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## New law will affect tax rate when buying, selling cars

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer  
Vehicle owners who visit the county tax assessor-collector's office on or after Oct. 1 to get the vehicle's title registered in their name may be in for a surprise under a new state law that goes into effect on that date. House Bill 4, authored by Rep. David Swinford, who represents Sherman, Moore, Potter, and Carson counties, was enacted by the 79th State Legislature, Third Called Session. It provides that a standard presumptive value be used to deter-

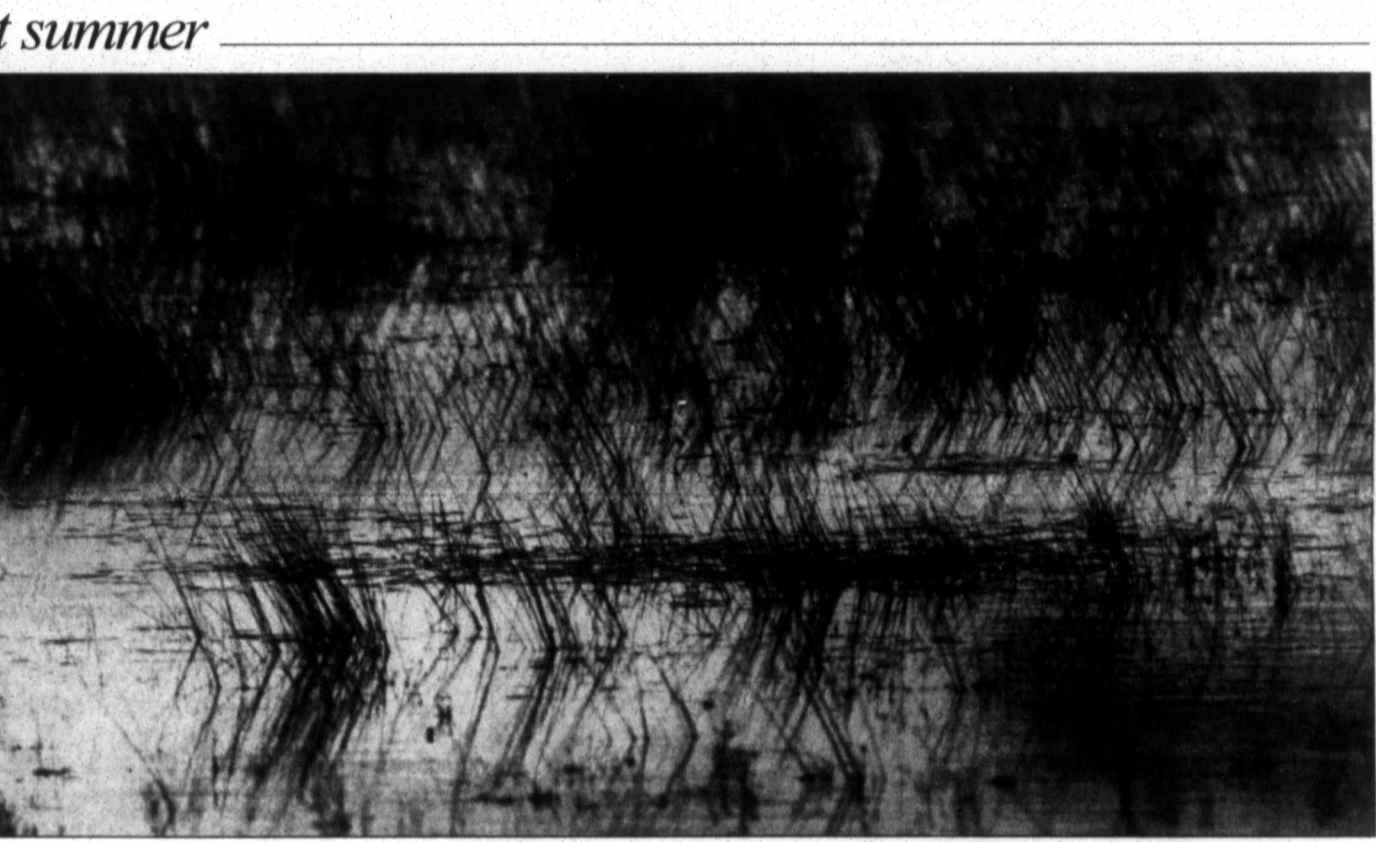
mine the tax base for calculating used motor vehicle sales tax. The new law means that no longer will a vehicle buyer be able to use the purchase price they paid for a vehicle as the determination for the sales tax they pay on the purchase. The sales tax will be calculated on a minimum value of 80 percent of the assigned value of the vehicle, if the amount declared by the buyer is less than that assigned value. Only private party sales of used vehicles are affected by the new law, which does not apply to sales involv-

ing a dealer. The only vehicles currently to be affected by the new law are passenger cars, motorcycles, and light, medium, and heavy duty trucks. Recreational vehicles, private buses, travel trailers, and trailers are not included but will be requested as part of a Request for Proposal next year, said Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead. Also excluded at this time from the new method of calculating the tax are private party transactions with a sale date prior to Oct. 1, 2006.

The date must already be filled in at the time the buyer visits the tax assessor-collector's office, Whitehead said. Other exceptions to the new rule are vehicles eligible for "classic" license plates, vehicles sold through storage or mechanic's liens, abandoned vehicles, salvage vehicles, gifts, and even trades. The expected increase in sales tax to be collected is earmarked to go to public education funding, she said.  
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## Next clean-up day scheduled for Sept. 23

Sept. 23 has been scheduled as the next clean-up day for Working for Progress. Persons who would like to participate in the clean-up may meet at 8 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church, 441 Elm. Working for Progress is a group of volunteers who use donated tools and equipment to help the City of Pampa clean up unsightly areas around Pampa, said Barbara Patrick, president. Anyone who wishes to provide tools and equipment for the clean-up may call Artie Toliver, workforce coordinator, at 669-3553, or Patrick at 669-7616 for information about which



Clumps of wild grass grow in a shallow lake that reflects the dawning of a new day west of Pampa after heavy rains earlier this month.  
Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

## County adopts proposed tax rate and budget for '07

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer  
Gray County commissioners adopted a proposed county tax rate and budget for fiscal 2007 at their 9 a.m. meeting Friday in the second-floor courtroom at the county courthouse, 205 N. Russell. A county tax rate of .445623 per

\$100 valuation was passed. The rate consists of .399421 for the county general fund, .037536 for the road and bridge fund, and .008666 for indebtedness. A fiscal 2007 budget totaling \$10,082,482 was also adopted. The new budget is \$954,548 more than the 2006 total of \$9,127,934.

The budget had been estimated at \$10,078,024. The \$4,458 difference consists of raises in the amounts budgeted for the county auditor, from \$131,981 to \$134,318; 31st District Court, from \$44,532 to \$44,704; 223rd District Court, from \$178,663 to \$179,612; and Precinct 1 Constable, from \$49,519 to

\$50,519. A request from Wheeler County that Gray County contribute to the salary of a paralegal in the 31st District attorney's office was turned down. The paralegal is currently respon-  
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## Methodist church to celebrate 100th birthday

**By DARLENE BIRKES**  
Special to The News  
Members of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa have planned several events for their 100th birthday celebration Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 23-24. A banquet at M.K. Brown Auditorium Heritage Room will start the celebration at 6 p.m. Saturday. Former pastor Ken Metzger will be the speaker. Bishop Max Whitfield of the Northwest Texas Conference will be speaker at the Sunday morning services, 10:30 a.m. A noon luncheon will feature historical remembrances and include filling a time

capsule. The celebration will end with birthday cake and a balloon launch. An open house will follow. Numerous exhibits chaired by Thelma Bray will be on display. Special items for the centennial prepared by members include a history booklet, brass medallions of the church buildings, and the United Methodist Women's cookbook featuring 800 recipes. On Sept. 29, 1906, a group of five Methodists signed the charter for the first denominational church organized in Pampa. The charter members were Oscar and Gertrude Cousins and W.W. (Wesley) and Ella Harrah with son. They met

with the organizing minister, Rev. J.A. Laney, in a building at the corner of Cuyler and Foster Streets, 105 N. Cuyler. The church was recorded as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Worship services were held in the school. "In 1908 we decided to purchase a lot at the southeast corner of Foster and Starkweather Streets for our own church building," said Lee Harrah in a recorded, oral history interview in 1976. White Deer Land Co. donated a second lot, as they did with denominational churches chartered later. Current Building Site A one-room, white church about

30 by 40 was built with a steeple above the entrance. The arched windows were of flowered opaque glass, and the walls midway up had wainscoting of grooved lumber varnished in natural pine. The worshippers depended on a large, coal-burning stove for heat and cardboard fans for "cooling." Charter member Lee Harrah, who served the church faithfully until his death in 1990, helped his father put up hail screens on the windows and a hitching rack for the horses. The Wesley Harrahs had home-steaded a place nine miles north-  
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### Dallas woman poised for space

DALLAS (AP) — Since long before leaving her native Iran as a teenager in 1984, Anousheh Ansari stared at the stars and dreamed of traveling closer to them.

Now at age 40, after an improbable journey that's included learning a new language, earning an engineering degree and starting a telecommunications company that made her rich, this Dallas businesswoman will become the first female space tourist on a Soyuz spacecraft that lifts off Monday.

"I've always been fascinated with space and always wondered about the mysteries of space and wanted to be able to experience it firsthand," the Texas woman said in a telephone interview from the launch site at the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

She says she is eager to see Iran from space — she hasn't been back since emigrating to the United States — and hopes to inspire girls in her homeland to study science. Ansari says she's received e-mail messages from many of them, although her flight has received scant attention in Iran. She is, after all, an American citizen.

### Obituaries

#### Gene E. Dougherty, 75

Gene E. Dougherty, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 13, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services were at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Glen Walton, minister of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, and Rodney Tedford, minister of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, officiating.

Burial was in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Mr. Dougherty was born

April 27, 1931, in McLean. He married Zetha Parker in 1952 in Pampa. He was a resident of Briscoe until moving to Pampa in 1952. He worked for SPS for 40 years, retiring as a lineman/service-man.

He owned and operated Double D Baseball Shop for several years. He worked on a farm in Briscoe and worked cattle. He loved gardening and baseball. He was a devoted

husband and father and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife, Zetha Dougherty, of the home; three sons, Terry Dougherty and wife Robbie and Dennis Dougherty and wife Karol, all of Pampa, and Rick Dougherty and wife Melissa of Denham Springs, La.; one daughter, Donna Mathis and fiancé Jim Willett of Shattuck, Okla.; one brother, Jim Dougherty and wife

Judy of Fritch; one brother-in-law, Darvil Atherton of Wheeler; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Adalee Dougherty; two brothers, Alvie Dougherty and S.W. Dougherty; and a sister, Sammie Atherton.

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#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office on Saturday reported the following arrests.

##### Friday, Sept. 15

Jason D. Williams, 33, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a blue warrant and on a charge of evading arrest or detention.

Bobby Ladell Dorsey Jr., 20, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a Texas Youth Commission directive and on charges of evading arrest and possession of over 1 gram and under 4 grams of a controlled substance.

Patricia Lynea Coonrod, 40, of White Deer was arrested by GCSO on capias pro fines for speeding, failure to maintain financial responsibility and failure to appear.

##### Saturday, Sept. 16

Teresa Lynne Hearn, 42, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with possession of less than 1 gram of a controlled substance.

Loretta Sandoval, 28, of Sanford was arrested by Pampa PD on a

charge of theft by check out of Potter County and for two counts of nonpayment of court costs/fine for issuance of a bad check.

Juan Jose Mejia Jr., 19, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD and charged with minor in possession-consumption.

Josue Eddilberto Silva, 25, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa PD on a bond surrender for aggravated assault and on charges of violation of probation/interfering with a 911 call, speeding and failure to appear.

#### Fire

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

##### Friday, Sept. 15

12:32 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of 21st and Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

8:39 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1400 block of North Williston on a carbon monox-

ide check.

##### Saturday, Sept. 16

3:47 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of North Dwight on a motor vehicle accident.

#### Ambulance

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

##### Friday, Sept. 15

9:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Miami and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1700 block of Dogwood.

##### Sunday, Sept. 16

3:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of North Dwight. No transport.

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Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming north.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. North wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 79. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 55. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

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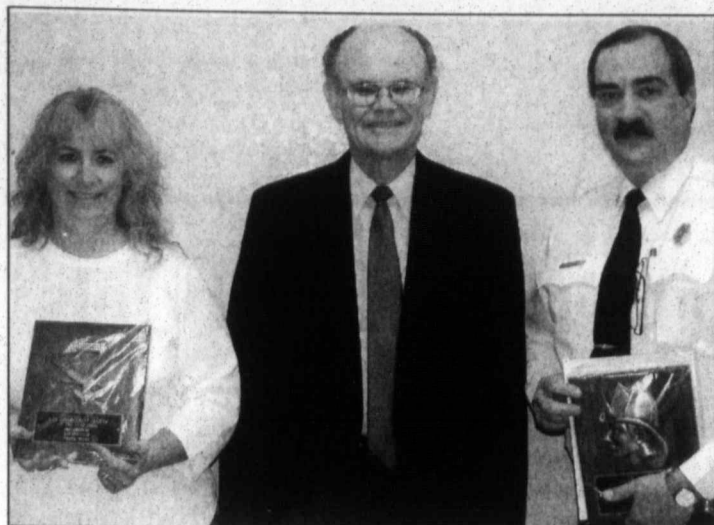
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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
John Warner, center, presented plaques to Rhonda Kidd of Gray County Sheriff's Office and Randy Dunham of Pampa Fire Department at Friday's noon Kiwanis meeting at First United Methodist Church.

## Kidd, Dunham honored by Kiwanis Club

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Rhonda Kidd of Gray County Sheriff's Office and Randy Dunham of Pampa Fire Department were named the Law Enforcement Officer and Firefighter of the Year for 2006 at Pampa Kiwanis Club's noon meeting Friday at First United Methodist Church.

The March 11 wildfires were mentioned in the presentation to each honoree by John Warner.

Kidd, a GCSO dispatcher, helped coordinate the efforts of 10 fire departments and a number of law enforcement

agencies.

"In the middle of it, news agencies call seeking updates, and some guy out of state wants to know if a house he lived in 15 years ago was involved in the fire," Warner said.

Kidd coordinated efforts by radio with law enforcement officers and by cell phone with volunteers, and remained after her shift was over, Warner said.

Her work on the morning of Sept. 30, 2005, when the murders of four family members at the Brian Conrad residence south of Pampa occurred, was also cited.

Conrad, his wife Michell, her son Zach Doan, and her unborn child were killed.

Robin Doan, then age 11, was the only survivor of the multiple homicide. She called GCSO to report the deaths, and Kidd kept her on the telephone for 20 minutes until deputies arrived at the home.

"In a place where the humdrum can suddenly be replaced by terror, where stress is a daily factor, and where controlled chaos is a daily factor, you can always count on her to get things done," Warner quoted Sheriff Don Copeland as saying of Kidd.

Kidd has worked for GCSO for 14 years. Her responsibilities include documenting and maintaining warrant files, keeping up with jail visits, and operating the National and State Law Enforcement Teletype System.

Chief Kim Powell of Pampa Fire Department was

out of town at the time of the March 11 wildfires, Warner said, and Dunham, who is deputy chief of fire operations for the department, took command of PFD's firefighting efforts that day.

Dunham worked 36 hours straight in PFD's Emergency Operations Center, coordinating efforts of PFD, Texas Forestry Service and fire departments from Amarillo, McLean, Lefors and other areas, Warner said.

Dunham is a grant writer, computer technician, call screener, disciplinarian, organizer and "all-around fix-it man," Warner said. He has been a member of PFD for 15 years.

"When Kim Powell became our fire chief seven years ago, she prayed about the selection of someone in her department who could help her with management responsibility," Warner said. "She believes the Firefighter of the Year is the answer to those prayers."

## County

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sible for work in Hemphill, Lipscomb and Wheeler counties. She had been residing in Shamrock and driving to Wheeler to work, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer, but has moved to Pampa and is now officed in Gray County Courthouse.

Switzer said that if Gray County contributed to the paralegal's salary, the paralegal could then do work for Gray County in addition to the three counties for which

she already works.

County Auditor Elaine Morris said it would cost Gray County \$6,700 per year to contribute one-fourth of the paralegal's salary.

"I'm concerned about taking on another position," said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. "She chose to move to Pampa. You didn't require her to move to Pampa."

"I think it'd be a benefit to the county. I don't see a concern," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley moved to approve the request, and

Wright seconded the move. Both voted in favor of the proposal, but were outvoted by Peet, Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby and Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley.

An updated rental agreement for Clyde Carruth Pavilion was approved. Changes to the agreement are that the county has a stronger position from which to keep all or part of the deposit if inspection after a rental shows damage to the facility; a deposit fee of \$300; violations may result in cancellation of the rental and/or discontinuation of use of the facility by the

signer of the lease; and a three-day waiting period to allow inspection of the premises before a decision is made on whether to refund a deposit.

A Gray County Hazard Mitigation Plan was passed. Such a plan is required before some federal grant funds can be obtained, said representatives of the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission, who were at Friday's meeting to answer questions about such plans.

The speed limit on Gray County Road 12 1/2 was decreased from 55 mph to 45 mph, and slow truck turning signs were approved for placement on that road, at the request of Halliburton Energy Services, which has a facility on that road.

Commissioners approved a discretionary exemption from requiring bids for professional computer services, citing Local Government Code 262.024(a)(4).

A Caterpillar 120 in Precinct 2 was declared surplus property, and bills of \$208,182.13 and salaries of \$235,950.82 were approved for payment.

## Clean

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tools and equipment will be needed.

Persons who wish to help but are unable to work in the clean-up may help by providing refreshments for

the workers. Cash donations may be made to Robin Bailey, city finance director, at City Hall.

"All help and donations will be greatly appreciated," Patrick said.

The next clean-up days will be Oct. 14 and Oct. 28. The next meeting for Working for Progress will

be at 7 p.m. Oct. 17 at Lovett Memorial Library. The meetings and clean-ups are open to the public.

"Working for Pampa is in need of equipment, volunteers and donations. If you wish to participate or contribute to the clean-up, call me at 669-7616 or 214-417-2840," Patrick said.

## Taxes

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Whitehead attended a county tax assessor-collector's meeting last week on the subject of the new law. She said she asked how the values of the vehicles were to be determined, and was told by one Texas Department of Transportation representative that the NADA Blue Book values would be used.

If the buyer paid 80 percent or more of the new law's designated value, called the private party transaction value (PPTV), of the vehicle, the quoted value will be used to determine amount of tax due. If the sales price is less than 80 percent of the PPTV, the amount equal to that 80 percent will be used. If the buyer paid less than 80 percent of the PPTV and wishes to provide a certified appraised value, they may do so.

Only a licensed motor vehicle dealer or licensed insurance adjuster may provide the certified appraisal, which involves completion of a one-page form.

Dealer fees for appraisals are set by law and State Comptroller rules. A dealer may charge from \$100 to no more than \$300 for a certified appraisal for most vehicles. A dealer's certified appraisal of a motorcycle can cost from \$40 to \$300.

The law allows licensed insurance adjusters to determine the fees they charge for certified appraisals.

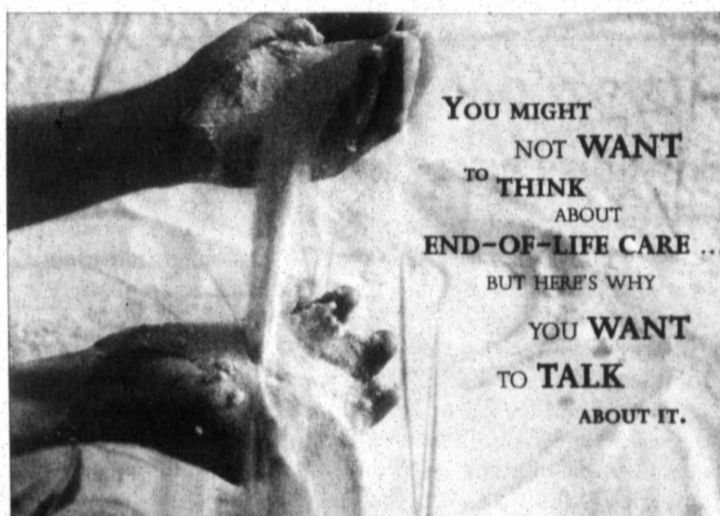
The Application for Texas Certificate of Title has been revised to reflect the new rules concerning the value of the vehicle. The new form will be distributed after current forms are depleted.

An individual who wishes to get a certified appraisal must do so within 20 county working days after the purchase date, or within 20 county working days after bringing the vehicle into Texas if from out of

state. A certified appraisal submitted after this time limit will not be used as the taxable value.

Individuals who elect to pay the 80 percent PPTV and later decide to get a certified appraisal that is lower than the 80 percent may apply for a refund of excess tax paid through the Comptroller of Public Accounts.

The vehicle values to be used for calculating tax due will be accessed by tax assessor-collector's office staff using a computer program. The program requires the year, make, body style, VIN number, odometer reading, empty weight, carrying capacity, gross weight, tonnage, and registration information of the vehicle. No information on the vehicle's condition or other details such as the model (whether it is a Ford Focus or Ford Mustang, for example), accessories, trim and type of upholstery are considered or included.



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Pampa ISD Events For The Week Of September 18 - 23  
End of Six Weeks • September 22

### Pampa High School

September 21 • All Night Party Meeting • 7:30PM • PHS Library  
September 23 • Band All State Auditions  
September 23 • Choir District Try Outs

### Austin Elementary

September 18 • Candle Sales Ends  
September 19 • Individual Pictures

### Lamar Elementary

September 19 • Individual Pictures  
September 21 • Family Center • 6:00PM-7:30PM

### Wilson Elementary

September 18 • Family Center • 6:00PM-7:30PM  
September 22 • Crazy Days

For the most up-to-date Pampa ISD information, Go to the school website at [www.pampaisd.net](http://www.pampaisd.net). From the parent information drop-down menu, click on the Pampa ISD Event Calendar

# Viewpoints

## Automobile industry keeps rolling along with new models

It seems as if the automobile industry keeps growing every year, and I have always thought the popularity of personal transportation got its start in the old west when cowboys had their horses to go from place to place.

The horse was important to the cowboys riding the range or serenading the cattle at night, and the automobile is important to all of us now.

The Associated Press last week released a series of articles on cars, and one was about all the new television shows that involve cars.

Mondays, they said, will have three sisters at the drag strip in "Driving Force" on A&E.

The Living Channel will air "Overhaulin'" and "Rides" on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

MTV's "Pimp My Ride" will air on Thursday and the weekends will

offer "MotorWeek" on PBS, "Muscle Cars" on Spike TV, and "King of Cars" on A&E.

That's enough to satisfy the yen of most gearheads. But for those who need more, there is Speed, the 24-hour-a-day cable channel that features all kinds of automotive programming.

And you can blame Roger L. Werner Jr. for the prolific auto programming. A self-described gearhead, he grew up with cars and hot rods, and raced in Sports Car Club of America races.

He wanted more and knew that others like him wanted more. Werner, the AP said, was an ESPN executive in 1980 when there was not much on about autos. He helped start Speed channel, only it was called SpeedVision then.

The AP reported that Werner, who co-owns WATV Productions

in Los Angeles with partner Lenny Shabes, said, "The industry kind of figured out that there was something big here about the time SpeedVision turned 5 years old."

**Dennis Spies**  
Editor



I had a two-seater convertible once, an MGA. It was fun to drive, but it was a lemon. There was always something wrong with it. But it had Lucas electric, and I think that was part of the problem.

I would like to get another convertible, and have had my eye on the Mazda MX5 Miata as a sporty,

dependable drive.

Now I find out that the Miata is coming out with a retractable hardtop this year. What a perfect solution to the bother of having a rag top with a separate hardtop. In its retractable state you have the best of both worlds without the bother of physically transferring the hardtop in the garage.

Convertibles are on the rise. The AP reported that others offering power hardtops are the Volkswagen EOS, the Pontiac G6 convertible and the Volvo C70.

Prices on these are affordable, with three of the nine models with power hardtops having retail prices under \$30,000.

And, The AP said, there are 40 nameplates, softtop and hardtop, on sale in the United States, with starting prices of 30 percent of them starting under \$33,000.

Previously, the lowest-priced hardtop convertible available in the states was a Mercedes-Benz SLK 280 whose price started at \$44,125. The new Miata will start at \$24,945, The AP said.

And in the area of fuel economy, The AP reported that a New York couple, Joe and Barbara Floeser, have a 2001 VW Jetta diesel that has been tweaked to run on vegetable oil.

The couple stop at restaurants to take used vegetable oil for their car off the hands of the restaurants.

The biofuel industry is small now, but all indications are that it will keep growing with the price of oil hitting record highs lately.

Who knows where it will end up in 10 years or so.

## Our readers write

### Spreading urban legends in news ...

Urban legends are stories, told as the truth and plausible enough to be the truth, that are told to explain embarrassing, horrific, or exasperating things that supposedly happen to real people.

In your Wednesday evening paper (9/6/06) you related an urban legend that is currently circulating in our community. The caption under a front page picture states, "The school budget did not include money for the band to travel to the first out-of-town game ...". The statement is incorrect! No Pampa ISD administrator asked the band to remain at home nor does the band's budget for travel to games lack the necessary funds to have made the trip.

The school district's administration is aware of the role school spirit plays in a good, well-rounded high school education, and opportunities for students to support each other in their activities are encouraged. Department budgets provide the necessary resources for students to realize their academic and extracurricular goals and dreams.

Strong budgeting policies by the Pampa ISD Board of Education and sound fiscal practices on the campuses and at the central administration level help all of the students in Pampa's schools to gain an excellent and appropriate education.

**Barry Haenisch**  
Superintendent

### Bond issues must be decided on facts

Ginger Craig's letter in the Sept. 3 issue of The Pampa News needs to be addressed. The upcoming bond issue for facility improvements for Pampa schools must be decided upon facts and not on rumors and speculation.

First, there is a need for these improvements. This project has spanned almost two years with two separate assessments of the facilities. Horace Mann houses the Pampa Learning Center, technology center, central stores and other related services. The roof has caved in as well as other problems. Carver Center, where the administrative offices are located, has too many problems to name. The high school needs substantial electrical and plumbing improvements, an upgraded media center (library), and more science labs as well as other improvements. To continue the current junior high for educational purposes will require a 10,000-square-foot addition plus other renovations. You are encouraged to see for yourself why there is a need for our school facilities to be improved. The school board is working on a plan to demolish the abandoned school buildings.

Secondly, costs have always been a concern. It is estimated that the renovations to Pampa High should extend its life 25 to 30 years. After considering all of the alternatives, it was determined the most cost effective, long range plan was to renovate the high school, build a new junior high and con-

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## Life on the 'Taylor side of the street' ...

Changing the mind of a West Texan is like trying to out-stare a calf at a new gate. It's not impossible, but it hasn't been done yet.

This is introduction enough for a colorful West Texan who graced the halls of academe for nigh onto 50 years before hangin', 'em up a few months back. When Texas State Technical College-Sweetwater opened more than 35 years ago, the second person hired was Homer K. Taylor. He's filled numerous slots there, including the presidency. The native of Zion Hill is believed to be the only West Texas educator who remembers Absorbine Sr.

They "hung him high" with toasts and roasts to signal the end of his educational journey. Taylor, as common as a lariat rope and West Texas cactus, took it all stoically. His response was reminiscent of the fellow interviewed after he'd been tarred, feathered and ridden out of town on a rail: "Except for the honor of the thing, I'd just as soon it hadn't happened," the guy said.

Originally from the tiniest of dots on the map of Callahan County, Taylor yearned to go further west, so he did. He picked up a couple of university degrees at Hardin-Simmons in neighboring Taylor County. For the past 48 years, he has hung his hat in Sweetwater, in yet another county westward.

He's had chances to leave West Texas, but "never saw any percentage in it." Taylor is a beloved figure in Nolan County. He can discuss anything you'd like - and does so during most waking moments. He took it in stride when they decided to give him a hard time rather than a gold watch, figuring he is light years ahead in the ribbing department.

One person mentioned that when TSTC brass changed the name of the college's main thoroughfare from "College Drive" to "Homer K. Taylor Drive" it marked the first time a fel-

low had ever been twice-honored for the same piece of pavement. "Before the change, 300 College Drive honored his SAT score," the friend claims.

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Before joining TSTC, Taylor was a decorated teacher at Sweetwater High School, where his students excelled in journalism for a

dozen years. They won numerous Wall Street Journal awards.

Over the years, Taylor has taken numerous "points of privileges" to talk about the Wall Street honorees.

Though no TSTC official will admit it, there's a strong likelihood that the college's semi-weekly newsletter also is a Taylor tribute.

It is posted in college restrooms, and entitled, as you might guess, The Stall Street Journal ...

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Don't get the idea that Taylor's "fading away." He and his wife, Beth, have

plenty of "get up and go," and they do. They visit various spots on the globe each year. He's always on the look-out for deals, with a weakness for sporty cars. "Red" and "convertible" are pluses.

When they're in town, Taylor can usually be found in his downtown office, where he still wears several hats. He's president of the Nolan County Foundation and of the West Texas Wind Consortium. (TSTC's newest program is designed for the area's newest economic stimulus, wind energy.) On top of that, he's big in the Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of one of the few organizations in the community older than he is: The Sweetwater Chuck Wagon Gang. The gang has been serving up flank steak dinners in the community since 1930.

"Homer had best keep a hat on at all times," a friend said. "His old bald head needs all the help it can get."

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Taylor is by no means flustered, no matter what

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**Don Newbury**  
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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

**■ Sept. 11**  
The Dallas Morning News on five years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks:

Where were you five years ago this morning, when the 21st century the real one, not the calendar one arrived on four hijacked jetliners out of the clear blue September sky?

That hateful day ushered in a new era in history, a century in which small bands of stateless fanatics can use modern technology to commit spectacular acts of murder and mayhem, and not even the oceans can keep America safe. We were all scattered when the news

broke, but by day's end, we were all in the same place: standing together, shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart.

One nation, indivisible.

It came at a terrible cost, of course, a price that none of us would willingly pay and one that, God willing, will never be exacted from the American people again. But thinking back on it five years later, in a season of discouragement, confusion and partisan rancor, that sense of patriotism and solidarity looks can we say this about a disaster? pretty appealing. You hear it a lot these days, when people talk about 9/11 and its meaning, this wistful longing for those horrible, wonderful days in the shadow of the catastrophe.

Everything was so clear back then, remember? We all knew, or thought we

did, the right thing to do. People helped each other, were kind to each other, put aside petty grievances for the sake of the common good. Hui Smith, who arrived in Dallas as an immigrant from Shanghai only a few months before 9/11, told this newspaper that seeing how Americans responded in the aftermath of that day overwhelmed her with love and admiration for her new country and its people.

Well, that was then. It couldn't last. We all knew that. It was inevitable that as soon as decisions began to be made to respond to the mass murder, America would split.

War and security

The most consequential decision this

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vert the current junior high to administrative offices, central stores, Pampa Learning Center and related services. The gyms and auditorium at the junior high will remain.

Third, under the city's current ordinances and regulations, a developer must pay the cost to extend city provided utilities. If the extension of utilities is done by the city, there are ways whereby these costs can be collected from the landowners served by them.

Fourth, and most importantly, there will be no tax increase. The recent session of the state Legislature made changes in the funding of public schools which will allow the school tax rate of 2006 to remain the same. In fact, through such legislation, based on current law, taxes will go down in 2008 even with the bond issue.

We care about the education of our kids. There is no better investment than in our kids' education. We urge a YES vote on the bond issue on Nov. 7.

**Don Lane, chair**  
**Pampa Citizens for Pampa Children**

## Board meeting not well attended by local citizens

The school board meeting (Aug. 29) was interesting, informative and disappointing. Lee Porter did a fine job of conducting the meeting and the architectural firm conducted an informative explanation of the proposed project. The disappointing aspect came from the lack of participation from the residents of Pampa.

There were only about 30 souls present, but if you discount school board members, school staff and representatives from the city, there were only a handful of residents like myself. I thought that a meeting discussing the school system would have stimulated more interest, especially with a vote on a \$40 million + bond issue to be voted on Nov. 7.

These are my thoughts.

1) The existing bond for the elementary remodeling is a 30-year (I assume) bond which would pay out around 2026, but we are told that by 2021 we will have

to consider major renovations or replacement of the elementary schools. My math says that we will have five years left on the bond to pay.

2) The recommendation for the high school is to spend \$17.8 million to remodel/repair the facility which will give us 15 more years left on the proposed bond issue (2021) and the bonds won't pay off until 2036. Why not wait to replace it later and use the \$17.8 million on a new facility which will have to be built anyway, according to the studies.

3) The middle school replacement does make sense if our administration utilizes it to consolidate all administrative/miscellaneous functions.

4) The donation of two 100-acre plots of land is a wonderful offer. One is on the west side of town, not in the city limits, and the other on the north side of town, partially in the city limits. The kicker about the north location is that a sewer lift station will have to be built to handle the new school. Developers and city management have been pushing for a lift station on the north side of town for the past two years for development.

5) Another area I wonder about are the old buildings — Sam Houston, Baker, Carver and possibly Horace Mann — that need to be taken down. The figures in the studies said approximately \$700,000 for each one, close to \$3 million. Since the bond issue doesn't include the repairs recommended by the architects which are needed on existing buildings I wonder if we will have the cash to handle the repairs plus needed leveling of old facilities. Dealing with asbestos is an expensive process and what most folks don't know is that PISD will own this wonderful stuff for eternity. If the federal regulators change their minds about the storage site in Oklahoma, we will foot the bill for moving it to whatever new site that is EPA approved.

When you study this complex issue remember that the school staff, school board and a lot of volunteers have spent hour after hour studying buildings, reports and listening to every resident who would offer an opinion. They are just trying to correct years and years of improper or nonexistent maintenance that past administrations have failed to deal with in the interest of keeping taxes low. Give them a lot of respect for the outstanding work they have done and thank them for their efforts.

After spending hours reading the reports, I would look for a bigger site, preferably more centrally located, which

would house all elementary, middle and high school functions into one controlled, closed campus. I would also only move the middle school at the present time. The high school could follow at a later date with the elementary schools coming last. This gives us time to adjust our building projects to coincide with our needs. It also gives us more control over when and how much money is spent.

Remember to gather facts, discuss the issue with others and make sure to vote your feelings on Nov. 7. If you don't take the time to vote, then you lose the right to complain.

**Bill Brady**  
**Pampa**

## Unfortunately, there is no reset button for reality

In the first few days after 9/11, flags seem to come out of nowhere and patriotism soared higher than any single event in the past several decades. All the civilized countries in the world shed tears for us and gave us our moments of silence, while a few others danced in the streets and celebrated with glee.

As would be expected, after the initial reaction, the dark crevices yielded those who became offended by our patriotism. We have to be careful not to hurt their feelings.

The War on Terrorism moved to include Iraq and soon the public questioned the move. Many jumped on the noisy band wagon for 15 minutes of fame, or to express their hatred for the Administration. I fear we have forgotten 9/11.

We entered a war without determining the true foe. The fighting in both Afghanistan and Iraq would have taken less than a year, without the intervention of Iran.

The Israeli/Hezbollah War took place without Israel determining the true foe. The war would not have taken place, without Iran nurturing the Hezbollah.

We are fighting the War on Terror in Afghanistan and Iraq, while the true enemy is sitting on the sidelines, smiling and waiting; with the liberal media unknowingly doing their bidding. They are using those who hate the President to spew their sewage and inflict us with their poison.

The attack on 9/11 was destined to take place, as will those in the future. Crawling into the corner and whimpering

won't protect us. Sticking an iPod in our ears and going about our business will not fix the problem. Rose colored glasses will not do it. Spouting hatred for the President and the War will not correct the situation. We are against a foe that is using our own society. There is no "reset" button to click on to start over again. This is reality. Soon, the true enemy is going to have to be dealt with, whether we support the President or not.

**Dwaine Nolte**  
**FOB Salerno, Afghanistan**

## Disrespect for country, anthem terrible to witness

I was one of many proud Pampans at the game last Friday night when the Harvesters took the field. However, I had a very unsettling experience just prior to the beginning of the game. I was standing on the ground near the band as the National Anthem was being played, and there were two boys standing beside me.

While everybody else had their hands over their hearts, hats off, and looking at the United States flag, these two boys were talking and laughing, with their ball caps on their heads, just being generally disrespectful. As they continued, they got louder and laughed more. I finally told them that it is proper to take their hats off during the National Anthem and to be quiet out of respect. They both just laughed at this, and one of them made a comment I won't put in this letter, and you would not print.

At that, I had enough. I informed both of them that my son is in Afghanistan right now fighting for this country, laying his life on the line, and a little respect would be very much appreciated by all the people around them.

Do you think they stopped talking or laughing? Of course they didn't, they just became louder! I have to wonder what we, as parents, are teaching, or not teaching, our children? My son is overseas fighting for this? Laying his life on the line every minute so that these kids can laugh and make a joke out of our National Anthem- something that most Americans take as sacred?

What is wrong with this picture? I can only be thankful that Jeremy is not here to see this total disregard for what he and thousands of other men and women are doing every day!

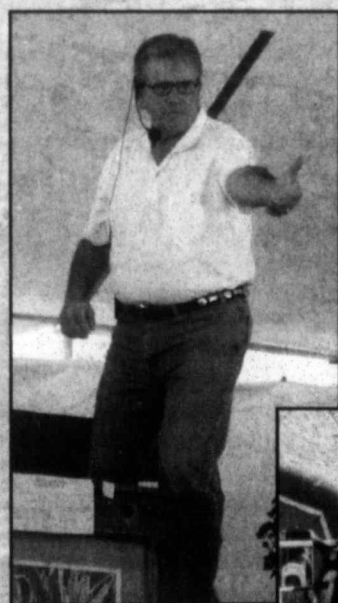
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## Barbeque Luncheon...

At 11:00am an enticing meal of barbeque and all the trimmings will be served, at no charge, however donations will be appreciated.

# Square House planning 41st Museum Day

PANHANDLE — Museum Days, an annual event sponsored by Carson County Square House Museum in Panhandle, will kick-off at 9 a.m. Sept. 23. Now in its 41st year, Museum Days will feature a country store, a barbecue lunch, musical entertainment, a street dance, refreshments

and a special church service. The country store will open from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Carson County Agriculture Building. The store will offer home-baked goods and crafts. In conjunction with the event, several class reunions will held starting at 9 a.m. at the high school

and other designated locations in the town. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ag Barn. Conway Community Church will be the site of an afternoon church service. Entertainment will be provided by Texas Panhandle Women Singers. The service will

begin at 3 p.m. Square House families, county residents and former residents who died during the past year will be recognized by County Judge Lewis Powers, MC for the event. At 4 p.m., the museum will host artists from around the region. Original artwork will be on sale.

The festivities will end with a street dance to be held on Main Street in front of the courthouse from 7 to 11 p.m. Refreshments will be available in the War Memorial Building. Ranch Dance Fiddlin' Band will perform. For more information, contact the museum at (806) 537-3524.



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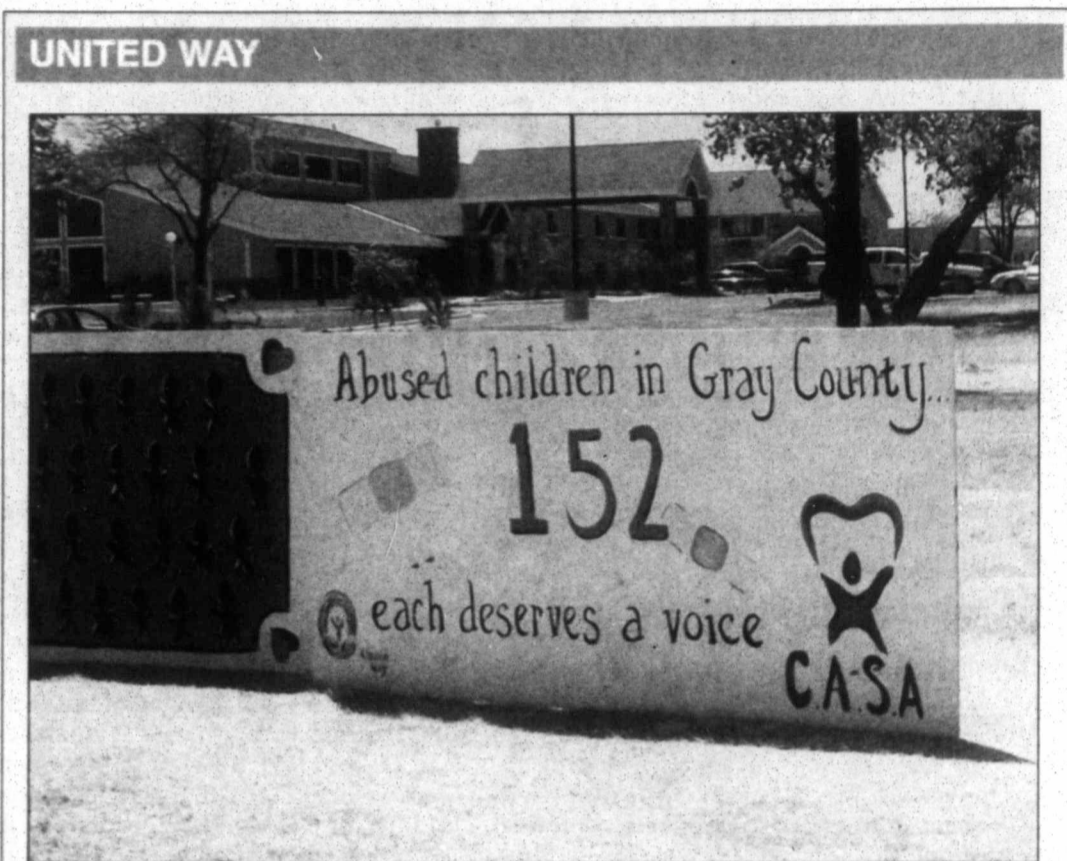
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## CASA served 152 children last year

CASA served 152 children last year. One hundred and fifty-two is a number that captures data about how many children were abused and neglected in Gray County last year. This number tells how many, but doesn't tell the story of the children who were victims.

This number doesn't show the faces of the children who were hurt at the hands of the people who were supposed to care for them. These children were abused physically, sexually and emotionally. Some of these children went without the food and medical care they desperately needed.

Some were left to wonder the streets until a stranger found them and took them to the police. Some precious newborn babies were born with drugs in their system and had to endure the pain of withdrawal symptoms. All 152 of these children were confirmed to be the victims of child abuse or neglect, but these are just the cases that were reported.

CASA of the High Plains served these children last year. CASA volunteers visited these children, advocated for these children in court and worked tirelessly to make sure that these children were on track to find a safe, permanent home. Many of these children are in those homes today because of their CASA volunteer.

Mark and Mary are now living with their aunt in another state and are happier than they have ever been. Sarah is with her aunt and her sister now and finally feels like she is home. Jason is home with his mom, who worked very hard to correct the problems that caused him to be taken away and is full of smiles and giggles.

Three sisters are in their adoptive home today because their CASA volunteer refused to settle for them returning to their abusive family. All of these children are facing a brighter future today because they had a CASA volunteer.

Without United Way funding, some of these children might have missed the opportunity to have CASA advocating for them. Fewer volunteers would be available and every case could not receive a CASA.

Please support the United Way, so a choice does not have to be made about which child gets a chance at a brighter tomorrow.

*This article is one in a series of articles of profiles of the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2006 fund-raising campaign.*



## BIT welcomes new venue

CANYON — Drama and comedy fill the bill as the Branding Iron Theatre (BIT) at West Texas A&M University opens its 59th season in a new venue in the Fine Arts Complex at West Texas A&M University.

This year's season, billed as "The House is Now Open," features four productions staged for the University's two theatres — the BIT and the Studio Theatre — in the new \$32 million education and performance facility.

The season opens Oct. 5 with "Marfa Lights", a world-premiere work by Octavio Solis in the new Studio Theatre. The play, commissioned by the WTAMU Sybil B. Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, explores identity, acceptance and vision in a story about college hazing. It contains

adult language and is not recommended for children. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 5-7 and Oct. 12-14. The play will be the University's entry in the American College Theatre Festival.

The new BIT stage will open with "Lend Me a Tenor", a farce by Ken Ludwig. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 9-11 and Nov. 16-18. "Lend Me a Tenor" will keep the audience laughing as one of the funniest plays to hit the BIT boards in more than 20 years. It involves a mistaken death, a sold-out performance and the total panic that ensues.

Humor will welcome the spring semester when the BIT presents the musical comedy "Nunsense" at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 14-17 and Feb. 21-24. This comical romp, written by Dan Goggin, tells the story of the Sisters of Hoboken as they try to raise

funds and eyebrows through song and dance.

The 59th season will close with Sherman L. Sergel's drama "Twelve Angry Jurors" on the BIT stage. Performances are at 7:30 p.m. April 18-21. The play explores guilt and innocence as 12 jurors decide the fate of a 19-year-old on trial for murder. "Twelve Angry Jurors" is a play adapted from the television show by Reginald Rose.

Tickets for the WTAMU theatre productions are priced at \$10 to \$15 each for reserved seating and \$7 to \$9 each for senior citizens and children 12 and under. Season tickets also are available and offer ticket holders convenience and savings. Group rates also are available. Tickets for "Marfa Lights" will go on sale Monday, Sept. 25. For more information, call the BIT box office at 806-651-2798.

## NBC Scholarship



Kevin Hunt recently presented a National Bank of Commerce Scholarship to Delma Holguin. Holguin is attending Clarendon College-Pampa Center.

## TDA reminds producers of linked deposit program

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs announced that farmers and ranchers in primary disaster-declared counties who suffered crop and livestock losses from drought may be eligible to apply for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Linked Deposit Program for assistance.

"The Linked Deposit Program is available to help producers who lost livestock or other agricultural commodities," Combs said. "Eligible producers can work with their local lender to refinance existing debt or help re-establish their operation at a reduced interest rate through the program."

Producers eligible for the Linked Deposit Program must have suffered an agricultural loss in a county that has received a primary Presidential or Secretarial Disaster Declaration from a natural disaster. Eligible producers must have a loan approved by an eligible lender who then will submit

the completed application to the Texas Agricultural Finance Authority for approval. If approved, the bank's loan rate would be reduced to an interest rate that is established at the time of closing.

The maximum loan amount financed for disaster relief under the Linked Deposit Program is \$250,000 per applicant. Linked Deposit loans under the natural disaster category are eligible for the lower interest rate for a maximum of 15 months.

Linked Deposit funds may be used for agriculture-related operating expenses or expenses related to replacing or repairing assets damaged by the drought. A loan under the natural disaster category may be applied to existing debt. This is the only circumstance where a Linked Deposit loan can be used to refinance existing debt.

For more information, call (800) TELL-TDA or visit the Web site at [www.agr.state.tx.us](http://www.agr.state.tx.us).

## Drilling Intentions

### Intentions to Drill

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ROBERTS (ALPAR-LIPS Atoka) Latigo Petroleum Texas, L.P., #2 Courson Ranch '159', 223' from South & 652' from East line, Sec. 159, 13, T&NO, PD 9780', Recompletion

ROBERTS (COURSON RANCH Atoka) Range Production Co., #102 TEW, 2432' from North & 1500' from East line, Sec. 2, 44, T.E. White, PD 8999', Recompletion

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & N.W. MENDOTA Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #4058 Earp, 1750' from South & 2170' from West line, Sec. 58, B-1, H&GN, PD 11600'

ROBERTS (WILDCAT & RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Cimarex Energy Co., #706 Byrum, 11385' from

South & 653' from East line, Sec. 6, B-1, H&GN, PD 11300'

WHEELER (LISTER Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production Co., RN Byers Unit, Sec. 23, L.J.M. Lindsey, PD 14000', for the following wells:

#2304, 467' from North & 990' from West line of Sec.

#2307, 2200' from North & 2150' from East line of Sec.

Oil Well Completion ROBERTS (LARD RANCH Granite Wash 'C') Pitco Investments, Ltd., #504 Mulsby, Sec. 4, B, H&GN, spud 2-16-06, drlg. compl 3-5-06, tested 7-12-06, pumped 8 bbls. of — grav. oil + 48 bbls. water on 24 hour test, GOR 19625, TD 9200', PBTD 9042'

Gas Well Completions

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Goldstone, Sec. 3, 1, B&SF, spud 2-1-06, drlg. compl 2-4-06, tested 3-10-06, potential 130 MCF, TD 2522', PBTD 2495', Form 1 filed in Grady Petroleum

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Cimarex Energy Co. of Colorado, #3 Patterson, Sec. 23, R, A. Rowe, spud

12-31-05, drlg. compl 1-3-06, tested 1-31-06, potential 275 MCF, TD 2527', PBTD 2504', Form 1 filed in Grady Petroleum

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1048A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-26-06, drlg. compl 6-7-06, tested 7-24-06, potential 2547 MCF, TD 12625', PBTD 12486'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #2048A Irene Dixon, Sec. 48, A-2, H&GN, spud 5-8-06, drlg. compl 5-22-06, tested 7-24-06, potential 1573 MCF, TD 12655', PBTD 12550'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1327P Carr '13', Sec. 13, 4, AB&M, spud 12-16-05, drlg. compl 1-15-06, tested 8-8-06, TD 11865', PBTD 11744'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Noble Energy Production, Inc., #1328P Carr '13', Sec. 13, 4, AB&M, spud 11-24-05, drlg. compl 12-7-05, tested 8-8-06, TD 11825', PBTD 11725'

HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash)

Noble Energy Production, Inc., #5532P Carr '55', Sec. 55, M-1, H&GN, spud 12-01-05, drlg. compl 12-17-05, tested 8-9-06, TD 11880', PBTD 11768'

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA, S.W. Granite Wash) Unit Petroleum Co., #1 Isaacs 'C', Sec. 196, C, G7MMB&A, spud 5-24-06, drlg. compl 6-16-06, tested 7-17-06, TD 11350', PBTD 11252'

HEMPHILL (N.W. MENDOTA S.W. Granite Wash) See INTENTS, Page 9

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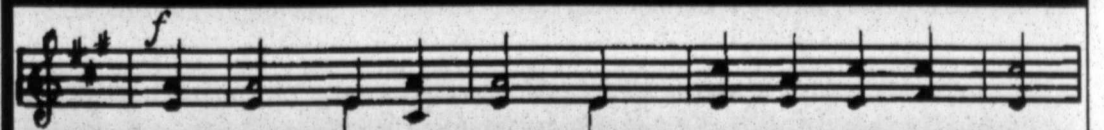
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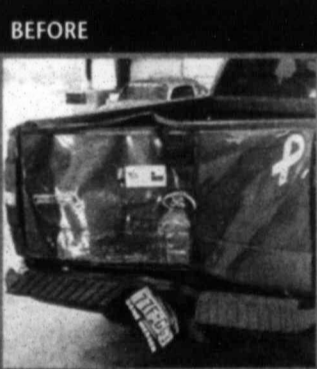
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## Megan Mullally is on her own in new talk show

NEW YORK (AP) — She got the itch at David Letterman's desk.

Megan Mullally, long an audience fave on "Will & Grace," had already moonlighted once or twice as a guest host on other talk shows. But subbing for a laid-up Dave in March 2003 — and feeling comfortable, relaxed and in her element — Mullally had a revelation, right there on "Late Show!"

"It had never occurred to me that hosting a talk show was a job that you could actually have," she says, chuckling that such a truth could somehow have eluded her. "It had seemed like a very far-fetched profession. Like being an astronaut."

Now she's about to blast off with her own weekday talk-variety hour, "The Megan Mullally Show," premiering Monday (check local listings for time and station). Her first guest: Will Ferrell, which is not a bad get. But the show will be more than star chat. Mullally also

*'We're gonna get away from the celebrity culture a little bit. We want to remind people that everybody's special and has a story to tell.'*

— Megan Mullally  
*Entertainer*

promises comedy and music. And, as a singer who starred on Broadway in the musicals "Grease" and "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" and who fronts her own band, Supreme Music Program, she will occasionally favor viewers with a song.

"We're gonna get away from the celebrity culture a little bit," she adds, explaining that regular folks will be an important part of the guest mix. "We want to remind people that everybody's special and has a story to tell."

Launching in tandem with the show will be a Web site where viewers are invited to upload short films and other self-expression that could possibly appear on the air.

"We want to encourage people to explore their creativity," she says.

Monday will mark the end of a lengthy process for Mullally that began with pondering what to do with her life once "Will & Grace" (and her dream collaboration with co-stars Eric McCormack, Debra Messing and Sean Hayes) had run its course.

## Grandparents Day



Meredith House of Pampa recently celebrated Grandparents Day with a resident contest to see who had the most grandchildren. Above, from left: (standing) JoAnn Burk ARD, 20 grandchildren; Lina Bolin, 15 great-grandchildren; Fern Turnbow, 13 grandchildren; (sitting) Allie Bolch, four great-great-grandchildren; and Pauline Carlson, 15 great-grandchildren.

## Progress slow in fighting childhood obesity

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ride a bike or hop on a skateboard. Any physical activity is cool — and a plus in the fight against childhood obesity.

That was the straightforward message from an expensive and heavily promoted federal program that claimed it led to a 30 percent increase in exercise among the pre-teenagers it reached.

Despite the apparent success, the Bush administration killed the program this year through budget cuts. That was a shortsighted decision in the view of an organization that advises the government on health mat-

ters.

The demise of the program, known as VERB, "calls into question the commitment to obesity prevention within government," an Institute of Medicine expert panel recently reported.

Dr. Jeffrey Koplan of Emory University, who led the panel, was more blunt,

*One in five children is predicted to be obese by 2010. Efforts to turn that tide are scattershot, given too few dollars and lacking the national leadership needed to speed real change, the report found.*

saying it was a waste of public money to develop a program that works and then to dismantle it.

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report found. No one knows how many of these programs to trim kids' growing waistlines actually work, the panel said.

"Is this as important as stockpiling antibiotics or buying vaccines? I think it is," Koplan said. "This is a major health problem. It's of a different nature than acute infectious threats, but it needs to be taken just as seriously."

To reinforce that point, the report spotlighted VERB, a campaign by the federal Centers for Disease Control that encouraged 9- to 13-year-olds to participate in physical activities.

## Attacks

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nation made after 9/11 was to wage war against Iraq. We now know that Iraq did not have weapons of mass destruction, obviating the chief justification for the war. We now know, too, that the Iraqis did not welcome us with open arms. That war, and the mistakes America has made there, renders this anniversary a most melancholy one, despite the heavy blows our military has inflicted on al-Qaeda.

America also made important decisions regarding what came to be known as "homeland security." The government has increased domestic surveillance and

spent billions to upgrade material defenses against terrorist acts. This continues to be quite controversial, but it can't be denied that half a decade has passed without a repeat of 9/11. Few Americans would have expected that.

Shared sacrifice  
What's striking today is how little really changed in the lives of ordinary Americans, aside from those in the military and their families. We are told that we are engaged in a great war against an implacable and bloodthirsty foe, which is true, but for most of us, life goes on.

The most important thing we all might do on the home front to help our nation win this war dramatically conserve oil to make us less

dependent on the terrorist-producing countries of the Middle East is going undone.

It didn't have to be this way. Five years ago on this day, we stood together as one people, angry over our losses but determined to claim our dead, tend our wounded and prepare to destroy the people who had done this to us. We squandered an opportunity to unite in a shared mission, a common cause, a national sacrifice.

Another day  
Will it come again, absent another 9/11? Hard to say. But those who remember where they were on this day in 2001, and what it felt like to be an American that agonizing autumn, will not have forgotten the experience of

that season of sorrow and solidarity. If we remember what the enemy is capable of and we must we also remember what we the people are capable of, what we showed ourselves to be when put to the test.

We who survived 9/11 were granted another day to make things right; another day to strive to live bravely, nobly and truthfully; another day to seek justice, to show mercy and to become the men and women we ought to be. The kind of men and women we were five years ago today, when we were shocked and awed out of our illusions.

The future belongs to a new generation of American leaders who can avenge the villainy of that day while also redeeming its promise.

## Taylor

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And he's right. This guy's still at the top of his game, busy trading cars, talking turkey about boosting technical education and jawing about a plethora of other topics concerning his beloved West Texas. If you happen to need some rattlesnakes rounded up, he's even an authority on slithery serpents. They've got the biggest rattlesnake round-up in the world right there in town. Last year, they flushed out more than eight tons of the crawly creatures.

Even now, Homer's trying to leverage some national publicity for Sweetwater. He's on the phone with Hollywood, trying to get them to change spelling on the movie title just a bit. He thinks it should be called Snakes on the P-I-a-i-n. He just might get it done.

—Dr. Newbury is a speaker and author whose column appears weekly in 125 newspapers in six states.



## RRC posts oil, gas stats for the state

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,547 original drilling permits in July 2006 compared to 1,313 in July 2005. The July total included 1,347 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 38 to re-enter existing well bores, and 162 for re-completions. Permits issued in July 2006 included 280 oil, 437 gas, 783 oil and gas, 40 injection, zero service and 7 other permits.

Texas preliminary June 2006 crude oil production averaged 879,239 barrels

daily, down from the 894,253 barrels daily average of June 2005.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for June 2006 is 26,560,960 barrels, a decrease from 26,845,369 barrels reported during June 2005.

In July 2006, operators reported 319 oil, 846 gas, 41 injection and one other completion compared to 208 oil, 433 gas, 10 injection and one other completion during July 2005.

Total well completions for 2006 year to date are

► Table 1: July Texas oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	70	14	10
(2) REFUGIO AREA	81	4	45
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	71	5	15
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	140	7	159
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	81	1	52
(6) EAST TEXAS	220	7	171
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	52	2	4
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	139	56	156
(8) MIDLAND	213	134	9
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	92	44	1
(9) NORTH TEXAS	264	13	127
(10) PANHANDLE	124	32	97

7,482 up from 5,841 recorded during the same period in 2005.

Operators reported 1,643 holes plugged and zero dry

holes in July 2006 compared to 531 holes plugged and zero dry holes in July 2005.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 423,051,832 Mcf

► Table 2: June Texas top 10 oil and gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,140,256	1. ZAPATA	19,434,692
2. YOAKUM	2,052,719	2. PANOLA	19,153,677
3. ANDREWS	1,965,700	3. FREESTONE	18,970,897
4. HOCKLEY	1,597,648	4. WEBB	16,005,327
5. ECTOR	1,426,819	5. PECOS	15,178,980
6. SCURRY	1,285,334	6. HIDALGO	13,456,232
7. PECOS	942,351	7. WISE	13,095,976
8. MIDLAND	802,844	8. DENTON	11,342,665
9. UPTON	775,459	9. TARRANT	11,036,937
10. CRANE	755,798	10. CROCKETT	8,920,512

(thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for June 2006, down from the June 2005 preliminary gas pro-

duction total of 428,538,346 Mcf.

Texas production in June 2006 came from 136,326 oil and 73,149 gas wells.

## Intents

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Unit Petroleum Co., #2 Isaacs 'B', Sec. 191,C,G&MMB&A, spud 1-30-06, drlg. compl 3-3-06, tested 4-14-06, TD 11317', PBTD 10990'

HUTCHINSON (HANSFORD Lower Morrow) Mewbourne Oil Co., #1 Virgil Mathews, Sec. 1,M-22,TCRR, spud 5-30-06, drlg. compl 6-22-06, tested 7-19-06, TD 8700', PBTD 8646'

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Pantera Energy Co., #1 Thorpe, Sec. 36,Y,A&B, spud 2-19-06, drlg. compl 2-25-06, tested 5-11-06, TD 2554', PBTD 2526'

ROBERTS (WILDCAT) Raydon Exploration, Inc., #1018 Hale, Sec. 18,B-1,H&GN, spud 10-21-05, drlg. compl 11-2-05, tested 6-20-06, potential 1125 MCF, TD 7086', PBTD 7039'

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Wheeler Energy Co., #1093 Flowers Unit, Sec. 93,C,G&M, spud 11-29-05, drlg. compl 12-22-05, tested 5-15-06, potential 2230 MCF, TD 9435', PBTD 9168'

ROBERTS (CLARK MARTIN Granite Wash) Wheeler Energy Co., #2094 Flowers Unit, Sec. 94,C,G&M, spud 3-16-06, drlg. compl 4-1-06, tested 7-8-06, potential 2693 MCF, TD 9657', PBTD 9113'

ROBERTS (COURSON RANCH Wolfcamp) Range Production Co., #402 Courson Ranch TEW, Sec. 2,44,T.E. White, spud 9-1-05, drlg. compl 9-17-05, tested 5-28-06, potential 354 MCF, TD 8837', PBTD 8200'

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Dominion Oklahoma Texas E&P, Inc., #9 Zybach '85', Sec. 65,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-2-06, drlg. compl 4-28-06, tested 6-6-06, TD 13936', PBTD

WHEELER (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Forest Oil Corp., #1260 Helton, Sec. 60,M-1,H&GN, spud 6-10-06, drlg. compl 6-30-06, tested 7-24-06, potential 928 MCF, TD 12595', PBTD 12535'

WHEELER (FULLER Lower Hunton) Brigham Oil & Gas, L.P., #1-S Mills Ranch '99', Sec. 99,13,H&GN, spud 1-28-06, drlg. compl 5-21-06, tested 6-23-06, potential 2873 MCF, TD 20990', PBTD 16200', Horizontal well

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #2 Fowler '22', Sec. 22,A-3,H&GN, spud 5-10-06, drlg. compl 6-3-06, tested 8-9-06, potential 6507 MCF, TD 13750', PBTD 13704'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #5023 Stiles Ranch '23', Sec. 23,A-3,H&GN, spud 5-18-06, drlg. compl 6-6-06, tested 8-10-06, potential 3171 MCF, TD 13635', PBTD 13591'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Chesapeake Operating, Inc., #8 Stiles '67', Sec. 67,A-7,H&GN, spud 5-18-06, drlg. compl 6-13-06, tested 7-26-06, potential 5078 MCF, TD 14300', PBTD 14259'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) EOG Resources, Inc., #2 Britt '8', Sec. 8,1,B&B, spud 4-2-06, drlg. compl 5-1-06, tested 5-31-06, potential 2243 MCF, TD 14910', PBTD 14800'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-Con, Inc., #7 Britt Ranch '14, Sec. 4,2,B&B, spud 2-28-06, drlg. compl 4-8-06, tested 5-15-06, potential 7706 MCF, TD 15650'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Granite Wash) Newfield Exploration Mid-

Con, Inc., #1 Sheryl 'T-3', Sec. 3,2,B&B, spud 5-26-06, drlg. compl 6-26-06, tested 8-16-06, potential 4061 MCF, TD 15650'

WHEELER (STILES RANCH Atoka) St. Mary Energy Co., #2061 G.C. Davis, Sec. 61,A-7,H&GN, spud 11-15-05, drlg. compl 1-12-06, tested 3-29-06, potential 26830 MCF, TD 16350', PBTD 15817, SWR #10 has been applied for

WHEELER (WEST PARK Granite Wash) Devon Energy Production Co., L.P., #1 Zybach '19', Sec. 3,—, Camp CSL Survey, spud 2-28-06, drlg. compl 3-25-06, tested 4-8-06, TD 16300', PBTD 14850' Plugged Wells

GRAY (PANHANDLE) The Newton Corp., Axlerod, Sec. 2,B-2,H&GN, spud unknown (oil)—Form 1 filed in Lael Energy, for the following wells:

#201, plugged 8-15-06, TD 2920'

#203, plugged 8-24-06, TD 2920'

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Co., #2 Fowler 'E', Sec. 19,25,H&GN, spud 11-12-98, plugged 5-19-05, TD 2282' (gas)—

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Co., #2 Fowler, 'F', Sec. 18,25,H&GN, spud 10-27-98, plugged 5-18-05, TD 2282' (gas)—

GRAY (EAST PANHANDLE) Gruy Petroleum Co., #2 Noel, Sec. 17,25,H&GN, spud 11-2-98, plugged 5-17-05, TD 2312' (gas)—

HUTCHINSON (WILDCAT) Latigo Petroleum, L.P., #1 Coble Bucksin 'A56', Sec. 17,G,H&GN, spud 4-24-06, plugged 6-16-06, TD 7350' (dry)—

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Enid Operating, Inc., #4 Little Rascals, Sec. 38,47,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 7-14-96, TD 3023' (oil)—Form 1 filed in W.R.

Edwards, Jr.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Geo Petroleum, #4 G.B. Lucas, Swisher #7 Survey, spud unknown, plugged 1-4-06, TD 3330' (oil)

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Irvin Petroleum, #A-3 Aram, Sec. 129,2,EL&RR, spud unknown, plugged 6-7-06, TD 2983' (oil)

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Irvin Petroleum, #1 Pritchard 'B', Sec. 3,B-4,D&SE, spud unknown, plugged 6-2-06, TD 2790' (oil)

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Irvin Petroleum, #4 Whittenburg, Sec. 62,46,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 5-30-06, TD 2895' (oil)—

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) SNW Operating Co., #179 C.L. Dial, et al. Sec. 22,47,H&TC, spud unknown, plugged 12-23-05, TD 3060' (oil)—

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Stallion Energy, L.L.C., #51 Herring 'A', Almaguie Survey, spud unknown, plugged 7-10-06, TD 3300' (oil)—Form 1 in Skelly Oil Co.

HUTCHINSON (PANHANDLE) Stallion Energy, L.L.C., #1W Magnolia-Herring, Sec. 6,X-02,H&OB, spud 2-17-37, plugged 7-14-06, TD 3550' (disposal)—Form 1 filed in J.M. Huber Corp.

HUTCHINSON (WEST PANHANDLE) Stallion Energy, #29 Stewart, Sec. 19,M-16,AB&M, spud 12-1-44, plugged 7-12-06, TD 3160' (gas)—Form 1 filed in Phillips Petroleum

ROBERTS (BLUFF CREEK Wolfcamp) J.M. Huber Corp., #1104 Maddox, Sec. 104,M-2,BS&F, spud 4-19-04, plugged 7-24-06, TD 7104' (gas)—

ROBERTS (QUINDUNO

Albany Dolomite) Roxi Production, #1 Cowan 'B', Sec. 195,M-2,BS&F, spud unknown, plugged 6-13-06, TD 4110' (gas)—

ROBERTS (QUINDUNO Albany Dolomite) Roxi Production, #1-198 Cowan, Mobil, Sec. 198,M-2,B&SF, spud unknown, plugged 6-14-06, TD 4091' (gas)—

WHEELER (ALLEN-ENGLER Brown Dolomite) S.T. Dakota Operating, Inc., #1 Sandman, Sec. 54,A-5,H&GN, spud 6-4-03, plugged 7-13-06, TD 4250' (gas)—Form 1 filed

in Pablo Energy

WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Unidentified, #1 Amerson, Sec. 45,17,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 8-30-06, TD 2773'—

WHEELER (EAST PANHANDLE) Ken Wischkaemper, Bennet, Sec. 32,13,H&GN, (oil)—Form 1 in Wildcat Cement Co., for the following wells:

#1, spud 6-1-81, plugged 7-29-06, TD 2200'

#2, spud unknown, plugged 8-3-06, TD 2200'—

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## Fall enrollment tops 7,400 at WT

CANYON — West Texas A&M University's preliminary 12th-class-day (Sept. 13) fall enrollment exceeds the 7,400 mark for the first time in 35 years.

Today's enrollment of 7,417 students is the largest since 1970, when the University had 7,905 students, war still raged in Vietnam and conscription was an American fact of life.

West Texas A&M had 7,273 students enrolled on the 12th class day a year ago, so the University has 144 more students today than in 2005. That makes it a modest increase, but it's one sparked by a bevy of important new faces — freshmen.

West Texas A&M has 1,434 today, 204 more than on the 12th class day of 2005, a

16.6-percent increase.

"Our increase among freshmen is most gratifying," Dr. Brian R. Chapman, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said. "Freshmen are the lifeblood of any university; they are our future, and the future here looks bright indeed."

Chapman said new and improved academic programs, campus renovations and affordability all contributed to the influx of new students.

Today's 12th-class-day enrollment is preliminary and will be finalized later in the month. Twelfth-class-day numbers are what Texas' public universities report to the state.



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# Sports Day

## Sandies scorch Pampa, 40-14

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa started the game at its own 20-yard line. Miscues and dropped balls forced them into an early third-and-17 when Amarillo High was flagged for pass interference. The Harvesters were out near their own 30 and seemed to be on the move. Again, mistakes forced Pampa into a fourth-and-17 from its own 18-yard line and James Coffee was sent in to punt the ball away into a stiff wind.

The Sandies set up shop near midfield. Two plays and a 51-yard TD pass from Kyler Hill to Josh Squyres later, Amarillo High was up 7-0 with 8:06 to play in the first quarter (extra point attempt was good).

The Pampa option went to Marcos Campos twice on the following possession. Though Campos gained yards, the Harvesters were again forced to punt. This time, the ball appeared to come off the side of Coffee's foot and was downed at the Harvester 48-yard line.

Moments later, Amarillo High hit pay dirt again after a long Jacob Reinbold run. A penalty however, negated the TD and Pampa held from there, taking over on downs at its own 30-yard line with 3:42 to play in the first.

Pampa was stung by an illegal shift penalty that negated a Casey Trimble run. Moments later, the Harvesters put the ball on the ground and the Sandies recovered it. Two plays later, Reinbold sprinted 24 yards

for another TD.

And so went the first half as Pampa tried to find its legs on offense, while the defense looked for an answer as to how to stop the potent Sandie air and ground attack.

The Harvesters were down 30-0 as the second half began. Zac Ammons took the Sandie kickoff, hesitated for a moment in the Pampa end zone then ran the ball out to the 37-yard line. Amarillo High held the Harvesters, forcing a punt with 10:38 to go in the third. Two plays later, Reinbold had another Sandie touchdown. The extra point attempt was good and Amarillo High was out to a 37-0 advantage.

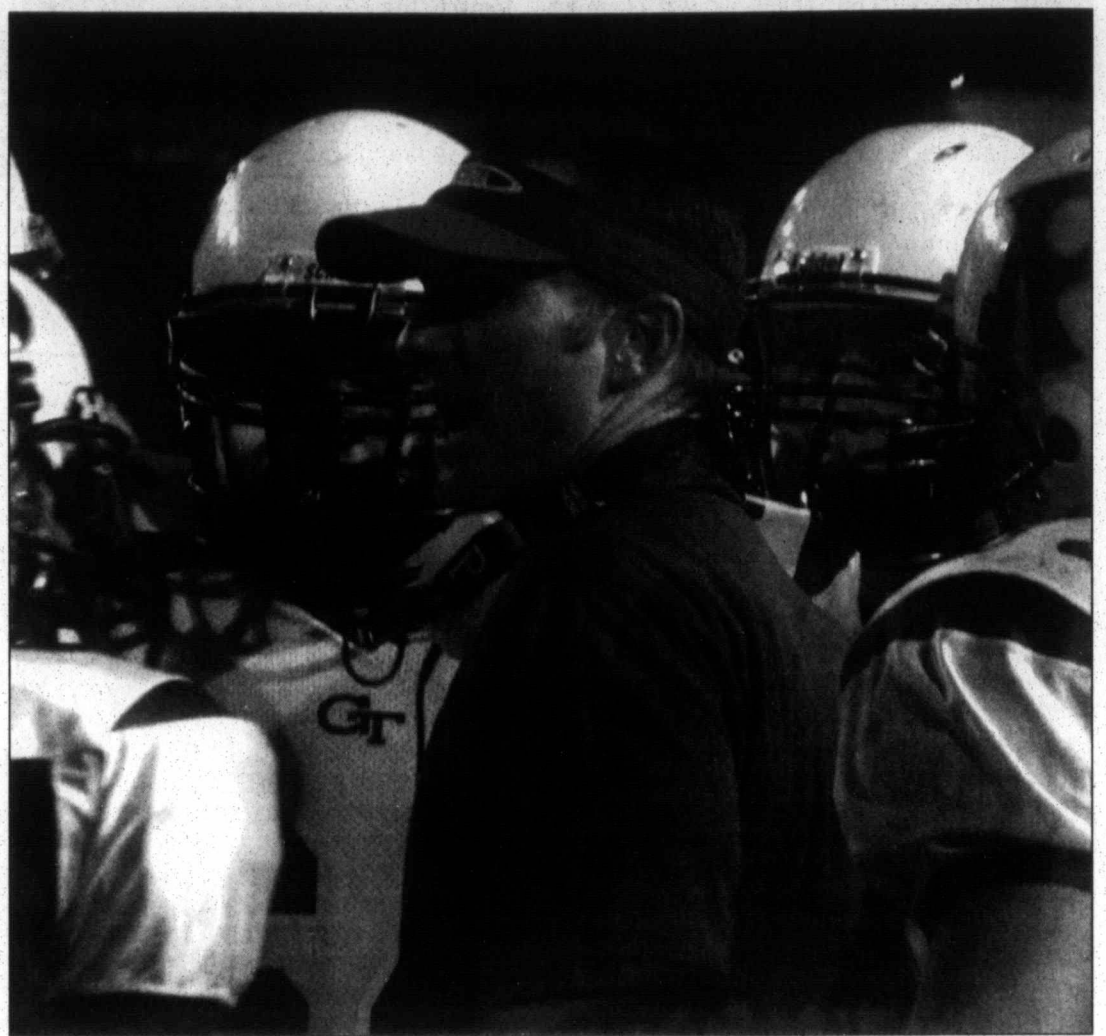
First year Amarillo High head coach Brad Thiessen then began inserting his second team.

The Harvesters found the end zone twice in the third quarter by way of a 20-yard Casey Trimble run and a 10-yard push through the middle by Chase Harris. Dock Mackie was true on both extra point attempts.

Amarillo High would end the scoring with a 23-yard field goal in the fourth.

Pampa finished the night with just 57 yards of total offense, all on the ground. The Sandies racked up 422 total yards of offense, 237 on the ground, 185 in the air. Reinbold rushed for 148 yards while Hill passed for 120. Pampa's Harris added 59 yards to his season rushing total.

Pampa (1-2) is at Borger to face the Bulldogs Friday night. Game time is 7:30.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

First year Pampa High head coach Andy Cavalier rallies his team during a timeout Friday night.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

## Other scores of interest

**CLASS 5A**  
Amarillo 40, Pampa 14  
Tascosa 17, Odessa 7  
Lubbock 20, Caprock 7  
Lubbock Coronado 35, Frenship 21  
Lubbock Monterey 24, Midland Lee 10

**CLASS 4A**  
Hereford 41, Big Spring 34  
Plainview 63, Randall 28

**CLASS 3A**  
Borger 26, Dumas 3  
Dalhart 27, Amarillo River Road 6  
Iowa Park 34, Childress 33  
Perryton 31, Lubbock Roosevelt 0

**CLASS 2A**

Bushland 27, Boys Ranch 16  
Canadian 33, Alva, Okla. 14  
Floydada 45, Stratford 21  
Muleshoe 24, Shallowater 14  
Panhandle 53, Gruver 0  
Tulia 21, Sanford-Fritch 0

**CLASS 1A**  
Nazareth 32, Vega 8  
Shamrock 22, Claude 0  
Sunray 21, Stinnett West Texas 7  
White Deer 18, Clarendon 8

**SIX-MAN**  
Lefors 58, Lazbuddie 6  
McLean 59, Hedley 14  
Valley 54, Follett 6  
Woodson 62, Groom 59

## Reggie Bush denies any wrongdoing

(AP) - New Orleans Saints running back Reggie Bush insisted Friday he and his family have done nothing wrong, responding to allegations that they accepted gifts, money and other benefits worth more than \$100,000 from two marketing agents during his career at Southern California.

"I'm not worried about any of these allegations or anything like that, because I know what the truth is, like I said from day one," Bush said after a Saints practice. "Once the smoke clears, everybody's going to see we did nothing wrong."

Yahoo.com reported Thursday that Michael Michaels, a marketing agency investor who wanted to represent the Heisman Trophy winner, and current Bush marketing agent Mike Ornstein supplied Bush and his family with gifts while he was still at USC.

Each hoped to represent Bush once he left school. Bush eventually chose Ornstein, which caused a falling out between Michaels and Bush's family.

Michaels' attorney, Brian Watkins, said his client was traveling Friday and unavailable for comment, but Watkins claimed the Yahoo.com report was "very accurate."

"We've known what (Bush) was doing. This article proves fraud on his part and his family's part. He never intended to go forward with my clients. He was always taking money from Mike Ornstein and then representing with my clients that he was going to go forward with this business venture," Watkins said, referring to Michaels' company, New Era.

"It was fine for him to go with the other venture, but his job was to notify my clients that he was on the payroll with Ornstein. But he said the opposite. He continued to do that and took money from my client."

Neither Ornstein nor Bush's attorney, David Cornwell, returned phone messages from The Associated Press left late Thursday and Friday.

The NCAA prohibits student-athletes and their families from receiving extra benefits from agents or their representatives. Any improper benefits could lead to NCAA sanctions against USC and retroactively cost Bush his college eligibility and Heisman Trophy.

On Friday, Bush responded to questions about the report much the same as he did when the allegations of improper benefits first were reported earlier this year.

"Obviously it does affect you just because it is out there," Bush said. "But at the same time, I know there's nothing to worry about. It makes you want to go out there right away and tell your side of the story. Show everybody the facts, the truth. But you can't do that. That wouldn't be the right way to do it."

Yahoo.com reported earlier this year that Bush's mother and stepfather lived rent free last year in a house in the San Diego area owned by Michaels. He later said the family promised to repay him the \$54,000 in rent once Bush went pro.

Bush, the second overall pick in the NFL draft last April, said he has been in touch with USC officials.

"I told them the same thing, 'Don't worry about anything,'" he said. "If there was something to worry about, than I would tell you. But there's nothing to worry about."

Yahoo's latest report was based on an eight-month investigation that cited documents and interviews with on-the-record sources close to the situation. It lists several instances in which Bush and his family appear to have received financial benefits.

The NCAA and Pac-10 are investigating whether rules were broken when Bush's family lived in the home owned by Michaels.

USC counsel Kelly Bendell said the school is cooperating but "cannot comment on any matter that is the subject of an ongoing NCAA and Pac-10 investigation."

NCAA spokesman Erik Christianson said via e-mail Friday from Indianapolis that it's generally NCAA policy not to comment on investigations, but added: "Now that certain individuals have spoken publicly, we hope they will now speak with the NCAA."

In Walnut Creek, Calif., Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen said that to his knowledge, the conference did not have information regarding Yahoo's latest report.

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## Gibbs: Portis won't play against rival Cowboys

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Washington Redskins coach Joe Gibbs ruled Clinton Portis out for Sunday's game against the Dallas Cowboys, an announcement that surprised Portis and created yet another twist in the running back's injury saga.

"He didn't practice today. ... If a guy doesn't practice, he's not going to play," Gibbs said.

Gibbs said Ladell Betts, T.J. Duckett and Rock Cartwright will be the running backs against the Cowboys. Portis was downgraded from questionable to doubtful on the injury report, with Gibbs citing the pounding Portis took in the Monday night season opener against Minnesota.

"It's really just because of soreness," Gibbs said. "Actually, it's in a different spot in his shoulder. He's got some soreness there that lingered and kept him from practicing this week."

When told what Gibbs had said, Portis didn't know the decision already had been made.

"I thought it was a game-time decision," he said. "As of now, my bag's packed and ready to go to Dallas, unless they come and tap me on the shoulder in the near future and tell me I ain't going."

Last week, it was just the opposite. Portis spent several days downplaying his chances to make the season opener, saying he was not in football shape and had yet to recover from a partially dislocated left shoulder that caused him to miss nearly all of preseason. But after the final practice, Gibbs sprung a surprise, saying Portis had tested the shoul-

der sufficiently and would play as a backup to Betts.

Portis carried 10 times for 39 yards in the 19-16 loss to the Vikings, but he has complained of soreness all week.

"I can't do nothing but tell you to wait until Sunday. This bag is going to Dallas," said Portis, pointing at the equipment bag in front of his locker. "We have seen some miracle days happen. This ain't no situation for me not to be playing in."

As usual, Portis wavered from serious to playful, making it difficult to discern whether he really feels he can play. At one point, he said: "I eat gunpowder twice a day now. As long as I'm on this gunpowder, I think I'm going to be all right."

He took a more serious tone when he expressed frustration over the week-to-week drama his injury has become.

"I'm be happy when I'm healthy," Portis said. "Hopefully we can get this over with real soon and I can join my teammates and be on the field and it's not an issue," Portis said. "I don't like this being an issue going into the weekend. Am I up or down? Playing or not? Whatever's best for the team."

Portis wore pads and said he "ran a few routes" during Friday's practice, but apparently that wasn't enough.

"He'll probably tell me he can play on game day, but he didn't practice so we'll move him down accordingly," Gibbs said. "Hopefully he's going to be back next week, that would be my hope."

## Prep player hospitalized

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — An Austin Westlake football player collapsed on the sideline Friday night and was taken to a hospital after being revived by paramedics.

Matt Nader, one of the state's top offensive linemen, was in stable condition at College Station Medical Center after collapsing early in the second quarter.

Nader's mother, a doctor, administered CPR to her son as he lay on his back on the track surrounding the field at A&M Consolidated, the Bryan College-Station Eagle reported.

Westlake offensive lineman Dusty Davidson told the Austin American-Statesman he was seated next to Nader when he fell backward and that "nothing out of the ordinary" preceded the collapse.

Nader is a 6-foot-6, 300-pound senior who has orally committed to play football at Texas.

School officials canceled the game between Austin Westlake, ranked No. 7 in the Class 5A Associated Press poll, and No. 4 A&M Consolidated after Nader was hospitalized. The game was tied 7-7.

## Cundiff to resign at season's end

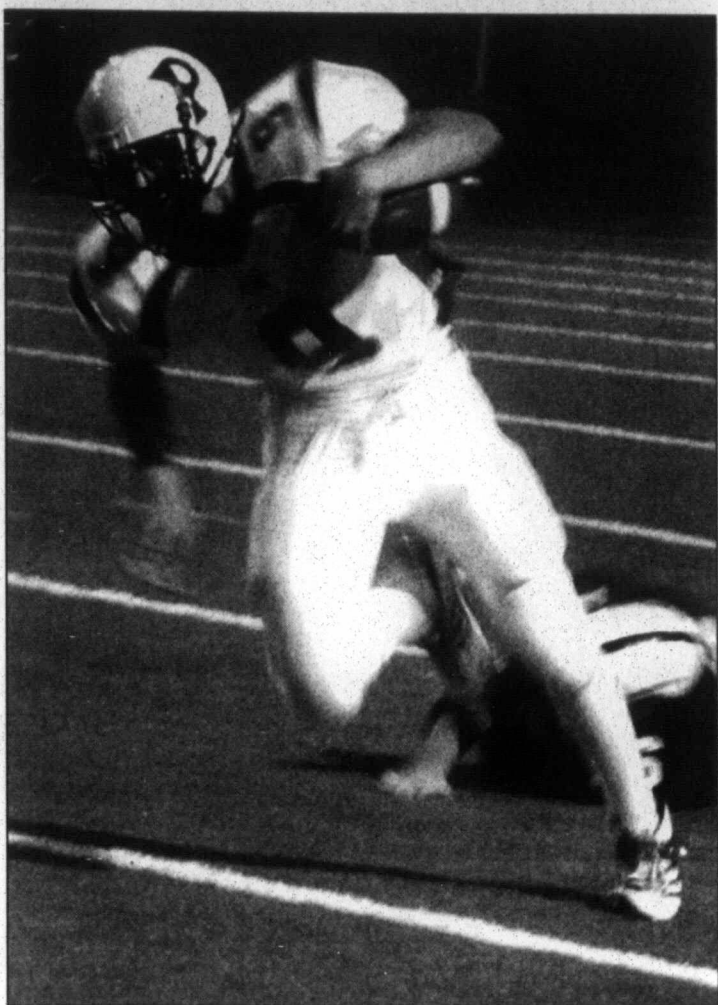
KINGSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M-Kingsville football coach Richard Cundiff said Friday that he will resign at the end of the season.

Cundiff, in his seventh season, has a career record of 50-21. His teams won four Lone Star Conference championships and he won conference coach of the year honors twice. The team is 1-1 heading into its game Saturday at Western Oregon.

Cundiff said he has no job lined up after this season but felt this was the right time to announce his resignation.

"There's always speculation when a head coach resigns," he said in a statement. "Let me make it clear that I made the decision to step down this way because it will create the least disruption for everyone involved, including our players and fans."

## Nice run



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

◀ Pampa's **Jerrod Bivins** breaks a tackle and sprints to a 14-yard gain at Dick Bivins Stadium Friday night. Pampa fell to Amarillo High, 40-14.

## Angels 2, Rangers 1, 11 innings

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Texas Rangers couldn't shut down Vladimir Guerrero for two straight games.

Guerrero homered leading off the 11th inning Friday night to give the Los Angeles Angels a 2-1 victory over the Rangers.

Texas held Guerrero to a rare 0-for-4 in the series opener on Thursday night, snapping the outfielder's streak of hitting safely in his first 24 career road games against the Rangers.

But with the game tied at 1 on Friday night, Guerrero lofted an 0-1 changeup from Frank Francisco (0-1) into the left field seats for his 29th homer of the season and 100th in his three years with the Angels.

"Vlad gave us a huge lift tonight with his home run," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said.

Guerrero, who went 2-for-5, has 18 of his 334 career homers against Texas. Guerrero does not

speak to the media.

"We held him in check for most of two nights, but he hurt us there at the end," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "There's no one way to pitch him."

Brendan Donnelly (5-0), returning after a four-game suspension, pitched two perfect innings for the victory. Donnelly was one of five players suspended for their parts in on-field beanball incidents in games between the Angels and Rangers on Aug. 15-16.

The Angels moved within 6 1/2 games of Minnesota in the AL wild-card race as the Twins lost 5-4 to Cleveland in 10 innings.

Guerrero's homer was the only hit Francisco allowed in his one inning.

Adam Kennedy went 3-for-4 for the Angels and

broke up a scoreless game with a ninth-inning RBI single off reliever Akinori Otsuka.

The Rangers tied it in the bottom of the inning on Hank Blalock's RBI double. Carlos Lee doubled with two outs off Francisco Rodriguez, the major league saves leader with 42. Blalock's double handed Rodriguez his fourth blown save of the season.

Rodriguez had a streak of 30 scoreless innings snapped.

"It's going to happen," Angels rookie starter Jered Weaver said of Rodriguez's blown save. "He's human. But he'll bounce back."

Weaver took a no-hitter into the sixth inning but Gary Matthews Jr. broke it up with a one-out double.



## Pampa Harvester Sports Schedule

### FOOTBALL

#### TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

Pampa 7th vs Westover Park • 5:00pm at Amarillo  
Pampa 8th vs Westover Park • 5:00pm at Pampa

#### THURSDAY • SEPTEMBER 21

Pampa Freshmen vs Borger • 5:00pm at Pampa  
Pampa JV vs Borger • 6:00pm at Pampa

#### FRIDAY • SEPTEMBER 22

Pampa Varsity vs Borger • 7:30pm at Borger

### VOLLEYBALL

#### MONDAY • SEPTEMBER 18

Pampa 7th & 8th vs Canyon • Starts 5:00pm at Canyon  
Pampa Freshmen vs Dumas • Starts 6:00pm at Pampa

#### TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

Pampa JV vs Dumas • 6:00pm at Pampa  
Pampa Varsity vs Dumas • 7:30pm at Pampa

#### SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 23

Pampa Freshman vs Caprock • 11:00am at Amarillo  
Pampa Varsity vs Caprock • 3:00pm at Amarillo  
Pampa JV vs Caprock • 2:00pm at Amarillo  
Pampa 8th Canyon Tournament • TBA at Canyon

### TENNIS

#### TUESDAY • SEPTEMBER 19

Pampa vs Dumas • 3:30pm at Pampa

#### SATURDAY • SEPTEMBER 23

Pampa vs Caprock • 10:00am at Amarillo

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### 84 Lumber Classic

FARMINGTON, Pa. (AP) - She was playing in the 84 Lumber Classic and, for a while Friday, it appeared Michelle Wie might shoot an 84.

Wie's drives constantly landed short of the big-hitting pros, forcing her to use long irons on her second shots when the men were pulling out 7-irons. Her putts wouldn't drop, either, during a second-round 81 - even those routine 4- to 6-footers.

Wie, who turns 17 next month, tried and failed for a sixth time in her short career to make the cut in PGA Tour event, something no woman has done since Babe Didrikson Zaharias in 1945. But while Wie came close a couple of times, she looked badly out of place Friday during her second last-place finish in as many weeks against men.

Her rounds of 77 and 81 left her 13 shots away from making the cut and a whopping 23 shots behind co-leaders Ryan Moore and Ben Curtis, who were at 9-under 135.

Wie also finished last a week ago in the European Masters, with scores of 77 and 78. She had all of one birdie in 72 holes the last two weeks, that coming Friday on the par-4 16th during a round that included a double bogey and eight bogeys.

### World Match Play Championship

VIRGINIA WATER, England (AP) - Shaun Micheel saved his best golf for Luke Donald.

One day after ending Tiger Woods' five-tournament winning streak by knocking him out of the World Match Play Championship, Micheel buried Donald with a barrage of birdies to build a 7-

up lead before holding on for a 4-and-2 victory.

Joining him in the semi-finals was one-fourth of the European Ryder Cup team, led by Colin Montgomerie. The ironman of this tournament, Montgomerie again had to go all 36 holes to win his match, a 1-up victory over defending champion Michael Campbell.

Paul Casey knocked off another major champion, going 22 holes before taking the lead and pulling away from former Masters champion Mike Weir when the Canadian struggled with recurring back and neck problems. Casey won 5 and 3.

Robert Karlsson of Sweden, who will make his Ryder Cup debut next week, played even par over 33 holes but still had no trouble with Angel Cabrera, winning 4 and 3.

Montgomerie will face Casey, and Micheel will play Karlsson.

At stake for the winner of the HSBC World Match Play Championship is \$1.87 million, the richest prize in golf among official events.

**Constellation Energy Classic**

HUNT VALLEY, Md. (AP) - Jim Thorpe hit a 3-wood about 238 yards to 3 feet to set up an eagle on the par-5 fifth hole and finished with a 6-under 66 to take a two-shot lead in the rain-delayed first round of the Constellation Energy Classic.

Play in the Champions Tour event was suspended after 43 of the 79 players completed 18 holes. Masy Kuramoto, Tom Jenkins and Walter Hall finished at 68, and Brad Bryant, Mark Johnson and Hajime Meshiaj also were 4 under when play was halted.

parties to not discuss the situation makes it impossible to say when an investigation might be completed.

In New Orleans, Saints wide receiver Joe Horn defended his teammate. "I don't think Reggie did that, but if he did, I would have done it, too," Horn said. "And guess what? Eighty percent of the college athletes that don't have much when they're in college get money, too. So they should ban all of them. They should go after everybody. Don't just go after Reggie because he's Reggie Bush."

## Phillies 4, Astros 3

HOUSTON (AP) - The Philadelphia Phillies needed an unlikely hero and a late escape Friday night to keep their slim NL East title hopes alive.

Pat Burrell hit a grand slam in the first inning off Roger Clemens and the Phillies survived a nervous ninth to beat the Houston Astros 4-3.

The New York Mets' magic number to clinch the division remained at one with their 5-3 loss to Pittsburgh on Friday and the second-place Phillies' win. Philadelphia also closed within 1 1/2 games of San Diego, the NL wild-card leader.

The Astros had a chance to win it in the bottom of the ninth against Tom Gordon.

Aubrey Huff led off with a double down the right field line that first baseman Ryan Howard couldn't handle. One out later, pinch-hitter Chris Burke beat out an infield single to third and pinch-hitter Jason Lane then hit the fly ball that left fielder Jeff Conine dropped to load the bases.

Gordon got pinch-hitter Humberto Quintero to ground into a double play for his 30th save.

"We wanted to make sure Gordon gets tested good, see if he can pitch when the fire's on," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said with a smile. "And we had a big fire going."

Philadelphia starter Brett Myers (11-6) allowed three runs and five hits in seven innings to win for the third time in five starts.

He was flying to Jacksonville, Fla. on Saturday morning to attend the funeral of his grandfather, who died earlier this week.

"Nothing was going to hurt me tonight," Myers said. "I was out there pitching for my grandpa. I didn't care if I was in pain or what. I had to go out there and do it, not only for him, but for the team."

The Astros' offense again sputtered with Clemens on the mound, mustering four runs or fewer for the ninth

time in his 16 starts this season.

"We're having a tough, tough time," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "They tried every way in the world to give it to us and we couldn't punch across a run."

Clemens (6-5) lasted five innings in his first start since straining his right groin in the Astros' 3-2 loss to Philadelphia on Sept. 4. He allowed three hits and struck out four, but walked a season-high five.

Clemens admitted later that the injury bothered him.

"I prepared myself as well as I should have, but the ball was running a lot on me," Clemens said. "Tonight, it was me against me. It's very disheartening, regardless of how my body feels."

Morgan Ensberg and Luke Scott homered for the Astros, who have lost four of five as they fade from the wild-card chase.

"We're way behind the 8-ball," Clemens said, "and the clip we would have to play at now is incredible."

With two outs in the first, Clemens walked Chase Utley, Ryan Howard (intentionally) and David Dellucci to load the bases for Burrell, who was hitless in his last 22 at-bats against Houston.

Burrell ripped a 3-2 fastball into the porch in left, his fifth career grand slam and the Phillies' fourth this season.

Burrell was 3-for-16 on the Phillies' current road trip and was 2-for-33 in his previous 11 games against Houston.

"We need him to get hot to win this thing," Myers said of Burrell.

With the one swing, Clemens gave up more than three runs for just the second time this season.

Clemens escaped more trouble in the fourth after Burrell singled and Mike Lieberthal doubled down the left-field line. Lieberthal was back in the lineup after missing 11 games with back spasms.

## Bush

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"We will make inquiries as part of our investigation of this matter," he said. "It's something we're continuing to look at to see if there are future developments."

He said there was no timeline for the Pac-10's investigation.

"It's impossible to say because of threats of litigation, which we understand have been exchanged among the parties," he said. "Therefore, the presence of legal counsel advising the

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## Travis 'Paws'



Some students at Travis Elementary School were recently recognized at the "Paws for Celebration" held during morning assembly at the school. Students are recognized by their teachers for being outstanding Travis Tigers. These special assemblies are scheduled the first and third Friday of each month. Pictured: Teachers Mrs. Troxell, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Stucker with kindergarten students Madison Davis, Kami Silva and Naomi Nanez.

## Western Heritage Museum to host first winter art sale

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum® in Oklahoma City announces a new, art event, the "Small Works, Great Wonders™ Winter Art Sale, Nov. 30.

Hosted by the Persimmon Hill Associates, a local Museum volunteer support organization, the social event is a benefit for the nonprofit National Cowboy Museum. It represents an opportunity for beginning and experienced collectors to purchase smaller, more affordable works of original Western and Native American art.

More than 80 artists have been invited to participate in the extraordinary, one-night event.

The subject matter of many of the paintings and sculptures will relate to the fall and winter seasons. Works of art will line the Museum's great hallway during the preview reception that begins at 6 p.m. Attendees will receive a ballot book enabling them to enter the fixed-price draw for each piece of art that commences at 7:30 p.m. After the draw, remaining works will be available for purchase throughout the evening.

"We already are receiving such a positive response about this new Museum event," said Charles P. Schroeder, the Museum's executive director. "Patrons are clamoring at the chance to take home these smaller works of original art from quality artists. We already anticipate that the investments people make during this special evening will become beloved additions to homes and offices for generations."

The Museum's prestigious Prix de West Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale held each summer provides a rich pool of artists upon which to draw. An aspect of this new event is that it features other top quality invited painters and sculptors as well. Merlin Little Thunder, Tulsa, Okla.; J. Chris Morel, Vadito, N.M.; Gary Yazzie, Oklahoma City; Howard Post, Queen's Creek, Ariz.; Kyle Sims, Bozeman, Mont.; and M. J. "Skip" Whitcomb, Fort Collins, Colo., will participate.

Among the list of participating Prix de West artists are Curt Walters of Sedona, Arizona; William Acheff of Taos, New Mexico; Joe Bohler of Monument, Colo.; Gerald Balciar of Parker, Colo.; Ken Carlson of Kerrville, Texas; Luke Frazier of Logan, Utah; George Hallmark of Meridian, Texas; David Mann of Wellsville, Utah; and Jim Wilcox of Jackson, Wyo.; Shirley Thomson-Smith, Oklahoma City; and Robert "Shoofly" Shufelt.



Don Reed, center, recently won a \$100 gift certificate to Wal-Mart from the local chapter of the American Business Women's Association. The fund-raiser was held to benefit the association's scholarship fund. Reed is flanked by Evelyn Boyd, left, ABWA chapter treasurer, and Glenda Malone, vice president.

## Amarillo Museum of Art names new director

AMARILLO — In a unanimous decision, the board of trustees of the Amarillo Museum of Art recently selected Dr. Graziella Marchicelli, curator of the Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art in Loretto, Pa., to be the new director/curator of the museum.

Marchicelli, 42, will begin her duties Oct. 9. She replaces Tom Toperzer who retired in March.

"Dr. Marchicelli was far and above our top choice out of a pool of 22 candidates that applied for the position," said Dr. Neal Nossaman, president of the board. "Graziella's enthusiasm and passion for art is contagious, and her knowledge of 20th century American

art and vast experience in curating exhibitions cinched the deal with us."

Marchicelli was born in Sardinia, off the coast of Italy. She emigrated to the United States with her family as a teen. She holds degrees in art history from the University of Iowa's School of Art and Art History.

Her doctoral area of study was 19th and 20th century European art.

From 1997 until 2001, Marchicelli was assistant curator of education at the Birmingham Museum of Art. She has been curator for Southern Alleghenies since 2001.

Marchicelli's curatorial experience includes regional, state and national

exhibitions including "A Symphony of Color: The Lyrical Paintings of Joseph Holston;" "Between Heaven and Earth: The Paintings of Martha Mayer Erlebacher"; and "A Glass Triumvirate: The Art of William Morris, Henry L. Hillman, Jr., and Howard Ben Tre'."

In 2005-2006, she curated the "International Regional Artists Sacred Art Biennial VI," an international exhibition that showcased American modernism's influence upon European art as well as America's aesthetic and cultural ties to other countries.

Marchicelli is married to Joel Santaquilani, a photographer and furniture designer.

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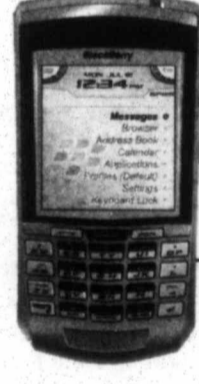
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# Lifestyle

## CLUB NEWS

Club news is published strictly on a first come, first serve basis due to space limitations. The deadline each week for Sunday's paper is Wednesday at 5 p.m., (Tuesday at 12 noon on holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas.) The deadline does not guarantee publication that week. Thank you.

### Heritage Art Club

Heritage Art Club met Aug. 28 at the home of Roxanna Hendricks. The August meeting, held the last Monday of the month, traditionally begins the new club year.

The meeting followed an Hawaiian theme. Five-year-old Emily Hendricks, granddaughter to Roxanna, and 9-year-old Shiann Regalado dressed as "hula girls."

Refreshments and luncheon were served. The meal was prepared by Lori Hendricks and Arsile Jacobs, daughter-in-law and mother-in-law, respectively, to the hostess.

Danny Hendricks, Roxanna's son, sang "I Can't Help Falling in Love with You" and "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

Club President Theresa Maness presided over the business meeting.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Barbara Stubblefield, recording secretary, read minutes from the May meeting.

—Treasurer Ruth Barrett delivered the treasurer's report.

—Roxanna, yearbook chair, distributed new yearbooks amid a brief discussion.

—Secret pals were revealed from last year, and upcoming secret pal forms completed. A drawing was held for new pals.

—Barrett and Edie Hudson won door prizes.

Members present at the meeting were Jennie Barker, Marji Holland, Hudson, Raylene McGeein, Sandra Waters, Betty McCracken, Louise Ward, Barrett, Maness, Stubblefield and Roxanna. Polly Benton was absent due to illness.

Four guests attended — Rita Roberts, Roxanna's sister, Sue Torchia and Shirley Cannon, all of Guymon, Okla., and Kelli Bitner, Roberts' daughter of Amarillo.

The club will meet Sept. 18 at Pampa Senior Citizen's Center for a class to be conducted by Roxanna. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Oct. 2 at the senior citizen's center with Benton as hostess. Roxanna will again present a class.

### PTI

Preceptor Theta Iota Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met Sept. 11 in the parlor of First Christian Church of Pampa with President Carolyn Smith presiding.

The following business was conducted and announcements made:

—Barb Benyshek delivered the treasurer's report.

—Secret Sister Chair Pat Kindle distributed gifts to members celebrating birthdays or anniversaries this month or over the summer.

—The group reviewed the chapter's traditions and changed #19.

—Smith presented a reading on "The Devil's Beatitudes."

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## First United Methodist Church milestone: 100 years

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west of Cantonment Creek, part of which became the southeastern portion of the Pampa Air Base during WWII. Their first home was a half dugout. They built an Ohio-styled, two-story home so their first child would not be born in a dugout. "They had to prop two-by-sixes, spliced together in pairs, against the house to keep it from swaying when the wind blew hard," Lee said.

Big dinners followed the Sunday School classes held in their home or Uncle Joe Harrah's brush arbor meetings held near his famous rock house at Cantonment Creek. "Uncle Joe was well known for his apple orchard and some black walnut trees. He had a very durable fence row of cottonwood posts that took root," Lee said.

In 1905 the Harrahs bought two sections of land four miles west of Pampa on the Borger highway. It was during that time they attended the Union Church services, which were non-denominational and were held at the school building.

One of the two mission churches organized by the members of First Methodist during the ministry of Gaston Foote was named for Wesley Harrah as was a current Sunday School class begun in 1940.

Charter member Oscar Cousins was the first Sunday School superintendent. The Cousins lived a few miles east of Pampa on a farm. After Oscar died, probably in the early 1920s, his wife Gertrude and their son Aubrey lived in Amarillo but continued to visit the farm.

By 1913 with increased growth in Pampa, an addition was made to the small church, making it L-shaped, another architectural trend of that time. "By 1916 more room was needed, and we filled in the open area, making the church building square," Lee said.

A temporary tabernacle for a two-week revival was constructed in 1923 at the corner of Cuyler and Francis Streets, and the event pointed out the need for a larger building.

### Current Building Site

The present church site was purchased in 1924, just before the population boom with the oil discovery in 1925. A five-room cottage on the property served as the parsonage until a two-

story brick home was built in 1938. This home was converted into a youth building in 1957, when a home at 1201 Williston was purchased for the parsonage. The current parsonage is now at 2704 Aspen.

The first construction on the new property at Ballard and Foster Streets was a basement church, also typical on the frontier. Wilburn Mullinax drew the building plans and was the contractor. He, Joe Shelton and Lee Harrah were among those helping to dig the basement. Services and classes were held in the basement for three years until the sanctuary was completed in 1928 at a cost of \$100,000.

On moving day Irene Harrah (Mrs. Lee) helped load the last box of dishes before she went home to have her baby. Baby James Harrah had the honor of being the youngest baby ever enrolled in the nursery because Irene made out the enrollment certificate before he was born, and Lee filled it in when James was only a few minutes old.

In 1950, the Educational Building and Chapel were completed. The stained glass windows in the Chapel depict many Christian symbols.

A major remodeling project was begun in 1973 to modernize the Church, redesigning the front entrance stairs and adding the north ramp entrance to aid those with handicaps. The exterior was bricked in



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

One of the quilts by Nancy Landry hanging in the sanctuary of the First Methodist Church of Pampa. The fabric in the quilt was dyed to match the stained glass windows in the church, which celebrates its 100th birthday next weekend.



Choir members of the Methodist Church in Pampa in 1906 were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Cousins.



Charter members of the Methodist Church 100 years ago included Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Harrah and son Lee. They are pictured with baby Raymond.

contemporary architectural style. By 1980 the entire block belonged to First Methodist.

Music has always been an important part of the Methodist worship services, beginning with the music written by founders John and Charles Wesley in the 18th century. Piano, organ, the bells and instrumental specials are often included

in the worship services. The first choir director was R.B. Fischer, Pampa school superintendent, who also began major music programs in the schools and the community. Mrs. May Foreman Carr served as organist and choir director many years and was the first one to present Handel's "Messiah." These presentations included the combined

choirs from several churches and some members of the Amarillo Symphony Orchestra.

Sunday School and Bible studies have always been an important part of the Methodist Church program. Mission trips are sponsored in the summer for the youth, and several summer camp programs are scheduled at the Methodist campsite at Ceta Canyon. Several college scholarships are awarded annually, and donations are made to the Wesley Foundations at area colleges.

The Church membership has helped finance the work of missionary Boyd Reedy in Japan for 30 years and missionaries world-wide, including Pampa Methodist missionary Sonja West to Haiti, before her death in 1991.

Morning church services have been broadcast over radio since the 1950s and are at KOMX FM 100.3 as a service to shut-ins and the community.

The FUMC has been a catalyst for keeping activities in downtown Pampa. The first Pampa library was housed in the basement church and consisted of only a shelf of books with volunteer librarians. The Pampa Lions and Pampa Kiwanis service organizations have held their weekly noon meetings in the church

basement since the late 1930s. Altrusa, Int. service club members now hold their luncheon/dinner meetings in Lively Hall.

Mother's Day Out, begun in 1970, is open on Wednesdays and Fridays and offers a variety of activities for babies to pre-school children in the community. Several members assist in the Kairos Prison Ministry and the Walk to Emmaus program. At one time, 180 Pampans were receiving hot meals five days a week through Meals on Wheels, which operated in the Church kitchen from 1980 until 2004, when they moved to their new building.

The Church staff includes Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor; Kelly and April Dewey, youth directors; Virginia Dewey, secretary; Billie Hupp, financial secretary; Suzanne Wood, music director; Donnice Bennett, organist; Beverly Alexander, MDO and children's choirs; Penni Pfitzner, ministry co-ordinator; Tom Auwen, building superintendent; and Gloria Madrid, custodian. Lou Pickering is the UMW and Church cook.

Happy 100th Birthday to the downtown church on the corner, whose Carillon tower bells peal out religious melodies daily over the downtown area.



The 90th celebration included unveiling the Texas Historical Marker by Lillian Mullinax, daughter of the architect-builder of the current building. Doug Carmichael, left, assists Charles Bowers.

## Freeman, Saffel Wedding

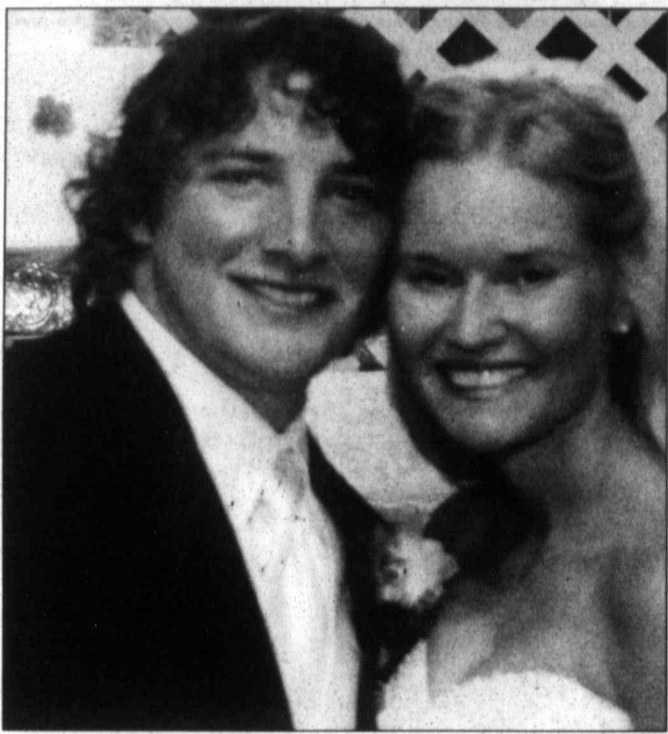
Amanda Sue Freeman and Phillip Michael Saffel, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage during nuptials presided over by the Revs. Ralph Morgan and Robert Green Sept. 3 at "Country Home Wedding" in Canyon.

The bride is the daughter of Tonya and John Homen and Mona and Johnny Freeman of White Deer and is the granddaughter of Ernie Bill and Sue Terry and Clint and Doris Freeman of White Deer, Ed and Dora Jean Homen of Amarillo, and Larry and Bobbie Jennings of Wheeler.

The groom is the son of Susan and John Simmons of Dayton and Roy Saffel of Schulenburg and is the grandson of Jeanne Arnold of Clearwater, Fla., Mildred Saffel of Hobbs, N.M., and MJ Simmons of Dayton.

The bride wore a strapless ivory gown with a beaded sweetheart neckline and taffeta pick up skirt that featured a chapel train. A fingertip length veil with scattered pearls, crystals and beads in complimentary ivory adorned the headdress.

Her going away attire included her grandmoth-



Amanda Freeman and Phillip Saffel

er's 1950's wedding dress.

Carmen Terry of Alexander, Va., acted as the bride's maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Jennifer Smith of Panhandle, Catherine Collins of Frisco, Hilary Starr of Amarillo, Brook Green of Austin and Lindsay Lee of Houston.

The flower girls were Skylar and Jaden Freeman of White Deer and Katherine and Anna

Brothers of Dayton.

Forrest Johnston of Houston stood up as the groom's best man. The groomsmen were Adam Saffel of Houston, Nicholas Saffel of Atlanta, Ga., Anson Friar of Corvallis, Ore., and Justin Freeman of White Deer.

The ring bearer was Payton Freeman of White Deer.

The reader was Forrest Johnston of Houston.

Music was provided by violinists Elizabeth and Emily Terry of Pampa, keyboardist Shela Terry of White Deer and soloist Carmen Terry of Alexander.

A reception was held at "Country Wedding Home Barn" in Canyon with Marketta Howard of Clarendon, Lori Jane Johnson of Panhandle, Amanda Carthey and Meredith Jumper, both of Dallas, and Marina Saffel of Atlanta serving the guests.

The bride graduated from White Deer High School and earned bachelor and master degrees from Texas Tech University. She is a licensed real estate agent for Weichert Realtors, Linda Clark & Associates in Lubbock.

The groom graduated from Dayton High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Texas Tech. He is community supervision officer for Lubbock County Community Supervisor & Corrections Department in Lubbock.

The newlyweds took a "honeymoon adventure throughout Italy" and intend to make their home in Lubbock.

## Menus

Week of September 18-22

### Pampa Schools

#### MONDAY

Breakfast: Blueberry pancake and sausage on a stick.

Lunch: Pigs in a blanket or steak fingers, baked beans, au gratin potatoes, peaches.

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast: Toast.

Lunch: Chicken and noodles or pizza, corn, broccoli, fruit, rolls, pudding cups.

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Breakfast pizza.

Lunch: Barbecue on a bun or chicken nuggets, fries, English peas, fruit.

#### THURSDAY

Breakfast: Sausage, biscuits.

Lunch: Chicken teriyaki or beef/cheese nachos, green beans, rice pilaf, pineapple, rolls.

#### FRIDAY

Breakfast: Cereal, toast.

Lunch: Tacos or hot dogs, pinto beans, lettuce, tomatoes, applesauce, cornbread muffins.

### Lefors Schools

#### MONDAY

Breakfast: Cheese omelets, cinnamon toast, cereal.

Lunch: Chili cheese dogs, fries, apple and orange smiles, sherbet.

#### TUESDAY

Breakfast: Blueberry muffins, cinnamon toast, cereal, yogurt.

Lunch: Enchiladas, salad, refried beans, cinnamon crispies.

#### WEDNESDAY

Breakfast: Sausage on a stick, cinnamon toast, cereal.

Lunch: Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, gravy, breaded okra, rolls, frozen fruit bars.

#### THURSDAY

Breakfast: Pancakes, cinnamon toast, cereal.

Lunch: Chicken poppers, fries, green beans, orange smiles.

#### FRIDAY

Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, cinnamon toast, cereal.

Lunch: Pizza, salad, corn, fruit.

### Kid's Cafe-Wilson

#### MONDAY

Chicken pot pie, corn on the cob, dessert.

#### WEDNESDAY

Spaghetti, meat balls,

corn, garlic bread, dessert.

### Kid's Cafe-Lamar

#### TUESDAY

Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, dessert.

#### THURSDAY

Frito pies, corn, salad, dessert.

### Senior Citizens

#### MONDAY

Chicken fried steak or chicken ala king/cornbread, mashed potatoes, Scandinavian blend, beets, beans, German chocolate cake or cherry cream pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### TUESDAY

Leg quarters with dressing and gravy or ham/fruit sauce, yams, Italian green beans, fried squash, baked beans, pineapple upside-down cake or chocolate ice-box pie slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### WEDNESDAY

Roast beef brisket/brown gravy or cook's choice, mashed potatoes, brussels sprouts, cream corn, beans, tomato spice cake or butter-scotch pie, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### THURSDAY

Chicken strips or chili rellenos, sour cream potatoes, cheese hominy, English peas, beans, Boston cream pie or lemon cheesecake, slaw, tossed or jello salad, hot rolls or cornbread.

#### FRIDAY

Catfish/hushpuppies or goulash, potato wedges, fried okra, beans, brownies or tapioca cups, slaw, tossed or jello salad, garlic bread sticks, hot rolls or cornbread.

### Meals On Wheels

#### MONDAY

Swedish meatballs/noodles, lima beans, carrots, applesauce.

#### TUESDAY

Sausage/rice casserole, green beans/tomatoes, pears, cornbread salad.

#### WEDNESDAY

Chicken spaghetti, pickled beets, peas, pineapple.

#### THURSDAY

Soft tacos, pinto beans, Spanish rice, salad, peaches.

#### FRIDAY

Weiners, macaroni cheese, pork beans, jello.

## Newsmakers

Colton Lewis of Rockwall recently attended the Junior

National Student Leadership Conference, a leadership development program for select middle school students from around

the nation and around the world.

While attending the conference, Lewis had the opportunity to study, experience and develop leadership skills and traits.

Lewis is a student at Williams Middle School.

This year approximately 1,500 qualifying middle school students participated in the event which represented the United States and 45 other countries.

The program strives to develop the students' learning potential as well as their communication skills - helping them "think on their feet" and engaging them in critical analysis.

Lewis is the son of Dean and Debbie Lewis of Rockwall and is the grandson of Harold and Charlotte Lewis of Pampa.

CANYON — Mandy Poole of Pampa was part of a winning foursome in "Chapter Presentation" during State Collegiate FFA Convention competition held recently in Fort Worth. She and fellow team members represented West Texas A&M University at the convention.

Poole's team finished second overall in Chapter Presentation.

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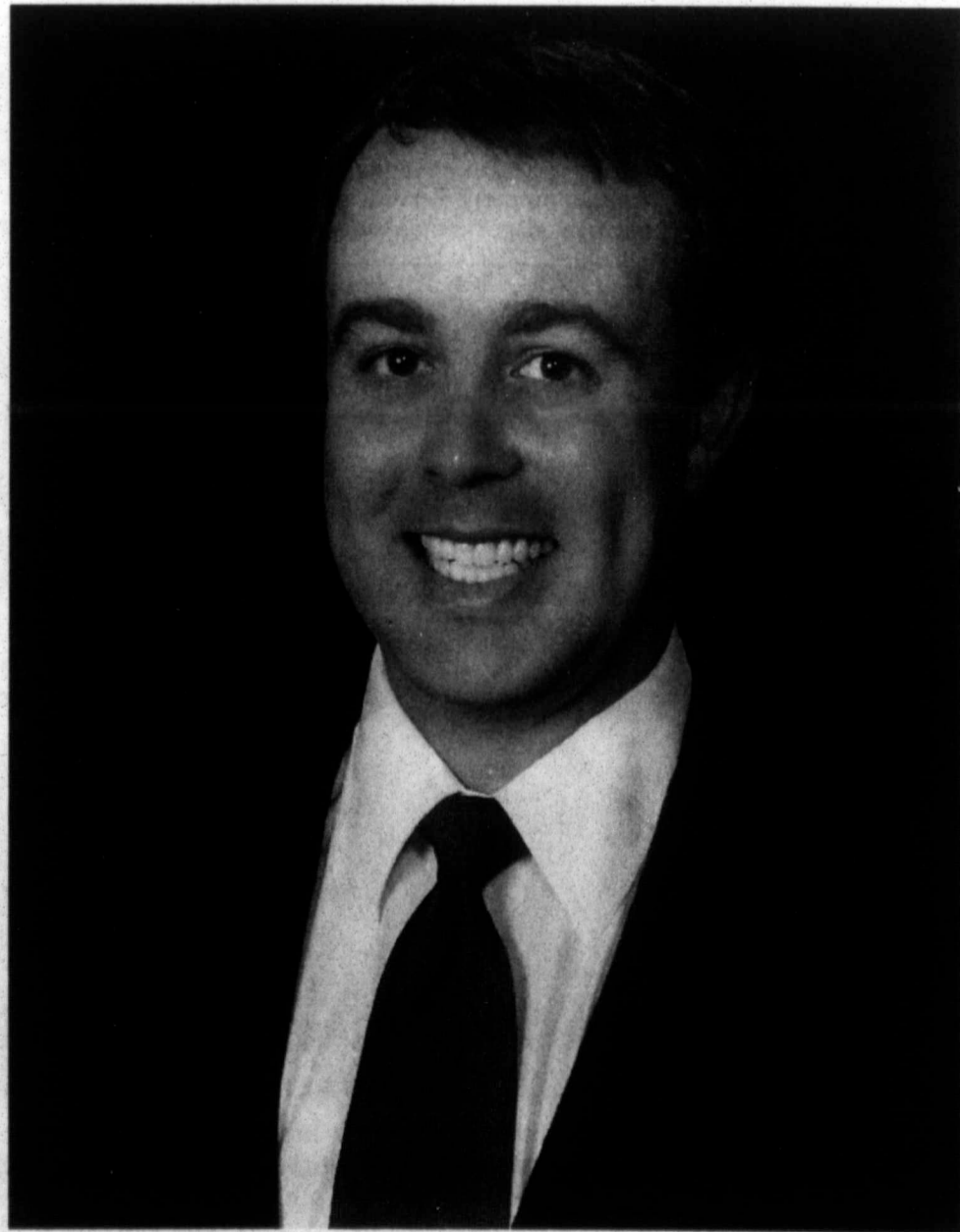
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The hostess for the evening was Ann Franklin. She was assisted by Nancy Brodgin and Smith. The next meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 25 with Smith.

### Altrusa

Altrusa International Inc., of Pampa met Sept. 12 at First United Methodist Church with President Joan Gray-Soria presiding. Annette Chase and Sandra McKinney served as greeters.

The following business was conducted

and announcements made:

—Gaye Whitehead presented the Accent on Literacy, a key focus of Altrusa International. She announced that September is Literacy month for Altrusa.

—Lynn Switzer reported on the project for "Make a Difference Day," Oct. 28. The club is planning a project to promote child safety seats and will be distributing new car seats for children. A fund-raising project is being planned in order to purchase the new seats.

—McKinney reported on the ABC Book Boxes being placed in various business locations to promote the Literacy project. Members were reminded to donate books for the project.

—Rochelle Lacy reported that ASTRA Club was now meeting at 3 p.m. the fourth

Sunday of each month.

—Members were reminded of the Oct. 6 Hall of Fame Luncheon which will serve as a make-up meeting.

—Penni Pfitzner urged members to attend the next Amarillo Altrusa Club meeting when 40 baby blankets made by club members will be donated to the Eveline Rivers project.

The next meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 26 at First United Methodist Church.

### Magic Plains ABWA

Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association met Sept. 11 at The Coffee Shop in Pampa with Jan Allen acting as hostess.

The following business was conducted

and announcements made:

—Plans for a "hamburger fry" social for members and their families were discussed. The social will be held in conjunction with National American Business Women's Day to be celebrated Sept. 22.

—Annual pecan sales, a yearly fund-raiser for the association's scholarship fund, is now in progress. Orders are being accepted by all members. For more information, call 669-7277 or 665-4563. The association awards two scholarships annually.

—The treasurer's report and minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Estelle Malone and association President Wynona Seely both won door prizes.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at The Coffee Shop.

## Fueglein, Preston Wedding

Kaysi Rae Fueglein and Tommy Ray Preston, both of Pampa, exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony held the evening of Aug. 26 in Highland Baptist Church of Pampa. Paul Nachtigall, of the church, performed the nuptials.

The matron of honor was Kassi Dawson, cousin of the bride of Oklahoma City, Okla. The bridesmaids were April Judd of Clarendon, Angie Kincannon of Shamrock, Laura Wimberly, sister of the groom of Hereford, and Carly Barnes, cousin of the bride of Hobart, Okla.

The flower girls were Meggan Preston and Ashley Preston, both daughters of the groom of Lubbock.

Standing up as best man was Toby Hill of Hereford. The groomsmen were Justin Lueb and Cody Wimberly, brother-in-law of the groom, both of Hereford, and Scott Nelson, stepbrother of the groom of Dalhart.

The groom's son,



Kaysi Rae Fueglein and Tommy Ray Preston

Riggan Preston of Lubbock, acted as ring bearer.

The guests were ushered to their seats by Kirk Sparkman and Rodney McCracken, both of Hereford.

Lind Nichols, aunt of

the bride of Wichita Falls, handled the guest book.

Music was provided by vocalist Laura Wimberly, sister of the groom of Hereford.

A reception followed the service in fellowship hall of the church with

Becky Vila-Winsett, aunt of the bride, Kristie Dawson, cousin of the bride, both of Hobart, Gayle Ward, aunt of the bride of Oklahoma City, Louise Lebow of Pampa, Lissandra Ramos and Paige Preston, both nieces of the groom, and Brandon Wimberly, nephew of the groom, all of Hereford, serving the guests.

The bride is the daughter of Steve and Shirley Fueglein of Pampa. She graduated from Pampa High School and Clarendon College School of Vocational Nursing.

The groom is the son of Charles and Jean Preston of Skiatook, Okla., and Stanley and Cathy Nelson of Dimmitt. He graduated from Hereford High School and Clarendon College. He is employed by Maverick Solutions.

The newlyweds honeymooned in Fredericksburg and San Antonio and intend to make their home in Pampa.

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Poole is a senior at WT. Kendra Sappenfield of Miami, a sophomore at WT, finished fourth in "Job Interview" at the convention.

AUSTIN — Pampa High School graduate Eric Peyton Kingcade was recently awarded a scholarship by the Texas Interscholastic League Foundation.

Kingcade received the Panhandle Chapter of the Texas Society of CPA's scholarship in the amount of \$2,500. The award is payable over five years.

This year the society awarded five scholarships to students who competed in accounting and had one of the top five scores from five different high schools in the Panhandle District.

Kingcade competed in accounting in 2006, and UIL computer science, basketball and football throughout his high school career. He is the son of Ricky and Tammy Kingcade.

Kingcade plans to pursue a degree in accounting at West Texas A&M University.

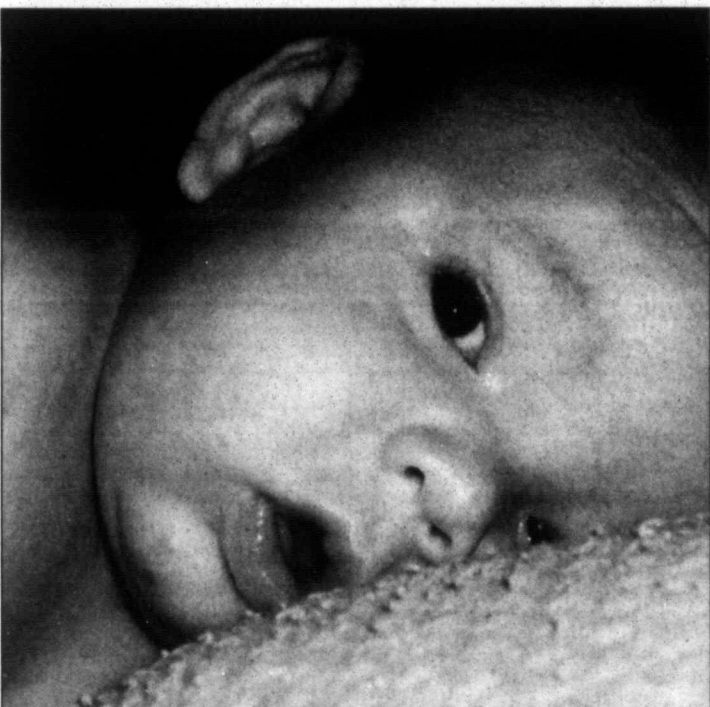
James W. Goode of Pampa has been elected as an alternate delegate to the 123rd Annual American Angus Association Convention of Delegates slated Nov. 13 in Louisville, Ky., John Crouch, executive vice president of the American Angus Association, recently reported.

Goode, a member of the American Angus Association with headquarters in Saint Joseph, Mo., is one of 362 Angus breeders who have been elected by fellow members to serve as an alternate state representative to the annual meeting.

Representing 46 states, the District of Columbia and Canada, the state delegates will participate in the business meeting and elect new officers and five directors to the American Angus Association board.

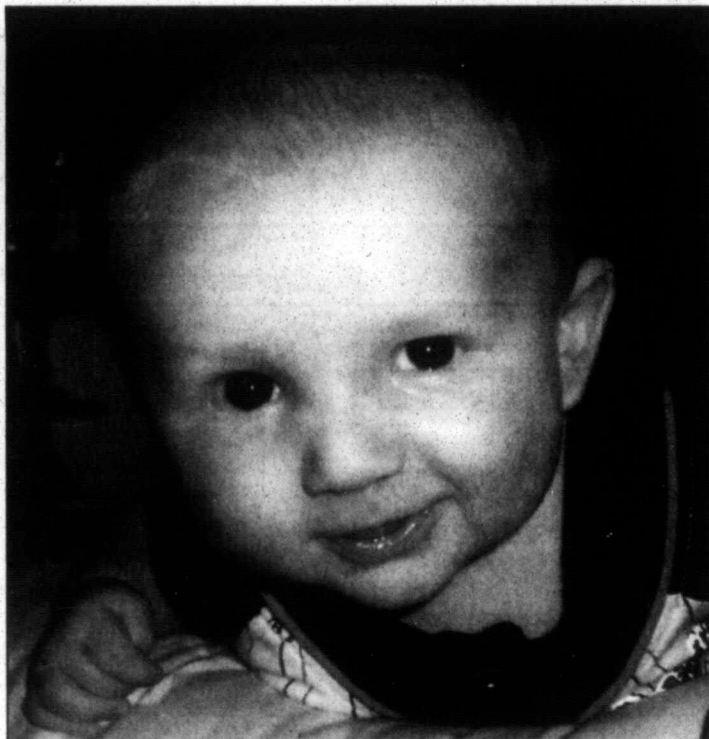
The annual event is held in conjunction with the annual banquet and the Super Point Roll of Victory Angus show, Nov. 11-14, during the North American International Livestock Exposition.

The American Angus Association has more than 34,000 active members and is the largest beef breed organization in the world.



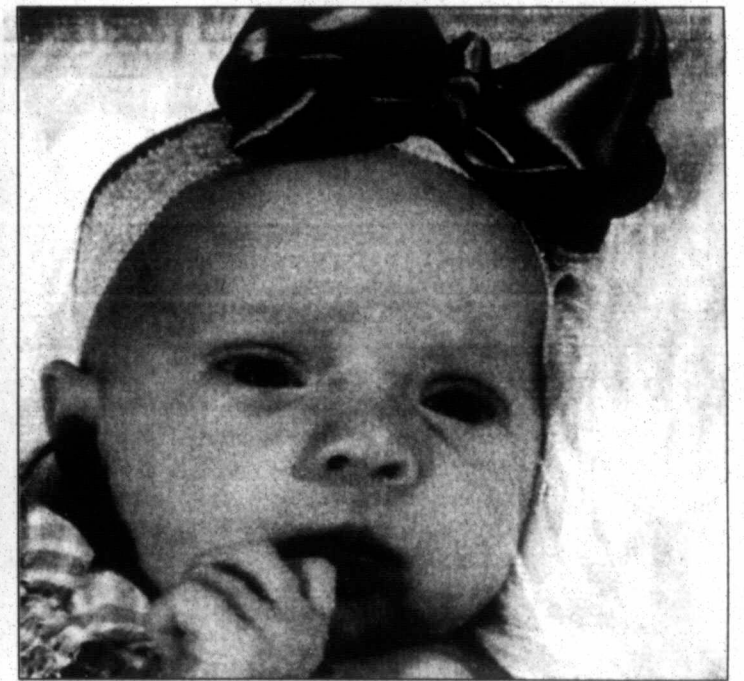
### Michael Arlie Sims

Michael Arlie Sims was born at 5:50 p.m. April 1, 2006, at Pampa Regional Medical Center, to Bryan and Deawn Sims of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 6-pounds, 10-ounces and was 20-inches long. Michael is the grandson of Mike and Brenda Guess and Greg and Judy Sims, all of Pampa; and is the great-grandson of James and Betty Schaefer and Bill Sims, all of Pampa, and Bernice Guess of Idalou.



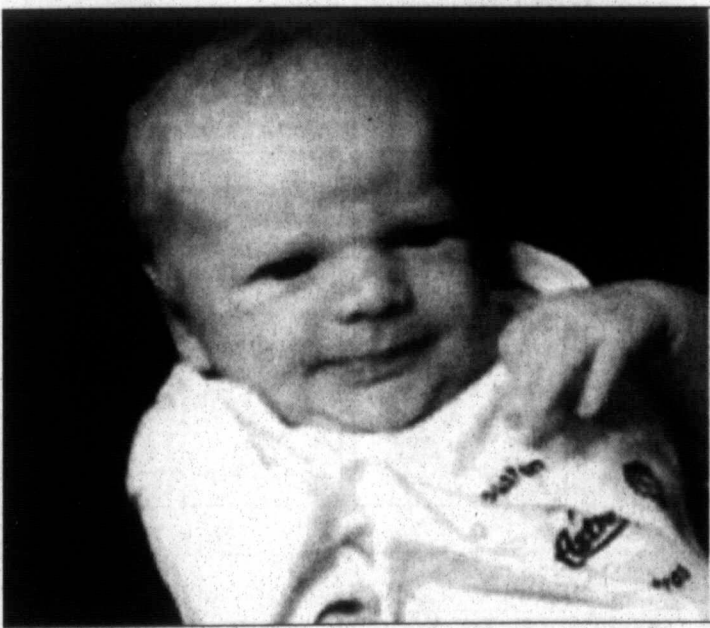
### Jacob Tyler Adams

Jacob Tyler Adams was born at 11:34 p.m. June 12 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Jeff and Misty Adams of Amarillo. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 2-ounces and was 19 1/2-inches long. He is the grandson of Mike and Brenda Guess of Pampa and CD and Barbara Adams of Amarillo; and is the great-grandson of James and Betty Schaefer of Pampa and Bernice Guess of Idalou.



### Lilye Mae Ogle

Lilye Mae Ogle was born at 3:23 p.m. July 19 at BSA Hospital in Amarillo, to Danny and Christy Ogle of Pampa. At birth, the infant weighed 7-pounds, 1-ounce and was 19-inches long. Lilye is the sister of Mayce Ogle of Pampa; is the granddaughter of Larry and Mattie Norton, Chris and Connie Lockridge, all of Pampa, and Dan and Barbara Ogle of Sunray; and is the great-granddaughter of Annie Afill and Bill and Lou Pickering, all of Pampa.



### Caleb Alexander Jones

Caleb Alexander Jones was born July 26 at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, to Kurt and Amber Jones of Dumas. At birth, the infant weighed 8-pounds, 4-ounces and was 21-inches long. Grandparents are Kent and Karen Jones of Pampa and Tom and Kay Ratliff of the Tulsa area.

### Bridal Registry

Kara Kay Scaggs & Dan Kovally  
Courtney Ritchey & Jeff Davis  
Jai Jai Porter & Gerry Diehl  
Hayley Hipkins & Scott Ellsworth  
Saille Steffey & Chadd Warminski  
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My older sister, "Alia," is being married in November at a fancy resort. Her fiance manages the place, so they are getting a reception for next to nothing. Because it is a nighttime, black-tie affair, Alia prefers to have no children at the reception. Children will be welcome at the church, and baby sitters will be provided during the reception afterward. Furthermore, the children will be treated to a pizza party, games and movies. Alia has never related well to children, but she doesn't want to offend anyone. However, my "Aunt Julia" (who has three small children) has gotten wind of this, called Alia and chewed her out, and said her children go "everywhere" with her and that excluding them is an "insult." (These are the same kids who ran wild at our cousin's wedding last month, and one of them spilled red wine on Alia's bridesmaid dress.) Is my sister being rude by excluding children from the reception? Our little sister, "Emily," is 9, and she will be in the children's room and not at the main reception. (And frankly, she's more excited about that than anything.) Please advise, because Alia is sensitive and doesn't want to offend people. -- **CARING SISTER, KENTWOOD, MICH.**

**DEAR CARING SISTER:** If your sister wants an adults-only wedding reception, then she's entitled to have one. Aunt Julia was out of line to criticize. The bride is being more than gracious, and providing generously for the children's supervision and entertainment after the ceremony. And if Aunt Julia feels she cannot be separated from her little angels for even a few hours, then she should attend the children's reception with them.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have heard advice given to childhood abuse survivors that it is all right to avoid their abusers, even when the

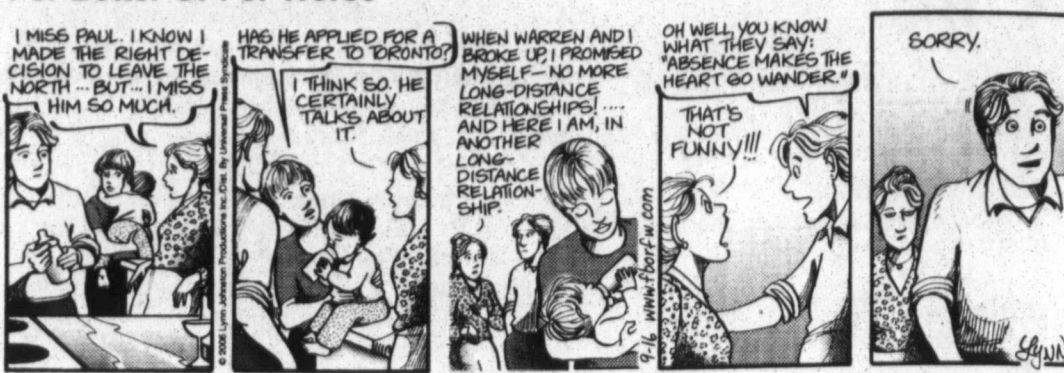
abuser is a parent. My situation is unique. I was emotionally abused by both of my parents for years. A couple of times when I was young, my mother attempted suicide (to get attention) and blamed her attempts on me. I will never forget the time she told me, "I tried to kill myself because you are such a horrible daughter." I am still in my mother's life. (I am 47.) I do not wish to see her very much, but I feel responsible for her. I would prefer never to see her again because of all the years of abuse, guilt and inappropriateness she heaped on me. Is this possible? I have had therapy and have come to terms with my past. I guess I am looking for "permission" not to see her. Thank you in advance. -- **CHRIS IN NAPA, CALIF.**

**DEAR CHRIS:** You're welcome. You not only have my permission, you have my blessing.

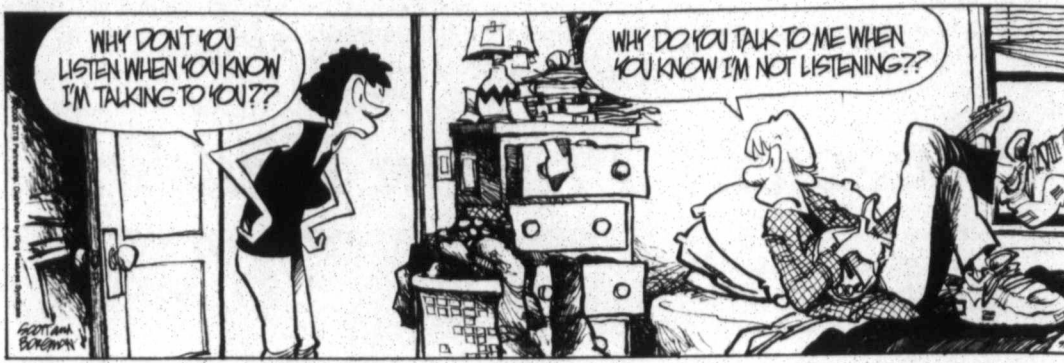
**DEAR ABBY:** My only daughter was murdered by her husband a month ago. Her brothers want him to be put to death. I think that life in prison would be worse. He is moody and has a superiority complex, so I feel his fellow inmates would help to punish him over the years. My question: When he turns 65 -- or whatever the age limit is for Social Security -- can he claim benefits or draw a monthly check? He paid into the system for quite a number of years. Does the government give monthly checks to crooks, rapists, murderers and the like? -- **HURTING IN GEORGIA**

**DEAR HURTING:** According to the Social Security Administration office in Washington, D.C., people who are in prison cannot apply for benefits, nor will they receive any while they are incarcerated.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



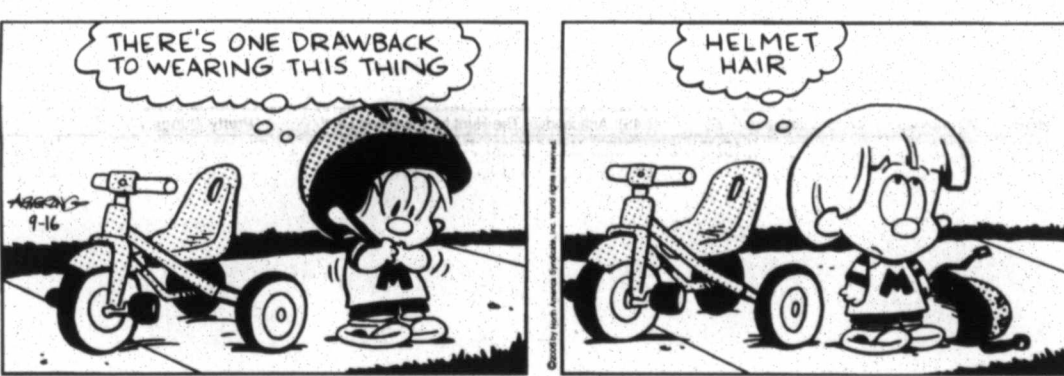
## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

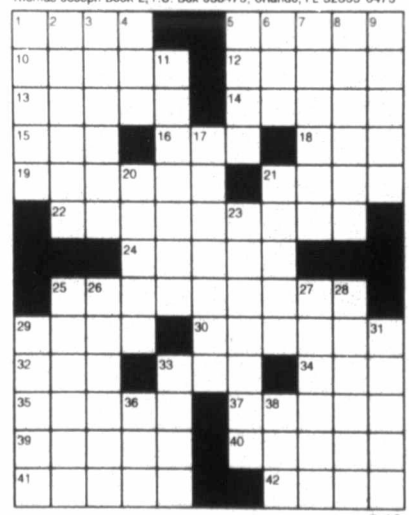
By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS** 40 "... lovely as --"  
 1 Pivotal point  
 5 Alps girl  
 10 Trucks  
 12 Gave the once-over  
 13 Like xenon  
 14 Esther of films  
 15 Like '60s fashion  
 16 Silver or Glass  
 18 Work tables  
 19 Enters port  
 21 College book  
 22 Settled, in a way  
 24 Showed again  
 25 Draft notice?  
 29 Decant  
 30 Music's Hampton  
 32 Circle section  
 33 Utterly  
 34 Earthy prefix  
 35 Holiday visitor  
 37 Barnstorming feats  
 39 Sam of "Jurassic Park"
- DOWN** 1 Make  
 2 Become wavy  
 3 Familiar  
 4 Gen --  
 5 Rhino feature  
 6 Self  
 7 "Yeah, right!"  
 8 Posh  
 9 Namely  
 11 One walking a line  
 17 Succeed- ing  
 18 More tender  
 19 Scout leader?  
 20 Cream-soda last  
 21 Third-largest island  
 23 Noted geometer  
 24 Fluffy cat  
 25 Small frog  
 26 Difficulty  
 27 Places last  
 28 Piercing tools  
 29 In the style of  
 30 Giant Mel

**ASHES** TVSET  
**PEARY** WAIVE  
**ASIAN** ANDES  
**TAR** CONSENT  
**HMS** HOG SLY  
**YEPS** PEPPY  
**LAT** DEL  
**SIGHS** WITS  
**PAT** ETA TEE  
**OUTCOLD** TAC  
**STEAM** OBESE  
**SERGE** PORED  
**ESSEN** TASTE

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 2, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475



## Marmaduke

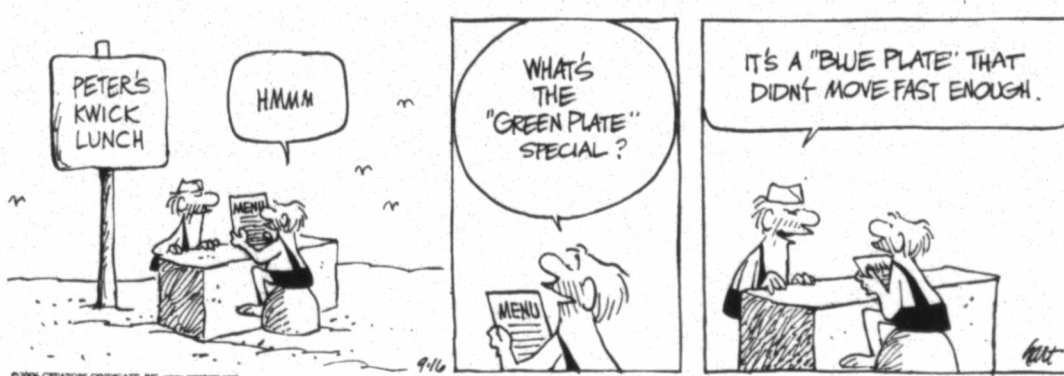


## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends





SUNDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

Table of TV listings for Sunday, Sept 17, 2006. Columns include time slots (12pm-10pm) and various channels (KACV, KAMR, etc.).

MONDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

Table of TV listings for Monday, Sept 18, 2006. Columns include time slots (12pm-10pm) and various channels (KACV, KAMR, etc.).

TUESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Table of TV listings for Tuesday, Sept 19, 2006. Columns include time slots (12pm-10pm) and various channels (KACV, KAMR, etc.).

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON / EVENING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

Table of TV listings for Wednesday, Sept 20, 2006. Columns include time slots (12pm-10pm) and various channels (KACV, KAMR, etc.).



# Pampa Daily News

VOL. 1, NO. 270. (P)—Associated Press PAMPA, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY EVENING, JANUARY 20, 1928. (NEA Service) PRICE FIVE CENTS

## COUNTY SEAT VOTE ADVOCATED

### Governor Johnston Refuses a Requisition for Terrill

#### MOODY TOLD BANDIT DOING PRISON TERM

Gunman Wanted for Murder of Berger Officer

#### RATLIFF PLEADS CHANGE OF VENUE

Alleges That Trial So Far Shows Prejudice

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 20—Governor Moody's requisition for Ray Terrill, wanted for killing Coke Buchanan at Berger, has been refused by the Oklahoma governor because Terrill is serving an Oklahoma prison term. The executive department was notified today.

Terrill, whose operations in the Panhandle resulted in man hunts for him following the robbery of the First National bank at Pampa, is alleged to have slain Buchanan, a policeman, a few weeks prior to the robbery. He was named in confessions later obtained from gunmen.

(By Associated Press)  
EASTLAND, Jan. 20—Alleging that exhaustion of the venire of 150 men with the selection of only three jurors indicates that it will be impossible to secure a jury to try Marshall Ratliff for robbery with fire-arms in connection with the hold-up of the bank at Cisco, attorneys for Ratliff today filed a renewed motion for a change of venue.

The venire was exhausted as court recessed last night.

Judge George Davoport, however, refused a second plea for a change of venue.

#### Skelly Well on Top of Pay in the Bowers Pool

The Skelly Oil company's No. 2 Jackson in the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section 88, block B-2, in the Bowers pool, struck oil late last night at 3,037 feet and commenced flowing ten barrels an hour. The well will be drilled in today. A million feet of gas was encountered at 2,895 feet.

This location is an offset to the Midwest Exploration company's Bowers and the Magnolia company's Bowers, both in section 63 blk. B-2 and Phillips Petroleum company's Jackson in Section 88, block B-2.

The elevation at this point is 3,083 feet.

The Skelly Oil company's No. 1 Jackson in the northwest corner of the southeast quarter of section 88, block B-2, is drilling in granite wash at 3,025 feet. This location is offset by Dancelger, Delaney et al, and Phillips wells.

The Amerada Petroleum company has made a location 330 feet from the east and south lines of the southwest quarter of section 2, block 26, H. and G. N. survey.

The Gulf Production company will drill two wells in section 89, block B-2, on the Joe Bowers lease. The wells will be No. 4 and No. 5.

The Hardendorf Drilling company has made a location to drill a well 399 feet from the north and east lines of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 47, block 25, in the eastern part of the county.

#### Mysteriously Missing Girl



Mysterious was the disappearance from the campus of Smith College, Northampton, Mass., of Frances St. John Smith, 18, daughter of a wealthy New York parents. After her unexplained absence became prolonged an extensive search for her was begun. Frances, pictured here, was a member of the freshman class. A big reward is offered for her return alive.

#### AUTOMOBILE DEALERS WILL PLAN SHOW SPACE TONIGHT

Demand Is Growing for the Old-Fashioned Square Dance

Pampa automobile dealers will meet this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the Sharp building under construction, where the automobile show will be held this month.

After looking over the building for the purpose of planning space arrangements, the dealers will go to the New Schneider hotel for a dinner, and to make further plans.

Interest has assured that an excellent entertainment will feature the big Automobile show to be held here January 27 and 28, when the cream of the automobiles manufacturing will be presented to the Pampa public by local dealers.

Charles H. Sharp, local building contractor, reports that his building is nearing completion and that he has the new cars.

Henry Thut, in charge of the entertainment, states that he will have a regular surprise for Saturday night and that he is having so many requests for a real oldtime square dance that on Friday night there will be no round dancing. That will be left for the closing night when a good orchestra will be in attendance.

Mr. Sharp has kindly donated his building on North Somerville street to the Automobile Dealers association will have it ready for the big event for the occasion.

The new Ford, Chevrolet, Whippet, Pontiac, Dodge, Buick, Studebaker, Chrysler, Oakland, Erskine, Nash, Willys-Knight, and Packard will all be on the show floor and all are handled by local dealers.

This is to be a show by the retail automobile dealers of Pampa and they invite the entire community to attend the entertainments and see the accessories which will also be present with a full line of accessories for Pampa.

The above case in that of W. J. Ford, who was released last week in a hearing before Judge T. M. Wolfe, Judge Ben Baldwin is Ford's attorney.

Experts to Probe S-4 Disaster Are Suggester Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20—Three civilian experts picked today for appointment on the proposed presidential commission to investigate the S-4 submarine disaster were named by the Senate today as John Stevens of New York, president of the American Society of Civil Engineers; W. H. Whitney of Schenectady, director of research for the General Electric company; and Thomas Scroll, salvage expert.

#### STATE AID IS AFFIRMED FOR PART OF NO. 33

New Surveys Will Be Made East of Pampa

#### LOCAL PEOPLE TO TAKE HAND

Panhandle Acts Late in Asking Change in Route

Two-thirds state and federal aid on Highway 33 from the Carson county line to Pampa was affirmed this week by the State Highway commissioner, before which County Commissioner W. A. Taylor and Engineer Hazey appeared in behalf of the Pampa special road district.

The state body passed—temporarily at least—the question of state and federal aid on Highway 88, largely because the precinct method of road building has not assured the county of a connected system. And relative to aid on Highway 33 out of Pampa north and that of 33-A, the commission deferred action until two routes may be surveyed toward Miami. One of these will be north of the Santa Fe railroad, and the other on the south side, possibly not exactly parallel in either case. The routes of highways 33 and 33-A will be considered for aid along with the new surveys.

The action of the commission is not taken as final here, but it indicates that public sentiment in this special road district will likely have to be brought to bear on the commissioners to obtain a good appropriation of state aid and to help fix the routes. The reports of the state engineers and surveyors will enable the commission to understand local conditions more thoroughly.

Bonds voted in the district are for hard-surfaced roads, some of which can be built with inverted penetration bituminous asphalt construction, and with concrete where state and federal aid is concerned. The state and federal engineers will not determine routes on which no aid is given, and it is believed they will be influenced by local desires in regard to recommendations.

#### PANHANDLE DISCUSSES CHANGE IN HIGHWAY

F. P. Reid attended a mass meeting of Panhandle citizens held last night to plan means of routing Highway 33 through that city.

State and federal engineers routed the highway around Panhandle on the south, although the road formerly crossed the Santa Fe west of the city, followed the main street north, then turned east and re-crossed the railroad. The present route is shorter, and does not cross the tracks.

Panhandle citizens are determined to re-route the road, even if they have to build some paving at their own expense, and it is believed the highway commission will agree to some such plan. Mr. Reid, an official of the Southwest Trail, offered his support because of what the change would mean to Panhandle.

#### Herrick Welcomed To Paris Today

PARIS, Jan. 20—Myer Herrick, American ambassador to France, returning to his post after a long sick leave to the United States, was received like a conquering hero today as he touched the soil of France at Havre.

Steam whistles of all crafts in the port joined in shrill blasts their welcome.

#### Hiking to Paris



One of our biggest heel-and-toe men is Owen C. Easterman, of Salem, Mass., who is shortly to add a Boston-to-Paris hike to his already imposing walk records. Canada, Alaska, Siberia, Germany and Belgium are on his itinerary. He's backed by Eleanor Seares, Boston's famed society pedestrienne.

#### HARVESTERS IN MIAMI TODAY

Basketball Meet Draws Strong Teams From This Section

The Pampa Harvesters left early this afternoon for Miami to enter the basketball tournament sponsored by Coaches Stovall and Phillips of Miami high school.

Tournament plans called for drawing for places at 2 p. m., followed by two or three elimination games this afternoon. The night contests in the indoor gymnasium will begin at 7 o'clock, when two or three games will be played. The tournament will continue all day tomorrow, with the final championship game scheduled for the evening. Miami high school girls also will play a girls' team from Shamrock Saturday evening.

Much interest has been aroused in the sectional tournament, and a dozen or more teams are expected to compete. A large loving cup will be given the winning team, and smaller cups, made in the form of basketballs, to the winners of second and third places.

Visiting coaches will pick the five best men playing in the tournament, and these will be given gold basketballs.

#### Texas Ranger Sent to Wharton County

(By Associated Press)  
AUSTIN, Jan. 20—Ranger Townsend has been sent to Wharton county to aid officials there in compelling enforcement of tick eradication regulations, Adjutant General Robertson said today.

#### "MELODY LAND" ENJOYABLE AT THE CRESCENT THURSDAY

A full house enjoyed "Melody Land" at the Crescent theatre last night.

Clever eccentric dancing, gymnastics, and banjo music were featured, along with very pleasing renditions of popular songs in soprano voice. Banjo solos were perhaps the hits of the evening however.

The Crescent is presenting big-time vaudeville each Thursday evening with troupe which go to Amarillo from here.

#### ELECTION MAY BE CALLED AT ANY TIME NOW

Previous Attempts at Removal Failed Two Times

LAST POLL WAS MARCH 19, 1925

Pampa Has Chance If Record Total Can Be Cast

Gray county's fourth county seat election probably will be written into 1928 history, inasmuch as this old question has acutely new because of the heavier business incident to old development, has been received by a Supreme Court decision making another vote possible.

Poll tax drives are in progress over the county, and the prospective county seat removal election is being frankly used as one of the reasons why a full vote should be made possible. The isolated location of the county seat has caused much inconvenience, and a majority of the people of the county would like to see the seat of government moved. Candidates for a new location will number at least two, however—Pampa and McLean—and a two-thirds majority will be difficult to obtain. Pampa is regarded as the only city with a chance to obtain the county seat, but her vote will have to break all records to be decisive.

The history of Gray county government dates back to the original election locating the county seat. This was held on March 17, 1868, when LePors won. The vote was: LePors, 245; Alanreed, 63; McLean, 187.

Pampa, then a new town, was not in the running. This town grew steadily, however, and on June 10, 1919, it made a bid for the county seat, but lost. The poll showed 457 votes for Pampa, 312 for LePors, and one vote for Alanreed. McLean voting to block removal.

The issue came up again March 19, 1925 in the last election. By a narrow margin, other parts of the county defeated Pampa's effort to move the county seat here. Pampa polled 1,221 votes, and the rest of the county gave LePors 775 votes to defeat the two-thirds majority.

An election could now be called by petition and held in slightly more than a month. If this election should fail, it would be two years before another vote could be called.

With this and many other votes approaching, everyone is being urged to pay his poll tax before January 31 in order that he may have a voice in the big issues.

#### Smith, at Home, Wonders How to Get Senate Seat

(By Associated Press)  
CHICAGO, Jan. 20—Forbidden to sit in the United States Senate, Frank Smith rested at his home at Dwight, Ill., today to wait word from his counsel as to his future course.

Smith is regarded by Governor Small as senator-elect, even if he hasn't a seat.

Nothing short of Smith's resignation would cause the governor to appoint a temporary senator, it was indicated, and the former chairman of the Illinois Commerce Commission has no intention of resigning.



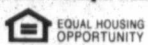
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**10 Lost/Found**

**FOUND:** young female Lab mix in the vicinity of high school Sunday night. Call 665-8810 to claim.

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**13 Bus. Opp.**

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**21 Help Wanted**

**NOTICE:** All ads that contain phone numbers or give reference to a number with an area code of 809 or a prefix of 011 are international toll numbers and you will be charged international long distance rates. For more information and assistance regarding the investigation of work at home opportunities and job lists, *The Pampa News* urges its readers to contact the Better Business Bureau of South Texas, 609 S. International Blvd., Weslaco, TX. 78596, (210) 968-3678.

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**NOTICE**  
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**AARON'S Sales & Lease** is now acc. appl. for delivery personnel. Must be 21, pass background & drug test, good driving record. Apply in person, 211 W. 30th, Pampa.

**21 Help Wanted**

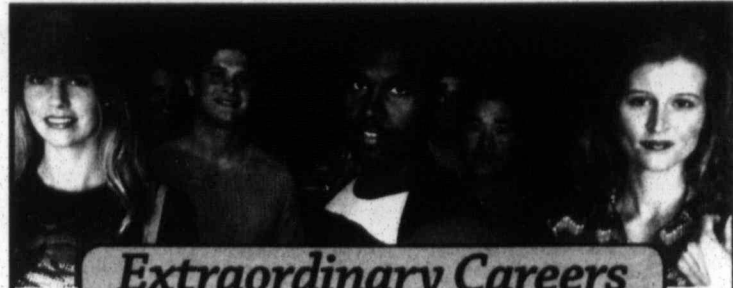
**PART Time Home Provider** needed M-F. Must be dependable. 1-800-892-3301, call M-F, 8-5.

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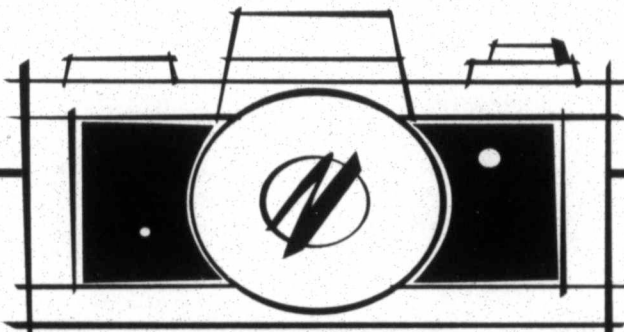
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**1 Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**  
The Pampa Independent School District will receive sealed bids in the Business Office at 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065, until 2:00 p.m., September 28, 2006, for Athletic Supplies and Equipment. For specifications or additional information please call Betty Meadows, Purchasing Director at (806)669-4700. F-24 Sept. 15, 17, 2006

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS State Financial Accountability Rating**  
Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6 PM September 21, 2006 in the Library at Pampa Junior High, 2401 Charles St., Pampa, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST). F-18 Sept. 7, 17, 2006

**3 Personal**

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MSRP \$39,644  
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