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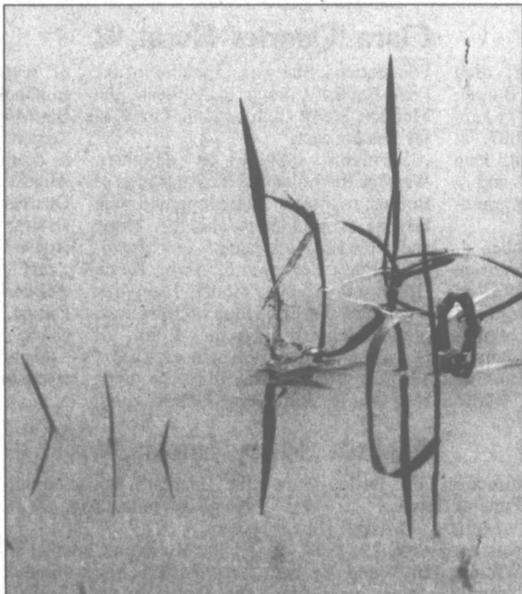
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## The good and the bad



Pampa News photos by DAVID BOWSER

Rains over the weekend in Pampa provided good news and bad news. The good news was that needed moisture watered grasses that are mirrored in the reflection of water in Red Deer Creek, which was flowing this morning following more than three inches of rain over the weekend. The bad news was that storm drains were filled with litter this morning. Pampa's total of rain over the weekend was 3.46 inches.

## City passes first reading of amended budget Tax rates on city's agenda

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer  
The Pampa City Commission passed on first reading an amended budget for fiscal year 2007-2008 and set the ad valorem tax rate at 69 cents per \$100 valuation during a special session late Friday.  
The second and final reading will be Tuesday in the commission chambers in City Hall.  
The initial \$12.9 million budget did not allow for a cost of living adjustment, so the commission amended the budget during the meeting to give all city employees, except for the city manager and directors, a four percent cost of living adjustment.  
Commissioner Neil Fulton objected

to the percentage rise, arguing that like county employees city employees should get a flat dollar amount.  
"It cost us all the same," Fulton said of the increased cost of living.  
Pampa Financial Director Robin Bailey, however, said that such a move would throw the city's stepped pay increases in chaos.  
"If we do something other than a percentage it would change the whole pay plan," Bailey said.  
Commissioner Bob Dixon said that according to the federal government, the cost of living in the United States went up 4.2 percent, so he proposed a four percent cost of living adjustment for Pampa city employees.  
Fulton argued that a percentage

increase would give higher paid employees more money, and he wanted to increase the lower paid workers.  
Commissioner Bill Allison said the cost of living adjustment wasn't a raise but simply a means to adjust city wages as costs went up.  
"We're trying to help these people keep up with the cost of living increases," Allison said.  
In the end, the commission adopted the four percent adjustment in a three to one vote. Mayor Lonny Robbins was absent from the meeting.  
The adjustment will apply to some 145 city employees, City Manager John Horst told the commissioners.  
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**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer  
The second and final reading of the ordinances setting the city's budget and tax rate are on the agenda of the Pampa City Commission Tuesday afternoon.  
The city commission will vote on the city's \$12.9 million budget and the 69 cents per \$100 valuation ad valorem tax rate at their regularly scheduled meeting, which begins at 4 p.m.,  
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## Muraling



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Pampa artist Doug Pollard paints a scene from the Vietnam War in one corner of the new wing at Freedom Museum, 600 N. Hobart. When finished, the mural will be part of a diorama which will include two U.S. servicemen in the foreground.

## Homecoming events include grid reunion

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer  
Homecoming for Pampa is fast approaching and a schedule of events has been released by the school district.  
The 2007 homecoming parade will kick off the events at 4 p.m. on Sept. 20. Residents can get a sneak preview of the homecoming king and queen contestants. The parade will line up on Harvester Street in front of the high school, proceed down Mary Ellen through downtown to the railroad tracks where it will disband.  
At 6 p.m. that same evening, a reception will be held for the Hall of Fame inductees at the junior high school library. This year's

honorees are Col. Clarence Shillings from the PHS class of 1944 and James Crownover from the class of 1948.  
On Sept. 21 the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. at McNeely Fieldhouse. All of the public is invited to this event to honor these previous PHS graduates and the accomplishments they have achieved over the years.  
A Harvester Football Veterans reception will be held at 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21 in the fellowship hall of Mary Ellen Harvester Church of Christ, across from the high school. Anyone who played football for the Harvesters is  
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<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
<b>Partly cloudy</b>	<b>Mostly sunny</b>	<b>Partly cloudy</b>

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52. East southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Junior High events**

Assistant Principal Susan Baker at Pampa Junior High School wants to let parents know about a few events coming up in the near future. At 6:30 p.m. Thursday, a National Junior Honor Society induction banquet

will be held in the junior high auditorium. From 7 - 8:30 p.m. Sept. 17, Pampa Junior High School will host open house and all parents are invited to attend.

**Emergency Services**

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday, Sept. 7**

Two traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Coronado, the 1700 block of Coffee, the 2400 block of Christine, the 2500 block of Duncan and the 100 block of West 30th.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 700 block of North Somerville, the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 100 block of West 30th, the 1500 block of Ripley, the intersection of Foster and Starkweather streets and the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Wells, the 400 block of West Brown, the 1900 block of Hamilton, the 100 block of South Sumner, the

1100 block of South Banks, the intersection of Denver and Tignor streets, the 1100 block of Willow and the 900 block of West Kentucky.

Lost property was reported in the 2100 block of North Wells and the 2600 block of Seminole.

Welfare checks were made in the 900 block of Duncan and the 800 block of East Frederic.

A civil matter was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Two attempts to serve papers were made.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of Lefors, the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets and the 1100 block of East Browning.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of East Francis.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Craven. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	7.30
Milo	5.49
Cor	5.96
Soybeans	7.62

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

OXY	58.92	-0.11
BP PLC ADR	68.41	+0.20
Cabot Corp	37.75	+0.45
Celanese	35.41	-0.17
Cabot Oil Gas	33.28	+0.11
Coca Cola	55.00	+0.41
VLO	68.50	-0.46
HAL	35.05	-0.19
XCEL	20.83	+0.06
Anadarko	49.65	-0.03
XOM	86.84	+0.09
Nat'l Oilwell	129.01	-2.88
Limited	21.40	-0.08
Williams	31.67	-0.24
MCD	49.99	+0.75
Atmos	27.52	-0.02
Pioneer Nat	43.39	+0.43
JCP	64.66	-0.41
COP	82.69	-0.12
SLB	97.29	-0.18
Tenneco	30.30	-0.45
CVX	87.66	+0.01
Wal-Mart	42.40	+0.01
OKE	46.63	+0.10

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**Obituaries**

**Rev. I.L. Patrick, 61**

God, the Father, called his servant home to glory on September 6, 2007 in Plano, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at First Baptist Church, with Rev. M.C. McGruder, pastor of Sunset Baptist Church in Grand Prairie, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

On January 27, 1946, Daisy and Rev. A. L. Patrick gave birth to one of God's anointed, Rev. I. L. Patrick. Rev. Patrick was born in Tahoka, but later the family relocated to Wellington where he spent most of his young life. He attended

school in Wellington, attended Bishop College in Dallas and received a bachelor's degree in business management.

Then, he wandered off into the wilderness, to later return as a called minister. His first ministry was in Avalon. He then went on to minister in Odessa, Midland, Bonham, Plainview, and was the current pastor of the Macedonia Baptist Church of Pampa where he had served for 23 years. Rev. Patrick married Barbara Gray Woods on April 18, 1980, in Midland. Rev. Patrick and his wife

owned and operated Like New Beauty Corner in downtown Pampa.

Rev. Patrick leaves to mourn his wife of the home, Barbara; eight daughters, Crystal Hampton of Waco, Cheryl Mallory of Plano, Farcett Patrick and Carla Bailey, both of Dallas, Fargee Patrick of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, La Shaun Patrick and Tamika Patrick, both of Houston, and Nicole Patrick of Odessa; three sons, Carlos Bailey and Kelvin Pruitt, both of Dallas, and Marcus Pruitt of Houston; eight sisters, Mary

Price, Lily Hastings, Joyce, Phillips, Alice Patrick and Betty Jean Dillihunt, all of Dallas, Glenda Bates of Tyler, and Carolyn Johnson, and Pamela Phillips, both of Orlando, Florida; one brother, Jesse Johnson of Houston; stepmother, Fergie Patrick of Trinidad; several grandchildren; a host of nieces and nephews; and a multitude of friends. Rev. Patrick was preceded in death by his parents Rev. A. L. & Daisy Patrick, and two sisters.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home, from 5 to 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

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Patrick

**Clara 'Quarles' Hupp, 92**

Clara "Quarles" Hupp, 92, died Saturday, September 8, 2007, in Borger.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Eric Hupp, a Missionary Minister and a grandson and Eddie Reynolds a grandson, officiating.

Mrs. Hupp was born October 4, 1914, in Quail, Texas. She married Jacob Forrest Hupp on May 7, 1933, in McLean. He preceded her in death on January 15, 1994, after 61 years of marriage. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1993 moving from McLean. She was a former employee of Marie

Foundations. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in McLean, the McLean Study Club and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include on daughter, Waneta Reynolds and husband John of Borger; two sons, Jack Hupp and wife Edwina of Richmond and Ray Hupp and wife Katy of Pampa; four grandsons, Eddy Reynolds of Alvin, Kevin Hupp of Austin, Scott Hupp of Sugarland and Eric Hupp of Tulsa; two granddaughters, Jonetta Crain of U.A.E. and Mitzi Bowman of Austin; 12 great grandchildren; three brothers, H.P. Quarles and Wayne Quarles, both

of Wyoming and Johnny Quarles of Lubbock; two sisters, Frankie Derr of Bartlesville, Oklahoma and Eddie Mae Sargent of Baytown. She was preceded in death by a grandson, R.F. Hupp on August 7, 2005; two brothers, Winfred Quarles and George Quarles; and two sisters, Burtie Gallegly and Anna Howard.

MEMORIALS: Jordan Chapel Builders, c/o Ray Hupp, 1817 Lee, Pampa, Texas 79065 or to your favorite charity.

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**Melissa 'Missy' Speer, 39**

McLEAN — Melissa "Missy" Speer, 39, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, in McLean.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007, in Alanreed Cemetery with Pastor Larry Perkins officiating.

Services are under the

direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home.

Melissa "Missy" Speer was born April 29, 1968, to William "Bill" and Evelyn "Vonnie" Speer in Cedar Vale, Kans. She lived in Parsons State Hospital and Training Center in Parsons, Kans., for nine years, and at

the Fountain House Group Home in Vinita, Okla., for 16 years.

She became a Christian on Sept. 1, 1996. She worked at the Recyclers and Resale shop in Jay, Okla.

Survivors include her mother, Vonnie Bible of McLean; her father, William

A. Speer; a brother, Clifton Speer of Beggs, Okla.; and her grandfather, Cliff Burdick of Disney, Okla. She was preceded in death by a grandfather, Howard Speer and grandmothers Violet Speer and Evelyn Burdick.

tion of Alcock and Hobart streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2800 block of Charles, on four occasions at an unreported location, the 1000 block of South Christy, the 500 block of North West, the 1400 block of East Browning, the 400 block of Powell, the 600 block of North Dwight, the intersection of Tignor Street and Highway 60, the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 500 block of Harlem, the intersection of Browning and Hill streets, the 1700 block of Dogwood, the 700 block of East Kingsmill, the 1100 block of Willow and the 200 block of Miami.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 700 block of East McCullough.

Welfare checks were made in the 2200 block of Beech, the 800 block of Beryl and the 600 block of North Nelson.

A missing person was reported at One Medical Plaza.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion, resulting in at least one arrest.

Four attempts to serve papers were made.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Wilks and Faulkner streets.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of East Albert.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Banks, the 700 block of South Cuyler and the 900 block of South Barnes.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive and the 1400 block of Hamilton.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1600 block of Christine.

A domestic disturbance was reported at the intersection of Kentucky and Hobart streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and warrant service were reported in the 900 block of Crawford. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Theft was reported at Sonic Drive-In, 1404 N. Hobart. Two subjects ordered food and left without paying. Estimated value of loss is \$21.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Denver. A laptop computer and carrying case were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$2,700.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic. A satellite radio, cell phone charger and cigarette lighter were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$180.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

Two traffic stops were made, including one in the 600 block of East Frederic which resulted in an arrest for driving under the influence/minor, no driver's license and no insurance.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1800 block of North Wells, the intersection of Alcock and Naida streets and the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1200 block of North Wells, the 500 block of Red Deer, the 1300 block of Duncan, an unreported location, on two occasions in the 1100 block of Willow, the 1200 block of South Wells, the 700 block of Bradley Drive and the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Welfare checks were made in the 600 block of West Foster and the 1000 block of South Wells.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of East Kingsmill. A free air search was conducted by the

K-9 unit. Marijuana residue was found, but no charges were filed, according to the report.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart, an unreported location, the 800 block of North Gray, the 700 block of North Russell, the 2200 block of Duncan and the 1400 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Prowlers were reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers and the 100 block of South Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells, the 1600 block of North Dwight, the 700 block of Lefors, the 1000 block of Farley, the 1100 block of Terry Road and the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of Jordan, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of Magnolia.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2200 block of North Wells.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of Scott and the 100 block of South Wynne.

Two alarms were reported.

One building check was made.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Wells, and the 400 block of Pitts.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

**Monday, Sept. 10**

Two traffic stops were made.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Recreation park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

# Mexico sends long-haul trucks to South Carolina, New York

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Two Mexican tractor-trailers have delivered payloads in New York and South Carolina, becoming the first trucks to operate deep in the United States under a long-delayed, NAFTA-mandated program criticized on both sides of the border, officials said.

The trucks, operated by Transportes Olympic, a company based outside the northern city of Monterrey, crossed into the United States carrying steel construction materials and will haul similar products from Arkansas and Alabama back across the border, Mexican Transportation Secretary Luis Tellez said Sunday.

The U.S. Transportation Department granted permission Thursday to Transportes Olympic to haul cargo anywhere in the United States as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement. In turn, Mexico granted authority to Stagecoach Cartage & Distribution Inc. of El Paso, Texas, to travel throughout Mexico.

Since 1982, Mexican trucks have been allowed to operate in the United States only within a 25-mile (40-kilometer) zone along the border, where they transfer loads to U.S. vehicles for transport elsewhere in the country.

Unrestricted access was supposed to begin in 1995, but the

administration of then-U.S. President Bill Clinton refused to open the border to Mexican trucks out of concern that they might be unsafe. A NAFTA arbitration panel overruled the U.S. in 2001, but lawsuits and lengthy negotiations with the Mexican government led to even more delay.

"On Friday, Sept. 7, the first two Mexican cargo trucks crossed the border with the United States," Tellez told a news conference.

The U.S. plans to give as many as 25 Mexican firms permission to haul cargo north of the border by the end of the month, and will add another 25 per month until reaching 100 — for a total of 1,000

trucks — by year's end under a one-year pilot program. The Mexican government also has committed to allow trucks from as many as 100 U.S. firms to travel anywhere in Mexico.

Truckers and other groups on both sides of the border object to the program.

In the U.S., the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, environmentalist group the Sierra Club and watchdog organization Public Citizen sued to stop it, saying Mexican trucks do not meet U.S. safety and environmental standards and that there would not be enough oversight of drivers crossing the border. A federal appeals court

ruled last week that the administration of U.S. President George W. Bush administration could move ahead with the program.

Dozens of truckers protested at border crossings in Texas and California on Thursday, some carrying signs reading "NAFTA Kills" and "Unsafe Mexican Trucks."

In Mexico, representatives of the national trucking association, Canacar, have argued that most Mexican companies are not ready for cross-border long-haul trips because the government has failed to help them modernize and take other necessary steps to qualify for the program.

# Houston not liable for traffic light that fell on car

HOUSTON (AP) — A family who was the unlucky victim of a falling traffic signal won't get any car repair help from the city because state law exempts traffic signals and lights from liability, officials said.

The city of Houston rejected a claim for reimbursement submitted by Lei Zheng and his wife, Hua

Yang, stemming from last year's freak accident. Yang and her 4-year-old son were on a shopping trip when the signal fell through the windshield of their Volkswagen Passat. Neither was seriously hurt.

The couple's insurance company paid their claim and they had the car fixed. But the couple wanted the city

to reimburse their insurance deductible and some out-of-pocket medical expenses, totaling less than \$2,000.

The city notified Zheng that it was immune from such claims.

"I feel quite astonished because it is totally unfair," said Zheng, 35, a biochemistry teacher at the

University of Texas Health Science Center. "From the police report, it is clear that it was not our fault. We didn't do anything other than drive on the street."

Harlan Heilman, a manager in the city's claims office, said the city is prohibited from making payment in such cases.

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## Events

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invited to attend.

This is a time for football veterans to get together and talk about the "good old days." Punch and cookies will be served and photographs will be taken. Following the reception, the Harvester veterans will have special seating at the pep rally, which is scheduled for

that afternoon.

The events continue that day with a steak dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria provided by FFA and DECA students at \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and younger. Tickets can be purchased from any FFA or DECA student, but they should be purchased early because there may not be any tickets available at the door.

Homecoming King and Queen will be announced and crowned before the game around 7 p.m. that evening. The game against the Borger Bulldogs will

start at 7:30 p.m. and the homecoming dance for students will be immediately after the game.

If you plan to attend this football veterans reception, call PHS student council sponsor Tanya Elms or Gene Valentine at 669-4800 to let them know you plan to attend.

For information about the steak dinner or how to obtain tickets, contact Donna Crow or Randy Dunn at 669-4800.

## City

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The commission also lowered the tax rate for 2007-2008.

"We are lowering the rate half a percentage point this year," Horst told the commissioners.

However, because the tax revenue is expected to increase, the city held a series of public hearings on the tax rate.

The increase in taxes, Horst

explained, is because of higher appraisals on property. The revenue raised by the city, he explained, is based on a combination of property value and the tax rate.

Pampa property values have risen \$227,000 over the past year.

## Tax

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Tuesday, in the commission chambers of City Hall.

The commission will also consider appointments to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority, the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board, the Lovett Memorial Library Advisory Board and the Construction Board of Appeals.

They will also discuss appointments to the Board of Adjustments and Planning and Zoning Commission.

The commission will consider a resolution recognizing September as National Preparedness Month.

## Record

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

**Saturday, Sept. 8**

Alejandro Puentes, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 2800 block of Charles by Pampa Police Department for displaying expired driver's license, failure to appear, no liability insurance, no driver's license and disregarding a stop sign.

Shawleen Michele Brown, 31, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Teresa Mundell, 33, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Kingsmill by PPD for no valid driver's license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle inspection, expired motor vehicle registration, and capias pro fines for no seat belt and no Texas driver's license.

Paul Thomas Gerik, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of Christine by PPD for failure to give information, speeding, driving without lights, defective equipment, disorderly conduct and disorderly conduct/obscene language.

Rosalio Vigil, 32, of Spearman was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Jose Martin, 21, of Pampa was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated.

Johnathan Paul Munn, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of Deane Drive by PPD on a bond surrender for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Carmen Rios Suarez, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of East Frederic by PPD for driving under the influence/minor, no driver's license and no insurance.

Freddric Jackson, 30, of Pampa was arrested in the 800 block of West Kentucky by PPD for resisting arrest,

simple assault and public intoxication.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

Patricia Dawn Jones, 21, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on 223rd District grand jury indictments for three counts of forgery of a financial instrument.

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

**Thursday, Sept. 6**

3:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 300 block of North Christy on a medical assist.

5:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a lifting assist.

5:42 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of Bradley on a natural gas leak.

10:47 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky on an unconscious / unresponsive.

**Friday, Sept. 7**

10:45 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 600 block of East Browning on a lifting assist.

8:40 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1300 block of North Hobart on a motor vehicle accident.

**Saturday, Sept. 8**

4:32 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of East Scott on a lifting assist.

1:53 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 400 block of North Ward on an alarm malfunction.

6:15 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the intersection of Alcock and Hobart on a vehicle fire.

7:17 p.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 400 block of North Ward on an alarm malfunction.

11:29 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of North Ward on an alarm malfunction.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

No reported calls.

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

**Friday, Sept. 7**

9:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to U.S. Highway 60 East and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of East Browning and transported a patient to PRMC.

11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan Unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville. No transport.

3:32 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of North Summer and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1300 block of Coffee.

5:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Scirroco and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Hobart and Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Saturday, Sept. 8**

5:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Chestnut and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Lubbock.

3:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to BSA.

11:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Craven and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Sunday, Sept. 9**

12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Perry LeFors Airport.

6:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Ripley. No transport.

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# Viewpoints

## Energy companies cleared of antitrust violations

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Department of Justice Antitrust Division issued a report on August 30 that there were no antitrust violations by energy companies following the increase in gasoline prices last year.

"The 2006 price increases were caused by a confluence of factors reflecting the normal operation of the market," the FTC report stated.

The report, which was requested by President Bush in April, noted that rising crude oil and ethanol prices coupled with greater demand for fuel during the summer and refinery outages following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita all were contributing factors for the rise in gasoline prices.

The report follows many other

reports where federal investigators pursued allegation of price gouging by oil companies, but found no evidence.

"In April 2006, while the FTC was completing its intensive investigation of petroleum industry conduct and gasoline pricing following Hurricane Katrina, President Bush directed DOJ to work with the FTC and the Department of Energy (DOE) to conduct inquiries into rising gasoline prices," the report stated.

"Today's Report on Spring/Summer 2006 Nationwide Gasoline Price Increases, which builds on the investigative work done in connection with post-Katrina report, describes staff's factual findings and economic

analysis that price increases during the spring and summer of 2006 were attributable to six factors:

**Alex Mills**

Columnist



- "1. seasonal effects of the summer driving season;
- "2. increases in the price of crude oil;
- "3. increases in the price of ethanol;
- "4. capacity reductions stemming from refiners' transition from the fuel additive methyl tertiary-

butyl ether to ethanol;

"5. refinery outages resulting from hurricane damage, other unexpected problems or external events, and required maintenance; and

"6. increased consumer demand for gasoline beyond the seasonal effects of the summer driving season."

These factors "support the conclusion that the increases did not stem from violations of the antitrust laws," the report said.

The FTC and DOJ noted that while conducting this inquiry into nationwide price increases, commission staff has continued to monitor retail and wholesale prices of gasoline and diesel fuel at a more localized level to identify unusual

price movements and determine whether they might result from anticompetitive conduct.

"The agency's economists regularly scrutinize price movements in wholesale regions and approximately 360 retail areas across the country, and FTC attorneys and economists initiate law enforcement investigation in response to suspect pricing episodes as they are identified," a FTC spokesman said.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are of the author and do not necessarily reflect the opinions and/or policies of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 10, the 253rd day of 2007. There are 112 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 10, 1813, an American naval force commanded by Oliver H. Perry defeated the British in the Battle of Lake Erie during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1608, John Smith was elected president of the Jamestown colony council in Virginia.

In 1846, Elias Howe received a patent for his sewing machine.

In 1907, 100 years ago, the first Neiman Marcus department store opened in Dallas.

In 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, died in Baton Rouge two days after being shot.

In 1939, Canada declared war on Nazi Germany.

In 1945, Vidkun Quisling was sentenced to death in Norway for collaborating with the Nazis (he was executed by firing squad in October 1945).

In 1963, 20 black students entered Alabama public schools following a standoff between federal authorities and Gov. George C. Wallace.

In 1977, convicted murderer Hamida Djandoubi, a Tunisian immigrant, became the last person to date to be

*'If there is no knowledge, there is no understanding; if there is no understanding, there is no knowledge.'*

— The Talmud

executed by the guillotine in France.

In 1987, Pope John Paul II arrived in Miami, where he was welcomed by President Reagan as he began a 10-day tour of the United States.

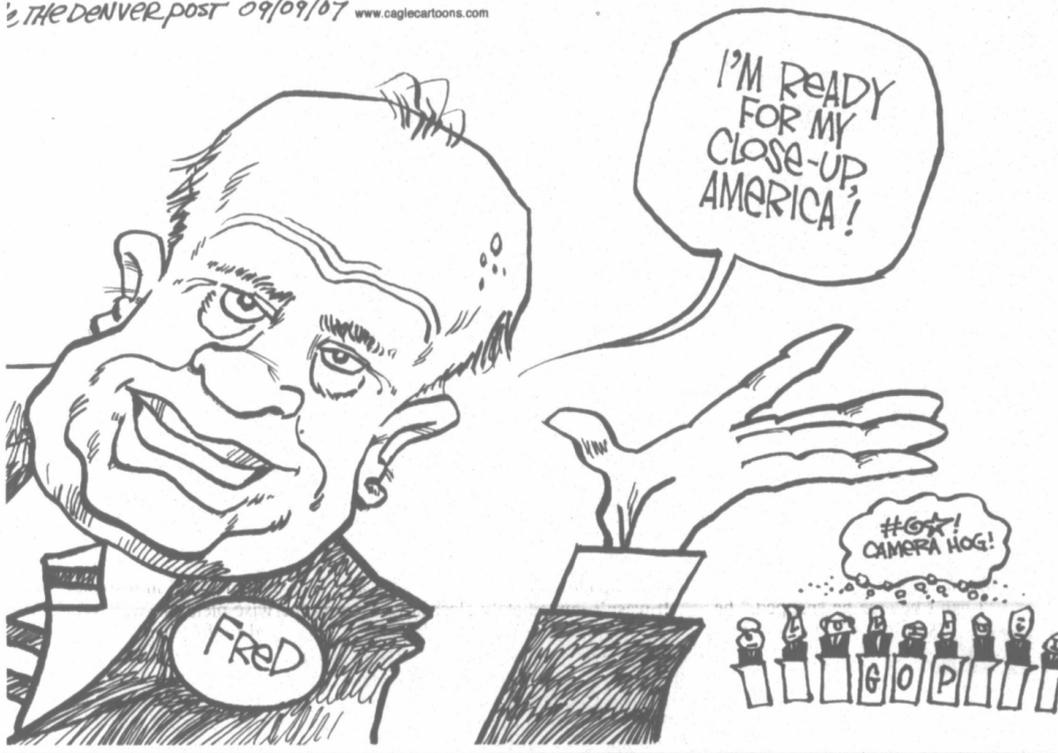
In 2003, Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh, 46, was stabbed in a Stockholm department store; she died the next day.

Ten years ago: Former Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy pleaded not-guilty to charges of accepting \$35,000 in sports tickets, travel and lodging from companies regulated by the Agriculture Department. (He was later acquitted.)

Five years ago: The Bush administration raised the nationwide terror alert to yellow, its second-highest level, closed nine U.S. embassies overseas and heightened security at federal buildings and landmarks in America on the eve of the 9/11 anniversary. Florida's first big test of its new elections system turned into a nightmare as polling stations opened late and problems cropped up with new touchscreen voting machines. Switzerland became the 190th member of the United Nations.

One year ago: On the eve of the anniversary of 9/11, President Bush and his wife, Laura, placed wreaths at ground zero in New York. Daniel Smith, the 20-year-old son of Anna Nicole Smith, died in the Bahamas of a lethal combination of drugs.

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## A debate on Mideast is an excellent idea

A fellow in upstate New York is mailing journalists in the U.S. asking us to pressure the powers that be to hold a presidential debate on the subject of America's Middle East policy.

The debate is an excellent idea. After all, we are fighting a war there, and the bulk of our problem with Middle East terrorism derives from our foreign policy, which can be summarized as supporting Israel's terrible treatment of the Palestinians while pretending to be interested in peace.

That is no longer the entire source of hostility, since the Bush administration has invaded two Muslim countries and is threatening war with a third, but the topic of our Middle East policy certainly deserves an airing and a full debate.

Alas, it will never happen. This might surprise you, but the reluctance of American politicians to hold an open debate on America's foreign policy in the Middle

East is not the fault of the Israeli lobby. Oh, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee prefers to avoid any debate, but AIPAC couldn't stop one if the presidential candidates insisted on having it.

**Charley Reese**

Columnist



Support for Israel in this country is more complicated than just AIPAC. There is the real AIPAC and there is the exaggerated belief in AIPAC's influence by most American politicians and not a few media people. Then there is the Israeli government itself. Next, there are American neoconservatives, many but not all of whom are Jewish and who have an unhealthy personal attachment to Israel. Finally, there is the cult of the Christian Zionists, who believe the Messiah can return only when all the world's Jews

have gathered in Israel.

One would think a Messiah could return anytime he darn well felt like returning, but don't worry about it, because the world's Jews will never all move to

Israel. As for the presidential debate, I think many of the candidates would develop scheduling

conflicts, and those who didn't would simply engage in a contest of who loves Israel the most. That's what happens when American politicians visit AIPAC's annual meeting. It's "I love Israel," and the next candidate says, "I love Israel even more." There is such a frenzy of loving Israel, it's a wonder that members of the Israeli consular staff don't get swept up and kissed.

Jewish political influence stems from two factors. One, Jews tend to put their money

where their mouth is. In contradiction to the stereotypes, Jews who can afford it are unusually generous givers, not only to politicians but to causes, charities and organizations they believe in. They set an example of generosity all Americans would do well to follow.

The second factor is just an accident of geography. America's Jews are largely concentrated in a few states with a lot of votes in the Electoral College — New York, Illinois, Ohio, California and Florida. In very close races, the Jewish vote could tip a state toward one candidate or another. Since most states have a winner-take-all system, Jewish voters are courted by the politicians. The same thing applies to black voters, of course.

The final factor is that Palestinians have no large constituency of American supporters. Unless you make an effort to study the history

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## How do I get my horse to drink at a new place?

Here's an easy solution to a finicky drinker: Vinegar ... preferably white vinegar. In a 30 gallon tank of water, I usually put about a quart of vinegar 2 to 3 times a week.

There are two reasons for this. The first is for the problem of different water. Many places I have gone to compete, the water smells and tastes different. If I put vinegar in that water, in my own bucket, my horse will drink.

At home, I've found vinegar helps retard algae growth. (That green film that starts growing around the sides of the tank.) Vinegar will not completely stop the growth but it does help slow it down. Vinegar also helps to clean that

growth when it is time to scrub that tank out.

**Roy G. Spence**

Horse Tips



Vinegar is also good for the digestion of a horse. Also in traveling, I have learned that a big trash bag is a nifty tool for hauling water from the spigot to the stall.

Put the trash bag in your tub, bucket

or half barrel. Fill the trash bag 3/4 of the way up with water and tie it closed. (Remember, when you get to the stall, you will want to remove the bag.)

At the stall, open the bag, reach into the water to the bottom of the bag and grab the bottom of the bag and pull it up out of the water. The bag should turn inside out as you pull the bag out.

Ta Da! Most of the water you hauled is still in the container instead of having a small duck pond in the back of your vehicle.

Ride Up!

Ray G. Spence of Pampa has been a professional horse trainer for more than 40 years.

Croaker weather



A frog takes advantage of an overturned plastic footstool's rain-filled compartments to spend time in the water. According to the automated weather station near Recreation Park, the Pampa vicinity has received 3.46 inches of rain for the period from Friday through Sunday. More rain is forecast for this week.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

# Gabrielle weakens, heads out to sea

By MIKE BAKER  
Associated Press Writer  
NAGS HEAD, N.C. (AP)

— Gabrielle, struggling to stay organized as it pulled away from the North Carolina coast, weakened from a tropical storm to a tropical depression early today, the National Hurricane Center said.

The storm lost many of its rainmaking clouds over land, and its maximum sustained wind weakened to 35 mph as it moved farther out over the cooler water of the Atlantic. Forecasters expected it to be absorbed by a stronger non-tropical weather system and stay far out at sea.

At 11 a.m. EDT, Gabrielle's center was located about 330 miles south-southwest of Nantucket, Mass., moving east-northeast at about 13 mph. The storm was expected to pass well south of the northeastern U.S. coast, forecasters said.

The storm's small center made landfall along the Cape Lookout National Seashore on Sunday morning, then passed back into the Atlantic near Kill Devil

Hills less than 12 hours later.

Other than some inconvenient wind, road flooding and a bit of welcome rain, Gabrielle left tourists and surfers largely unimpressed.

"If you think of what might have been as it approached us, I would say that we're in very good shape," said Dorothy Toolan, a spokeswoman for Dare County Emergency Management.

Although some isolated spots had significant rainfall — more than 8 inches in Beaufort — precipitation only reached a handful of eastern North Carolina counties.

The entire state is gripped by drought, particularly in western and central counties, and there was hope the first storm of the Atlantic hurricane season to reach North Carolina would provide relief.

"We're glad we didn't have any flooding or wind damage, but the rain would have been nice," said Julia Jarema, a spokeswoman for the state Department of Crime Control and Public Safety.

# Two Odessa policemen killed, one wounded at familiar home

By BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press Writer

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — The wife of a man accused of killing two police officers and critically wounding a third had called police to the house several times before when he'd get drunk "and a little pushy," a neighbor said Sunday.

Larry White, 58, was an avid hunter who liked guns and often drank beer during the day, next-door neighbor Raymond Graham said Sunday.

"I can't believe he snapped," he said. "Something made him tweak."

Investigators say a woman called authorities around 6:15 p.m. Saturday. When police arrived, she came out and told officers her husband had hit her, Department of Public Safety spokeswoman Tela Mange said.

Police couldn't enter the house through the front door. When they tried to go in the back door, a man began firing at them. He then came out of the house and continued shooting before retreating back inside, Mange said.

It wasn't immediately clear how many guns he had or what kind they were, but the wounded officer

was shot with buckshot. Graham said police had been called to the home at least three times in the past 10 years.

"But all the previous times it was nonviolent," he said. "Never anything involving gunfire. He'd get drunk and he'd get a little pushy."

White's wife, Judy, could not be located to comment Sunday. The couple have no children, Graham said.

The White's one-story house appeared untended and in disrepair in an otherwise pleasant, well-kept neighborhood in this oil patch city of about 95,000 about 300 miles

west of Austin. An oil derrick was pumping Sunday across the street in an elementary-school yard.

A request for information about prior incidents at the home and a copy of the 911 tape from Saturday evening was not immediately fulfilled by Odessa police Sunday.

Graham said that before any shots were fired he overheard Judy White tell Cpls. Arlie Jones, 48, and John "Scott" Gardner, 30, that she had locked her husband's guns in the trunk of her older model Mercedes Benz inside the couple's garage last weekend.

Jones and Gardner were both

killed in the shootout.

After talking to police in Graham's driveway, Judy White asked to use Graham's phone, the neighbor said.

"She said, 'Larry's drunk and they're going to talk him down,'" he said. "And then bam, bam, bam, bam. He opened fire on (the officers)," who had their guns drawn as they made their way into the backyard of White's home.

Judy White and Graham were standing near a window in his home when gunfire erupted, Graham said.

# Owners shut privately owned road, angering many in Abilene vicinity

By SIDNEY LEVESQUE  
Abilene Reporter-News

IMPACT, Texas (AP) — A patched, faded road built more than 40 years ago to carry liquor customers from dry Abilene to this tiny incorporated city is now closed to the public — and some drivers are not happy.

Signs posted at either end say, "Road closed to thru traffic," and "Notice: Impact Drive is a privately owned and maintained road." A locked metal gate prevents passage on the west side.

Jack Sharp, who owns the private road with his wife, closed Impact Drive a few months ago because they were fed up with the high volume of traffic, litter and what they suspect were drug dealers. They say they cannot afford liability for the road and patching potholes.

Some residents who live in the area have contacted the Taylor County Central Appraisal District to ask if closing the road is legal, said Richard Petree, chief appraiser. He said his office can't offer an opinion on the matter.

Impact Drive connects to Birchwood Street, which is in the Abilene city limits.

Sharp said he has the legal right to close the road that goes by his home

and nondenominational church, Living Word Harvester Church. The Sharps bought 20 acres of Impact — including the road — from the city's founder, Dallas Perkins, about three years ago.

The whole city of Impact only has 47 acres and 37 people. It is not in the Abilene city limits.

Impact was incorporated in 1960 to sell liquor to residents of Abilene, which was dry at the time. Impact Drive was paved in 1963 with proceeds from liquor sales.

The need for Impact dried up in 1978, when Abilene went wet.

Since then, the small area has blended into Abilene's north side neighborhoods. The city of Abilene paved streets right up to Impact Drive and around it, but doesn't maintain the road. Abilene police aren't required to patrol it.

The city of Impact doesn't have money for a police officer or new roads because it stopped collecting property taxes years ago.

Sharp said it would cost \$150,000 to repave Impact Drive. He said as many as 600 cars a day were driving down the road.

His childhood friend Robert Pelton, who was appointed by Sharp to be Impact's city attorney, said he advised

the Sharps to close the street to the public and said the move was legal. Only church members and Impact residents can use the road.

Sharp said he talked to Impact residents about closing the road and posted notices to alert the public. He said people can drive down different roads to get where they need to go without using Impact Drive.

Pelton said the closure didn't require a vote from Impact city officials because it is private property owned by the Sharps. If it had gone to a vote, chances are it would have passed.

Jack Sharp is Impact's mayor and his wife, Georgette, is the city secretary. Woody Shank and Shirley Shank are the only two aldermen listed for Impact in the Texas State Directory.

The city hasn't had an election in years, Jack Sharp said, although one is planned for May.

The old city hall is now part of Sharp's church, as is a former liquor store. Impact no longer sells alcohol.

Sharp said he wants Impact to be a Christian community, perhaps with Christian-owned businesses someday.

He said the subject of allowing Abilene to annex Impact has come up, but Impact city officials have always voted it down.

# Giuliani greets Houston backers

HOUSTON (AP) — Rudy Giuliani took his coffee black, with artificial sweetener. Charlie Pagan, 4, took his Nestle's chocolate milk straight from the bottle.

But, for a few moments in a crowded, noisy Houston restaurant on Sunday, the Republican presidential hopeful and Pagan seemed to have a lot in common. They talked about baseball, the weather and ended their chat with a solid high-five.

Their tete-a-tete, captured by a crush of television cameras, photographers and reporters, was part of a 30-minute campaign stop by Giuliani, who swung by the Buffalo Grille to shake hands, pose for pictures, sign autographs and rally his supporters.

He also took time to restate his stand on immigration, reaffirm the importance of cap-

turing Osama bin Laden and recall the lasting imprint of September 11. Tuesday marks the sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

"There isn't a day that goes by that I don't think about it three or four times a day," Giuliani told reporters. "There are so many memories, so many friends that I lost and so many heroic brave things I observed. I've always described it as the worst day of my life, and the most inspirational day of my life."

On immigration, Giuliani emphasized his support for legal immigration, suggesting that it should even be expanded. However, Giuliani said, there should be greater emphasis at stopping illegal immigration at the border by building a fence and instituting required ID cards.

# Reese

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of the conflict, you simply won't know the truth that the Palestinians are the victims, not the villains.

Wishful thinking aside, I don't see any factors that are going to change the course of American foreign policy, as disastrous as it is. And there will be no debate about it.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am an 18-year-old female. I have a cousin, "Sabrina," who is 14. Despite the age difference and the fact that we live 1,000 miles apart, we're quite close. I know Sabrina adores me, so I have always tried to set a good example and try not to do things I wouldn't want her to do. Sabrina has had some problems in the past and has been diagnosed with anorexia. I have tried to be supportive, but because of the distance I can't do much more than pray for her to get through this difficult time. Sabrina was released from the hospital in February, and her mother has told me that although she knew they would have some bad days ahead of them, she was sure my cousin was on the right track to getting past her disorder. Sabrina's birthday is coming up, and I want to send her a card. In the card I was thinking about writing something to the effect that "No matter what you look like, I think you are beautiful" -- because she is. However, I don't want to have her suddenly try to lose weight again because of my card. Is there a way for me to politely say it without running the risk of setting her off again? -- **CONCERNED COUSIN IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR CONCERNED COUSIN:** Yes. Instead of telling Sabrina, "No matter what you look like, I think you're beautiful," just say you think she is a wonderful person and always have. Then add that you hope she's doing well in her recovery and that you love and admire her. That way, your message will be stronger, and there will be no possibility of negative connotations.

**DEAR ABBY:** I am terribly torn. My 14-year-old daughter was molested by my 85-

year-old father last year while he was on a visit from his home in another state. I have taken her to therapy to help her work through her feelings. I have also confronted him and told him he is no longer allowed contact with our daughters. However, I have not been able to sever contact with him. I love my dad. He is my only remaining family member, and until this incident he was the model of a perfect father. I don't know how to deal with these love/hate emotions. Am I being unfair to my children by not eliminating this man from my life? -- **AMBIVALENT IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR AMBIVALENT:** It would be interesting to know what happened after the molestation. Was your father held accountable? A licensed psychotherapist is required to report child abuse and/or endangerment to the authorities. Did that happen? "Model fathers" do not molest their grandchildren unless they are unbalanced. Because your father's behavior was out of the ordinary, he should have had a medical/psychological/neurological examination to ascertain whether he's suffering from dementia or something is physically wrong. He might be more open to it if the alternative is your notifying the police. That said, put yourself in your daughter's situation. Had you been victimized, how would YOU feel if your mother continued having a relationship with your abuser? OK -- now you know how your daughter feels.

## For Better Or For Worse



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## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

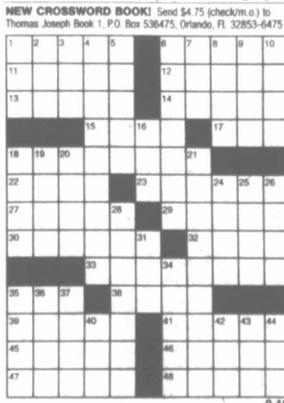
### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 1 Army posts
  - 6 Jeans joints
  - 11 Look forward to
  - 12 Family-room fixture
  - 13 Musical pace
  - 14 Rental contract
  - 15 Cartoon possum
  - 17 Grier of "Jackie Brown"
  - 18 Shouted loudly
  - 22 Parka part
  - 23 Stringed instruments
  - 27 Some singers
  - 29 Backbone
  - 30 Unmoved by
  - 32 Tennis star
  - 33 Enclosed
  - 35 Masseuse's place
  - 38 Highway
  - 39 Sophia of "Two Women"
  - 41 HMO fee
  - 45 Parting word
  - 46 Burning
  - 47 Sacred song
  - 48 Frequently
- DOWN**
- 1 Diet no-no
  - 2 Have debts
  - 3 Lamb's dad
  - 4 Warned
  - 5 Got to one's feet
  - 6 Cardinals' home
  - 7 Cain raiser
  - 8 Pronto, in memos
  - 9 Butte's cousin
  - 10 Flower part
  - 16 State leader: Abbr.
  - 18 Niger neighbor
  - 19 Part to play
  - 20 Tiny bit
  - 21 Added a finishing touch to
  - 24 Told tales
  - 25 Opposed to
  - 26 Glimpsed
  - 28 Breast-bone
  - 31 Lennon's wife
  - 34 Bean-bearing tree
  - 35 Open-handed hit
  - 36 Seed holders
  - 37 Opera highlight
  - 40 Snaky fish
  - 42 Peach center
  - 43 "— we there yet?"
  - 44 Longing



Saturday's answer



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## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane

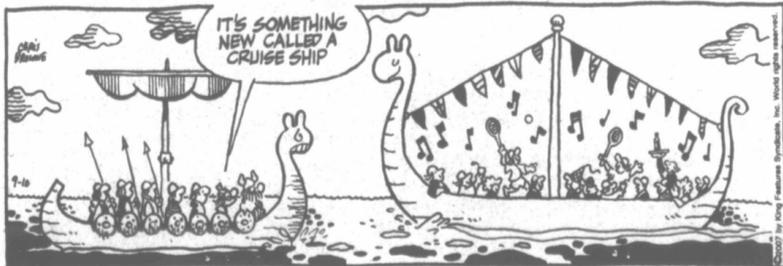


"Being tackled doesn't hurt as much when you've just intercepted a pass!"

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day

## Cross country teams conquer the course in Perryton



Pictured here are the members of the Pampa High School Cross Country team posed on the track at Harvester Field.

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

Pampa High School and Junior High's Cross Country teams had a successful run in Perryton over the weekend as they overcame 'Big Bubba' and placed well among other teams competing in the meet.

'Big Bubba' is a large hill that is part of the course in Perryton, making it one of the most difficult in the area.

The high school varsity girls placed 6th among 14 teams, with Faby Soria leading the pack, capturing 1st place with a time of 12:54.

The varsity and JV teams will work on their times throughout the rest of the week in preparation for their next meet at Thompson Park in Amarillo Saturday.

The junior high boys and girls also debuted well in Perryton.

"Both teams put on stellar performances," PJHS coach Trent Davis said.

"This hill didn't seem to bother the kids too much," Davis said, "and I think that it was because of the intense hill workouts that we had at Walnut Creek prior to the meet."

The girls team took 1st place out of 13 teams in their division with a team total of 56 points.

PJHS's Arin Rice and Danielle Savoie earned medals for placing the top 10 among 156 runners from other schools.

PJHS's boys placed 2nd out of 10 teams with a score of 80 points, and had a total of 80 points, losing only to Liberal, Kan. who scored 68 points.

Among the 87 runners in the boys division, Rudy Rodriguez and Jesse Cruz of PJHS both medaled with 7th place and 9th place finishes.

"I am very proud of the way these teams performed on Saturday," Davis said, "They all ran their legs off, and as a coach that is all you can ask from your athletes."

Hard work is what helped the teams finish as well as the did in Perryton, and they will continue to work hard this week as they prepare to run in Follett, Texas Saturday.

All individual results are as follows:

Varsity Girls:	Time:	Place:
Faby Soria	12:54	1
Hailey Nies	14:03	18
Karen Jimenez	14:38	37
Kaci Reyes	15:13	55
Crystal Garcia	15:16	58
Whitney Webster	15:38	71
Teysha Parker	17:30	101

Varsity Boys:	Time:	Place:
Miguel Tapia	18:18	11
Victor Quezada	20:01	35

JV Girls:	Time:	Place:
Audri Leal	16:22	25
Amanda Harkins	16:36	31
Bianca Hernandez	20:26	72
Megan Gragg	21:56	75

Junior High Girls:	Time:	Place:
Arin Rice	13:51	1
Danielle Savoie	14:09	6
Kaitlynn Ramirez	14:30	12
J'Cee Holmes	15:09	22
Bree Howard	15:19	24
Chanel Jimenez	16:32	
Kendle Ramey	16:49	
Cecilia Alonzo	20:51	

Junior High Boys:	Time:	Place:
Rudy Rodriguez	12:38	7
Jesse Cruz	12:50	9
Trace Carter	13:16	13
Cole Engle	13:47	23
Sam Cain	15:07	41



Pictured here are the Pampa Junior High Cross Country team members. Back Row: (L-R) Trace Carter, Rudy Rodriguez, Jesse Cruz, Sam Cain, Cole Engle and Bree Howard. Middle Row: Kendle Ramey, Cecilia Alonzo, Danielle Savoie, Chanel Jimenez and Arin Rice Front Row: J'Cee Holmes, Kaitlynn Ramirez, Rene Baggerman

### Texas' defense leads way in win over TCU

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — The first half? Ugh. The second? Brilliant.

For two quarters in a 34-13 win over TCU, No. 6 Texas put on the kind of performance that was expected when the season began.

A defense that held the Horned Frogs' offense out of the endzone and a running game that pounded out 176 tough yards answered some of the questions that cropped up after a lackluster season-opening win over Arkansas State.

Against Arkansas State, Texas raced to a 14-0 lead then had to hold on. Against TCU, the Longhorns were down 10-0 early before rallying to a comfortable victory.

Texas' defense dominated this one, holding TCU to 251 total yards, including just 34 yards and no first downs in the third quarter when the Longhorns pulled to 10-10 with a 33-yard scoring pass from Colt McCoy to Nate Jones and a field goal by Ryan Bailey.

"We really had a little bit of a chip on our shoulders," linebacker Rodrick Muckelroy said. "We were just trying to show everybody what our defense is made of."

A goal-line stand late in the second quarter held the Horned Frogs to a field goal and changed momentum. TCU's only touchdown came on Torrey Stewart's 45-yard interception return. Against Arkansas State, the defense allowed a long fourth-quarter drive for a touchdown.

"This is a very prideful unit, and I think we ought to take pride in wearing the burnt orange. Nobody was satisfied with what we did a week ago, and I think quietly, we had something to prove," defensive co-coordinator Duane Akina said.

McCoy, who threw two first-half interceptions for the second week in a row, was much more efficient in the second half. He even set up the go-ahead score with a long scramble up the middle of the field to the TCU 1.

### Offensive holdovers key Cowboys' win over Giants

IRVING, Texas (AP) — For all the talk about how much better the Dallas Cowboys' defense is supposed to be under Wade Phillips, those offensive holdovers made sure the coach had a successful debut.

Tony Romo, a Pro Bowl quarterback still without playing a full season; Terrell Owens, the NFL leader in touchdown catches; and Marion Barber, who scored the most TDs in the NFC — all came up big again in the Cowboys' 45-35 season-opening victory over the New York Giants.

"Put up 45 points every week? That's unrealistic probably," said Romo, who threw four TDs and ran for another. "At the same point, we'll sure as heck try."

They may have to for the injury-plagued defense that gave up 438 yards and a lot of big plays Sunday night against the Giants, who got within a field goal after trailing by 16 in the fourth quarter.

While it wasn't the kind of defensive performance envisioned by Phillips, or anybody else, the Texas native wouldn't let it dampen his debut replacing Bill Parcells.

"We had 10 more (points) than they did. You've got to play good enough to win. That's what we did," Phillips said. "We need to establish win at home, play tough at home. We did that."

Already without cornerback Terence Newman (lingering foot problem) and linebacker Greg Ellis (Achilles' tear), the Cowboys lost another starter. Nose tackle Jason Ferguson tore his right biceps muscle in the first quarter and is likely done for the season.

With Romo and Co. clicking, the

Cowboys still got an opening win — and a one-game jump in the NFC East.

Romo threw for a career-high 345 yards. Barber turned an early fourth-and-1 run into a go-ahead 18-yard TD run and Owens, shut out before half-time, scored on two of his three catches.

"The first half was sort of like a matinee. ... The second half I got my chance to shine," Owens said. "Me wanting the ball, I was starting to be impatient. But I knew we had another half."

Eli Manning threw for 312 yards and four TDs, keeping the Giants close until the end — when he watched the final series from the sideline because of a bruised throwing shoulder.

"I didn't want to go in there and make anything worse, land on it or get hit on it and make something where I miss next week," Manning said.

The Giants have more pressing injury concerns after sack leader Osi Umenyiora and new starting running back Brandon Jacobs left the game with knee injuries.

Dallas had its own problems early, with Romo and Owens seemingly out of synch on several plays before connecting on two straight to get in the end zone on the first drive after halftime. An 18-yard gain on a crossing route was followed by an acrobatic one-handed catch on which T.O. managed to get both feet in.

Owens had another highlight-worthy TD catch early in the fourth, a 47-yarder that put the Cowboys up 38-22.

New York cut the gap to a field goal after two quick TD passes by Manning, a 9-yarder to Derrick Ward and his third

to Plaxico Burress.

That came after Romo threw an interception, which he made up for with a game-clinching 51-yard TD to Sam Hurd with three minutes left.

Umenyiora landed awkwardly while making a tackle on the Giants' first defensive stand and while X-rays showed no break, further tests were planned upon returning to New York. Jacobs has an MCL injury, though the extent of the injury wasn't known.

Jacobs had six carries for 26 yards in his first start, replacing the retired Tiki Barber.

Michael Strahan didn't start after sitting out the entire preseason while contemplating retirement before joining the team only a few days ago. The seven-time Pro Bowler still played plenty, and had five tackles with no sacks.

New York started strong, with Manning throwing a 60-yard TD pass to Burress on the third snap. But the Giants flubbed the extra point.

Dallas was down 6-3 and facing fourth-and-1 from the New York 18 when Phillips opted to go for a first down rather than a short, tying field goal. Barber shook a defender at the line, bounced outside, shoved away another defender and then dived head-first into the end zone.

The only other Cowboys coaches to win their debuts were Barry Switzer and Chan Gailey.

Dallas tight end Jason Witten had six catches for 116 yards and a touchdown. Jacques Reeves, who replaced Newman, had an interception.

# Close calls nearly leave Big 12 embarrassed

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Nebraska and Texas sweated out harder-than-expected victories while Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, Kansas and Kansas State hardly broke sweats at all.

The Big 12 went 10-2 in nonconference games on Saturday, but the league would have come out of the weekend red-faced if it hadn't been for some of the standard-bearers pulling out victories.

The folks breathing the biggest sighs of relief were at Texas A&M, where the Aggies squandered a 19-0 halftime lead and had to work three overtimes to win 47-45 over a Fresno State team picked fourth in the Western Athletic Conference.

"That was definitely a hard-fought war," A&M linebacker Mark Dodge said. "They came to play that second half. We were a little slow in reacting, and we just had to fight and fight."

The Aggies, 17 1/2-point favorites, ultimately overpowered the Bulldogs, with 6-foot, 268-pound Jorvorskie Lane rushing for

two of his four touchdowns in the second and third overtimes.

A&M called running plays on 18 of their 19 offensive snaps in the overtimes. Aggies quarterback Stephen McGee said no one should knock the offense for being one-dimensional.

"We're going to do whatever it takes to win," McGee said. "Today we did that. That's what it comes down to — getting the ball into the end zone. Offensively, we ran the ball every time, and they did not stop us."

Texas Tech, 24-point favorites against UTEP, found itself down 28-17 before rallying for a 45-31 victory in Lubbock, Texas. Of course, that was nothing compared with its record comeback from a 31-point, third-quarter deficit in last season's overtime win over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl.

"I think we have confidence in that situation because we've done it before," said Tech quarterback Graham Harrell, who led the Raiders' rally against Minnesota. Nebraska won 20-17 at Wake

Forest in a back-and-forth game that went down to the final minutes. After a Sam Keller turnover, Wake Forest took possession at the Nebraska 10 and moved to the 3 before nose tackle Ndamukong Suh crashed through to throw Micah Andrews for a 6-yard loss. Zackary Bowman intercepted an ill-advised pass by Brett Hodges on the next play, ending the threat of a tying field goal.

"Going into the game, we talked about momentum, how it was going to change and how it was going to swing," Nebraska coach Bill Callahan said. "We just really preached to our players to stay in there, keep fighting, keep swinging and keep punching, because that's the main thing — how you respond to adverse conditions on the road."

Texas trailed TCU 10-0 in the third quarter before finding some rhythm in a 34-13 win in Austin, Texas.

The Longhorns held TCU to just 17 yards and no first downs in the third quarter, and Texas broke open a 10-10 tie in the fourth quarter

with a 24-point outburst.

Texas came off an uninspired 21-13 win over Arkansas State in the Sept. 1 opener to end the Horned Frogs' five-game win streak against Big 12 opponents.

"I thought last week was good for us because we needed to grow up a little bit and realize that college football is hard," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "And tonight was even better for us because we had to handle adversity and we saw that we can. We saw that we played together as a team in that second half so well. I didn't see bad body language, I didn't see kids with their heads down, and that's key in my estimation to being a good football team."

Oklahoma established itself as the best in the league after a dominant 51-13 victory over Miami that saw the Sooners outgain the Hurricanes 411 yards to 139. The 38-point victory followed a 79-10 stomping of North Texas in the Sooners' opener.

"The season is still young. This is what I hoped for, this is how we

expected to play," OU coach Bob Stoops said. "They're not going to be thumping their chests or patting themselves on the back."

In other blowouts, backup quarterback Zac Robinson passed for 250 yards and three touchdowns in Oklahoma State's 42-6 win over Florida Atlantic; Kansas outyarded Southeastern Louisiana 501-75 in a 62-0 victory; Josh Freeman threw for 272 yards and a touchdown and ran for another in a 34-14 win over San Jose State; Chase Daniel threw for five touchdowns in Missouri's 38-25 win over Mississippi; and Baylor's Blake Szymanski threw for a school-record 412 yards and six touchdowns in a 42-17 victory over Rice.

Iowa State and Colorado were the only Big 12 losers. Northern Iowa of the Football Championship Subdivision, previously known as Division I-AA, easily handled the Cyclones 24-13. Arizona State trailed by two touchdowns in the first quarter before rallying for a 33-14 victory over the Buffaloes.

## Bills TE Everett has surgery after being knocked cold

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Kevin Everett had surgery Sunday evening, hours after the Buffalo Bills reserve tight end showed no signs of movement after sustaining a severe neck injury in the team's season opener against Denver.

Bills spokesman Scott Berchtold said he was informed by the team's medical staff the player went into surgery at a Buffalo hospital at about 8 p.m. Berchtold said he had no further information, and didn't know whether Everett had shown any signs of movement since he was driven off the field in an ambulance.

General manager Marv Levy said doctors informed the team that it's too early to determine the severity of the injury and that they will know more after monitoring the player overnight.

"Certainly, we feel the injury is serious, but I don't want to speculate, and that's what the doctors told us," Levy told The Associated Press. "They told us to wait to hear from them before making any speculative announcement."

Coach Dick Jauron said immediately following the game that the player sustained a cervical spine injury, but wouldn't discuss the severity of the injury.

Everett's agent, Brian Overstreet, was not immediately available for comment.

Everett fell to the ground and never moved after a helmet-to-helmet hit when he tackled Denver's Domenik Hixon during a kickoff to open the second half. Everett was placed on a backboard with his head and

body immobilized, and carefully loaded into an ambulance at the Broncos 30.

The game was delayed for about 15 minutes, and the Bills gathered at the sideline while doctors attended to the player.

Everett's injury cast a pall over the Bills following a season-opening 15-14 loss, with several players expressing concern about their teammate.

"It was real hard," cornerback Terrence McGee said. "I watched the whole thing and he never moved. ... It's real sad to see him go off on a stretcher, but we hope he's OK."

"It's real sad," added receiver Roscoe Parrish, who played with Everett at the University of Miami. "When something like that happens to a close friend of yours, and you know how much he loves football, it bothers you."

Denver players expressed concern, including kicker Jason Elam, who kicked the winning field goal as time ran out.

Before taking questions after the game, Elam said: "What we heard is not good, so for our whole team, our prayers go out to him."

Buffalo's third-round draft pick in 2005, Everett missed his entire rookie season with a knee injury, and spent most of his second season limited to special teams duty.

The Bills liked Everett's 6-foot-4 frame, and were counting on him to play a role in their passing attack this season.

Buffalo also lost three defensive starters to injury.

## Woods wins at Cog Hill, takes lead in FedEx Cup

LEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Tiger Woods got some separation at the BMW Championship.

He pulled away from Aaron Baddeley and Steve Stricker, who were applying enormous pressure behind him at Cog Hill. And his two-shot victory Sunday allowed Woods to pull away from Phil Mickelson, who was watching from home.

When the cheers finally subsided in another compelling finish in the PGA Tour Playoffs, Woods walked off with an 8-under 63 for his sixth victory of the season. It put his name in the record books for a variety of feats and restored him to the top of the playoff standings with one week remaining in the FedEx Cup.

All that mattered to Woods was making putts.

It was his best round on the greens all week at Cog Hill, none bigger than a 50-foot birdie that stretched from one end of the green to the other on the par-3 12th that got him back on track.

"With conditions this soft,

the guys are just going to tear this place apart," Woods said. "I think the three of us just got wrapped up in it. We were all making birdies, and we kept pushing each other. I just made a few more on that back nine."

The 63 tied the course record at Cog Hill (Woods already was a part-owner) and matched his best closing round on tour. He finished at 22-under 262 to break by five shots the tournament scoring record that Scott Hoch set in 2001 and Woods matched two years later.

And it was the 60th victory of his PGA Tour, making the 31-year-old Woods the youngest player to hit that milestone.

As for the FedEx Cup, he's right where most people figured he would be.

Despite skipping the first tournament in the playoffs, Woods had a 3,133-point lead over Stricker, who finished third at the BMW Championship, and a 4,120-point lead over Mickelson, who decided to skip Chicago after winning in Boston.

So it comes down to this at East Lake for the Tour Championship:

— A victory by Woods clinches the FedEx Cup and its \$10 million prize.

— Stricker can win the FedEx Cup by winning at East Lake, which would be his second victory in these playoffs.

— Mickelson could capture the cup if he wins the Tour Championship and Woods finishes lower than second alone.

— Rory Sabbatini (No. 4) and K.J. Choi (No. 5) have to win the Tour Championship and hope that Woods finishes out of the top 15, something the world's No. 1 player hasn't done since the Memorial in early June.

What does all this mean to Woods?

"You just go play," he said. "You try and win the tournament. As I've always said, winning takes care of everything, so you don't have to worry about it if you win."

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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)**  
★★★★ Hold on tight, and let others know your limits. Your role in a project might be most confusing. Much changes quite rapidly, as you will see in the next few weeks. Tonight: What you think is impossible could become possible.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Your creativity is on an upswing, though avoid any major risks or moves in the next few days, if not weeks. A change could be happening in the love department, and it might be for the better. Tonight: Ever playful.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ If you feel like lounging close to home or taking the day off, do. Time for yourself might be just what the doctor ordered. Don't do anything that you don't have to do. Clear out a problem

through a mental decision as opposed to an action. Tonight: Close to home.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ Your style of communicating could be subject to an update. If you'd like to, try another approach. Yes, you might get some strange reactions. Consider signing up for a workshop on communicating. Tonight: Watch your level of anger.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★ Restrain yourself, especially if the matter involves finances. Just don't make decisions in that realm of your life. Investigate with the knowledge that your needs will dramatically change in the near future. Tonight: Remain conservative.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Everything points to you, but you might not want to or shouldn't make any decisions. Today a Solar Eclipse in your sign could distort the normally rational Virgo. Let sleeping dogs lie and stay nonresponsive concerning actions and decisions. Tonight: Don't let another goad you into doing something.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★ Pull back and do as little as possible. Your sense of humor comes forward and might make a tough situation a lot easier. The vote is not in yet, and you need to remain open. Take plenty of downtime if possible. Tonight: Vanish.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Know that what happens today could totally reverse itself. Remaining clingy might not work either. You need to just observe and trust. Friends and people surround you, but know that you don't need to make a decision — yet. Tonight: Where your friends

are. **SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ No matter what you do or with whom, there seems to be a sense of feeling drained. Do you think you have accepted too much responsibility lately? Perhaps in the near future you might want to change this pattern. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ Much more eye-opening information heads your way. You will have a lot to digest — and quickly at that — in the next few weeks. Know that you can do whatever is required, and worry less about your abilities. Tonight: Hop on the Internet or swap jokes with a pal.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Someone seems to be fighting for his or her dominance. Still, you feel free to go on with your daily life. With that in mind, don't push yourself too hard. Let others be where they want to be. Tonight: Say yes or try to be agreeable.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ You cannot win in an argument or discussion. Cut your losses and move on to a project or something you like to do alone. Perhaps less contact might be the way to go right now. Tonight: You don't always have to be available.

**BORN TODAY**  
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## School fund-raiser



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Travis Elementary students are selling fund-raiser tickets now through Sept. 14 for two chances at a quarter of a beef. The tickets are \$1 each and two winners will be drawn on Sept. 19 and you do not have to be present to win. The booster club is trying to raise enough money from this fund-raiser to buy a rock climbing wall for the playground. Pictured with tickets are, top left, Danna Eppison, Dacie McGill, Echo Barnett and Holland Poole. Seated from left are Reid Smith, Braden Parr and Bryce Weller. To purchase a ticket, see any Travis student or call the office at 669-4950.

## Machine-gunned whale dies

NEAH BAY, Wash. (AP) — A California gray whale that was harpooned and shot with a machine gun off the western tip of Washington state has died, officials said.

Coast Guard Petty Officer Kelly Parker said five people believed to be members of the Makah Tribe shot and harpooned the whale Saturday morning.

Petty Officer Shawn Eggert said the whale disappeared beneath the surface in the evening, dragging buoys that had been attached to the harpoon, and did not resurface. A biologist working for the Makah

Indian tribe declared it dead, Eggert said.

Tribe members were being held by the Coast Guard but had not been charged, said Mark Oswell, a spokesman for the law enforcement arm of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

A preliminary report said the whale was shot with a .50-caliber machine gun, Oswell said.

Coast Guard officials created a 1,000-yard safety zone around the injured whale, which was shot about a mile east of Neah Bay in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

## Optimism wanes in Fossett search

By MARTIN GRIFFITH  
Associated Press Writer

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Rescue crews searching for famed millionaire adventurer Steve Fossett stumbled upon another false lead Sunday when they discovered what they thought was a downed airplane — but didn't find the missing aviator.

"Once again, you had your hopes raised and dashed, just as we have," Nevada Civil Air Patrol Maj. Cynthia Ryan told reporters during a news conference.

Rescue crews spotted an object southeast of the private ranch where Fossett was staying 80 miles southeast of Reno when he took off last Monday for what was supposed to be a three-hour flight. Authorities did not say what the sighting was, only that it wasn't Fossett's plane.

The false alarm further dampened spirits of the rescuers, whose chances of finding the 63-year-old Fossett alive in the rugged, concealing landscape of western Nevada are becoming more and more slim.

"The mood is very somber but very focused," Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford said.

At least six times during the search, rescue crews have spotted airplane wreckage they thought might be Fossett's only to learn it was from crashes years and sometimes decades ago.

To some, that is an ominous sign of how

hard it will be to find the aviator.

"That's always a possibility — that he may never be found," Lyon County Undersheriff Joe Sanford said. "But I'd like to believe that with our state-of-the-art technology, the chances of finding him are much better."

Fossett, a former commodities trader who was the first to circle the globe in a balloon, is considered an expert pilot and survivalist. Search teams have tried to remain optimistic but acknowledged the futility was beginning to take a toll.

"It's not frustrating, but tiring," Nevada National Guard Capt. April Conway said.

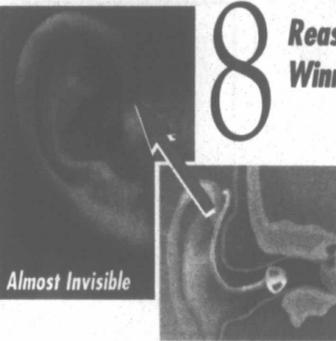
Leaders of the search-and-rescue operation have tried to put the best face on the discoveries of previously unknown crash sites. At the very least, they say, the finds have demonstrated that crews can indeed spot small planes from the air.

The search has spread across an area of 17,000 square miles, twice the size of New Jersey. Crews will continue combing sections of that vast landscape, but on Sunday they began focusing on the territory within 50 miles of the ranch. Most crashes occur within that radius during takeoffs or landings, Ryan said.

"We've got close to 100 percent covered, at least in some cursory fashion," Ryan said. "We have to eliminate a lot of territory."

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