



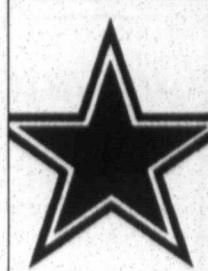
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Group backing bond issue to hold third meeting

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Don Lane, Pampa attorney and Pampa High School graduate of 1948, said he's seen the presentation two or three times, and he still gets excited about it.

The presentation Lane is talking about is the one by representatives of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, an architectural firm, concerning replacement and renovations to Pampa Independent School District facilities, specifically a new junior high school, a major renovation to Pampa High School and renovation to the old junior high for administra-

tive, support and learning space.

Lane is the chairman of Pampa Citizens for Pampa Children, a group supporting the passage of a \$47 million bond issue that will come before voters on the Nov. 7 ballot.

The bond election is the culmination of more than two years of intensive studies by the school board, an advisory group, an outside educational group and architects and engineers. The educational group and the architects each issued reports that indicated both the high school and junior high should be replaced and multiple renovations should be made

to a number of other PISD facilities, both for educational purposes and safety reasons.

School board members said the upgrading of the district's facilities actually dates to the 1997 renovation of Pampa's elementary schools.

"If previous school boards had not done that," said Derrell DeLoach, a member of the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees, "there's no telling what we'd be spending."

Pampa Citizens for Pampa Children will hold the third in a series of three town hall meetings at 11 a.m. Saturday in Fellowship Hall

of First Baptist Church concerning the need for updating the school district's facilities. The first was held last Sunday and the second town hall meeting was Tuesday evening.

Mike Baker, the project manager for Parkhill, Smith and Cooper, said Tuesday night that the initial list of repairs and replacements established by the advisory committee last summer totaled \$103 million. Through a process of setting priorities, the committee whittled the list down to \$47 million.

The bond issue won't fix all the See **SCHOOLS**, Page 3

Flagpole prayer observed

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Students, veterans and other Pampa citizens gathered around flagpoles this morning in observance of See You at the Pole, which provides an opportunity for patriotism and prayer.

Community Christian Academy, 220 N. Ballard, raised their American flag on a newly-painted flagpole, courtesy of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

Danny Martin and George Poole, Vietnam veterans, and Don Emmons, Korea veteran, all from Post 1657, attended the academy's ceremony, which began at 8:15 a.m.

Students gathered around the flagpole in front of the academy and recited the pledges of allegiance to the United States and Texas flags, the Christian flag, and the Bible. They sang the

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Adeline Little, left, and Garrett Bonner place their hands over their hearts while singing the National Anthem this morning during the See You at the Pole ceremony at Community Christian School, 220 N. Ballard.

City approves budget, tax rate

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission approved the city's new budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year that begins Sunday and set the tax rate this week at the same rate as last year.

At their meeting Tuesday, the commission approved on second and final reading the city's new budget and set the ad valorem tax rate at 69.5 cents, the same as the last several years. Increasing real estate values, however, are expected to increase tax revenues for the city.

The commission also authorized Mayor Lonny Robbins to execute a contract with ProPETRO Services for a lease on a building the city owns on Price Road.

The city had been leasing the building to Frac Service of Washington, Okla., for \$2,000 a month. The lease is up at the end of the month, but ProPETRO Services of Midland bought Frac Service and wants to continue to lease the building.

The commission reappointed Dr. Ray Hampton,

Charlene Martinez, Kevin Cree, Betty Henderson and Harold Taylor to the Lovett Memorial Library advisory board.

The commission also reappointed Cleo Meaker, Lyndon Field, Kevin Hunt, Dick Stowers and Durward Williams to the Pampa Board of Adjustment. Wayne Bruce, who had been serving on the board, expressed a preference not to be reappointed, leaving one vacancy on the board.

Annie Hall, Darville Orr, Janie Shed, Harold Price and Willie Nickleberry were reappointed to the Pampa Planning and Zoning Commission.

Lance DeFever and David Hutto were appointed to fill two vacancies on the commission.

Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins said the commission had taken up appointments to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation during an executive session Tuesday afternoon, but Robbins said Pampa EDC President

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PEDC OKs proposed budget that is 'conservative'

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

The Pampa Economic Development Corporation is submitting a proposed budget to the city commission.

At their meeting Tuesday, the economic development corporation approved a proposed budget with \$263,112 in expenditures based on an estimated income of \$972,000.

Shawn Clifton, the EDC secretary-treasurer, said he worked with Pampa Finance Director Robin Bailey and Pampa City Manager John Horst to develop the budget. Clifton said the proposed budget tilted toward the conservative side.

The proposed budget allows \$6,667 a month for salaries. Earlier this year, the EDC had discussed

hiring for about \$5,000 a month. The budgeted amount would allow the EDC to hire more than one person.

While the EDC pays rent of \$200 to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce for one office in the Community Building now, that amount could go up to \$600 next year if the EDC expands its operation. The EDC could move to a remodeled area upstairs, said EDC President Dwight Fiveash.

That could also increase utilities, which were initially budgeted for \$167 per month and increased to \$334 per month for the last half of the year. If the EDC moves its offices, the remodeling is not expected to be complete for six months.

The board's budget allowed for

\$667 a month for office and Web site expense.

The board included travel expenses of \$2,500 a month in the budget. They also approved a \$500 car allowance for an executive director. Clifton said the car allowance was based on the city's policy of paying travel expenses and allowing the city staff to use their own vehicles. There was some discussion of requiring a mileage report.

The budget includes \$3,333 for legal fees, \$500 for accounting fees, \$833 for dues and subscriptions, \$459 for insurance and \$1,500 a month for employee taxes.

The board also approved a \$4,167 contingency fund.

That would leave the EDC with about \$708,888 in available funds.

Clifton said many of the numbers in the budget were based on estimates, but they could be refined and amended as the EDC gains experience.

The estimated income per month, according to the budget, is \$81,000. The EDC, funded by a half-cent sales tax, received their first check for about that amount earlier this month.

Clifton said the monthly income could be higher during the holiday season.

The budget will not become official until it is approved by the Pampa City Commission.

In other business, Clifton said he had written a check for \$20,000 to

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Obituaries

Frances Hopson, 46

Frances Hopson, 46, died Monday, September 25, 2006, in Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Hopson was born February 2, 1960, in Brownwood. She had been a resident of Comanche most of her life before moving to Pampa in 2000. She married Edward Hopson on March 27, 2003, in De Leon. She was a CNA for Shepard's Crook Home Health. She was a member of the Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Hopson of the home; one son, Victor Isham of Pampa; one stepdaughter, Regina of

Atlanta, Georgia; her mother, Irma Towe of Pampa; one sister, Lisa Jean Hatley of Comanche; five brothers, John Towe of Denver, Colorado, Roy Towe of Dublin, Dwayne Towe and David Towe, both of Hereford, and Michael Towe of Pampa; and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, Pampa, Texas 79065.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-whatley.com

Services tomorrow

HERNDON, Annie Mae — 2 p.m. First Baptist Church, McLean.
MOFFETT, James — 11 a.m. Calvary Baptist Church, Panhandle. Graveside services 2 p.m. Citizens Cemetery, Clarendon.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 68. North

northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. Calm wind becoming south southwest between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. Southwest wind between 10

and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Emergency Services

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

Seven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1900 block of North Nelson, the 2400 block of Charles, and an unreported location.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 800 block of North Somerville and the 200 block of West 28th.

Calls concerning animals were received from the 1500 block of West Kentucky, the intersection of Frederic and Finley streets, the 400 block of North Wynne, the 2700 block of Comanche, and the 900 block of East Frederic.

Welfare checks were made in the 300 block of Miami and the intersection of Frederic and Henry streets.

A runaway was reported in the 1000 block of North Dwight.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1800 block of Hamilton and the 300 block of South Houston.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of Willow.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of North Sumner and the 800 block of Duncan.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from an unreported location.

Harassment and a terroristic threat were reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

Endangering a child was reported in the 300 block of Miami. No injuries were reported.

A disturbance was reported in the 200 block of South Tignor.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 Kathy Gideon Campbell, 56, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Armando Martin Franco, 37, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for Pampa Police Department for three counts of indecency with a child.

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the 24-hour period end-

ing at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 3:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 273 south of Pampa on a mutual aid call and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of South Hughes and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Varnon and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1100 block of South Varnon.

Wednesday, Sept. 27
 6:29 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Lea. No transport.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 26
 4:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of Hughes on a medical assist.

9:05 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1300 block of Coffee on a gas leak.

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Release of analysis on terror threat rekindles political fight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House refused today to release in full a previously secret intelligence assessment that depicts a growing terrorist threat and has fueled the election-season fight over the Iraq war.

Press secretary Tony Snow said releasing the full report, portions of which President Bush declassified on Tuesday, would jeopardize the lives of agents who gathered the information.

It would also risk the nation's ability to work with foreign governments and to keep secret its U.S. intelligence-gathering methods, Snow said, and "compromise the independence of people doing intelligence analysis."

"If they think their work is constantly going to be released to the public they are going to pull their punches," Snow said.

In the bleak National Intelligence Estimate, the government's top analysts

concluded Iraq has become a "cause celebre" for jihadists, who are growing in number and geographic reach. If the trend continues, the analysts found, the risks to the U.S. interests at home and abroad will grow.

Snow said the report confirms the importance of the war in Iraq as a bulwark against terrorists. "Iraq has become, for them, the battleground," he said. "If they lose, they lose their bragging rights. They lose their ability to recruit."

The document has given both political parties new ammunition leading up to November's midterm elections.

For Republicans, the report provides more evidence that Iraq is central to the war on terrorism and can't be abandoned without giving jihadists a crucial victory.

For Democrats, the report furthers their argument that the 2003 Iraq invasion has

inflamed anti-U.S. sentiments in the Muslim world and left the U.S. less safe. Democrats continued their push Wednesday for release of the rest of the report.

"The American people deserve the full story, not those parts of it that the Bush administration selects," said Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass.

Rep. Peter Hoekstra, R-Mich., chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, warned, however, that releasing more of the intelligence assessment could aid terrorists. "We are very cautious and very restrained about the kind of information we want to give al-Qaida," Hoekstra said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, in Tirana, Albania for a meeting of defense ministers, said Bush had declassified the report's key judgments, after parts of it were leaked to the news media.

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**Pampa Economic Development Corporation
2007 Proposed Budget**

	Monthly	Annually
Salaries	\$6,667	\$80,000
Rent	600	3,600
Utilities	334	4,008
Travel Expenses	2,500	30,000
Office Expense	667	8,000
Legal Fees	3,333	40,000
Accounting Fees	500	6,000
Dues and Subscriptions	833	10,000
Insurance (officers)	117	1,400
Car Allowance (executive director)	500	6,000
Contingency	4,167	50,000
Employee Taxes	1,500	18,000
employee Insurance	342	4,104
Total	\$21,492	\$263,112
Estimated Income	\$81,000	\$972,000
Estimated Available Funds	\$59,508	\$708,888

PEDC

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the city to repay a loan to the EDC until they began collecting their sales tax money. He said the city was figuring the interest on the loan based on the prime rate.

Clifton reported that he had talked with CentraMedia about the EDC's Web site and that they were still gathering data.

Proposed designs for the EDC's logo are being developed by Pampa High School art students.

Coffee Memorial plans blood drive

Coffee Memorial Blood Center will hold a Community Blood Drive in Pampa from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Oct. 7.

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Schools

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problems identified by the advisory committee, Baker admitted, but it does address the most serious issues.

The committee developed a master plan for the district that includes building a new junior high, renovating and expanding the high school and using the old junior high for Pampa Learning Center,

school support divisions and administrative office space. It also sets out priorities and options for future school boards.

School officials said two 100-acre sites have tentatively been offered for the new junior high school. Those sites would be large enough to build a new junior high school and at some future date could also be used for a new high school and athletic facilities. There would also be room for addi-

tions to the junior high to handle school population growth in future years, Baker said.

There are serious safety considerations in both the high school and existing junior high. He cited a lack of a fire alarm system and the structural integrity of the roof at the high school and falling brick at the junior high.

Baker said that as part of the renovations at the high school, the building would get a new roof, fire alarms and a fire sprinkler system. The bricks would be removed or repaired at the old junior high. Both buildings would be brought up to date to meet local, state and federal building and educational requirements.

The advisory committee elected to build a new junior high because it was less expensive than a new high school. There was also a lot of nostalgia for the old high school building, which was first built in 1941.

As part of the renovation, Baker said there would be little change to the Harvester Street facade of the high school although 12 new science labs, a new library and new classrooms would be added. There would be addi-

tional parking on the north side of the building.

The renovation should extend the life of the 65-year-old building another 30 years, Baker said. By that time, he said, a future school board would have the option to build a new high school or replace the older parts of the existing facility.

The renovations to the high school will cost \$17.8 million.

The new junior high school should have a life expectancy of 75 years, Baker said, and it would be at a site where it could be expanded. Space is one of the major problems with the existing junior high, and expansion is not an option with the land-locked facility.

The state recommends a minimum of 30 acres for a junior high school like the one in Pampa, but the existing junior high sits on less than 18 acres.

Building a new junior high school will cost \$25.9 million dollars, but the architects argue that to try to renovate the existing junior high to meet current needs would cost about \$18 million and the renovated building would only have an effective usefulness of 15 to 20 years.

City

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Dwight Fiveash had not notified the commission of the wishes of EDC board members considering reap-

pointment.

Shawn Clifton, Kenneth May and James Bradley are the EDC board members whose terms expire this month.

The commission tabled the EDC appointments until their next meeting, which should be Oct. 10.

Pole

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national anthem with their hands over their hearts.

Student body members took turns praying for national, state and local government leaders, local churches and church leaders, and student, faculty and administration members of area schools and their families.

See You at the Pole began in 1990 in Burleson when a small group of teenagers attended a DiscipleNow weekend.

They felt compelled to pray and went to school flagpoles to pray for their friends, schools and leaders.

The idea spread to other students and schools in Texas and then to other states. In 1991, an estimated one million students gathered at school flagpoles across the country to pray. Within a couple of years, students were praying in several countries around the world.

More than three million students from all 50 states, plus students in more than 20 countries, now participate in the annual event, according to the SYATP web site.

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Wake up call for GOP or snooze alarm for Dems

Wake Up Call For GOP Or Snooze Alarm For Dems
By Dick Morris

With the recent Gallup Poll showing a spike in Bush's approval ratings and a narrowing of the gap between Democrats and Republicans in party congressional preferences, a looming question is how enduring the change is. Will it last until November?

Presidential-support scores and party ballot preferences are notoriously fickle, often swinging one way or another in a matter of weeks. I recall vividly how Clinton felt that his ratings had improved after his orchestration of a Mideast peace accord between Jordan and Israel one week before the 1994 elections.

He returned home buoyed by the uptick and determined to campaign

for deserving Democrats. But his campaigning backfired and made the newly minted statesman seem like a party politician and his ratings dropped again, paving the way for the '94 debacle for the Democrats.

The growth in Republican fortunes is not based on any real change in either the economy or the war on terror. Very little is different in September than in June or July. The growth in Bush's ratings and in Republican chances is entirely due to a change in voter perceptions brought about by the confluence of three events:

1. The thwarting of a serious al Qaeda plan to blow up airplanes over the Atlantic.

2. The renewed national debate on imprisonment and interrogation of terror suspects.

3. The anniversary of Sept. 11, the Bush speech on that day, and the ABC-TV docudrama exposing the failure of Clinton's efforts to get bin Laden.

These three events have not only served to rivet public attention on the war on terror, but they have also severed the domestic effort to

anti-terror initiatives.

The problem for the Republicans is that the voters of this country badly want the Democrats to win when it comes to almost every issue other than domestic terror. Despite the good economy, they trust Democrats more on jobs. The deficit is shrinking, but they still trust Democrats more on the budget. And on issues like Social Security, Medicare, drug costs, education, climate change, and the environment, they trust Democrats more and always have.

Only on immigration do the Republicans battle successfully, but their ability to cite their efforts is fatally undermined by their failure to get together and pass immigration reform when they controlled both houses and the White House.

So, with the underlying situation not much changed, it is probable that the mood will pass and that the Democrats will resume their domination of the 2006 election.

The problem for the Democrats is that we really do face a huge terrorist threat, and there really is a key difference between the parties in how they would handle it. A Democratic victory giving them control of both houses would, in fact, undermine our efforts to keep America safe. The need for the Patriot Act and NSA wiretapping and the need to resist Democratic attempts to undermine them is never more apparent than in the 9/11 Commission report as highlighted in the ABC mini-series.

Americans have been far too

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protect our homeland security from the War in Iraq. It is no longer necessary to approve of the war in order to want to keep Republicans in power to avoid dilution of our

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 27, the 270th day of 2006. There are 95 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 27, 1964, the Warren Commission issued a report concluding that Lee Harvey Oswald had acted alone in assassinating President Kennedy.

On this date:

In 1779, John Adams was named to negotiate the Revolutionary War's peace terms with Britain.

In 1854, the first great disaster involving an Atlantic Ocean liner occurred when the steamship Arctic sank with 300 people aboard.

In 1928, the United States said it was recognizing the Nationalist Chinese government.

'The more you practice, the better. But in any case, practice more than you play.'

— Babe Didrikson Zaharias
American athlete (1911-1946)

In 1943, Bing Crosby, the Andrews Sisters and the Vic Schoen Orchestra recorded "Pistol Packin' Mama" and "Jingle Bells" for Decca Records.

In 1954, "Tonight!" hosted by Steve Allen, made its debut on NBC TV.

In 1956, Olympic track and field gold medalist and Hall of Fame golfer Babe Didrikson Zaharias died in Galveston, Texas, at age 45.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush announced in a nationally broadcast address that he was eliminating all U.S. battlefield nuclear weapons, and called on the Soviet Union to match the gesture.

In 1994, more than 350 Republican congressional candidates gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to sign the "Contract with America," a 10-point platform they pledged to enact if voters sent a GOP majority to the House.

Ten years ago: In Afghanistan, the Taliban, a band of former seminary students, drove the government of President Burhanuddin Rabbani out of Kabul, captured the capital and executed former leader Najibullah.

Five years ago: An armed man went on a shooting rampage in the local parliament of Zug, Switzerland, killing 14 people before taking his own life.

President Bush asked the nation's governors to post National Guard troops at airports as a first step toward federal control of airline security.



Childhood: Mystery is the father of hope

A group of British scientists and child specialists claim that modern culture is "poisoning the childhood" of today's children.

That might be true. Today's culture is much more openly decadent. Children are exposed to more sex and violence, and the commercial interests put tremendous marketing pressures on them. Still, it's also easy for adults to imagine their own childhood as more of a golden age.

I think of my own childhood as a happy one, though it occurred in the midst of World War II and was not without its mishaps, tears and conflicts. Children — today's as well as yesterday's — are remarkably adaptable. Children, with no basis for comparison, tend to accept the world they're born into. It's one of the processes of growing up to learn that everything you once accepted as natural is not always good or useful or applicable.

I used to wonder why my children were singularly uninterested in Western movies. One day, I realized the answer. The elements of the Western story had been a part of my childhood — barbed-wire fences, cattle, plows, wagons, mules, horses, farms and guns. My children knew none of this. They were born in the space and computer age in an urban environment. They could

relate to "Star Wars," but not to "How the West Was Won."

I do believe that television, from just mere overexposure to the world, has taken some of the zest out of life. I still remember the thrill the first time I saw the Atlantic Ocean. Of course, I'd seen pictures of it in magazines and in movies, mostly black-and-whites, but the real ocean was a sensory experience that I remember to this day. I wonder if children still feel the same way.

Mystery is the father of hope, and since knowledge is the enemy of mys-

ter, it is also the enemy of hope. There is no sadder sight in the world to me than to see a teenager with ennui. A number of years ago, there was a terrible popular song, the chorus of which was "Is that all there is?" How terrible it must be for a 13- or 14-year-old to be bored, with nothing to look forward to.

I believe the secret of a happy life is to retain a child's sense of wonder and expectation. Science has grown arrogant in our time and has become more of an ideology than a search for truth. I don't believe for one moment in evolution; in natural selection, yes, but not the crazy notion that a million different species came from a single-cell organism. There is not one scintilla of evidence to support that theory.

The same goes for cosmological theories. They like to say the universe began with the big bang. OK, what was the stuff that went bang, and where did it come from? They don't have a clue. And if there is a boundary to the universe, what's on the other side? Again, not a clue.

A lot of humans are arrogant little twits, but what we know compared with what we don't know is a teacup compared with the ocean. The notion that the universe just happened by accident is far, far more improbable than the notion that it was created by a power we don't yet understand.

It probably wouldn't be a bad idea for parents with small children to dump the television, or at least severely restrict what small children can watch. A lot of pseudoscience is to be found on the airwaves. Furthermore, watching television or a movie is a passive experience that is done with an inactive

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 18
San Antonio Express-News on the destruction of ballots in the recent Mexican elections:

Mexican President Vicente Fox should call for that nation's presidential ballots to be preserved, not burned.

Federal officials have said they will, according to law, burn the ballots from the controversial July 2 election, which

resulted in a narrow win for conservative candidate Felipe Calderón.

Calderón, who belongs to Fox's National Action Party, defeated Andrés Manuel López Obrador of the Revolutionary Democratic Party by less than 1 percentage point.

Although López Obrador challenged his loss and asked for a full recount, a federal tribunal this month denied his request and officially declared Calderón the winner.

Activists are calling for a citizens' recount, and both candidates are calling

for the ballots to be preserved.

Calderón wants to dispel all doubt about his victory, while López Obrador believes burning the ballots will destroy evidence of the fraud he contends led to his defeat.

A 1990 law calls for ballots to be burned once an election is completed, according to officials with the Federal Electoral Institute, the independent body that oversees elections.

No date has been set, but the burning

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Candidate Bell decries TAKS as increasing dropout rate

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Chris Bell, the Democratic candidate in the Texas Governor's race, claims the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test, a standardized test known by the acronym TAKS, is designed to force weak students out of the public school system.

Bell said one of his major concerns is the state's dropout rate.

He said if the test works as intended, the dropout rate is going to be high.

"It has a disproportionate impact on the minority community here in the State of Texas," Bell said. "With the majority of our state soon to be majority Latino and seeing such a high dropout rate in that community, it's cause for great alarm."

Abel Bosquez, Potter County Democratic chairman, said he sees students dropping out of school.

"Some of the high school students that I see believe they can't pass this test so they take the alternative route and they drop out of school and go for a GED," Bosquez said.

"The system is designed so that certain kids will be forced out of the system," Bell said. "If they're not in and they're not taking the test, obviously the scores are going to rise. If those individuals are no longer

enrolled in school and in a position to take the test and drag the scores for a particular school down. Then we would be creating a system that when working as intended is going to force kids out of school and add to what I see as almost a school to prison pipeline when you consider the fact that almost 80 percent of the people in prison in Texas are high school dropouts."

Bell said that is alarming for the future of the state.

The candidate said he doesn't have the answers, but he has some ideas.

In Amarillo at the invitation of Oppose TAKS (Organization of Proud Parents Opposing State Enforced TAKS, a statewide group created by Chantelle Heiskell of Amarillo), Bell said he opposes the high stakes nature of standardized testing.

"I have made improving public school education the number one focal point in my campaign for governor," Bell said. "I certainly don't try to pretend I have all of the answers for what ails us in our public school system here in Texas, but I think leadership demands that I put certain ideas on the table during the course of this campaign."

He said students have told him they spend all of their time preparing for the test. A

high school principal told him that students' entire school careers revolve around taking the test. One principal questioned whether kids were being taught to think or if they were just having information crammed into their heads for the test.

"I believe that if we're really going to create a curriculum that's going to prepare kids for a lifetime of learning," Bell said, "we're going to have to move away from the high stakes nature of standardized testing."

Bell said the state's schools should have standardized testing to provide a snapshot of how students are doing, but basing the decision of whether a child is bored in school, how a school should be ranked and how much merit pay a teacher will receive all on a single test is absurd.

"What we need is a bipartisan commission to come together and help chart a course, a road map if you will, over the next 10 years for what we need to do in order to have the very best public schools in the entire country," Bell said. "I think we can get there if we're willing to come together in that fashion, but I do think any panel you put together is going to recommend doing away with the high stakes nature of standardized testing because it's simply gut-

ting the curriculum."

Bell said the government claims a standardized test is the only way to ensure accountability in education, but in the last couple of years, there have been studies that indicate the tests are not working.

"Other measuring sticks weren't showing the same kind of improvement," Bell said. "We have some of the worst SAT scores in the entire country. The scores on the Stanford Exam do not mirror what's taking place on the TAKS test."

Bell said Texas has an incredibly high dropout rate.

"We started hearing from college professors that college readiness was down and now studies have confirmed that," Bell said. "A lot of kids who are fortunate enough to go on to college are having to take remedial courses."

He said stories concerning the TAKS test usually revolve around those who have trouble passing the test, but top students are

bored in school because of the daily drills.

"We're cheating both ends of the spectrum," Bell said. "There's no incentive for greatness whatsoever. There's no incentive to excel on the test. If you ace the test, neither you nor your school is going to receive any extra credit whatsoever."

Proponents of the test, Bell said, claim parents who oppose the test are not raising their children to the proper standard and not giving them the opportunity to succeed in life.

"That's just not the case," Bell said. "I don't think you'll find a single parent in the State of Texas that doesn't want something better for

their child. We all want our children to be prepared for college. We all want our children to go on and do better things. This isn't getting it done."

Heiskell said the test does not take into account any gifts a student might have in music or shop or auto mechanics.

"Just because a child is weak in math," Heiskell said, "does not mean he's going to be a failure in life. It's a very, very large issue, and TAKS is not addressing any of the things that our children need to have in order to be successful, to have the confidence that they need. It's actually just crushing their spirit, and it's not worth it."

New home sales soar upward

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sales of new homes posted the biggest increase in five months in August, raising hopes that the steep slide in the housing industry may be leveling off.

Sales of new single-family homes increased by 4.1 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.05 million units, the Commerce Department reported today. It was the biggest increase since an 8 percent gain in March.

The August rise followed a 7.5 percent plunge in sales in July, which had registered the third straight decline.

The gain was far better than the 3 percent decline economists had been expecting and could signal that housing is beginning to level off after a steep slide. However, the price of homes sold in August fell to \$237,000, down 1.3 percent from August 2005. It was the biggest year-over-year price decline in more than three years.

From 2001 through 2005, housing enjoyed five consecutive years of record sales, propelled by the lowest mortgage rates in more than four decades.

However, this year sales have been falling as mortgage rates rose and the economy slowed. The drop in sales and construction of new homes has been so sharp that some economists have worried that it could plunge the country into a recession.

But other analysts argue that recent declines in mortgage rates should help put a floor on the housing decline.

The increase in new home sales contrasted with earlier

reports showing that sales of existing homes fell in August for a fifth straight month while construction of new homes and apartments dropped by a sharp 6 percent last month.

Sales of new homes were up in every region of the country except the West, where they dropped a sharp 17.7 percent. Sales rose 21.7 percent in the Northeast, 12.2 percent in the Midwest and 11.1 percent in the South.

In other economic news, the Commerce Department reported that orders to U.S. factories for big-ticket manufactured goods fell for a

second consecutive month in August, marking the first back-to-back declines in more than two years.

Demand for durable goods dropped 0.5 percent last month to \$209.7 billion. The \$1 billion drop from July, when orders had fallen an even bigger 2.7 percent, reflected a plunge in demand for computers and other electronic products.

The August performance was worse than had been expected and was certain to raise concerns about whether weakness in manufacturing could contribute to a bigger slowdown in overall economic growth.

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brain. Reading requires active brain use and encourages imagination.

It would be a good idea to protect children from materialism, which is America's main philosophy these days. Talk about the phrase "Is that all there is?" Materialism is a dead end and a good way to waste a life. That leads to the role models for children. The commercial entertainment industry, as corrupt as any

Mafia, produces role models that are for the most part cynical, sleazy and stupid.

Children should also be protected from sociologists who want them to answer intimate questions about sex at far too young an age, and, of course, from quacks who want to prescribe mind-altering drugs. If a child is bored and fidgety in class, you might want to look at the school environment and the dumbed-down curricula before you start pumping drugs into him.

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would be after Dec. 1. The IFE's governing council can postpone the destruction of the ballots.

An already controversial election would become even more so if the ballots are burned.

Fox, who is completing his six-year term, should act in the spirit of the 2003 freedom of information law he sponsored by calling for the preservation of the ballots.

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cavalier in dismissing the chances of another major terror strike, and the Democrats have gone much too far out on a limb in opposing Bush's efforts to interrogate terror suspects and to wiretap international phone calls. (By the way, Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) may be in the process of killing his chances for the GOP nomination and Sen. Lindsay Graham (R-S.C.) may be in midst of destroying his reelection chances over the same issue). The reality of these threats may well be clearer as the election approaches, kindled by the fifth anniversary reminders of 9/11.

So, did Americans wake up to the need to keep Republicans in office to defend against terror? Or was it just a snooze alarm and will they go back to sleep? The polls in the next weeks will tell the story.

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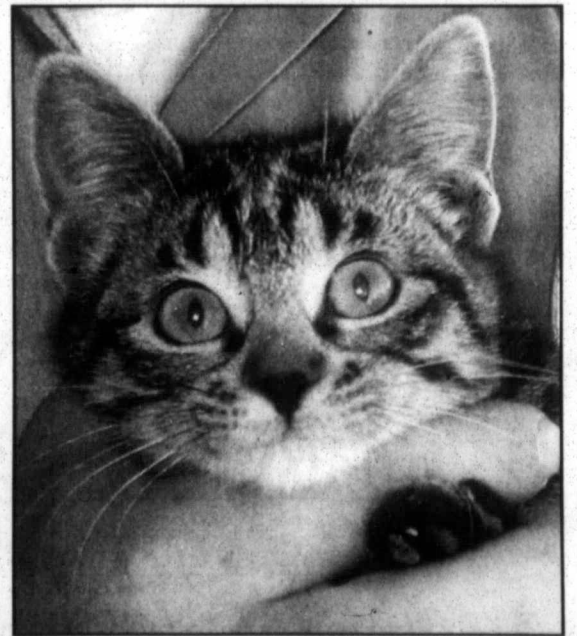
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 27-year-old female who has been in numerous relationships in the past. All ended with my being unfaithful or having an overwhelming desire to be. I can't seem to maintain a relationship for more than a short period of time due to this. I recently sat down and admitted to myself that I am practicing sexually destructive behavior. I know what I'm doing is just plain crazy, but I can't seem to stop. I did some research on sexual addiction and have considered attending meetings to help me get this under control. The problem is, I told a (male) friend of mine about my problem. It was someone I care about and had a previous relationship with. I was shocked by his response. He said maybe my problem is I've been trying to stifle my desires and I should explore them more -- by attending sex parties with him! Was that an appropriate response? Frankly, it took me aback. I don't know who else to ask about this, as I have not confided in anyone else. Should I cut him out of my life or forgive his ignorance? — **LOST IN TEXAS**

DEAR LOST: Cross this "friend" off your list immediately. Instead of supporting you, he is attempting to take advantage of your illness. You had it right the first time. Joining a group that will help you to overcome your compulsion will be a giant step toward healing. Please don't wait, and don't look back!

DEAR ABBY: I am 46 and the mother of two adult children, ages 27 and 29. I am on disability because of multiple sclerosis (MS). I am doing well, but I'm weak and tire easily, and it's important that I avoid stress. Both my parents died within the last five years. My kids know I inherited money from my parents, and they throw it

in my face when I don't pay for things for them. My married daughter believes it is my responsibility to provide money for her to go to college. She has been very nasty to me, including vicious name-calling and screaming. Each phone call ends in a request for money. Now she's refusing me access to my grandkids, and even drove to my house to rip their picture from my walls. Abby, I have been on disability for several years. I need the money to take care of me. What do you think about adult children who hate me for inheriting? I have no intention of giving into the strong-arm tactics of a married woman. — **HURT IN ST. LOUIS**

DEAR HURT: Good! Because you shouldn't. Neither of your children has a "right" to a penny of your money -- particularly in light of the fact that you need it for your own support. As to your daughter's outrageous behavior, has she always behaved like this? If so, remember this is the core of her personality. Giving her money won't change it.

DEAR ABBY: This is the first time I have ever written you, but I'd like your opinion about something. Do you think that good and moral qualities in a person are taught, instilled, or just come naturally to people? I'm talking about things like honesty, optimism, sincerity, tidiness, consideration, charity, fairness, etc. — **CURIOUS IN TEHACHAPI, CALIF.**

DEAR CURIOUS: I believe the qualities you mentioned are taught, modeled by parents who set examples for their children to follow. And they are instilled when a child is very young.

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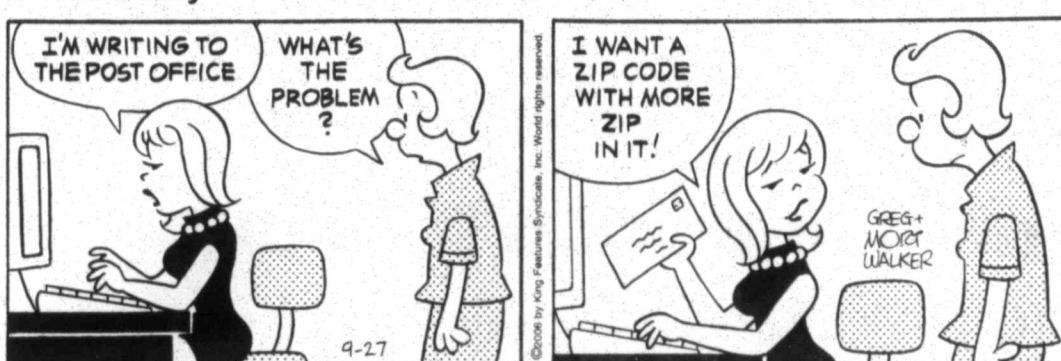
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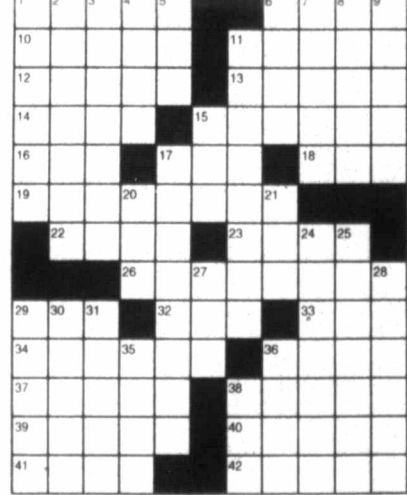
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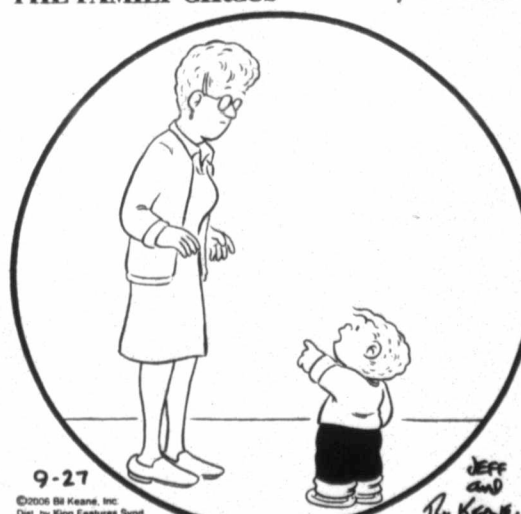


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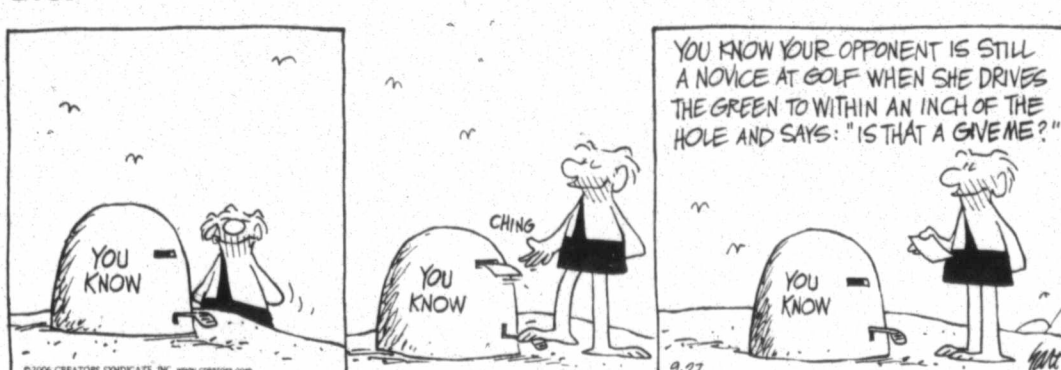


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Sports Day

T.O. attempts suicide

DALLAS (AP) — Flamboyant Dallas Cowboys receiver Terrell Owens tried to kill himself by overdosing on pain medication, police said, even putting two more pills into his mouth after a friend intervened.

A Dallas police report said Owens told his friend "that he was depressed." Details of the report were first released by WFAA-TV today.

The friend, who is not identified in the report, "noticed that (his) prescription pain medication was empty and observed (Owens) putting two pills in his mouth," the police report said.

The friend attempted to pry them out with her fingers, then was told by Owens that before this incident he'd taken only five of the 40 pain pills in the bottle he'd emptied. Owens was asked by rescue workers "if he was attempting to harm himself, at which time (he) stated, 'Yes.'"

Owens was hospitalized late Tuesday because of what

his publicist said was an allergic reaction to pain medicine he was taking for a broken hand. Doctors reportedly tried to induce vomiting.

Owens is recovering from a broken right hand he hurt a week ago Sunday. He had an operation the next day to have a plate screwed in, enabling the bone to heal without being further injured. Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells said last week that the pain medicine made Owens ill.

The Cowboys were off this past weekend and Owens was back at practice Tuesday, although he worked out on his own.

Parcells said Owens' hand was improving and he was expected back on the practice field Wednesday. Owens chatted briefly with reporters in the locker room Tuesday afternoon and seemed fine.

Owens, one of the league's top receivers during his 11-year NFL career, is best known for wild stunts on the field and other publicity-seeking antics off it.

When the Cowboys signed him to a \$25 million, three-year deal in March, they said their background checks indicated no red flags. In fact, team consultant Calvin Hill — who mostly deals with troubled players — said during training camp that his department was not involved with Owens because he didn't have a history of those kinds of problems.

Dallas police officials said they were planning a news conference later Wednesday, did not immediately release a time. A hospital spokeswoman said early Wednesday there was no patient registered as Terrell Owens, although federal privacy laws allow people to block their name from being released.

Owens' publicist and agent, and the Cowboys, did not return repeated calls from The Associated Press. No teammates or Cowboys officials were seen entering the hospital late Tuesday night.

T.O.'S TIMELINE SINCE JOINING COWBOYS

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The timeline of Terrell Owens since signing with the Dallas Cowboys:

March 18 — Four days after being cut by the Eagles, Owens signs a three-year, \$25 million deal with the Dallas Cowboys that includes a \$5 million bonus and a \$5 million salary in 2006. "I'm a star among stars now," Owens says at a news conference.

May 5 — Forty-eight days after Owens signed, Bill Parcells speaks about him for the first time.

"I don't view it as a gamble. It's in my best interest that he's successful." When he speaks again two days later, Parcells puts the subject of Owens off limits until training camp.

June 2 — Owens goes through his first day of minicamp, catching every pass thrown his way but one in a nearly two-hour practice.

"I'm looking forward to the opportunity that I can make to help this team win," he says. "That's why they brought me in here."

June 8 — Owens arrives after 5 p.m. for a scheduled 3 p.m. visit with the roughly 60 campers attending the Terrell Owens Youth Football Camp. "I'm sorry I'm late. I've been playing for the Dallas Cowboys," he tells the kids.

July 5 — "T.O.", the second setting-the-record-straight autobiography Owens has written in 22 months, is released five days ahead of schedule. The biggest revelation: His relationship with Philadelphia quarterback Donovan McNabb soured for good when Owens was told "Shut the (expletive) up" in a huddle. McNabb later calls the autobiography a "children's

book." July 13 — At his first book signing, Owens claims he didn't say his return time for the February 2005 Super Bowl was "heroic," even though that's what he wrote. He called it one of the words chosen by his co-author.

July 27 — Owens goes to Point Mugu naval base to greet teammates when they fly in to Oxnard, Calif., for the start of training camp. Owens has driven up from Los Angeles.

July 29 — A record crowd of 5,500 attends Owens' first training camp practice. After being the last player out of the locker room, he makes the best play of the session, beating Aaron Glenn for a long touchdown, drawing loud cries of "T-O!" from fans.

Aug. 3 — Owens misses practice because of a hamstring problem. "I wouldn't say I'm injured, just a little sore," he says. Says team owner Jerry Jones: "For a guy who is renowned for playing hurt, renowned for working hard and wanting to be out here, we don't have any concerns."

Aug. 5 — An MRI shows no major problems with Owens' hamstring.

Aug. 7 — Owens says he's flying in doctors and trainers to examine his hamstring.

Aug. 8 — Parcells seems flustered by all the T.O. talk: "I'm getting the sense that most of the media is just waiting for something to be controversial in that regard. And I'm here to tell you, it's not going to happen from me. So you need to get that in your head. OK?"

See **TIMELINE**, Page 8

Fatheree Memorial brings out best in local golfers

David Fatheree Mem.
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
Sept. 23, 2006

Woods Flight
1st Place (56)
M. Westbrook
R. Barker
S. Maples
C. Westbrook
2nd Place (57)
C. Miller
P. Montoya
S. Stribling
J. Valdez
3rd Place (59)
M. Voss
B. Voss
D. Francis
G. Bishop
4th Place (61)
R. Wood
R.D. Stephens
B. Allison
E. Wilson

Michelson Flight
1st Place (58)
C. White
D. White
C. Jewett
J. Clark
2nd Place (60)
R. Martin
G. Martin
Jo. East
J. East
3rd Place (61)
B. Woodington
K. Hunt

B. Hunt
F. Courtney
4th Place

Nicklaus Flight
1st Place (60)
T. Fatheree
R. Seidwell
J. Woodruff
J. Lweis
2nd Place (60)
J. Blackmon
M. Wills
J. Clark
S. Blackmon
3rd Place (61)
S. Goldsmith
T. Brown
J. Albert
J. McKissick
4th Place (64)
T. Cox
D. Schneider
D. Cates
D. Sargent

Closest to the Pin
J. Blackmon (#8)
R. Wood (#12)

Longest Drive
J. Albert (#4)

Note: Money raised from the David Fatheree Memorial Golf Tournament will benefit the Pampa High School golf programs. For more information on the tournament, call Hidden Hills at 669-5866.

PHS runner Soria takes first place at Sunray; Jimenez takes second

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

According to head coach Mark Elms, the Pampa High School cross country team used "speed and smart racing techniques" to place a number of runners among the top five at Saturday's meet in Sunray. Other Harvester runners clocked their best times of the season. One — Ryan Freudenrich — turned in his best time ever with a 20:49.

"Our motto for this year is 'Only your best is good enough' and we certainly showed it in Sunray," Elms said. The varsity teams will travel to Oklahoma State University Saturday to compete in the oldest cross country meet in the country. The Stillwater meet is in its 70th year.

Sunray Meet
Sept. 23, 2006

Pampa Individual Results
Varsity Girls
Faby Soria, 1st Place
Chelsey Knight, 8th Place
Kylee Wariner, 15:56
Marli Street, 16:50
Whitney Webster, 17:16
Maggie Hopkins, 17:42
Victoria Jenkins, 18:08

Varsity Boys
Matt Jimenez, 2nd Place
Ryan Freudenrich, 20:49
Junior Varsity Girls
Amanda Hopkins, 17:43
Audri Leal, 17:48
Teysha Parker, 19:27
Hannah Hopkins, 20:10
Junior Varsity Boys
Mitsu Tereda, 4th Place (20:17)

Note: Missing times and finishes not provided

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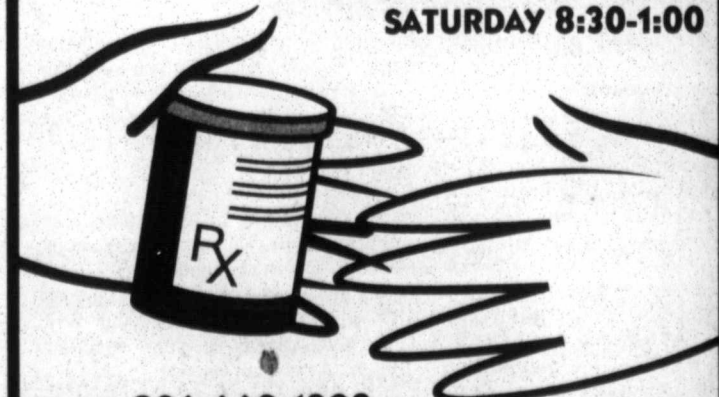
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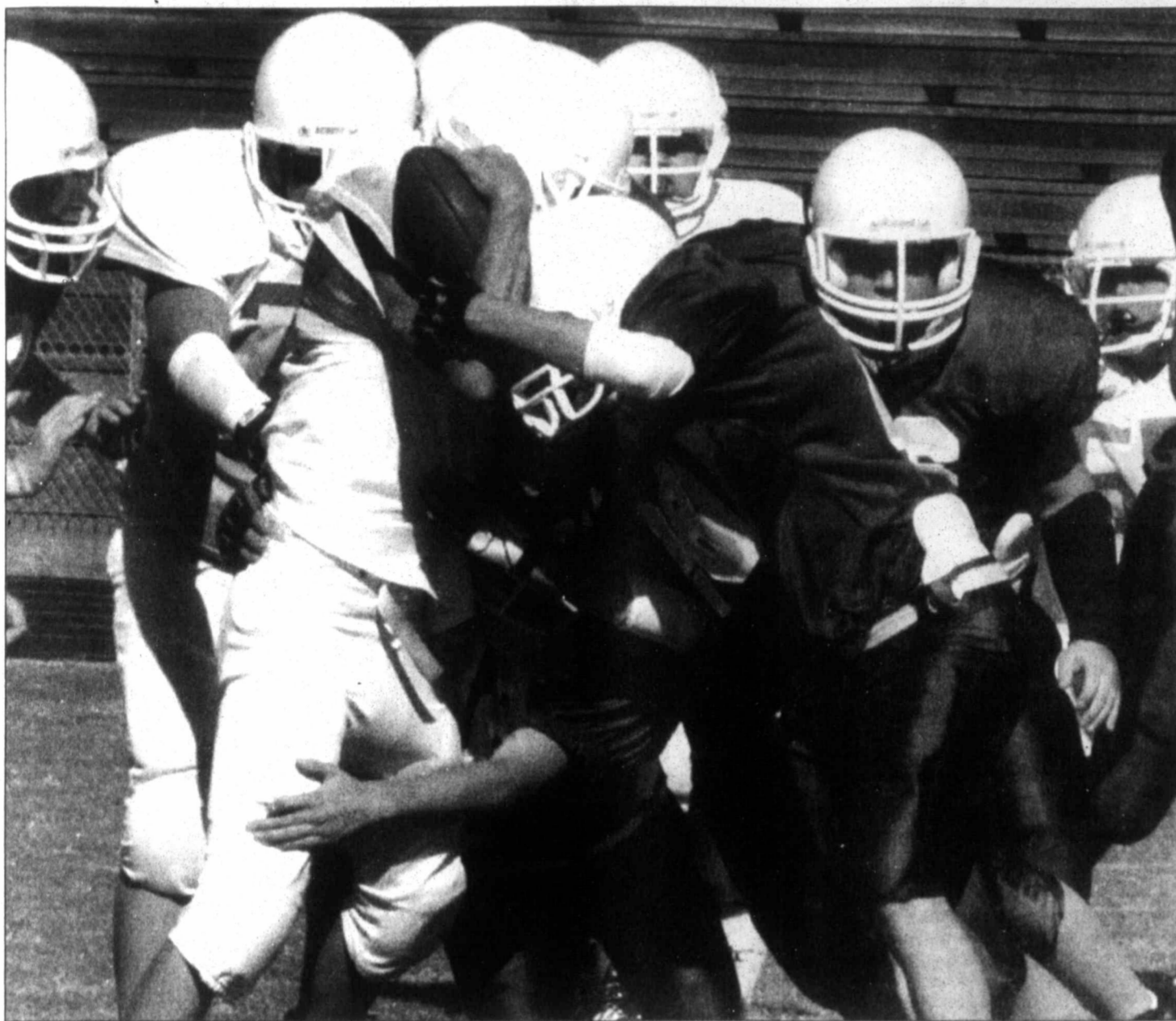
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Green Team tough



Pampa News photos by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

The Pampa Junior High 7th grade Gold team defense stops a Bulldog runner in his tracks — almost stripping the ball in the process — in the second quarter of Tuesday's game against Plainview at Harvester Field. The Gold team defeated Plainview, 22-16, while the Green team earned an impressive 30-6 win over the Bulldogs. In Plainview, the PJHS 8th grade Gold team fell, 32-8. The Green team suffered a 46-0 loss to the host Bulldogs.

Pampa nets district win No. 2 against Palo Duro Tuesday

Pampa vs. Palo Duro
Sept. 26, 2006

Pampa def. Palo Duro, 25-18, 25-7, 25-16

Individual Stats:

- Libby Dyson- 5 digs, 3 saves
- Stephanie McVay- 2 kills, 7 digs, 3 solo blocks, 2 touch blocks, 33 assists
- Krishna Henderson- 5 kills 2 aces, 1 solo block. 8 digs, 1 touch block
- Kara Stephens- 3 kills, 2 solo blocks, 2 digs
- Logan Winkleman- 5 kills, 2 aces, 1 touch block, 10 digs
- Kelby Doughty- 2 touch blocks, 1 dig 1 solo block
- Nicole Clark- 10 kills, 1 ace, 12 digs
- Lilly Price- 4 kills, 1 dig
- Megan Crawford- 1 kill
- Cassy Tice- 1 ace, 3 digs
- Stephanie Jasso- 1 kill, 2 digs
- Jackye Barber- 8 Kills, 2 touch blocks, 4 solo blocks, 2 assists, 2 digs

Player of the Game:

Nicole Clark

Coach Sonia VanGilder's Comments:

"The girls played three great games Tuesday night. They played with team spirit and team unity — working together as a team. Our goal of winning together as a team was certainly evident last night."

Timeline

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Aug. 10 — Owens wears the silver and blue uniform of Lance Armstrong's Discovery Channel pro cycling team while riding a stationary bicycle. He calls it "my little kickoff for the Tour de T.O. Comeback."

Aug. 16 — Owens returns to practice after missing 14 straight workouts.

Aug. 18 — Parcels tells Owens he hasn't practiced enough to play in the second preseason game.

Aug. 19 — After working out in the morning, Owens misses the afternoon session because of a setback with his hamstring. He later blames coaches for using him too much.

Aug. 25 — Owens is fined \$9,500 for missing a team meeting and a rehabilitation session, and being late to an offensive meeting. He later says he overslept. "It's not a big deal," he says.

Aug. 28 — An Internet gambling site posts a 50-50 bet on whether Owens is still employed by the Cowboys at the end of this season.

Aug. 29 — Owens returns to practice.

Sept. 1 — Owens plays 19 snaps over two series in the preseason finale, catching a 6-yard pass from Tony Romo on the first ball thrown his way and missing a wide pass from Romo in the end zone.

Sept. 10 — Owens catches six passes for 80 yards and a touchdown in the opener, a 24-17 loss to the Jacksonville Jaguars.

Sept. 17 — Owens breaks his right ring finger while blocking on one of the first plays of a 27-10 victory over the Washington Redskins, but doesn't leave for X-rays until the middle of the fourth quarter. His play reflects the injury: three catches for 19 yards, all in the first 11 minutes; several drops, including one in the end zone, and two penalties totaling 20 yards.

Sept. 18 — Owens has a plate screwed into the bone attached to his right ring finger. Recovery time estimated at two to four weeks.

Sept. 26 — Owens tries to kill himself by overdosing on pain medication, according to a Dallas police report. The report says Owens told a friend "that he was depressed."

Playoff needed to decide end-of-season senior tournament at Hidden Hills

Senior End of Year Golf Tournament
Hidden Hills Golf Course
Sept. 20, 2006

A Flight

Gross	Net
1st- R.D. Stephens (114)*	K. Olson (93)
2nd- W. White (116)	H. Wells (98.5)
3rd- E. Maxwell (117)	R. Baker (101)
4th- B. Hammer (118)	R. Wood (103.5)

B Flight

1st- D. Dunham (129)	R. Covalt (104.5)
2nd- O. Sargent (135)	B. Harwood (105)
3rd- B. Epperson (136)	H. Musgrave (109)

C Flight

1st- J. McGuire (138)	M. Driver (103)
2nd- N. Lancaster (139)	J. Lee (105.5)
3rd- J. South (140)	J. Thompson (108.5)

D Flight

1st- W. Jones (140)	G. Winegeart (99.5)
2nd- B. Brandon (148)	C. George (111.5)
3rd- J. Gray (154)	

Closest to the Pin

- K. Olson (#6)
 - B. Hammer (#12)
- *Won playoff with K. Olson

AFCA Football Poll

American Football Coaches Association
Division II Coaches' Poll
September 26, 2006

Rank	School (1st votes)	Rec.	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Grand Valley St. (26)	4-0	696	1
2.	NW Missouri St. (1)	4-0	660	2
3.	North Alabama	3-0	639	3
4.	North Dakota (1)	4-0	630	4
5.	Valdosta St. (Ga.)	3-0	579	5
6.	Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	4-0	558	6
7.	West Texas A&M	4-0	514	7
8.	South Dakota	4-0	498	8
9.	Shepherd (W.Va.)	4-0	448	9
10.	Bloomsburg (Pa.)	3-1	437	10
11.	North Carolina Central	4-0	399	12
12.	Saginaw Valley St.	3-1	395	11
13.	Pittsburg St. (Kan.)	3-1	351	13
14.	Northwood (Mich.)	4-0	331	14
15.	Catawba (N.C.)	3-0	310	15
16.	Nebraska-Omaha	3-1	283	17
17.	Chadron St. (Neb.)	4-0	256	20
18.	Delta St. (Miss.)	3-1	208	21
19.	Missouri Western St.	3-1	169	16
20.	Washburn (Kan.)	3-1	164	22
21.	Winona St. (Minn.)	3-1	143	23
22.	C.W. Post (N.Y.)	3-1	84	24
23.	Tiffin (Ohio)	5-0	73	NR
24.	Newberry (S.C.)	4-0	55	NR
25.	Abilene Christian (Texas)	3-0	54	NR

Dropped Out (last week's rating): Arkansas Tech (18), Southeastern Oklahoma St. (19), California (Pa.) (25)

Others Receiving Votes: Arkansas Tech, 49; Tuskegee (Ala.), 23; Edinboro, (Pa.), 21; Minnesota-Duluth, 17; Central Missouri, 13; Midwestern St. (Texas), 12; Lane (Tenn.), 7; Southeastern Oklahoma St., 5; Presbyterian (S.C.), 4; Fort Lewis (Colo.), 3; Bemidji St. (Minn.), 2; California (Pa.), 2; Concordia-St. Paul (Minn.), 2; Ferris St. (Mich.), 2; Henderson St. (Ark.), 2; Western Oregon, 2.

PASSING OF A LEGEND

Byron Nelson dead at 94

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Byron Nelson's graceful swing and gentle manner earned him the nickname "Lord Byron," a tribute to the courtly Texan whose kind, caring style with fans and competitors made him one of the most well-liked figures in sports.

But what will forever set Nelson apart is a single record, one that no golfer has ever approached: his 11 straight tournament victories in 1945, the greatest year in the history of golf.

Nelson died Tuesday at 94, the end of a life spanning eras from hickory shafts and meager prize money to titanium heads and multimillionaires. The Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office said he died of natural causes.

His wife, Peggy Nelson, told family friend Angela Enright that her husband appeared fine as she left their Roanoke home for Bible study Tuesday morning.

"I'm so proud of you," he told her, something he often said about her church involvement, Enright said. When she returned, Peggy Nelson found her husband on the back porch, which faces the woodworking shop where he spent much of his free time.

Arnold Palmer called Nelson "one

of the greatest players who ever lived."

"I don't think that anyone will ever exceed the things that Byron did by winning 11 tournaments in a row in one year," Palmer said in a statement.

The closest any player has come to Nelson's streak is six, first by Ben Hogan in 1948. When Tiger Woods reached that number in 1999-2000, Nelson was typically gracious when putting his own mark into perspective.

"Anytime you make a record stand for 55 years, why, you've done pretty good," he told The Associated Press.

Last month, when Woods' current streak of PGA tour wins reached five and counting, he didn't sound confident that Nelson's feat would fall anytime soon, comparing it to Joe DiMaggio's elusive 56-game hitting streak.

"In this day and age, with this competition, to win 11 in a row would be almost unheard of," Woods said. "What Byron accomplished, that goes down as one of the great years in the history of our sport. ... DiMaggio's record, I see that being broken more than winning 11 in a row."

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 28, 2006:

You draw your own style and way that draw many people to you. Think positively about what you can do and accomplish. You always have the right words to fill a gap or someone's shyness. If you are single, you will discover just how desirable you are. Don't kid yourself. Many different relationship possibilities stream into your life. Decide what type of bond you want, then choose the person. If you are attached, your relationship warms up because you want it to and will do what it takes. SAGITTARIUS easily opens up to you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★★ You could be floored by another's response, so much so that you need to regroup and rethink your feelings about this person. Use your strong drive to accomplish all that you can. Your creativity helps you take a new spin on a situation. Tonight: Note what isn't being said.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ You do best with individuals rather than groups. In fact, a meeting or news from a friend could shake you up. Get past this problem. Don't let anyone drag you down. Stay in touch with your energy and creativity. Tonight: Togetherness continues to be a theme.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Others want your attention, though you might not appreciate the manner in which they get it. Adjust your schedule, especially if the boss is out of

kilter. Seek out answers and read between the lines. Tonight: Say yes to an invitation. You might have more than one choice.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Dig into work, though you might need to rethink a project when it appears that a basic concept was off. Your ability to flex and work with changeable situations comes through. You are anchored and directed. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Let creativity open up different situations right now. You find that someone else has many suggestions. Brainstorm. A personal bond or a relationship is highlighted. A partner could be out of sync. Tonight: Do only what you deem is fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★ You might feel as if you are in a pressure cooker as tension builds from the various areas of your life. Someone's lack of support could really bother you. Be willing to adjust and flex, but also know when to say no. Tonight: Mosey on home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ You have always had a way with words, and today is no different. You express force and direction yet caring and gentleness. This combo could be especially intriguing to a potential loved one. Think positively. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Deal with a financial matter before it deals with you. You might not like what you hear, so back off of a risk. This gamble could easily backfire. Gain a perspective through a discussion with a family member. Tonight: Treat yourself

or someone else.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You can surmount a domestic or personal hassle. Your perspective could change radically. Your high energy and drive help you hit a home run. You have quite a team behind you. Give others credit. Tonight: Make happy plans. You beam, and many want to be around you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★ Slow down and take your time. You have been seeing a situation much differently thanks to uproar or a change. You make a must appearance. Others clap as you lead them. A project could be near completion. Tonight: Extra R and R.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ A friend plays a powerful role in your life but still might cost you a lot more than you realize. Do you lose your common sense with this person? Although you have fun together, there could be damages. Tonight: The action is where you are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ You could be undermining an authority figure without even meaning to. Stop and think about your actions before you act. A key associate is unusually supportive and paves your way. Good news heads in your direction. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY

Actress Moon Zappa (1967), actress Brigitte Bardot (1934), actor Peter Finch (1916)

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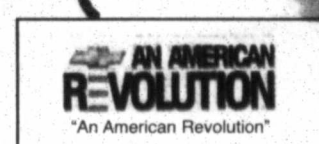


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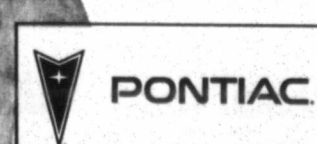


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