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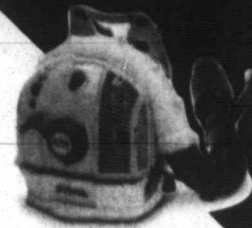
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Morning fire destroys tank battery, oil

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A fire about 9:30 a.m. this morning on Naida Street could be seen from miles away. A tank battery, which is a group of holding tanks close to one another, caught fire and put off a lot of black smoke.

Firefighters were dispatched to the fire which was fully engulfed when they arrived. The cause of the fire may have been caused by lightning which accompanied the strong thunderstorm that came through early this morning.

According to Donny Hooper, assistant director of public works, the tanks contained approximately 200 gallons of oil.

When the owner of the tanks was contacted, he told the fire department to just let the fire burn itself out, which they did. Firefighters stayed

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Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

This fire broke out early this morning after lightning apparently struck these oil tanks on Naida Street and ignited them. Approximately 200 gallons of oil burned in the fire.

CRMWA allocates 1.4 billion gallons of water for Pampa

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

PLAINVIEW -- The Canadian River Municipal Water Authority has allocated about 1.4 billion gallons of water to Pampa for 2008.

That's a rough estimate, but the CRMWA board of directors meeting here Wednesday allocated water from Lake Meredith and their John C. Williams Well Field in Roberts County to its 11-member cities.

Presented with three options by the CRMWA staff ranging from

80,000 acre-feet to 85,000 acre-feet per year over the next four years, the board of directors selected the most conservative option. They elected to allocate 80,000 acre-feet from both Lake Meredith and the John C. Williams Well Field to be distributed among the member cities across the Texas Panhandle and South Plains.

While the projection was based on 50,000 acre-feet of water from the well field and 30,000 acre-feet from the lake, the board gave the water authority management the flexibility

to decide the mixture of water from the two sources depending upon the circumstances of the resources, noting that the allotments could be reassessed in the future as needed. That could alter the amount of water Pampa may draw from CRMWA.

The city of Pampa is contractually entitled to 7.163 percent of the water produced from Lake Meredith and 3.6 percent of the water produced from the well field.

A change in the mix would alter the amount of water Pampa would

be allocated, but using the projected 50,000 acre-feet projected on paper at Wednesday's meeting, that would be about 2,148 acre-feet from the lake and 1,800 acre-feet from the well field, or about 3,948 acre-feet for the year. That is well in excess of projected demand.

There are 325,851 gallons in an acre-foot of water.

That may be a moot point since Pampa has never used its entire

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Dancing and clowning around during the academic pep rally Wednesday afternoon at Pampa Junior High School are, from left, Assistant Principal Susan Baker, Counselor Shereese Oles, Principal Paul Nies, Counselor Jennifer Brown and Assistant Principal Marsha Richardson.

Junior high pep rally focuses on academics

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Have you ever heard of or experienced an academic pep rally? Well, the students at Pampa Junior High School got to enjoy one Wednesday thanks to Assistant Principal Susan Baker.

"We had academic pep rallies where I used to live and I thought they were great," Baker said. "I am very excited to plan this one with the Hawaiian theme of Surfing to Excellence and let the students experience this fun-filled assembly that focuses on academics."

The academic pep rally was packed with music, mostly by the Beach Boys, male teachers pretending to surf and play in a band they named the Soggy Bottom Boys, female teachers dressed up as hula girls and

a rapper who did a rap about how to keep the restrooms at the school clean. Numerous awards were also given out in different categories and students with good grades were acknowledged.

Also in conjunction with the pep rally's Hawaiian theme, each classroom at the junior high decorated their doors and judges went up and down the halls and picked winners. First place went to Wanda Cotter's class, second to Trent Davis and his students, third was given to Denise Intemann's class and an honorable mention went to the door at Shirley Ellis' classroom.

The eighth grade class won the cafeteria award, which was a golden tray, for behaving the best in the cafeteria and keeping it the

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Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. West southwest wind around 10 mph becoming north northwest.

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Irene Angel Norman, 86

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Obituaries

Floyd W. McMinn, 83

Floyd W. McMinn, 83, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007, in Amarillo.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, October 12, 2007, at the First Baptist Church, with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors, with military rites by the U.S. Coast Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. McMinn was born September 8, 1924, in Reed, Oklahoma. He attended school in Childress, Texas. He married Imogene Conway on October 25, 1942, in Altus, Oklahoma. They moved to Lefors in 1961 and Mr. McMinn

owned and operated the Floyd McMinn Oilfield Construction & Pipeline, Inc.

They moved to Pampa in 1985 after Floyd semi-retired, and he became a civilian investigator for the Pampa Police Department. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pampa and the Panhandle Country Club. He was a life member of the NRA. He was a member of the Pampa Board of Realtors and the state and national Board of Realtors. He was a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II, serving

during the Philippine liberation.

Survivors include his wife, Imogene McMinn of the home; two sons, Billy McMinn & wife Wilma of Littlefield, and Mark McMinn of Amarillo; two sisters, Eunice Mills of Weatherford and Lola Faye Mullinax of Amarillo; two grandsons, Chris McMinn & wife Connie and Clint McMinn & wife Traci; seven great-grandsons, Cody McMinn, Tyler McMinn, Kyle McMinn, Ryan McMinn, Seth McMinn, Sean McMinn and Travis



McMinn

Williams; three great-granddaughters, Samantha Temple, Cheyenne McMinn and Sara McMinn; and one great-great grandson, Kasey Temple. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Nina Mills and Gertrude Stall, and one brother, Lloyd McMinn.

MEMORIALS: Gray County Association for Retarded Citizens, P.O. Box 880, Pampa, Texas 79066-0880.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 11, 2007.

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Emergency Services

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

Five traffic stops were made which resulted in one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Starkweather and Tyng, the 1000 block of West McCullough, the 2600 block of North Hobart and in the police department lobby.

An accident occurred at the intersection of Price and Kentucky.

Animal control officers made stop concerning animals in the 1100 block of Terrace, the 1000 block of North Frost, the 800 block of East Beryl, the 1100 block of Sandalwood, the 300 block of Miami, the 400 block of North Purviance, the 1100 block of South Neel, the 400 block of South Graham, the 600 block of North Somerville, the 1100 block of North Russell, the intersection of 23rd and Williston, the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 1200 block of East Darby, the 1900 block of North Grape and the 700 block of North Nelson.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 1700 block of West Gwendolen and the intersection of Faulkner and Oklahoma.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

Thefts were reported in the 600 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of East Harvester, the 400 block of North Starkweather and the 1200 block of North Mary Ellen where a man's wallet and contents were taken.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby and the 1100 block of North Mary Ellen.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at the intersection of Wynne and Browning.

Alarms were reported in the 1100 block South Faulkner and the 100 block of South Gillespie.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of South Barnes, the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 1200 block of North Wells.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of North Sumner where an Xbox and game cartridge valued at \$350 was taken.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of East 14th.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 700 block of North Christy and at the intersection of Somerville and Montague.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner where a window valued at \$100 was broken.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 300 block of South Canadian and the 400 block of West Oklahoma.

Two reports of prowlers were noted in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

A '911' hang-up call was received from the 900 block of Rham.

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests.

Wednesday, Oct. 10

Javier Garcia, 18, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for no valid drivers license and no insurance.

Tara Johnson, 34, of Abilene was arrested by GCSO for violation of probation for securing and executing docu-

ment deception.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 10

8:30 a.m. — Three units and six personnel presented a fire prevention program at St. Matthew's School.

12:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2100 block of North Faulkner on a lifting assist.

12:34 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to the 1200 block of Price Road on a motor vehicle accident.

7:30 p.m. — Three units and nine personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a false alarm.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 10

11:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Evergreen and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Price Road 1/4 mile south of 23rd. No transport.

3:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1900 block of Evergreen.

6:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Daycare closed with baby left inside alone

DALLAS (AP) — A woman arrived at her child's daycare center to find the building closed with her 14-month-old daughter locked inside alone, authorities said.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services and Dallas police are investigating how the girl was left alone for nearly two hours Tuesday night. She was asleep in a high chair and was not injured, according to state officials.

"I was so upset," said the girl's mother, Ashley Hunter. "I was never going to put my child in day care. She had only been there three weeks."

Hunter said she couldn't get past the gate blocking the driveway at L&S Early Childhood Learning Academy and called police. Rescue workers broke the door to get the girl, according to a police report.

Spokeswoman Marissa Gonzales said Family and Protective Services, which licenses child-care centers, has not determined whether it will take action against the center.

Depending on the agency's findings, sanctions might include temporarily closing the center, revoking its permit or excluding the responsible caregivers from working with children there, she

said. Shirley Ray, the center's owner, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

The police report said the owners told police the last person left the facility at 6 p.m. and did not realize the child was still there.

Dallas police Sgt. Brenda Nichols said Wednesday that police hadn't decided whether to file criminal charges.

"It appears that it was just a communication breakdown in that nobody realized that that child was still there," Nichols said.

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VLO	74.00	-0.25
HAL	40.90	+0.85
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Bush critical of lawmakers for OK'ing Armenia genocide vote

By **DESMOND BUTLER**
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration, chafing over a House committee vote to label as genocide the deaths of Armenians a century ago, said today lawmakers could better spend their time passing legislation attending to today's problems at home.

White House deputy press secretary Scott Stanzel reiterated the administration's disappointment with the vote by the House Foreign Affairs Committee and said it would be problematic for American efforts in the Middle East.

"While the House is debating the Ottoman Empire, they are not moving forward with appropriations bills," said Stanzel. "The House has not appointed conferees, they aren't coming to the table to discuss children's health care, and they haven't permanently closed the intelligence gap that will open up when the Protect America Act expires."

Meanwhile, the administration is trying to soothe Turkish anger over the vote. The foreign affairs panel defied warnings by President Bush with its 27-21 vote Wednesday to send the Armenian measure to

the full House for a vote. The administration will now try to pressure Democratic leaders not to schedule a vote, though it is expected to pass.

Hours before the vote, Bush and his top two Cabinet members and other senior officials made last-minute appeals to lawmakers to reject the measure.

"Its passage would do great harm to our relations with a key ally in NATO and in the global war on terror," Bush said.

Turkey's President Abdullah Gul criticized the decision to move the measure toward a vote in the House.

"Unfortunately, some politicians in the United States have once again sacrificed important matters to petty domestic politics despite all calls to commonsense," said Gul, according to the state-run news agency Anatolia. "This unacceptable decision by the committee, like its predecessors, has no validity or respectability for the Turkish nation."

In London today, visiting Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters the measure will damage U.S.-Turkish relations at a time when U.S. forces in Iraq are relying heavily on Turkish permission to use their airspace for U.S. air cargo flights.

Rotary speaker



Pampa News photo by SEAN SMITH

Ruth Reihart was guest speaker at Pampa Rotary Club during Wednesday's luncheon. Reihart gave a presentation on cultural development in Pampa and the Community Concert Series, which turns 60 years old this year. Reihart encourages residents of Pampa to participate in community events as a way of enhancing not only their own lives but the life of the community.

Rally

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cleanest. Golden toilet seats were given to the sixth grade girls and eighth grade boys for having the cleanest restrooms, or as Baker put it, "The least dirty restrooms."

A golden "A" for having the best attendance was

given to the sixth graders and a huge clock was given to the seventh grade class for having the least number of tardies. Baker also announced the names of the students who were on the A honor roll and had the students who made the A-B honor roll stand.

The female teachers who were dressed up as hula girls also wore sashes saying they were "Ms. TAKS" in different subjects.

"Even though this is a fun assembly with a lot of the teachers clowning around, the main focus is on academics," Principal Paul Nies said. "We want to acknowledge those students who have made good grades and are good students and hopefully encourage those others to strive and achieve this same level of excellence."

Fire

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close by to watch the fire and make sure it did not spread or get out of control.

Xcel Energy was also called to the scene to help restore power to at least two businesses, UPS and Peggy's Place, that lost power due to the fire.

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allotment of water from CRMWA and has upon occasion sold part of its allotment to other cities.

The city of Pampa also uses ground water from city wells to supplement its CRMWA supply, and it uses reclaimed treated wastewater mixed with well water at Hidden Hills, the municipal golf course. Pampa officials antici-

pate a surplus of water next year and well into the future.

The city projects an increase of 2.8 million gallons in daily demand by 2010, 3.2 million gallons in daily demand by 2015 and a five percent increase every five years to 3.6 million gallon in daily demand by 2030.

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Viewpoints

Health savings account is a beautiful thing

"You're switching to a high-deductible health insurance policy! You're going to go broke!"

"You have it backwards. My high-deductible policy will save me money. And it allows me to set up a health savings account, which might make me a bunch of dough."

"You're going to have to explain."

"Did you know America's health costs have risen 140 percent in the last decade? We spend \$2 trillion on care every year -- twice as much per capita as other industrialized countries."

"How come?"

"There are lots of reasons, but the chief reason is this: Health care consumers are completely divorced from

health care costs."

"Divorced?"

"Before World War II, health insurance was designed to protect people against catastrophic events. People paid for doctor's visits and prescriptions out of their own pockets."

"They paid for that stuff?"

"Yes, and because they spent their own money, they shopped around for the best quality of care at the lowest possible cost."

"What did the war have to do with health insurance?"

"During the war, the government imposed wage and price controls. Companies were unable to raise wages. To keep employees, they began offering health insurance."

"That's why everybody expects their employer to provide health insurance?"

"Yes, and as the economy boomed after the war, powerful unions were able to demand ever-better policies for their members."

"Sounds good to me."

"It WAS good while it lasted. But it took away the incentive for consumers to shop around. Once nobody cared what things cost, nobody shopped. That's when costs began to soar."

"We should bring back shopping?"

"Exactly. Instead of unleashing more big-govern-

ment programs, we need to unleash individuals and give them more control over their care."

"That's why you're switching to a high-deductible policy?"

"Correct. I'm 45 and self-employed. I buy my own health insurance. I just applied for a new policy that has a \$1,200 deductible. I'll pay 10 percent of all care up to \$10,000. If I become ill, the most I'll be out of pocket will be \$2,200, plus the cost of my premium."

"But your premium has to be sky high."

"Nope! It's only \$135 a

month. Here's what's better: I'm able to sock away up to \$2,850 each year in a health savings account -- my contributions are tax deductible."

"And you can only spend that money on health care?"

"Until I'm 65. Then I can use the money for anything. And if I take care of myself and keep healthy, there will be a lot of money in that account."

"But what if you get sick and need to go to a doctor?"

"Then I'll draw out some of the money. And because it is my money, you better believe I'm going to shop around for services and goods. I'll do my part to keep doctors and pharmacies honest."

"But won't people avoid

getting needed care if they have to pay for it with their own dough?"

"You don't have much faith in the average person. Most people will do what is best to take care of themselves and their families."

"But don't health savings accounts attract healthy people? And won't that drain big bucks out of insurance companies, forcing sick people to pay more?"

"As more people move into high-deductible policies, insurance companies will SAVE money. As for people who are ill, we need to reform current laws so they can afford to buy high-deductible policies, too."

"I don't know. I'm afraid"

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Tom Purcell
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 11, the 284th day of 2007. There are 81 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Oct. 11, 1776, the naval Battle of Valcour Island on Lake Champlain took place during the American Revolution. American forces led by Gen. Benedict Arnold suffered heavy losses, but managed to stall the British.

On this date:
In 1779, Polish nobleman Casimir Pulaski, fighting for American independence, died two days after being mortally wounded during the Revolutionary War Battle of Savannah, Ga.

In 1890, the Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in Washington, D.C.

In 1932, the first American political telecast took place as the Democratic National Committee sponsored a program from a CBS television studio in New York.

In 1942, the World War II Battle of Cape Esperance began in the Solomon Islands, resulting in an American victory over the Japanese.

In 1958, the lunar probe Pioneer 1 was launched; it failed to go as far out as planned, fell back to Earth, and burned up in the atmosphere.

In 1962, Pope John XXIII convened the first session of the Roman Catholic Church's Second Ecumenical Council, also known as Vatican II.

In 1968, Apollo 7, the first manned Apollo mission, was launched with astronauts Wally Schirra, Donn Fulton Eisele and R. Walter Cunningham aboard.

In 1975, "NBC Saturday Night" (later "Saturday Night Live") made its debut with guest host George Carlin.

In 1984, space shuttle Challenger astronaut Kathryn Sullivan became the first American woman to walk in space.

In 1991, testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee, law professor Anita Hill accused Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas of sexually harassing her; Thomas reappeared before the panel to denounce the proceedings as a "high-tech lynching."

Ten years ago: President Clinton blamed pop culture for glamorizing illegal drug use as he heralded a new \$195 million anti-drug ad campaign during his weekly radio address. Retired Associated Press chief Wes Gallagher died in Santa Barbara, Calif., at age 86.

Five years ago: The Senate joined the House in approving, 77-23, use of America's military might against Iraq. Former President Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize.

"In America, an hour is forty minutes."

— German saying



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Databases not so hard to understand, learn

Let's dive into a brand new subject, shall we? The topic dujour is "databases." Now, before you run screaming into the night, give me a chance. I know this subject can get really technical really quick, but I will be taking it step-by-step. Anyone can learn to create and use databases. Trust me!

In the business world, the three main applications you run into are the Word Processor, the Spreadsheet Program, and the Database Manager. Most people use the Microsoft Office Suite of software, so the word processor is simply called, "Word," the Spreadsheet Program is called, "Excel" and the Database Manager is called "Access."

Microsoft Word is the easiest to learn, followed by Excel, and finally, in a very distant third, Access.

Why is that? Why are databases so difficult to learn? The main reason may lie in all the new lingo you have to learn BEFORE you use the program. Hopefully,

this next series of columns will ease you into the database genre without too much grief. So, if you're ready, let's go!

A database is simply a collection of information, organized in such a way as to make it easy to search and retrieve individual items quickly. For instance, the phone book could be categorized as a database. It is a collection of names, addresses and phone numbers, sorted alphabetically. You manually search this database, by flipping pages until you find the exact number you need. A computerized database is exactly the same, except it handles the chore of actually "searching" for the one piece of data you are looking for. And believe me, the computer is much faster than you are.

In order for the computer

to search quickly through the data, the data must be organized. In the example of the phone book, each name must be tied to an address and a phone number. In addition, the names must be sorted alphabetically. If they weren't, you would have to scan EVERY name to find your match. And that would take a LONG time. To sum it up, databases do two things: 1) They link information together (name, address, phone number), and 2) they sort it to allow easy searching. Is it making sense, yet? Great! (I assumed a positive response.)

Let's learn more lingo ...

A database is a collection of tables. A table is a collection of records. And a record is a collection of fields. I know, I know, that was a bit much to swallow. Let me break it down. The phone

book is a good example of a table. Each person's entry in that table is a record. Each person's record is made up of three fields -- name, address and phone number. Earlier, I mentioned that a database is a collection of tables.

Sometimes, as is the case with the phone book, a database has only one table. We call that database a "flat file." It is the simplest of structures and is very easy to create. However, it lacks efficiency, and can even lead to serious, space-wasting repetition. As an example, let's say you were setting up a database to track your baseball cards. It would probably include the following fields: player name, stats, team, home stadium, uniform colors, mascot, and year.

So, for all of your Texas Rangers cards, you would have to enter the same team name, home stadium, uniform colors, and mascot

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Texas Thoughts

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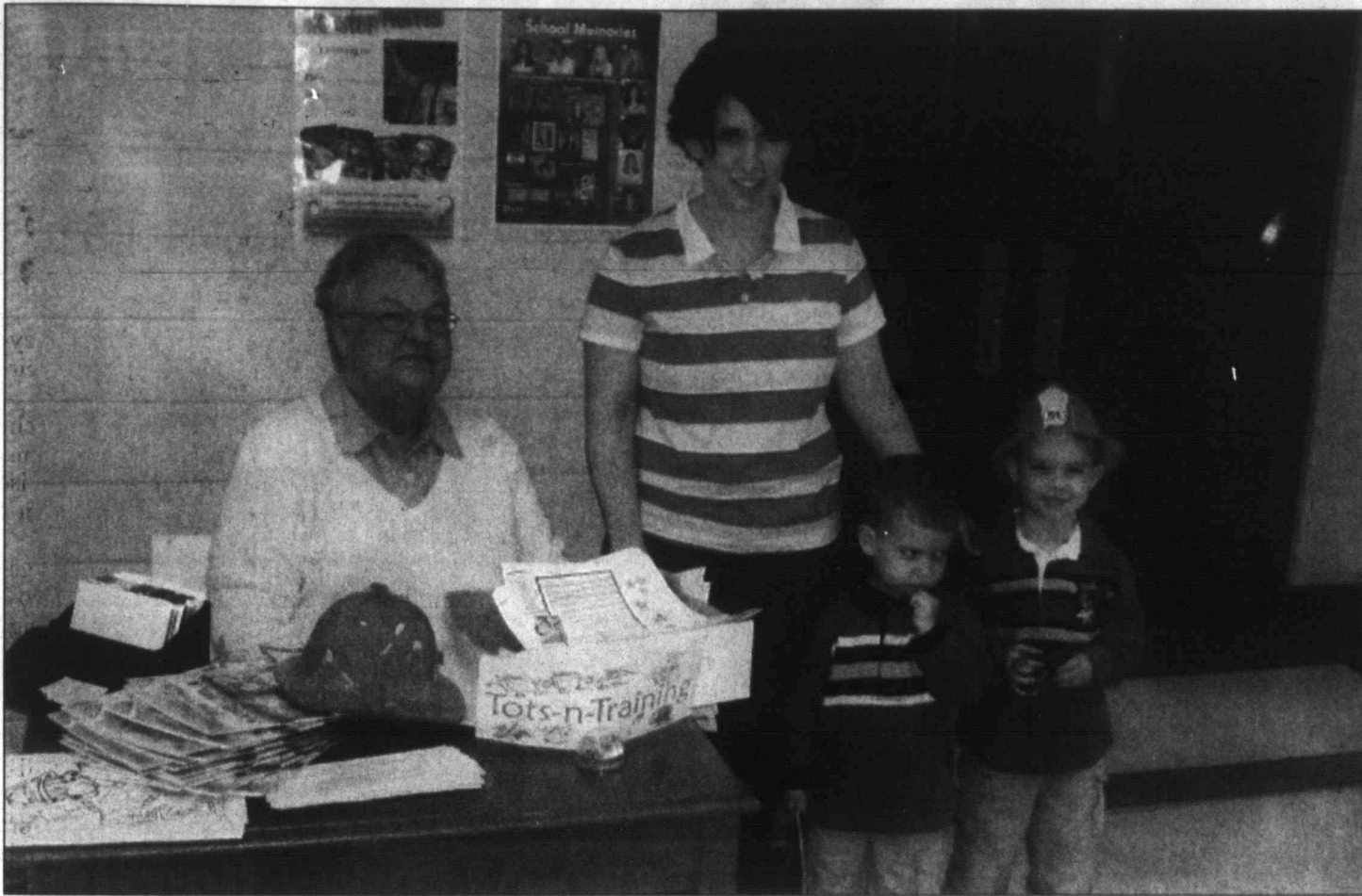
A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:
■ **Oct. 1**
El Paso Times on preventive medical measures for pets:
Parvovirus is always, or should be, a concern for dog owners.
But local veterinarians are warning that with seasonal temperature changes and wetter weather probable, dog owners -- especially those with puppies -- should be aware that the disease could become more of a concern.
According to an American Veterinary Medical Association Web page, canine parvovirus (which cannot be spread to humans) attacks the gastrointestinal tract and can also cause

heart damage in young or unborn puppies.
Fortunately, there is a vaccination available to help protect your dog against parvo. Be sure to ask your veterinarian about a vaccination program for your pet.
But you can play an important role in protecting your companion, too.
Because the virus is spread largely by the dog ingesting the virus that is present in the feces of an infected canine, practicing good hygiene is vital. Some steps to remember:
— Keep cages and pet carriers clean.
— Clean up droppings as soon and as often as possible.
— Dogs love to sniff "messages" left by their peers. Don't allow this because they could be sniffing the droppings of

an infected dog.
— You can be the "carrier" and infect your dog if you carry the virus in on your shoes or clothing.
Watch for symptoms of parvo, including, according to the AVMA, lethargy; loss of appetite; fever; vomiting; and severe, often bloody, diarrhea. If any of these symptoms show up, take your dog to the veterinarian immediately.
Parvovirus can cause your companion a lot of suffering and possibly a cruel death. Do all you can to prevent it.
For more information on parvovirus, vaccinations, preventive measures and hygiene, contact your veterinarian. URL: <http://www.elpasotimes.com>

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Tots in training program



Courtesy photo

Tots in Training Program for 3-5 year olds provides a free book, newsletter and special surprise each week at three different locations. Pampa ISD wants to begin an early partnership with parents in their child's education by giving out free materials that can be used to build school readiness skills. Jo Sikes, left, assists Lyndsey Coronas and sons Chandler Coronas and Cayden Coronas.

CREATE a Beat! depends on UW, donations

CREATE a Beat! in Pampa offers an after-school arts program and other services to the community. In September 2006, the after-school program achieved capacity for the entire school year.

Last year, CREATE a Beat! also provided fee-waivers for the after-school

program to more than 100 children due to generous donations from the community and local grant agencies like the United Way.

With all its volunteers, staff, board members and participants, CREATE a Beat! touched the lives of over 250-people in Pampa last year including one little

boy who had lost his mom over the summer.

The caring staff at CREATE a Beat! weren't sure how things would go for him the first day he arrived.

It was a hard day, but he made it through with the help of lots of hugs. Some days he was fine; others were a real struggle.

A few times, he had questions for program greeter "Preacher Mike."

"I would just try to ask a question or two that would let him share some of the great times that he remembered about his mom," Pastor Mike Sublett explained. "One day I asked him, 'What was your mom's favorite color?'"

"He couldn't remember. I could see that it startled him that he couldn't remember. So I said, 'Since you can't remember a particular color, that must mean that your mom liked all the colors, right?'"

"He nodded and was relieved.

"Well, that would make her a rainbow mom, huh?"

"He smiled from ear-to-ear."

He is still one of CREATE a Beat!'s kids and had a great time last year.

CREATE a Beat! is held at Hi-Land Christian Church in Pampa.

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Cowboy Poetry Breakfast Saturday at the Big Texan

The next monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will be at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan.

Plan to attend and enjoy this family style entertainment.

Ludie Stone, of harmonica and television fame, and Bill Crenshaw of Canyon, whose

dad, uncles and brothers were all working cowboys, will share the spotlight of being headliners.

Ivan Cates, President of the Southwest Cowboy Poets Association, will furnish the guitar music to accompany the harmonica presentations.

Mark your calendars for the second Saturday in December for the monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfasts at the Big Texan, starting at 8 a.m. As far as we know, this is the only monthly Cowboy Poetry Breakfast held in the whole country.

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each time for each record! What a pain! Enter, the relational database. Listen up, folks. This is where it really gets good. To prevent having to type the team information over and over, I could split up the data into two tables, players and teams. The players table would contain the following fields: Player name, team name, stats and year. The team table would contain the team name, home stadium, uniform colors and mascot. Did you notice that the two tables had one field in common? That's right, the "team name."

By linking those two fields together, we link the tables. That way, we only have to enter the team information once, but can link it to multiple player records. In the future, when you enter a new Texas Ranger player, all you have to type is the team name (Texas Rangers), and your computer can pull up the relevant team information from the other table.

As you probably guessed, this saves you a lot typing. It also increases your data entry accuracy. (Could you type those uniform colors flawlessly 20-plus times?) Yeah, me neither. Relational databases are extremely efficient, but only if you apply some forethought BEFORE you start building them. As an example, perhaps you ought to split the player name field into two fields, first name and last name. That way, you can easily sort by the last name for your reports.

Also, if you notice many of the records contain repeating information, consider putting that repetitive data into its own table. By the way, the process of spreading your data amongst multiple relational tables is called "normalizing the data." Remember that the next time you are at a party and want to impress your friends ...

I know that's a lot of information to digest, so I'll stop for now. But join me next week as I show you how to create your first database in Microsoft Access. I'll see you in Cyberspace!

Purcell

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"I don't know. I'm afraid I'm not smart enough to make all my health-care decisions."

"Look, you have car insurance, don't you? Your policy doesn't pay for gasoline, brake pads, tune-ups and transmission repair. You had to figure out how to take care of these things."

"If only the government provided universal car insurance!"

"The way some of our politicians are talking, it's only a matter of time before they will."

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

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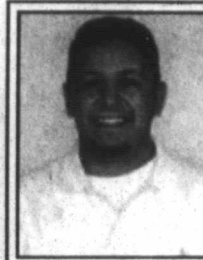
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Smart business owners throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado are finding that Smart Money, one of the many services available from Diversified Lenders, Inc., enables them to convert their accounts receivable into immediate cash through a process known as "factoring".

"Many people don't know what factoring is," says Don Roberts, President, in the company's Lubbock offices at 6625 W. 19th St., Suite 114. "Companies simply don't realize that they can sell us their accounts receivable on a monthly basis and get immediate working capital."

Just as important, Smart Money gives businesses access to complete "backroom" services. Backroom services include:

- Billing
- Collections
- eFactor Technology
- Accounts receivable management
- Management reports
- Customer credit evaluations
- Next day funding

"Selling us their accounts receivable enables companies to grow their businesses not only by making capital readily available, but by solving the cash flow problems created by customers who don't always pay immediately," says Cole Roberts, Vice President, Accounts Receivable Financing Division. "They can now afford to go after that potential new customer who's delayed payment history had before made them unavailable."

Often, Cole adds, the increased availability of capital enables Diversified's clients to make even more money by taking advantage of substantial "early-pay" discounts available from their vendors.

Funds can be directly deposited to customers' designated bank accounts. Smart Money clients can also take advantage of eFactor, an online service that gives clients access to their accounts, view transaction status, submit invoices, manage reports and much more.

"eFactor allows our clients to bring our backroom, into their office," says Vice President of Operations, Glendon Paulk. "Clients can log on and access their accounts anytime, anywhere."

Diversified Lenders also receives client referrals from many banks throughout Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado.

"We work hand-in-hand with the banks," Don explains. "Our factoring services enable us to consider a company's accounts receivable and fund based on that."

If you've been turned down by a bank, Diversified Lenders encourages you to call them for more information.

"We get a lot of referrals from banks when additional funding is needed, or they are not able to service a client," he explains.

Smart Money from Diversified Lenders, Inc. is obviously much more than just another business loan program. It's a way to grow the business in ways previously unavailable to many businesses. When coupled with the factoring division's complete "backroom" services menu, Diversified Lenders, Inc. provides complete cash flow management.

"We provide people with peace-of-mind," Don says. "Many small business owners find that with us, they can eliminate the need to work the business by day and handle invoicing, billing, collections, etc. at night."

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During the 2006-2007 school year, Cabot Corp. partnered with Woodrow Wilson Elementary School to promote student achievement in science and technology. Several volunteers from Cabot mentored students, helped out with science stations during Power Hour, and assisted the school booster club in their grant-writing efforts. The subsequent grant was in the amount of \$23,000. With the funds, the school was able to purchase nine technology stations for classrooms along with a variety of supplies and lab kits for students in kindergarten through third grade. Celanese Corp. donated \$2,000 in support of the grant. Above: (first row) Joseph Liberty, Zack Gates, Jose Cruz, Casandra Resendiz, (second row) Stacey Ramirez, Madelyn Solis, (third row) Woodrow Wilson Elementary Principal Tanya Larkin and Cabot representative Barbara Eldridge.

HPEA helps make a difference

As you read this article today, the folks at the High Plains Epilepsy Association would like to encourage you to think about some of the things each of us take for granted.

Most of you got up this morning, got dressed and then drove yourself to work. Driving a car is something most of us take for granted.

The ability to operate a car gives us some sense of control over our lives. Imagine that one day you woke up and lost that control. That is exactly what happened to one of the association's clients.

Martin was a truck driver. He loved driving. He and his wife had only been married for a few years, and they had just had a baby. One day while Martin was working, he had an accident.

He was not seriously injured, but because of the accident he began having seizures. Because he was having seizures, he lost his driver's license. Without a driver's license, he could no longer drive a truck.

The seizures continued. He saw a neurologist, and he took his medication, but sometimes with epilepsy the first medication is not always effective.

The doctor tried other medications and combinations of medications. The process of trying to determine what medication will work best can sometimes take years.

Martin's wife felt that this was more than she bargained for. Martin was having 30 to 40 seizures a month. He was not able to work, and she did not feel she could take care of him and their son. She left and took their son with her to another state.

Martin moved in with his parents. After a few months, his parents asked him to leave. The severity of his seizures frightened them, and they did not want the responsibility of caring for him.

With winter fast approaching, Martin found himself homeless. Not only was he homeless, he had no way to pay for his medication or doctor's visits. HPEA was able to assist Martin by purchasing his medication and paying for his doctor's visits. The social worker for HPEA networked with other United Way agencies to obtain food, clothing and temporary shelter for Martin.

Because of your generosity to the United Way, Martin is a success story. He is living in a small apartment. He is still not able to work, but he hopes to be able to one day when his seizures are under control.

Martin is currently have about 10- to 12-seizures a month. He is working with his neurologist to find the right combination of medication for him. As winter approaches again, his is appreciative that he will not have to worry about a roof over his head or something warm to eat.

As agencies work together to assist individuals in your community, it is gratifying to know that we are not alone. Your United Way dollars are put to work every day, right here in Pampa. Thank you for caring!

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Man finds, returns wedding ring

DEERFIELD, Mass. (AP) — John Carney was dumping a load of brush at the local waste transfer station last week when he noticed a man's gold wedding band partially buried in the sand.

Intrigued by the "Ed and Linda" and "June 9, 1996" engravings inside the band, Carney decided to do some detective work.

With the help of local librarians, the 57-year-old South Deerfield man went through the Deerfield town report for 1996 and looked up weddings. He found a listing for Ed and Linda LaCoille on June 9 of that year.

Last week, he returned the ring to the LaCoilles' house. Ed LaCoille had lost the ring more than six months ago.

"I never expected to find it again," Linda LaCoille said. "It was amazing."

It was the second time in just over a year the ring has been returned after being lost. Ed LaCoille said he lost the same band at a lake in Maine while on vacation. He left a note at the lake house for future renters.

A couple of weeks later, the ring was returned by mail.

LaCoille said he recently lost weight, which may explain why the ring keeps slipping off his finger. He's keeping it in a box now until

he can get it resized. "The chance of it being found a third time is outrageous," he said.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Your response to "Smitten in North Texas" (Aug. 17), who was romantically interested in his deceased father's wife, was not entirely correct. True, there is no blood relationship between the two, but a relationship of a romantic nature between them is akin to incest because of the previously established relationship of a stepmom/stepson. A more appropriate response would have been to advise "Smitten" to check the legality of such a relationship in the state of Texas with a family law attorney qualified to practice in that state. — **PAT IN PRICHARD, W.VA.**

DEAR PAT: Thank you for writing and pointing out, so gently, that my answer was off the mark. I'm afraid it's time to drag out the old wet noodle, because after reviewing the mail I have received from readers around the country regarding that letter, "Smitten" should definitely consult an attorney -- and possibly a clergyman -- before taking the relationship to the next level. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I wish to correct a flaw in your advice to "Smitten in North Texas" regarding a potential marriage to his now-former stepmother (his father having passed away). You advised the young man to go ahead with the relationship should he wish. Under the current Texas Family Code, Chapter 6, Section 6.206: "A marriage is void if a party is a current or former stepchild or stepparent of the other party." Therefore, under current Texas law, "Smitten" and his stepmother could not achieve a legally binding marriage. They would have to move to another state without such a provision to take that course of action. — **AWAITING MY BAR EXAM RESULTS IN OKLAHOMA**

DEAR ABBY: Regarding your advice to "Smitten," be aware that some states, including Texas, outlaw marriage to your stepmother as incestuous. Others are

Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee and Oklahoma. — **CLEM IN WALLINGFORD, PA.**

DEAR ABBY: If the young man's mother is alive, how would she receive her son's new mate, who used to be her ex-husband's wife? "Smitten's" mother could be an undue source of stress in his marriage, and he should be alerted to that fact. — **OFFERING A WARNING IN HOUSTON**

DEAR ABBY: "Smitten" may be in trouble regarding the Bible's prohibition stating that "You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife; it is your father's nakedness." (Leviticus 18:8.) A better suggestion would be to consult a knowledgeable ecumenical authority. — **MARLON IN ROSAMOND, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I'm afraid this time you misled your readers. In all heavenly religions (including Christianity, Islam, Judaism, etc.) if a man marries a woman -- providing having a sexual relationship between them -- his son may NEVER enter wedlock with his stepmother in any way at all! You do not have the right to allow them to marry. To do so would be irreligious, unethical and sinful. You owe palliation to pious readers. — **FATHER K., A MUSLIM READER**

DEAR ABBY: I found it very interesting that in describing the "deeper, most romantic kind of love" that young man said he has for a former stepmother, the first on his list of attributes about her was that she is "built" (and don't forget "pretty"). Sounds like true love to me! — **CYNICAL IN CHICAGO**

For Better Or For Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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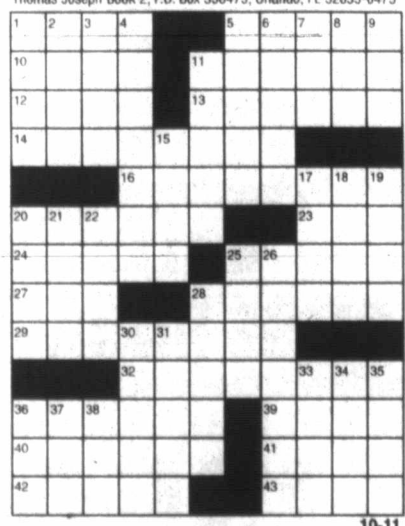
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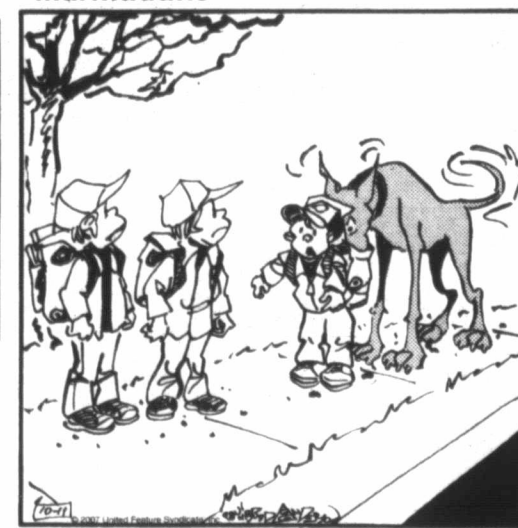
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Sports Day

Caprock defeats Harvester tennis

By JORDAN REAGAN
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester tennis team traveled to Amarillo Tuesday to compete with the Caprock Longhorns.

Pampa was defeated 6-13 in their second meet with the Longhorns this season.

The Harvesters won two matches in boys singles, three matches in girls singles and one match in girls doubles.

In the #1 and #2 boys singles spots, Jack Ware and Kevin Frels won their matches against Brandon Montgomery and Sean McElwain, respectively.

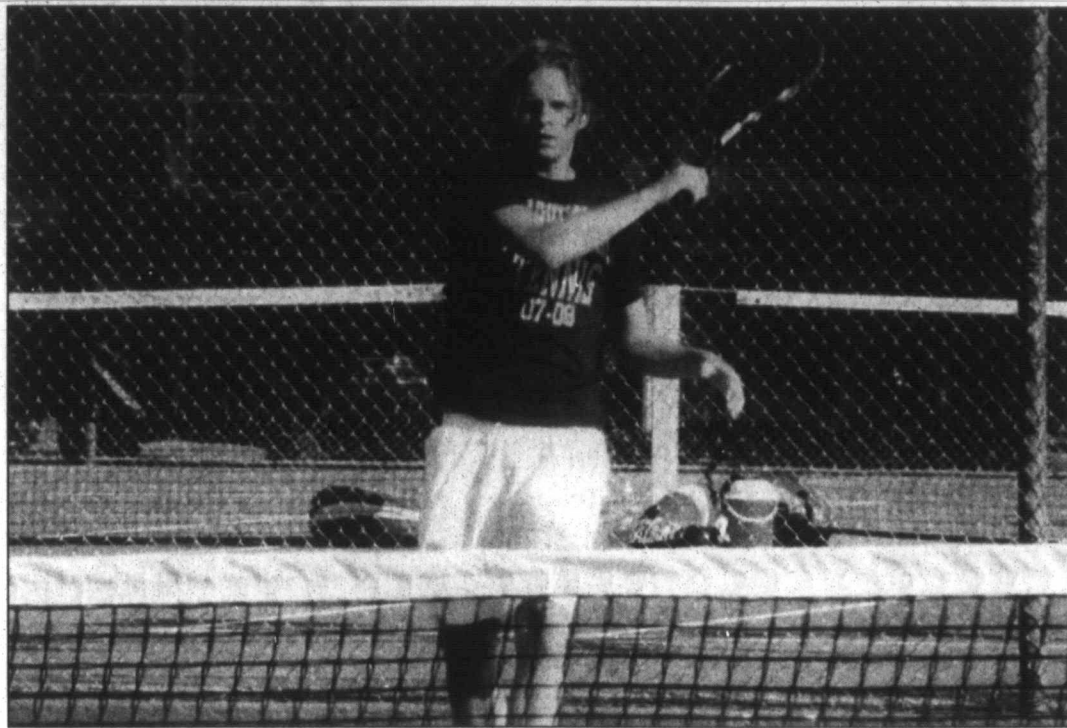
Ware defeated Montgomery 1-6, 6-1 (10-6) and Frels defeated McElwain 7-5, 3-6 (10-8).

The #1 boys doubles team of Ware and Frels was defeated by the team of McElwain and Joseph Hernandez 6-3, 6-1.

Pampa's Ashley Hernandez won both her #3 girls singles match and the #1 girls doubles match with partner Rachel Lee.

Hernandez defeated Caprock's Chelsea Espinoza 4-6, 6-2 (10-8) in singles and the team of Hernandez and Lee defeated Crystal Yarbrough and Jackie Wainwright in doubles 7-5, 6-7 (10-5).

In the #5 girls singles match, Pampa's Megan Barnett defeated Caprock's Shelbi Cross 6-2, 6-1 and Alyssa Hoelting defeated Jordan Johnson 6-0, 6-2 in



Courtesy photo

Pictured here is Pampa's Ryan Connor earlier this season at the Harvesters' home court. Tuesday against Caprock, Connor was defeated 8-1.

the #6 girls singles match.

The Pampa Harvesters will welcome Palo Duro Saturday morning at the Pampa High School tennis courts, just two weeks before heading to regionals in Wichita Falls.

All results from Tuesday's meet against Caprock are as follows:

Boys Singles

Jack Ware def. Montgomery 1-6, 6-1 (10-6)
Kevin Frels def. McElwain 7-5, 3-6 (10-8)
Myles Foreman def. by Hernandez 6-3, 6-1
James Vaid def. by Saldivar 6-1, 6-2
Garrett Coutts def. by Hernandez 6-1, 6-1

Bryce Hendricks def. by 1

Matt Kelley def. by Fuller 8-1
Ryan Connor def. by Hall 8-1
Aaron Silva def. by Ly (unavailable)

Girls Singles

Katie O'Neal def. by Yarbrough 7-5, 6-0
Rachel Lee def. by Wainwright 1-6, 6-2 (10-3)
Ashley Hernandez def. Espinoza 4-6, 6-2 (10-8)
Sammi Finney def. by Sertuche 6-3, 7-6 (10-5)
Megan Barnett def. Cross 6-2, 6-1
Alyssa Hoelting def. Johnson 6-0, 6-2
Lauren Coutts def. by Leal 8-5
Holly Gage def. Medrano 8-

Boys Doubles

Ware/Frels def. by McElwain/Hernandez 6-4, 6-2
Foreman/Coutts def. by Saldivar/Hernandez 6-2, 6-1
Vaid/Hendricks def. by Mayes/Fuller 6-2, 6-2

Girls Doubles

Lee/Hernandez def. Yarbrough/Wainwright 7-5, 6-7 (10-5)
O'Neal/Barnett def. by Sartuche/Leal 0-6, 6-3 (10-8)
Coutts/Gage def. by Cross/Johnson 7-6, 6-4

Mixed Doubles

Hoelting/Kelly def. by Montgomery/Espinoza 6-2, 6-1

Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
Oct. 10, 2007

1st Place (61)
Whitey White
Bob Swope
Waldon Haynes
Gary Brewer

2nd Place (64)
Eldon Maxwell
Travis Taylor
Gerrel Owens
Bill Abernathy

3rd Place (64)
Jerry Davis
Roger Davenport
Leroy Morris

Darrell Hinkle
Earnest Barnett

4th Place (65)
Ron Parnell
Doug Reeves
John Gentry
Dick Abbott

Cloest to the Pin
Gerry McCabe (#8)
Jerry South (#15)

Hole in One

Eldon Maxwell made a hole in one on the 132-yard Hole 6, using a 9 iron. Playing with Maxwell was Travis Taylor, Gerrel Owens and Bill Abernathy.

Optimist Club Girls Basketball meeting takes place tonight

All parents, coaches and others interested in the Optimist Club Girls Basketball league are encouraged to attend tonight's meeting at the Optimist Club.

At 7:30 p.m., there will be a meeting to discuss sign-ups and tryouts which are scheduled for October 16, 17 and 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Optimist Gym.

Also, there is a need for volunteers as coaches for the Optimist girls basketball teams.

"We would like to be able to have eight girls on a team," Optimist Girls' Basketball League Commissioner Roy Lott explained. "However, it is going to depend on how many coaches we have. We really need people interested in coaching to come tonight."

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

Texas A&M admonishes Franchione for for-pay newsletter

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M officials said Thursday that coach Dennis Franchione will be admonished for a secretive for-pay newsletter sent to boosters and that the school will report possible violations related to the newsletter to the NCAA.

The school ordered the coach to shut down his Web site — CoachFran.com — and will issue a "letter of admonishment."

Athletics director Bill Byrne said he'll consider the newsletter when he evaluates Franchione at the end of the season. Franchione's \$2 million per year contract runs through 2012.

"This will be part of his performance review," Byrne said. "The Aggies are embarrassed right now. This has been a very unfortunate incident we did not want to experience."

Byrne was not aware of the newsletters — which boosters paid

Franchione \$1,200 a year for — until a reporter inquired about them about a month ago. A&M hired a consulting firm to investigate about two weeks ago, after Franchione admitted he provided the information in a newsletter called the "VIP Connection."

"My guess is there was an attempt to keep it from us," Byrne said. "I think the whole thing started as something well-intended, to keep a number of people who were good donors to the university forever informed about things that were going on. It just got out of control."

Franchione apologized to his team, the school and A&M fans in a statement released after Byrne met with reporters. He also tried to explain himself.

"I was trying to keep some loyal Aggies informed on our program in greater detail throughout the year," he said. "Please do not blame them.

They were only trying to support our program."

Franchione said he was turning his attention to Saturday's game at Texas Tech and would not comment further on the newsletter.

David Batson, A&M's compliance officer, said he did not expect the NCAA to penalize the program with sanctions, though he wouldn't rule it out.

"I think the actions taken by the institution will suffice," Batson said. "But ultimately, that's a decision by the NCAA."

Among A&M's actions, Franchione was ordered to no longer employ "any staff members that could be construed as representing Texas A&M or providing information or reports relative to his position as head coach at Texas A&M."

Byrne said Franchione's long-time personal assistant, Mike McKenzie, actually wrote the e-

mails, and Byrne suggested that Franchione may not have always known about the content. Byrne said McKenzie is no longer an A&M employee, though Byrne was unaware if Franchione was still employing him in some capacity.

The school pointed out three areas where possible violations occurred:

—Franchione did not report to A&M income generated through his Web site or from the VIP Connection. The school said Franchione thought he did not have to report the income until he actually received the proceeds that exceeded expenses incurred for maintaining the Web site.

The school reported that Franchione's Web site and the e-mails generated about \$80,000 between June 2005 and June 2007. The school said Franchione's net profit was \$37,806.32. A&M said

McKenzie was paid by Franchione.

—The VIP Connection occasionally contained information about prospective student-athletes. The NCAA prohibits a school from commenting publicly on recruits until they sign letters of intent.

—The school suggested that Franchione violated Big 12 Conference standards of sportsmanship.

Batson said neither Franchione nor McKenzie were aware of newsletter recipients using the information for gambling.

The school released a list of 23 recipients of the VIP Connection, including Franchione's wife, Kim, and their oldest daughter, Ashley.

Batson said the school has gathered newsletters from as far back as November 2006. He estimated that the newsletters started in the fall of 2004, the year after Franchione arrived at A&M.

American cyclist Floyd Landis will appeal doping ruling in last-chance bid to keep Tour de France title

By The Associated Press

Floyd Landis has one more chance to regain his 2006 Tour de France title. Like almost every other campaign he has waged in this long struggle, he'll be starting from behind.

The American cyclist decided Wednesday to try to regain his championship at the Court of Arbitration for Sport — the top court for sports — hoping arbitrators there will reverse an earlier decision to ban him for two years and strip him of his title for using performance-enhancing drugs.

"I hope that the arbitrators of the case will fairly address the facts showing that the French laboratory made mistakes, which resulted in a false positive," Landis said. "Although the process of proving my innocence has been difficult for me and my family, I will not stop trying to prove my innocence."

The CAS confirmed Thursday that it had received Landis' appeal.

"The American rider requests the CAS to annul the AAA decision," the court said in a brief statement.

Landis will, once again, be an underdog in this case, just as he was when he went into the first arbitration hearing, and when he began his sensational

comeback during Stage 17 of last year's race. The appeal surely will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars, though probably not millions, because much of the evidence already has been established and heard.

Travis Tygart, the CEO for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, said he couldn't guess on the cost of the appeal until he had seen some of the legal filings in the case.

A three-person CAS panel, appointed from a pool of international arbitrators, is expected to begin the hearing within three to six months. The same parties — USADA attorneys and the Landis camp, led by attorney Maurice Suh — will present their cases in what is expected to be a closed hearing in Lausanne, Switzerland, after which the CAS arbitrators will issue a final decision.

Last month, a panel sponsored by the American Arbitration Association ruled against Landis, upholding the results of a test that showed he used synthetic testosterone to fuel his spectacular comeback Tour victory. That decision meant Landis had to forfeit his title and is subject to a two-year ban, retroactive to Jan. 30.

A ceremony is scheduled Monday in

Madrid, where Landis' yellow jersey will be awarded to second-place finisher Oscar Pereiro. The International Cycling Union declared Pereiro the winner a day after last month's ruling.

If Landis loses his final appeal, he'll remain the first person in the 105-year history of the Tour to lose the title because of a doping offense.

The arbitrators ruled against Landis even though they found numerous problems with procedures followed at the French lab that analyzed his urine.

"Properly applied, the recording of substantial errors without rebuttal from USADA should have resulted in Floyd being vindicated," Suh said. "So, once you get to this point, it's difficult to take too much comfort from their statements."

In a news release on the Floyd Fairness Fund Web site, Landis said: "Knowing that the accusations against me are simply wrong, and having risked all my energy and resources — including those of my family, friends and supporters — to show clearly that I won the 2006 Tour de France fair and square, I will continue to fight for what I know is right."

Ochoa faces challenging field; Wie healthy again

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Lorena Ochoa adds a stamp to her credentials as the LPGA's best player last year when she rallied to beat Annika Sorenstam in the Samsung World Championship.

Sorenstam isn't in the tournament this year, but Ochoa still faces a top field of challengers as she tries to make it two in a row.

"Winning here and playing that last round with Annika and coming from behind, it was something very special and important for my career," Ochoa said.

"It was a lot of fun to finish strong last year and be able to play good so far this year."

Among the top threats to Ochoa's hopes of repeating are Norway's Suzann Pettersen, who birdied the second hole of a playoff to beat her on Sunday in the Longs Drugs Challenge for her third victory of the year; Morgan Pressel, who won

the Kraft Nabisco, and U.S. Women's Open champion Cristie Kerr; Paula Creamer and Mi Hyun Kim.

Ochoa, the 2006 player of the year, has won six times this year — including the Women's British Open for her first major victory — and earned a tour-record \$3,068,421.

"So a lot of positive things, improvement in my game and things we've been working on," she said. "I'm ready to start playing."

So is Michelle Wie, whose pro debut in the 2005 tournament at Big Horn Golf Club-Country was a rousing success until after late in the final day. She was disqualified then for signing an incorrect scorecard after the third round. Otherwise, she would have finished fourth.

"A lot of good things, a lot of bad things happened to me at this event," said Wie.

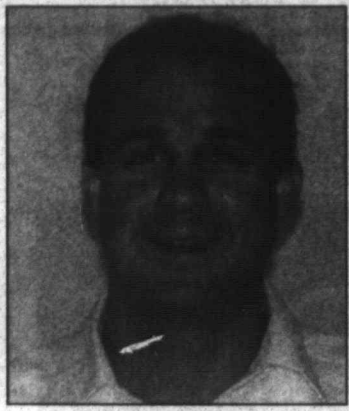
Stokes pulls ahead with almost perfect picks

Week 7

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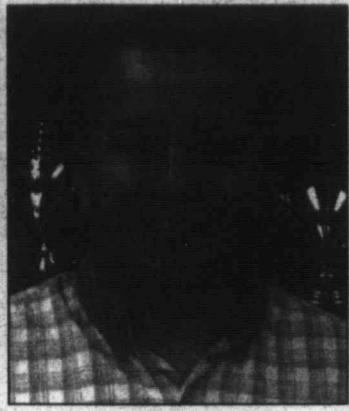
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Patriots say bad game should spur Cowboys' Romo

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Even Tom Brady plays bad games and one of his worst came against the Dallas Cowboys. Way back in 2003, with just one Super Bowl championship to his name, Brady had the fourth-worst completion percentage in his 113 NFL starts, including playoffs. But the Patriots still won 12-0 for their sixth straight win in a season-clos-

ing streak of 12. So when Tony Romo threw five interceptions last Monday night but still led his team back to beat Buffalo 25-24 on a last-play field goal, there was no reason to think he wouldn't bounce back. He gets his chance Sunday in just his 16th regular-season start, his debut against New England in a matchup of 5-0 teams. He's 11-4 in

the first 15 starts. For Brady, it will be NFL start No. 100, and he's 75-24 with three Super Bowl rings and many more appearances on magazine covers. That poor showing against Dallas he completed only 44.1 percent of his passes — hardly slowed him down. "I was hoping to get 10 games, but 100? That's good," Brady said

Wednesday. Brady has never thrown five interceptions in a game but he's put up four five times. There's no special formula for bouncing back from that. "You just try to play the best you can," he said. "You never try to go out there and do that. You just have confidence in yourself that you'll go out and play better."

The Patriots entered that game with a five-game winning streak, just as they will on Sunday. Both teams were playing very well with 7-2 records. It was billed as the "Tuna Bowl" when Bill Parcells coached the Cowboys for the first time against New England's Bill Belichick, his former defensive coordinator.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

10-11 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— VNMEBPRM ALBMTYRM
Yesterday's Cryptoquote: MODERATION IN TEMPER IS ALWAYS A VIRTUE; BUT MODERATION IN PRINCIPLE IS ALWAYS A VICE.
— THOMAS PAINE

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 12, 2007: You'll have a year to remember if you remain somewhat discreet and cautious. Handle your finances with learned precision; money could become a source of chaos. Understanding those at a distance or different people poses challenges, but not insurmountable ones. Use your instincts to further your path. Give up a combative streak. If you are single, you'll make waves. Be careful about your choices, as not everyone is who he or she seems to be. If you are attached, a more cautious but loving attitude warms your relationship. SCORPIO helps you understand your assets in all contexts of the word.

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) ★★★★★ A partner or an associate wants to assume a stronger role. You might feel that a key concept or idea could work with more definition. Brainstorming sessions could go on for quite a while. Tonight: Let your ideas out. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Some have a way of declaring their role without checking out others' positions. If you stand on ceremony, you will go nowhere quickly. If you are open to the possibilities and brainstorm, options will appear. Tonight: Listen rather than decide. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Stay focused on one item or project at a time. Since much could hit you simultaneously, you feel that you need to

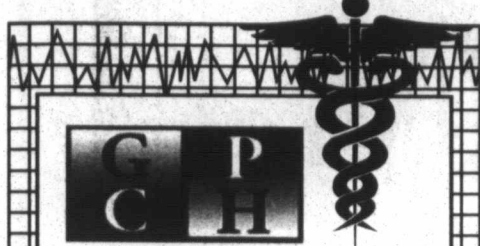
make a decision or multitask. You don't. Your creativity emerges later in the day. Tonight: Let your imagination go wild. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You have a great deal of imagination on your side. Add another's creative bent, and it might be difficult to predict where you will land. Be open and know that a discussion is an ongoing process. Tonight: Kick up your heels. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ What you thought was clear as a bell turns out not to be. You might need to anchor in financially and not get yourself into trouble. Express your anger or frustration in a manner that makes a difference. Listen to what is being shared in return. Tonight: Anchor in. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might find that communication goes way off as you are trying to come to a better understanding. Work on your listening skills in the next few weeks. Be aware of how people can use the same words but with slightly different nuances. Tonight: Keep talking. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Step back, especially financially. You will see that others have a very different style or approach. You might want to take some tips from key people about what to do and what not to do. Listen to what is being shared and learn. Tonight: Get some extra R and R. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Surely a strong sense of direction could help you see a situation in a different light. Take in information rather than disseminate it. Check all facts. You might be more inclined to accept information than usual. Misinformation runs amok. Tonight: What makes you happy?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Just as you thought everything was A-OK, you find some strange thoughts and odd reactions heading toward you. You might wonder what you can do to prevent a problem like this in the future. Tonight: Decide to take some personal time. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Though you generally go along with friends, reason might stop you short. Listen to your instincts about new information and perhaps an oddball type of person. You realize how important it is to confirm news might be. Tonight: Find your pals. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others make requests, which you might easily see as demands. You can handle it all, if you relax. What might be an important action for the next few days is to confirm information. You might not be able to get the whole story all at once. Tonight: A force to be dealt with. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might wonder how you can make a difference. What you discover is that perhaps you cannot. What might be easily accomplished for one person might not be for another. Allow people to be different. Tonight: Rent a movie, or relax to a fine piece of music.

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"Ladies and gentlemen, I would like to note that we have had the honor of having sergeant Steeley of the United States Marine Corps join us on this flight. He is escorting a fallen comrade back home to his family. I ask that you please remain in your seats when we open the forward door to allow sergeant Steeley to deplane and receive his fellow soldier. We will then turn off the seat belt sign." Without a sound, all went as requested. I noticed the sergeant saluting the casket as it was brought off the plane. His action made me realize that I am proud to be an American. So here's a public "Thank you" to our military men and women for what you do so we can live the way we do."

RED FRIDAYS

Very soon, you will see a great many people wearing red every Friday The reason? Americans who support our troops used to be called the "silent majority." We are no longer silent, and are voicing our love for our country and home in record breaking numbers. We are not organized, boisterous or overbearing. Many Americans, like you, all our friends, and me simply want to recognize that the vast majority of America support our troops.

Our idea of showing solidarity and support for our troops with dignity and respect begins on Friday -- and continues each and every Friday until the troops all come home, sending a deafening message that ... every red-blooded American who supports our men and women afar, will wear something red. By word of mouth, press, TV, -- let's make the United States on every Friday a sea of red, much like a homecoming football game in the bleachers. If every one of us who loves this country will share this with acquaintances, coworkers, friends, and family, it will not be long before the USA is covered in red and it will let our troops know the once "silent" majority is on their side more than ever, certainly more than the media lets on. The first thing a soldier says when asked "what can we do to make things better for you?" is.. "We need your support and your prayers." Let's get the word out and lead with class and dignity, by example, and wear something red every Friday.

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