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Former Pampan makes Forbes richest list

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

A former Pampa High School graduate and Hall of Fame inductee has been named on the list of "Forbes richest 400 Americans for 2006" recently released in the magazine.

Gerald Ford, PHS class of 1962 and PHS Hall of Fame inductee in 1997, made the list at number 215, by having a current net worth of \$1.6 billion.

Ford was born in Pampa in 1944 and is the son of Coyle and Hazel (Del) Ford. He is married, has five children and lives in the University Park area of Dallas. Ford received a bachelor's from Southern Methodist University in 1966

and his law degree from SMU's School of Law in 1969.

According to Forbes, Ford bought his first bank in 1975 for \$1.2 million and later sold it for \$80 million. His biggest monetary accomplishment was done in 2002 with Ronald Perelman from New York when they sold California Golden State Bancorp to Citigroup for \$6 billion in stock.

Other investments and companies that Ford owns are auto-finance firms AmeriCredit and Triad Financial, and the oil and gas firm McMoran Exploration.

In 1997 he donated \$20 million to SMU for a new football venue. The

Mustangs now play at Ford Stadium.

Ford has served as a trustee of SMU and Children's Medical Foundation, as a member of the Dallas Citizens' Council, as vice chairman of the Executive Board of SMU's Dedman College and director of the Dallas Boy and Girls Clubs, Inc. He is also a past member of the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University and the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center.

His main residence is in Dallas, but he also owns a compound in the Hamptons on Long Island, N.Y., and owns a 140,000-acre cattle ranch in New Mexico.



Ford

Garden beauty



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Raindrops cling to brightly-colored flowers in the garden of a central Pampa home after a recent rainfall.

Graduating girls to be 'enlightened'

The young women of Pampa High School's 2008 graduating class will take part in Pampa's seventh annual Enlighten Leadership Seminar Friday. First Baptist Church; Jay A. Johnson, DDS; Pampa Regional Medical Center; and Celanese will sponsor this year's event which is free to participants.

Established in 2001, Enlighten provides comprehensive programs designed specifically for young people. Participants take home valuable "need-to-know" information for succeeding in today's fast-paced world, and learn valuable skills that

help them set long-term goals and gain insight into their personal strengths and career interests. Enlighten's goal is to help young women lay the foundation for their futures and minimize pitfalls to their individual success and enrichment.

Some of the seminar's topics include goal setting, self-esteem, interviews/resumes, etiquette, study skills and time management. These age appropriate workshops equip young women for college, the workforce and beyond. Enlighten also now offers

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DPS troopers take cocaine, marijuana

Department of Public Safety troopers made two drug busts in the area and confiscated cocaine and marijuana.

According to Trooper Daniel Hawthorne, troopers stopped a 2000 Chevrolet Tracker on I-40 near Groom at 6:25 p.m. Monday on a traffic violation.

Troopers became suspicious and asked for consent to search. During the search of the vehicle seven kilos of cocaine were found in the rear cargo door.

The driver, Ruben Altunar-Lopez, 33, of Kansas City, Kan., was

arrested and booked into the Carson County Jail. The cocaine is believed to have originated in Arizona and was headed too Kansas City, Kan.

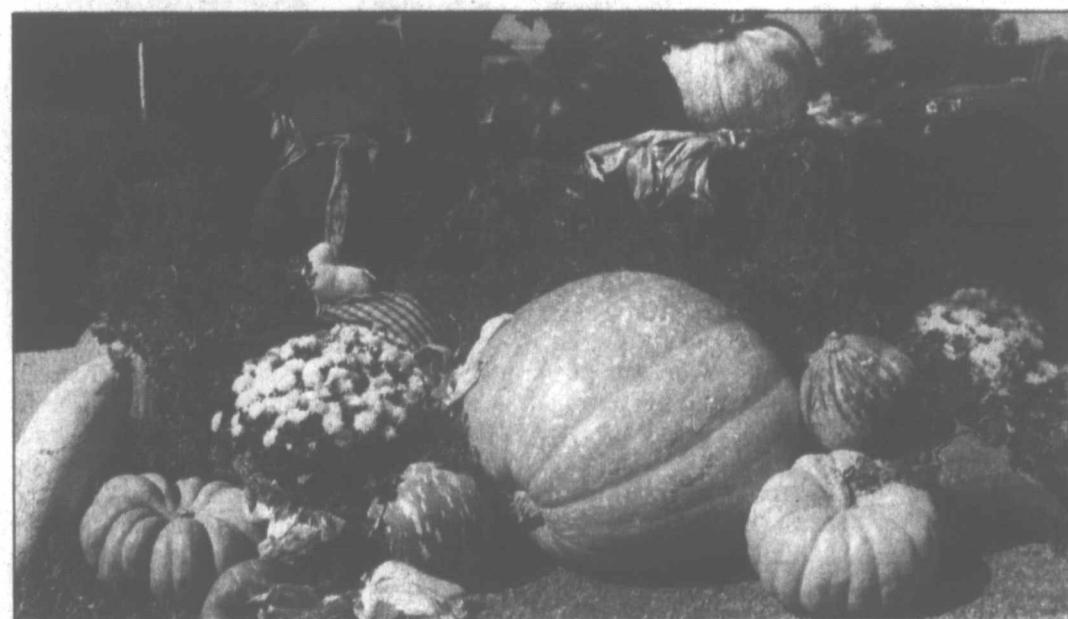
The cocaine has an estimated street value of \$392,000.

On Friday, at 7:15 p.m., troopers stopped a semi-trailer for a traffic violation west of Childress on U.S. 287.

After observing multiple indicators of criminal activity, troopers became suspicious of the driver and asked

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Autumn in the air



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

By the looks of this display at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and the cooler weather lately, autumn has arrived. The official first day of autumn was Sunday.

Retired SBC/AT&T operator had varied career

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

LaDaina Hyatt - Mills recently retired after working 30 years in Pampa, Dallas and Amarillo as an SBC / ATT toll and assistance operator and was honored with a reception on Sept. 21 at the Amarillo Club Sunburst and Petroleum Room.

Mills was born and raised in Pampa

and originally went to work at the telephone office in Pampa because she had a friend working there who talked her into coming there to apply. After only working there about six months, the Pampa office was closed and she transferred to Dallas. She lived there a few years and ended up moving back to Amarillo to be closer to friends and family. She lived in Amarillo at least

25 years and then moved two more times, first to White Deer and then back to Pampa.

"When I started working as a telephone operator, I worked on cord board, which was a lot of fun," Mills said. "Of course this changed over the years as technology progressed and it

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Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming south between 10 and 15 mph.
 Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

OXY	62.61	-1.08
BP PLC ADR	68.91	-2.33
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Wal-Mart	42.88	-1.09
OKE	45.95	-0.43
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Texas Today ...

Proposed border fence map posted on the Federal Registry

EL PASO (AP) — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers posted in the Federal Register on Monday maps of proposed border fencing to be built in parts of South Texas and California. The maps, part of two notices of intent to file an environmental impact study, detailed the proposed locations of about 70 miles of border fencing in Texas that would stretch from Rio Grande City southeast to Fort Brown, near Brownsville. The Texas map is similar to one attached to a memo addressed to "Dear Texas Homeland Security Partner," obtained by The Associated Press earlier this year. That map outlined sections of fencing stretching from Presidio, in West Texas, to

Brownsville.

Retired congressman gets new heart

WASHINGTON (AP) — Retired Congressman Charlie Wilson, the subject of an upcoming movie starring Tom Hanks, received a new heart in transplant surgery at a Houston hospital on Monday, his former chief of staff said. "He's got the heart of a 30-year-old," Charlie Schnabel Jr., said by telephone late Monday. Wilson, 74, represented Texas' 2nd district in the U.S. House from 1973-96. Schnabel Jr., who worked as Wilson's chief of staff, said he was told by someone who was at the hospital for the surgery that it was a success. A spokeswoman for the hospital said she had no information on Wilson. "Charlie has had cardiomyopathy and had some very close calls with it. I talked to him a week or so ago and he told me he was going to get a heart," said Schnabel, who now lives in Austin.

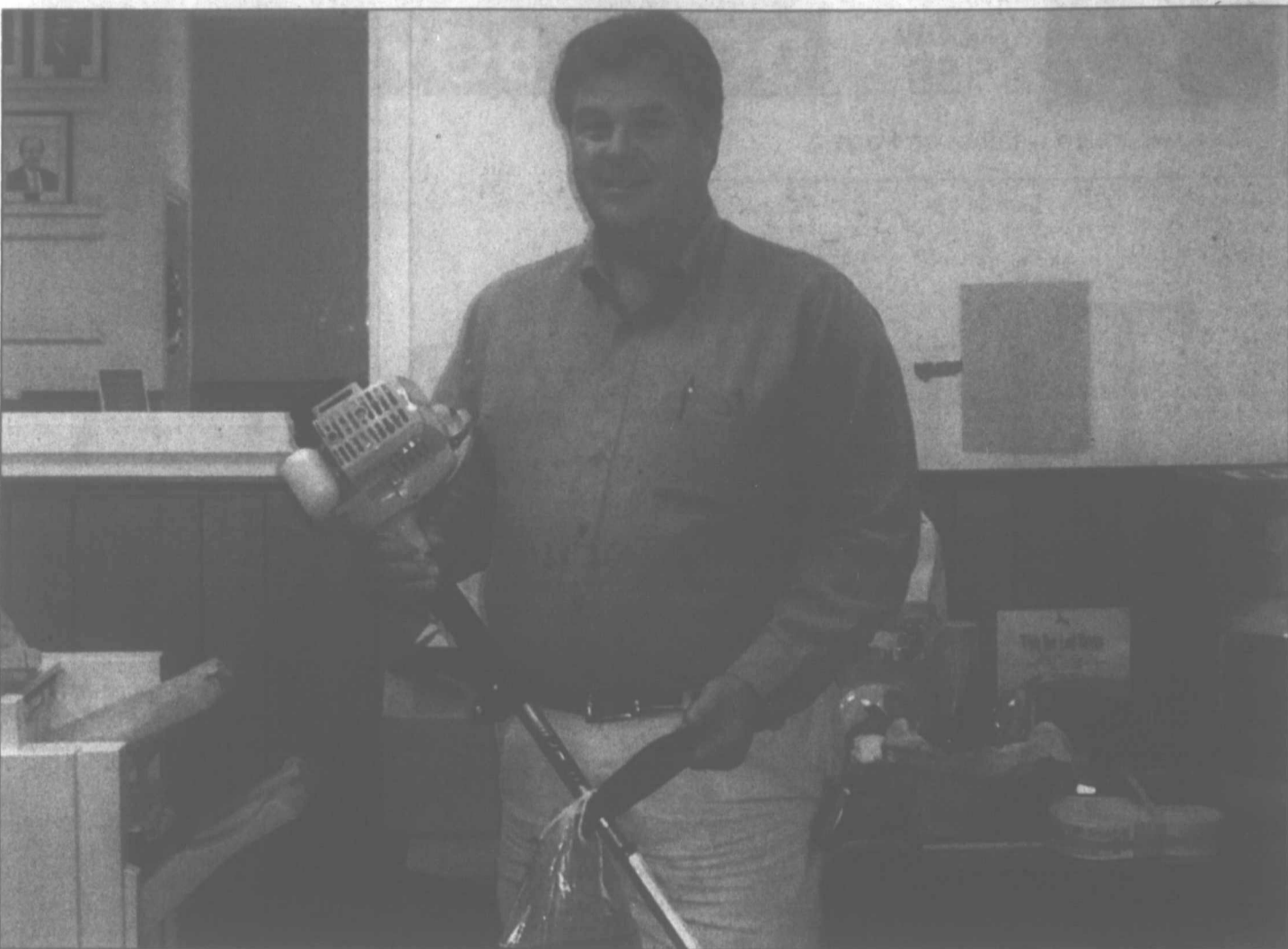
Richard set to die

LIVINGSTON, Texas (AP) — Two of Marguerite Lucille Dixon's seven children returned to their darkened home 21 years ago to find her body, hours after a stranger she had offered a drink of water on a hot August day shot and sexually assaulted her before stealing two televisions and a van from the home. Michael Richard, 49, is set to die tonight in Huntsville for the 1986 murder of the 53-year-old nurse from Hockley. He'd be the 26th inmate executed this year in the nation's most active death penalty state and the first of two set to die this week.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Barnett, 83

Dorothy Barnett, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.



Barnett

Mrs. Barnett was born July 28, 1924, in Dawson, Texas, to Leroy and Vera Matthews.

She attended Tarleton State University and moved to Denison where she worked for Western Union. It was her job to deliver death notices to families who had a son killed during World War II.

One day, the cab driver who came to pick her up was Ernest Barnett. They later married on Feb. 29, 1945. They moved to the Rio Grande Valley where they

lived for years before moving to Pampa in 1980.

Dorothy will be remembered for enjoying golf and playing Forty-Two with her husband and friends; the trips she took with her sisters; for all the years she taught Sunday School, and Vacation Bible School; and for the many, many 'delicious' meals and pies she lovingly made for others.

Most of all, Dorothy will be remembered for her love of the Lord, which is the greatest gift she ever gave her husband and children. Though a stroke may have

taken her physical-ly, He has taken her spirit, which is now rejoicing. She will be dearly missed by all those who knew her.

The family is every grateful to the staff of Coronado Healthcare Center and Odyssey Hospice who took such loving care of their wife and mother.

She is survived by her loving husband, Ernest Barnett, of the home; two sons, Jerry Barnett and wife Kim of Little Rock, Ark., and David Barnett and wife Carla of Portland; a daughter, Jana Barnhill and husband Robert

of Lubbock; daughter-in-law, Kathy Barnett of Houston; three sisters, Jo O'Donnell of Spring, Edith Tountas and husband James of Waco, and Sally Richardson of Beaumont; six grandchildren, Jennifer, Michael, Holly, Amy, Angela and Taylor; seven great-grandchildren, Haley, Matthew, Nathan, Emma, Tyler, Kyla and Kaleigh; and many other family members and friends.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Three traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1000 block of West Wilks.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Duncan and Harvester streets and the 800 block of Deane Drive. The accident on Deane Drive involved a vehicle striking a tree in a yard, resulting in damage estimated at more than \$200, and then leaving the scene of the accident.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 1000 block of Charles, the 2400 block of Charles, the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1000 block of West Harvester, the 1800 block of North Nelson, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 200 block of West Foster, the intersection of Cook and Frost streets, the 1200 block of Darby, the 1400 block of North Zimmers, the 300 block of North Gray, the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 500 block of Doucette, the 300 block of North Christy, the 900 block of South Sumner, the 1100 block of Juniper, the 1100 block of Vamon Drive, the 600 block of Naida and the 900 block of Brunow.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of North Ballard. A bicycle was found.

Welfare checks were made in the 1500 block of Duncan, the 1200 block of North

Hobart and the 1000 block of Terry Road.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Alcock and Rider streets and the 200 block of North Russell.

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

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 2100 block of North Faulkner.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 300 block of North Davis.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of North Ward, the 1100 block of Finley and the 900 block of South Wells.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of South Starkweather and the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Vamon Drive.

One alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of West. A coin purse valued at \$10, cash valued at \$5 and three credit cards were taken.

Theft was reported in the

100 block of East Harvester and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. A vacuum cleaner valued at \$200 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of North Nelson. A camera was taken. Estimated value of loss was not reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of West Foster. The incident occurred in the 1000 block of Mary Ellen. A stereo, check-book and bag containing personal items were taken. Estimated value of loss is unknown.

Sheriff

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

Monday, Sept. 24
 Charles Wood, 26, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for driving while license is invalid, third or more offense, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Victor Hernandez, 39, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Kimberley Michelle Roque, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for failure to identify.

Rainy Leigh Hopson, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of Duncan by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated and failure to maintain financial responsibility.

Fire

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

Monday, Sept. 24
 9:40 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Harvester and Duncan on a motor vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Monday, Sept. 24
 8:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of North Hobart and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

12:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:20 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Harvester and Duncan. No transport.

9:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

More turkeys



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Wild turkeys head east out of Mora Wilks Park along East Harvester Avenue after meandering along Hazel Street recently.

U.S. homes post steepest price drop in 16 years

By VINNEE TONG
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The decline in U.S. home prices accelerated nationwide in July, posting the steepest drop in 16 years, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller home price index released Tuesday.

Home prices have fallen by more every month since the beginning of the year.

An index of 10 U.S. cities fell 4.5 percent in July from a year ago. That was the biggest drop since July 1991.

S&P Index Committee Chairman David Blitzer said the severe declines may be done by the end of the year.

"Maybe the first stage is steep declines, and we're just about done with those," he said. "The second stage

is not much gain, not much loss.

"The rest of the economy has to catch up to home prices."

Yale economist Robert Shiller, who helped create the indices, said in a statement, "The further deceleration in prices is still apparent across the majority of regions." Shiller is also MacroMarkets LLC's chief economist and perhaps is best known for predicting the dot-com bust.

A broader index of 20 cities fell 3.9 percent in July over last year, with 15 of 20 cities reporting that prices fell.

The five cities where prices are still rising — Atlanta, Charlotte, N.C., Dallas, Portland and Seattle — have reported growth is slowing in the past year. Atlanta and Dallas are close to moving into negative territory, S&P

said.

Shiller, an economist at Yale University, told lawmakers in written comments last week that the loss of a boom mentality among consumers poses a "significant risk" of a recession within the next year.

His comments came a day after home buyers and other borrowers got some welcome news when the Federal Reserve cut a key interest rate by half a point to 4.75 percent. It was the Fed's first cut in four years.

The housing slowdown and decline in credit availability have triggered worries that the economy could go into a recession, spurring the Fed to act. Economists differ on whether the Fed will again cut rates during two meetings before year's end.

Judge denies activist's toll road lawsuit

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge has refused a toll road opponent's request to block the Texas Department of Transportation from spending money on a campaign that promotes toll roads and the Trans-Texas Corridor.

Terri Hall of the San Antonio Toll Party and Texans Uniting for Reform and Freedom argued the "Keep Texas Moving" campaign violates a prohibition on state officials using their authority for political purposes.

On Monday, State District Judge Orinda Naranjo denied Hall's request for a temporary restraining order. The judge noted another law cited by state

lawyers that allows the department to promote the development and use of toll projects.

"It seems that the Legislature has weighed in and given the department the authority to promote toll roads," Naranjo said.

Another hearing is expected soon on the state's motion to dismiss the case. The state contends that it's legal for the transportation department to promote toll roads and that the agency is responding to calls for public education about its projects.

Hall's lawsuit also seeks to block transportation officials from lobbying

Congress to allow more tolling.

"This is just round one," Hall said Monday. "This issue is definitely not over."

Her attorney, Charles Riley, said the facts will show that the agency is using highway funds for a political purpose, and not just for providing information about toll roads.

Gov. Rick Perry and the transportation department have championed toll roads and the proposed Trans-Texas Corridor, a tolled network of super-highways, as solutions to dire transportation needs that have outpaced gas tax revenues.

Girls

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specialized programs for eighth through eleventh grade young women in addition to the original senior seminar.

Enlighten founder and Pampa native Laura Johnson Allen received a B.A. in Public Relations and a master's in Interdisciplinary Studies — focusing on public relations, business and educational leadership — from Texas Tech University. Her

desire is to motivate and encourage young women to use their individual gifts to their maximum potential.

For more information on Enlighten Leadership Seminars, please visit www.enlightenleadership.com or email info@enlightenleadership.com.

Dope

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him for consent to search his vehicle.

The driver, Robert J Lockhart, 34, of Jackson, Miss., refused to consent to a search of his trailer.

Troopers then contacted a

Hall County Deputy and requested that he bring his K-9 to do a free air search of the truck.

The Hall County Deputy conducted a search with Lady the Hall County K-9. Lady indicated that there were narcotics in the trailer of the truck.

Upon searching the trailer, eight bundles of marijua-

na were found weighing approximately 163 pounds.

The marijuana has an estimated street value of \$84,200. The marijuana was believed to have originated in California and was headed to Alabama.

Lockhart was booked into the Childress County Jail.

Operator

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was a lot different when I retired than when I started. I really enjoyed those early days."

After thinking about her job over the past 30 years, Mills said she understands that it takes a special breed of person to be a telephone operator because it took a combination of many different personality traits. The main thing she had to possess was patience.

"I would have customers call directory assistance and request a phone number for the yellow house that was half of a block down from the market on the right," Mills said.

Another attribute that she had to have throughout the years was a sense of humor. She said that people would call and ask the craziest things or would make the strangest comments and she just had to laugh about these.

"One guy kept calling in and asking me if I had pretty feet," Mills said. "I finally told him that I had a wooden leg. You had to learn to take things in stride and be quick witted."

She said she also had to be compassionate. One time a lady called and told her that she was in a nursing home and she was hungry and just wanted to go home.

Trust in your fellow man came into effect when someone would call and say they had an emergency, but no one was home to verify the phone number.

Mills said that many people would call just to talk to someone because no one else was home. Being a great listener was probably another attribute that was one of the most important.

She said many customers would call and ask for really strange things. A woman called one time and asked to place a collect call to Mary, which was herself. She had to just be patient and understanding and not try to figure out why this person is

trying to pull something over on you.

"You have to have a lot of self control," Mills said. "To listen to someone cuss you out for no apparent reason and not say anything back to them. And you also have to have a sense of responsibility when you realize that so many people depend on you and you have the power to save someone's life. When I first started working, it was before we had 911 to call for an emergency. I had not been working very long when I received a call that a little girl had been run over by her grandmother in the driveway."

"I think most important of all of the personality traits that a phone operator needed was resilience," Mills said. "Just to come back day after day and start all over again with this interesting job."

Mills said she is the fourth person in her family who has retired from the phone company.

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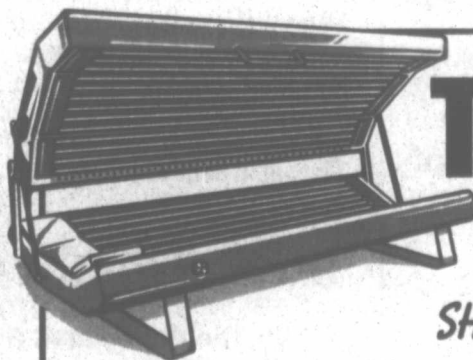
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Viewpoints

Dr. Seuss and mice, mouse and mouses ...

I always enjoy getting a response to my weekly column, no matter whether the response is favorable or otherwise. At least I know someone is reading the thing.

Last week, I pointed out some of the ways in which the English language is difficult to learn and understand. I only had space to mention a few examples, and the temptation is too great for me to resist listing more of them.

So, with the help of Sam and Grace Godwin, who sent some of the examples below in response to last week's column, here are more ways in which our native tongue can cause both headaches

and hilarity.

Here are some of the Godwins' contributions:

- The bandage was wound around the wound.

- The farm was used to produce produce. The farmer taught a sow to sow seeds.

- Since there is no time like the present, he thought it was time to present the present to the recipient.

- When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.

- If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth, beeth? If the rule is one goose, two geese, why not one moose, two meese?

- How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise

guy are opposites?

- Your house burns up when it burns down.

- You can make amends, but not just a single amend.

If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call what you have left?

Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer

opinion that no war can be civil.

How can you have an aftermath but not a before-math?

Quick ... Think of another word for synonym.

The words "in" and "out" are opposites, or antonyms. Both can

also be prefixes. Logic might lead one to believe that a word which begins with one of the two must have its opposite in the same root word beginning with the other prefix. Not so.

The opposite of outstanding is not instanding. The opposite of outcome is not income. In fact, the opposite of many words with "in" as the prefix is just the root word itself, such as incompetent versus competent.

Out and in can be at the end of the word, also, and are just as likely to cause problems when figuring out antonyms. Examples are stand-out and stand-in, and shut-out versus shut-in.

Once in awhile, though, just when you think you have it figured out, the logical choice really is the right one, such as outside and inside.

An obsolete use of the

word "without" means "outside," too, so if you are using antiquated language, without and within would be antonyms. Today's definition of the words, though, dictates that without and within are not opposites.

If you have one house but two houses, why not one mouse but two mouses? If the plural of mouse is mice, why isn't the plural of house, hices?

Come to think of it, Dr. Seuss used the word mouses in "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

I knew I liked his work for some reason.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 25, the 268th day of 2007. There are 97 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 25, 1957, nine black students forced to withdraw from Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., because of unruly white crowds were escorted to class by members of the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division.

On this date:

In 1493, Christopher Columbus set sail from Cadiz, Spain, with a flotilla of 17 ships on his second voyage to the Western Hemisphere.

In 1513, Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Isthmus of Panama and sighted the Pacific Ocean.

In 1775, American Revolutionary War hero Ethan Allen was captured by the British as he led an attack on Montreal.

In 1789, the first U.S. Congress adopted 12 amendments to the Constitution and sent them to the states for ratification. (Ten of the amendments became the Bill of Rights.)

In 1890, Wilford Woodruff, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, issued a Manifesto formally renouncing the practice of polygamy.

In 1919, President Wilson collapsed after a speech in Pueblo, Colo., during a national speaking tour in support of the Treaty of Versailles.

In 1956, the first trans-Atlantic telephone cable went into service.

In 1973, the three-man crew of the U.S. space laboratory Skylab 2 splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean after spending 59 days in orbit.

In 1978, 144 people were killed when a Pacific Southwest Airlines Boeing 727 and a private plane collided over San Diego.

In 1981, Sandra Day O'Connor was sworn in as the first female justice on the Supreme Court.

Ten years ago: President Clinton pulled open the door of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., as he welcomed nine blacks who'd faced hate-filled mobs 40 years earlier. Sportscaster Marv Albert ended his trial in Arlington, Va., by pleading guilty to assault and battery; within hours, NBC fired him (the network later rehired him). The NBC prime-time drama "ER" did its season premiere live for the Eastern United States, then repeated the performance live for the West Coast.

Five years ago: American schoolchildren escaped a rebel-held Ivory Coast city that was under siege as U.S. special forces and French troops moved in to rescue Westerners caught in the West African nation's bloody uprising.

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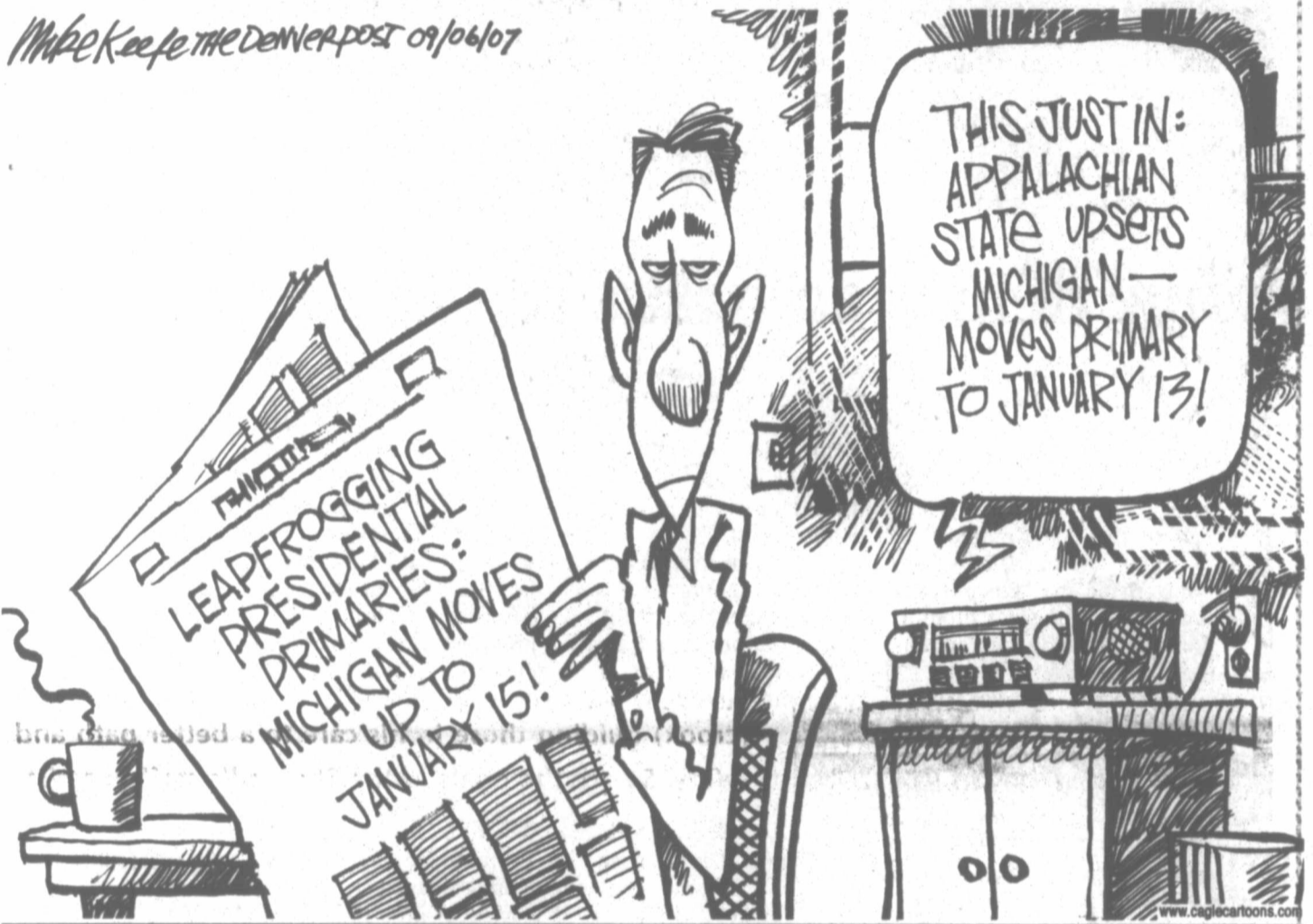
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Mike Keefe THE DENVER POST 09/06/07



How some Americans perceive economics

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's closest adviser and architect of the New Deal, Harry Hopkins, advised, "Tax and tax, spend and spend, elect and elect, because the people are too damn dumb to know the difference." Professor Bryan Caplan, my colleague at George Mason University, sheds some light on Hopkins' observation in his new book, "The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies."

Caplan is far more generous than Hopkins. Instead, he says people harbor economic biases, several of which he discusses. There's the anti-market bias, the failure to believe that market forces determine prices. Many believe that prices are a function of a CEO's intentions and conspiracies. If a CEO wakes up feeling greedy, he'll raise prices. They also believe that profits

are undeserving gifts. They fail to see that, at least in open markets, profits are incentives for firms to satisfy customers, find least-cost production methods and move resources from low-valued to high-valued uses.

Then there's the make-work bias, where many believe that labor is better to use than conserve. Thus, the destruction of jobs is seen as a danger. Technology, as well as outsourcing, throws some people out of work. Caplan reminds us that in 1800 it took nearly 95 of every 100 Americans, working on farms, to feed the nation. In 1900, it took 40. Today, it takes three. Workers no longer needed to farm became available to produce homes, cars, pharmaceuti-

cals, computers and thousands of other goods. Caplan doesn't make the equation, but outsourcing, just as technological innovation, frees up labor to produce other things as well.

Next is the anti-foreign bias. Caplan explains that there are two methods for Americans to have cars. One is to get a bunch of workers into Detroit factories. Another is to grow a lot of wheat in Iowa. You harvest the wheat, load it on ships sailing westward on the Pacific Ocean, and a few months later the ships reappear loaded down with Toyotas. We have cars as if we produced them. In other words, exchange is an alternative method of production. Added to the anti-foreign

bias is the balance-of-trade fallacy. Caplan says that nobody loses sleep over whether there's a trade balance between California and Nevada, or between him and iTunes. Trade balance fears arise only when another country is involved. The fallacy is not treating all purchases as a cost but only foreign purchases as a cost. There might be another bias as well. Caplan reports that, according to an opinion survey, 28 percent of Americans admitted they dislike Japan but only 8 percent dislike England and a scant 3 percent dislike Canada.

People have a pessimistic bias where they believe economic conditions are not as good as they really are and things are going from bad to worse. This is the message of doomsayers, but the reality is quite different. By any measure of well-being, Americans at the start of this

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 17
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BUSINESS REVIEW

SHEPARD'S CROOK NURSING AGENCY

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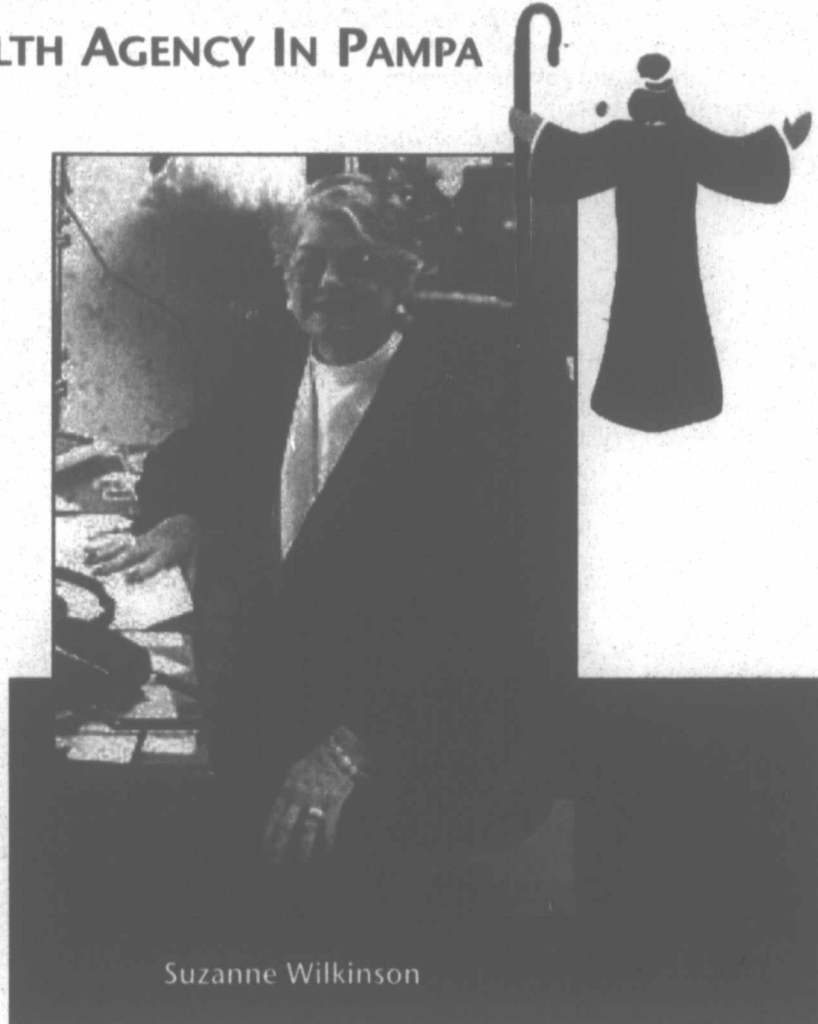
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Suzanne Wilkinson

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 19 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant, and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

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People in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former "Family Ties" actress Tina Yothers has given birth to a baby boy.

She delivered Jake Kaiser Monday morning at an Orange County hospital, People magazine reported on its Web site.

It's the second child for Yothers and her husband, Robert Kaiser. Their daughter, Lilly, turns 2 next month.

Kaiser has two sons from a previous marriage.

Yothers, 34, played the role of Jennifer Keaton on the 1980s sitcom "Family Ties."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Model and burlesque dancer Dita Von Teese shows off her curves in a racy new ad promoting spaying and neutering pets.

The ad unveiled Monday in Los Angeles by the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals stars the former Marilyn Manson flame as a corset-wearing spokeswoman for the group's ABC animal birth control campaign.

Von Teese, whose real name is Heather Sweet, is shown standing in front of a blackboard in a pink and black corset, thigh high

fishnet stockings and black stiletto heels.

In the ad, a seated bookish-looking older man stares up at her.

"Nearly 4 million dogs and cats are put to death in the U.S. every year because there are not enough good homes. You can help prevent this," she says in the ad, shown on PETA's Web site.

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century are far better off than Americans at the beginning of the last century. Perennial doom-and-gloom predictions about resource depletion, overpopulation and environmental quality are exaggerated and often the opposite of the truth.

Preaching doom and gloom has been beneficial to the political class. They use it to gain more power and control.

Caplan is one of George Mason University Economics Department's up-and-coming young scholars. In fact, I'm proud to say, he was hired during my department chairmanship. "The Myth of the Rational Voter: Why Democracies Choose Bad Policies" is a highly readable and interesting political-economic dis-

ussion of why we choose bad policies. Those policies are harmful to the general public but beneficial to particular interest groups who gain from restrictions on peaceable, voluntary exchange. Maybe that's why our founders loathed a democracy and gave us a republic — which we've lost.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

Food

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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, 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 postmark deadline to enter Hi-Plains Poetry Chapter's student "Poem in Your Pocket Contest" is Friday. Students pay no entry fee. For more information, log onto www.PoetMarianneLogan.com on the Internet or call (806) 355-1986.

The non-profit Pease River Productions will present its next show at 7 p.m. Saturday at Pease River Playhouse at Goodlett. The show will feature the Swing Band of Texas. Members hail from area towns including Quanah and Childress. Other performers will include Marissa Sparkman, Don Barnes, Maria Shultz and Patti Oakley. Admission

will be \$12 for adults and \$7 for individuals 17 and under. For more information, call (940) 674-2477. The Pease River Opry will be held the first month of each quarter.

Applications are being sought for the 2008 Mrs. Gray County pageant until Sunday. The winner will represent the county at the 2008 Mrs. Texas pageant April 11-13 in San Antonio. For more information, log on to www.mrstexas.us on the World Wide Web or call (210) 403-0589.

Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout the month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30. For more information, check out the foundation's Web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

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Balloon Blast Relay

With a group of friends and family, make two lines facing a bag of balloons about 20 feet away. At the starting signal, guests must race to the balloon bag, take one out and pop it as quickly as possible by sitting on it, stepping on it, or any other means. They then race back and tag the next team member in their line. The first team to have every player pop a balloon is the winner.

Bonus Fun

Before blowing up the balloons, put silly little messages inside the balloons.

4 1 6 6 9
2 5 7 8 4 3 1 9

Use the code to find out what the message inside of Billy's balloon says.

1 = A 4 = H 7 = R
2 = B 5 = I 8 = T
3 = D 6 = P 9 = Y

Balloon Balance

Blow up about 10 to 15 balloons and place them on the floor. See how many balloons you can pick up and hold in two minutes. Stash the balloons in your clothes, between your legs, under your arms, between your teeth and so on. The person who holds the most balloons is the winner.

Physical Education: Students use concepts of space awareness and movement control with a variety of basic skills (e.g., running, hopping, jumping) interacting with objects.

Math on the Fly

Uh oh! These kids let go of their balloons. Add up the numbers on their shirts to see which balloon belongs to which kid. Draw a string from the balloon to that child to help them get their balloons back!

32 14 15
11 29 18
9 3 6

Look through the newspaper and cut out pictures of eyes, noses, mouths and other body parts to make these balloons into silly balloon people.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

The Kid Scoop Puzzler

Draw a line from each balloon shape to its name.

Cone
Pentagon
Octagon
Crescent
Cube
Rhombus

Standards Link: Geometry: Recognize and name basic geometric shapes.

What happens when a witch is faster than her broom?
YTE ZOSTR WQD RTY JKLANP

Get the code by visiting the KIDS page at www.kidscoop.com

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

BALLOONS
PEOPLE
PENTAGON
MARBLE
SIGNAL
PLAYER
SHAPE
MESSAGES
SHIRTS
CLOTHES
BLAST
LEGS
GAMES
BODY
BAG

B L A S T R I H S J
P E N T A G O N S I
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H B E A L A L I A S
T L Y L P B A G S I
O O A E O O R N S L
L B L O E D N A E V
C F P U P Y N L M W

Standards Link: Letter sequencing, Recognizing identical words, Skim and scan reading, Precise spelling patterns.

BEYOND Kid Scoop

Shape Search

Look through today's newspaper and find examples of as many different shapes as you can. Try to find squares, rectangles, circles, ovals, pentagons, hexagons, octagons, triangles and more.

Standards Link: Geometry: Recognize and name basic geometric shapes.

Write On!

Invent a Game

Invent a game that is fun and gets your body moving. Write all the directions and be sure to explain the object of the game, how to keep score and more. How many players can participate?

Kid Scoop Together: Popped Music

Ask a pal for words to complete this silly story. Then read it aloud.

I went to a concert featuring my favorite band, The Screaming _____ They _____ arrived in a giant hot air _____ and landed on the stage.

They played my two favorite songs; *My Greatest* _____ and *You're My* _____ *Baby*. The crowd _____ began to _____ to the music.

At the end of the concert, they released thousands of balloons filled with _____ That was sure surprising!

I bought a t-shirt with a picture of a _____ on it and the band's latest CD: Songs for a _____ We listened to it in our _____ all the way home. My dad said that sort of music just isn't his cup of _____

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Use context clues to understand the meaning of words.

VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **INTERSECTION**

The noun intersection means the point or place where two or more things cross.

Try to use the word intersection in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

Analysts: Strike could cost GM billions, stop momentum

DETROIT (AP) — If the United Auto Workers strike against General Motors Corp. lasts longer than a week or two, it could cost GM billions of dollars and stop the momentum the company was building with some of its new models, according to several industry analysts.

A strike of two weeks or less would not hurt GM's cash position and would actually improve its inventory situation, Lehman Brothers analyst Brian Johnson said Monday in a note to investors. But a longer strike would be harmful, causing GM to burn up \$8.1 billion in the first month and \$7.2 billion in the second month, assuming the company can't pro-

duce vehicles in Mexico or Canada, Johnson wrote.

Initially, the strike wouldn't have much impact on consumers because GM has so much inventory, the analysts say. The company had just under 950,000 vehicles in stock at the end of August, about 35,000 less than at the same time last year.

But Tom Libby, senior director of industry analysis for J.D. Power and Associates, said even a short strike could hurt GM because its new crossover vehicles — the Buick Enclave, GMC Acadia and Saturn Outlook — are selling well and in short supply.

"The momentum they've established for those products would be interrupted if there's a supply interruption," Libby said.

GM had about a 65-day supply of cars and trucks as September began, versus a 71-day supply at the same time last year, said Paul Taylor, chief economist for the National Automobile Dealers Association. The Enclave, he said, is at a tight 24-day supply.

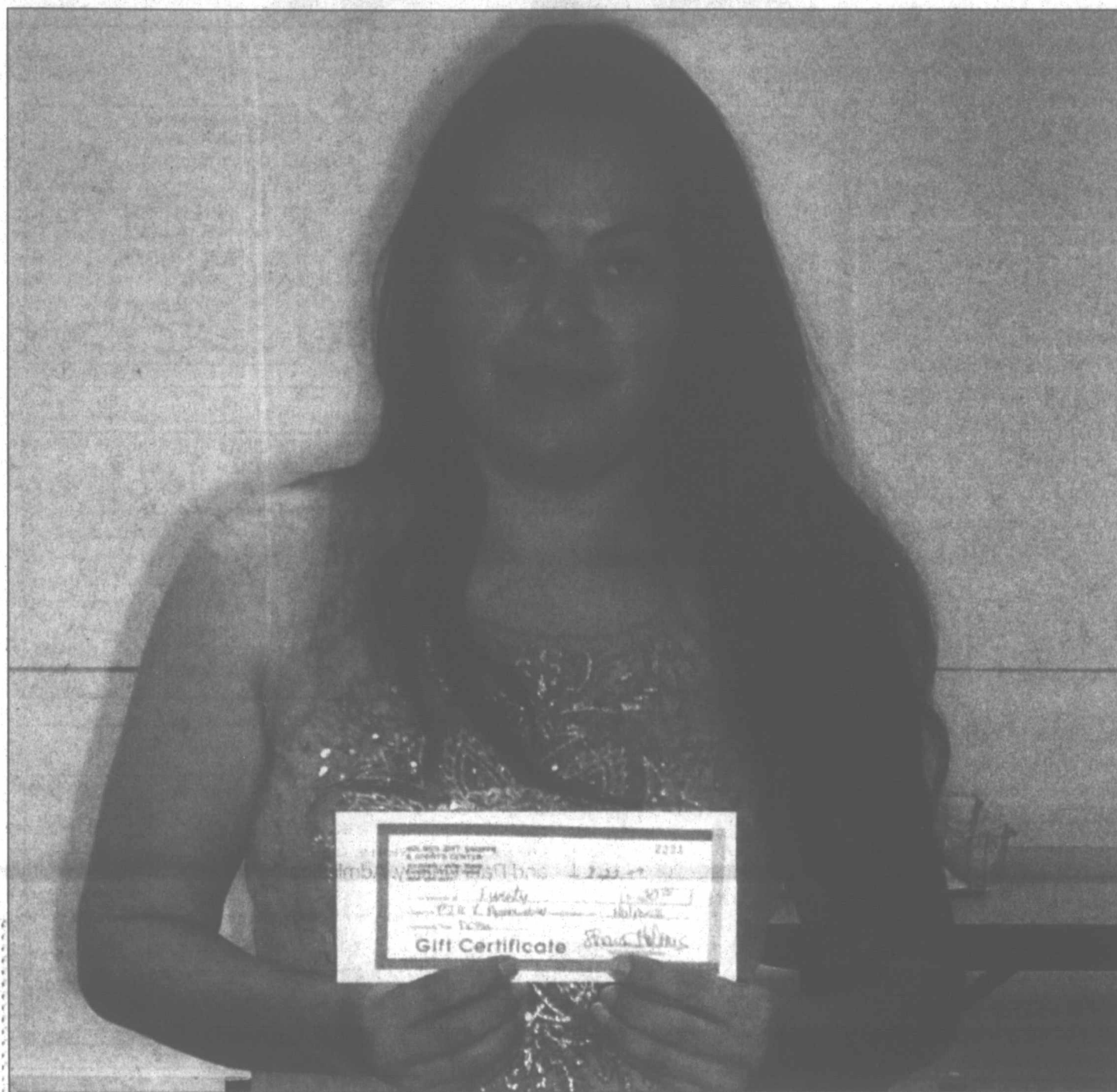
It was unclear what would happen to vehicles that were en route to dealers. The Teamsters transportation union said its 10,000 automotive transport members would not cross UAW picket lines.

The strike will cost GM about 12,200

vehicles per day, according to the auto forecasting firm CSM Worldwide of Northville. If the walkout goes beyond 36 hours, CSM expects vehicle production in Canada to be affected because of a lack of U.S.-built engines and transmissions.

The strike began at 11 a.m. EDT Monday when 73,000 UAW members at about 80 GM facilities in the U.S. walked off their jobs. Talks resumed a short time later as sign-carrying picketers marched outside plant gates, but weary bargainers stopped to rest around 8 p.m. Negotiators were to return Tuesday morning for their 22nd straight day of bargaining.

'Three For Me'



Melissa Vizcaino was Pampa Junior High School's Promise Keeper of the Week recently. She was awarded a gift certificate from Holmes Sports. Her name was drawn from a host of volunteers who have kept their promise to give three hours of volunteer time as part of the Three For Me program at PJHS. Keziah Hoover was another recent Promise Keeper honoree. She earned a gift certificate from The Coffee Shop. The first Three For Me parent meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. Oct. 4 in the library at Pampa Junior High. Donations for the program are appreciated and accepted. For more information, contact PJHS.

Lebanese parliament fails to muster quorum to elect president

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Lebanon's parliament today put off a session to elect a new president until next month after the legislature failed to muster enough lawmakers because of a Hezbollah-led opposition boycott.

The announcement was made by a parliamentary official in the chamber after the bell rang three times to call the lawmakers into session. Lawmakers from the pro-government majority were in the chamber for 30 minutes, but many opposition members, who gathered in the building, stayed in the hallways.

The gathering in parliament was held under tight security after last week's assassination of a legislator from the majority.

The postponement had been expected after the opposition, led by Syrian- and Iranian-backed Hezbollah, vowed to boycott the session to block the U.S.-supported majority from electing a president from their own ranks.

Mohammed Kabbani, a member of the anti-Syrian parliamentary majority, said there were more than 65 lawmakers, a simple majority, but less than 85 — the necessary two-thirds quorum — in attendance when the announcement was made.

Instead of electing a president Tuesday, the gathering

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turned into one of consultation. Opposition-aligned parliament speaker, Nabih Berri, met with Saad Hariri, the leader of the largest bloc.

Tuesday's security drag-net by several thousand soldiers and policemen was aimed at allowing anti-Syrian lawmakers from the parliamentary majority to move safely from a nearby heavily guarded hotel where they had taken refuge fearing assassination.

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Lawmakers began arriving Tuesday morning in vehicles with dark-tinted windows under heavy guard, with at least one policeman sitting inside. Some members of the majority wore white and red scarves on their shoulders, a symbol of

the 2005 campaign of protests that drove Syrian forces out of Lebanon in the wake of the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri.

Even without the tensions, the attempt to choose a successor to President Emile Lahoud before he steps down on Nov. 24 has become a struggle between the anti-Syrian government coalition, led by U.S.-backed Prime Minister Fuad Saniora, and the opposition, led by the Shiite Muslim militant group Hezbollah.

More than a dozen declared or undeclared candidates are vying for the post, three of them members of the pro-government camp and one from the opposition.

Telecommunications Minister Marwan Hamadeh, a leading member of the governing coalition, said the postponement was "to give an opportunity to efforts to reach consensus" on the divisive issue. All 68 legislators from the

majority attended.

Berri, after meeting Monday with Cardinal Nasrallah Sfeir, the influential spiritual head of the Maronite Catholic minority, expressed optimism a consensus would be reached on a president. Under Lebanon's sectarian-based political system, the president must be a Maronite.

Government supporters accuse Syria of seeking to end the ruling coalition's small majority in parliament by killing off lawmakers. They warn of a "new war" by Syria to undermine Lebanon.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Commission of the City of Pampa, Texas, will hold a public hearing on October 9, 2007, at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the City Commission Room located on the third floor of City Hall, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas, at which members of the public may speak for or against the adoption of an ordinance by the City to provide for the taxation of goods-in-transit which are exempt under Subsection (b) of Section 1-n of Section 11.253 of the Tax Code of the State of Texas effective January 1, 2008.

Dated: September 18, 2007

Karen Price
City Secretary

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Sept. 25, Oct. 2, 2007

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My friend and I read your column often and usually agree with your advice, but we could not disagree more with your response to "Definitely Not Your Ma'am in South Carolina" (July 14). She's the woman who feels that being addressed as "ma'am" is derogatory because she thinks it's a derivative of "mammy," and another way of keeping women in their place. You told her she was mistaken — that "ma'am" is a contraction of the word "madam," and an often regional form of respectful address to an adult (usually married) woman. Well, Abby, we do not consider "ma'am" a term of respect! Of course, in theory, the term is respectful. But notice how men have been given one "age-free" form of address ("sir") that follows them from age 9 to 90, while women are addressed according to their age. Most of the women we know, regardless of geographic location, loathe that moment they are forced into "ma'am land." — **DON'T MA'AM US EITHER**

DEAR DON'T MA'AM US EITHER: Some of my readers agreed with you. However, responses were based on geographic location and service in the military. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You should have pointed out that "ma'am" is the equivalent of "sir," and in the military it is not just a courtesy, it is mandatory when a member is addressing a female of higher rank. I'm proud to be a ma'am! — **SHARON BIVINS, M.D., SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: It's ironic that "Definitely Not Your Ma'am" considers it rude to be called ma'am, since the term derives from "madam," which in turn derives from the French "ma dame" — which translates in

English to "my lady." Therefore, and I'd say this is true north of the Mason-Dixon line as well as south of it — to be called "ma'am" is as close as anyone in the U.S. can get to being referred to as royalty. — **R. WEINAPPLE, MENLO PARK, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Thank God for people like Dear Abby, who is educated enough to recognize idiots when they're present. My mother would turn over in her grave if I addressed a lady by her first name. I answered "ma'am" to the first woman in my life — my mother. I don't think that respect can be any more sincere than love for one's mother. If "Definitely" doesn't like the tradition in the South, then she should move. It seems that the younger generation is no longer respectful to anyone — including themselves. — **TRUE SOUTHERN GENTLEMAN**

DEAR ABBY: If "Definitely" is miffed about being addressed as "ma'am," then maybe we should start referring to each other as "hey you." A word of advice to "Definitely," who thought she knew what "ma'am" meant. A dictionary is a fine tool to consult before putting your opinions in writing for the world to see. On the other hand, failing to do so certainly makes for amusing reading. — **ANNIE PHILLIPS, HUNTSVILLE, ALA.**

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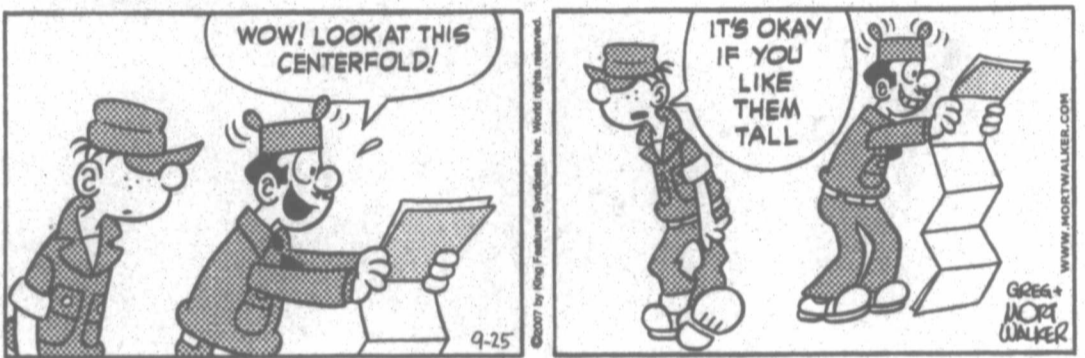
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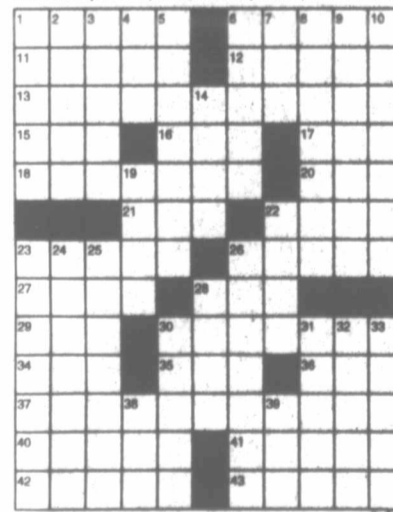
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Sports Day

Soccer kicks off



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Pampa Soccer Association kicked off its 2007 soccer season this past weekend. Ivan Gutierrez is seen coaching his team in the girls under 6 division Saturday.

Volleyball travels to Palo Duro today

The Lady Harvesters hit the road again today to take on the Lady Dons at Palo Duro.

Both teams are fighting for their first district win, as both are 0-2 for district.

On Saturday, the Lady Harvesters were defeated in four games by Caprock 26-24, 25-11, 20-25, 25-12.

Kara Stephens led for kills with 10 and 16 attempts. Jessica Miner had nine kills and 16 attempts, and Chelsie Douglas had three kills and four assists.

Stephens also led in digs with seven, followed by Libby Dyson and Kelby Doughty with six each.

As a team, the Lady Harvesters completed 69 serves with two service aces by Miner and Doughty, 30 kills, 35 digs and 22 blocks.

"The girls team stats go up every time they step on the court which shows improvement," head coach Tandi Hudson said, "I am proud of them and they should be proud of themselves and the improvements they have made thus far."

The JV girls will take to the court first at 6 p.m. at Palo Duro.

The varsity will follow directly afterward.

Basketball boosters

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will have a meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Ready Room at the PHS Athletic Building.

The meeting will be a short discussion over fund-raising reports and a vote on the girls' locker room improvements.

Young gets best of Bush again, leading Titans to 31-14 win over Saints

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Vince Young got the best of Reggie Bush again, and the NFL's feel-good team from last season is off to a dismal start.

Young threw a pair of touchdown passes, and the Tennessee Titans kept New Orleans winless on the year, beating the Saints 31-14 Monday night before a Superdome crowd that showered boos on the same players who provided such a pick-me-up to the devastated city a year ago.

The Saints (0-3) rallied from an early 10-0 deficit, going ahead 14-10 midway through the third quarter on Bush's second touchdown run.

But Young, just as he did leading Texas to an epic win over Bush and Southern Cal at the 2006 Rose Bowl, brought his team back.

While running backs LenDale White and Chris Brown handled the bulk of the workload on the go-ahead drive, Young threaded a key 10-yard pass to Eric Moulds, who was shoved out of bounds at the Saints 1.

White, a teammate of Bush's at USC, powered over on the next play to put the Titans (2-1) ahead to stay.

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'Girl power' wins over Caprock

After a devastating 18-1 loss in their district debut against Dumas, the Pampa Harvesters picked up a win over Caprock this past weekend in Pampa.

The boys were 1-5 in singles and 1-2 in doubles, while the girls were 5-1 in singles and 3-0 in doubles, pushing Pampa over the top for the 10-9 victory.

Kevin Frels was the only winner in boys singles, and the only winner in doubles with partner Jack Ware.

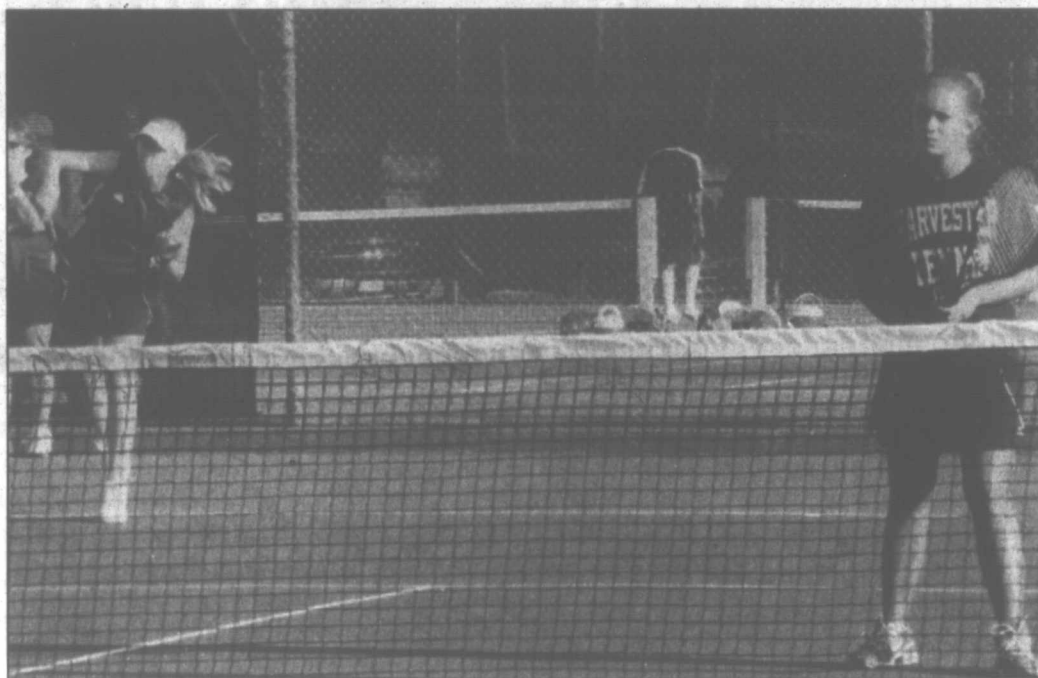
Pampa is now 1-1 in district.

Today, the team will travel to Amarillo to take on Palo Duro.

Individual results from Saturday's meet against Caprock are as follows:

Boys Singles

Jack Ware def. by McElwain 2-6, 6-4
Kevin Frels def. Montgomery 6-2, 4-6 (8)
Myles Foreman def. by Hernandez 3-6, 0-6
Garrett Coutts def. by Saldivar 0-6, 4-6
Bryce Hendricks def. by Hernandez 3-6, 0-6
Matt Kelly def. by Mays 4-6, 2-6



Courtesy photo by SUSAN CHASE

Pampa's Holly Gage (left) serves one up to Caprock as doubles partner Lauren Coutts stands ready at the net.

Girls Singles

Katie O'Neal def. by Yarbrough 6-2, 6-3
Rachel Lee def. Wainwright 6-4, 6-2
Ashley Hernandez def. Espinoza 6-4, 2-6 (6)
Sammi Finney def. Sertuche 4-6, 6-1 (7)
Megan Barnett def. Cross 6-3, 6-0

Boys Doubles

Frels/Ware def. McElwain/Hernandez 6-1, 6-0
Foreman/Coutts def. by Saldivar/Hernandez 3-6, 3-6
Hendricks/Kelly def. by

Girls Doubles

Lee/Hernandez def. Wainwright/Espinoza 6-3, 4-6 (8)
O'Neal/Barnett def. Sertuche/Leal 6-3, 6-1
Cross/Limon 6-1, 6-1

Maybe it's time to give Mike Tyson one last chance

By TIM DAHLBERG

AP Sports Columnist

It's always easy to kick a guy when he's down, and Mike Tyson has been down more times than you can count.

His latest indiscretions brought him before a judge in Arizona, where the former baddest man on the planet pleaded guilty to doing something bad.

Don King wasn't in the courtroom with him. Neither were his former managers or any of the people who used to make a living off of him.

It's a safe bet they won't be there on Nov. 19, either, when Tyson

could be sentenced to four years in prison for driving drunk and possessing cocaine.

The posse always leaves when the money's gone, and Tyson long since went through the \$300 million or so he earned in the ring. Promoters and managers don't hang around when there's nothing to promote or manage, and the last bit of money that could be squeezed from the Tyson freak show has been collected.

Once, he was the most celebrated athlete of his time, a raging machine of a fighter whom people couldn't get enough of.

Now he's a recovering addict

living quietly in a rehab center, as anonymous as anyone whose face is instantly recognizable to half the population of the free world can be.

"He's around people who love and care for him," his attorney, David Cheshoff, said.

That's good to hear because Tyson has been searching for those kinds of people all his life. He's tried to find them in managers and wives, promoters and trainers, as well as almost every dancer in every strip club he set foot in.

Most had something in common — their hands in Tyson's pockets or their fingers trying to split up the pie. Most have something else in

common — more money in the bank than the man they got rich off of.

No one should feel sorry for Tyson because he blew two fortunes and is now looking at his second long prison term. He made terrible decisions and did things normal people don't do, and like anyone else now has to live with the consequences of his actions.

Still, I've really got to wonder what is to gain by making him wear pink underwear and work on a chain gang in a tent prison run by a sheriff who likes nothing better than to get his name in the newspaper and his face on TV.

Actually, I wonder what is to gain by giving Tyson any jail time, whether it is in the state prison or in the unorthodox county jail run by sheriff Joe Arpaio. I don't condone cocaine use or drunk driving, but I also, can't condone making an example out of Tyson just so a prosecutor or a sheriff can get another scalp on his belt.

Prosecutor Andrew Thomas cited Tyson's rape conviction in Indianapolis and a 1999 jail term in Maryland in labeling him a repeat offender with a violent past. That's his job, but it got laughable when Thomas said he believes Tyson

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Prosecutor says he'll seek indictments in case against Michael Vick

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick's legal troubles may be far from over.

While the disgraced Atlanta Falcons quarterback awaits a Dec. 10 sentencing hearing after pleading guilty to federal dogfighting charges, the prosecutor in the rural county where the enterprise was located has plans to prosecute Vick as well.

State charges that could include numerous counts of

animal cruelty could wind up subjecting Vick to far more prison time than the federal case will earn him.

Surry County Commonwealth's Attorney Gerald G. Poindexter was to appear before a grand jury on Tuesday, and he told The Associated Press in a telephone interview Monday night he would seek indictments involving dogfighting on Vick's county property.

In a written plea for the federal case, Vick has admitted to helping kill six to eight dogs at property he owns on Moonlight Road that was central to the dogfighting operation. Similarly, the three co-defendants in the case have admitted their involvement and detailed what they claim was Vick's role.

For county law enforcement officials who started

the investigation with a raid on Vick's property in late April, then saw the federal government move in and take over, those signed statements provide ample evidence to support further prosecution.

Vick, who faces up to five years in federal prison, has been indefinitely suspended without pay by the NFL and been dropped by all his major sponsors, including

Nike. New local charges, and a conviction, could spell an end to any hope he has of resuming his NFL career after serving a likely federal prison term. Any animal cruelty charge in Virginia is punishable by up to five years in prison, and he admitted in his written plea to helping kill six to eight pit bulls days before the first raid. Though not likely, that

alone could expose him to as many as 40 years in prison.

Vick and three co-defendants have already pleaded guilty to federal conspiracy charges in the case, and all are awaiting sentencing in court before the end of the year.

Vick, in his written plea, also admitted to supplying money for gambling on the fights involving Bad Newz Kennels dogs.

Angels miss chance to move ahead in AL with 8-7 loss to Texas Rangers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The celebration is over for the AL West champion Los Angeles Angels. They are in another race before the playoffs now, and have already missed a big chance.

One day after spraying champagne at home for clinching their third division title in four seasons, the Angels quickly lost a lead and dropped an 8-7 game to the last-place Texas Rangers on Monday night.

The clubhouse setting was vastly different this time — with no music playing and players scarce after the game.

While they already have the division title, the Angels (92-65) are still playing for the best record in the American League and home-field advantage through the playoffs. Their 92 victories remained the same as Boston and Cleveland, the other division leaders who were off Monday.

"Nobody's happy about losing a game anytime," manager Mike Scioscia said. "After you take the lead, or after a run, to keep the momentum, it's important for that pitcher to put up a zero. And we weren't able to do that."

After a sluggish first few innings against Armando Galarraga in his first major league start, the Angels finally broke through with a five-run outburst in the fifth — only to see Texas regain the lead for good on Marlon Byrd's two-run homer in the bottom of the inning.

"It was great to get the lead right back," Byrd said.

Los Angeles didn't get a hit until Maicer Izturis singled in the fifth. The Angels then scored five runs within a span of six batters to chase Galarraga.

Byrd's 10th homer made it 6-5, coming after Gerald Laird's leadoff triple off Ervin Santana (7-14).

"I thought his stuff was good. Obviously, the results weren't what we had hoped for," Scioscia said.

"Some pitches weren't where I wanted and that's what eventually hurt me," Santana said. "I don't feel like it's a step back at all."

Santana had won two of his previous three starts, allowing only three earned runs over 18 1-3 innings. He also threw shutout innings in his first relief appearance for the Angels in that stretch. The right-hander will likely pitch out of the bullpen in the postseason.

Travis Metcalf and Nelson Cruz had RBI singles in the consecutive innings off different relievers after Santana left the game to extend the Rangers' lead to 8-5.

Bill White (2-0) threw 1 1-3 innings in relief of Galarraga. Wes Littleton pitched the ninth for his second save.

Laird finished 3-for-5, lacking only a homer for the cycle, and the catcher also threw out both runners who tried to steal against him. Michael Young moved closer to another 200-hit season, going 2-for-4 with a homer and four RBIs to get to 197 hits.

Young has five games left to reach 200 hits for the fifth straight season. The only other players to do that since 1940 were Wade Boggs and Ichiro

Suzuki, who both did it seven straight years, including this season for Suzuki.

Galarraga struck out four and walked four pitching in the spot of Vicente Padilla, who served the fifth of his seven-game suspension for intentionally throwing at Oakland's Nick Swisher on Aug. 16. Galarraga, who came in the December 2005 trade that sent Alfonso Soriano to Washington, had made two relief appearances this month.

"In the fifth, they made him work," manager Ron Washington said. "For four innings, he had a no-hitter against a team that has a chance to go to the World Series."

After Juan Rivera walked to lead off the fifth, Izturis got his hit and Howie Kendrick followed with an RBI double. Chone Figgins hit a sacrifice fly before Orlando Cabrera had an run-scoring single and Casey Kotchman hit his 11th homer, a two-run shot for a 5-4 lead.

Rivera added a two-run double with two outs in the eighth.

"We still came back," Scioscia said. "Those last six outs, four were rockets. We had our chances to get it done."

Scioscia said before Monday's game that right-hander Kelvim Escobar wouldn't start as expected Tuesday night, giving the 17-game winner more time to rest his shoulder. Dustin Moseley (4-3) will start instead.

Escobar, first pushed back from his scheduled start Saturday because of inflammation in his shoulder, is expected to pitch over the weekend in Oakland.

Injury-depleted Padres acquire OF Jason Lane from Houston

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Needing a fast fix in their injury-depleted outfield, the San Diego Padres acquired Jason Lane from the Houston Astros on Monday for a player to be named or cash.

Lane was expected to join the club Tuesday, when San Diego also planned to bring up Drew Macias and switch-hitting Chase Headley from Double-A San Antonio.

Lane was batting .178 with eight home runs and 27 RBIs for the Astros this season. He had 61 homers and 189 RBIs in 494 major league games from 2002-07.

"I called a few other clubs and there were only a few guys they had trade waivers on," general manager Kevin Towers said. "He can play center field. He has power. He has played in the postseason."

The Padres, in the middle of a tight pennant race, lost two starting outfielders to injuries Sunday: left fielder Milton Bradley and center fielder Mike Cameron.

Lane can help fill in during the final week of the season, but he wouldn't be eligible to play for the Padres if they reach the playoffs because they acquired him after the Aug. 31 deadline. But the Padres control the rights to Lane for 2008, which Towers found to be a positive considering Bradley and Cameron can become free agents.

"He's another guy to put in the mix," Towers said. Bradley will miss the rest of the year after he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee when he was spun to the ground by his own manager during a blowup with an umpire.

Cameron tore a ligament in his right thumb when Bradley stepped on his hand as they pursued an inside-the-park home run by Colorado's Garrett Anderson. San Diego manager Bud Black said before Monday night's game at San Francisco that Cameron might be able to pinch-run this week, but that would be it.

The Padres, trying to make the playoffs for the third straight year, entered Monday night with a half-game lead over Philadelphia in the wild-card race. San Diego was 2 1/2 games behind first-place Arizona in the NL West with seven to play.

O.J. Simpson armed robbery case suspect posts bail in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The final man jailed in the O.J. Simpson armed robbery case posted bail, and a lawyer for one his co-defendants asked prosecutors Monday for all materials related to the sports memorabilia heist.

Charles Cashmore posted \$28,000 bail late Sunday, but remained behind bars at the Clark County Detention Center awaiting assignment to a house arrest case officer, according to a court official

and his lawyer, Edward Miley. Cashmore, 40, of Las Vegas, was expected to be freed Tuesday or Wednesday, Miley said.

Co-defendant Michael McClinton's lawyer filed documents asking prosecutors to turn over copies of tapes, transcripts and statements of co-defendants involved in the case.

"There are multiple conspiracies charged," attorney William Terry said in his

request. "The issue arises ... as to the state of mind of each of the alleged participants."

A spokesman for Clark County District Attorney David Roger said he could not immediately comment.

A Las Vegas police spokesman said the tapes and documents police have collected are evidenced and would not be made public.

"At this point we are not releasing any audio or video

tapes because of the ongoing nature of the investigation," Officer Bill Cassell said.

Days earlier, Tom Riccio, a California memorabilia dealer who arranged the Sept. 13 meeting between Simpson and two sports memorabilia dealers in a Las Vegas hotel room, gave several recordings to police.

Riccio's attorney, Ryan Okabe, has not confirmed what was on the recordings.

Riccio leaked clips last week to the celebrity gossip Web site TMZ.com depicting Simpson cursing and yelling during what police say was an armed robbery. Another clip had the dealers discussing Simpson's fate and how much money they might make from the incident.

room at the Palace Station hotel-casino, displayed guns, and stole autographed footballs and other collectibles.

Each faces kidnapping, armed robbery, assault with a deadly weapon and conspiracy charges. A kidnapping conviction could result in a sentence of life in prison with parole. Simpson faces one additional charge of felony coercion.

After flying to 3-0, Cowboys eyeing 5-0

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Not even the great optimist Jerry Jones could have expected a start like this.

The Dallas Cowboys are 3-0 and boast the most productive offense in the NFL. They have a budding star in Tony Romo and a defense that's getting better every week.

And their next two games are against winless teams who've just lost their offensive stars.

Is there any doubt they're going to be 5-0?

Whoa. That's exactly the kind of over-optimism coach Wade Phillips is worried about following an impressive win over the reigning NFC champions at their place Sunday night. So when he spoke to the team Monday afternoon, he opened with a different kind of math lesson, pointing out that they've only played 19 percent of the season, which means there's 81 percent to go.

"You are not measured on 19 percent," he told them. "You are measured on the whole season."

Still, Phillips has to like what he's seen so far:

— Dallas has scored 116 points, the last 34 against a Chicago defense widely considered among the best in the league. The way Romo avoided the rush and kept finding receivers legitimized their success against less-than-stellar units the previous two games. The pass-heavy game plan that included Terrell Owens starting several plays lined up in the backfield also showed the creativity of new offensive coordinator Jason Garrett.

"It's exciting, against that defense, to do what we did," Romo said.

— The new defensive scheme Phillips is implementing seems to be coming together, too.

There were questions whether his pressure-heavy plan would work with the players he inherited after they allowed 35 points in the opener. Then Dallas gave up 20 points. Now 10. Plus, the Cowboys had their top cornerback, Terence Newman, for the first time in the last game. Coincidence or not, that game also featured the first sack of the year for should-be sack leader DeMarcus Ware. He got his second, too.

"Everybody is very excited around here," defensive captain Bradie James said. "The city is buzzing. Our confidence is definitely high. ... We're showing some flashes of what we can be. There's still some things we have to work on, no doubt. But we know that we're putting in the work and the foundation is getting set."

Then there's the schedule. St. Louis (0-3) comes to Texas Stadium on Sunday without running back Steven Jackson, followed by Dallas going to Buffalo to play a Bills club that's 0-3 and might be without quarterback J.P. Losman.

Should the Cowboys win both, as expected, Romo, Terrell Owens and Marion Barber will be able to say they've already done something Troy, Michael and Emmitt never did: win their first five games. The Triplets' best start was 4-0 in 1995, the season of Dallas' last Super Bowl title. The Cowboys haven't been 5-0 since 1983.

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must be put in prison to "properly protect the public."

One look at the bizarre tattoo on his face will tell you Tyson is a troubled soul, but he's about as much a danger to the public as he is a threat to win the heavyweight title once again. He's been clean and sober for eight months now and, if you believe his attorney, he's committed to staying that way.

Before his latest arrest, he hadn't gotten into any real trouble in eight years. And an argument could be made that had he hired

Kobe Bryant's attorneys he might have skated on the sexual assault charges that landed him in prison for three years in a "he said, she said" case that was strikingly similar to the one faced by Bryant.

When he was arrested Dec. 29, Tyson admitted to police that he used cocaine "whenever I can get my hands on it," drank heavily, and was taking the antidepressant Zoloft. That's a wacky combination for anyone, much less someone whose compass was already awry by the fact people cheered him on for beating other men into submission.

This is a man who has long portrayed himself as trying to come to grips with his life, and often privately despaired that no one really

loved him while everyone wanted to take advantage of him. Whether you believe that or not, it's true that he's lived a life none of us can really imagine.

Before hardly anyone knew who he was, I saw Tyson crying like a baby after failing to make the 1984 Olympic team. I remember watching him walk through the Las Vegas Hilton dressed in overalls and proudly wearing the gaudy green belt after becoming the youngest man to ever win the heavyweight title.

Sure, he's done a ton of bad things, including trying to bite off Evander Holyfield's ears, but in recent years he's been mostly a paper tiger, burdened by drugs and alcohol

and the expectations fans had of a fighter who was no longer there.

The biggest danger he now poses is to himself, and prison won't help that. A more proper sentence would be probation, with a mandatory prison term should he test positive for drugs and alcohol or break any laws.

I haven't always rooted for Mike Tyson. At times it was hard to see much positive about him.

That's changed. I'm rooting for him now.

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Bills' Everett continues to show improvement

HOUSTON (AP) — Buffalo Bills tight end Kevin Everett made more significant strides over the weekend in his recovery from a life-threatening spinal cord injury.

Everett lifted his right arm for the first time Sunday, a day after sitting up in bed for four hours, Dr. Teodoro Castillo, his attending physician, said Monday. He couldn't sit up for longer than 90 minutes before he was moved to Memorial Hermann Hospital from a Buffalo hospital on Friday.

"Nobody can predict the future but if Kevin continues to show recovery, I am optimistic of a good outcome," Castillo said.

Everett was injured making a tackle during the Bills' season opener against Denver on Sept. 9. Doctors initially said there was little chance that Everett would walk again. But that progn-

sis was revised after Everett showed quick progress in the days after the injury.

Castillo and a team of doctors from Memorial Hermann said the Port Arthur native can now lift his legs in bed and move his upper extremities.

Castillo said there are several factors working in the 25-year-old Everett's favor: the rapid response after the injury, the medical and surgical care he received in Buffalo and his age. Younger patients often recover better.

In addition, said Castillo, Everett has "a positive attitude and the motivation to work hard."

Everett suffered an incomplete spinal cord injury, meaning there was preservation of some sensation and movement below the injury. Chances for recovery are better in such injuries, said Dr. William Donovan, medical director of Memorial

Hermann.

He has more movement and strength in his legs and arms, a condition called central cord syndrome.

Both Castillo and Donovan said they have seen patients with the same level of injury as Everett make a full recovery.

Returning to Houston, where Everett lives in the offseason and is closer to family, also will help Everett's recovery, his doctors said.

"He has a very positive outlook," Castillo said. "The nice thing he told me was just being home, close to home."

Over the weekend, Everett had visits from family members, and at one point, had a big smile on his face while cradling a baby on his chest, Castillo said.

Everett demonstrated that positive attitude and determination to recover when he

had to overcome two previous injuries, said Dr. Walt Lowe, co-director of the Roger Clemens Institute for Sports Medicine and Human Performance.

In college at Miami, Everett required surgery for a shoulder injury, and he missed most of his rookie year with the Bills because of torn knee ligament.

"Kevin has overcome major surgical events, major injuries over and over again," said Lowe, team physician for the Houston Texans. "In each one of those settings, he exhibited an incredible positive attitude and the will to get over it."

But Castillo and the other doctors stressed that Everett's recovery would be a long process.

Before he can walk, Everett first has to tolerate long periods of sitting, then move to standing activities.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2007:
You often feel between and betwixt, even more so this year. A Full Moon on your birthday implies many choices. Avoid looking at situations as either-or. You will be happier if you eye them and see how you can incorporate seeming opposites. Openness and dynamic thinking can only enhance your life. Single or attached, you might add to your home life, and find your life far more personable and happy. If you are single, you might be ready to nestle in. Be honest: How much is it caring that is pushing you toward someone, and how much is it need? If you are attached, you might purchase a second home or renovate your present digs. ARIES often challenges 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)
***** By midday, you feel and live your power. The Moon in your sign gives you the green light. Work on a project that might be important. Your fiery ways could be focused on greater security and happiness. Tonight: As you like.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** As the day gets older, you might want to center on a personal matter. If you need to take some time off from the world, do so. Conversations become animated as the day progresses. Clearly you and others see situations differently. Tonight: Allow your imagination to go haywire.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Possessiveness comes forward. You might want to rethink a decision about your home and security. Don't get into trivial or petty matters. Eye the big picture, and you will make excellent choices, because you are you. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
***** You might want to rethink a situation and get down to the root of a problem. Your ability to understand and see is enhanced. You'll like what occurs if you relax. Listen to what is happening with a friend. Communication is starred. Tonight: A must appearance.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Reach out for others at a distance. You might want to rethink a situation more carefully. Listen to your instincts and follow through on what you think is important. Push could come to shove with communication. Tonight: Hang out and do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Be sensitive to spending as well as what you can and cannot do. Though you might have the best intentions and key goals, events could splatter the results. Start conversations with an eye to pursuing your goals. Tonight: Let someone else treat.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** You have your hands full juggling. Listen rather than react. Even if you have the best intentions, problems could arise. Know when to lie back. Right now, others want to please you. Let it happen. Tonight: Say yes.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
***** You might want to try something very different when handling a hot or brewing situation. Be careful. What you

most fear is likely to happen. So dispel fear and work with a day-to-day situation wisely. Tonight: Early to bed.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** Knowing what you want usually helps you zero in on precisely that. Please note all the scattering of energy. Friends and loved ones mean well, though easily you could be on overload. Think positively. Tonight: People want you to appear. You have no choice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** You might want to try a leap of faith. Understand what might be happening with a boss and/or family member. Your hands will be full juggling. Investigate and listen to feedback as you reach for the stars. Tonight: Aim high.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Work with someone and be clear. You will see a situation far differently given effort and energy. You could easily be overwhelmed by news and suggestions. Tonight: Visit with pals.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** You might need to do something very differently. There is no time like the present. Investigate alternate ways of handling your finances. You will be a lot happier with the results. Think positively, and the end results will work. Tonight: Plug in your conservative side.

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INTERNATIONAL

Former Sen. McGovern wants more funding for overseas food program

SIoux FALLS, S.D. (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. George McGovern has urged Congress to give more money to an international school lunch program that bears his name.

The McGovern-Dole school lunch program debuted with \$300 million in 2000 but now only gets \$100 million a year. The House is trying to bring the funding back to its original level, providing \$841 million spread out over five years in its version of the farm bill. The legislation would provide \$300 million in commodities and cash during the final year.

McGovern urged the Senate to pass a measure similar to the one being pushed by the House.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture effort currently feeds about 3 million of 110 million hungry children each year in countries including Kenya, Malawi, Guatemala, Cambodia and Pakistan.

"We could run that to 10 million in rather short order if we had adequate funding," McGovern said Thursday during a conference call.

The McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program allows organizations such as Food for the Poor, Share and the United Nations World Food Program to offer children free meals if they come to their local school house.

McGovern, the 1972 Democratic presidential nominee, said the program boosts the children's academic performance, improves physical health and offers girls an alternate view of life by showing them there are opportunities for those with an education. Girls in developing countries who attend school tend to marry later and

have fewer children than those who do not, he said.

"When you start one of these programs, school lunch programs, in a country that heretofore had nothing of that kind, immediately school enrollment jumps dramatically," McGovern said. "Girls and boys get to the classroom with the promise of a good meal once a day."

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—McGovern

McGovern was at USDA headquarters in Washington to attend the 30th anniversary celebration of the enactment of the Food Stamp Act of 1977. Acting USDA Secretary Chuck Conner praised McGovern and Dole for confronting the shortcomings of the Food Stamp Program, which had been in place since the early 1960s.

The food aid program received applications from 150 organizations in fiscal year 2006 but was only able to assist 12 of those.

McGovern said other nations such as Spain, Italy, the Netherlands, France, Japan and the Scandinavian countries also take part, but the administration should use its ambassadors to recruit others.

"This shouldn't be just an American program," McGovern said. "We ought to be in the lead, but other countries ought to come forward, too."

McGovern, 85, said the idea for the program came to him while he was serving in Rome as an ambassador to the United Nations' food and agriculture agencies. He said it has brought him a great sense of pride.

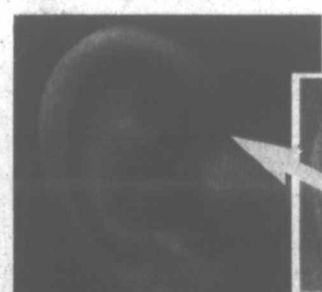
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