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## Pampa school enrollment figures up from last year

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Attendance at three of four Pampa Independent School District elementary schools is up from last year, while the fourth remained the same and numbers for older students decreased, according to Superintendent Barry Haensch.

"Our elementary attendance is up fairly significantly, and our secondaries are down just a little bit," Haensch said.

District-wide, there were 17 more students in PISD classes Sept. 5 than there were on the same date in 2006.

"We have not added any new staff because of it, except in the area of bilingual education," Haensch said. "We have added one more bilingual classroom."

Following are attendance figures for Sept. 5 at each of the schools, with the Sept. 5, 2006 attendance following in parentheses:

Austin Elementary School, 392 (389)  
Lamar Elementary School, 483 (463)  
Travis Elementary School, 391 (373)  
Wilson Elementary School, 381 (381)  
Pampa Junior High School, 749 (746)  
Pampa High School, 996 (1,012)  
Pampa Learning Center, 33 (44)  
Total attendance at all campuses Sept. 5 was 3,425.

"The west side of the city seems to be growing faster than the east side," Haensch commented concerning the elementary school attendance totals.

Attendance for each grade at each of the grade schools and junior high school on Sept. 5 was:  
Austin Elementary: Kindergarten, 69; first grade, 57; second grade, 56; third grade, 72; fourth grade, 74; fifth grade, 60.  
Lamar Elementary: Preschool program for children with disabilities, 2; pre-kindergarten, 17; Head Start, 86; kindergarten, 84; first grade, 70; second grade, 63; third grade, 64; fourth

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## Gray grand jury hands up 40 indictments

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

A Gray County grand jury handed up 40 indictments Sept. 6 in 223rd District Court. The charges included seven first-degree felonies, five second-degree felonies, nine third-degree felonies and 19 state jail felonies.

Anthony Alvarado, 23, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of more than 400 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On Feb. 16, 2005, Alvarado allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Armando Javier Avalos, 26, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of more than 400 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On Feb. 16, 2005, Avalos allegedly possessed with intent to deliver 400 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Edward Earl Holt, 56, was indicted for assaulting a public servant, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$15,000.

On Nov. 24, 2006, Holt allegedly assaulted a Gray County sheriff's deputy by slamming a door onto the deputy's arm while the deputy was attempting to arrest Holt.

On Oct. 21, 1996, in 31st District Court of Gray County, Holt was convicted of the felony offense of forgery by passing. On Sept. 25, 2003, he was convicted in 223rd District Court of the felony offense of forgery by making, enhanced.

Angela Myra Huckins, 26, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$7,500.

On Dec. 3, 2006, Huckins allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four grams or more but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Haley Esther Maddox, 21, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

Thalamus Pshard Malone, 30, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Sept. 21, 2005, Malone allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four grams or more but less than 200 grams of cocaine.

On May 19, 2000, he was convicted in

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## City approves tax rate, budget

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa has a budget and a tax rate.

The Pampa City Commission approved an amended budget during their regular session Tuesday afternoon.

The \$14 million budget includes a four percent cost of living adjustment for city employees except for the city manager and directors.

The 69-cent per \$100 valuation is a slight drop from last year's rate although the rising value of property in Pampa will likely mean an increase in ad valorem taxes for most homeowners.

In other business, commissioners approved a resolution recognizing the month of September as National Preparedness Month and urging residents to notice the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's national preparedness campaign.

City Manager John Horst told commissioners that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission had spearheaded this campaign in the Panhandle.

The campaign encourages citizens to prepare for disasters by building an emergency supply kit, making family emergency plans, being informed about different threats, getting involved with community preparations for potential threats and disasters and volunteering to support local and area preparedness efforts.

The commission also reappointed Jerry Carlson to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority. Pampa has two representatives on the CRMWA board of directors who serve staggered two-year terms. The other representative is

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## PEDC to consider nominees for board

**By DAVID BOWSER**  
Staff Writer

Next year's board members, a portable booth and a building contractors' meeting will headline the Pampa Economic Development Corp. meeting Thursday.

Meeting in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building at 11 a.m. Thursday the EDC will discuss nominees for next year's board. The board members serve two-year staggered terms. Four of the seven-member board will be either reappointed by the Pampa City Commission or replaced this year.

The terms of Kathy Cota, Bill Berry and Ken May expire at the end of this year. Dennis Stowers was appointed last summer to fulfill Dwight Fiveash's term, which also ends this year, after Fiveash resigned as president of the board to become the full-time executive director of the EDC.

Fiveash said the names of the nominees would be turned in to the Pampa City Commission, who will make the appointments.

The EDC board will also consider buying a portable booth for conventions and job fairs.

Fiveash said they would also discuss the possibility of holding a meeting with local building contractors.

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. North-northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. North wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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*Stocks*

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

OXY	61.19	+1.29
BP PLC ADR	68.94	-0.24
Cabot Corp	38.34	+0.23
Celanese	35.75	-0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	35.33	+0.88
Coca-Cola	55.75	+0.42
VLO	67.60	-0.30
HAL	36.82	+0.49
XCEL	21.67	NE
Anadarko	50.97	+0.61
XOM	87.71	+0.77
Nat'l Oilwell	136.19	-0.75
Limited	21.98	+0.16
Williams	32.60	+0.57
MCD	51.85	+0.09
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*Obituaries*

**Harold Dean 'Joe' Bailey, 72**

Harold Dean "Joe" Bailey, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 11, 2007, at Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

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

**Bette Saunders Bates, 81**

Bette Saunders Bates, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bates was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Pampa. She was the third child of Horace E. and Florence B. Saunders, and granddaughter of George Henry Saunders, the first Gray County judge and pioneer family of Gray County.

She attended Sam Houston elementary, the old Pampa Junior High, and some high school until her family moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., a where she attended school there.

After the family moved back to Pampa, she attended Whitworth School for Girls in Brookhaven, Miss., where she graduated on June 6, 1944. She also attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in

Norman, Okla., on June 2, 1947.

Bette married Thomas Newton Bates on June 28, 1947, at her parent's home in Pampa. She moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she lived from 1959 until 1974 where she received her PhD from the University of Arizona and worked with troubled children for several years.

She returned to Pampa in 1974 to take care of her parents. Mrs. Bates put on vintage style shows for Pampa's birthdays at the old Coronado Inn Starlight Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium and the Knights of Columbus.

She was a member of the West Side Church of Christ, the El Progreso Study Club, The Pampa Fine Arts Association, Pampa



Bates

Community Concert and the Pampa Army Airfield Association. She enjoyed painting and working in the yard.

She is survived by her son, John T. Bates of Pampa; her daughter, Cathy Hicks and

husband Donald B. of Marana, Ariz.; one grandchild, Jessica Goree and husband Lee of Peoria, Ariz.; three great-grandsons, Damian Goree and Tomas Conner Goree, both of Peoria, Ariz.; and Donnen Colter Hicks, Jr., of Marana, Ariz.; cousins, Donna Jo Acker and husband Wayland, David Crossman and wife Ann, and Gabe Crossman and wife Jimma, all of Pampa, and Laverne Saunders of Lubbock; one nephew, Randal Allison and wife Deb of Abilene; one

niece, Rebecca Allison of Abilene; and special friends, Ray DeWitt, Hellen McLaughlin, Rosemary Schiffman, Glynda Leatherman and Paula King.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jessie in 1924 and Arlene in 1966; her father, H.E. Saunders in 1979; her mother, Florence B. Saunders in 1982; and her loving husband of 50 years, Thomas N. Bates in 2002; and cousins, Lois Reed, Dutchie Burns, George Saunders and Louella Saunders.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter, 4300 MacArthur, Suite 245, Dallas, TX 75209; Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106; or your favorite charity.

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

**Martin Hall, 91**

Martin Hall, 91, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 11, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Hall was born May 30, 1916, in Eldorado, Okla. He married Babe Sullivan on October 2, 1937 in Clovis, New Mexico. She preceded him in death in 2003.

Mr. Hall had been a resident of Pampa since 1978. He was self employed as a carpenter from 1951 until 1991. He was a retired

Church of God of Prophecy minister. He enjoyed building and wood-working. He loved spending time with his family.

Survivors include one son, Dorman Hall and wife Dorothy of Pampa; two daughters, Mary Hunt and husband Brad of Greenville, and Wanda Pettyjohn and husband



Hall

David of Grand Junction, Colo.; five grandchildren, Leslie Hunt and wife Jean of Midland, Kevin Hunt and wife Shawna and Michael Hunt and wife Ceeli, all of Pampa, Virginia Ann Surezynski and husband Kevin

of Greenville, and Richard Pettyjohn of Grand Junction, Colo.; 13 great-grandchildren.

dren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas, or Calvary Assembly of God Church, 1030 Love, Pampa, TX 79065.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will be at 1113 Cinderella.

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

**Josephine Lane Lawson, 90**

Josephine Lane Lawson, 90, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 10, 2007, at Plano, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, 2007, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Dr. Jerry R. Lane, nephew and pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church of Borger, officiating.

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

Mrs. Lawson was born Jan. 19, 1917, in Arnett,

Okla., to R.W. and Ada Kincaide Lane. She came with her parents to the Texas Panhandle in 1921. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1934 and attended West Texas State University.

Josephine married Kermit B. Lawson on Dec. 3, 1939. After living in Carson County for several years, they moved to Pampa in 1959. Kermit preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 2001.

Mrs. Lawson was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the

United Methodist Women. She was a former member of the Church Women United in Panhandle and Pampa. Through the years, she participated in a variety of civic activities in Pampa and Panhandle.

Survivors include two daughters, Mary Joanne Lawson Watkins of Plano and Naomi Kay Lawson Carter and husband Richard of Overland Park, Kan.; three brothers, Howard Lane and wife Christina in Panhandle, Don Lane and

wife Susanne of Pampa, and Noble Lane and wife Iona of Houston; one grandson, Mark Allen Watkins and wife Deborah of Sachse, Texas; several nephews; and a niece.

MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981, or to a favorite charity.

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

*Emergency Services*

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
Cynthia Scully, 42, of Lefors was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury.

Ramon Bencomo, 52, of McLean was arrested by GCSO for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Alan Broadbent, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for possession of a controlled substance.

Pampa Fire Department reported the

following calls for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**  
7:50 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Worrell and Duncan on a vehicle accident.

11:41 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the Coronado West parking lot on a hazardous material cleanup.

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 11**

7:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a private residence.

12:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo and transferred a patient(s) to PRMC.

At an undisclosed time, a mobile ICU  
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# Woman's ordeal in W.Va. shed leads to hate crime investigation

**By JOHN RABY**  
Associated Press Writer

**BIG CREEK, W.Va. (AP)**— Inside a shed on a remote hillside of this coalfield community, authorities say a young black woman was tortured for days, sexually assaulted, beaten and forced to eat rat droppings.

Her captors, all of them white, choked her with a cable cord and stabbed her in the leg while calling her a racial slur, poured hot water over her and made her drink from a toilet, according to criminal complaints.

It wasn't until an anonymous tip led Logan County Sheriff's deputies to the property on Saturday that her ordeal ended and she was able to limp to safety, arms outstretched as she cried, "Help me!"

"I don't understand such a horrific crime being committed here," said Johnny Meade, pastor of the community's Apostolic Church of God in the Name of Christ Jesus.

The FBI is now looking into possible civil rights violations, agency spokesman Bill Crowley said, authorities in West Virginia said they were investigating the case as a possible hate crime.

At one point, an assailant cut the woman's ankle with a knife and used the N-word in telling her she was victimized because she is black, authorities said.

Investigators are still trying to determine how the woman ended up at the property and whether she knew any of the six people arrested or the two others, suspected of driv-

ing her to the home, who are being sought, said Logan County Chief Sheriff's Deputy V.K. Dingess.

Police tape now surrounds the entrances to the beige-and-brown mobile home where Megan Williams, 20, was found. An extension cord runs from the home to the cramped shed, which authorities say she was held in with a portable stereo, a locker and a power saw.

The Associated Press generally does not identify suspected victims of sexual assault, but Williams and her mother agreed to release her name. Carmen Williams said she wanted people to know what her daughter endured.

"I don't understand a human being doing another human being the way they did my daughter," Carmen Williams said Tuesday from her daughter's hospital room. "I didn't know there were people like that out here."

The suspects in the case have prior arrest records going back several years, according to records from Logan County Magistrate Court. Logan County Prosecutor Brian Abraham said, "I have some familiarity with all those individuals."

Since 1991, police have filed 108 criminal charges against the six. Frankie Brewster, 49, faced the most serious charges among them. Karen Burton, 46, of Chapmanville had the most charges in all, with 33; and her daughter, Alisha Burton, 23, had 20.

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Benny Kirksey, whose term expires next year.

Rusty Tapp, Marvin Allison and Oscar Sargent were reappointed for two-year terms to the Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Board. The board has one vacancy.

Sarah Carmichael, Jeri Ericson, Sharon Haynes and Ed Cooley were reappointed to two-year terms on the Lovett Memorial Library Advisory Board.

Jack Hammel and Tim Roberts were reappointed to the Construction Board of Appeals. Bobby Burns was appointed as an alternate member of the board.

Dick Stowers and Durward Williams were

reappointed to the Board of Adjustment. The board has three vacancies.

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

The next scheduled meeting of the Pampa City Commission will be at 4 p.m. Sept. 25 in the commission chambers of City Hall.

## PEDC

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"There is a need for housing in Pampa," Fiveash said.

If more houses are to be built, he said he would like to see local contractors building the new homes and developing new subdivisions.

"That goes without saying," Fiveash said.

A meeting with contrac-

tors could lead to ideas for helping the home building industry in Pampa.

"It wouldn't necessarily be financial," Fiveash said.

It may be in terms of streamlining the development possibilities or helping with utility costs.

Fiveash said that in order to build a subdivision, developers have to provide streets and utilities. The city can't afford to.

Fiveash said the EDC may be able to help in such situations, but he said that

any meeting with building contractors would initially be exploratory to find out what assistance might be needed. It might simply mean maintaining a database of resources or helping find construction crews or training for such crews.

"There are all kinds of possibilities," Fiveash said.

The EDC board will go behind closed doors to discuss the possible purchase of real estate, personnel and economic development negotiations.

## Schools

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grade, 49; fifth grade, 48.

Travis Elementary: Kindergarten, 67; first

grade, 68; second grade, 68; third grade, 67; fourth grade, 47; fifth grade, 67.

Wilson Elementary: Kindergarten, 60; first grade, 54; second grade, 58; third grade, 56; fourth grade, 64; fifth grade, 55.

Pampa Junior High School: Sixth grade, 272; seventh grade, 228; eighth grade, 249.

No totals were available for attendance by grade at Pampa High School.

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responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

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

Seven traffic stops were made. One traffic stop in the 1400 block of Charles resulted in an arrest for possession of a dangerous drug.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1100 block of Darby.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the police department lobby and the 1300 block of North Banks.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals at the intersection of Atchison and Russell streets, the 2200 block of Lynn, on two occasions in the 1700 block of Dogwood, the 2100 block of Lynn, the 1300 block of Duncan, the inter-

section of Brown and Somerville streets, the 1100 block of Duncan, the 700 block of Magnolia, the 1100 block of Clark, the 1100 block of South Faulkner, the 1000 block of South Dwight and the 900 block of North Somerville.

Two suicide attempts were reported.

A runaway was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2200 block of North Christy. The juvenile was later found in the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell and the 600 block of North Davis.

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

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and on two occasions in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 200 block of West Tyng.

A prowler was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 400 block of Lefors.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of Magnolia.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 300 block of North Warren.

Harassment was reported in the 600 block of North Wells.

Interference with child custody was reported in the police department lobby.

The incident occurred in the 700 block of Denver.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1400 block of North Dwight.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 1100 block of Terry Road. A knife was pulled on the victim. No injuries were reported. The incident is still under investigation.

One alarm was reported.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of Murphy by the city of Pampa. A lock was cut and city water valued at \$78 was taken.

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

Nine traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 2400 block of Christine and an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Worrell and Duncan streets and the intersection of Kentucky and Sumner streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2700 block of Cherokee, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 400 block of North Roberta, the 600 block of North Dwight, the 1100 block of South Wells,

the 300 block of Anne, the 700 block of Murphy, the 200 block of Henry, the 1400 block of East Browning, the 1800 block of North Zimmers, the 1100 block of Garland, the 900 block of East Frederic and Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60.

A welfare check was made in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Found property was reported in the police department lobby.

A missing person was reported in the 2300 block of Fir.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A civil matter was reported in the 1600 block of North Christy.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 600 block of North Faulkner, the 600 block of North West, the intersection of Crawford and Campanella streets and the intersection of Neel Road and Crawford Street.

Prowlers were reported in the 800 block of East Kingsmill and the 1200 block of Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Bond and Sumner streets and the 500 block of East Foster.

Violations of a city ordinance were reported in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 900 block of East Francis and the 500 block of North Frost.

Sexual assault was reported in the 100 block of South Russell.

Credit card abuse was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning. Two charges were made to a credit card in Norman, Okla. Estimated value of loss is \$117.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of North Hobart. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of North Sumner. Taken was a computer game valued at \$90.

Burglary was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

## Just out of jail, man, 70, arrested

**TARRYTOWN, N.Y. (AP)** — Time served and well behaved, but maybe too old to change.

Edward Magenheimer, 70, was out of Westchester County jail for less than 24 hours when he was arrested Tuesday for allegedly stealing a luxury car left running outside a deli, police said.

Magenheimer was spotted about 6:20 a.m. driving the white car in the suburbs about 20 miles north of Manhattan and was taken into custody, police Sgt. John Barbelet said.

The septuagenarian, who recently underwent heart bypass surgery, had just been

released from jail on Monday after a one-year sentence for conning three women out of thousands of dollars. He pleaded guilty to the scam in July and was released early for time served and good behavior, authorities said.

Magenheimer was charged with third-degree criminal possession of stolen property, a felony, in the theft of the car, a 1996 Jaguar, police said.

The Westchester County District Attorney's Office said Magenheimer was being represented by Legal Aid. A phone message left for the group was not returned.

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# Viewpoints

## Making sense: Some questions for Fred Thompson

Fred Thompson's opening shot in launching his campaign on the Jay Leno show was impressive, but now he has to forget the sound bites and the folksy advice and get down to brass tacks.

To begin with, he has to give the voters in the primary states a good reason to pick him over all the other Republican candidates. He has to tell them not only where he stands on the issues, but also what he plans to do about them.

It's not enough to say he wants a better America — after all, everybody wants that. He has to spell out how he plans to get there.

What is he going to do to give the smaller government candidates keep promising but never seem to pro-

vide?

What is he going to do to win the war in Iraq and the war against terrorism?

How does he plan to create a fairer income tax system that rewards hard work rather than punishes it?

He needs to answer those questions and be very specific in his answers.

The voters won't want to know how he feels about issues — they can get all that touchy-feely stuff from the Democrats — they want to know exactly what he plans to do about them, and how he plans to do it.

He has to explain how he plans to deal with Capitol Hill, where the Democrats control both houses of Congress and aren't exactly enthusiastic about the

Republican way of doing things.

For that matter, what would he do while running for the presidency to help his party regain control of the Congress in the 2008 elections if he's at the top of the ticket?

**Michael Reagan**

Columnist



While the media consider that impossible, the utter failure of the Democrats in Congress to do anything worthwhile gives the GOP a fighting chance.

In other words, what would he do to provide the coattails that could carry Congressional candidates into Washington with him?

Does he understand that he needs to reach out to Republican officeholders and candidates all across the nation and help them stay in office or win a seat in Congress in order to build the kind of organizational support he will need to win the various state primaries?



Does he understand that the national polls that show Giuliani ahead and Thompson running in second or third place are meaningless? What does count are what the locals and state polls show, because that's where he'll win or lose.

Does he realize how much hard, grueling, boots-on-the-ground campaigning in every nook and cranny of Iowa and New Hampshire, South Carolina and Florida he'll have to do? Is he ready to develop calluses from shaking hands with tens of thousands of voters, and blisters on his feet from slogging through hot streets or getting his feet cold and wet plowing through snow banks?

The voters don't want to know how he feels about America; they want to know how he feels about them. Does he see them merely as prospective votes, or as fellow Americans he really wants to serve and protect as their president?

Fred Thompson must real-

ize that Republicans are looking for more than a presidential candidate — they're hungry for a leader. The GOP hasn't had a genuine, inspired leader since Newt Gingrich, and before that, my dad, Ronald Reagan.

Given that fact, how does Fred Thompson plan to fill that void? How does he plan to provide the leadership his party craves?

Fred, in the recent debate (which you passed up because you made the judgment that you would rather be watched by six million Jay Leno viewers rather than the mere 1 million who watched Fox), you allowed John McCain to resurface and tell everybody that a

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 12, the 255th day of 2007. There are 110 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 12, 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name.

On this date:

In 1880, author and journalist H.L. Mencken was born in Baltimore.

In 1914, during World War I, the First Battle of the Marne ended in an Allied victory against Germany.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

*'Civilization in itself is a long hard fight to maintain and advance.'*

— Thornton Wilder  
American playwright  
(1897-1975)

In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1944, the Second Quebec Conference opened with President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill in attendance.

In 1953, Massachusetts

Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

In 1960, Kennedy, then the Democratic presidential candidate, addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military, after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry. In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

Ten years ago: With little to show after three days of shuttle diplomacy, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright declared she would not return to the Mideast until Israeli and Palestinian leaders had made the "hard decisions" necessary to restart peace talks. Senate Foreign Relations Chairman Jesse Helms, exercising iron control, prevented any committee hearing on William Weld's nomination to be ambassador to Mexico.

Five years ago: Raising the specter of war, President Bush told skeptical world leaders at the United Nations to confront the "grave and gathering danger" of Saddam Hussein's Iraq — or to stand aside as the U.S. acted.

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THINGS MUST BE MUCH WORSE THAN WE THOUGHT IF OSAMA'S JUMPING ON THE ENVIRONMENT BANDWAGON...

## America badly needs to stop interference

I have a rifle, a shotgun and a few rounds of ammunition locked away in my gun safe. Should I learn that enemy soldiers are landing on the beach, I will hobble down to the dunes and kill as many of them as I can before they kill me.

That being said, as long as foreign folk stay on their side of the border, I don't give a birdie's tweet what they do or say or think. We should drop the motto "In God We Trust" and adopt a new one, "Let Us Mind Our Own Business."

Isolationism, as defined by George Washington, is an exceedingly good policy. Washington warned us in his "Farewell Address" to steer clear of entangling alliances, foreign quarrels and feuds. They don't concern us, he said. Our only concerns, vis-a-vis foreign powers, should be friendship and commerce.

We should treat all countries equally, granting neither favors nor trying to harm anyone.

The only leaders we should be concerned about are our own. God knows we have a difficult time choosing good ones among our own people without worrying about the leaders people in other countries choose or have to live under. Given the economy, the poverty, the decaying infrastructure and the enormous mountains of debt, we have enough on our plate without trying to solve any other country's problems.

We should end foreign aid, abolish the CIA and withdraw from all international organizations, includ-

ing the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Americans would be astounded at how much money they could save if we shucked the empire, and pretty soon they would be amazed at how much the

rest of the world actually liked us once we quit interfering in their lives.

I am, of course, indulging in wishful thinking. The empire is very profitable for an elite few. Every foreigner with his hand in our treasury has hired lobbyists and public-relations firms to make sure it stays there. On the whole, Congress is gutless and, to a large extent, brainless. Some members are outright crooks, and others have oiled the zippers on their

trousers. They are in love with the sound of their own voices. Most are contemptuous of the voters, confident they can dupe enough of them for a slim majority at the next election.

There are a handful of honorable public servants, but they are such a minority and so studiously ignored by the corporate media that chances of improvement from within are slim to none.

And let's face it: We the American people, beneficiaries of a free republic, are on the whole woefully ignorant, woefully apathetic and woefully selfish. I used to tease my friend at the local chamber of commerce who fancied himself a conservative. I called him a long-distance conservative. He wanted the federal government to save money by not spending

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**Charley Reese**

Columnist



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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 2

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on air traffic control in the U.S.:

It's a prize dangled in front of weary travelers: a space-age update of the nation's 1950s-technology air traffic control system, promising efficiencies that could not only help reduce some of today's maddening delays but also save money for fiercely competitive airlines.

The problem: how to pay its \$4.6 billion cost over the next five years and \$10 billion to \$17 billion in the 15 years afterward.

Congress will face that problem this month as it studies Federal Aviation

Administration reauthorization bills. Funding authority for FAA programs is set to expire Sept. 30. Nobody really expects that to happen, but this late in the game — no real surprise for this often-more-argument-than-action Congress — there's no agreement on a new funding plan, either.

At the heated center of the debate: Airlines say that the current ticket tax makes their customers (this most likely means you) pay more than their fair share of the cost of air traffic control. The FAA agrees. They both want the rapidly growing number of people who fly in private jets (business executives and others) to pay a larger share than they're paying now.

Not surprisingly, the private aircraft people disagree. They say that the air

traffic control system is built to handle the load of commercial jets flying between busy passenger airports, and their little planes don't add that much extra cost.

They all agree that the dangling prize is badly needed. It's what the FAA calls NextGen, a next-generation satellite-based airplane tracking plan that's intended to replace today's sluggish, radar-dependent system, with its armies of controllers watching blips on screens and using strict protocols to keep airplanes separated by distances that are dictated largely by the limitations of radar accuracy.

Congress also wants NextGen. But with the powerful tax-writing commit-

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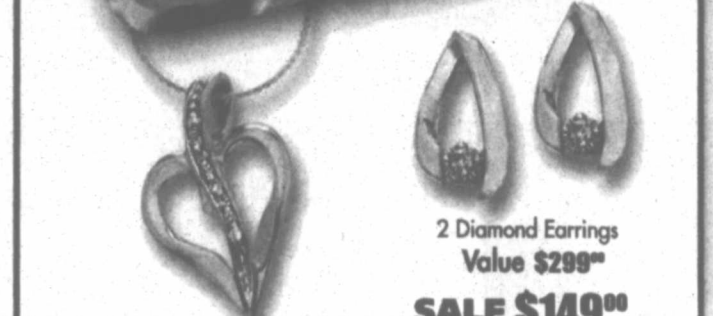
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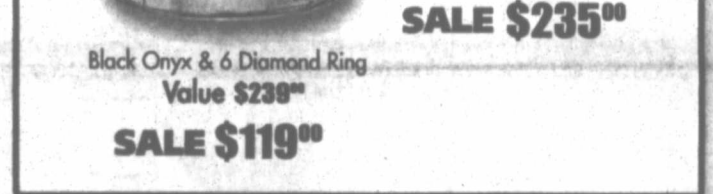
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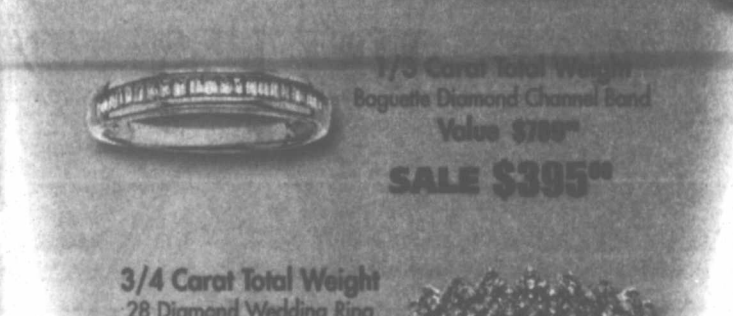
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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a single mother of three girls, ages 12, 5 and 3. Yes, they all have the same father -- which is part of my dilemma. When my oldest daughter was 2, her father and I broke up and were apart for seven years. He has always been a good father, so we never lost contact with each other. Well, a couple of years later he became engaged, and in 2002 he got married. The problem is I was seven months' pregnant with our second child when he married. Two years after he was married, I gave birth to our third child. Despite my family's urging, I firmly believe that I should not be the one to tell his wife about his two "other" children. The girls are getting older and want to spend more time with their father -- not to mention that sometimes I just need a break! After five years, he still cannot bring himself to tell his wife. The younger two kids have never been to his house, and when he does come around to see them or take them somewhere, it's only for a few hours at a time -- maybe a couple of days out of the month. I definitely do not want to break up their marriage -- if it comes to that -- but I need help with these kids. She should definitely know, right? -- **NOT THE INNOCENT VICTIM IN OHIO**

**DEAR NOT THE VICTIM:** This man see his children "a few hours at a time -- maybe a couple of days out of the month," and you call him a good father? He doesn't sound like Father of the Year to me. He sounds irresponsible. You did not mention whether he's supporting your three children, but if he's not, he should be. Of course his wife should know what her husband has been up to. However, whether you're the one to tell her is debatable. Give him a deadline to own up, and tell him if he doesn't tell his wife, you will. But if you do, be prepared for her to be irate. She may

forbid her husband from seeing you -- and who could blame her? After all, you have been having unprotected sex with her spouse. Because you need respite from caring for your daughters, explore whether this man's parents or siblings would be open to baby-sitting. But don't count on his stepping up to the plate any more than he has -- unless you have a court order in your hand.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I know a couple that we see nearly every weekend. While "Dixie" is easygoing and fun, her husband, "Fred," is extremely competitive. He has already ruined board games and Pictionary for me, and recreational sports like bowling and pool are no longer fun, either. Fred is always either gloating because he won or sulking because he didn't. Fred is otherwise a funny, intelligent man. Aside from turning down invitations to spend time with them, how can we avoid the frustrations that come from hanging out with Fred? -- **TEAM PLAYER, RENO, NEV.**

**DEAR TEAM PLAYER:** Fred may be funny and intelligent, but he is also immature and a poor sport. Avoid the frustration by scheduling other kinds of activities when you see this couple. Invite them for dinner and a movie, or another event that doesn't involve competition such as a play, a concert or a social event involving other friends. If that's not feasible, then you'll have to limit your time with them.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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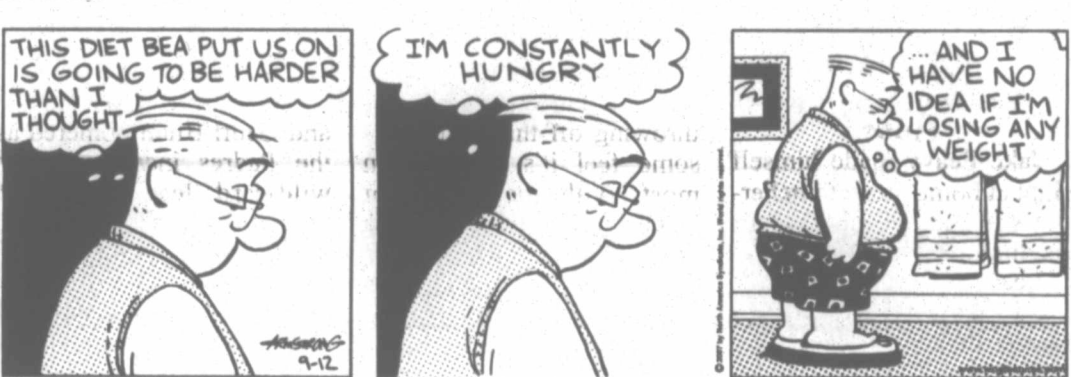
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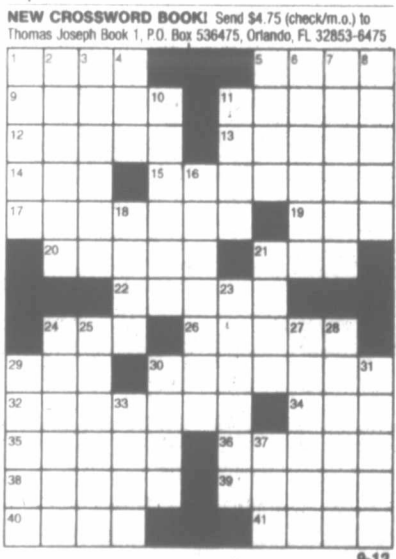
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



## Marmaduke



## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



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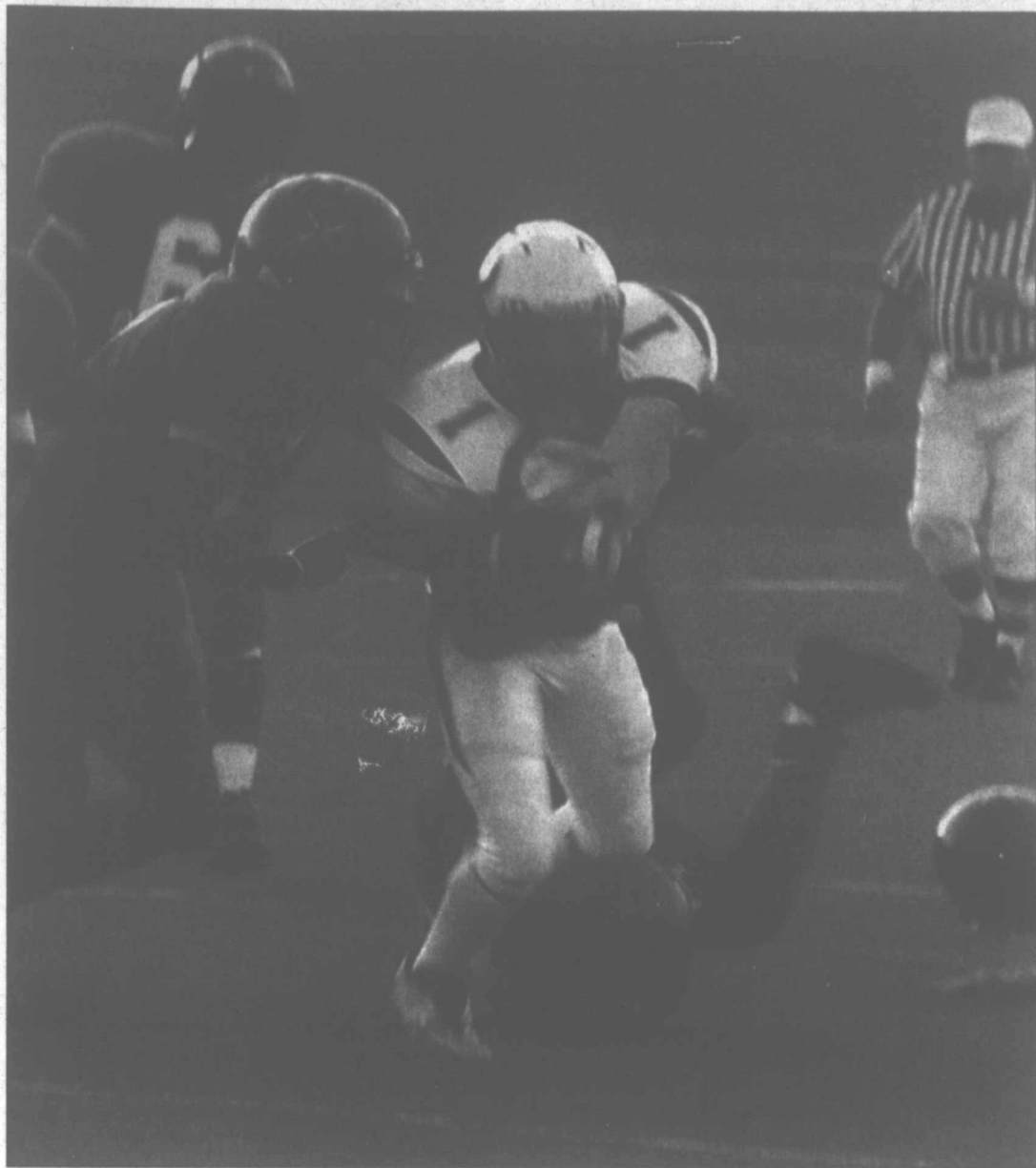
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# Sports Day

## Player of the Week



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Senior running back Shavious Kelley runs through several Estacado defenders during Thursday night's game in Lubbock. Kelley was named as this week's "special forces" player of the week by the PHS football coaching staff. Kelley brought in 125 yards on kick off returns in Thursday's game alone, as well as 53 receiving yards and 9 rushing yards.

## Soccer boosters host first annual soccer tournament

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will host the first annual 3-on-3 soccer tournament Sept. 29-30.

The tournament will help the booster club raise funds to purchase equipment and pay for travel expenses for the high school soccer teams for the upcoming school year.

There will be four different age groups for the tournament - under 6, under 8 through under 14, under 15 through under 18 and adults.

Team fees vary with each age group, with under 6 being \$80, under 8-under 14 being \$100, and under 15-under 18 and adults being \$125.

There can be up to five players on each team, and a medical release is required for all players.

All players will receive a T-shirt. For more information on the tournament, or to register contact Michelle Dyson at 663-0737 or by email at kmidyson@nts-online.net

## Beijing shows off new, expensive airport terminal for the Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — Beijing showed off its new multibillion-dollar airport terminal Wednesday — a mammoth structure of glass and steel with a gracefully sloping roof that the owners said is meant to impress visitors to China's capital for the 2008 Olympics.

Terminal 3 at the Beijing Capital International Airport is a centerpiece project for the Olympics designed to relieve the overloaded airport's other two terminals and accommodate the city's torrid growth for the next seven years, executives with the airport's state-run holding company said at a tour for foreign media.

The terminal, which will

be opened for testing in February, is outfitted with a state-of-the-art baggage handling system, a rail terminal to carry passengers into the city, and gates and a runway capable of handling Airbus' huge A380 super-jumbo.

The terminal building alone cost \$2.8 billion, and \$4.6 billion was spent on all the related infrastructure added in, the executives said.

The terminal is an "important non-competition venue" for the Aug. 8-24, 2008, Olympics, said Zhang Zhizhong, general manager of Capital Airport Holding Co. He said it is intended to "give an excellent impression when visitors arrive at

the airport."

Designed by British architect Norman Foster, the building attempts to combine traditional architectural elements with up-to-date technology. Its red columns and muted gold roof are meant to evoke Beijing's imperial palaces and temples while the \$250 million baggage system, made by German engineering giant Siemens AG, can handle 19,000 pieces of luggage an hour, the executives said.

Beijing desperately needs a new airport, with the double-digit economic growth of recent years outstripping city planners' original projections and stressing the capital's infrastructure.

## Peavy wins opener at Dodger Stadium, Padres improve position in a pair of races

### By The Associated Press

Jake Peavy made himself right at home on that pitcher-perfect mound at Dodger Stadium.

Peavy earned his NL-leading 17th victory and the San Diego Padres boosted their position in a pair of playoff races, beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 9-4 Tuesday night.

The All-Star ace has won all five starts against the Dodgers this year, including three in Los Angeles.

Pitchers have always liked throwing off that mound — some feel it's higher than most, with just the right slope and a comfy landing spot.

"No way I can come in here and let the Dodgers win this first game," Peavy said. "If I do that, then the team morale really gets down and we can easily roll over. You want to lead by example and I was just hoping to be good for the boys tonight and fortunately I was."

Brian Giles, Khalil

Greene, Kevin Kouzmanoff and Geoff Blum homered as the Padres increased their wild-card lead to 2 1/2 games over Philadelphia, which lost to Colorado 8-2. San Diego is 3 1/2 games ahead of the Dodgers and Rockies.

The Padres also closed within 2 1/2 games of Arizona in the West. The Diamondbacks lost 2-1 to San Francisco.

"Pitching at Dodger Stadium is never easy. Those guys don't quit coming,"

Peavy said. "I can't say enough about the offense. The boys swung the bats."

In other NL games, it was: Milwaukee 6, Pittsburgh 1; Houston 5, Chicago 4 in 11 innings; Atlanta 13, New York 5; Cincinnati 7, St. Louis 2; and Florida 13, Washington 8.

The Padres lost their previous two series, to Arizona and Colorado. Peavy (17-6) got them off to a fast start in this three-game set.

Peavy gave up two runs and five hits in seven

innings.

"It just comes down to executing pitches," he said. "This late in the season, you've definitely got to pick and choose your spots and save your bullets. When your team is up four, six runs, you pitch differently than you do when it's a 0-0 game or a 1-0 game."

Esteban Loaiza (1-1) was not sharp on seven days' rest, walking three of the first four hitters. He allowed six runs and six hits in 3 1-3

"It was a struggle for our starter right out of the gate," Dodgers manager Grady Little said. "He was making what we thought were good pitches that were called balls and it took him right out of his style of pitching," Little said. "He's a pitcher who, if he doesn't get the calls on the pitches he was making, he's got a big problem. That's what happened out there. When they put those runs up there, they put them up there quick."

## Cubs drop out of NL Central lead with 11-inning loss at Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chicago Cubs know they can't waste too many more chances like this.

Luke Scott tripled home the winning run in the 11th inning and the Houston Astros dropped the Cubs out of a tie for the NL Central lead, beating Chicago 5-4 Tuesday night.

Chicago blew a 4-1 lead, stranded 15 runners and squandered a bases-loaded threat in the 11th. The Cubs have lost four of six and fell one game behind Milwaukee, which beat Pittsburgh 6-1.

"We had some opportunities and didn't get it done," Cubs first baseman Derrek Lee said. "That's a tough one to swallow."

The Astros ended a five-game losing streak and won for the fifth time in 13 games since Cecil Cooper replaced Phil Garner as manager on Aug. 27.

"We continue to play hard, that's all you can ask," Cooper said.

Ryan Dempster (2-6) walked Mark Loretta with one out in the 11th and Eric Bruntlett pinch-ran. Scott followed with his game-winner.

"I made a stupid pitch," Dempster said, without waiting for reporters to ask him a question. "I walked a guy,

made a stupid pitch and lost the game."

With that, Dempster finished buttoning his shirt and left the clubhouse.

Brad Lidge (4-2) escaped a jam of his own in the 11th by getting Jacques Jones to fly out.

Unless they win the rest of their games, the Astros will finish with a losing record for just the second time since 1991.

"Any time you can win a game in extra innings, it's good, no matter where you are," Scott said. "We want to finish strong. We haven't lived up to expectations and we know it."

Mark DeRosa hit a three-run homer for the Cubs, who dropped to 2-8 in extra-inning games this season. Chicago has lost seven of 13 meetings with Houston.

"We're still in it," Lee said. "You've got to turn the page, come back and try to get them tomorrow."

The Cubs put two runners on with one out in both the eighth and ninth innings. Carlos Lee made a diving catch in left-center on Ryan Theriot's liner to end the first threat and DeRosa grounded into a double play to stall the second.

"We had some chances, we left some runners out there," Derrek Lee said. "They made some great defensive plays. We just didn't get it done."

Chicago reliever Bob Howry retired the six batters he faced in the eighth and ninth — striking out four — to force extra innings. Chicago's bullpen retired 13 straight Astros before Loretta walked in the 11th.

"These are big games for us," Howry said. "You'd love to be out and have a five- or seven-game lead and have a little leeway. We don't, but we've got guys who know what it takes to win. Now, we've just got to come out and do it."

The Cubs took a 1-0 lead in the second when Jones singled and scored on Jason Kendall's double.

Scott singled in the second and moved up on a grounder and Jason Marquis' wild pitch. When another pitch skipped past Kendall — this one was ruled a passed ball — Scott scored to tie the game.

Houston starter Brandon Backe walked Cliff Floyd leading off the third, Aramis Ramirez singled and DeRosa hit his ninth homer of the season.

## Neurosurgeon: Bills' Kevin Everett moved arms and legs

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Kevin Everett voluntarily moved his arms and legs on Tuesday when partially awakened, prompting a neurosurgeon to say the Buffalo Bills' tight end would walk again — contrary to the grim prognosis given a day before.

"Based on our experience, the fact that he's moving so well, so early after such a catastrophic injury means he will walk again," said Dr. Barth Green, chairman of the department of neurological surgery at the University of Miami school of medicine.

"It's totally spectacular, totally unexpected," Green told The Associated Press by telephone from Miami.

Green said he's been consulting with doctors in Buffalo since Everett sustained a life-threatening spinal cord injury Sunday after ducking his head while tackling the Denver Broncos' Domenik Hixon during the second-half kickoff of the Bills' season opener.

Everett dropped face-first to the ground after his helmet hit Hixon high on the left shoulder and side of the helmet.

Everett remains in intensive care at Buffalo's Millard Fillmore Gates Hospital and will be slowly taken off sedation and have his body temperature warmed over

the next day, Green said. Kevin Everett will then begin taking the player off life support systems — including a respirator — currently controlling his body functions.

"It's feasible, but it's not 100 percent predictable at this time ... he could lead a normal life," Green said.

On Monday, Bills orthopedic surgeon, Dr. Andrew Cappuccino, said Everett likely wouldn't walk again.

"A best-case scenario is full recovery, but not likely," said Cappuccino, who operated on the reserve tight end. "I believe there will be some permanent neurologic deficit."

Cappuccino was not available Tuesday, and hospital spokesman Mike Hughes declined comment.

In a report Tuesday evening, Buffalo's WIVB-TV quoted Cappuccino as saying: "We may be witnessing a minor miracle."

Bills owner Ralph Wilson said the team has been in contact from the beginning with Green and the Miami Project, the university's neurological center that specializes in spinal cord injuries and paralysis.

"I don't know if I would call it a miracle. I would call it a spectacular example of what people can do," Green said. "To me, it's like putting the first man on the moon or splitting the atom."

## Bloody opener: North Korea ties U.S. 2-2 at Women's World Cup

CHENGDU, China (AP) — Blood streaming from a gash on the top of her head, Abby Wambach came off the field. For 10 minutes, the United States played short-handed while she got stitches.

North Korea didn't waste its chance. The United States allowed a pair of goals while Wambach was off the field — one on a blunder by goalkeeper Hope Solo — then rallied for a 2-2 tie Tuesday in its opener at the Women's World Cup.

"When they scored right away as I went off I started to get worried," Wambach said. "So I started to run to the locker room to get stitches put in."

The top-ranked Americans, trying to regain the title they won in 1991 in China and 1999 at home, extended their unbeaten streak to 47 games. But playing in the toughest of four groups, they put pressure on themselves heading into games against third-ranked Sweden on Friday.

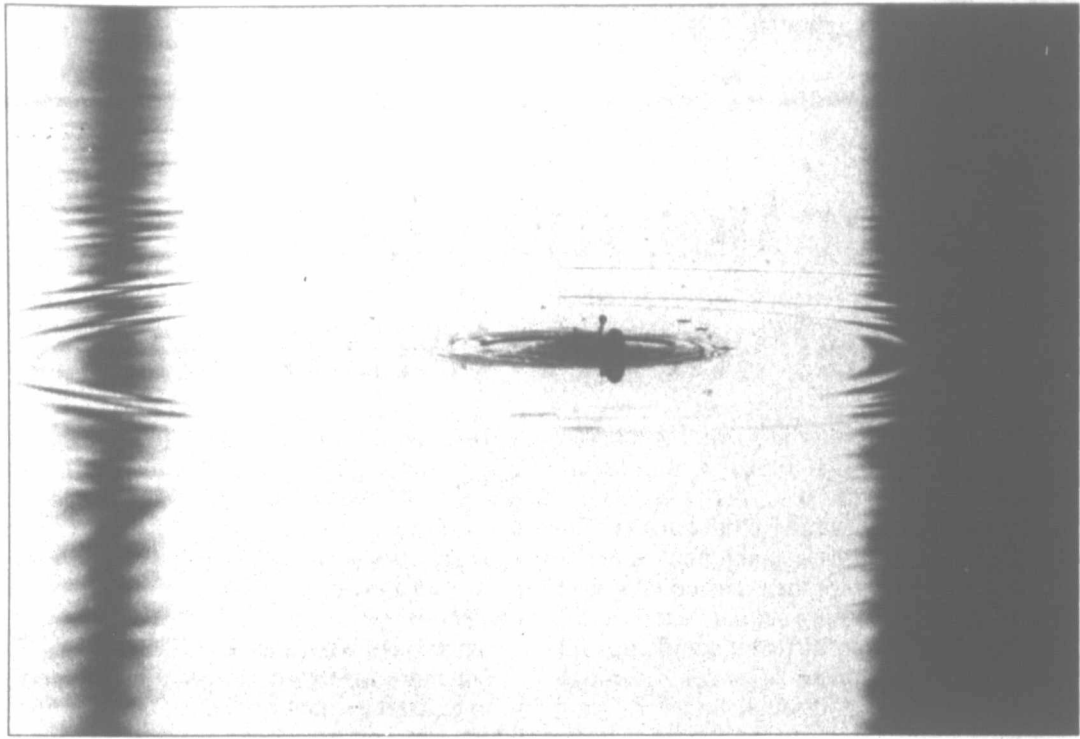
"I think the U.S. is the best in the

world, but today they didn't perform to their maximum," said Kim Kwang-min, coach of the fifth-ranked North Koreans.

Wambach, playing on a sore right toe she injured against Finland on Aug. 26, put the United States ahead in the 50th minute on a rainy night. She took a pass from captain Kristine Lilly on the right side of the penalty area and beat Jon Myong-hui with a 13-yard shot that the goalkeeper got her gloves on but failed to stop.



Ripples



Rings of water expand from drops coming down from the Somerville Street bridge near Hobart as rain fell on Pampa on Monday. Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

## Stabilizing Iraq a 'long process'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Stabilizing Iraq will be a lengthy process that won't end when violence in that country — and U.S. troop strength — are reduced, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said today.

"We're at the beginning of a transition in the Middle East, we're at the beginning of a long process of dealing with what the president called a long time ago a generational challenge to our security brought on by extremism coming principally out of the Middle East," Rice said.

A day before President Bush was expected to announce that he plans to reduce the American troop presence in Iraq by as many as 30,000 by next summer, Rice said the U.S. views the task of stabilizing Iraq as not simply improving security within its borders but "to begin to have American forces in lower numbers turn to other responsibilities." Among those, she said, is "the territorial security of Iraq" with respect to its Mideast neighbors, especially Iran.

"Iran is a very troublesome neighbor," she said on NBC's "Today" show. "Iran is prepared to fill the vacuum" if the United States leaves Iraq.

"That is what is at stake here," Rice said.

"What we are prepared to do is to complete the security gains that we've been making, to create circumstances in which an Iraqi government and local officials can find political accommodation, as they are doing in Anbar, and to be able then, from Iraq, with allies in the war on terror, to resist both terrorism and Iranian aggression."

Rice's comments followed two days of testimony from Gen. David Petraeus, the military commander in Iraq, and Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador there. The testimony, though, seemed only to harden positions among lawmakers. GOP conservatives said real progress was finally being made and more time was needed, whereas Democrats said the absence of a political deal in Baghdad meant the strategy failed.

In a joint press conference with Crocker today, Petraeus said Iranians appear to be trying to create a Hezbollah-like organization in Iraq that they could use to gain influence inside the fractured country.

Crocker said he hoped neighbor states in the region will pressure nations like Iran and Syria, which he said have been part of the problem in Iraq rather than part of the solution.

## Mortgage turbulence will take some time to be resolved

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson said today that the turbulence that has hit financial markets will take some time to be resolved, especially in the area of subprime mortgages.

Paulson, speaking to officials of some of the country's biggest financial firms, said the Bush administration was looking for their help in making sure subprime homeowners get assistance in dealing with sharply rising mortgage payments as their initial low adjustable rate mortgages now reset to higher levels.

"We have been experiencing market turbulence and as I have said for a while, it is going to take some time to work its way out," Paulson told the finance officials at a meeting at the Treasury

Department. "We are going to work our way through this, in some markets more quickly than others."

Paulson said that "we are already seeing signs of improvements in a number of markets that have been experiencing stress."

But he said it was going to "take longer to work through the problems in the subprime market," noting that there are a number of loans in this market that are scheduled to reset at sharply higher mortgage payments over the next two years.

Estimates are that 2 million homeowners will be facing steep increases in their mortgage payments over the next two years, putting many of them at risk of losing their homes. The session today was called as a follow-up to efforts announced by President Bush on Aug. 31 to provide more govern-

ment help to borrowers struggling to cope with the higher mortgage payments.

Among those attending the meeting with Paulson was Angelo Mozilo, the chairman of mortgage giant Countrywide Financial Corp., which announced last week that it is facing the prospect of having to lay off 20 percent of its work force as it struggles with rising loan defaults.

Other companies represented were Wells Fargo & Co., CitiMortgage Inc. and JP Morgan Chase.

Wall Street has been on a roller-coaster ride over the past several weeks as investors have worried about mounting loan losses that began in the market for subprime loans — mortgages made to people with weak credit histories — but

which have now spread to other types of credit.

The financial market turmoil has triggered steep declines in stock prices and prompted the Federal Reserve to signal that it stood ready to cut interest rates if necessary to keep the unfolding credit crunch from the country into a full-blown recession.

The government reported last week that businesses trimmed payrolls by 4,000 workers in August, the first monthly job losses in four years.

Paulson told the executives that in a positive sign, all the market turmoil is occurring against "the backdrop of a strong economy. And unlike the periods of financial turbulence I have witnessed over many years, this turbulence wasn't precipitated by problems in the real

economy."

He said the issue the administration wanted to discuss with the executives was how they could work together to make sure as many homeowners as possible are protected against losing their homes through such efforts as allowing them to refinance adjustable-rate loans into more affordable fixed-rate loans.

Bush, in his August proposal, expanded in some limited cases the eligibility requirements for refinancing loans guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration under a new program to be called FHA Secure.

Critics, however, said the Bush proposals offered only modest relief that would help perhaps 80,000 current homeowners whose mortgages are resetting.

## Jury

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223rd District Court of the felony offense of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver.

Asencion Gutierrez Perez, 52, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance, enhanced. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

Perez was also indicted for possession of a firearm by a felon, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On July 20, 2006, Perez allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine. A firearm was reportedly used or exhibited during the commission of the offense, which occurred before the fifth anniversary of Perez' release from confinement following conviction for a prior felony.

On Oct. 16, 2000, Perez was convicted in 84th District Court of Ochiltree County of the felony offense of burglary of a habitation. On June 19, 2001, he was convicted in district court in Ellis County, Okla., of the felony offense of two counts of second-degree burglary.

Aaron Jamel Lewis, 27, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On March 20, Lewis allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Angela Perez, 52, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On July 20, 2006, Angela Perez allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine. A firearm was reportedly used or exhibited during the commission of the offense.

Angela Perez was also indicted for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On July 20, 2006, Angela Perez

allegedly concealed methamphetamine with intent to impair its availability as evidence during execution of a search warrant at her residence.

Steven Lee Stamps, 26, was indicted for intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.

On May 26, Stamps allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated from alcohol, and caused the death of another person by causing the vehicle to strike the person.

Nathan Williams, 29, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On March 20, Williams allegedly possessed with intent to deliver one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Clayton Hal Davis, 35, was indicted for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair, enhanced. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 8, 2006, Davis allegedly concealed methamphetamine with intent to impair its availability as evidence in an investigation with regard to alleged controlled substances.

On Nov. 8, 1993, Davis was convicted in 181st District Court in Potter County of the felony offense of burglary of a motor vehicle.

Davis was also indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 8, 2006, Davis allegedly fled from a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper while operating a vehicle and while the trooper was attempting to lawfully arrest or detain him.

Davis was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 8, 2006, Davis allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Steven Allen Matthews, 37, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On June 16, 2005, Matthews allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Oaty Rodrick McCain, 77, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$3,000.

On Oct. 6, 2005, McCain allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.

On Sept. 1, 1978; May 19, 1983; and April 16, 1985, McCain was convicted in Gray County court of driving while intoxicated. On Sept. 11, 1995, he was convicted in 31st District Court in Gray County of driving while intoxicated -- subsequent offense.

McCain was also indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Oct. 6, 2005, he allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Chara Dean Moore, 36, was indicted for tampering with/fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 8, 2006, Moore allegedly concealed methamphetamine with intent to impair its availability as evidence in an investigation with regard to alleged controlled substances.

Moore was also indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On Dec. 8, 2006, Moore allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Michael Hollis Owens, 39, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On June 16, 2005, Owens allegedly possessed 50 pounds or more but less than five pounds of marijuana.

Austin Juan Sims, 36, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$2,500.

On Jan. 25, 2006, Sims allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

Daniel Elliott Stover, 20, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Nov. 12, 2006, Stover allegedly possessed one gram or

more but less than four grams of cocaine.

Sean Ameri Studevent, 36, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.

On Sept. 5, 2005, Studevent allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana.

David Alan Arreola, 31, was indicted for driving while intoxicated with a child under 15 years of age. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.

On June 4, 2006, Arreola allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol and while the vehicle was occupied by a passenger younger than 15 years of age.

Kenneth Guttentag, 26, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.

On Aug. 26, 2006, Guttentag allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Melodee Brooke Marlow, 29, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On June 29, 2006, Marlow allegedly intended to defraud or harm another person by passing a forged check.

Jose Luis Martinez, 36, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Jan. 7, Martinez allegedly fled from a Gray County sheriff's deputy while using a vehicle and while the officer was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.

Estevan Manuel Portillo, 25, was indicted for two counts of possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felonies was set at \$3,000 each.

On Dec. 24, 2006, Portillo allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine and less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Alejandro Rocha Puentes, 29, was indicted for fraudulent use/possession of identifying information. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.

On Sept. 26, 2006, Puentes allegedly used another person's Cabot Credit Union member card without that person's consent to make a purchase.

Robert Allen Robinson, 37, was indicted for criminal mischief, \$1,500 or more but less than

\$20,000. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On March 22, 2006, Robinson allegedly punctured the sidewalls of heavy equipment tires and semi truck tires intentionally and knowingly and without the consent of the owner, causing a loss valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

Thomas Calvin Russell, 46, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Feb. 8, 2006, Russell allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Shannon Michelle Smith, 26, was indicted for possession of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On June 3, 2006, Smith allegedly possessed five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.

Dan Lynn Terry, 34, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Oct. 24, 2006, Terry allegedly fled from a Pampa Police Department officer while using a vehicle and while the officer was attempting to lawfully arrest or detain him.

Justin Michael Wehrenberg, 19, was indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Dec. 14, 2005, Wehrenberg allegedly fled from a DPS trooper while using a vehicle and while the trooper was attempting to lawfully arrest or detain him.

Shane Adam Willett, 21, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,000.

On Nov. 9, 2006, Willett allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

Brian Lee Williams, 40, was indicted for possession of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On April 8, 2006, Brian Williams allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Reggie Eugene Williams, 37, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.

On July 14, 2006, Reggie Williams allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

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### 9-12 CRYPTOQUOTE

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— A S N F A S Y D K M D Y  
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Learn to be the diplomat. Others seem to want and demand control. It might be wise to learn to lie back. Your ability to make money is enhanced by your sixth sense. Buy a lottery ticket or two, but don't take any unusual risks. Actions speak louder than words, and though you might hold yourself back or be overly sensitive, do act on your feelings. If you are single, you could meet that special someone toward the end of 2008. Make sure he or she is available, or who he or she appears to be. If you are attached, you'll both gain from frequent getaways together. LIBRA absolutely adores you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might be the victim of too many thoughts. As you try to sort everything out, you might feel overwhelmed. An effort or a gesture warms up a relationship. Tonight: Defer to someone else. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* Keep track of all the ideas that fly. Many people have very different ideas from you. Nevertheless, you are able to tie in everything in a compact, clear way. Creativity flourishes with a brainstorming session. Tonight: Let someone else run the show. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* If you hit a block or a problem, your resourcefulness will come into play. Allow more fun to emerge in your life. You don't always need to be so serious. A partner or friend makes a caring gesture. Tonight: Why not flirt? Just

remember to flirt with your sweetie if you are attached.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\* If you can work from home, then do. Though many people want to talk to you, you still might be more productive working behind the smoke screen of your home. A key person knows how to find you anyway. Tonight: Fun and games. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Knowing when to let others carry the flag is instrumental to your popularity and success. Some people might feel as if you are always around and pushing. Step back. The end result will be dynamic. Tonight: Hang out with a friend or two. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Understanding your responsibility and liabilities proves to be very important. At a later point, you won't want an uncomfortable surprise. Curb a tendency to spend if you're upset. Find out other ways to let go. Tonight: Your treat. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your very social and charming style helps frequently draw results you would like. You don't need to wish; now is the time to act and make what you want happen. Step up to the plate. Make a dream a reality. Tonight: Go for what you really want. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Know when to back off and let others take the lead. By observing, you might gain a lot of information about key people in your life. Though this subtle role generally is not you, it does prove to be most beneficial. Tonight: Get much-needed R and R. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Keep your eye on the big pic-

ture, and you won't be disappointed. If you get caught up in others' whisperings or gossip, the net result won't be the same. Don't question so much, and try to understand where others are coming from. Tonight: Where people are. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\* Step up to the plate, where you can make a difference. You could be surprised by what comes up for you if you relax. A loose idea or financial matter needs tightening. You will be the one who needs to do it, too. Tonight: A must appearance. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* You might want to try a different approach. Though you have great ideas, making them workable takes a lot of effort. You know what you need. Go for exactly that. Don't settle. Walk in another's shoes. Tonight: Say yes to learning more. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* A partner is absolutely sure that he or she is right — though you might not be. Let time answer any questions and choose to be more diplomatic than in the past. Express your caring through actions, not words. Others will respond. Tonight: Togetherness needs to be the theme.

**BORN TODAY**  
Actress Nell Carter (1948), actress Jacqueline Bisset (1944), actress Jean Smart (1959) \*\*\*

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## Accolade



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Accolade Home Care recently did a marketing blitz to help educate the community of the services they offer and how they can be of assistance with home health care. This year's theme was the "Greatest Home Healthcare on Earth." Top row from left are Suzanne Courtney, Cari Hargrove, Gayla Chester, Lindsey Been, Sonya Britton, Janet Metcalf and Yvette Cuellar. Front row from left are Amanda Crawford, Natasha Henderson, Jevve Woods and Stephanie Ashby.

## Air

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tees yet to weigh in, separate FAA reauthorization bills in the Senate and House take different sides in the feud between airlines and private jet operators.

The airlines back the Senate bill, which would eliminate the passenger ticket tax and impose a \$25 per flight fee on all turbine aircraft. Operators of piston-powered general aviation aircraft (weekend pilots and small businesses) would be exempt from the fee.

The private jet folks are for the House bill, which mostly keeps the current tax structure, including a tax on the fuel they buy.

All of this really shouldn't be as hard as Congress is making it.

The air traffic control system may not need an entirely new finance plan, but it's absolutely absurd that airline passengers are forced to subsidize the luxury enjoyed by those people who fly in private jets.

An exhaustive study by the FAA has concluded that private aircraft drive about 16 percent of the costs of air traffic control services, yet they contribute only a little more than 3 percent of the tax revenue to the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, which pays for those services.

A corporate jet flying to Tampa, Fla., from Teterboro Airport just outside New York City contributes about \$236 in taxes to that fund, while a 150-seat airliner flying from New York to Tampa contributes nearly \$1,300. Both airplanes place exactly the same load on the system.

Spokesmen for the corporate jet owners say they don't believe they should have to pay more — but if they do, they'd rather it be through increased fuel taxes.

Fine. Congress should raise their fuel tax to a level that would produce enough income to match their cost to the system, while eliminating the commercial airline ticket tax and balancing airlines' air traffic control costs with their own fuel tax.

Time is growing short.

U.S. air traffic approached gridlock in the summer of 2000 before the airline industry was rocked by the 9-11 terrorist attacks a year later. After a severe downturn, traffic has grown past those previous peaks, such that 2006 was the worst year in history for delays.

The radar-based air traffic control system can handle just so many aircraft at a time, and as FAA Administrator Marion Blakey told the Senate Finance Committee on July 12, "we have already squeezed out virtually every ounce of capacity that's

available to us."

FAA expects more than a billion passengers a year to fly on commercial aircraft by 2015, up 36 percent from the delay-plagued levels of 2006. At the same time, the agency expects a boom in the number of business and air taxi jets, including a new, smaller variety called "very light jets" — a growth rate twice that of commercial jets.

The NextGen system, while expensive, is expected to handle three times the current total aircraft traffic.

With an already crowded calendar, it will be hard for Congress to resolve differences over the FAA reauthorization bills before the Sept. 30 deadline. Some insiders expect a short-term, stopgap measure to be passed instead, putting off the day of reckoning for at least a few weeks.

The House has advertised a target adjournment date of Oct. 26.

Besides the fight over air traffic control funding, other elements of this legislation could cause headaches:

The House and Senate bills both would extend pilots' mandatory retirement age to 65 from the current 60. The move is favored by hundreds of pilots whose airlines have gone bankrupt and canceled their pension plans, but it is vigorously opposed by the union representing pilots at American Airlines.

The NextGen air traffic control system's touted efficiency has its own downside: a decrease in the overall need for controllers and a likely reduction in the numbers of control centers across the country. Members of Congress tend to howl when their districts lose jobs.

The bills also authorize funding for myriad other FAA functions, including \$3.8 billion in 2008 contract authority for airport improvements. A significant delay in passage could complicate construction projects across the nation.

The bills also require airlines to publish plans for handling such recent passenger nightmares as being stuck in a closed airplane sitting on the tarmac for as much as eight hours. The Senate bill would require airlines to allow passengers to deplane after three hours. Airlines have resisted such mandatory moves.

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## Events calendar

• **Pampa Community Concert Association "Presents Live on Stage"** is conducting its annual membership drive for three weeks in September starting Sept. 10. Scheduled concerts in Pampa are Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Nov. 5; Saxophobia with Rob Verdi, March 31, 2008; and "Revolution, A Tribute to the Beatles," May 6, 2008. All local concerts will kick-off at 7:30 p.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Concerts scheduled in Borger are The Juggernaut Jug Band, Sept. 20; The Celtic Tenors, Nov. 4; and Angela Jia Kim, pianist, Feb. 12, 2008. For more information, Ruth Riehart at 665-3362 or Glennette Goode at 665-9432.

• **The League of Women Voters** in Amarillo will sponsor a public information forum on the proposed Department of Energy's "Complex 2030" at 7 p.m. today at Amarillo's Southwest Branch Library. Light refreshments will be served starting at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call (806) 373-8389 or (806) 463-5183.

• **A Christ-centered**

cancer support group for cancer survivors and caregivers will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at 1529 Coffee in Pampa. The group will be hosted by Kevin Taylor and Gloria Willson. For more information, call 669-3544.

• **The deadline to apply** for the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage program is Saturday. The program seeks to honor Texas farms and ranches celebrating 100 years or more of existence. For more information call (512) 463-2631 or log on to www.agr.state.tx.us.

• **The Amarillo Museum of Art** is offering art classes for children and adults beginning Monday. The classes will last eight to 10 weeks. Classes for children include Art Adventure (ages 4-5), Drawing and Painting (ages 6-9, 9-12), Catch a Falling Star (ages 6-9), and Tropical Clay (ages 6-9, 9-12) plus a Christmas Workshop. Adult classes include Ceramics and Oil Painting. To learn more or to register, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

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## Reagan

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candidate is not elected to manage the presidency, but to be the nation's leader.

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Running for the presidency is a tall order. If you're ready to do all these things in the months ahead, and do them with every ounce of energy and determination you can summon up, you may well be the leader this nation desperately needs.

—Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

## Reese

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any in Oregon, but he lusted after every federal dollar he could lure to his own city.

Local media are likewise. They will openly upbraid a congressman who fails to bring home the bacon, now referred to as an "earmark."

We may or may not be too incompetent to run our own country, but there is no doubt that we are incompetent to rule the world. President Bush, who seems to wish he were Caesar, makes one blunder

after another. The only question remaining is, Will he run out of term before he runs out of opportunities to finish wrecking the country?

He's made a pretty complete mess of the Middle East and seems intent on restarting the Cold War with Russia. As a measure of his stupidity, even as the angry Russians resume regular flights of their long-range strategic nuclear bombers, he is moving the North American Aerospace Defense Command out of its protective mountain bunker and into an office building. Now that's smart, eh?

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