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## Hazardous waste can be disposed of Saturday

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Saturday is the day Pampans will have a chance to properly dispose of dangerous chemicals and other items at the City of Pampa's annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

The event begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., and will be held at the Hobart Street Park recycling area, across the street from the city service center.

Persons bringing items on the day of the collection will be directed to enter the park through the Hobart Street entrance. No fee will be charged to accept items.

There is no limit on the amount of any item to be disposed of, with the exception of tires, which are limited to 10 per vehicle.

Tires are accepted at the city's landfill on Loop 171 at any time, but a fee is charged, said Doug Brown, city sanitation superintendent.

Chemicals which will be accepted at the hazardous waste collection day include pesticides, herbicides, drain opener, oven cleaner, stain removers, polish, hobby supplies, pool chemicals, transmission and brake fluids, antifreeze, acids, photographic chemicals, paint, solvents, varnish and products labeled "Caution," "Warning" or "Poison."

Car batteries may also be taken to the collection site on the day of the event.

Many of the items accepted Sept. 22 are not allowed in the landfill, Brown said.

"We can't take the chemicals and paint except for this one day," he said. "We can't put them in the landfill. We bid the event out to contractors, and they take them to the proper disposal sites."

Items which are accepted at the park's recycling center which will

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## Dairy feed



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Getting ready for winter, employees at Red River Dairy east of Pampa pack down silage that will eventually be turned into milk by the cows at the dairy.

## Pampa's sales tax revenues increase

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

Pampa finished the fiscal year with increased sales tax revenues in its coffers.

"It's good," said Robin Bailey, Pampa's director of finance, with regard to the latest sales tax report.

For the year, the city of Pampa received more than \$3.6 million. The Pampa Economic Development Corp. topped a million.

September's sales tax check was more than 21 percent over what had been expected for the month, and the annual total was more than 10 percent for the year.

"We came out with \$345,549.42 over what we budgeted even after appro-

priating \$380,000 for street repairs," Bailey said. "The Pampa Economic Development Corp. has over a million dollars."

Most months of the year yielded well above what was budgeted. December revenues were 25.21 percent above budget. January was 29.07 percent above budget. September was 21.57 percent above budget. March was a whopping 49.33 above budget.

Only three months were below the budgeted revenues. February revenues fell short by 2.85 percent. June was short 4.39 percent. August was 6.54 percent

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## Mosquito spraying begins Odd duck

By KERRI SMITH  
Staff Writer

The City of Pampa has begun spraying for mosquitoes again after the recent rain.

Public Service Superintendent Kimberly Lincycomb encourages residents to keep their grass cut and to empty any containers of water around their property.

Stagnant water and high grass areas are where mosquitos breed.

The chemical product that will be used during spraying will be Mosquito Mist 1, which is dispersed through an ultra low volume sprayer.

A larvacide will be applied to Red Deer Creek when the water in the creek stops running. This larvacide does not kill the adult mosquito, just the larvae.

Residents who do not want their property sprayed need to call Lincycomb's office at 669-5760 ext. 3.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

This Muscovy duck at Recreation Park Lake has features on its head and neck which are unlike the majority of ducks seen at the lake. Its feet have black spots, and there is a red band on its bill. The feathers on top of its head which stand up in a crest, and the fleshy growth on top of its bill, indicate that this is a drake.

## Ex-exchange student returns for visit

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A former foreign exchange student has returned to Pampa to visit the family with whom he stayed during his senior year at Pampa High School.

Richard Rodrigues, 24, of Birigui, Sao Paulo, Brazil, was scheduled to leave Tuesday to return home after having arrived last Friday to stay with John and Rebecca Lewis, his host parents for the 2000-2001 academic year.

"There are more people but fewer stores," Rodrigues said of the changes in Pampa he has noticed since his senior year here.

The high school is not the same, either, with changes including the old science wing gone, the library different and a different

principal.

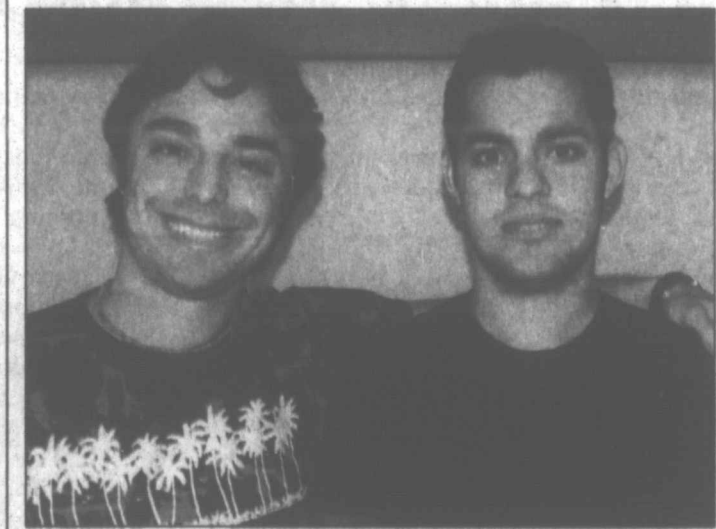
"The high school has changed a lot and is going to change much more," Rodrigues said.

Joao Lucas Augustinho, 23, Rodrigues' cousin, accompanied him on his trip to Pampa and is seeing America for the first time. He will remain in the United States until Oct. 6 when he plans to return to his home in Presidente Prudente, Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The cousins, who got to stand on the sidelines of the Pampa High School football game Friday night, noted a number of differences between America and Brazil.

"Beverages are bigger here," Rodrigues

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS  
Joao Augustinho, left, and his cousin Richard Rodrigues, both of Brazil, have been visiting in the home of John and Rebecca Lewis of Pampa.

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Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South-southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 89. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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**Nowak back in court**

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Former astronaut Lisa Nowak nodded consent for police to search her car after she allegedly confronted a romantic rival, and she appeared in control during a marathon interview with police, a detective testified today.

Nowak was in court to ask a judge to throw out evidence against her, including the five-hour police interview and evidence found in the car. Her attorney argues that she didn't consent to the search and wasn't advised of her rights before questioning.

Detective Chris Becton described Nowak as a cunning subject who tried wheedling information.

"I would ask her a question. She would either completely and totally avoid the question I was asking or she would ask another question," he said. "It led me to believe that I was dealing with someone who was extremely intelligent, very controlled, and basically smarter than I was."

Nowak, 44, was arrested

in February after allegedly confronting Colleen Shipman, the girlfriend of a former space shuttle pilot Nowak had been seeing. Authorities say Nowak stalked Shipman at the Orlando airport and tried to get into her car, then attacked her with pepper spray. Shipman was able to drive away.

Nowak's trial is scheduled to begin April 7, and her attorney, Donald Lykkebak, is expected to use a temporary insanity defense, saying Nowak suffered from major depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, insomnia and "brief psychotic disorder with marked stressors."

In court today, Lykkebak said Nowak was frantic and exhausted before her interview with Becton. He said the search of Nowak's BMW, parked at an airport-area hotel, was illegal because she never signed a consent form. Becton said Nowak nodded in authorization several times and even wrote down the location for him.

**Jam session**



Ken Wilson, from left, Robert Brewer, Herb Smith, David Kirkland and Jerry Lister recently got together at the local Woody Guthrie Folk Center for a jam session.

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Ten traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Kentucky and Williston streets resulted in an arrest for possession of dangerous drugs.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1500 block of Evergreen, the intersection of Duncan and Browning streets, the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets, and the intersection of Randy Matson and Dwight streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby, the 2200 block of Peryton Parkway and the 700 block of North Hobart.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals at the intersection of 18th and Wells streets, the 1900 block of Duncan, the 2100 block of North Russell, the 1000 block of South Hobart, the 1700 block of Dogwood, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 800 block of North Gray, the 2500 block of Duncan and the 1200 block of North Wells.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of Terry Road.

A missing person was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

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

Stalking was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1300

block of North Hobart and the police department lobby.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Murphy. The incident involved a red 2000 Kia Sportage of unknown value which was later found in the vicinity of Fritch.

**Sheriff**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**

Freddie Hutchinson, 39, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors city marshal for assault with a deadly weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon.

Maynard Applegate, 61, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a warrant for assault causing bodily injury.

Teddy Dubose, 20, of Pampa was arrested by the Texas Rangers for injury to a child.

Marissa Platt, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Charles by Pampa Police Department for expired registration and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**

Crystal Fuller, 41, of Pampa was arrested at the intersection of Kentucky and Williston streets for possession of a dangerous drug.

**Fire**

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 24-hour

period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Sept. 18**

10:36 a.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1600 block of North Hobart on an electrical fire.

3:21 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 1000 block of Prairie on a natural gas leak.

6:08 p.m. — Three units and eight personnel responded to the 900 block of South Faulkner on a structure fire.

6:46 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Lowry on a call for medical assistance.

**Wednesday, Sept. 19**

6:20 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 700 block of North Hobart on a vehicle accident.

**Ambulance**

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

**Tuesday, Sept. 19**

7:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Lefors and transported a patient for transport by LifeStar helicopter.

6:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Lowry and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:54 p.m. — A second mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Lowry and transported a patient to PRMC.

**Wednesday, Sept. 20**

6:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Hobart. No transport.

**ECONOMY**

**Rate cut may not be all cracked up to be**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Like the tides, the wave of good feelings that swept over Wall Street and Main Street with the Federal Reserve's big rate cut could ebb just as quickly.

Homeowners opening up statements for their adjustable-rate mortgages come October will experience a jolt when the rates jump, but not as severe a jolt as it could have been.

And, Wall Street's mood swings — reflecting bouts of panic and then some relief — are expected to linger.

That's because the Fed's action, while perhaps providing some help, won't cure problems in the ailing housing market, which are still expected to drag well into next year.

It will take time for builders to work off a glut of unsold homes. That means the housing slump will continue to hold back the economy and probably lead to more job cuts in construction, manufacturing and other industries.

The Fed's action also won't stop home foreclosures and late mortgage payments from rising in the months ahead.

In a bold move, Fed Chairman Ben

Bernanke and his colleagues on Tuesday sliced a key interest rate by one-half a percentage point to 4.75 percent. It was the first rate cut in more than four years.

*'This does not heal the financial markets, but it can help in the process of healing. But we're not there yet.'*

— Ken Mayland  
Economist

Their aim is to prevent the economy from being thrown into a recession by a housing meltdown and a credit crunch. Lower rates should induce people and businesses to boost spending and investing, which would help energize economic activity.

Wall Street investors were cheered by the move, sending the Dow Jones industrial average zooming 335.97

points. It was the Dow's biggest one-day point jump in nearly five years.

Some of the buoyancy carried over into today, with investors pushing up the Dow by around 90 points in morning trading.

Over the short term, the rate cut can provide an important psychological boost. It could make investors, businesses and others less inclined to clamp down or make drastic changes in their behavior that would hurt the economy.

"This does not heal the financial markets, but it can help in the process of healing. But we're not there yet," said Ken Mayland, economist at ClearView Economics.

The improved mind set, though, could turn out to be fleeting.

"I think the honeymoon is going to be pretty short for the euphoria of this Fed cut," said Greg McBride, senior financial analyst for Bankrate.com. "A half-point cut can only do so much. It doesn't transform the housing market into sunshine and daffodils."

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All are invited to join us in a Beth Moore study titled "A Heart Like His" Study starts Friday, September 28th at 10:00a.m. Workbooks will be available at the first meeting. Please join us. To sign up for study or for questions please contact us at 665-1167.



## High school activities Homecoming schedule

This week is homecoming week for Pampa and the school district has numerous activities planned. Here is a list of what is happening around town.

### Thursday

- 4 p.m. Homecoming Parade from the high school, down Mary Ellen Street, past Central Park and through the downtown area. Hall of Fame inductee James Crownover will be the Grand Marshal for the parade.
- 6 p.m. Hall of Fame Reception at the Junior High School library

### Friday

- 8 a.m. Austin Elementary 50th year celebration and reception
- 10 a.m. Hall of Fame induction ceremony at McNeely Field House - James Crownover and Col. Clarence Shillings
- 12 p.m. Hall of Fame Luncheon at Pampa Country Club
- 1:30 p.m. Harvester veteran reception at Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ fellowship hall
- 2:40 - 3:25 p.m. Homecoming pep rally at McNeely Field House
- 5:30 p.m. FFA / DECA steak dinner at PHS cafeteria
- 7 p.m. Homecoming King and Queen crowned prior to football game

King candidates: Nick Dudley, Jack Percy, Taylor Busse, Jesse Finney, Michael Fernuik  
Queen candidates: Katie O'Neal, Erica Schepp, Marti Street, Anna Holland, Jasmine Moore

- 7:30 p.m. Homecoming football game against the Borger Bulldogs

## Open house

Pampa High School will hold the Fall Open House on Monday.

The schedule is as follows:

5:45-6:00	General Meeting - Auditorium
6:05-6:10	0 Hour
6:15-6:20	1st
6:25-6:30	2nd
6:35-6:40	3rd
6:45-6:50	4th
6:55-7:00	5th
7:05-7:10	6th
7:15-7:20	7th
7:25-7:30	8th

Students will bring home schedules.

## Brazil

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said. "Everything is super sized."

The absence of full-service gas stations was also noticed by the visitors, along with differences in housing and climate.

"We have concrete houses with no carpeting," Rodrigues said. "In Brazil, it is summer the whole year, almost. Here, there are extremes, from the coldest to the hottest."

The widespread popularity of a variety of sports in America is not found in Brazil.

"We have just one important sport -- soccer," Augustinho said. "Here, you have baseball, football, basketball and everything else."

"Every Brazilian boy wants to be a professional soccer player," Rodrigues said.

Some customs associated with getting married are different. In Brazil, the man and woman wear their wedding bands on the ring fingers of their right hands when engaged, and switch the rings to their left hands upon marriage.

Not everything is different, however.

"I think the family life is one of the biggest similarities," Augustinho said.

Rodrigues, who is married with a 2-year-old son, works in his family's shoe factory and shoe store. Augustinho, who is engaged to be married, is involved in his family's

insurance business.

Both feel they have benefited from their time in the U.S.

"It is a life experience that can't be taken away from you," Augustinho said of traveling to other countries. "It's important to see other cultures. English is so important for us in Brazil. English and Spanish are necessary in the world of business."

The opportunity to learn about the American way of life is what Augustinho has enjoyed most about his stay, which has included visits to New York City and Las Vegas, Nev.

The connection between the Lewises and Rodrigues was strengthened when a younger brother, Robson, was a foreign exchange student in the Lewis home for the 2002-2003 school year. The Lewises attended Rodrigues' wedding in Brazil, and hope to attend Augustinho's wedding.

"What I have enjoyed most is the opportunity to know the American way of life," Augustinho said. "I'm lucky to have a fabulous family as hosts. I'm really thankful for the Americans and Pampa to have me here, and especially to the Lewis family. I really love it here."

"I think I'll come back. I want to come back."

"People should do this because it changes your life forever," Rebecca Lewis said of being a host family for a foreign exchange student. "Our lives are the better for it."

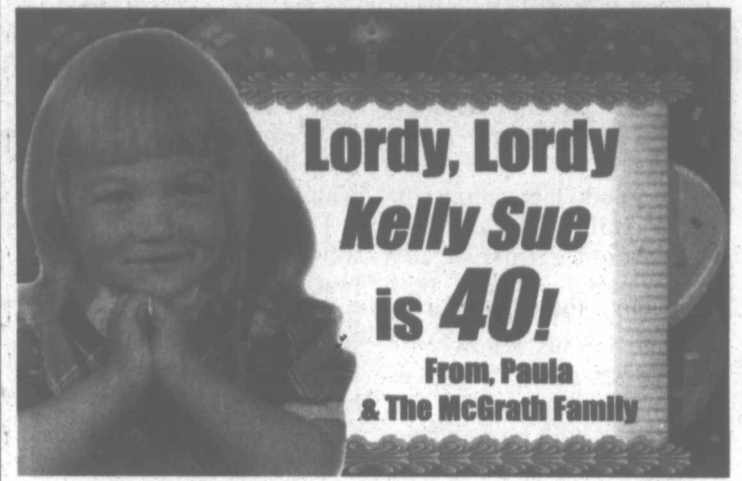
## Tax

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below budget. For the year, Pampa collected \$3,675,549.42 for the 2006-2007 fiscal

year compared to \$3,278,868.26 for 2005-2006.

Total sales taxes collected for the year, including the city's share and the EDC share, amounted to \$4,900,732.56.



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## Waste

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also be accepted on Collection Day include motor oil and filters, aluminum cans, tin cans, cardboard and paper, and numbers 1 and 2 plastics. The recycling center is manned Thursday afternoons and all day Fridays and Saturdays if assistance is needed.

The paint collected Sept. 22 will be mixed together and will be made available free of charge to anyone who wants it, Brown said. Other items collected during the hazardous waste day

which will be recycled include tires, car batteries, motor oil and filters, antifreeze, aluminum and paper.

Items which will not be accepted on Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day include explosives, radioactive material, dioxins or waste generated by businesses or farms compressed gas cylinders, waste reactives and items in containers larger than one gallon, except for motor oil and paint.

All products should be transported to the center in their original containers, and should not be consolidated. Participants should make sure the containers are properly sealed and will not leak. Containers should be placed in the trunk or back of vehicles, away

from passengers.

Sponsors of the collection day are the city of Pampa, Celanese, Keep Pampa Beautiful and Top O' Texas Hazardous Waste Committee.

A chance to dispose of refrigerators is also held yearly, usually in October, Brown said. On Refrigerator Amnesty Day, refrigerators will be accepted at the city landfill "as is." On any other day, a certified person would have to remove the compressor and evacuate the coolant from the appliance before it would be accepted at the landfill, Brown said.

For more information, call 669-5840 or 665-2514.

## More details emerge in torture case

LOGAN, W.Va. (AP) — The list of horrors allegedly endured by a woman at the hands of six people in a remote trailer grew during the suspects' court hearings — leaving the woman's mother sobbing.

Reading Tuesday from a statement 20-year-old Megan Williams gave deputies the day she was rescued from the ramshackle home, a sheriff's deputy said she had been stabbed with what she described as a butcher knife and beaten with wooden sticks and fly swatters.

She said she was sexually assaulted, doused with hot water, forced to eat animal feces, and taunted with racial slurs. Among the new allegations, she said hot wax was poured on her, and that two of her captors forced her to drink a cup of their urine.

Carmen Williams, the victim's mother, left the preliminary hearing of one of the defendants in tears Tuesday after listening to what her daughter allegedly experienced.

Charges against most of the six suspects were upgraded Tuesday. All six, who are white, now face charges of kidnapping, which carries a maximum life sentence. Four of the defendants had faced lesser charges before Tuesday's filings.

Megan Williams' statement said the defendants told her they didn't like black people and that they were going to hang her, though no

hate crime charges were filed.

"They told me if I tried to get out they was going to hit me and stuff. I was scared of them," Logan County Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Robinette read from Williams' statement.

Some of Williams' supporters have urged the state to file hate crime counts. Prosecutors have not ruled out such a move but have said they are focused on crimes with the toughest penalties and note that the

maximum sentence for a hate crime is just 10 years.

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 had endured.

Megan Williams' ordeal ended when an anonymous tip led police to the home Sept. 8. Deputies are still trying to determine how long Williams was held.

Kidnapping and sexual assault charges, along with additional counts of battery, were filed against Karen Burton, 46; her daughter, Alisha Burton, 23; and George A. Messer, 27, all of Chapmanville. They also face additional counts of battery.

Danny J. Combs, 20, of Harts, now faces a kidnapping charge that carries life in prison. He originally was charged with sexual assault and malicious wounding.

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# Viewpoints

## Tough love: Remembering my movie star mom

We buried my mother, Jane Wyman, and as I stood at her grave the words of Abraham Lincoln came back to me: "All I am or ever hope to be I owe to my angel mother."

Everybody talks about my dad Ronald Reagan, and what he did for America, and many people think that because he set such a great example for his fellow citizens in so many ways, he was also responsible for making me who I am today.

While that may be true in some ways, if anybody really wants to know who and what I am, you have to go back to my mother. All that's decent and praiseworthy that I am, or ever hope to be, I owe to her.

When my parents broke up, like many children of

that day and age whose parents were divorced, I lived with my mother. It was Jane Wyman, a single mom, who was in charge of raising me. I spent weekends with my dad, but it was my mother who raised me.

I could have been one of those spoiled Beverly Hills brats, but thankfully I had a mother who wouldn't allow it. As my sister Maureen and I learned, there would be no brats in her house.

Back in the 1950s, spoiled Beverly Hills brats could go to their parents and extort money from them because they felt guilty because they couldn't spend time with their kids. They would get their parents to assuage their guilt by buying them things, such as the brand new 10-speed Schwinn bicycles that

were then the rage.

All my friends were getting their parents to buy one — it was the newest bike of the day and every kid, including me, wanted one. I had even picked out the brand new blue 10-speed Schwinn bike I wanted.

I went to my mom and told her I would love her forever if she'd just buy it for me. "How badly do you want it?" she asked.

When I said, "More than anything else," she said, "Do you want it badly enough to get a job?" I protested that I was only 10-years-old and couldn't get a job, but she

said that with a bike I could get a paper route. She said, "I will lend you the money and you can pay me back."

I asked her why she was doing this — none of my friends had to work to get a bike. Their parents simply gave them their bikes and everything else they wanted.

She said, "If I give you everything you want, and I can afford to

do that, you'll grow up to be a 40-year-old child. I build men, not boys. I want you to grow up to be a 40-year-old man."

I bought the bike with the money she lent me, and every Sunday I'd ride my

bike to Good Shepherd church, sell papers there, and then pay my mother back out of my earnings.

That's called "tough love," and over the years nothing changed. When I got my national radio show back in 1992, I was driving 262 miles a day between San Diego and Los Angeles to do my show, and I wasn't making any money.

I began to feel sorry for myself, even crying in the car one day. I didn't know what to do, so I called my mom, probably looking for a handout.

I asked her what I could do, that I was driving 262 miles a day and not making any money, my kids were in school, Colleen was at work trying to take care of the family, and my mom said, "I

can tell you what to do." And I asked "what?" and she said, "Who said you don't have to pay your dues? You need to pay your dues like everybody else. Shut up and keep driving." And she hung up.

That was 16 years ago. I kept driving. And it all worked out.

Who I am today politically is because of Ronald Reagan. But if you really want to learn what made me the man I am, you have to look to Jane Wyman. She made award winning films — she also made a man.

Thank you, Mom.  
—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.



**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 19, the 262nd day of 2007. There are 103 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 19, 1796, President George Washington's farewell address was published. In it, the nation's first chief executive wrote, "Observe good faith and justice towards all Nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

On this date:

In 1777, during the Revolutionary War, American soldiers won the first Battle of Saratoga.

In 1783, Jacques Etienne Montgolfier launched a duck, a sheep and a rooster aboard a hot-air balloon at Versailles in France.

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died 2 1/2 months after being shot by Charles Guiteau; Chester Alan Arthur became president.

In 1907, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. was born in Suffolk, Va.

In 1934, Bruno Hauptmann was arrested in New York and charged with the kidnap-murder of

*'That government is best which governs the least, because its people discipline themselves.'*

— President Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826)

Charles A. Lindbergh Jr.

In 1945, Nazi radio propagandist William Joyce, known as "Lord Haw-Haw," was convicted of treason and sentenced to death by a British court.

In 1957, the United States conducted its first contained underground nuclear test, code-named "Rainier," in the Nevada desert.

In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev reacted angrily during a visit to Los Angeles upon being told that, for security reasons, he would not be allowed to visit Disneyland.

In 1960, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, in New York to visit the United Nations, angrily checked out of the Shelburne Hotel in a dispute with the management; Castro accepted an invitation to stay at the Hotel Theresa in Harlem.

In 1986, federal health officials announced that the experimental drug AZT would be made available to thousands of AIDS patients.

Ten years ago: In his first public comments since the death of Princess Diana, Prince Charles told the British people he would always feel the loss of his former wife, and thanked them for their support. Six people were killed when an express passenger train and a freight train collided in west London. The crime drama "L.A. Confidential" opened.



## Terrorist training taught by military

Who receives the best terrorist training in the world? It's not al-Qaida operatives or anybody else associated with Middle East organizations that the U.S. is pleased to label "terrorist." No, the best terrorist training in the world is provided by the U.S. military.

Everything that is taught in some squalid terrorist camp and much more is taught right here in the USA. What do you think Special Forces, Delta Force, the Air Commandos, Marine Recon and the Navy Seals learn? They learn how to kill people and blow things up, how to practice escape and evasion, how to interrogate prisoners and to endure interrogation. Every skill a terrorist needs is thoroughly taught by our own military.

If you wish to know how to make improvised explosive devices, you don't need

to visit Afghanistan. You can order official U.S. Army manuals, nearly all of which have been photocopied and offered for sale by mail or on the Internet. These have been available for decades.

Even I could tell you how to kill a man and make it look like a heart attack, though I won't.

After these men receive their training and practice their skills in real wars, they eventually return to civilian life. But as civilians, they don't forget what they learned. Their lethal education stays with them for the rest of their lives. Timothy McVeigh, the young man who blew up the federal building in Oklahoma City, was Army-trained.

Year in, year out, the U.S. military turns out superbly trained men with all the skills and knowledge of a terrorist. They eventually return to the civilian pool. There must be thousands living amongst us right now.

Well, that being the case, it seems to me to behoove the U.S.

government not to screw its veterans, to refrain from breaking promises and from providing them with shoddy or no treatment. It behooves the U.S. government to make sure those who have mental problems receive the help they need. Not every veteran who becomes embittered and goes off the deep end will have been a cook or a clerk.

I know of an amusing instance where a young construction worker made the mistake of pulling a knife on someone he assumed was a potbellied old man. True, the man was graying and potbellied, but he had spent seven tours in the jungles of Vietnam and Cambodia and was more than a match for the knife wielder. The young thug was lucky he ended up with only broken bones. My friend could have killed him as easily as stepping on a roach.

When men wear civilian clothes, you don't know who they are or what they have been. It pays to be civil and respectful. We the American people owe a lot to our military members. Not only have they fought our wars, but they have protected the Constitution. I've always

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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. 10

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on technology and the classroom:

It's been more than a decade since policymakers and educators launched concerted efforts to bring technology to the classroom. But for the most part, use of computers at school still falls far short of its potential to improve learning.

Those same youngsters who can invent a specialized language for text-messaging, assemble full and varied iPod playlists, create individualized and attractive sites on Facebook and MySpace or display their videos on

YouTube can handle more at school than delivering their project reports with PowerPoint presentations.

It shouldn't take another decade for schools to figure that out. But it won't be easy or cheap.

Education Week, in its annual "Technology Counts" report issued in March in conjunction with the Editorial Projects in Education Research Center, said real progress has been made in giving students access to computers in schools. In Texas, the report said, 86.5 percent of students can use computers in a lab or media center at school, and 53.5 percent can use them in their classrooms. The state's schools have one high-speed Internet-connected computer for every 3.4 students.

Some local districts are taking the

next steps in computer access. Grapevine-Colleyville district officials have decided to purchase 1,000 wireless Internet laptops, to be used in every high school and middle school classroom, and plans call for more.

The Keller district has a pilot program to provide six high school students with laptops to use at school and at home. The Irving district loans a laptop to each of its more than 8,600 high school students for school and home use, spending \$4 million a year on maintenance and replacement costs.

This year, the Texas Legislature approved another step along the digital learning path for Texas students.

By the 2008-09 school year, they'll

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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. 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, Thursday; 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 Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. The event will include music with Svetlana Petry; a film and lecture with Art-o-Mat creator Clark Whittington; a children's and adult art activity; and a coffee tasting. To find out more, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **Panhandle Regional Advisory Council** has announced the date for the annual EMS/Trauma Regional Needs Assessment will be Thursday. The event will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. at Northwest Texas Hospital Pavilion Auditorium in Amarillo. All area residents are invited to attend and to comment at the meeting. A progress report on needs identified in 2006 will be presented. Organizers are also soliciting comments/concerns in writing. Any comments will be addressed during the forum. For more information, call (806) 358-7114, fax (806) 353-1823, e-mail kay.harris@panhandlerac.com or write RAC office, 4101 Mockingbird, Amarillo, TX 79109.

• **Panhandle Regional Planning Commission** will host a luncheon for small business entrepreneurs from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday at Dyer's Bar-B-Que in Amarillo. The focus of

the luncheon will be the SBA's Patriot Express Loan Initiative Program for veterans and veteran-owned businesses. For more information, call (806) 372-3381 or e-mail eesparza@theprpc.org.

• **The Tri-State Fair in Amarillo** will present a Hot Dog Cooking Contest for kids sponsored by the Amarillo Dillas starting at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Rex Baxter Building in Amarillo. Each entry must have the equivalent of one standard size hot dog per serving, but does not have to include a bread product. Judging will be based on taste, appearance, originality and recipe. For more information, call (806) 376-7767 or (806) 342-0400.

• **The second annual Festival at the Farm** will be staged from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at Durham, Okla. The event will include food, art exhibits, crafts show, staged shootout, performers and more. All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call (580) 655-4467 or visit [www.metcalfeuseum.org](http://www.metcalfeuseum.org) on the Internet.

• **The National Museum of the Pacific War** will present its Pacific Combat Show Saturday and Sunday in Fredericksburg. This newly-revised 90-minute living history program will focus on the lives and combat efforts of participants in the Pacific Theater of World War II. The program will be presented at 10:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. Cost of admission is \$3 per adult and \$2 per child. Admission to the museum covers the show. For more information, call (830) 693-9707.

• **The BBB of the Texas Panhandle** will present the seminar "Reverse Mortgages," with the help of Schooler Funeral Home, at no charge Tuesday at Amarillo Public Library Southwest Branch. For more information, call (806) 379-6222.

• **The postmark deadline** to enter Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter's student "Poem in Your Pocket Contest" will be Sept. 28. Students pay no entry fee. For more information, log onto [www.PoetMarianneLogan.com](http://www.PoetMarianneLogan.com) on the Internet or call (806) 355-1986.

## Techno

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be able to tap into the state's first "virtual school network" to take online courses. Those courses might be advanced language, math or science courses that their own districts simply don't offer, electives that don't otherwise fit into the student's schedule, or even classes for early college credit.

They'll need computers to make it happen, and sharing one with 2.4 other students probably won't be good enough.

Even though buying, equipping and maintaining computers is terribly expensive, that's not the biggest tech hurdle facing educators. It's in using those computers for all they are worth.

The "Technology Counts" report said that the ways computers are used in schools today are mostly ancillary to the education process. They're used, for instance, for testing students and keeping track of scores. But they have the potential to expand education infinitely.

The biggest challenge in today's classroom, brought on by the emphasis on school accountability and achievement on standardized tests, is "differentiation" — focusing on the needs of each individual student. Scores of the fastest learner and the slowest learner count equally in the accountability process, so each needs attention. And faster learners deserve a

chance to move ahead, while slow learners must not be left behind.

Computers offer the opportunity for instruction at each individual's pace, guided by teachers skilled at recognizing the needs and skills of both. And there's no good reason, even under a strict accountability program, why every student has to take the same paper-and-pencil TAKS test at the same time and on the same day as every other student in the state.

The fact that such computer-aided, highly individualized teaching is not available today is not the fault of the teachers or the schools. There simply has not been enough investment — public or private — in developing the software tools to make it possible and then to train educators in how to make maximum use of those tools.

Maybe the nation and the educational community are reeling from the pace of technological change. Maybe the difficulty of putting computer hardware in the classroom has absorbed too much energy. Maybe faraway military conflict has absorbed too much money.

There are plenty of things keeping schools from making the best possible use of technology in the classroom.

None of them is a good excuse.

The Texas Education Agency's Educational Technology Advisory Committee has identified these needs:

— Money for student and teacher computers, ongoing professional training, instructional and technical support, and infrastructure.

— Money for technology support services through TEA and the state's Education Service Centers.

— Ways to measure student and teacher progress in meeting technology proficiency goals.

— Standards to ensure that different software packages will work together.

TEA's long-range plan for educational technology: [www.tea.state.tx.us/technology/lrpt](http://www.tea.state.tx.us/technology/lrpt).

The "Technology Counts" report is located at [www.edweek.org/rc/articles/2004/10/15/tech-archive.html](http://www.edweek.org/rc/articles/2004/10/15/tech-archive.html).

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### Festival at the Farm

**Sat, Sept. 22**  
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**Food, Art, Fun!**

## Reese

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said you will find more respect for the Constitution in the Pentagon than you will in the White House, the Supreme Court or Congress.


But there are other reasons to practice civility and respect, especially these days. There was a stockbroker in South Florida who lost all of his client's money with bad investments. Unfortunately, he learned his client was a hit man in the

Witness Protection Program just before his client shot him to death at his desk.

Another friend of mine drove all the way across a large city just to punch out a telephone salesman who had hung up on him. My friend thought that was rude, and he was not one to tolerate rude behavior.

In the meantime, I wouldn't worry too much about some kid who tramps over to Pakistan for terrorist training. He could get much better and more thorough training by joining the U.S. Army.

—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 18, a freshman in college, and I'm having the hardest time making friends. I have always been a quiet person, but meeting people around here has been like pulling teeth. I have received advice from many people telling me I should be more open to people, and I should talk more and be active in groups and organizations. Although I have followed this advice, no one seems to take an interest in me. What should I do? I have been beating myself up about this. Now I'm starting to get depressed. — **LONELY IN NEW ORLEANS**

**DEAR LONELY:** Cheer up. If misery loves company, you have plenty of it. Loneliness is probably the No. 1 problem in my mail. Everybody wants to be well-liked. It's essential to a person's self-esteem to know that others think he or she is worth having as a friend. But making friends doesn't always come naturally. For many, it's a learned skill. While joining groups and organizations is an excellent way to meet others, before you do, it's important to take a good look at yourself. Ask yourself why you find some other people immediately attractive. Obviously, because they appeal to you. Well, how do you appeal to them? The expression on your face can be your greatest asset — or liability. Would you strike up a conversation with someone who is wearing a permanent-press frown? If that could be you, get rid of it. If you walk down the street in any foreign country in the world, even though you may not understand a word people are saying, when you see a smile, you get the message. It says, "I'm friendly. I'm approachable." My booklet "How to Be Popular" is filled with many tips on how to become socially adept. It can be ordered by sending

a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. The keys to popularity with members of both sexes are: Be kind. Be gracious. Be honest, but be tactful. Be generous of spirit, and always grateful for the blessings that you have. Readers of all ages have told me how much this booklet has helped them and people they know.

**DEAR ABBY:** My son was married eight years ago in a ceremony attended by a small number of family and friends. The marriage lasted two years. He is being married again, and this time the ceremony will be larger. Would it be acceptable for me to wear the same dress to his second wedding as I wore to his first? I love the dress and it still fits. It was very expensive and has been worn only once. What do you think? — **JUST WONDERING**

**DEAR JUST WONDERING:** Your son's first marriage did not fail because of the dress you wore to the ceremony — and the same will be true of this one. Because the dress fits and you love it, wear it and enjoy it. You have my blessing.

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.

## For Better Or For Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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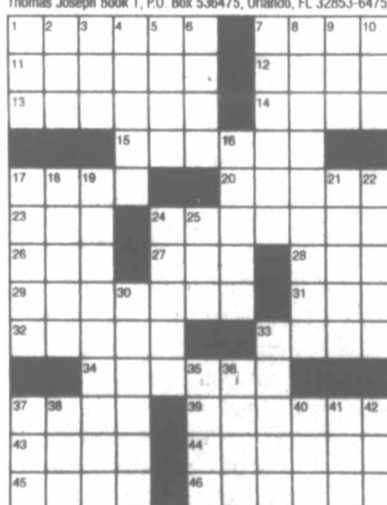
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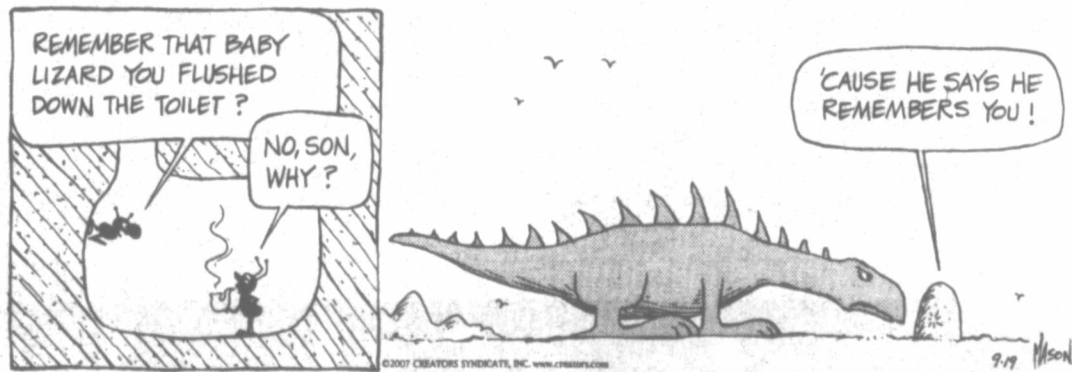
## The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"Will my wings be flapping ones like a bird's, or the airplane kind?"

## B.C.



## Haggar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blonde



## Flo & Friends





# Sports Day

## Dumas stomps varsity tennis in district debut

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

DUMAS — In what they would have liked to have been their first district win, the Pampa Harvester varsity tennis team was defeated by the Dumas Demons Tuesday in Dumas.

Dumas defeated Pampa 18-1.

Kevin Frels picked up the only win for Pampa, defeating Dumas' Riley Deshazo 6-4, 1-6, 10-8.

Jack Ware put up a fight, going down 6-3, 6-3 in singles to Ryan Wilhelm, and losing 7-5, 6-3 with doubles partner Myles Foreman against Rafael Jurado and C.J. Gresham.

All other individual results are as follows:

### Boys singles

Myles Foreman def. by Jurado 3-6, 6-4, (5)  
Tyler Morris def. by Gresham 6-1, 6-2  
Garrett Coutts def. by Medina 6-0, 6-2  
Bryce Hendricks def. by Wait 6-0, 6-0  
Ryan Conner def. by Medina 6-0, 6-0

### Girls singles

Katie O'Neal def. by Lucero 6-0, 6-2  
Rachel Lee def. by Moore 6-0, 6-1  
Ashley Hernandez def. by Jimenez 6-1, 6-0  
Sammi Finney def. by Lint 6-4, 6-0  
Megan Barnett def. by Crunelle 6-0, 6-1  
Alyssa Hoelting def. by Ragsdale 6-2, 7-6  
Holly Gage def. by Brown 8-0



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Pampa's Alyssa Hoelting (left) and doubles partner Sammi Finney (not pictured) face off against the team of Natasha Ragsdale and Chelsea Brown in Tuesday's meet held at Dumas. Hoelting and Finney were defeated by Ragsdale and Brown 6-0, 7-5.

### Boys doubles

Frels/Morris def. by O'Neal/Barnett 6-2, 6-2  
Wilhelm/Deshazo 6-4, 6-2  
Hendricks/Kelley def. by Jimenez/Lint 6-2, 6-2  
Wait/Chairez 6-1, 6-1  
Ragsdale/Brown 6-0, 7-5

### Girls doubles

Lee/Hernandez def. by Lucero/Moore 6-0, 6-1  
Couts/Couts def. by Medina/Crunelle 6-0, 6-0

The Pampa JV team defeated Borger's JV 17-3, also on Tuesday.

Aaron Silva and Dale Montgomery dominated boys singles and doubles.

Silva picked up two wins and Montgomery picked up

one in singles, and the doubles team picked up two wins.

The team of Hailey Acker and Kallie Marak took a win in girls doubles, and both girls won their matches in singles.

## Estrada helps Milwaukee over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers lost their ace, then moved into first place in the NL Central.

Johnny Estrada hit his second grand slam of the season against Houston and Milwaukee overcame an injury to Ben Sheets to beat the Astros 9-1 on Tuesday night, moving the Brewers less than a percentage point ahead of the Chicago Cubs in a tight division race.

Claudio Vargas (11-4) pitched four scoreless innings in relief of Sheets, who left with tightness in his left hamstring after giving up a run in the first. Team officials said Sheets would be evaluated on Wednesday. His status was uncertain for his next scheduled start, in Atlanta on Sunday.

"I guess I'll see tomorrow," said Sheets, still in pain after the game. "It was just grabbing me back there. I felt great in the first (inning). I thought I was going to get into a nice groove."

The Brewers didn't need Sheets against the Astros — Vargas and three relievers held them without a hit over the final seven innings to win their third straight game.

"The grand slam was big," Estrada said. "But Claudio sucking up those innings was bigger. That was a huge

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Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

The doubles team of Kevin Frels (left) and Tyler Morris were defeated by Dumas' Ryan Wilhelm and Riley Deshazo 6-4, 6-2, but Frels picked up Pampa's only win when he defeated Deshazo 6-4, 1-6, 10-8 in singles.

## Defense lets Rangers down in 4-2 loss to Minnesota

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Over the years, the Minnesota Twins could count on Torii Hunter for offensive production and for Carlos Silva to eat up innings.

Both were on display again Tuesday night, but it very well might be the last time they take the field together in the Metrodome as members of the Minnesota Twins. Hunter drove in two runs to set his career high for a season, Silva threw six solid innings and the Twins again took advantage of shaky defense by Texas to beat the Rangers 4-2 on Tuesday night.

"It means a lot," said Hunter, who will be a free agent this offseason and has made it clear that he will be exploring his options. "Coming into the season everybody had individual goals and one of my goals was to have 100 RBIs. But we have 11 games left and I'm not stopping."

Silva gave up two runs and seven hits and struck out five. The right-hander will become a free agent this off-season.

A ninth-inning error cost Texas Monday's series opener. On Tuesday, shortstop Michael Young made two of his three errors in an eventful third inning when the Twins took a 2-1 lead.

"The first one doesn't bother me as much because it was a pretty tough play," Young said. "But the next two were pretty basic."

Nick Punto led off the inning with a single and advanced to second on Young's throwing error.

Punto was thrown out at third during a rundown, but made the play entertaining. Trapped in no-man's land between second and third after starting pitcher Kevin Millwood snatched Jason Bartlett's chopper out of the air with his bare hand, Punto made several jukes and fakes that caused Millwood to fall.

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## Boston firm to pay \$10.5M penalty for distributing human growth hormone; athletes among buyers

BOSTON (AP) — A company that distributed human growth hormone to "well known athletes and entertainers" has agreed to pay a \$10.5 million penalty and cooperate with law enforcement in ongoing investigations, federal prosecutors said Tuesday.

Under the terms of the agreement, Specialty Distribution Services Inc., a subsidiary of Express Scripts Inc., will not face prosecution for three years if it fully complies with terms of the agreement.

Steve Littlejohn, a spokesman for St. Louis-based Express Scripts, said the company fully cooperated in the federal investigation and has already implemented procedures to prevent the illegal distribution of human growth hormone.

"Express Scripts does not condone the use of human growth hormone for anti-aging, cosmetic or performance enhancement purposes," the company said in a news release.

Specialty Distribution Services "knowingly distributed human growth hormone to certain well known athletes and entertainers, including a well known athlete in Massachusetts, knowing that their intended use was athletic performance enhancement, cosmetic or anti-aging," in violation of federal law, the U.S. attorney's office said in a news release.

## Improvement of Houston's Okoye in Week 2 no surprise

HOUSTON (AP) — At 20 years old, Amobi Okoye is the youngest man to play in the NFL in 40 years.

So it came as no surprise that Houston's rookie defensive tackle played like a "young kid" in his first game, according to his coach. His improvement in Week 2 shouldn't be a surprise, either, considering the success he's had as the youngest player at every level of his career.

Okoye, who started high school at 12 and college at 16, had four tackles, including two sacks, and forced a fumble in Houston's 34-21 win over Carolina on Sunday.

That's exactly what the Texans were looking for when they drafted the then-19-year-old with the 10th pick out of Louisville. Okoye, who had 55 tackles and eight sacks last season, is the rare interior lineman with pass-rushing ability.

"He's an explosive guy," coach Gary Kubiak said. "When he gets off of a block, that space that he covers

getting to the quarterback, he covers it awfully quick."

Houston desperately needed to get to the quarterback quicker after ranking 27th in the NFL in sacks last season. Not only is Okoye getting sacks, but he's getting them at critical times. The two against Carolina came on third down.

"He just played with a little more confidence his second time out," Kubiak said a week after saying Okoye played like a "young kid." "He was a factor knocking the ball out. He's only going to get better, in our opinion, and he definitely made a lot of improvement from Week 1 to 2."

Okoye, who graduated in 3 1/2 years with a degree in psychology, has a quiet confidence that belies his age.

"Part of me is amazed, and the other part can't be amazed because you've got to expect to do things like this," he said of his progress.

He expects to do even more. "I won't get satisfied now at all.

Hopefully I can conquer the world, but it's still a long way to go," he said, dragging out the word "long."

The 6-foot-1, 300-pound rookie is starting on a line that features last year's top overall pick, Mario Williams, and 2005 first-round selection Travis Johnson.

Kubiak said the improvement of Williams and the rest of the line will speed Okoye's development.

"They're getting better and we were able to move guys around," Kubiak said. "It's not affecting them as much as it may have in the past when we move Mario and some of those people around. So I just think the group's gaining some confidence and we can try to keep fresh people on the field, and if we can do that, then we should have a chance to be effective."

Williams said Okoye "changes up the scheme of everything."

"It kind of keeps it uneven so the offense can't just key on one person," he said.



# Police blotter looks bad for Texas

By JIM VERTUNO  
AP Sports Writer  
AUSTIN (AP) —  
Book'em.

A few weeks ago, that nasty little spin off the "Hook'em Horns" slogan was a joke. Rivals were taking jabs at the mighty Texas Longhorns and their squeaky clean program after the arrests of several players.

It's not funny anymore. Yet another Longhorn has been charged with a serious crime, and coach Mack Brown's long, hot summer of legal problems is raising serious concerns about the program. Fans are wondering if players are turning in their burnt orange jerseys for jail jumpsuits.

Brown says he won't let a run of bad publicity tarnish a proud legacy of winning clean. The court of public opinion will decide that. Illegal acts by a group of young men can ruin a reputation one arrest at a time.

When UT President William Powers Jr. felt the need Tuesday to publicly support his coach, it was clear the bad publicity is taking a toll.

It's time for Brown to reign this in — and fast — because it looks bad for him, the players (even those not in trouble) and the school.

It's time for him to stand up in public and say, "I'm the coach at Texas and I'll get this under control."

Redshirt freshman running back James Henry is the sixth Longhorn to be arrested since June. He's charged with beating up a victim of a home invasion robbery allegedly involving two other football players.

Investigators believe Henry kicked and punched one of the robbery victims in retaliation for identifying one of the other players. Police listened to jailhouse telephone calls and say Henry later admitted getting in a fight with one of the victims.

On his way out of jail Tuesday, Henry told the San Antonio Express-News it was a "mishap." Actually, it's a felony.

The legal system frowns on beating up witnesses. Police also say Henry helped dispose of stolen property. He now faces charges of obstruction and retaliation and serious prison time if convicted.

On Monday, Brown took the media to task for convicting players who are arrested before the judicial system runs its course. He pointed to the case of Tarell Brown,

who he suspended for the Ohio State game last year after a drug arrest. The charges were later dropped.

"There's probably more attention on the day they get charged than when they get dropped," Brown said. Then he got a bit defensive, suggesting that Austin media and fans are "as hard on kids as I've ever seen."

On Tuesday, he put out a statement saying he was "disappointed" and hurt by the latest arrest but added "I will put our long-term record of character up against anyone."

Brown is a sensitive and sincere man.

He runs his program like a family. He aches when his players make mistakes in life, and no coach in America would feel worse about the mounting arrests that he will. That family atmosphere is a big reason parents want their sons to play for him.

But families have problems. Sometimes they are big problems. When they involve Texas football, they are big public problems.

It's time Brown be the stern father, not the gentle one. It's time to get tough with a team that apparently has lost the kind of internal leadership that can keep

players in line.

Team policy is that a player charged with a felony gets suspended. Misdemeanors are handled on case-by-case basis. It's time Brown tells his players that if they get arrested, they get kicked off the team.

It could cost a game or a season if it's a star player, but Brown needs to put the fear of God in those who might drive drunk, get in a fight or do something else dangerous and stupid.

Brown has tried to be tough, handing out three-game suspensions for line-backer Sergio Kindle and defensive end Henry Melton for summer drunken driving arrests. Those players were reinstated this week.

But was Brown tough enough with the latest situation?

According to police, investigators interviewed Henry several times since the original robbery in July. His interview on Aug. 20 — during preseason training camp — was his second trip to police headquarters.

If school officials knew the player was a suspect in the case and did nothing, that looks bad. If they didn't, it begs the question of why not?



Contestants from last year fish from the bank.

## Stilling Basin at Lake Meredith to host annual Fishing Tournament

FRITCH— The Stilling Basin at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area will once again host the annual Small-Fry Fishing Tournament, to be held on Saturday, September 22 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fish will be stocked at approximately noon on Thursday, September 20, with the Stilling Basin then closing until after the tournament to allow the children to have the first opportunity to catch the fish.

This event is a wonderful fun-filled opportunity for families to share in one of the best recreational activities available in the Texas Panhandle.

Last year several hundred children participated in the tournament. Age groups will be from 6-8 years, 9-11 years, and 12-14 years, with prizes awarded in each age category. An adult must accompany each participant.

As in past years, support from businesses and individuals has allowed the Small-Fry Fishing Tournament Association to put on the tournament with no cost to the children. Youth of all income levels are invited to participate without having to pay an entrance fee. A free hot dog lunch will also be served.

Anyone who would like to volunteer on the day of the tournament should contact Win Bishop at 806-857-2541. For more information on the tournament or directions to the Stilling Basin, please contact Lake Meredith National Recreation Area headquarters at 806-857-3151.

# Suspended defensive tackle Tank Johnson signs with Cowboys

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Suspended defensive tackle Tank Johnson signed a two-year contract Tuesday with the Dallas Cowboys.

Johnson, who played the last three seasons for the Chicago Bears, can't play for the Cowboys until he completes his eight-game NFL suspension for violating probation on a gun charge. He has served the first two games of that suspension and will still have to apply for reinstatement.

Johnson signed after visiting with the Cowboys and taking a physical. He will make about \$255,000 this season, the prorated portion of a minimum contract.

"For a lot of reasons, he really just felt the Cowboys were the right

fit," said Johnson's agent, Jerrold Colton. "He's so thankful to them for giving him this opportunity. He is very determined to prove they made a wise decision in believing in him."

The team issued a news release confirming the signing and announcing that Johnson will discuss the signing in a conference call Wednesday.

The Cowboys also said that Calvin Hill, a former player who is now a consultant specializing in monitoring troubled players, will be available for comment Wednesday, as will coach Wade Phillips, owner Jerry Jones and Johnson's new teammates.

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello

said the earliest Johnson would be eligible to play is Nov. 11 at the New York Giants, the Cowboys' ninth game of the season. Dallas has an open date in the NFL's eighth week.

Johnson could provide late-season depth on a defensive line that lost starting nose tackle Jason Ferguson for the year because of a torn right biceps in the opener. But Johnson will have to adjust to the Cowboys' 3-4 scheme, which is different from what he's played in Chicago.

Although Johnson can't work out with Dallas until the week of the Giants game after his suspension ends, the team had to make room for him on the 53-man roster.

The Cowboys released backup cornerback Nate Jones on Tuesday.

The Cowboys will place Johnson on the reserve/suspended list Wednesday, the earliest that move can be made. That will create a roster opening.

Jay Ratliff, a third-year player, replaced Ferguson as the starting nose tackle. Ratliff has five tackles, a sack and a fumble recovery for the Cowboys (2-0). Coincidentally, Dallas plays at Chicago on Sunday night.

In 46 games (15 starts) with the Bears, Johnson had 63 tackles, nine sacks and a forced fumble. He was a second-round pick out of Washington in 2004.

The Bears released Johnson on

June 25, three days after he was pulled over by police in Gilbert, Ariz. He already had served a two-month jail term for the gun charge and been suspended by the NFL for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

Gilbert police closed the June case without charging Johnson, who was stopped for speeding. His blood alcohol level was .072, under the presumptive limit for DUI.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell had said the suspension could be reduced to six games if Johnson had no further involvement with law enforcement and underwent counseling. That was before Johnson was stopped in Arizona.

# NFL players union asks Congress for help with disability dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — Under fire from injured retirees who say they were denied sufficient benefits, the head of the National Football League Players Association asked Congress on Tuesday for greater authority to approve disability claims.

Gene Upshaw, director of the players association, said the union currently is limited in what it can do for the scores of former players who are battered and broken from years of playing the violent

sport. At the same time, Upshaw and NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said league pensions are improving.

"We have made great progress, and we are not finished," Upshaw told a Senate committee. "Congress can help."

It is the first time the union has asked Congress for help with the problem, which was the subject of a House hearing earlier.

Retired football players have been openly critical of

the NFL and the players' union over the amount of money that older retirees get from a \$1.1 billion fund set aside for disability and pensions.

Goodell defended the system, saying the NFL is boosting benefits when many companies around the country are reducing them. But he acknowledged that there have to be ways to improve.

"We recognize this is not a short-term problem," he said in his testimony.

Several former players testified — sometimes tearfully — about the injuries they now live with. Witnesses included Garrett Webster, son of the late Mike Webster, the Hall of Fame Pittsburgh Steelers' center who suffered from mental illness that was widely attributed to head injuries.

"I would give my life to never see another family end up like mine," Webster said.

Mike Ditka, a Hall of Fame coach and player for the Chicago Bears, argued

that the older players who built the league should be treated better.

Former Dallas Cowboys star Daryl Johnston and Bears' Hall of Famer Gale Sayers also testified.

"We have no voice and we have no bargaining power," said Johnston, whose career also ended in injury. "The money is there to fix this problem."

The players' union is asking Congress to change federal law so it has more power on the retirement board that

reviews disability claims. Under current law, the union can only name three retired former players to the board. NFL owners appoint the other three representatives.

"Since the NFLPA has been criticized when applications are denied — even though a majority vote of the six trustees is necessary to make a decision — and since current players are funding the system, it makes sense for the players to be the ones making the disability decisions," Upshaw said.

## Astros

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effort by the bullpen." Ryan Braun added a two-run homer and Prince Fielder stretched his hitting streak to 16 games with an RBI single for the Brewers, who have won four of their last six.

"I was telling the guys a few days ago, whoever puts together a good seven-game win streak is probably going to pull away and win this thing," Estrada said. "Hopefully, we can keep it going."

Estrada's second career slam capped a five-run fourth inning off rookie Felipe Paulino (0-1), who was making his first major league start. The 23-year-old right-hander was recalled from the minors on Sept. 4.

"There was an excitement in the ballpark," said Houston manager Cecil Cooper. "But they put five up in that inning and that

kind of took the fans out of it."

By then, Vargas was cruising. He allowed singles to Mark Loretta and Brad Ausmus in the second, a walk to Lance Berkman in the third and retired the other 12 hitters he faced.

"I've pitched out of the bullpen before," Vargas said. "I just take the ball, try to get loose and try to make my pitches. That's what I did."

Houston took 1-0 lead in the first inning before Sheets departed.

Rookie Josh Anderson led off with a double down the left-field line, went to third on Craig Biggio's bunt and scored on Berkman's single up the middle. Anderson is 12-for-25 since the Astros recalled him from the minors on Sept. 1.

Sheets came out to start the second inning, threw a few warmup pitches, then signaled to the dugout that he was hurt. Manager Ned Yost walked to the mound with a trainer and the right-handed Sheets pointed to

his lower left leg. "It didn't pop," Sheets said. "It just gradually grabbed worse and worse every time."

Sheets jogged around the infield and threw a warmup pitch before walking off the field. He's already missed a month this season with a sprained finger and strained his groin in April.

"I'm mentally fried from injuries this year," he said. "The guys picked me up nicely. That made me feel better. I don't know about the injuries, though. They keep happening."

Paulino allowed only one hit through the first three innings before crumbling in the fourth.

After Joe Dillon led off with a ground out, Braun tripled over Anderson's head in straightaway center and Fielder followed with a broken-bat single to left that tied the game at 1.

Corey Hart doubled down the left-field line and Paulino intentionally walked Gabe Gross to load the bases for Estrada, who

hit a grand slam off Astros reliever Rick White at Miller Park on June 26.

"It took me five years to hit one," Estrada said. "After I hit the first one, I figured it would take five more to hit another one."

Turns out it took less than three months.

This time, Estrada drove a 2-2 pitch from Paulino over the right-field wall, just inside the foul pole. Estrada is 6-for-10 with 19 RBIs with the bases loaded this season.

Left-hander Trevor Miller relieved Paulino to start the fifth. He walked Dillon before Braun lined his 31st homer of the season a few feet inside the left-field foul pole.

Geoff Jenkins and Rickie Weeks' hit back-to-back homers off Brian Moehler in the ninth.

Seth McClung, Derrick Turnbow and Greg Aquino combined to shut out the Astros without a hit over the final four innings. Houston has lost 10 of its last 13 games.

## Rangers

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The veteran right-hander managed to still get a throw off to third baseman Travis Metcalf for the out, but he remained on the ground for several seconds to hide his embarrassment. Bartlett made it to second.

"I know Nick from Philly," Millwood said. "It was a fun play."

The fun didn't last long for the Rangers.

Jason Kubel followed with a grounder to Young, who threw it away for his second error of the inning, allowing Bartlett to score.

Hunter then drove in Kubel and set a career-high with his 103rd RBI. Hunter added another RBI with a double in the seventh that gave the Twins a 4-2 lead.

Joe Nathan worked the ninth for his 33rd save.

Young committed his third error trying to turn a double play in the sixth.

The Rangers took a 1-0 lead in the third on Ian Kinsler's RBI groundout.

Kinsler dropped a pop fly in the bottom of the ninth to cost his team the series opener against Minnesota.

"We didn't put ourselves in real good situations tonight," Rangers manager Ron Washington said. "When we were playing well, we put ourselves in good spots. Not tonight."

Texas had a chance to take the lead in the sixth. With one run in and the bases loaded with one out, Silva (12-14) coaxed an inning-ending double play from Metcalf. He knelt on the mound and pumped his fist several times before heading to the dugout.

Was the possibility that this could be his final start in the Metrodome on his mind?

"It was. I don't want to start thinking about it, but it was," he said. "Whatever happens, happens. I'd love to play for this team forever. But if it's not like that, you have to move on."

Twins reliever Matt Guerrier had runners on second and third with one out in the eighth but struck out Metcalf and got Frank Catalanotto to fly out.



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**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Whether someone wants to hear your input or not, you decide to give it. As a result, much goes on, and you might hear opinions that you don't like. Aim for what is important and look at the big picture. Solutions appear. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* You are on top of your game. Many people note your ability to see beyond the obvious and make what you want happen. Listen to others and accept their praise. If someone makes a suggestion, be polite, but head in your own direction. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Though you're a generally extraverted sign, you will tend to pull back. In fact, if you can do a total vanishing act, all the better. A partner whom you trust works well with you. The two of you need to collaborate. Use this time well. Tonight: Not to be found.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Meetings might be overwhelming, but at the same time they're important, as they point you in a new direction. Emphasize what you want. Your ability to network separates you from many. Use your skills. Tonight: Where people are.

**BORN TODAY** Actress Sophia Loren (1934), author Upton Sinclair (1878), actor Gary Cole (1956)

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**21 Help Wanted**  
**PAMPA** Country Club is now hiring for wait staff and kitchen help. Apply in person at Pampa Country Club. No phone calls please!!!

**FULL** Time CNA & Part Time LVN needed at Parkview Hospital Home Health in Wheeler. Please call 826-1370, ask for Susan Leffew, Director or come by 306 E. 9th St. in Wheeler for an appli.

**NOW** taking applications for dishwasher & kitchen help. Apply in person, Dyer's BBQ, Pampa.

**NOW** Hiring, full time, must be 18. Experienced sales person, must be self motivated & courteous. Only qualified applicants need apply. Please apply in person. Prestige Auto, 101 S. Hobart.

**PAINTER** needs helper! 663-0420

**WANTED:** Childcare for Nursery, Birth-2 yr. Pd. position. Highland Baptist Church, 1301 N. Banks, 665-3300, Mon.-Fri. 9-11.

**NEEDED** FT RN at Parkview Hospital Home Health in Wheeler, Tx.

**FULL** time/ part time catering help needed. Apply in person at the Dixie Cafe or call 664-1252.

**SOMEONE** needed to teach guitar lessons to a 12 year old. Please call 665-5952.

**PAMPA** Nursing Center is hiring for the following positions: **CERTIFIED NURSES AIDES COOK HOUSEKEEPER DISHWASHER** Please apply in person 1321 W. Kentucky, Pampa, Tx. 79065

**NURSERY WORKERS** Needed!!!! For more info. call Cornerstone Baptist Church, 669-6509.

**HIRING** Pumpers, Rig Operators & Floorhands. Send resume to Box 43, Pampa, Tx. 79066-0043.

**WOULD** you like to earn some money, but not be tied down to a full-time job? Come be a Non-CDL Van Driver, Bus Monitor or a Licensed CDL Sub-Bus Driver. 669-4993 ask for Sam or Gib, Pampa ISD Transportation Dept.

**CHILDREN'S** Home Healthcare is accepting applications for Night and PRN LVN / RN positions in the Pampa area. Please call 367-6612 to obtain more info.

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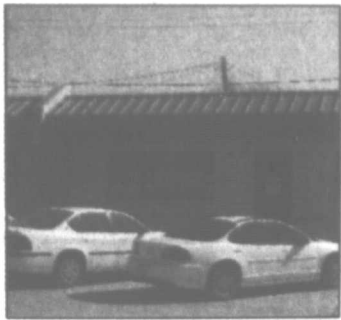
**116 Mobile Homes**  
 SELL or take over pmts.. '01 dbl. wide, 1400 sq. ft., 3 bdr., 2 ba., dbl carport w/ stor., 1/2 acre lot, 801 Grimes St., White Deer. \$46,000. 806-883-2239.

**121 Trucks**  
**LEFORS** FCU is accepting bids on a 1996 Ford PU. We reserve the right to refuse any and all bids. Call 806-835-2773 for more info.

**'96** Ranger 154,000 miles. Needs body work & paint job. \$1000. 806-440-3563.

**126 Boats & Access.**  
 1995 Glastron 17.5 ft. ski boat. 3.0 litre Mercruiser sterndrive. Nice boat. \$5200. Danny 669-2320, 662-3560





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## Agency relies on UW funds

Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation serves all ages of Texas Panhandle residents diagnosed with mental illness, mental retardation or developmental delays.

"Joe," a Pampa resident was severely depressed. He was suffering from diabetes, the after-effects of open heart surgery, and other health problems. The house he and his family lived in had no hot water and was deteriorating around them. He felt useless.

Joe had become despondent to the point of having thoughts of suicide.

Joe and his family turned to Texas Panhandle MHMR, and through the services and support provided, Joe was able to rebuild his life.

Joe received vital services from TPMHMR including psychiatric evaluation, doctor visits and case management as well as medication and treatment essential to alleviating his depression.

By providing much-needed assistance in the Pampa area to people such as Joe and his family, TPMHMR is able to fulfill its vision of "Making Lives Better."

The agency's Pampa clinic provides critically-needed services to approximately 400 children and adults in the Pampa area a given year. TPMHMR provides assessments, service coordination, medication-related services, skills training, family training, cognitive behavioral therapy and counseling as well as Services to At-Risk Youth and short-term counseling for youth and their families of any age up to 17 who have been identified as being at-risk of runaway, truancy, delinquency or family conflict.

Other services provided by the agency in the Pampa area include crisis response services to disasters such as wildfires or tornadoes, and mental health assessment and referral services for inmates due for release from TDCJ's Jordan and Baten prison units.

TPMHMR also provides a workshop for Pampa residents diagnosed with mental retardation.

Pampa Sheltered Workshop provides help to people with intellectual disabilities in learning the skills necessary to thrive in the community and to participate in home and public life.

The programs described above are all enhanced through support of the Pampa United Way. TPMHMR is proud of its affiliation with the Pampa UW.

Pampa UW partners with local agencies, including TPMHMR, in promoting positive change. The local UW works with a wide range of people and organizations to identify and solve critical community issues.

The assistance of the Pampa United Way allows TPMHMR to provide more services to more Pampa residents in more efficient ways. For more information about TPMHMR, log onto [www.tpmhmr.org](http://www.tpmhmr.org) on the World Wide Web.

—This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2007 fund-raising campaign.



## Rotary exchange program

Ricardo Lassagni, a 17-year-old Italian exchange student, spent seven weeks living with Jeff Boyd and his family as part of a Rotary youth exchange program. Earlier this year, Boyd's daughter Claire lived with Lassagni's family in Italy for seven weeks. In this picture, Lassagni presents Rotary President Clay Rice with a banner from his local Rotary Club in Italy. He is flanked by Boyd on his left and Rice on his right.

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