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## Skinner's lawyers visit with former DA Mann

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

AMARILLO -- A legal team, defending a man convicted of killing his girlfriend and her two sons more than a decade ago in Pampa, was in Amarillo Friday to talk with the former 31st District Attorney that prosecuted the case.

Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 42, is on death row today for the New Year's Eve 1993 deaths of Twila Busby, 40, and her sons, Elwin Caler, 22, and Randolph Busby, 20.

Lawyers Doug Robinson of Washington, D.C., Gordon Bulla of

Oklahoma City, and Rob Owen of Austin, who represent Skinner, were in Amarillo to talk with John Mann, the district attorney that prosecuted Skinner. A Fort Worth jury found Skinner guilty and sentenced him to death.

The conference here Friday was in preparation for an evidentiary hearing before U.S. Magistrate Clint Averitte on Nov. 16 in federal court in Amarillo.

The defense team questioned Mann about DNA testing, police procedures, Skinner's attorneys, a change in the testimony of one wit-

ness and alternative suspects in the case.

"There were no surprises," Mann said.

All the subjects had been brought up before during Skinner's appeals, he said.

Earlier this fall, Skinner wrote The Pampa News to say that he is innocent and his defense team has hired an expert witness, William Shields, a biology professor at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry, who disputes part of the findings of DNA testing by a Dallas laboratory.

Shields said in an affidavit that he has published articles in the fields of population genetics, statistics and molecular genetics and has testified as an expert witness concerning forensic DNA testing.

In the affidavit, Shields said that after contacting GeneScreen, now Orchid Cellmark, which did the DNA testing in 2000, he received only part of the information requested.

"While a complete analysis of the DNA testing in this case requires me

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## Merit Gold Program gives students head start

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
Special to The News

Pampa High School senior Chris Smith is playing the waiting game. A semifinalist in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship program, he's waiting to find out if he'll be one-half of one percent of the nation's qualifying senior high school students selected to receive the prestigious academic honor.

If chosen, Smith will join four other PHS students who've achieved this academic gold medal -- Laura Hamilton in 1991, Joshua Seabourn in 1993, Joyce Osborne in 1994, and Sarah Fraser in 2002.

Begun in 1955, the National Merit Program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corp., a not-for-profit organization based in Evanston, Ill. NMSC underwrites a number of Merit Scholarship awards with its own funds,



Courtesy Photo

Monica and Erica Schepp, front row, and Kelli Willson listen intently to Mrs. Haynes during a recent Merit Gold class.

but most are supported by approximately 500 independent organizations and institutions.

Seeing the low number of National Merit Scholars from PHS sparked the competitive spirit of Linda

Haynes, who teaches English AP (Advanced Placement).

"I know the quality of students here," she said. "I saw Amarillo and Lubbock having multiple National Merit Scholars and that irritated

me." Determined to help more PHS students achieve National Merit Scholar status, Haynes developed the Merit Gold Program. She pitched the proposal to then-PHS principal Evan Smith who, in turn, presented the idea to the Pampa ISD Board of Education. With the school board's approval, Merit Gold became a reality at the beginning of this school year.

Haynes and math teacher John Stewart lead 30 PHS freshmen and sophomores who arrive voluntarily at 7 a.m. each school day. This semester, Haynes teaches English skills related to taking the PSAT to 16 sophomores. Stewart instructs 14 freshmen on math skills. At the beginning of the next semester, the students will switch classes.

"By the time (the Merit Gold students are) through,

they'll have two full years of critical thinking and reading skills that they don't get in a regular classroom," Haynes said.

Critical thinking and an advanced vocabulary could be the crux to achieving National Merit Scholar status.

"It's not just exposing a student to calculus," Haynes said. "It's 'How do you think?' and 'How do you solve a problem?'"

"We try to get them thinking outside the box," Stewart said, "not just 'yes' or 'no' answers."

Stewart challenges his students with puzzles. Recently, his class worked on "The Seven Bridges of Konigsberg," a difficult puzzle that requires students to find ways to cross bridges in a diagram.

"It's fun to teach,"

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## Pot bust lands woman in jail

AMARILLO -- An Arizona woman was arrested Thursday on Interstate 40 near Amarillo after Department of Public Safety troopers found a large amount of marijuana in her vehicle.

DPS stopped a 2005 Subaru Outback traveling eastbound on I-40 two miles west of Amarillo for a traffic violation.

Danette Faye Scroggins-Sanchez, 48, of Phoenix, Ariz., gave consent to search the vehicle and troopers discovered 155 pounds of marijuana in three large duffel bags in the trunk. The pot had an estimated value of \$65,255.

Scroggins-Sanchez was booked into the Potter County Detention Center on drug related charges.

Troopers said they believe the marijuana originated in Phoenix and was bound for Cleveland, Ohio.

## Early voters favor EDC issue

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

More people were voting in the Pampa Economic Development Corp. election this morning than in the election for amendments to the Texas Constitution.

Darlene Lewis, deputy early voting clerk in Pampa City Hall, said about 10 people had voted during the first hour and a half of early voting today in the PEDC election.

Nancy Whitten, deputy

clerk across the street at the Gray County Courthouse, estimated seven had voted by mid-morning in the constitutional amendment election. As she spoke, two more voters came in to the polling area.

"We've had a steady stream," Whitten said.

Early voting started today for the Nov. 8, general election. The administration office on the second floor of city hall is the polling place for the PEDC election. The

non-jury courtroom on the first floor of the Gray County Courthouse is the polling place for the constitutional amendment election.

There is only one issue on the PEDC ballot. That is whether to establish a one-half percent sales tax to fund the economic development corporation.

The constitutional amendment ballot lists nine proposed amendments to the Texas Constitution.

## 3 to announce for re-election

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Three incumbent state representatives will be traveling the panhandle next week to announce their intentions to run for reelection in November, 2006.

Warren Chisum, who represents Pampa, said today he is running for re-election as

State Representative District 88, which includes 19 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

Chisum will be joined in Pampa, Tuesday, Nov. 1, by David Swinford of Dumas, State Representative District 86, and John Smithee of Amarillo, State Representative District 87.

The three Republicans

will be at the Coffee Shop, 220 N. Cuyler, beginning at 9 a.m., Nov. 1.

The trio will be at Frank Phillips College in Borger at 10 a.m., Dumas at 11:30 a.m., Amarillo at 12:30 p.m., Hereford at 3:30 p.m. and West Texas A&M University

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## Network offers computer classes

The Gray County Community Network is again offering computer classes to the public.

These classes are offered for a nominal fee of \$20 per six hour class to cover expenses. Each class is offered from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on two evenings for a total of six hours. Interested persons are urged to register at [www.graycounty.net](http://www.graycounty.net). Call 669-4707 if you have questions.

Microsoft Word - Tuesday and Thursday - Basic Word Processing.

Microsoft Excel - Nov. 1 and 3 - Basic Spreadsheet.

Internet Basics - Nov. 8 and 10 - Basic use of Internet Explorer - good beginner class.

PhotoShop Elements - Nov. 15 and 17 - Basic editing of photographs from digital cameras.

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Obituaries

Alletha Altman, 90

Services for Alletha Altman, 90, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday Oct. 25, 2005, at the New Life Assembly of God with the Rev. Harold Eggert, pastor, and the Rev. Mark Stripling, pastor of Grace Assembly of God in Lubbock, officiating.

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

Mrs. Altman died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, in Pampa.

She was born on Oct. 12, 1915 in Smith County, Mississippi and had been a resident of Pampa since



ALLETHA ALTMAN

1931. She married B.B. "Dink" Altman on July 31, 1933, in Clayton, New Mexico. He preceded her in death on June 29, 1976. She was a pastry cook for Baker Elementary School for many years and was a charter member of new Life Assembly of God.

Survivors include four daughters, Annette Ely and Della Kay Gee, both of Pampa; Phyllis Ladyman of Chickasha, Oklahoma; and Cathy Jones of Brookfield, Wisconsin; one brother, Andy Harmon of Fort Worth; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

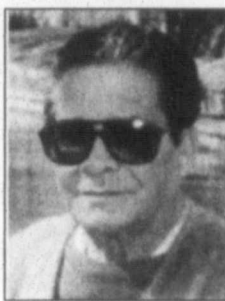
The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101 or New Life Assembly of God, 1435 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065. Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Rufino B. Rodriguez, 77

Rufino B. Rodriguez, 77, died October 23, 2005, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Rodriguez was born July 10, 1928, in Goodland, Kansas. He married Maria Melendrez in 1948 in Mexico City, Mexico. She preceded him in death on August 18, 1989. He had been a resident of Pampa since 2004,



RUFINO RODRIGUEZ

moving from Dallas. He was a member of St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church. He retired from Home Interiors.

Survivors include two daughters, Juanita Trevino and husband Josh of Austin, and Lucy Stewart and husband John of Pampa; one sister, Juana Rodriguez of Brownsville; one nephew, Nicolas Noguez of Mexico City, Mexico; and three grandchildren, Joseph Lean and Joshua Leal, both of Pampa, and Caesar Rollice of Austin.

The family requests memorials be to St. Vincent dePaul Catholic Church, 810 W. 23rd, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Sign the online register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com

Jewel Heard, 54

Jewel Heard, 54, died Saturday, Oct. 22, 2005, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Services tomorrow

ALTMAN, Alletha - 2 p.m. New Life Assembly of God, Pampa.

BEEDE, Sylvia Belle - Victory celebration, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high near 62. Southwest wind around 5 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 37. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 65. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low near 41. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 44. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 47. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66. East southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 64. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 44. Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 66.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa. Wheat 3.28, Milo 2.79, Corn 3.78, Soybeans 4.67.

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

Table of stock market quotations including OXY, BP PLC ADR, Cabot Corp, Celanese, Cabot Oil Gas, Coca Cola, VLO, HAL, TRI, KMI, XCEL, Kerr McGee, XOM, Nat'l Oilwell, Limited, Williams, MCD, Atmos, Pioneer Nat, JCP, COP, SLB, Tenneco, CVX, Wal-Mart, OKE, NS Grp, New York Gold, Silver, West Texas Crude.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Friday, Oct. 21 Drug paraphernalia was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. A lost driver's license was reported in the 900 block of Terry.

Saturday, Oct. 22 Seventeen traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the 300 block of Canadian.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 2200 block of North Hobart. A vehicle accident was reported in the 2800 block of Charles.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 900 block of Barnard. A welfare check was made in the 100 block of South Faulkner.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 400 block of West Crawford.

A suspicious person call was received from the 1300 block of Hamilton.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 800 block of Scott and the 1100 block of South Wells.

Violation of a city ordinance concerning fireworks was reported at the intersection of Rham and Faulkner streets.

Harassment was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported at the intersection of Rham and Dwight streets, and twice in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 2700 block of Comanche.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Seneca. The disturbance was verbal only.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of North Nelson and the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Murphy. Taken were jewelry and money, with a total estimated loss of \$300. Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at the intersection of Highways 60 and 70. Estimated value of the vehicle is unknown.

Jessie Richard Salley, 20, 328 Canadian, was arrested in the 1300 block of Coffee for reckless driving. Sunday, Oct. 23 Thirty-two traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 1900 block of Holly. Two business alarms and one residential alarm were reported. One business check was made.

Warrant service was attempted at one location. An animal complaint was received from the 1000 block of Barnes.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 100 block of South Dwight.

Driving while intoxicated was reported on Highway 60 West.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 2300 block of Alcock and the 2200 block of Dogwood.

Lost property was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell. A purse and contents were lost, resulting in an estimated \$80 loss.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway.

Jared Keith Pingleton, 17, 1517 Dogwood #8, was arrested at the intersection of 17th and Hamilton streets on a capias pro fine for failure to attend school.

Marvin Schmatjen, 22, 2544 Mary Ellen, was arrested in the 500 block of West Browning for possession of drug paraphernalia and no seat belt.

John Jarett Kotara, 18, 2625 W. Harvester, was arrested in the 600 block of

West 19th for driving under the influence - minor.

Sheriff

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

Sunday, Oct. 23 Jason Dwight Williams, 32, 1040 Huff Road, was arrested for criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500.

Marvin Monrow Finney III, 29, Lefors, was arrested on a capias pro fine for no driver's license.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Thursday, Oct. 20 1:25 p.m. - A 1996 Dodge K1500, driven by Finace Eugene Dyer, 80, 2100 N. Zimmers, and a 2004 Dodge Dakota, driven by Viola M. Thompson, 45, Turpin, Okla., collided in the intersection of Wilks and Hobart streets. No injuries were reported. Dyer was cited for following too closely.

Friday, Oct. 21 7:41 a.m. - A 1995 Chevrolet 1500, driven by Richard James Ivey, 24, 728 Deane Drive, and a 2001 Chrysler Sebring, driven by Denice Kay Love, 45, 623 E. Browning, collided in the intersection of Browning and Starkweather streets. Love was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center by Guardian EMS ambulance with non-incapacitating injuries. Ivey was cited for failure to yield right of way.

Correction

An article in Friday's Pampa News wrongly implied that Jane Steele's employment was terminated with the Pampa Independent School District.

Steele resigned her position and was not terminated. The Pampa New regrets the error.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the weekend period

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## School fund-raiser



Community Christian School of Pampa K5 students prepare hats to be used as decorations for the Fajita Lunch and Bake Sale Friday, Oct. 28th at the school, 220 N. Ballard. The fund-raiser will last from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person and include two fajitas, rice, beans, chips, homemade salsa, dessert, and drink. Call 665-3393 for tickets or information. Students pictured are Adeline Little, Hannah Nichols, Maxwell Martindale, KeShawn Stewart and Mary Katherine Haley.

## Skinner

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to examine the electronic data," Shields said, "I can still provide an opinion about the testing based on the hard copy evidence I do have in hand."

Shields said he agrees with the testing except for one hair. Shields said from the data that he has, the hair, found in Twila Busby's hand, is from neither her nor Skinner.

In his affidavit, Shields said that he had been provided a report of a telephone conversation in December 2000, that GeneScreen told then District Attorney Mann that the hair likely came

from Skinner, but in their written report, GeneScreen listed the tests on the hair as inconclusive.

"This conclusion is equally inexplicable, however," Shields stated, "since the paperwork I have seen shows most of those sites were sequenced successfully."

Skinner, in his letter to The Pampa News, accused GeneScreen of intentionally falsifying the data, not once, but twice. He said the company made a false report to Mann and altered their final written report.

Skinner also attacked the man who sent him to death row.

"When John Mann told the world that the blood and hairs clutched in Twila's hands were mine," Skinner

said, "he intentionally lied."

Mann said he sent the additional evidence to the lab in 2000 for DNA testing after debating Professor David Protes of the University of Illinois' Medill School of Journalism over the case on national television.

Protes accused Mann of failing to send enough samples to the lab for DNA testing.

"He accused me of picking and choosing, of sending stuff that would convict Skinner," Mann said, "and nothing that would exonerate him."

Mann told Skinner's lawyers Friday that the defense attorneys could have had any of the evidence sampled for DNA.

## Services

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ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, Oct. 22**

2:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 800 block of East Scott. There was no transport.

7:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Bernard and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2200 block of Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Sunday, Oct. 23**

1:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Holly and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Jupiter. Unknown transport.

**Monday, Oct. 24**

1:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital.

6:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU

unit responded to Highway 60 at Gray County Road F and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:48 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 200 block of North Hobart on a medical assist.

Sunday, Oct. 23

2:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Holly on a medical assist.

3:29 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1400 block of Jupiter on a lifting assist.

## Fire

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

Saturday, Oct. 22

7:47 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 900 block of Bernard on a lifting assist.

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## City to award bids on police cars

The Pampa City Commission will award bids Tuesday on two new patrol cars for the Pampa Police Department.

City Manager John Horst will report the unaudited actual revenues and expenditures compared to the bud-

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The commission will also hold their quarterly planning session in conjunction with their meeting.

The commission meets at 4 p.m. in the city commission chambers.

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# Viewpoints

## Conservatives can't have it both ways ...

If you listen to what we conservatives were saying about John Roberts or Judge Pickering or any of the other judicial nominees who were being blocked by the Democrat filibusters — or other methods of killing a presidential nomination to the federal bench — the argument we were making was that the president won the election and by virtue of that victory has the right to appoint judges of his own choosing.

It was the conservative battle cry that the president's nominees had the right to go through the process and be voted on by the full Senate. We jumped all over the liberal Democrats on this issue, insisting that the president had the right to pick the

judges he wants on the federal bench.

Now, all of sudden, because the president didn't call us personally and get our permission, we wise pundits are now suddenly acting the way the liberals did with Roberts and others, demanding that he reveal how Harriet Miers will vote and what she thinks about just about everything. That's exactly what we condemned the liberals for demanding. We are in a snit because he didn't call us and consult with us about his choice. In short, we are adopting a double standard and you can't have it both ways.

Because the president didn't pick someone from the list of names we wanted we are going to stir up a big fuss

and question his judgment.

When the Democrats wanted Judge Roberts to spill his guts about every hot issue that might come before the Supreme Court we cried foul and called for the application of the Ginsberg rule — insisting that he did not have to answer these questions.

**Michael Reagan**

Columnist

Now, with the nomination of Harriet Miers, it's as if there is no such thing as a Ginsberg Rule. We want to know everything — especially how she feels about abortion. Why are they asking merely that, but not about how she feels about eminent

domain or affirmative action or gay marriage or any other hot button issue certain to come before the court? Don't they matter?

Harriet Miers can't talk about any of those things, and they know it. After all, that's what they told the Democrats when they tried to get Judge Roberts and other nominees to violate the Ginsberg Rule.

I understand why my fellow conservatives are upset. Many conservative pundits wanted the president to pick a nominee who had been in the trenches, fighting to transform the federal judici-

ary from the left-wing activist court it has become into what the Founding Fathers originally created — one that looks at the Constitution as it was meant by them to be read, and not as some wacko liberal judges want it to mean.

It's been a bloody fight and the liberals have had everything their own way for decades, writing laws instead of interpreting them in the light of the Constitution. Now that the American people have reared up and fought back and taken the high ground and victory is within our grasp, the president turns his back on the valiant conservative warriors who have fought the good fight, and chooses a nominee who has-

n't been in the front lines.

President Bush, however, has made his choice and he is entitled to have it proceed through the orderly Senate confirmation process. Harriet Miers has the right to be heard. I agree with two of the most valiant veteran conservative warriors who, though desperately dissatisfied by the president's choice, agree that Harriet Miers is entitled to her day in court.

The liberal mainstream media have salivated over the dissension in GOP ranks and they have done everything possible to play up the family fight among Republicans. Thus when Pat Buchanan and Paul Weyrich voiced their disapproval of

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 24, the 297th day of 2005. There are 68 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 24, 1945, the United Nations officially came into existence as its charter took effect.

On this date:

In 1537, Jane Seymour, the third wife of England's King Henry VIII, died 12 days after giving birth to Prince Edward, later King Edward VI.

In 1861, the first transcontinental telegraph message was sent as Justice Stephen J. Field of California transmitted a telegram to President Lincoln.

In 1901, Anna Edson Taylor, a 43-year-old widow, became the first person to survive going over Niagara Falls in a barrel.

In 1931, the George Washington Bridge, connecting New York and New Jersey, opened to traffic.

In 1939, nylon stockings were sold

*'Vanity, vanity, all is vanity/ That's any fun at all for humanity.'*

— Ogden Nash  
Author and humorist  
(1902-1971)

publicly for the first time, in Wilmington, Del.

In 1940, the 40-hour work week went into effect under the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

In 1952, Republican presidential candidate Dwight D. Eisenhower declared, "I shall go to Korea" as he promised to end the conflict. (He made the visit over a month later.)

In 1962, the U.S. blockade of Cuba during the missile crisis officially began under a proclamation signed by President Kennedy.

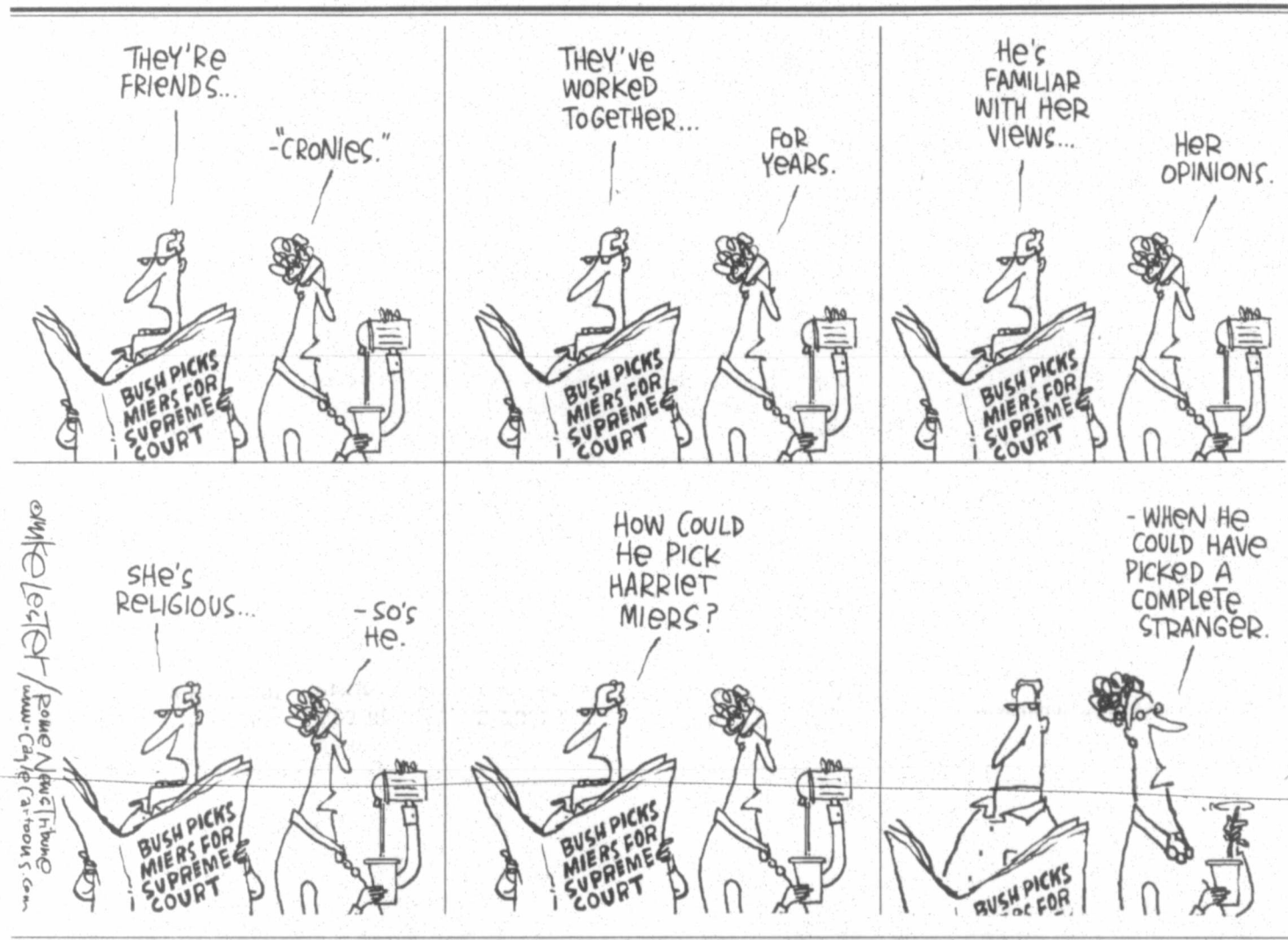
In 1980, the merchant freighter SS Poet departed Philadelphia bound for Port Said, Egypt, with a crew of 34 and a cargo of grain; it disappeared en route.

In 2002, authorities arrested Army veteran John Allen Muhammad and teenager Lee Boyd Malvo in connection with the Washington-area sniper attacks.

Ten years ago: President Clinton and Chinese President Jiang Zemin met in New York, trying to stabilize relations shaken by disputes over human rights, trade and Taiwan. The Cleveland Indians got their first victory in the World Series, defeating the Atlanta Braves 7-6 in Game 3.

Five years ago: Secretary of State Madeleine Albright ended two days of historic talks with North Korea's Kim Jong Il, with the Communist leader indicating a willingness to restrain his country's long-range missile program.

One year ago: A plane owned by top NASCAR team Hendrick Motorsports crashed near Martinsville, Va., killing all 10 people aboard.



## A dead fish lurks somewhere in the woodpile

I have a question for you. You can ponder it while all the hot air generated in Washington about the Iraq War continues to billow forth from politicians and generals.

Here's the question: Why is it that we can take a high-school graduate, give him 16 weeks of training and ship him off to Iraq to fight when, after two years of alleged training, the Iraqis are still unable to field an army that will fight?

There is a dead fish somewhere in this woodpile. After all, most of the Iraqis have had some military experience, even combat experience, while our American high-school graduate has had none. So why can we turn a green youngster into a fighting soldier in 16 weeks, but we fail miserably when we try to do the same thing in Iraq?

Ah-ah-ah. Don't let that

racist thought get into your head. The Iraqis are just as intelligent as we are, and just as brave. Besides, being an infantryman or an infantry officer is not molecular biology or high energy physics. Countries all over the world train youngsters to be soldiers in about 16 weeks, just as we do. Why are we failing in Iraq?

Well, Congress needs to ask more pointed questions instead of accepting the generals' view that after all these many months there is only one Iraqi battalion capable of fighting on its own. Even that might not be true. After all, a few months ago the same generals were saying there were three Iraqi battalions able to operate

independently.

We would need a full-scale, on-the-ground investigation to find the answers, and you can be sure that neither the Bush administration nor Congress will conduct one.

I don't know the answer, but I can suggest some possibilities. One is that we really don't want to train an Iraqi army capable of fighting on its own, because the minute we do, the pressure for us to leave Iraq will become immense. That possibility rests on the assumption that in direct contradiction to what it is telling the American people, the Bush administration intends to stay in Iraq for quite some time.

Another possibility is that

the Iraqis, while capable of fighting, have no desire to fight, because they would be seen as fighting as surrogates for the American occupation. That would, indeed, not be good for their future, because sooner or later we will leave Iraq, and then the Iraqi population might decide it's time for payback for all those who sided with us.

There are two differences between the culture in that region and our own. Actually, there are many, but these two we seem to ignore. One is that the people in Iraq do not view time in the same way we do. We are impatient. They are almost infinitely patient. When I was in the Middle East, I don't know how many times I heard people say words to the effect of "Don't worry about Israel. It took us 200 years to get rid of the

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

■ Oct. 9  
The Victoria Advocate on U.S. prisoner abuse and torture:

When U.S. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., speaks out against "cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment" of anyone held in U.S. government custody, he does so from a unique perspective. He was on the receiving end of torture when he was a prisoner of the North Vietnamese during the Vietnam War.

Of his experience as a prisoner of war, the former Navy officer told Hearst Newspapers, "it's an unfair

advantage that I have never referred to and never will. I am doing this not because of my imprisonment, but because it is right for America."

The "this" McCain is doing is sponsoring an amendment to a military appropriations bill that would restrict the Bush administration and future administrations from authorizing or allowing the torture or other mistreatment of terrorism suspects, notwithstanding hairsplitting technical arguments that the Geneva Conventions protecting prisoners of war do

not apply to nonmilitary prisoners.

Although he did not refer to it during debate on the rider, McCain's unusual moral authority helped swell the Senate margin in favor of this restriction last week. He and 89 colleagues from both parties voted for it. Only nine senators — all Republicans, unfortunately including John Cornyn of Texas — voted against it.

"If you lived (McCain's) life, you would be really serious about making sure your country doesn't do the same thing to others," noted U.S. Sen. Lindsey Graham,

R-S.C., a former military lawyer.

U.S. Sen. John Warner, R-Va., served in the Navy during World War II and in the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was under secretary, then secretary of the Navy in the Nixon administration, during the latter part of the Vietnam War.

As the chair of the Senate Armed Services Committee, he joined McCain in opposing mistreatment of terrorism suspects. President Bush adamantly opposes such

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## Abuse

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restrictions and is threatening to cast his first veto to keep them out of the military spending bill if the House of Representatives also passes the McCain amendment.

Bush's military experience was limited to stateside service in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War. He never saw front-line combat and certainly never experienced the less-than-humane treatment North Vietnamese guards inflicted on their U.S. prisoners. Same with virtually everyone else in decision-making positions in his administration.

So it is not all that surprising that the president, Vice President Dick Cheney and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, while saying they oppose mistreatment of prisoners held by U.S. forces, have no personal context for understanding the issue. They should listen to McCain, as did 89 other senators, including Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

"This amendment strives to establish uniform standards for the interrogation of prisoners and detainees as a means for helping ensure our service men and women are well-trained, well-briefed, knowledgeable of their legal, professional and moral duties and obligations," Frist said.

By opposing this sensible measure, the Bush administration shows its disrespect for the U.S. soldiers and officers who would benefit from having clear standards to follow, from better knowing what they can and cannot legally do in dealing with prisoners.

"We demanded intelligence without ever clearly telling our troops what was permitted and what was forbidden. And when things went wrong, we blamed them and we punished them," McCain said. "We do not have ... systematic abuse of prisoners going on by our United States military," countered U.S. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala.

No thanks to the Bush administration, which tried mightily to invent legal rationales to justify mistreating prisoners. And even if the result was not "systematic abuse," mistreatment occurred with sufficient frequency to show the need for clear standards prohibiting it.

A growing number of retired senior military officers support McCain's rider, the Arizona senator said, because "we do not want our people to be degraded by conducting themselves in a way that makes them no different than the enemy."

After Abu Ghraib and other instances of torture of prisoners, "history is already looking harshly at us." The House likewise should pass the McCain amendment, also with a veto-proof majority.

## Gold

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Stewart said. "They are the sharp ones of the bunch. Some are more sharp in English than math, but they're still above the average student."

As an intellectual stimulation, Haynes took her students to see Elton John's "Aida," presented recently by Amarillo Little Theatre.

"I want my students to become intellectually capable," she explained.

As a prelude to seeing the musical, Haynes asked her students to read the libretto and they listened to the original operetta, Verdi's "Aida."

Stewart said his students like the puzzle problems they encounter in his class.

"Most of them come up with different answers than I would," he said. "That's pretty fascinating."

Haynes tries to make her class fun as well as challenging. She uses a vocabulary-building video series called "Quack." Using the style of the comic Monty Python films, the videos will introduce students to 200 new words.

"They're just hilarious," Haynes said. "They enjoy

them so much; they hardly realize they're learning something."

She said one of her students programmed her telephone answering message using words from the Quack series.

Haynes said she talked with National Merit semi-finalist Chris Smith while developing the Merit Gold curriculum.

"I got a lot of ideas from interviewing Chris. I asked him how he thought he scored so well and he said, 'I really think it was the vocabulary,'" she explained.

Smith said he thinks he could have benefited from a program like Merit Gold.

"I didn't know a lot about the National Merit Scholarship until I found out I was a semi-finalist," he said.

With a PSAT/NMSQT score of 226, Smith has a good chance of becoming a finalist. He's submitted the required essay and application, which were due Oct. 12. Now he's waiting to find out where he'll go from here.

Oct. 12 was an important day for the Merit Gold participants, as well. That's the day they took the PSAT/NMSQT. If they score high enough, they'll

become semi-finalists, too.

Haynes and Stewart predict one to three of their current students will become National Merit Scholar contenders.

"But even if they don't reach that level, they still have a better chance for scholarships, a better chance to be accepted by the college of their choice," Haynes said.

"This program is designed to reach out to boys and girls of all socioeconomic levels," she said. "We're trying to take them to the top and fly with them."

"In lots of ways, this is the purest form of learning," Haynes added. "They're learning just for the joy of it."

### QUICK FACTS ABOUT MERIT GOLD

Potential Merit Gold students are identified in the eighth grade by teachers, coaches and administrators who consider test scores and academic aptitude. These students are usually in the top 10 percent of the class. Students can also nominate themselves.

Participation is voluntary, with parental consent.

No grades are given in Merit Gold.

## Wind-powered farm planned

AUSTIN (AP) — In a history-making move to develop offshore wind power along a U.S. coast, the state of Texas announced Monday it has signed a lease for a Louisiana company to build a wind-energy project.

"Coastal wind power has come to the United States and found a home in Texas," state Land commissioner Jerry Patterson said.

The state, which has jurisdiction out to 10 miles along the Texas Gulf Coast, has agreed to lease 11,355 acres to Glaveston-Offshore Wind, LLC, about seven miles off of Galveston Island. The company is a division of Wind Energy Systems Technologies, or W.E.S.T., of New Iberia, La.

Construction of the Texas project is expected to be completed within five years and cost about \$300 million. W.E.S.T. plans to construct about 50 wind turbines, expected to produce 150 megawatts of wind energy — enough to power about 40,000 homes.

The first phase of the project will be the construction of two meteorological towers to collect wind data, which have already been permitted by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Patterson said.

Data collected by the towers will help pinpoint where in the lease area to construct the turbines.

The 30-year lease agreement is expected to generate at least \$26.5 million for the state's Permanent School Fund for public education. The project also will help fulfill the state's new goals of increasing the percentage of energy produced by renewable resources, Patterson said.

"The economics work,

and they work well, and we're excited about it," he said. "The environmental impacts are very positive."

Patterson said he doesn't think the Texas project will draw the same criticism

other offshore wind projects in the United States have received. In some cases, prominent residents have complained about the view.

## Why?

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Crusaders. We'll get rid of the Israelis, too."

The other characteristic is a long memory, in contrast to us, who tend to act as if we all have amnesia. There is an Arab story about a man who returns home and says to his best friend: "You know that man who insulted me 40 years ago? Well, I killed him yesterday." His friend replies, "Why were you in such a

hurry?"

We have a fatal tendency to believe that everybody in the world is just like us — thinks like us, has the same values as we do. This is not true. I know it is difficult for an American politician to believe, but there are still people in the world who can't be bribed and who value personal honor more than life itself. Despite our power, we are far too ignorant to be a successful empire. We should stay home and mind our own business.

## Miers

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the Miers nomination, this was presented to the public as all-out opposition. The fact is that although both men told NewsMax.com they are very unhappy with what the president has done, they are willing to be fair and wait and see how well

she acquits herself during the Senate hearings. If she does well, she'll win their backing. That, however, has been ignored by the media, whose motto here is "let's you and him fight."

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** Today was my son's fourth birthday. I gave him a party. Some of the children who came were dropped off by their parents.

One of the boys started grabbing my son's gifts and opening them. But the real trouble began when my mother grabbed him by the arm and pulled him roughly away. This happened twice before my husband could make it across the room and tell Mother to stop it immediately.

I am very worried about my mother. She's 64 and seems to be losing her mind. Her displays of nervous and strange behavior are increasing. Her mother, my grandmother, was a paranoid schizophrenic, and I have often believed my mother might have some type of psychiatric condition. How do I tell her she needs to talk to someone before this escalates further? I allow her to baby-sit my son for short stints only, and now I'm questioning any further "alone time" at all for them. She calls me constantly, insisting that she wants to see him. Is there an easy way to tell your own mother that you think she is close to "losing it"? If I'm going to gear up for the conversation, I want her to take me seriously. Thank you for your input. -- **WORRIED DAUGHTER IN DENVER**

**DEAR DAUGHTER:** No, there is no "easy way." Do you have siblings? Does your mother? Does she have any close friends who also might have noticed her bizarre behavior? If there are, talk to them and get examples. It might be better if you and your husband approach your mother together. Tell her you are very concerned about her mental and physical health -- and give her chapter and verse about why. Then offer to go with her to her doctor for a complete physical and neurological checkup. If she refuses, remember that you have an important bargaining chip -- your son. Under no circumstances should he spend

unsupervised time with his grandmother unless you are absolutely certain that it's safe for him to do so.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "George," and I have been married 22 years. We have four teenagers. Five years ago, we decided to leave the West Coast and move back east to be closer to family.

George moved first. The children and I stayed behind until our house was sold and the school year had ended. We commuted as often as possible, but commuter marriages are never easy.

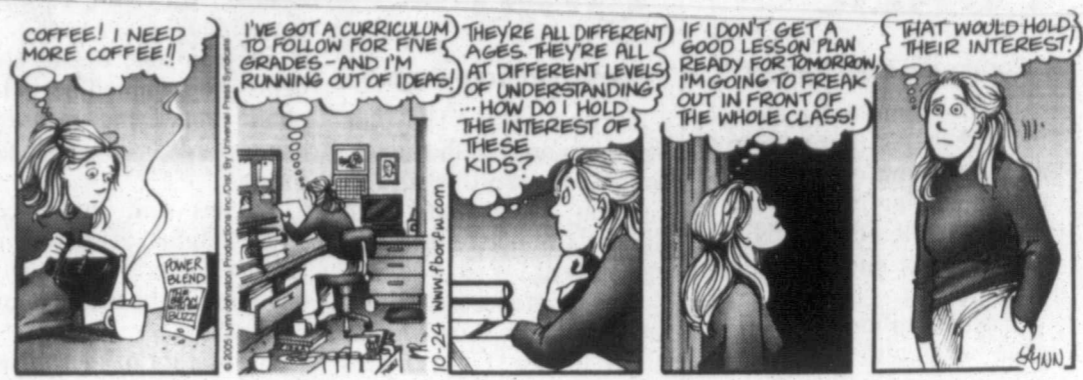
During our separation, George had an affair with a woman, and she became pregnant. A paternity test confirmed that he is the father. George was very remorseful, and we decided to save our marriage. He promised he would never see the woman again, nor would he have a relationship with the child, who is now 4. (He pays child support through the woman's attorney.)

Recently, she has begun breaking her part of the agreement by sending photos of the boy, with occasional letters about his progress. Abby, if our marriage is to survive this affair, there must be absolutely no contact. I don't want my children to know about this child, or my family to suffer further. What should I do? -- **ANONYMOUS WIFE IN THE EAST**

**DEAR WIFE:** I understand your feelings, but I am not sure they're realistic. It may not be possible to keep knowledge about this half-sibling from your children indefinitely because there is no guarantee he won't show up one day asking for answers -- which he is entitled to.

Has it occurred to you that the real "victim" in this mess is the child, and not you? You may not want to hear this, but my advice to you is to open your heart, recognize that the boy is a reality that should not be ignored, and relent.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



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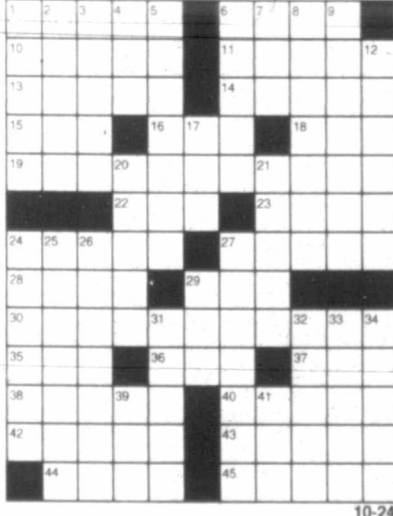
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### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 42 Blackjack request holders.
  - 43 Entertain for short.
  - 44 African vipers.
  - 45 Insurance worker.
- DOWN**
- 1 Wave to, perhaps.
  - 2 Track event.
  - 3 Cause trouble.
  - 4 Pair.
  - 5 Remits.
  - 6 Wasn't thrifty.
  - 7 Candle material.
  - 8 Mono-gram part.
  - 9 Mixture.
  - 12 Places for pigeons.
  - 17 Moray or conger.
  - 20 Make joyous.
  - 21 Between midnight.
  - 24 Toward.
  - 25 Washing- ton's capital.
  - 26 Children's guitar.
  - 27 Racer, for example.
  - 29 Navigating aid.
  - 31 Gives a hoot.
  - 32 Advice.
  - 33 Like Thor.
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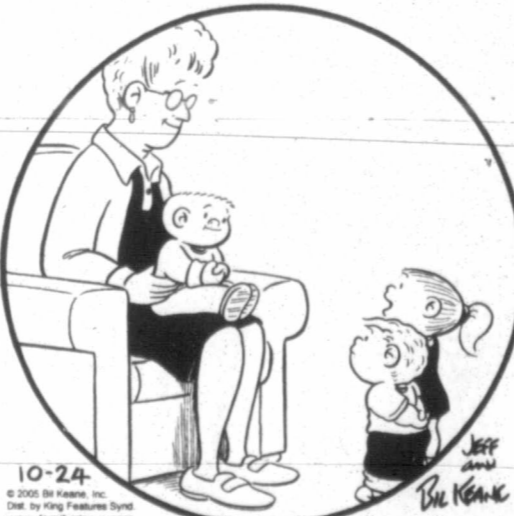


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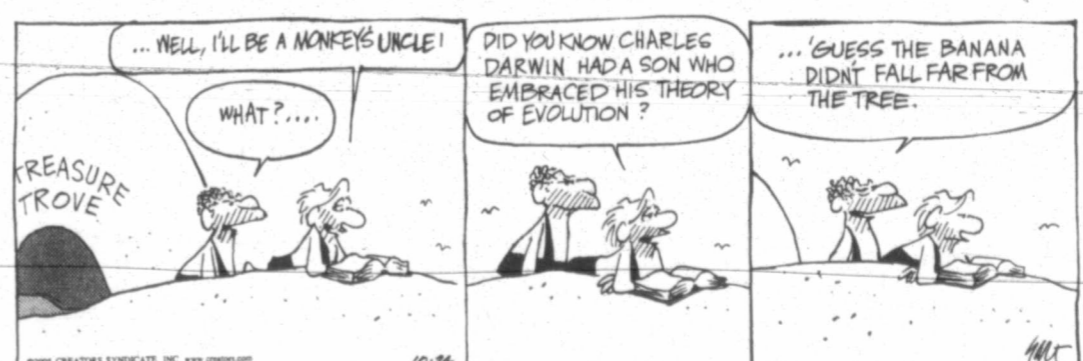


## The Family Circus

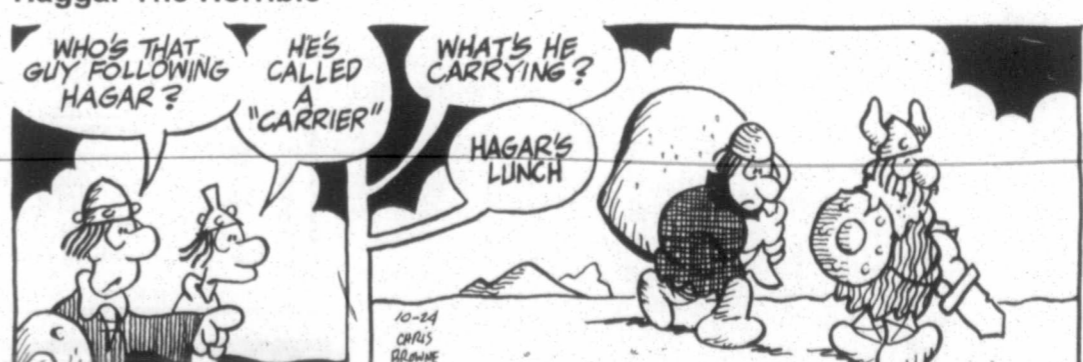
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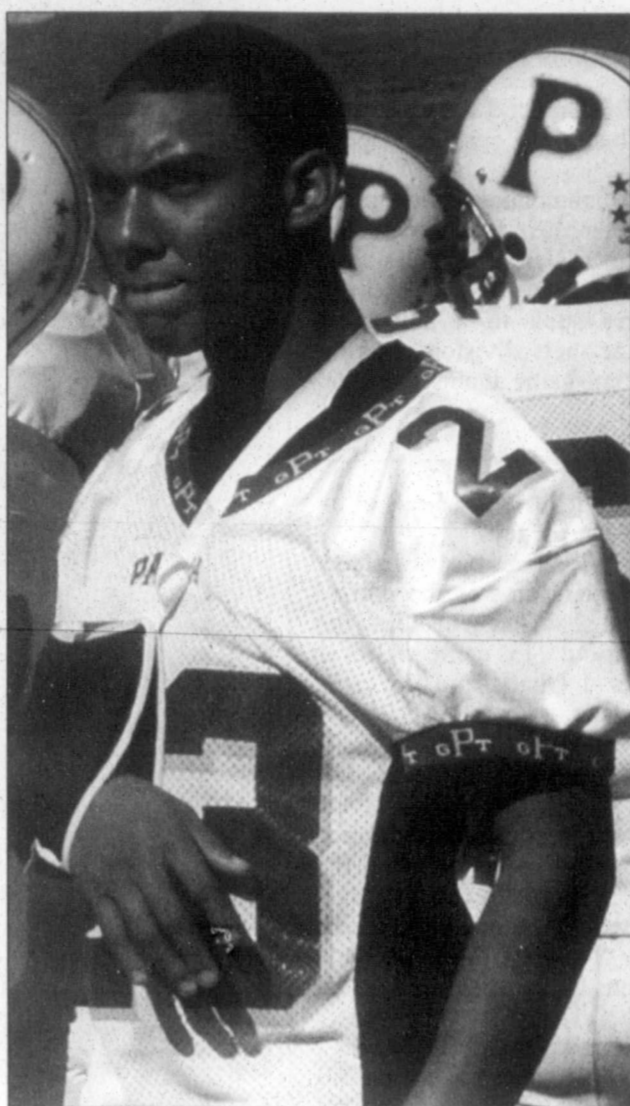
# Sports Day

## Tale of two halves



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▲ Pampa running back Chase Harris (#23) sprints by a Palo Duro defender in the first half of Saturday's game at Dick Bivins Stadium. Harris came out of the locker room after the half time break with his right arm in a sling. See story page 8.



### MY VACATION

## Housework or Vegas? Which would you choose?

A couple weeks ago, my office manager comes up to me and says, "You still have five days vacation you need to use by the end of the month or you will lose them." Slightly punch-drunk from the unexpected news, I stared at her and thought to myself, "Great. What will I do for five days?"

I picked a week to take them and set forth trying to think of something to do.

I settled for catching up on the things around the house that otherwise nickel and dime me to death: Clean the garage. Mow the lawn one last time then put it to sleep for the upcoming winter. Find all the settling cracks, patch and paint them. Once I had the list together in my head, I began looking forward to my time off. Enough so that I turned down an offer I would normally not hesitate accepting.

The Tuesday of my week away, my little brother calls and asks me to come

to Las Vegas for a visit. I love Vegas. The wife and I try to visit at least once a year. As proof that my aging process has taken a turn for the worse of late, I actually found myself making up excuses as to why I could not come.

**Michael J. Stevens**  
Sports Editor



That night, he calls again to say, "Hey, I can have you on a plane at 12:10 p.m. tomorrow. That would put you in Vegas at, well, 12:10 p.m." Tempting, I again turned him down.

I spent the rest of the week trapped inside my home, doing those things I had said I wanted to do. Only I did them with a sense of regret. Not only

did I turn down a trip to Vegas, but one that my kid brother was going to pay for. What is my problem? Have I become the buffoon I have feared becoming, only much sooner than expected? I mean, repeat after me, 'Free trip to Las Vegas'. Wouldn't you? Geez, now I am feeling dirty and ashamed for not going. For not accepting my brother's offer on behalf of all the vacation-challenged everywhere.

"Hey, there goes the goof that said 'no' to a free trip so he could stay home and play Bob Villa." That's what the neighbors will say as they point and glare at me. Good thing the boy is raised and out of the house. I couldn't afford his therapy.

Alas, like all good things in life — no matter how fun they may be — they must come to an end. So goes my 'vacation'.

But, you know, it's good to be back in my little cubicle.

## Konerko slams Sox past Astros

CHICAGO (AP) — As usual, Paul Konerko was honest. Nothing can top being a father for the first time, but hitting a grand slam in the World Series isn't a bad experience, either.

Konerko hit the 18th grand slam in World Series history, helping the Chicago White Sox beat the Houston Astros 7-6 on Sunday night.

"I had a baby born Tuesday night. That's first for the week," Konerko said. "That one (grand slam) is second."

After Scott Podsednik's ninth-inning homer sent the White Sox to the win, they're up 2-0 in the series and two wins away from a serious celebration.

Konerko's seventh inning bases-loaded shot gave Chicago a 6-4 lead that rookie closer Bobby Jenks couldn't hold it in the ninth. But Podsednik delivered with a rare homer and sent U.S. Cellular Field into a tizzy as his teammates piled out of the dugout to mob him.

"He went all season, six months without hitting a home run.

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## Meetings and events

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

### Booster Club Meeting

There will be a volleyball booster club meeting at 6 p.m. tonight in the Pampa High School cafeteria. Among the topics to be discussed are the end-of-season banquet.

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## Seahawks shock Cowboys, 13-10

SEATTLE (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys throttled the NFL's leading rusher, strong-armed the league's top offense and controlled the line of scrimmage when they had the ball.

Then they collapsed. Again. With 14 seconds left in a 10-10 tie, Seattle Seahawks nickelback Jordan Babineaux intercepted Drew Bledsoe's sideline pass to Terry Glenn and returned it 25 yards, setting up Josh Brown's 50-yard field goal as time expired Sunday.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said it was "as tough a game to lose as any game we've had, any game we've ever had."

Worse, Jones said, than even the Monday night meltdown in Week 2 against Washington, when Dallas shut the Redskins out all night, only to give up two touchdowns in the final 3:46 and lose 14-13.

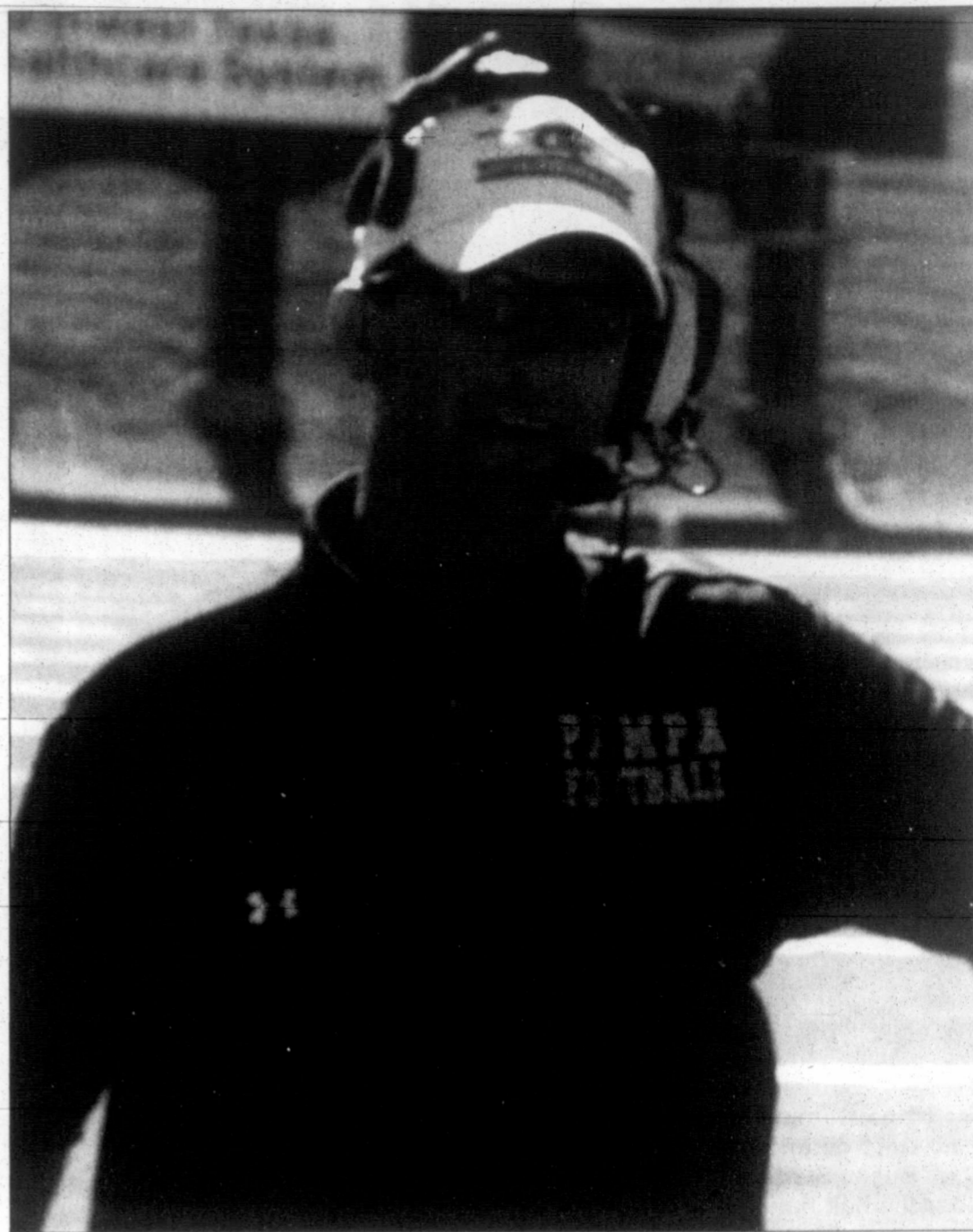
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Sunday: Dallas held Shaun Alexander to a season-low 61 yards, while Cowboys third-string runner Marion Barber piled up 95 yards behind a line missing Pro Bowl left tackle Flozell Adams.

And the defense played well, despite missing linebacker Dat Nguyen and defensive end Kenyon Coleman and losing cornerback Anthony Henry to a shoulder injury.

"I hate it for the players. I hate it for the coaching staff. I hate it for our fans," Jones said.

Now, instead of maintaining first place and putting together their first three-game winning streak since October 2003 — the year Jones hired Bill Parcells to coach — the 4-3 Cowboys sunk to a half-game behind the rest of their division entering this weekend's home game against Arizona.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

## Coach Wood: 'Turnovers key to loss'

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa stayed with Palo Duro far better than the final 35-7 score would suggest Saturday. Given the late Harvester turnovers and the Don's remarkable 28-point run in little more than seven minutes, it's easy to assume this game was a blowout. It was not.

Pampa trailed just 7-0 at the break, and tied the game at 7-7 on a Sharod Young 42-yard touchdown sprint that came by way of a reverse. That came with about 5:30 left in the third quarter.

If he had to single out one aspect of the game that hurt his team Saturday, Pampa Head Coach Bryan Wood said, "Turnovers were once again the key factor in the loss." Palo Duro scored 14 points on a fumble and interception, both returned for TDs. Pampa penalties also took two Harvester touchdowns off the board, both followed by failed field goal attempts. Wood also points out his team was not able to take advantage of field position when given the chance. "However, Palo Duro had a lot to do with

that by the style of defense they play."

Wood says there were some positives that came out of Saturday's contest. "I thought we did some good things. Statistically, we had more yards offensively and ran about 10 total plays more than they did. We moved the ball pretty well at times but just weren't able to finish the drives."

With regard to the district picture, Wood notes Saturday was a big game for his team. "District Championships are important and in order to get that you have to beat Palo Duro." Wood added, "As far as a playoff seeding it was irrelevant. Our fate is now in our own hands. The playoffs start this week for us."

Missing in action in the second half of Saturday's game was junior running back Chase Harris. Harris broke his collar bone in two places and will be out 4-6 weeks.

So far as any lingering effect from Saturday, Coach Wood is quick to point out, "The PD game is over and we have turned our focus toward the Dumas Demons."

Pampa will host Dumas Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

*'Our fate is now in our own hands. The playoffs start this week for us.'*

— Bryan Wood  
Head Coach, Pampa High School Football

## Slam

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Now he's got two in the postseason, a huge one right there," Konerko said. "That's as big a home run as you can ever hit."

Konerko's was a big one, too.

Trailing 3-2 with a mist falling and their offense misfiring, the White Sox appeared headed to Texas all tied up.

Then came the seventh inning, and it all changed. First, a disputed call. Then, Konerko's grand slam.

Jermaine Dye got hit with a pitch, a ruling disputed by Houston manager Phil Garner. That loaded the bases and set the stage for Konerko.

"I thought the ball hit the bat. I don't know what

would have happened after that," Garner said.

"I mean the umpire says you go to first, you are going to go to first," Dye said. "I'm not going to tell him I fouled it off, so just go to first and hopefully we get a big hit, and we did."

Astros catcher Brad Ausmus said he thought the ball hit Dye based on Dye's reaction.

"The ump sees what, 225, 250 pitches a night and get the great majority of them right," Ausmus said. "But it's not like his call scored any runs. They did that on their own."

Konerko said even he couldn't tell.

"Not from my angle, as I was on deck," he said. "They argued that a little bit. It's such a tough call for the umpire because if you don't hear the wood sound, it sounds like hand. We'll

take it, it was a heck of an at-bat by him."

With the bases loaded, Garner came to the mound and sent Dan Wheeler to the dugout. In came reliever Chad Qualls and up came Konerko.

One pitch was all it took. Konerko's drive to left was his fifth homer of the postseason and he pumped his fists as he rounded the bases, later stepping up in the dugout for a curtain call.

"I wasn't thinking home run. I was thinking base hit to drive in two runs," Konerko said. "He's nasty. I hadn't taken a swing all night. I took one swing all night and that was on that pitch."

Konerko had trouble containing his emotions as he rounded the bases, admitting it was "kind of an out-of-body thing."

"Usually I try not to show that kind of stuff, but it just kind of comes on you. I don't know what I did or what I looked like. It's one of those things that you never experience anything like it," he said.

Konerko will be a free agent once this remarkable season is over, and who knows in the crazy world of baseball where he might end up. But that's not what matters to him right now, not after this whirlwind week.

"You lose a lead in the ninth and still come back and win that game in a World Series," he said. "You feel good, you kind of feel like you got away with one. At the same time, if we can get away with two more. ... But the job is not done yet."

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## Pampa drops Caprock, ends district at 7-3

The Harvester Tennis Team ended its season with a convincing 15-5 win over Caprock Saturday.

Pampa was short a couple of players due to the ACT testing so they entered the match down 0 to 1. Coming out of doubles things looked a little scary as they were down 3 to 4.

*'But I was very proud of how great the kids played in singles, especially the effort of sophomore Kourtney Farmer, who finished her matches quickly and took care of business.'*

— Emily Laurence  
Head Coach, Pampa High School Tennis

After that though, the Harvesters won all but one of the singles matches. "We started slow which I kind of expected after our emotional letdown on Tuesday," said Pampa Coach Emily Laurence. "But I was very proud of how great the kids played in singles, especially the effort of sophomore Kourtney Farmer, who finished her matches quickly and took care of business." Coach Laurence continued, "It's always good to see underclassmen with a lot of heart to give us hope for the next few years."

Pampa ends the season with a District 3-4A record of 7-3, placing the Harvesters third and an alternate for regionals. Boasted Laurence, "It was a good season for us. We had two girls go undefeated in singles (Myca Vinson and Ashlee Lucas), and several only suffered one loss."

Coach Laurence, wrapping up her first season at the helm of the Pampa tennis program, says she now looks forward to helping her players get as many first and second team all district rankings as possible.

Pampa will take a week off before starting off-season workouts in preparation of the spring season which will begin in February.

**Pampa 15, Caprock 5  
Boys Singles**

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**Girls Singles**

Michael Foreman def. Alex Gutierrez 4-6, 6-2, (10-6)  
Jareth Fortenberry def. Isaac Saldivar 6-2, 1-6, (10-8)  
Kevin Frels lost to Martin Barbosa 6-2, 6-4  
Tyler Morris def. Joseph Hernandez 6-3, 7-6 (7-3)  
Landon McNeely def. Joseph Morales 6-4, 6-1  
Jack Ware def. Sean McElwain 6-1, 6-3

**Girls Doubles**

Myca Vinson def. Justina Hernandez 6-2, 6-2  
Ashlee Lucas def. Melissa Johnson 6-2, 6-2  
Lacie Long def. Haley Wilde 6-3, 6-1  
Haley Acker def. Crystal Yarbrough 6-2, 6-3  
Tanna Stowers def. Lindsey Miller 6-3, 6-2  
Kourtney Farmer def. Jasmine Frescaz 6-2, 6-0  
Maegan Patterson def. Monica Chavez 8-0

**Boys Doubles**

Foreman/Frels lost to Gutierrez/Saldivar  
Morris/McNeely lost to Barbosa/Hernandez 7-5, 7-5

**Girls Doubles**

Vinson/Long lost to Gutierrez/Saldivar 6-4, 0-6, (10-7)  
Lucas/Stowers def. Johnson/Yarbrough 6-3, 6-4  
Acker/Farmer def. Frecaz/Chavez 6-0, 6-1

**Mixed Doubles**

Fortenberry/Patterson def. Miller/Hernandez 4-6, 7-5, (16-14)

Pampa JV also defeated Caprock Saturday, 8-0. Said Coach Emily Wood afterward, "Seeing wins like this one makes me know that Pampa tennis will always be in competition for the district title."

**Pampa JV 8, Caprock JV 0**

**Girls Singles**

Deschna Afram def. Elizabeth Vasquez 6-0  
Marli Street def. Julie Perez 6-3  
Claire Boyd def. Amanda Ramos 6-2  
Rachel Lee def. Diana Lorenty 6-2  
Lauren Coutts def. Erica Neece 6-4

**Girls Doubles**

Anna Julian/Marli Street def. Perez/Ramos 8-1  
Megan Barnett/Jacee Villarreal def. Lorenty/Neece 8-0

**Mixed Doubles**

Deschna Afram/Jack Ware def. Montgomery/Vasquez 8-



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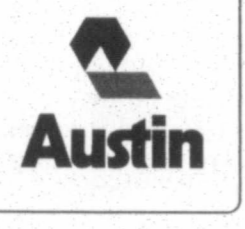
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**SONIC DRIVE IN PAMPA NOW HIRING**  
 4 Day time carhops  
 4 Night time carhops  
 3 Day drive thru persons  
 2 Night drive thru persons  
 3 Day order takers  
 2 Night order takers  
 Must be Drug Free  
 Looking for a long term job?  
 Must be dependable for good customer services.  
 Mature, enthusiastic, friendly!  
 Apply in person at 1404 Hobart. Age 16-105 year old we will hire!

**SONIC Drive In Now Hiring Manager Trainees**  
 lots of opportunity  
 In Pampa and 6 other states  
 We will train you!  
 Apply in Person at 1404 Hobart  
 Bring your resume!

SIVALLS Inc. is looking for welder fabricators and paint test service technician. Welding and drug tests req. Benefits: health ins., profit sharing, 401K, 8 paid holidays and 10 days vacation per year. 806-665-7111, Pampa.

**WANTED: Class A CDL Truck Driver. Drug Screening Required.**  
 Apply in person at: West Texas Landscape 120 S. Hobart. Please No Phone Calls!

**FRONT OFFICE/INSURANCE team member needed for a busy healthcare office!**  
 Only friendly, upbeat, multi-tasking, self-starters need apply  
 Fax resume to (806) 665-0537

HELP WANTED New company expanding into Pampa. Various positions avail. Call HR @ 806-356-6850

TEXAS Rose needs Full Staff. Apply in person before 2-5 pm., ask for manager.

HEALTH CARE Health care seeking office manager /data entry, good oriented skills a must. Medicare or home health care experience preferred but not required. Come by 1201 N. Hobart, Coronado Shopping Center, 665-1445.

HEMPHILL County Hospital in Canadian, Tx. now taking appli. for Full-Time Reg. Nurse (RN), for 7 a.m.-7 p.m. shift. Competitive Salary & Benefits. Contact: Tammye O'Neal @ 806-323-6422 ext. 231. May Fax resume to 806-323-8061. May also e-mail resume to tammye.oneal@hch.dshs.tx.us

INTERIM Home Health care seeking office manager /data entry, good oriented skills a must. Medicare or home health care experience preferred but not required. Come by 1201 N. Hobart, Coronado Shopping Center, 665-1445.

CLERKS, Full-Time & Part-Time. Type 25-30 Words Per Minute. General Office Duties. \$11.00 Plus Per Hour. Call (806) 261-7779.

DRIVERS NEEDED EXP. full-time Truck Drivers needed to haul crude oil. Must have a good driving record & at least 2 yrs. exp. on tractor trailer rigs; CDL req. Tanker and HazMat endorsements will be required. Must be able to pass a DOT physical & drug screen. Local hauls and exc. benefits. Straight nights. \$500 sign-on bonus. Openings in the Pampa area. For an appli. phone: 1-800-451-1931 or 1-806-659-2571. Plains Marketing, L.P. An Equal Opportunity Employer. M/F.

PT & FT Wait Staff Needed at Dixie Cafe. Apply within at 2537 Perryton Parkway, before 11am & after 2pm. No Phone Calls Please.

CONTACT US Today NBC Plaza II, Suite 111224 N. Hobart Pampa, TX 79065 806-665-2991 www.issllc.com

No Fees To Applicants EEO EMPLOYER

General Maintenance Lawn care experience needed.

Warehouse/Delivery Person Must have customer relation skills. CDL & Competitive pay.

Class A Mechanic Diesel experience needed.

Optical Tech We are seeking highly motivated individuals to join our eyecare team. Training will be provided for both full time and part-time positions. Applicant must possess strong communication skills, computer literacy and be comfortable in a fast paced environment. Entry level applicants are welcome.

VISION SOURCE 1324 N. Banks fax 806-665-3511

DISTRICT Sales Manager Sought for Industry-Leading Oilfield Service Company seeking: Individual to manage existing operation in Pampa Tx. Oil & gas contacts ideal, artificial lift & general oilfield supply knowledge required. Benefit package and bonus potential competitive salary EOE. Fax resume to: 903-882-1317.

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FULL-TIME Delivery Driver needed. Vehicle & gas furnished. Great tips. Apply Hoagies Deli.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

HOT TUB / SPA New, w/full warr., 6 per. w/ lounge, Beautiful Redwood Cab., Ozonator, Aroma Therapy, Waterfall, Starter kit, 6.5 hp w/a/r, Free local delivery \$3850.00 806-670-9337

MATTRESS SETS Thick Pillow Top, 5 yr. Warr. Twin \$179 Full \$209 Queen \$249 King \$309

Smooth Top, 5 yr. Warr. Twin \$149 Full \$169 Queen \$199 King \$269 Delivery Avail. 806-677-0400

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BY Owner, 3 bdr., 2 ba., cent. h/a, basement, encl. back porch, stor. bldg., carport & dbl. gar. 1908 Lea 665-8180

LARGE, spacious rooms. Harvester St. Condo, 2 bdr., 2 ba., gar., fence. C-21, 665-4180

NORTHCREST 1112 Crane Rd. 1686 sq ft, 4 br, 1 3/4 ba. 806-353-6525 or 678-2236 before 9pm.

104 Lots

2 Mauleum Crypts Side by Side \$3995.00 Call 440-2449

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DEER LEASE in McLean Area, Big Bucks, Season Lease, (806) 663-9385

115 Trailer Parks

TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos

1999 Chevy Blazer \$4000.00 Call 835-2773 for more details!!

ACCEPTING bids on a 2004 Chevy Avalanche. Call 835-2773 for more info. Lefors FCU reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

1988 Van Cargo almost new motor, runs good, make a great fishing van, 2013 W. 23rd, 669-1136.

2005 Red Jeep Wrangler Unlimited, 6,300 miles. Call 688-3799 or 681-9419.

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**CRALL PRODUCTS**  
 Immediate Openings  
 •Welders  
 40hrs + wk.  
 Salary based on exp.  
**Apply in Person: W. Hwy 152, Pampa**

**Innovative Staffing Solutions, LLC Career Opportunities**

**Road Construction**  
 Need motor grader operator, & CDL driver

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# Chamber

## Ribbon-cutting ceremonies



Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome new Chamber member Interim Healthcare, located in the Coronado Shopping Center. Goldcoats (left-right) Barry Haenisch, Susan Winborne, Loyd Waters, Bob Marx, Paulette Hinkle, Jack Reeve and June Beyer are pictured with Interim employees (l-r): Amber Hall, RN, Carol Vincent, LVN, Alma Lewis, Alisha Stroud, RN Director of Healthcare Services, Cathy Crockett, RN, Jason Bullard, owner and George Buchenau, RN.



Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome new Chamber member Cooper Computer Service, owned by Michael Cooper. Goldcoats (left-right) Jack Reeve, Paulette Hinkle, Barry Haenisch, Susan Winborne, Bob Marx, Loyd Waters, Clay Rice and June Beyer. Center: Michael Cooper, owner.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Gray County Insurance - Johnston-Hill Agency  
1712 N. Hobart  
Margaret Hill & C.J. Johnston

McCormick Masonry  
221 Gillispie  
Heather McCormick, manager

Cooper Computer Service  
1825 Christine  
Michael Cooper, owner

Pampa Glass & Supply  
1432 N. Banks  
Richard & Elaine Elliff, owners

### "SHOP & WIN"

"SHOP PAMPA & WIN"  
begins Monday, November 7th

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

## Christmas Parade

PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CHRISTMAS PARADE

Saturday, December 3, 2005  
2 p.m.

"Dreaming of a White Christmas"

## Chamber letter

Dear Members,

Guess what? It is "Country Fair" time once again! This is a great time of year, and this event just adds to the festive nature of our fall. Just like past years, this year's "Country Fair" should be every bit as fun, if not more so.

We will have an evening full of fun, food, and festivities. At 5 p.m., we will unlock the doors and let everyone feast on a great chicken fried steak meal prepared by the Texas Rose Steakhouse. After your meal, enjoy viewing and bidding on over 300 silent auction items. Be sure to move into the auditorium at the silent auction for an excellent array of items available in the live auction. The fun is not over by a long shot, as you can relax and enjoy numerous bingo games or maybe you'll be ready to kick it up with RT the DJ from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m. followed by the very popular country & western band, COODER GRAW, featuring lead singer and Pampa's own Matt Martindale.

Whatever activities that you choose to participate in, just remember that the evening is all about having fun. It is one of the few times during the year that we all have the opportunity to get together - so enjoy!

As all of you know, the "Country Fair" is for the entire community and also for everyone from the surrounding area, as well. If you have the opportunity, invite some friends and bring them along with you. We always want and need the largest crowd possible.

One more reminder, in addition to all of the great auction items, we will be giving away a total of \$10,000 in six different drawings during the live auction. Be sure to take part in the live auction as it is exciting in its own right, but with the drawings added in, it is really exciting!

We look forward to seeing everyone on Saturday, Oct. 29th at the M.K. Brown Auditorium for the 21st Annual Pampa Chamber of Commerce "Country Fair Under the Harvest Moon."

Sincerely,

*Clay Rice*

P.S.: Be sure to check out The Pampa News on Oct. 28th for a list of all the auction items available this year.

P.S.S. Special thanks to B&G Electric and West Texas Landscaping for sponsoring Cooder Graw at this year's Country Fair.

*Under the Harvest Moon*  
Saturday, October 29, 2005  
M. K. Brown Auditorium  
Tickets \$25 per person

DANCE at 9:00 pm  
FEATURING  
COODER GRAW  
from 10:00 pm to 12:00

Dinner at 5:00 pm  
Silent Auction at 5:00 pm  
Live Auction at 8:00 pm  
Bingo at 9:00 p.m.

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