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**Wind damage**  
Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
An antenna located on Highway 152, one mile east of the Highway 152-Highway 60 split, was reduced recently to a snarl of antenna segments and guy wires, possibly due to strong winds. No high winds are forecast this week, and any current threat to property will likely be from flash flooding due to continued heavy rains.

## New junior high school plan takes step forward

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Plans for the proposed new Pampa Junior High School and repairs and additions to the existing Pampa High School were presented at Monday night's special meeting of Pampa Independent School District's Board of Trustees, held in the PHS library.

Jay Edwards and Mike Baker of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, Inc., the architectural firm hired by PISD to evaluate the current PHS and PJHS structures and plan the renovations, repairs and replacement, showed preliminary drawings of the work, complete with lists of new and improved features, costs and possibilities for future expansion.

PHS would retain most of its current structures, with the exception of the shop building, which would be demolished and replaced by a parking lot. The cafeteria and kitchen would be moved upstairs to ground level from their current location in the school basement, and would be part of a new structure on the north side of the main building.

The library would be moved to a new, larger area adjacent to the kitchen/cafeteria area. The cafeteria would become a common area which could be used for dining and other activities, and which could accommodate most or all of the school's student body at one time, a feature which the current PHS auditorium lacks.

The current cafeteria would be converted into classrooms, including those for art courses. Administrative offices would be located near the new cafeteria/commons. A second-floor mezzanine will look down on the commons area. The science labs will be updated and 12 more labs will be added. A new 20'-wide main entrance will be built to the east of the current main entrance; the current main entrance will be retained, as will the building's current design elements.

Parking along Harvester Avenue on the south side of the school will be converted from parallel parking to angle parking. Walls, ceilings, flooring, and light fixtures will be updated throughout the school, and more electrical outlets will be added, including in each classroom.

The third floor will for the most part be left unchanged, although fire safety systems will be updated there as well as throughout the school. Security measures will also be addressed, including two-way communication with each classroom.

The new structures on the campus will be constructed so that they may be retained if the main building, which was erected in 1941, has to be replaced in future.

Estimated cost of the high school renovation is \$17.8 million.

The new junior high school may be located on 100 acres of land on the north or west side of the city. Individuals owning land in

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## Clarendon College Pampa Center gets upgrade

Clarendon College Pampa Center has upgraded classrooms, thanks to a Pampa Center Foundation grant, a Carl Perkins grant and from the college's general budget.

Funds totaling \$132,000 were spent to upgrade the instructional equipment in the classrooms, science labs and the ITV classroom at the Pampa Center.

"Thanks to a grant from the Pampa Center Foundation we have retired all the old classroom instruction equipment and have upgraded the classrooms with new teaching delivery systems that include instructor podiums with computers that are connected to the Internet, document cameras, projectors, and DVD/VCR players," said Jack McCarty, head of Computer Technology for the center. "This upgrade will create new opportunities in teaching and learning by integrating networking, digital, and audio-visual technologies."

The Interactive Television classroom equipment, funded from the college general fund, has been upgraded. The classroom is used to transmit or receive classes between the Clarendon Campus, Pampa Center, Wellington ISD, and the Childress Center.

Funded through a Perkins grant, the Computer Network Technology Program student computers are being replaced with upgraded computers and two new servers.

McCarty said the servers will have two functions.

"First, they will provide quality technical education for our students in the Networking Program, and second we will use the new servers as the platform for a tutorial lab for students enrolled in developmental courses in math, reading, and English," he said.

"Clarendon College and the

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## Rain causes some trash routes to halt

Recent rainfall in the city of Pampa has caused the city to halt some trash collection routes because alleys are impassible for trash collection trucks in residential areas.

In addition, surface conditions at the landfill have become saturated and difficult for heavy equipment to maneuver in, according to Donny Hooper, public information officer and assistant director of public works.

Hooper said during this time no trash collection routes are being collected in residential areas, but commercial customers with improved alleys should see

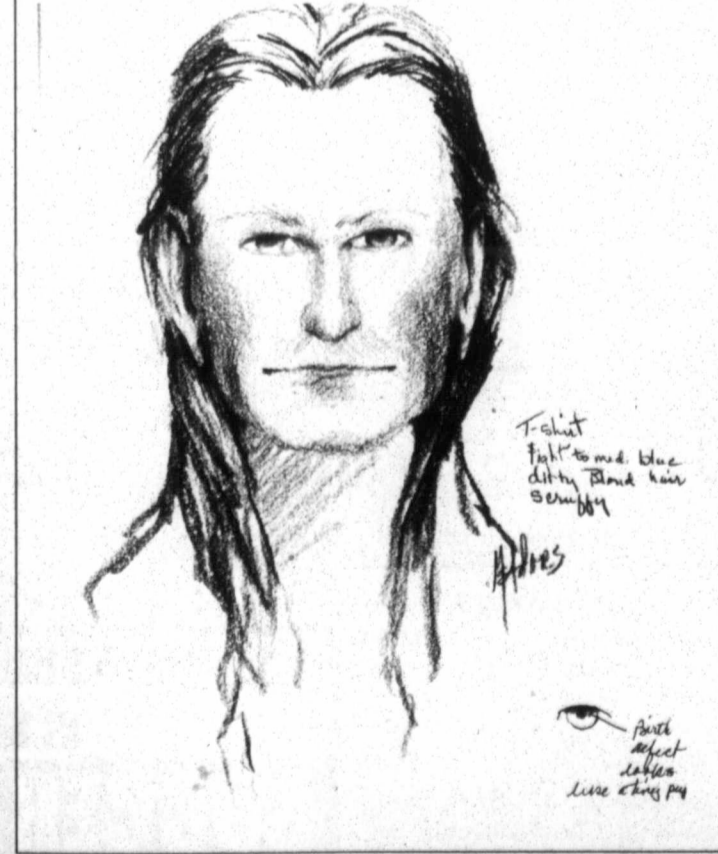
no change in service.

"Customers are asked to be patient as it may take several days after the rain passes for sanitation trucks to return to the alleys," Hooper said.

A temporary collection center has been established for those who need a place to dispose of their garbage at the recycling center at Hobart Street Park where dump trucks and a trailer have been placed. The recycling center is located on the east side of the softball fields on Municipal Drive.

"The city of Pampa appreciates your cooperation during this time," Hooper said.

## A person of interest



Police artist's rendering  
**Pampa Police Department is seeking a person of interest, depicted here, in connection with an aggravated sexual assault which occurred in July in Pampa.** "We're not saying he's a suspect, just someone we need to talk to," said PPD Det. Dennis Burton. The man has light to medium blue eyes and "dirty blond" hair. The iris, or colored part, of one eye has a black dot beside the pupil. It is not known which eye has this feature. Anyone with information on the person is asked to call PPD at 669-5700.

## Obituaries

### Robert Dale 'Bob' Campbell, 50

Robert Dale "Bob" Campbell, 50, died Saturday, Aug. 19, 2006, in Pampa. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. today, Tuesday, Aug. 22, 2006, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, and John Curry officiating. Cremation and arrangements are by Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Campbell was born Oct. 3, 1955, in Pampa where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a 1974 graduate of Pampa High School and received a B.S. degree in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University in 1980.

He married Martha Crockett on May 21, 1977, in Stillwater, Okla. Mr. Campbell was involved in area ranching, farming and oil and gas for many years. He was a founding member of the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department.

He was a past board member of the Pampa Fine Arts Association and was very active in the Gray County Republican Party. He was a member of First United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife, Martha Campbell of the home; two daughters, Kathryn Campbell of Stillwater, Okla., and Victoria Campbell of the home; two sons, Bill Campbell of Pampa and Christopher Campbell, of the home; his mother, Anne Campbell of Pampa; a brother, Don Campbell and wife Sue of Pampa; and by an aunt and uncle, Jewell and Buz Tarpley of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.W. "Jim" Campbell in 2003, and by a brother, Bill Campbell, in 1974.

The family requests memorials be to The Opportunity Plan, P.O. Box 1035, Canyon, TX 79015-1035, or to Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 820, Pampa, TX 79066-0820.

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



Campbell

### Donald R. Dorsey, 85

ALANREED — Donald R. Dorsey, 85, of Amarillo. Alanreed, died Monday, Aug. 21, 2006, at

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Sixteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 2800 block of Charles.

Animal complaints were received from the 1000 block of North Somerville and the 1100 block of Prairie Drive.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1100 block of Sandlewood and the 800 block of East Murphy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Brown and Huff streets, the 400 block of Hughes, and the 2100 block of North Banks.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 2100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 2100 block of Beech.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North West. A storm window valued at \$60 was broken.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2200 block of North Sumner.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of East Craven.

A domestic disturbance, assault on a peace officer and resisting arrest or detention were reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood, where at least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville.

Theft by check was reported in the police department lobby. Location of the incident is unknown.

Theft was reported at Central Park in the 800 block of Duncan. A bathroom sink valued at \$400 was taken from a women's restroom.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Houston. A bicycle valued at \$86 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 2100 block of Beech.

A gas drive-off was reported in the 100

block of South Starkweather.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of East Denver. The incident involved a white Ford Explorer of unknown value.

### Sheriff

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

**Monday, Aug. 21**

Cody Lee Johnson, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of East Browning by Pampa Police Department on a charge of theft by check.

Chris Davis, 42, of Pampa was arrested in the 2900 block of Rosewood by PPD on charges of assault of a peace officer and resisting arrest.

**Tuesday, Aug. 22**

Justin Taylor, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of Somerville by PPD on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

### Fire

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

**Saturday, Aug. 19**

8:13 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2200 block of Beech on a lifting assist.

8:20 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a medical assist.

11:43 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 500 block of Yeager on a Dumpster fire.

**Sunday, Aug. 20**

6:59 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of Miami on a medical assist.

**Monday, Aug. 21**

4:09 a.m. — Units and personnel responded to the 1900 block of Scott on a structure fire.

4:09 a.m. — Units and personnel responded to the 800 block of Denver on a structure fire.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Occasional showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. High near 78. East northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Chance of precipitation is 80 percent. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

Tonight: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69.

East-northeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly

sunny, with a high near 88. West-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South-southwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 68. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer.		
Wheat	4.00	
Milo	2.91	
Corn	3.80	
Soybeans	4.25	

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		
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BP PLC ADR	69.92	-0.30
Cabot Corp	31.45	-0.41
Celanese	18.55	-0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	54.29	+0.34
Coca Cola	44.36	+0.17
VLO	62.87	+0.17
HAL	34.16	+0.06
TRI	42.36	+0.04
KML	101.65	+0.07
XCEL	20.83	+0.10
Anadarko	45.59	+0.56
XOM	59.74	-0.09
Nat'l Oilwell	57.91	+1.13
Limited	26.63	-0.01
Williams	24.84	-0.06
MCD	35.82	+0.11
Atmos	28.81	+0.01
Pioneer Nat	42.11	+0.10
JCP	67.10	-0.41
COP	67.04	+0.17
SLB	65.63	+0.58
Tenneco	23.04	-0.13
CVX	65.71	-0.18
Wal-Mart	44.18	+0.09
OKE	38.29	-0.04
NS Grp	47.65	-0.53
New York Gold	628.25	
Silver	12.39	
West Texas Crude	72.52	

## Boy on trial in Houston for killing father

HOUSTON (AP) — A 12-year-old boy accused of killing his father by shooting him in the back is on trial this week.

The judge closed the trial to the public to protect the boy's interests and those involved in the case can't

comment because of a gag order. It was unclear whether testimony might begin today.

Attorneys were still choosing jurors on Monday, after starting jury selection last week with 300 candidates. The trial is expected to last two to six weeks.

Investigators say the boy was 10 when he shot his father, Dr. Rick Lohstroh, through the back of the driver's seat. Lohstroh, a 41-year-old physician at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, had been picking up his sons at the home of his ex-wife in Katy.

The boy's mother, Deborah Geisler, is not charged in the case but has acknowledged

keeping the semiautomatic pistol that killed her ex-husband in a zippered case inside her closet.

The boy has been in custody for almost two years. He was moved from lockup to the psychiatric facility of the Harris County Juvenile Detention Center.

He was taking antidepressants when the shooting happened and his paternal grandparents have filed suit against several pharmaceutical companies.

The case also is at the center of other court battles.

There's a fight for custody of the boy and his younger brother. Their mother is seeking custody, which was awarded to Lohstroh's mother and stepfather, Joanne and Richard Greene, after the shooting.

The Greenes also filed a wrongful-death lawsuit claiming negligence by the children's mother and stepfather.

## Russian jet with 170 aboard crashes in Ukraine, all killed

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — A Russian passenger jet carrying at least 170 people — including 45 children — crashed today in eastern Ukraine after sending a distress signal, killing all aboard, authorities said.

A Russian news agency said officials had ruled out terrorism, but the cause of the crash was still unclear, with various officials citing turbulence, lightning and a fire on board.

The Pulkovo Airlines Tu-154 was en route from the Russian Black Sea resort of Anapa to St. Petersburg and disappeared from radar screens while flying over eastern Ukraine around 2:30 p.m., Russian and Ukrainian emergency officials said.

The plane's tail section and other burning debris were found north of the city of Donetsk, about 400 miles east of Kiev, by residents about two hours after the distress signal was sent, said Mykhaylo Korsakov, spokesman for the Donetsk department of Emergency Situations Ministry.

*The plane disappeared from radar screens two minutes after the crew sent a distress signal, said Yulia Stadnikova, another Russian spokeswoman. Officials could not confirm Russian agency reports that said the plane's crew sent out four SOS messages before the crash.*

quoted Russian aviation official Alexander Neradko as saying that the plane might have run into strong turbulence.

Andriyanova said she received information that "the plane most likely was hit by lightning."

"There was no damage on the ground. After it fell, it broke apart and burst into flames," Andriyanova said in televised comments.

Interfax cited witnesses as saying the plane was intact when it hit the ground. The RIA-Novosti news agency later quoted Andriyanova as saying "terrorism has been ruled out."

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Pulkovo Airlines is among Russia's largest carriers.

It was the third major plane crash in the region this year, and came less than two months after at least 124 people died when an Airbus A-310 of the Russian carrier S7 skidded off a runway and burst into flames on July 9 in the Siberian city of Irkutsk.

On May 3, an A-320 of the Armenian airline Armavia crashed into the Black Sea while trying to land in the Russian resort city of Sochi in rough weather, killing all 113 people aboard.

Russian-made Tu-154s are widely used by Russian airlines for many regional flights.

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those areas have offered the land free of charge to the school district, said Lee Porter, school board member and chairman of the facilities committee.

The proposed building resembles an "E" with the top third of the letter bent in and down. Each leg of the "E" would be designated for a specific grade, with a media center and administrative offices on either side of the main entrance at the bend in the upper portion.

The single-story building will include six science labs, a dividable gymnasium/auditorium with adjacent band and fine arts areas, and separate areas for parent and school bus pickup and drop-off. Estimated cost of the project is \$25.9 million.

Enough space was retained on the 100-acre tract to locate a new high

school if one should need to be built in future.

The estimated cost to repair the current junior high school and convert it to administrative offices and space for Pampa Learning Center is \$3.3 million.

New state law requires that school districts' tax rate for their maintenance and operating budgets be lowered. The current rate of \$1.50 will drop to \$1.37 for 2007 and to \$1.04 for 2008, Porter said.

An additional .055 will continue to be included in the PISD tax rate for the next 15 years to pay off a 1997 bond in which the district's elementary schools were repaired and renovated.

An increase of approximately .36 per \$100 valuation would raise the needed funds to build a new junior high school and renovate the current high school, Porter said. A homeowner whose property is valued at \$50,000 would be paying \$511 in school tax for 2008. That same property would be taxed \$498 for 2007 and \$544 for 2006.

Construction on the schools would begin approximately three years after the action was approved by voters, Baker said.

There are several reasons for the proposed construction, Porter said. When structural problems became evident at PJHS, the school board called in the Texas Association of School Administrators to evaluate PJHS and PHS.

"Our classroom size is below the state-recommended minimum," Porter said of the junior high school.

Other issues include lack of sufficient science lab space. New state requirements which affect students in eighth and lower grades state that students must have four years of science in order to graduate from high school.

The meeting will be repeated at 6 p.m. today in the PHS library for retired teachers. A meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in First Baptist Church's Fellowship Hall will be for the public to attend and meet the architects.

# Author to sign book in Miami

Academy award winning author Michael Blake will be in Perryton Friday and Miami Saturday to sign his new book "Indian Yell."

Blake, author of the book and screenplay "Dances With Wolves," will be at the Perryton campus of Frank Phillips College at 7 p.m. Friday.

He will be at the Roberts County Museum in Miami from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

"Indian Yell" is Blake's first nonfiction book. It

contains some of the epic battles between Native Americans and the U.S. Military in the western United States following the Civil War.

Blake will also read from his other books, including "Dances With Wolves," "The Holy Road" (the sequel to "Dances With Wolves"), and "Marching to Valhalla."

Blake was awarded an Oscar for his screenplay of "Dances With Wolves."

# Ex-investment banker settles criminal case

NEW YORK (AP) — Former star banker Frank Quattrone reached a deal with the government today that allows his criminal case to be dismissed without a third trial. The pact would close a three-year effort to prosecute a man who earned \$100 million in a single year as he commanded his investment firm's technology portfolio at the height of dot-com mania.

U.S. District Court Judge George B. Daniels approved a one-year deferred prosecution agreement, calling for the charges to be dismissed if Quattrone stays out of trouble for one year.

A jubilant Quattrone said outside the courthouse in lower Manhattan that he was "very pleased that the case will be concluded" and looked forward to the dismissal of the charges.

"I plan to resume my business career," Quattrone said.

The judge signed off on the deal during a brief hearing in which Quattrone smiled as the agreement was approved.

In a statement, U.S. Attorney Michael J. Garcia called the deferred prosecution "an appropriate resolution of the case in light of all of the facts and circumstances and the posture of the case at this time."

Quattrone's first trial had ended in a deadlocked jury. Then it later seemed the government had succeeded when a jury convicted Quattrone of charges he obstructed a government probe of stock offerings as he supervised 400 technology investment bankers from the Palo Alto, Calif., offices of Credit Suisse First Boston, which has since changed its name to Credit Suisse (USA) Inc.

Prosecutors alleged Quattrone encouraged co-workers to destroy sensitive company files because he was aware that government investigators were looking at the firm's books. Quattrone always maintained he did not and testified so at two trials.

The U.S. 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals in March threw out the conviction and ordered a new trial, saying the jury was not properly instructed on the law before deliberations.

Four days later, federal regulators overturned a lifetime ban from the securities industry against Quattrone.

Almost immediately, the two sides looked to resolve the case without a third trial.

Before the conviction was tossed, Quattrone was sentenced to 18 months in prison but he was free on bail pend-

ing the appeal.

Quattrone, 50, was one of the biggest names on Wall Street during the 1990s Internet stock boom. His actions were scrutinized after the National Association of Securities Dealers in 2000 began investigating CSFB's underwriting of initial public offerings.

The NASD probe was followed by investigations by the Securities and Exchange Commission and a federal grand jury into how the company handled initial public offerings.

The company was never criminally charged, but Quattrone was accused of hindering the federal probe. Prosecutors cited a December 2000 e-mail in which Quattrone endorsed a colleague's suggestion that bankers "clean up" their files.

Quattrone testified that his e-mail followed company policy and that he knew almost nothing about a grand jury subpoena seeking documents involving hundreds of initial public offerings of stock during the late-1990s.

During the dot-com boom, Quattrone took prominent companies like Amazon.com public.

# Charter school students score lower

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fourth graders in traditional public schools score better in reading and math than students in charter schools, according to a government report that is likely to spur a fresh debate over the benefits of school choice.

The report, released today, says fourth graders in traditional public schools scored an average of 5.2 points bet-

ter in reading than students in charter schools on the National Assessment of Educational Progress test in 2003. Students in traditional schools scored an average of 5.8 points better in math.

The report cautions that the results could be influenced by factors other than the quality of charter schools.

"Parents may have been attracted to charter schools because they felt that their children were not well-

served by public schools, and these children may have lagged behind their classmates," said the report by the National Center for Education Statistics, which is part of the Department of Education.

"On the other hand, the parents of these children may be more involved in their children's schooling and provide greater support and encouragement," the report said.

# City to look at zoning change in special meet

The Pampa City Commission will meet in special session at noon Wednesday in the commission chambers of City Hall to hear the second and final reading of a zoning ordinance that would change the south portion of the block that borders Kentucky between Hobart and Coffee from office to retail.

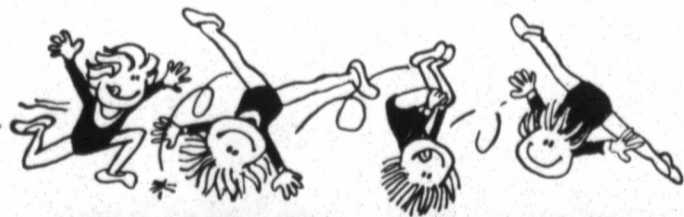
The location is expected to be the site of a new CVS pharmacy.

City officials said the company expects to close on the property by the end of the month.

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Pampa Center Foundation are committed to finding ways to expand services and program offerings for students at the Pampa Center," David Bradford, the Center's associate dean, said. "The goal is to provide a stimulating, positive-learning atmosphere for our students at the Pampa Center."



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# Viewpoints

## PISD's abandoned buildings will need to be addressed soon

The City of Pampa has for some time now been diligently working to tear down and haul away abandoned, decrepit houses and buildings in an effort to improve Pampa's appearance, as well as for other reasons such as public safety.

So my ears perked up last night at a Pampa Independent School District board meeting when a gentleman brought up the topic of old, empty school buildings which are in disrepair and which the school district has vacated, in some cases for years, without doing anything about the property.

The meeting concerned the proposed new junior

high school and repairs to the existing high school. Under consideration is a plan to make repairs to the existing junior high school in order to move administrative offices, maintenance and support services offices, Pampa Learning Center, and other such functions into the current structure at 2401 Charles after the new junior high school has been built and occupied.

This move would bring the total number of vacant PISD buildings to four: Baker, Sam Houston, Carver Center, and Horace Mann.

It has been a number of years since any classes met at Baker. Its most recent use

has been as a sometime training center for police and as the site of the city fire department's annual Haunted House.

**Marilyn Powers**  
Staff Writer



Sam Houston is painful to look at, with its air of abandonment and some windows boarded up, while many parts of the structure scream for repairs.

Horace Mann is also falling by the wayside. Not long ago, part of its roof collapsed.

Carver Center is currently in use as administrative

offices for the school district. But it is a tight fit, and there is no room for any more of the district's departments to be housed there.

So why are these eyesores still in existence?

Because it will cost an estimated \$650,000 per school to tear them down, according to PISD board member Lee Porter, who is chairman of the facilities committee.

One reason for the high cost is the dreaded "a" word, asbestos. Asbestos must be

treated as a hazardous substance according to law, and must be sealed and removed to a storage facility. It is not simply disposed of in a landfill, but is stored in such a facility, with the owner's identity recorded. Theoretically, at any time the facility could decide to close and require the asbestos owners to come pick up their hazardous waste and take it elsewhere.

It was suggested at last night's meeting that PISD use part of its \$6 million in reserve funds for demolition of abandoned structures.

Other ideas for paying for the work included marketing the property at Horace

Mann, which includes frontage on Hobart Street and which likely could bring a fair price, to gain funds to be used in demolition. Likewise, if the new junior high is built and the old junior high is turned into administrative space, frontage along Perryton Parkway is also theoretically commercially valuable and could be sold for the funding.

Wherever the money comes from, sooner or later PISD will have to do something about its abandoned structures. The longer the district waits, the more it will cost.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 22, the 234th day of 2006. There are 131 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 22, 1485, England's King Richard III was killed in the Battle of Bosworth Field, ending the War of the Roses.

On this date:

In 1787, inventor John Fitch demonstrated his steamboat on the Delaware River to delegates of the Continental Congress.

In 1846, the United States annexed the Territory of New Mexico.

In 1851, the schooner America outraced the Aurora off the English coast to win a trophy that came to be known as the America's Cup.

In 1910, Japan annexed Korea, which remained under Japanese colonial rule until 1945.

In 1956, President Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon were nominated for second terms in office by the Republican national convention in San Francisco.

In 1968, Pope Paul VI arrived in Bogota, Colombia, for the start of the first papal visit to Latin America.

In 1978, President Jomo Kenyatta, a leading figure in Kenya's struggle for independence, died; Vice President Daniel Arap Moi was sworn in as acting president.

In 1985, 55 people died when fire broke

*'Life does not give itself to one who tries to keep all its advantages at once. I have often thought morality may perhaps consist solely in the courage of making a choice.'*

— Leon Blum  
French statesman  
(1872-1950)

out aboard a British Airtours charter jet on a runway at Manchester Airport in England.

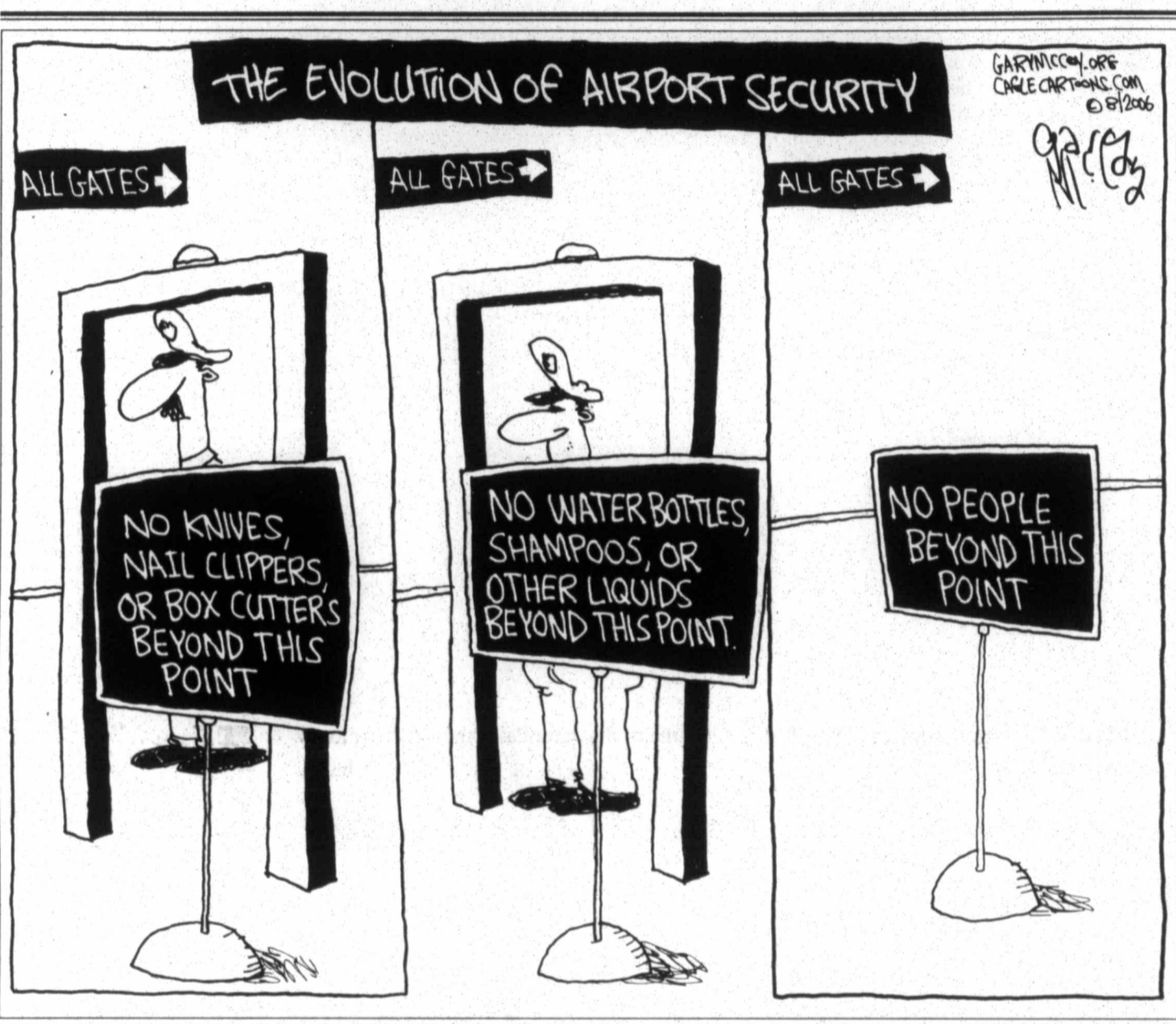
In 1986, Kerr-McGee Corp. agreed to pay the estate of the late Karen Silkwood \$1.38 million, settling a 10-year-old nuclear contamination lawsuit.

In 1989, Black Panther co-founder Huey P. Newton was shot to death in Oakland, Calif. (Gunman Tyrone Robinson was later sentenced to 32 years to life in prison.)

Ten years ago: President Clinton signed welfare legislation ending guaranteed cash payments to the poor and demanding work from recipients.

Five years ago: North Carolina Sen. Jesse Helms announced he would not seek re-election the following year. Space shuttle Discovery glided to a landing, bringing home three spacefarers who had spent nearly six months aboard the international space station.

One year ago: The last Jewish settlers left Gaza, making way for the Palestinian government.



## Are modern academic elites communists?

Grove City College publishes an excellent newsletter titled "Visions and Values." Its July 2006 edition features an interview with Dr. Richard Pipes, acclaimed Russian historian and Harvard University professor of Sovietology. The interview was conducted by Grove City College professor of political science Dr. Paul Kengor.

Dr. Pipes, who served on the National Security Council during the Reagan administration, explained that there are actually only a few communists among academics. At first glance, that's a puzzling observation, given the leftist bias at most college campuses. Drs. Pipes and Kengor explain the puzzle in a way that makes perfect sense.

While academic leftists, and I'd include their media allies, are not communists, they are anti-communists. In other words, they have contempt for right-wingers, conservatives or libertarians who are anti-communists. Why?

Academic leftists, and their media allies, are in agreement with many of the stated goals of communism, such as

equal distribution of wealth, income equality and other goals spelled out in Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels' "Manifesto of the Communist Party." Leftist elites love the ideas of communism so much that they are either blind to, or tolerant of, its many shortcomings.

**Walter Williams**  
Columnist



In practice, communism is nothing less than sheer barbarism that makes even the horrors of Nazism pale in comparison. Professor Rudolph J. Rummel of the University of Hawaii outlines that barbarism in his book "Death by Government," a comprehensive detailing of the roughly 170 million people murdered by their own governments during the 20th century.

From 1917 to its collapse in 1991, the Soviet Union murdered about 62

million of its own people. During Mao Zedong's reign, 35,236,000, possibly more, Chinese citizens were murdered. By comparison, Hitler's Nazis managed to murder 21 million of its citizens and citizens in nations they conquered. Adding these numbers to the 60 million lives lost in war makes the 20th century mankind's most brutal era.

At home and abroad, leftists have done a thorough and commendable job documenting and condemning the horrors and crimes of Hitler and his fascist Nazi regime, but when have you heard their direct similar condemnation of Joseph Stalin, his successors and Mao Zedong? By and large, they've chosen to overlook the horrors of communism.

The reason for their reluctance to condemn the barbarism of communism is simple.

Dr. Pipes says, "Intellectuals, by the very nature of their professions, grant enormous attention to words and ideas. And they are attracted by socialist ideas. They find that the ideas of com-

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 13

Austin American-Statesman on the future of the University of Texas system:

The University of Texas System is investing in the future in a big way, and Austin will be a fortunate recipient of those investments.

Regents approved the largest capital improvement project in the system's history last week, a \$1.6 billion program that comes on top of last year's \$1 billion initiative for campus improvements. Much of that money is earmarked for projects in math, technology, science and medicine.

UT System Chancellor Mark Yudof said university leaders are trying to build momentum by investing in research and teaching in health, engineering, technology and the hard sciences. These expenditures should make Texas one of the nation's hot spots for research and development.

Among the various projects are a biomedical research facility at the medical center in Dallas, a new engineering research building at UT-Dallas and a \$125 million experimental sciences building at UT-Austin. Money will come from tuition revenue bonds approved by the Legislature in May, grants and the Permanent University Fund.

Austin's campus will see major improvements in the coming years. In

addition to the experimental sciences building, UT is slated for a new computer science building named for Michael Dell and his family, who provided seed money through a donation and an academic health center at the site of the old Mueller Airport.

The academic health center is planned for a site near the Dell Children's Medical Center, a project spearheaded by a \$38 million gift from the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Together, the health center's complex could be the beginning of the medical school that university officials have longed for.

With UT's health systems scattered among six far-flung campuses, the

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I just read the letter from "Perturbed in N. Carolina" (July 20) describing the living arrangements of her grandmother, who has chosen to live with her daughter. The arrangement she has for \$600 to \$700 a month, plus a few extra items, sounds like a steal to me. I have taken care of my grandmother ever since my mother's death 16 years ago. Even though my grandmother lives on her own, my wife and I are her means of transportation, health-care coordination, entertainment and emergency calls. This is not easy. If "Perturbed's" family is so concerned about Grandma's welfare, then why don't they offer Grandma a vacation at their home for two weeks? I bet the aunt would love to have some time alone with her husband and daughter, and it might give "Perturbed's" parents new insight. — **BEEN THERE AND DOING IT**

**DEAR BEEN THERE:** It might, indeed. I must say that the response I received after printing that letter has been all over the map — and I plan to print two days' worth. I told "Perturbed" that I didn't think this was a family matter she should be involved with, and that if her parents would like Grandma to live with them, then the father should talk to his mother and extend the offer. But the decision should be his mother's to make, and sometimes mothers feel closer to their daughters than to their sons. Some who responded to that letter felt strongly I should have responded differently, and I'll print those letters tomorrow. Today we'll hear from respondents with living arrangements similar to those mentioned in the letter. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** I applaud your advice to the granddaughter to stay out of the "where Grandma should live" conflict. Living far away, she has no idea of what goes on in her aunt's house. For that matter, the parents may not have a complete grasp of the situation, either. When my husband's moth-

er came to live with us, we felt guilty asking her to contribute, but we had to consider several factors. Several major, expensive projects were done to ensure her comfort. Our monthly expenses increased. So did my laundry and kitchen duties because my mother-in-law is physically incapable of sharing any household chores. I make and serve all her meals. I also help her take showers, supervise her medical care and drive her to all of her appointments. I also must be present during her checkups to be sure she gets the facts straight, and take care of all her insurance problems. I clean her hearing aids and make sure she has the correct batteries, and handle her prescription refills. This is a full-time job for which there are no benefits, no days off and no vacation time. My husband and I have lost our privacy and freedom, and must arrange our activities around her needs. She refuses to give us a break, such as an occasional respite weekend at an assisted-living facility. I'd like to take her to a senior center one afternoon or two a week. She refuses to do this, too. My point is: If financial compensation helps to ease the physical and mental stress — so be it! — **STRESSED OUT IN THE MIDWEST**

**DEAR ABBY:** We live in a multigenerational household with my 89-year-old grandmother, who also pays rent and is extremely happy to do so. She says it makes her feel more like a contributing member of the household. She doesn't like being dependent on others. We provide all her transportation, prepare her meals, and we all eat together every evening. This kind of living arrangement is complex, and a lot of people can't handle it. Cohabitation is about much more than money alone. Perhaps that grandma knows that money can't buy happiness, and living in a happy household is worth the money. — **ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY IN OAKLAND, FLA.**

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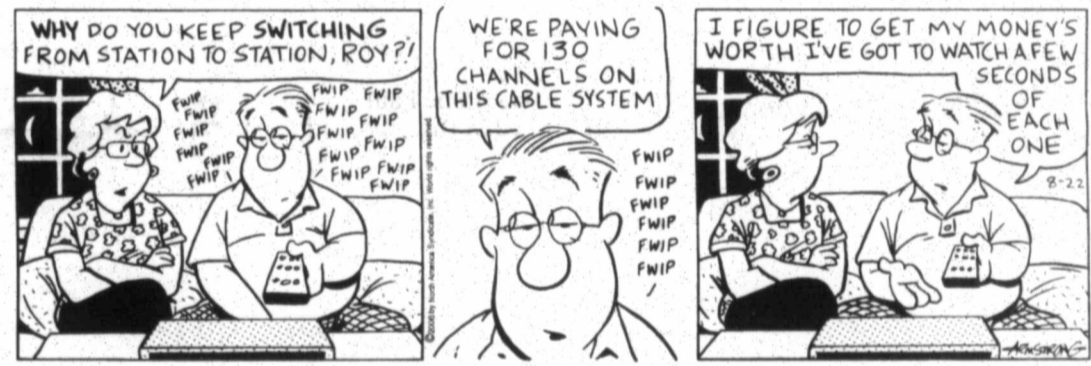
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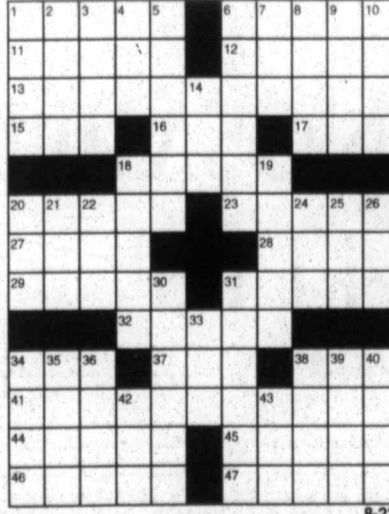
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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  - 13 What not to touch something with
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  - 17 Abe's son
  - 18 Keep busy
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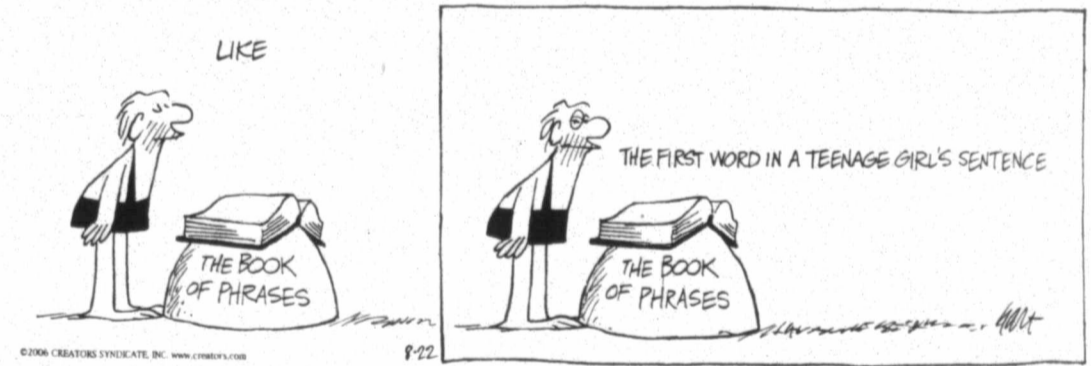
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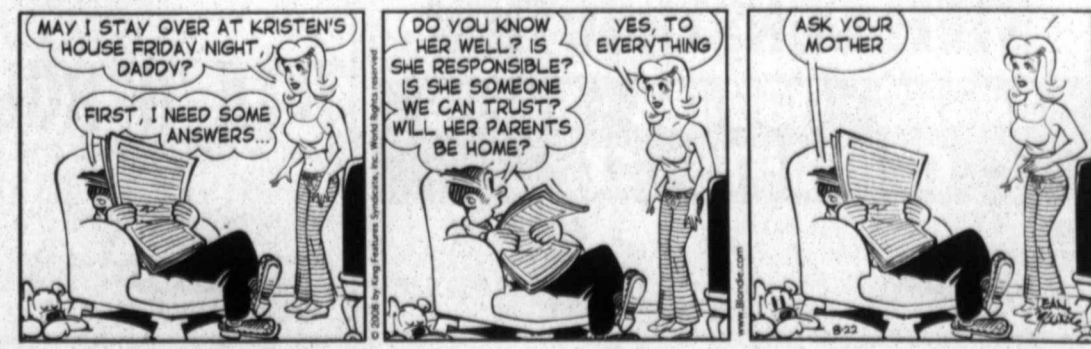
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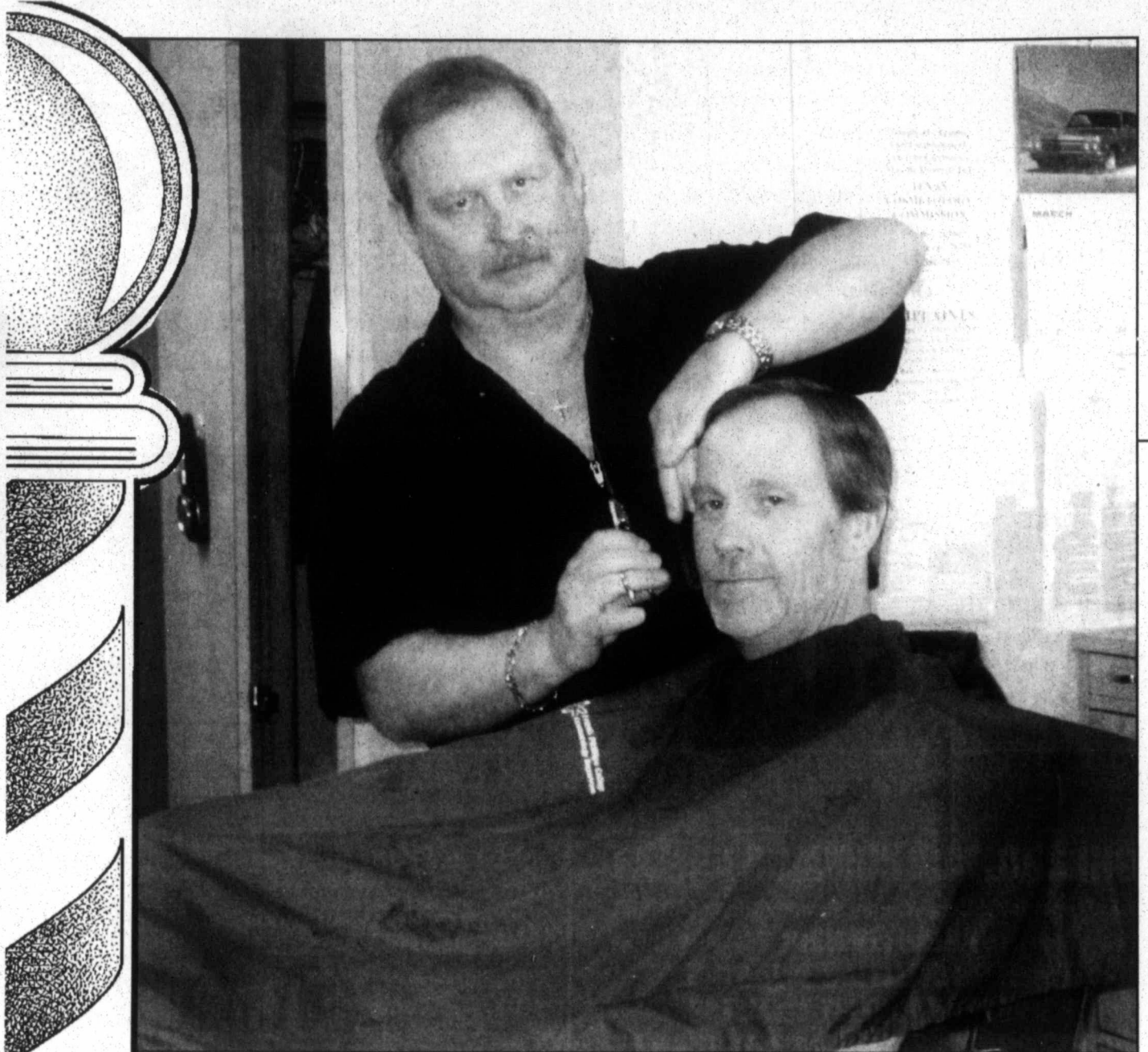
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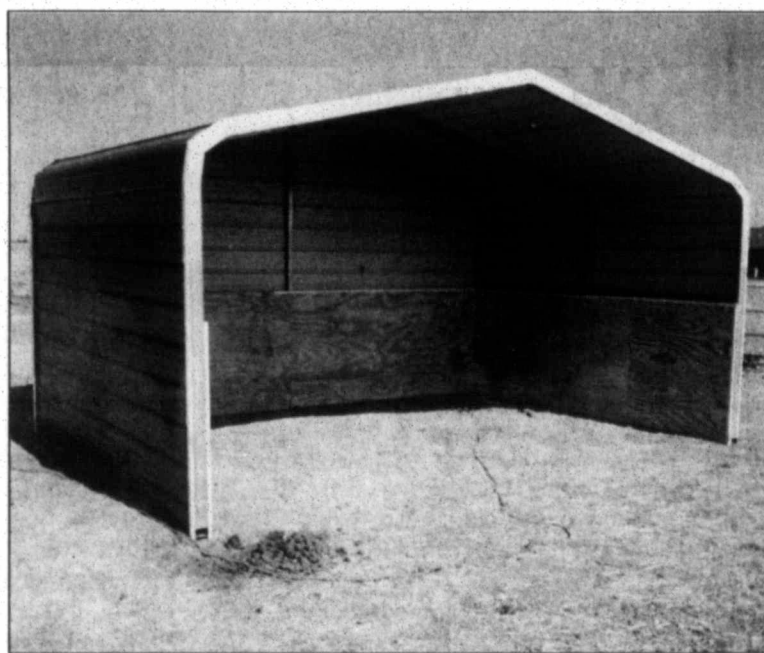
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# Sports Day

## Astros fall to Reds; Devil Rays edge Rangers

**Reds 4, Astros 3**  
CINCINNATI (AP) — Rich Aurilia's first two hits didn't make it out of the infield. His third was a double that conveniently landed just inside the foul line.

In his fourth at-bat, he still had a little luck left.

Aurilia got a hanging slider on his first pitch in the eighth inning, and connected for a three-run homer that rallied the Cincinnati Reds to a 4-3 victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

The pitch from reliever Chad Qualls provided a fitting finish to his 4-for-4 night.

"It was a slider," Aurilia said. "It didn't do much."

Royce Clayton's run-scoring single later in the eighth completed the comeback and tightened the NL Central. Second-place Cincinnati moved two games behind idle St. Louis, staying in contention with a retooled roster and a lot of late comebacks.

"This is a resilient bunch," Aurilia said.

"It's a lot of fun. Nobody ever gives up. It says a lot about the guys on the team — even the new guys. It's been like a revolving door all season, but we keep getting the same type of people."

The Reds have morphed into a contender by remaking their roster during the season — 13 of the current 25 players were obtained since spring training — and by doing some of their best hitting in the last innings.

Aurilia's homer and Clayton's single off Qualls (4-3) gave the Reds their eighth win of the season when they trailed after seven innings.

**Devil Rays 4, Rangers 3**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — The Devil Rays' struggling bullpen came through in a big way.

Brian Meadows and Seth McClung combined for three scoreless innings, getting James Shields his second straight win as Tampa Bay beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 on

Monday night.

Meadows, who had given up 16 runs over his previous 10 1-3 innings, followed Shields with two scoreless innings. McClung finished for his first major league save.

"That's the beauty of being in the bullpen," Meadows said. "You have a couple bad outings and you know you're going to be right back in there and get a chance to have a good one. It felt good to walk off and shake hands for a change."

McClung was sent to the minors to be converted from a starter to a closer on June 20 after going 2-10. The right-hander, who rejoined the team Aug. 3, made the most of his first save opportunity.

"The guys played real well," McClung said. "I just wanted to out there and get three outs as quick as you can ... not mess up what the rest of the team had done."

The Devil Rays' bullpen entered with a 5.19 ERA. Tampa Bay has lost 12 times when ahead after six innings this season.

### POYC FOOTBALL

#### Sign-ups extended

Registration for Pampa Optimist Football for boys in the fifth and sixth grades has been extended until today and Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Club building, according to Optimist Football Commissioner Billy West.

"We have had 77 boys sign up for the third and fourth grade division, and 59 for the fifth and sixth grade division," West explained. "We would like to have another team for fifth and sixth graders so we are having two more registration sessions for this age group."

Playing fees for fifth and sixth graders is \$55.

Uniforms including pads and helmets will be furnished.

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

## Coach Laurence says 'conditioning' a factor in Wichita Falls tournament

The Harvester Tennis Team competed in the Texas Team Championships at Wichita Falls over the weekend.

Pampa drew a tough opening round facing eventual tournament finalist Wichita Falls Rider first.

"We knew going into the match that Rider was going to be a tough team," said Pampa coach Emily Laurence. "I was extremely impressed with the play of Haley Acker, my senior at the No. 1 Singles position. She showed that she wasn't scared of this team and that she could give 100 percent on the court. The score did not reflect how well she played."

With that match taking only two hours there was time for the Harvesters to fill in for a team that did not show up to the tournament, thus getting some extra practice in against Vernon.

Noted Coach Laurence, "We had some better matchups against Vernon. Again, Haley Acker played a great match as did my four, five and six boys." She added, "I was particularly impressed with my mixed doubles team of Jack Ware and Sammi Finney. Their enthusiasm and desire to win was the deciding factor in that match."

Friday afternoon, Pampa took on Big Spring, defeating them 12 to 8. With a different combination of doubles partners Pampa was able to come out of doubles on top by a score of 5 to 2.

Saturday would prove to be a tougher day for Pampa as the Harvesters suffered losses to Odessa High and Burkburnett. "Conditioning was a factor in the team this weekend, so our goal this fall will be to make sure that isn't a problem anymore," Laurence said. "Both of these teams were definitely beatable if we had pushed ourselves a little bit harder."

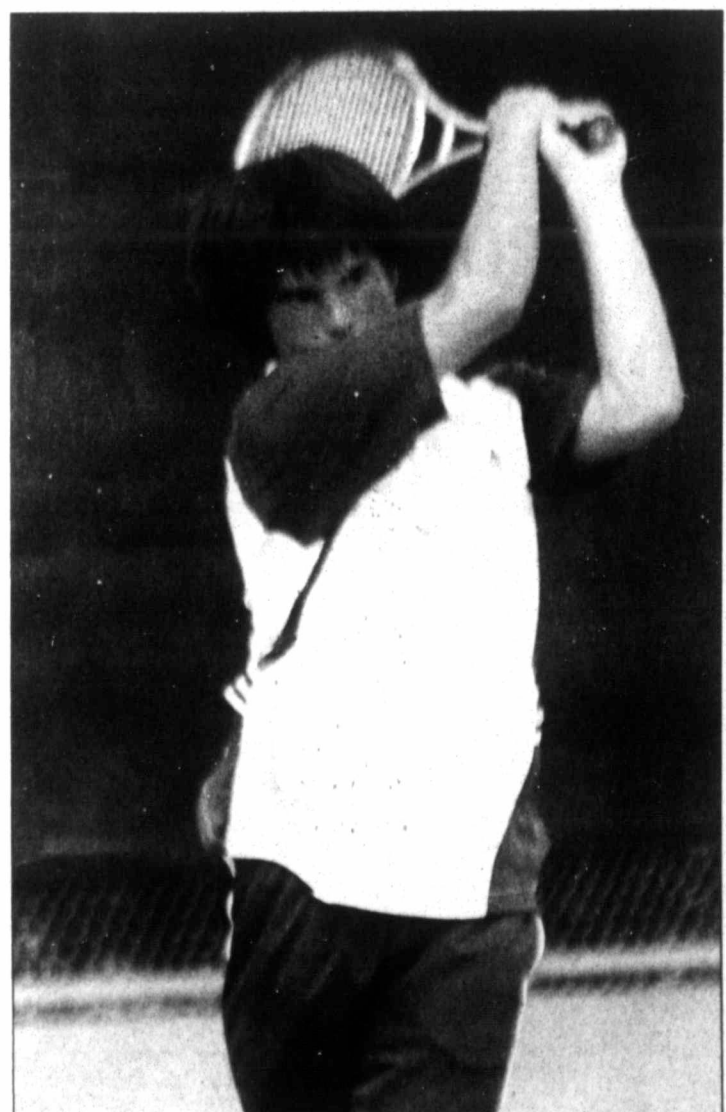
In summing up team's performance over the weekend, Coach Laurence said, "Overall, the tournament was a good experience for our team and showed us what we need to improve on."

Pampa takes to the courts again Aug. 26 at Levelland where the Harvesters will face Levelland and Andrews.

**Players of the week:**  
Haley Acker and Rachel Lee.

1. Ware/Finney lost to Allred/Mocha 1-6, 1-6  
**Boys Singles**  
1. Michael Foreman lost to Dean Godfrey 0-6, 0-6  
2. Kevin Frels lost to Bryan Humpert 0-6, 0-6  
**Girls Singles**  
1. Haley Acker lost to Lindsay Holcomb 2-6, 2-6
- Vernon 13, Pampa 6**  
**Boys Doubles**  
1. Foreman/Morris lost to Marshall/Stanley 4-8  
2. Frels/Fortenberry lost to Robinson/Bond 6-8  
3. Foreman/McNeely def. Schaffner/Taylor 9-7  
**Girls Doubles**  
1. Acker/Farmer lost to Coble/Duffie 4-8  
2. Patterson/Lee lost to Vargas/Kennon 5-8  
3. Hernandez/Hoelting lost to Taylor/Wright 0-8  
**Mixed Doubles**  
1. Ware/Finney def. Smith/Owen 8-6  
**Boys Singles**  
2. Kevin Frels lost to Steven Stanley 3-8  
3. Tyler Morris lost to Clayton Robinson 6-7 (3-7)  
4. Jareth Fortenberry def. William Wolf 6-1  
5. Myles Foreman def. Rumzi Haddad 6-0  
6. Landon McNeely def. Clayton Taylor 6-3  
**Girls Singles**  
1. Haley Acker def. Laura Taylor 6-4  
2. Kourtney Farmer lost to Laura Duffie 2-6  
3. Maegan Patterson lost to Hannah Jones 2-6  
4. Rachel Lee lost to Sally Kennon 3-6  
5. Ashley Hernandez lost to Emily Wright 2-6  
6. Robin Fernuik lost to Kristallyne Robinson 0-8  
7. Alyssa Hoelting lost to Kristallyne Robinson 4-8
- Pampa 12, Big Spring 8**  
**Boys Doubles**  
1. Foreman/Frels def. Stroff/Nghiem 6-2, 7-5  
2. Foreman/Morris def. Bowles/Juan 6-2, 6-4  
3. McNeely/Ware def. Womack/Ray 6-3, 6-2  
**Girls Doubles**  
1. Acker/Farmer def. Farmer/Wheeler 6-1, 6-0  
2. Lee/Hoelting lost to Parnell/Riddle 2-6, 1-6  
3. Hernandez/Finney lost to Palmer/Flohr 2-6, 6-2, 3-6  
**Mixed Doubles**  
1. Patterson/Fortenberry def. Kauss/Hendricks 6-2, 6-0  
**Boys Singles**  
1. Michael Foreman lost to Roshan Shroff 1-6, 2-6  
2. Kevin Frels def. Ainhnan Nghiem 4-6, 1-6  
3. Tyler Morris lost to Bryan Juan 1-6, 4-6  
4. Jareth Fortenberry def. Jeremy Langford 6-1, 6-0  
5. Myles Foreman def. Mikael Gonzales 6-4, 6-3  
6. Landon McNeely def. Matthew Callison 6-3, 6-2  
7. Jack Ware def. Johnathan 8-6  
**Girls Singles**  
1. Haley Acker def. Brittany Farmer 6-0, 6-2

2. Kourtney Farmer def. C.J.Riddle 6-0, 3-0 Def.  
3. Maegan Patterson lost to Keely Parnell 3-8  
4. Rachel Lee lost to Elizabeth Wheeler 1-6, 2-6  
5. Ashley Hernandez lost to Sydne Flohr 6-8  
6. Robin Fernuik lost to Brianna
- Odessa High 17, Pampa 0**  
**Boys Doubles**  
1. Foreman/Fortenberry lost to Bennett/Bryson 7-5, 2-6, 4-6  
2. Frels/Morris lost to Neva Kelleher 0-6, 2-6  
3. Foreman/McNeely lost to Hernandez/Perales 2-6, 1-6  
**Girls Doubles**  
1. Acker/Farmer lost to Lewis/Dunaway 1-6, 0-6  
2. Patterson/Lee lost to Bishop/Clark 2-6, 0-6  
3. Hoelting/Hernandez lost to Detevequz/Hildebrand 1-6, 1-6  
**Mixed Doubles**  
1. Ware/Finney lost to Herrera/Rodriguez 3-6, 2-6  
**Boys Singles**  
2. Kevin Frels lost to Phillip Kelleher 2-6, 1-6  
3. Jack Ware lost to Derek Wong 2-6, 2-6  
5. Myles Foreman lost to Justin Hernandez 0-6, 0-6  
6. Landon McNeely lost to Ranier Nava 2-6, 5-7  
**Girls Singles**  
1. Haley Acker lost to Annie Lewis 1-6, 1-6  
2. Kourtney Farmer lost to Kelly Ann Dunaway 3-6, 7-5, 5-7  
3. Maegan Patterson lost to Clara Bishop 3-6, 2-6  
4. Rachel Lee lost to Abbey Rodr 1-6, 0-6  
5. Ashley Hernandez lost to Brittany Noblitt 1-6, 0-6  
6. Robin Fernuik lost to Lindsey Clark 0-6, 0-6
- Burkburnett 10, Pampa 2**  
**Boys Doubles**  
1. Foreman/Frels lost to Smith/Madarang 3-6, 4-6  
2. Fortenberry/Morris lost to Wilson/Smith 2-6, 6-7 (3-7)  
3. Foreman/McNeely def. Miller/Casey 6-1, 6-2  
**Girls Doubles**  
1. Acker/Farmer lost to Galbraith/Carpenter 5-7, 2-6, (4-10)  
2. Patterson/Lee lost to Carpenter/Baird 4-6, 1-6  
3. Hernandez/Hoelting lost to Norris/Oehlerking 1-6, 1-6  
**Mixed Doubles**  
1. Ware/Finney lost to Finn/Griffith 2-6, 2-6  
**Boys Singles**  
1. Michael Foreman lost to Mike Smith 2-6, 3-6  
3. Kevin Frels def. Jason Wilson 6-4, 6-1  
6. Landon McNeely lost to Ben Albers 6-2, 5-7 (5-10)  
**Girls Singles**  
2. Kourtney Farmer lost to Shelby Carpenter 3-6, 2-6  
4. Rachel Lee lost to Courtney Carpenter 2-6, 1-6



Courtesy photo

**Pampa's Jareth Fortenberry fires a return during a match in Wichita Falls over the weekend. The Harvester tennis team competed in the annual Texas Team Championships Friday and Saturday.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2006:  
You have a special opportunity to make waves this year. You are unusually strong and creative. A New Moon on your birthday promises much energy and dynamic thought. Getting a perspective could be hard, as you will be unusually one-sided. Though you might be resistant, open up to others' comments, especially the people you respect. You are intuitive with bosses and work. Communication flourishes through the holidays. At the same time, you do very well alone. If you are single, you will meet people with ease right now. Someone quite significant could enter your life in the next few months. If you are attached, the two of you might decide to splurge on a key item you have both wanted. Try to schedule this happening before the new year. VIRGO can challenge you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:  
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
★★★★ Use the first part of the day for interactions with people and anything that might touch on your creativity. You'll discover how receptive of an audience you have. In the afternoon, whatever you touch seems to work. Tonight: Is it time for a new workout?  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
★★★ Getting going might take some talent, as you could be way too comfortable at home. Calls keep waylaying you, especially in the morning. Touch base with your creativity and plug this talent into your life. Tonight: How about some romance?  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
★★★★ You can chat up quite a storm. Your sign is known for its verbal gifts. What also might be important is knowing when to be quiet or when to let go of an issue. Add silence and centering to your communications. Tonight: Seriously consider a new purchase.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
★★★★ You might be a touch indulgent right now. If the end results don't please you, make a resolution to change this habit. Excellent communication surrounds your day. A new car or computer could be waving hello to you. Tonight: Stop at a favorite spot. Yes, it might even be the gym!  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
★★★ Use the morning hours for what might be particularly significant. Your personality is in fifth gear, and others will respond. A decision surrounding finances draws positive results. You will be able to carry it through. Tonight: Say yes.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
★★★★ Handle background details or do research. Actions taken on the basis of solid information will succeed. A new beginning becomes possible in any area you choose. Use this New Moon for making wishes. Tonight: Go for what you want.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
★★★★ Aim for more of what you want and deal with others head-on this morning. Success results. Use the afternoon to do much-needed research. You don't need to put your two cents in. Tonight: Take some personal time.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
★★★★ Others seek you out for advice. Do you sometimes get tired of this role? Be willing to say no more and do what you like more often. You might need a timeout from other people's needs. You know what to do. Tonight: A friendship stars.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
★★★★ Decide on a course of action, not from an emotional level but from detachment. You will gain as a result. Act in the afternoon. Career and community issues take priority. With your energy, new professional beginnings are in the offing. Tonight: A must show.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
★★★★ A partner or associate demands your time this morning. Be smart about your choices with this person. Together you make sound decisions. Read between the lines with news. You want the full story, don't you? Tonight: Be willing to try something new.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
★★★★ Others seek you out. Whether you choose to join in on a proposition or invitation is your call. Many options could head down your path. Make time for a key person this afternoon. Talks could be important. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
★★★★ Dig into work; you'll accomplish a lot. Network and socialize in the afternoon. People seek you out. You have some important choices to make. Mellow out on what you want. A relationship could have a new beginning. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation.  
**BORN TODAY**  
Drummer Keith Moon (1946), record producer Mark Hudson (1951), actor River Phoenix (1970)  
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## Chautauqua



Funnel cakes make Calvary Baptist Church's booth a popular stop during Chautauqua every year. Chautauqua, now in its 25th year, is held each Labor Day, Sept. 4, in Central Park. Calvary Baptist's funnel cake booth is only one of 19 food booths featured at the yearly event.

## CIA leak: Top official met with Woodward

WASHINGTON (AP) — The No. 2 State Department official met with Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward in mid-June 2003, the same time the reporter has testified that an administration official talked to him about CIA employee Valerie Plame.

Official State Department calendars, provided to The Associated Press under the Freedom of Information Act, show then-Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage held a one-hour meeting

marked "private appointment" with Woodward on June 13, 2003.

Special Prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald has investigated whether Bush administration officials intentionally revealed Plame's identity as a one-time CIA covert operative to punish her husband, former ambassador Joseph Wilson, for criticizing the administration's march to war with Iraq.

When contacted at home Monday night, Woodward declined to discuss his meet-

ing with Armitage or the identity of his source in the CIA leak case. Instead, he referred to his statement last year that he had a "casual and offhand" discussion about Plame with an unidentified administration official in mid-June 2003.

A person familiar with the information prosecutors have gathered, who spoke only on condition of anonymity because the material remains sealed, said Woodward's meeting with the confidential source was

June 13, 2003.

The calendar released to the AP is the first confirmation that Woodward and Armitage met during the key time in the CIA leak case that was the focus of Fitzgerald's probe.

The identity of Woodward's source remains one of the big mysteries in the case because the Post reporter is the first member of the news media known to have discussed Plame's CIA employment with an administration official.

## Williams

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munism are praiseworthy and attractive; that, to them, is more important than the practice of communism. Now Nazi ideals, on the other hand, were pure barbarism; nothing could be said in favor of them."

Often, when people evaluate capitalism, they evaluate a system that exists on Earth. When they evaluate communism, they are talking about a non-existent Utopia. What exists on Earth, with all of its problems and shortcomings, is always going to fail miserably when compared to a Utopia.

The very attempt to achieve the utopian goals of communism requires the ruthless suppression of the

individual and an attack on any institution that might compromise the loyalty of the individual to the state. That's why one of the first orders of business for communism, and those who support its ideas, is the attack on religion and the family.

Rank nations according to whether they are closer to the capitalism end or the communism end of the economic spectrum. Then rank nations according to human rights protections. Finally, rank nations according to per capita income. Without question, citizens of those nations closer to capitalism enjoy a higher standard of living and a far greater measure of liberty than those in nations closer to communism.

—Walter Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

## UT

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Austin academic health center is intended to serve a research function and collaborate with the other medical institutions. System officials believe that will help them recruit an outstanding faculty of teachers and researchers.

This sizeable investment by the regents keeps Texas a major player in attracting top scientists and leading medical personnel to the state. Competition is stiff for the best people to lead research and medical advances, and Texas needs to be among the contenders for that talent.

Competition for the top academic minds, Yudof noted, is similar to the state competing for strong com-

panies and good employers. Other states, including California and Arizona, also are investing heavily in similar initiatives aimed at science, technology and medicine.

In total, the regents approved more than 20 new projects last week, seven of them in Austin at a cost of \$423 million. That money will pay for the buildings, laboratories and equipment to attract some of the world's very best minds to Texas.

Texas should be an attractive destination for building the future. The regents' decision to spend nearly \$2.6 billion to expand the facilities available for creating that future is wise. Texas can compete or be left behind. The University of Texas will compete.

## NY's oldest bartender turning 90

NEW YORK (AP) — Marilyn Monroe came Wednesdays for lunch and ordered a Beefeater martini, very dry. Danny Kaye pulled his jacket over his head to avoid being recognized. Judy Garland sat in a corner drinking Johnnie Walker Red.

"Judy Garland, very sad," said Hoy Wong, who is about to be feted by his employer of 27 years, the Algonquin Hotel, on the occasion of his 90th birthday. "She always had a cocktail glass in her hand."

Wong, or Mr. Hoy, as he is known, has been working as a bartender for 58 years. Unless another candidate steps forward, his bosses seem safe in calling him the city's oldest bartender.

"He never misses a day," said Bill Liles, the Algonquin's general manager. "If the weather's bad he shows up early. It's just really an honor to work with someone like Mr. Hoy."

Wong's birthday is Wednesday but the Algonquin is getting a jump on the festivities by holding a party for some 350 of his friends and admirers today in the hotel's Oak Room.

"I didn't expect it," Wong said during an interview Monday at the hotel, surrounded by Al Hirschfeld drawings of some of the

same celebrities he used to mix drinks for.

Wong is not old enough to have been at the Algonquin during its Jazz Age heyday when Dorothy Parker, Harold Ross and the rest of the Round Table gang traded quips over a liquid lunch.

But he is a link to New York's past, when a martini cost a dollar and a shot of Scotch was 75 cents.

"With ten dollars I can take my girlfriend out, go to a movie," he said, chuckling. "And have dinner. Still have change."

Wong is slight of build and looks much younger than 90. His eyes twinkled as he reminisced about a life that took him from his birthplace of Hong Kong to San Francisco in 1940 and New York in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1946 and was stationed in India and China. Among his cherished mementoes is a menu from Thanksgiving Day 1945, when he was a mess sergeant in Canton. The bill of fare included roast capon, candied yams and "Corn O'Brien."

Back in New York, Wong got a job tending bar in 1948 at a now-defunct Chinese restaurant called Freeman Chum. It was there that he encountered Monroe, Garland and other notables including Jerry Lewis.

## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Gray County General will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.81 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 31, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room, 2nd Floor, Pampa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be September 8, 2006 at 9:00 AM at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

**FOR:** Comm. Joe Wheeley, Comm. Gary Willoughby, Comm. Gerald Wright, Comm. James Hefley, Judge Richard Peet

**AGAINST:**

**PRESENT and not voting:**

**ABSENT:**

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget		
Maintenance & Operations		8.50% increase
Debt Service		1.36% increase
Total Expenditures		8.39% increase
Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code		
	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value of all property	\$1,357,919,951	\$1,573,968,433
Total appraised value of new property	\$13,423,218	\$17,349,321
Total taxable value of all property	\$1,175,561,634	\$1,377,369,990
Total taxable value of new property	\$13,423,218	\$17,349,321

**BONDED INDEBTEDNESS**  
Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$121,978.

TAX RATES	
Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	0.488926
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	0.445623
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$0.043303
Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	8.86% increase

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

**Comparison of Residence Homestead Values**  
Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$32,012	\$34,244
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$15,000	\$15,000
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$17,012	\$19,244

**Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes**  
The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on the residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$83.18. The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$85.76. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be 438,711.00 of \$2.58 in taxes.

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