN, LA CANADA, CALIF.**

**DEAR REG:** I'm pleased to do so. I remember reading newspaper accounts of the courageous way you dealt with your son's tragic death, and the difference it made in the attitude toward organ donation in Italy. That you took the pain of losing your son and turned it into something positive is inspiring. Please, readers, take a moment and consider the importance of organ donation. Discuss it with your families because it is they who will have the final say. For more information or to receive a free donor card, contact the National Kidney Foundation by calling toll-free (800) 622-9010, or visit [www.kidney.org](http://www.kidney.org) and click on "Transplantation."

**DEAR ABBY:** My boyfriend, "Liam," is a fabulous guy. We get along great -- as long as I don't leave the house. I am the only one working right now, and he makes me feel guilty for it. I go home for two hours every day at lunch and he picks a fight with me.

He constantly calls me to work to ask if I am cheating on him. Abby, I am working! I really want to be with Liam, but I can't feel sad and hurt all the time because I have a family to support. Please tell me how I can nicely tell Liam to stop being a jerk. -- **MIXED UP IN MAINE**

**DEAR MIXED UP:** Liam isn't a "jerk." He's not working, probably feels like less of a man for it, doesn't feel he deserves you, and is desperately insecure. Was he always this way -- or did it start after he stopped working?

If it's the former, then your "fabulous" guy is showing classic signs of being an abuser, a problem that will only escalate, and you need to get away from him. If it's the latter, then he needs to get out of the house, if only to volunteer some of his free time. That way he will contribute to something, possibly meet people who can give him employment, and have less free time to obsess about you. Please encourage him to do it.

**DEAR ABBY:** Six years ago, my niece gave me an antique table. It was in very poor condition. I restored it and used it until I moved into a smaller home last year, when I gave it to my daughter who has more room.

My niece saw it, and now she's "demanding" that my daughter give it back. Can we be forced to return it? -- **MRS. C., MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C.**

**DEAR MRS. C.:** Not in my book. Unless the table was given to you with the clear understanding that if you didn't need it would be returned to her, then it was a gift and not a loan. And once a gift is given, it is the property of the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin

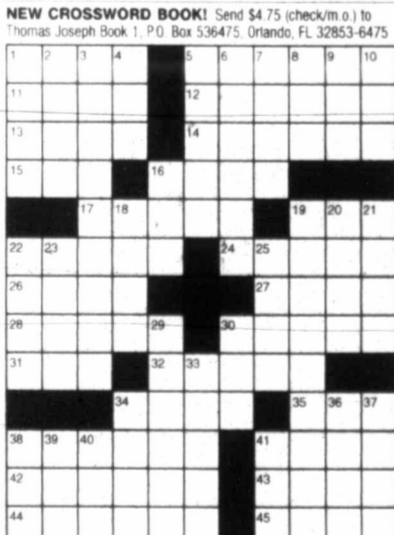


## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 45 Pay to play
  - 1 Casino game
  - 5 Warren resident
  - 11 Had debts
  - 12 Each home
  - 13 Track event
  - 14 Like some lines
  - 15 Needle feature
  - 16 Hay bundle
  - 17 Strand unit
  - 19 Party staple
  - 22 Sacrifice spot
  - 24 Verdi creation
  - 26 Locks
  - 27 MBA candidate's class
  - 28 Take on
  - 30 Small songbirds
  - 31 Affleck or Kingsley
  - 32 Believed without question
  - 34 Pump, for one
  - 35 Keg need
  - 38 Give a hand to
  - 41 Fodder holder
  - 42 Decorative
  - 43 Crawl space?
  - 44 Large insect
- DOWN**
- 1 Links cry
  - 2 Not at home
  - 3 Post-wedding party
  - 4 Lyric poem
  - 5 Speeder's bane
  - 6 God of sunlight
  - 7 Mosquito attack
  - 8 Wager
  - 9 Drink cooler
  - 10 Rocker
  - 11 Nugent
  - 16 Saigon
  - 18 Tombstone
  - 21 Scathing reviews
  - 22 Obsessed
  - 23 Put on cargo
  - 25 Alpaca's home
  - 29 Gauguin's adopted home
  - 30 Miniature
  - 33 Sounds
  - 34 Chair piece
  - 36 Loads
  - 37 Vaultler's need
  - 38 Monk's title
  - 39 Memorable
  - 40 Writer
  - 41 Masseur's place



## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



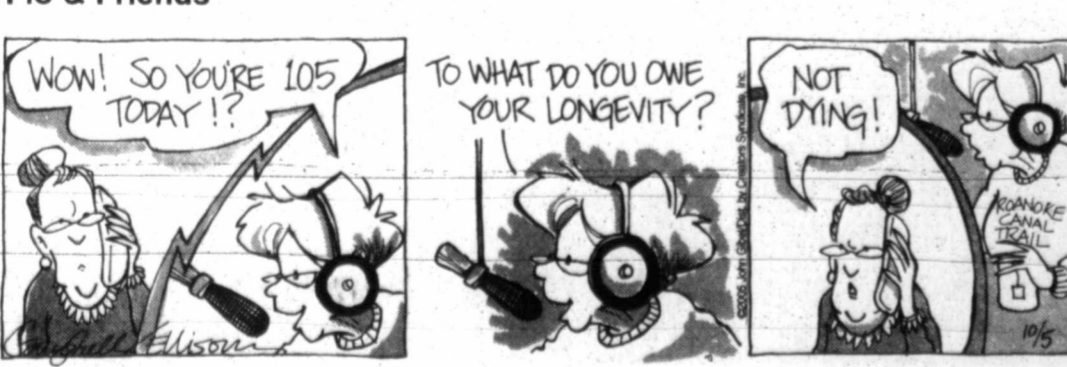
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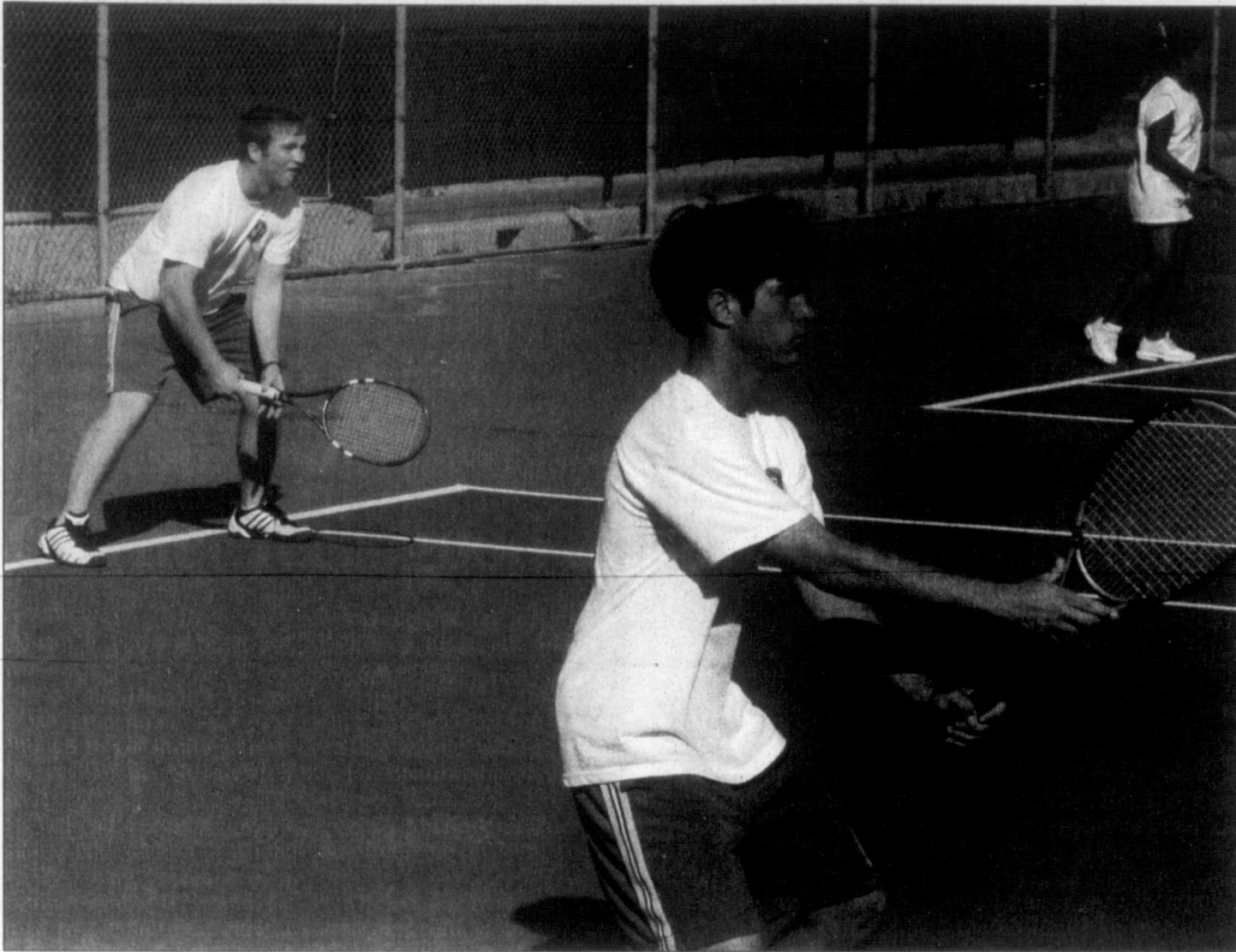
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# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Steven Smith, left, and doubles partner Jareth Fortenberry are ready to receive a Longhorn serve during Tuesday's PHS tennis match at Caprock.

## Attendance record eyed at WTAMU

Amarillo National Bank bought and gave away 8,000 tickets to Saturday's West Texas A&M University homecoming game against Eastern New Mexico University in an effort to set an attendance record. Athletic Director Ed Harris said Wednesday that the 8,000 tickets have been distributed, but about 6,000 tickets are still available from the WTAMU Athletics Ticket Office and any Panhandle Tickets outlets or online at [www.panhandletickets.com](http://www.panhandletickets.com). For ticket information, call 806-651-4424. The 8,000 tickets from Amarillo National Bank were snatched up within three hours of when they started being distributed. The record crowd for a WT Homecoming game is 17,550, set in 1967. The Lone Star Conference single game attendance record is 18,500, set in 1977 by Abilene Christian vs. Texas A&I (now Texas A&M-Kingsville). The all-time record at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium is 19,400, set in 1966. The stadium's capacity is listed at 20,000, with additional seating available on the North and South hillsides. WTAMU is currently third in the nation in total attendance, trailing Grand Valley State and North Dakota. "We are very grateful for the support and enthusiasm of Amarillo National Bank," Harris said. "This is a direct tribute to the hard work being put in by our coaching staff and football team. "The community support since the start of the season has been phenomenal and this is icing on the cake. See WT, Page 8

## PHS tennis team defeats Caprock

The Harvester tennis team completed their first half of district Tuesday with a win against Caprock. This leaves them in a 3 way tie with Dumas and Palo Duro for 1st place. Despite the extremely windy conditions Tuesday in Amarillo, Pampa was able to pull off a 16 to 5 win. Pampa came out of doubles with a 5 to 2 lead. "It always helps the team confidence to come out of doubles ahead," said Coach Emily Laurence. "It gave us a solid lead that we were able to build on for the rest of the day." The team then went on to win every match in girls singles and all but three of the guys singles matches. "We struggled a little bit in our singles matches in the loss to Dumas, but today the team showed that they will not give up and that we still want to win district."

Laurence said. "I was very proud of my girls winning every match they played and I was also very proud of my boys. We lost a few matches at the top of the ladder but overall everyone had a great day." Results Pampa 16 Caprock 5  
**Boys Singles**  
1. Michael Foreman lost to Alex Gutierrez 6-2, 6-3  
2. Jareth Fortenberry lost to Isaac Saldivar 6-1, 6-4  
3. Nick Julian lost to Martin Barbosa 6-0, 6-0  
4. Steven Smith def. Joseph Hernandez 6-3, 6-1  
5. Kevin Frels def. Joseph Morales 6-2, 6-1  
6. Tyler Morris def. Sean McElwain 4-6, 6-3,

(10-2)  
7. Landon McNeely def. Mark Meza 8-4  
**Girls Singles**  
1. Myca Vinson def. Justina Hernandez 6-3, 6-4  
2. Ashlee Lucus def. Melissa Johnson 6-4, 6-2  
3. Lacie Long def. Haley Wilde (10-5)  
4. Haley Acker def. Crystal Yarbrough 6-3, 6-4  
5. Tanna Stowers def. Lindsey Miller 6-1, 6-1  
6. Maegan Patterson def. Jasmine Frescaz 8-1  
7. Kourtney-Farmer def. Monica-Chavez 8-1  
**Boys Doubles**  
1. Foreman/Frels

def. Saldivar/Barbosa 6-2, 3-6, (10-7)  
2. Fortenberry/Smith def. Gutierrez/Morales 6-1, 3-0 (def)  
3. Morris/McNeely lost to McElwain/Meza 6-2, 1-6, (11-9)  
**Girls Doubles**  
1. Vinson/Long def. Johnson/Hernandez 6-4, 4-6, (10-7)  
2. Lucus/Stowers def. Yarbrough/Wilde 6-6, 6-3, (10-5)  
3. Acker/Farmer def. Frescaz/Chavez 6-2, 6-1  
**Mixed Doubles**  
Patterson/Julian lost to Miller/Hernandez 6-7 (7-4), 6-2, (10-5)

## Tuesday's win sets up Saturday showdown for Pampa

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor  
It wasn't easy but the Lady Harvesters notched their second district win of the season by dropping a stubborn Caprock squad Tuesday afternoon, 23-25, 25-16, 31-29, 25-21. Pampa improves to 20-11, 2-3 while the Lady Horns fall to 6-24, 0-5. Tuesday's road win moves Pampa to within a game of

Randall and third place in District 3-4A. Only the top three teams will advance to the post-season. The Lady Raiders (13-15, 3-2) lost to district leader Dumas Tuesday. The Demonettes are unbeaten in district competition. Pampa can improve its chances of making the extended season Saturday when they host Randall at McNeely Field House.

## Garner feels good about Astros pitching

ATLANTA (AP) — Roy Oswalt has two straight 20-win seasons. With the Houston Astros, those credentials are good enough to get him a start in Game 3 of the NL division series. "If I had one other guy to add to this rotation, it would be Cy Young," manager Phil Garner said. "It would be hard to get him here now, I guess. But, nonetheless, I feel pretty good about it." Indeed, the Astros are absolutely loaded on the mound. Andy Pettitte (17-9), who will pitch today's opener in the best-of-five series against the Atlanta Braves, was second in the league with an ERA of 2.39. The leader? Teammate Roger Clemens (13-8, 1.87), the future Hall of Famer who will start on Thursday. Oswalt (20-12, 2.94) won't go until Saturday, when the series shifts to

Texas, despite the NL's seventh-best ERA and another 20-win season. "Anytime you have a short series, if you have good pitching, you have got to feel comfortable about it," Garner said. "We've had good pitching. There's absolutely no question about it." The Braves have had that sort of pitching going into past post-seasons, but they look a little shakier this year. Beyond closer Kyle Farnsworth, the bullpen is a mess. Dan Kolb, a former all-star who started the season as the closer, didn't even make the 25-man roster. As for the starting rotation, John Smoltz would have been a logical choice to start Game 1, but he's been bothered by a stiff shoulder. So, the winningest pitcher in postseason history will be held back until Game 2. Tim Hudson (14-9) will

start the opener against Pettitte. After Tuesday's workout, Smoltz slipped out of the Braves' clubhouse through a side door, hoping to avoid reporters camped out by his locker. He walked all the way to the parking lot before finally stopping by his car. "Everybody's putting me in a coffin," Smoltz said. "All I've got is a stiff shoulder. It's not that big a deal." Manager Bobby Cox waited until the Braves were traveling home from their final regular-season game before revealing his plans to those involved. He called it a precautionary move, giving the team some flexibility in case Smoltz's shoulder acts up again. "John is not 100 percent. But if he's 95 percent, that's good enough," Cox said. "He is feeling good. He's thrown a lot in between this time (since his last start). He

doesn't really ache or anything like that. It's just a matter of locating his fastball a little bit better." The wear and tear of pitching a team-high 229 2-3 innings apparently got to Smoltz late in the season. He pushed back one start a couple of days, then sat out the last nine days of the regular season to rest for the playoffs. Even though Smoltz (14-7) felt better during a bullpen session on Sunday, Cox wanted some assurance that his opening-day pitcher could come back on three days' rest for Game 4, if the Braves faced a must-win situation. Hudson was a pretty good backup choice, having pitched in four division series for Oakland.

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AGING GRACEFULLY

# Forget steroids, who's testing for old-age serum?

By JIM LITKE  
Associated Press

Every time you looked up in the mad playoff scramble last week, there were geezers staring down from the mound at key moments: 40-somethings Randy Johnson, David Wells and Roger Clemens, their masterful outings repeated Sunday by Curt Schilling, who's pushing 39.

It makes you wonder: After a season spent smoking out steroid use, maybe we should have been on the lookout for old-age serums instead.

Pitchers pushing 40 and beyond used to be regarded as marvels. Warren Spahn threw a no-hitter just five days after crossing the threshold. He pitched 262 innings that season, 269 the next, and 259 in his final season, finishing 23-7 with a 2.60 earned run average at age 42. Stan Musial once worried aloud that Spahn wouldn't get into the Hall of Fame because he wouldn't stop pitching.

Even rarer was Nolan Ryan, an out-and-out power pitcher who hung on until age 46. His staying power so impressed Time magazine a few years back that a feature about the Texan concluded, "What man in his 40s would not like to look in the mirror and find Nolan Ryan?"

But Ryan himself spent the last 10 years of his career nervously looking for some telltale sign that his time was up. He waited for his fastball to shorten up, for hitters to start moving up in the box, for the flameout that claimed his role models, Sandy Koufax and Bob Gibson, his contemporaries, Tom Seaver and Steve Carlton, and more than a few of his would-be successors.

But Ryan no longer seems like such a freak of nature, and the grueling

workouts that seemed so exotic just a decade ago have become routine now.

Clemens, for one, boasts an even more maniacal work ethic and has the numbers to show for it. In the process of pitching the Astros to the National League wild-card spot, he finished with a 1.87 ERA and won his first NL title to go along with the six he won in the AL. The 15-year gap between those titles was double the previous high, set by none other than Spahn.

But Clemens is hardly alone in hanging on to his velocity. Johnson did exactly what the Yankees paid him big money to do, going 5-0 in six starts against rival Boston, the last coming in the AL-East clinching game. Staked to a 5-2 lead right away, but looking every bit of 42, Johnson loaded the bases in the second inning before reaching back and tossing a 94 mph fastball past Edgar Renteria to get himself out of trouble.

Pitchers who can do that in big games are rare at any age, but it's easy to forget that Johnson has been doing it a long time. Former Mariners teammate Luis Sojo remembered how, in a pennant race 10 years ago, just knowing Johnson would be pitching that day translated into a few runs' worth of confidence.

"This guy," Sojo told the New York Daily News, "he knows what to do. He's been around, so he knows how important he is to the teams he plays for. He's as important for the Yanks now as he was for us back in '95."

Johnson's importance is reflected not just by his teammates, but by his salary. Including bonus money, he'll collect \$48 million over three years. It's less than the \$18,000,022 Clemens will get from Houston for this season alone and a little better than the \$52.5

million Schilling will get over four seasons from the Red Sox.

If you're looking for the biggest difference between that trio and Ryan, it's money. They've become mercenaries, offering themselves to the highest bidder, extracting a salary that reflects all the time spent staying in shape and all the big-game experience accumulated.

Wells, of course, is the notable exception. At 42, he doesn't throw very hard and the closest he comes to working out is when a postcard for a free health club membership is left in his locker. He's not in the same neighborhood, either, in terms of velocity or pay — \$8.15 million for 2005-6, plus a \$3 million performance bonus he pocketed this season. But he didn't linger this long without learning a thing or two.

Pitching Wednesday for the Red Sox against his old batterymate, Wells couldn't rear back and throw an aspirin by Yankees catcher Jorge Posada in a tight spot. Posada, after all, had been on the receiving end of Wells' best stuff when they worked together on a perfect game in New York seven years ago.

But even after missing with every one of his first half-dozen curveballs, Wells enticed Posada into a swing-and-miss, steered clear of a jam and went on to give the Red Sox a win they needed to stay in the hunt. Then, Schilling took the final step at Fenway on the final day, pinning down the Yankees long enough for Boston to grab the AL wild-card spot.

"To be where we are says as much about the people as it does about the talent," Schilling said, without mentioning that some people, defying long odds, have had the talent for a long, long time.

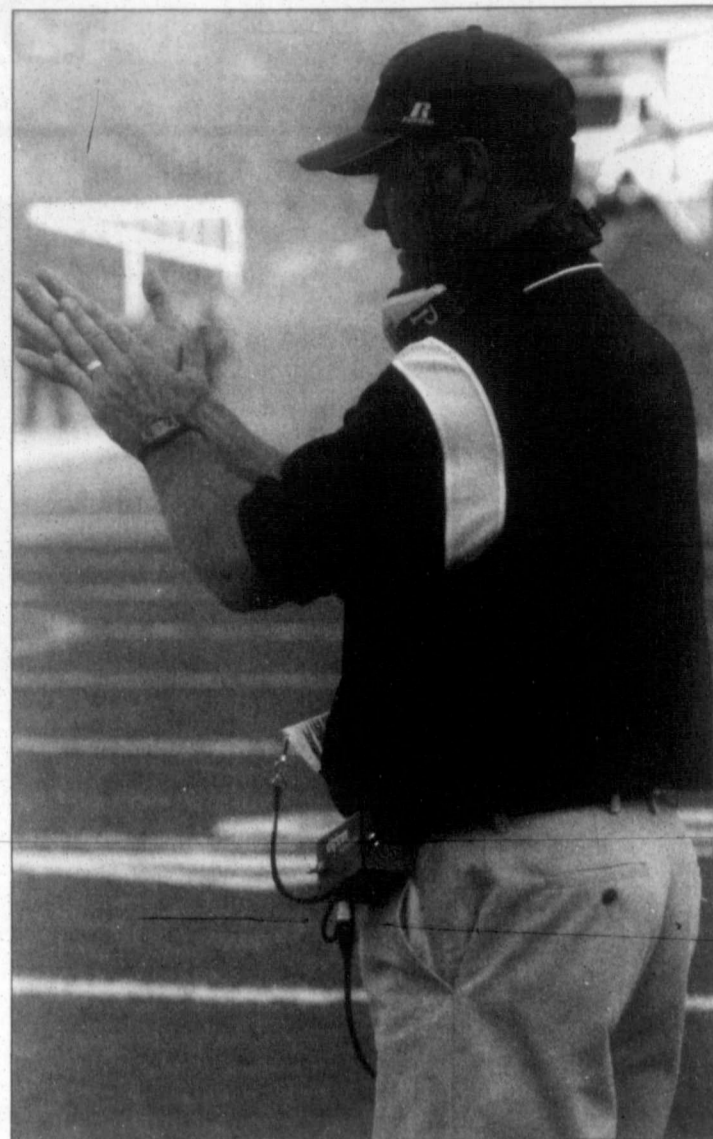


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Head Coach Don Carthel has his WTAMU Buffs 6-0 and ranked No. 1 in the Southwest Conference in the latest NCAA Division II Regional Rankings poll.

## 6-0 WT Buffs No. 1

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The WTAMU Buffs are ranked No.1 in the Southwest Region in the recent NCAA Division II rankings.

The Buffs will host No. 8 Eastern New Mexico Saturday in the annual Wagon Wheel game.

First year head coach Don Carthel has his team 6-0 for the first time since 1994. Carthel is also the former coach of ENMU.

The top two teams of each conference will receive a first round bye in the playoffs.

No.	Name	Record
<b>Northeast</b>		
1	Bloomsburg	(6-0)
2	East Stroudsburg	(4-1)
3	Shepherd	(6-0)
4	C.W. Post	(4-1)
5	Bentley	(5-1)
6	West Chester	(4-2)
7	Edinboro	(4-1)
8	Millersville	(3-3)
9	Glennville State	(4-2)
10	Bryant	(3-2)
11	American International	(2-2)
12	So. Connecticut State	(3-2)
<b>Northwest</b>		
1	North Dakota	(6-0)
2	Saginaw Valley State	(5-0)
3	Grand Valley State	(5-0)
4	Michigan Tech	(5-0)
5	South Dakota	(6-0)
6	Nebraska-Omaha	(4-1)
7	St. Cloud State	(5-1)
8	Northwood	(5-1)
9	Minnesota Duluth	(5-1)
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11	Winona State	(4-2)
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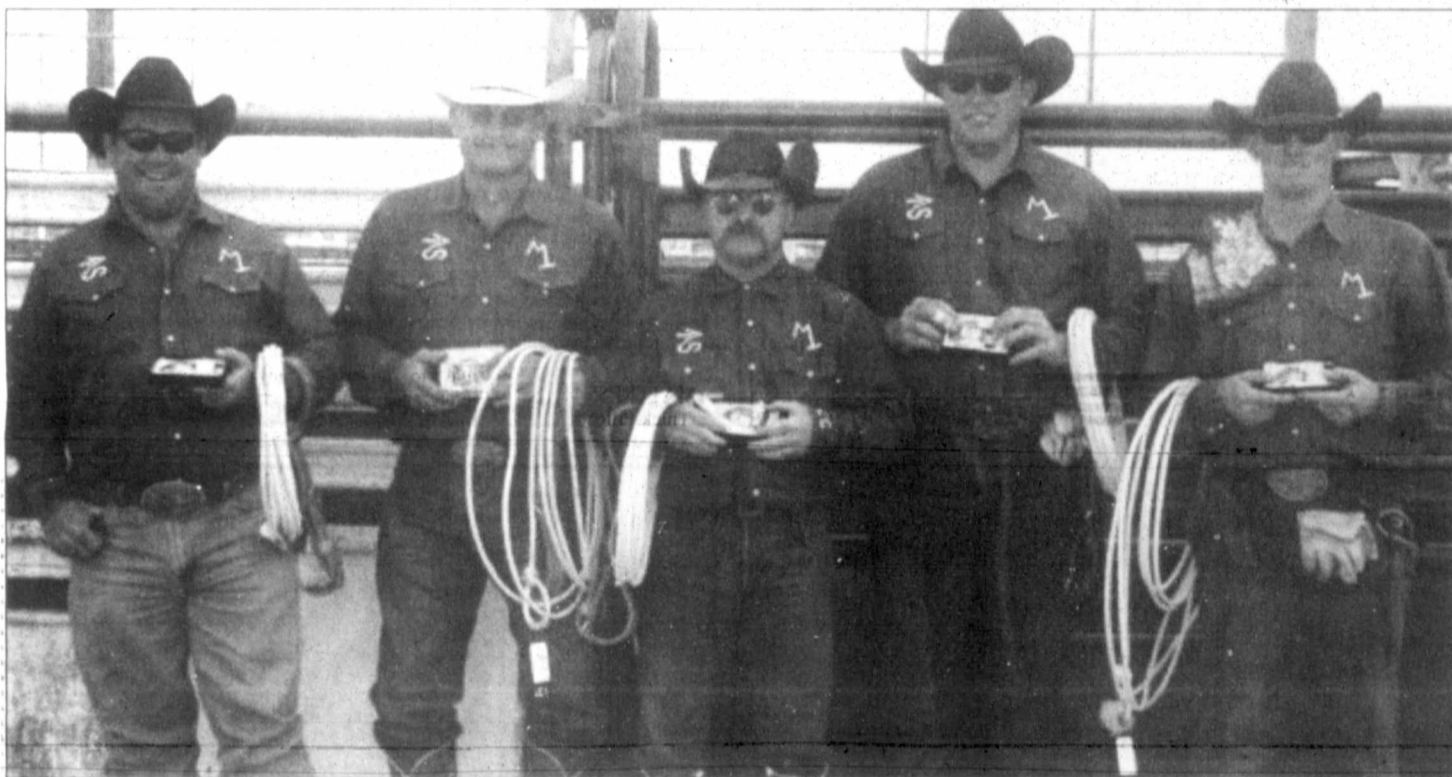
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Saturday night at Kimbrough Stadium could be magical. It's a game for first place in the LSC between longtime rivals that are both playing extremely well. It has a chance to be remembered as one of those that fans will spend decades recalling. It's that big.

WTAMU enters the game with a 6-0 record and is

ranked #16 in the AFCA national poll and #1 in the NCAA-II Southwest Region poll, released Tuesday. ENMU enters the game with a 4-2 record and is riding a four-game winning streak. Both teams are tied for the LSC South lead with 2-0 division records.

In anticipation of a potential record crowd, the athletic department has graded the east side of the stadium for additional parking, accessible from the north and south gates.



Courtesy photo

The 2005 High Plains Fall Classic winners Monroe and Timberlake and AzTx Cattle Co. of Hereford. Team members are Cody Crabtree, Monroe Timperlake, Rodey Wilson, Jason Thomas and John Wilson.

## Top O' Texas Rodeo hosts WRCA event

On Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, 18 ranch teams from Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma competed in the 2005 High Plains Fall Classic Ranch Rodeo held at the Top O' Texas Arena in Pampa. The event was sanctioned by the WRCA and fea-

tured real cowboys competing in events that simulate what they do every day to earn a living. The Ranch Bronc Riding event was won by the Thompson Ranch from Munday. The winning bronc rider, Quentin Gass, won a pair of custom made spurs.

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Panhandle and New Mexico won the Team Doctoring event with each team member receiving reins and headstalls. The wild and woolly event of Wild Cow Milking was won by the team of Monroe and Timberlake and AzTx Cattle Co. of Hereford. All received hobbles and ropes as

prizes.

Event winner for Team Penning was the Heart M and Yolo Ranches of Prescott, Ariz. and Datil, N.M. Saddle blankets and wild rags were given. The Team Branding event was also won by the Thompson Ranch. Halters, spur headers and headstall buckles were awarded to each team member.

During the rodeo events, each contestant and each horse were also competing for the prestigious prizes awarded to the Top Hand and Top Horse. A saddle pad with hand-tooled corner plates for the Top Horse was presented to Mark Voss of the Thompson Ranch. Top Hand went to Rodey Wilson of Monroe and Timberlake and AzTx Cattle Co. Wilson received custom made spurs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Oct. 6, 2005.

You gain through your many different talents and assets. Maximizing your people skills comes into play this year. You have ways of making others feel comfortable. Sometimes, frustration can occur when dealing with others financially. You find that associates and partners have different goals. Agree to disagree. In some cases, you might break your financial ties. You will prosper in either case — don't worry. If you are single, your desirability is clear. The question is, What type of relationship do you want? Then decide with whom you would like to relate. If you are attached, you will need to manage your finances in a way that you both are comfortable with. You will tend to splurge but also make more money. SCORPIO can be very possessive.

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)

★★★★ Your temper could easily get the best of you, causing you to run around with your tail between your legs. Do whatever you need to do to not explode, and deal with a situation appropriately. Try as hard as you can to understand a key person. Tonight: Just say yes to another's request.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Take a hint from Aries' message, because you could find yourself in a similar predicament. If dealing with an Aries, watch out; it could be quite a hot exchange. Let others reveal their thoughts. Keep judgments to yourself right now. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Focus on each project, conversation or call today. You might find yourself holding back anger. Express yourself in a way that others can hear. You might be surprised by the response you get. Tonight: Consider your negative emotions and how to clear them.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Your imagination clears out problems and difficult people. Though someone might be outright aggressive and difficult, your humor can help you deal with this person. Do not personalize what others are saying. Tonight: Still on a romp.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Anchor in with full knowledge of what is important to you. Communications can run amok, but you can charm your way through any hassle. Telling someone you care should be done in a very personal way. Tonight: Treat someone to some Leo hospitality.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ You might be more vested in a communication or meeting than you realize. Awkwardness merges with a haziness. You cannot be too clear or direct. Sugar goes much further than vinegar. Use your charm. Tonight: Out with a favorite person at a favorite place.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Display your innate talents and charm. Money is not the only asset or game in town. You have so much to offer. Start realizing your talents. Someone responds to your big-time. Tonight: Remember what you have to offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Much might be going on behind the scenes, but the truth is, you have a lot of assets. Others respond to your

inquiries. Don't allow insecurity to plague you in any way, shape or form. Tonight: You've got what it takes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You are weighing different elements and might not be sure which way to go. Be careful with a new friend. This person might not be all that he or she seems to be. Trust your longtime friends. A conflict will resolve itself. Tonight: Play it low-key.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ You seem to be unsure of which way to go. The obvious fact right now is that you do very well with groups and in meetings. You might want to play it low-key regarding your work. Tonight: Be sensitive to those around you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Someone has nothing but praise for you. This person's opinion counts in your world. You might want to spend some time evaluating a situation that involves your community or professional standing. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Maintain your high profile.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Taking an overview will be more helpful than getting locked up in rigid thinking. By being able to extend understanding, and perhaps empathy, you'll gain and will be able to mobilize another's energy. Tonight: Stay positive. Take the high road.

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## Japan welcomes mad cow report as offering 'bright outlook'

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's top government spokesman on Wednesday welcomed a recent report on mad cow disease saying it offered a "bright outlook" for the resumption of U.S. beef imports to Japan.

A government food safety panel charged with reviewing Japan's ban on U.S. beef released an uncompleted

report Tuesday saying that the risk of U.S. beef carrying mad cow disease into the country was extremely low if proper conditions are followed.

"It is not that we've reached a full agreement, but it gave us direction," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said during a morning news conference. Talks

Tuesday "gave us a bright outlook," he said.

The discussions come amid threats by some U.S. lawmakers to impose sanctions against Japan if the government doesn't lift the ban it imposed on American beef in 2003 after a U.S. cow tested positive for mad cow disease. The Japanese food safety panel is expected to

finish its report and make a recommendation about the ban later this year.

Hosoda said Wednesday that it is too early to say when imports might resume and added that a verdict on trade should be based on sound science. Press reports have said imports may resume as early as December.

## Iraqi parliament reverses last minute change in voting rules

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraq's National Assembly voted on Wednesday to reverse last-minute changes it had made to rules for next week's referendum on a new constitution following criticism by the United Nations and a boycott threat by the Sunni minority.

After a brief debate and with only about half of its 275 members present, the assembly voted 119-28 to restore the original voting rules for the Oct. 15 referendum.

Washington hopes a "yes" vote in the referendum will unite Iraq's disparate factions and erode support for the country's bloody insurgency.

Sunni Arabs are campaigning to defeat the constitution at the polls, but U.S. and U.N. officials want them to participate in the vote. They hope that restoring the original rules will avert a Sunni boycott of the referendum, which would have deeply undermined the credibility of the vote and wreck efforts to bring Sunnis into the political process.

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rather than the results of the referendum," government spokesman Laith Kubba said after the vote.

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Government spokesman

An official with the United Nations, which is supervising the referendum, praised the parliament for reversing the decision, saying he believed Sunni Arabs will now take part in the referendum. He spoke on condition of anonymity because official comment should come from U.N. headquarters in New York.

Many Sunnis oppose the charter and want it rewritten, believing it would divide

Iraq and leave Shiites in the south and Kurds in the north with virtual autonomy and control over the country's oil wealth.

The original rules, now restored, mean that Sunnis can veto the constitution by getting a two-thirds "no" vote in three provinces, even if the charter wins majority approval nationwide. Sunni Arabs are dominant in four of the 18 provinces.

On Sunday, Iraq's Shiite and Kurdish-controlled parliament effectively closed that loophole with their rule change. The legislature decided that a simple majority of those who cast votes means the constitution's victory.

That interpretation had raised the bar to a level almost impossible to meet.

The text approved by parliament Wednesday confirmed that the word "voters" throughout the election rules in the interim constitution has a single meaning: those who cast votes.

"The word 'voters' in paragraph (c), article 61 of the Transitional Administrative Law, means registered voters who actually cast their votes in the referendum," reads the text, according to deputy speaker Hussain al-Shahristani.

## Two Americans, Frenchman win chemistry prize

By KARL RITTER  
Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Americans Robert H. Grubbs and Richard R. Schrock and Yves Chauvin of France won the Nobel Prize in chemistry Wednesday for discoveries that let industry produce drugs and advanced plastics more efficiently and with less hazardous waste.

The trio won the award for their development of the metathesis method in organic synthesis — a way to rearrange groups of atoms within molecules that the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences likened to a dance in which couples change partners.

The process is used daily in the chemical, biotechnology and food industries to make stronger plastics, better drugs and improved food preservatives.

"This represents a great step forward for 'green chemistry,' reducing potentially haz-

ardous waste through smarter production. Metathesis is an example of how important basic science has been applied for the benefit of man, society and the environment," the committee said.

Grubbs, 63, is a professor of chemistry at the California Institute of Technology, and Schrock is a chemistry professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Chauvin, 74, is the honorary director of research at the Institut Francais du Petrole in Rueil-Malmaison, France.

"I feel pretty shaken — that means I can't talk very well. I had just gotten up and was having a little coffee. I felt that it couldn't possibly be true, but it was," Schrock told Swedish Radio after receiving the news.

Grubbs, who spoke to The Associated Press in Los Angeles by telephone from Christchurch, New Zealand, said he was celebrating with a good bottle of port.

## Utility asking state agency for electric rate increase

DALLAS (AP) — TXU Energy said Tuesday it has asked the state Public Utility Commission for permission to raise rates an estimated 12 percent through the end of the year.

TXU Corp. announced Tuesday that it filed a fuel factor adjustment request for TXU Energy's Price to Beat electricity rates.

TXU cited increases in natural gas and wholesale power prices, but said it delayed filing the request as part of a September

agreement with the commission and the Office of Public Utility Council.

If approved by the commission, the increase will be effective Oct. 28. The company said that if the increase was approved it would voluntarily adopt an across-the-board discount for its Price to Beat customers.

TXU said the typical customer will see an increase of about \$15 on the monthly bill.

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