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Appraisal district adopts budget for 2008

By **MARILYN POWERS**
Staff Writer

The 2008 budget for Gray County Appraisal District was adopted by its board of directors at their 8:30 a.m. meeting Thursday in the conference room of the district's offices at 815 N. Sumner.

The public hearing concerning the budget which preceded the vote drew no comments and no residents.

The \$609,045 budget, up approximately 5.7 percent from the 2007 budget of \$576,404, is composed of \$477,280 for "personal services;" \$22,250 for supplies, materials and equipment; \$87,465 for contractual

services; \$13,850 for utilities; and \$8,200 for other expenses.

The category labeled as personal services includes \$335,690 for salaries; \$70,000 for health, dental and life insurance; \$26,700 for automobile allowance; and \$2,500 for mileage reimbursement.

The largest single outlay for contractual services is \$50,000 for consulting fees, of which \$37,000 is earmarked for minerals consultation.

No action was taken after an executive session of two hours and 33 minutes to discuss personnel matters, including evaluation of Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley.

Expenses associated with the district's appraisal review board are once again included in the district's budget for 2008, a situation which board member Gary Willoughby questioned.

"If the appraisal review board is to be separate, should they not have their own budget?" he asked.

"This is an area that is down the road," said board Chairman Darville Orr. "This budget is based on operational procedures and that's the budget we need to look at. At the present time, our budget is working with what we have now."

David Bowers, Durwood Dunlap

and Ken Burger were appointed to an agriculture advisory board after their names were submitted for consideration by Bagley.

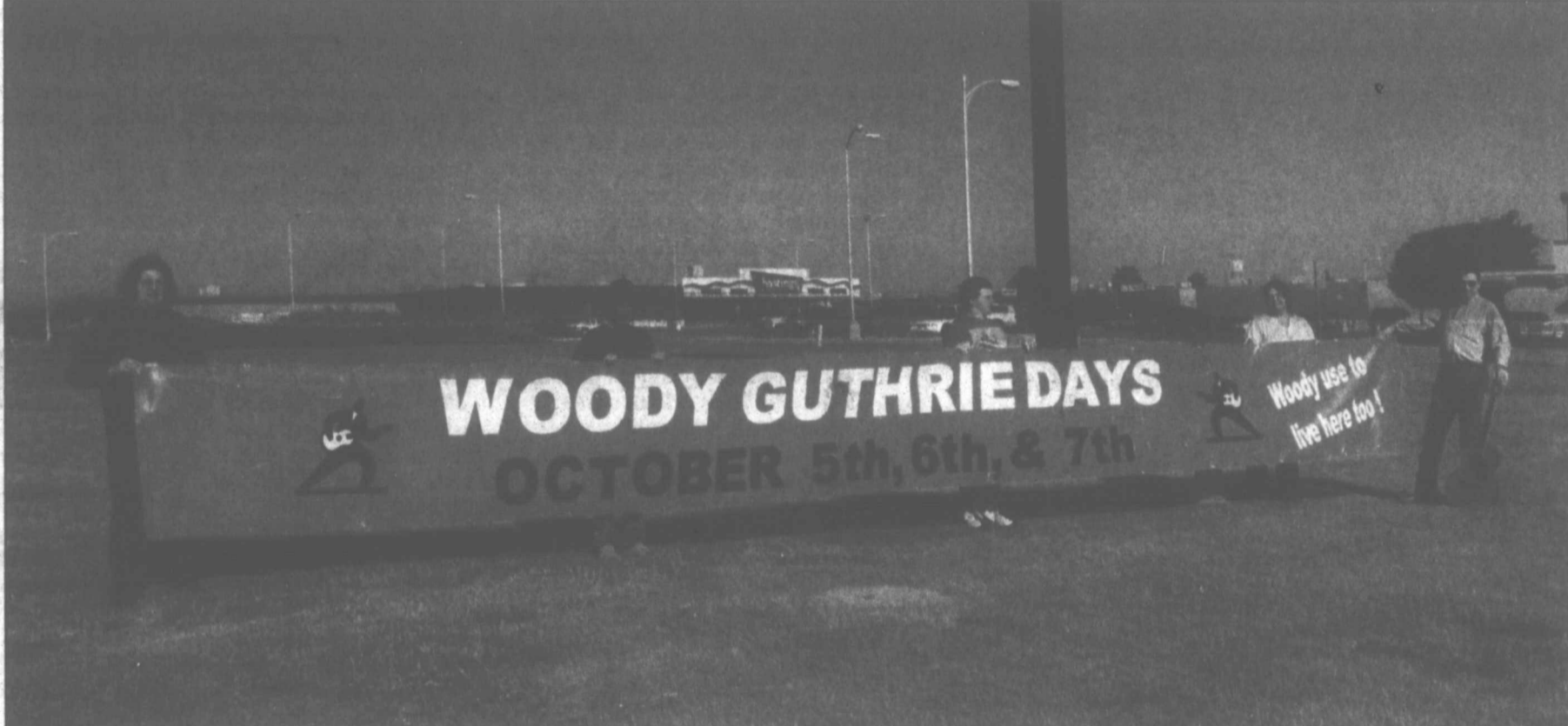
No action was taken on formulating a plan for qualifying agricultural land.

"I think this is premature," Bagley said. "First of all, I think a plan or policy is not called for in this instance."

Bagley suggested creating a committee to study the issue, and Willoughby then moved to allow Bagley and the newly-appointed

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Woodyfest next weekend



Hanging a sign to advertise "Woodie Guthrie Days," which will be held Oct. 5, 6, and 7, are from left Tim Justice, Tracy Worley, Brenon Thomas, June Thomas and Rick Scott. The event is free and will feature free hot dogs Friday night, a catered meal for \$10 and a street dance featuring Fence Walker on Saturday night and a gospel singing with free donuts, juice and coffee on Sunday morning.

Cancer Society says Relay for Life a big success

By **KERRI SMITH**
Staff Writer

The final numbers are in for the Relay for Life that was held in June to benefit the American Cancer Society.

A wrap-up luncheon was held Thursday so volunteers could hear how the fund-raising relay went and start to plan next year's event.

Chairwoman Pam Dalton was

happy to announce that the totals for 2007 were much higher than those for 2006.

"We had 24 teams that participated in the relay this year," Dalton said. "And after expenses were paid, the Relay for Life in Pampa raised \$41,275 for the American Cancer Society. This is so exciting and we are glad that we surpassed the 2006

total, which was around \$25,000. The goal that we'd set for ourselves this year was to have 25 teams and raise \$28,000. We were only short one team and raised far more money than we hoped."

The group set a tentative date of June 27, 2008, for next year's Relay for Life, which should be held at Recreation Park once again.

Linda Lantz will be the chairwoman and Myra Jimenez will be the co-chair next year.

Volunteers signed up for different committees so the planning can begin soon.

Until the group meets again, members will try to come up with ideas and goals they want to attain for next year.

County to look at Perry Lefors Airport lease rates

Gray County commissioners will meet Monday to consider again land lease rates at Perry Lefors Airport.

Also under consideration is the fiscal year 2008 retirement rate.

New business commissioners will discuss are a review of the plat filing policy in the county clerk's office and providing flu shots for employees and dependents covered under Gray County health insurance and charging others \$20.

Also under consideration will be a resolution providing for a penalty to defray costs of collecting delinquent

property taxes and consideration of a contract with Perdue, Brandon, Fielder, Collins & Mott for the collection of delinquent property taxes.

An autopsy services agreement with Texas Tech university Health Sciences Center will be discussed as will a resolution supporting Meals on Wheels.

A request from KW Land Specialists to install a Cathodic Protection Cable in County Right of Way in Section 144 will be discussed.

A fire service contract with the

city of Pampa will also be considered.

Commissioners will discuss the purchase of an asphalt zipper for Precinct 2 and consideration of financing for the asphalt zipper with Welch State Bank.

The 2008 sheriff's and constable's fees will be discussed as will a resolution for a 2008 indigent defense grant.

Bids on tax delinquent properties will be considered.

Gary Willoughby has bid \$300 each for four lots at 1210 Barnes;

Pamela Dacus has bid \$101 each for properties at 541 Harlem and 524-526 Elm; and James Stone has bid \$750 for two lots in McLean.

An order to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt will be considered, as will a transfer of Perry Lefors Airport hangar lease No. 19 from Todd Harrison to Jerrel Shoenrock.

Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. Monday in Gray County Courtroom in the county courthouse.

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Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. Windy, with a south wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Saturday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Windy, with a south wind 25 to 30 mph decreasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind 15 to 20 mph becoming northwest. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Helen Jean Paxson Casey, 80

EDMOND, Okla. — Helen Jean Paxson Casey, 80, died Friday, Sept. 27, 2007, in Edmond following a lengthy illness.

Services are pending Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Casey was born May 30, 1927, in Amarillo and graduated from Pampa High School in 1945 as class salutatorian. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Texas Woman's University in Denton in 1949.

She married George

Lafayette Casey on June 12, 1948, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Dec. 22, 1997.

Jean taught at Pampa Junior High School from 1949 to 1952 and taught kindergarten at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School from 1957 to 1962. From 1963 until 1987, Mrs. Casey served as a mathematics teacher at Pampa High School and was mathe-

matics department chair from 1980-1987.

She was a long-time, active member of Delta Kappa Gamma, the honorary teacher's organization, and she was a member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Jean moved to Edmond, Okla., in January of 1998 where she was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Survivors include two sons, Michael Sean Casey of Dallas and George Patrick Casey of Edmond, Okla.; and by a sister, Carol Paxson Chance of Arlington.

She was preceded in death by her parents, R.E. and Irene Blackmore Paxson.

MEMORIALS: Companion Hospice, 901 S. Bryant, Suite D, Edmond, OK 73034 or St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 325 E. 1st St., Edmond, OK 73034.

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Wanda Joline Howard, 69

Wanda Joline Howard, 69, of Pampa, died Sept. 27, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born May 23, 1938, at Fresno, Calif., Mrs. Howard lived in Pampa since shortly after her birth. She was a long-time waitress, working

at various local cafes, and acted as a caregiver for several years.

She belonged to the Church of Christ.

Survivors include a son, Ricky Lemons of Pampa; a daughter,

Pam Ellis of Amarillo; three sisters, Brenda Lambright of Pampa and Sue Hays and Millie Hays, both of Fresno; a brother, Don Hays of Fresno; six grandchildren;

and six great-grandchildren.

The family will receive visitors at 701 N. Gray in Pampa and requests memorials be to CrossPointe Church, 1103 Duncan St., Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Two traffic stops were made resulting in one arrest.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 1800 block of North Lynn and the intersection of Kentucky and Hazel.

Accidents occurred at the intersection of 22nd and Nelson, the 1600 block of North Evergreen, the 100 block of North Naida and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 500 block of Doyle.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 900 block of South Wilcox, the intersection of Montagu and Faulkner and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

Motorist assistance was provided in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks and the 700 block of South Somerville, where wires on a riding lawnmower were cut. No estimate of damage was made.

Disorderly conduct calls were received from the 600 block of North Nelson, the 800 block of North Nelson, and the 100 block of East 28th where loud and profane language was used.

Thefts were reported twice in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2300 block of North Comanche, twice in the 1200 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of East Kingsmill, the 2200 block of North Summer, the 2100 block of North Summer, the 2900 block of Rosewood, the intersection of Somerville and Cook, the 1100 block of West Seneca, the intersection of Harvester and Bradley, the intersection of 18th and Christine, the 600 block of South Barnes, the 900 block of North Duncan, the 200 block of North Lefors, the 300 block of North Dwight, twice in the 600 block of South Barnes, the 1100 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1100 block of Willow and

the 700 block of North Banks.

Escort service was provided in the 1300 block of North Mary Ellen.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of North Cuyler.

An alarm was reported in the 100 block of West Tuke.

A 911 hang-up call came in from the 700 block of South Somerville.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of East 28th.

Welfare checks were made in the 1200 block of North Wells and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 600 block of West Francis.

An open door was checked in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Sept. 27

Gary Wayne Troutner, 33, was arrested by Department of Public Safety on capias pro fines for expired driver's license, no liability insurance and failure to appear.

Kenyon James Kendall, 21, was arrested by Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for no valid driver's license, expired vehicle registration and displaying expired registration.

Javier Garcia, 18, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on warrants for no driver's license, speeding and no insurance.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls for the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 26

11:46 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 400 block of East Frederic on a medical assist.

12:26 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 300 block of West McCullough on a natural gas leak.

5:51 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of

Beryl on a medical assist.

Thursday, Sept. 27

12:12 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Starkweather and Francis on a vehicle accident.

8:32 a.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 400 block of Doyle on a natural gas leak.

10:11 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist.

7:01 p.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a fire prevention program.

Friday, Sept. 28

1:26 a.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to an area four miles north on Highway 70 on a vehicle accident.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Sept. 27

9:31 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Cuyler and Foster. No transport.

9:43 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Jordan prison unit and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:12 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells. No transport.

1:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Holly and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Love and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:47 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Friday, Sept. 28

1:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location north on Highway 70. No transport.

5:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

Court spares Texas man from lethal injection

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court halted the execution of

a man convicted of killing his parents in the nation's busiest death penalty state

after already agreeing to review another state's lethal injection procedures.

while the Supreme Court considers that case.

"All I can say is all glory to God," Turner said when prison officials told him of the reprieve.

The brief order made no mention of the court's reasons for stopping the punishment.

It followed a decision earlier Thursday by Alabama Gov. Bob Riley to stay the execution of a contract killer hours before it was to have been carried out so the inmate could be put to death using a new lethal injection formula the governor had ordered just a day before.

Turner would have been the 27th Texas inmate to be executed this year and the second this week.

After state courts refused to halt the punishment earlier Thursday, Turner's lawyers went to the Supreme Court.

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Turner's lawyers had linked his case with an appeal from two Kentucky inmates who argued that lethal injection is unconstitutional. Both states use similar injection procedures employing three drugs.

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"When my three kids were born and the day I got a divorce."

Judge orders auction of bankrupt Lajitas desert resort

LAJITAS, Texas (AP) — A federal court has ordered an Oct. 18 auction for the bankrupt Lajitas Resort, a 25,000-acre West Texas development that has yet to catch on as an exclusive desert getaway.

The 92-room resort and surrounding property, called the Ultimate Hideout resort, have been appraised by the Brewster County Appraisal District at about \$16 million. The property also includes a jet strip and is home to a famous beer-drinking goat, Clay Henry III,

that serves as the town's mayor. U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Ronald King ordered the sale this week to satisfy more than \$16 million owed to creditors. The auction will be held in San Antonio.

"There are quite a few interested parties and we're pretty optimistic there will be significant bids, high enough so that everyone will be paid," said Stephen Pezanosky, a lawyer representing Prime Asset Funding, a Connecticut firm trying to recover about \$14 million from a

loan it made to the resort last year. "We simply want to be paid, and we really don't care who is looking at it or who the buyer is," Pezanosky said.

Several unsecured creditors are owed at least \$2 million more. Steve Smith, an Austin multimillionaire, bought the property at auction in 2000 for about \$4.5 million. He had filed for bankruptcy protection in July, a day after Prime Asset Funding was set to foreclose on the resort's unpaid loan.

Smith and lawyers for the resort could not be reached for comment.

Smith told The Associated Press last year that his goal was to create a luxury resort that appealed to the extremely wealthy. The remote location would be part of the draw, he said. Lajitas sits on a rugged stretch of desert at the Mexican border between Big Bend Ranch State Park and Big Bend National Park and more than 250 miles from the nearest commercial airport.

The development plan included a golf course expansion, a state-of-the-art clubhouse, and a housing development that would eventually include about 1,000 high-end properties. The resort had daily flights from Austin and Dallas aboard a private plane.

Last year the resort had sold only five condominiums and fewer than a dozen homes.

Scott Rose, a lawyer representing the unsecured creditors, said they're hopeful a \$20 million sale would cover all the liabilities.

Texas soldier found not guilty of murder

BAGHDAD (AP) — A military panel today acquitted U.S. Army Spc. Jorge G. Sandoval on charges he killed two unarmed Iraqis, but it convicted him of planting evidence on one of the men in an attempt to cover up the shooting.

Sandoval, 22, of Laredo, Texas, had faced five charges in the April and May deaths of two unidentified men. He was found not guilty of the two murder charges, but the panel decided he had placed a detonation wire on one of the bodies to make it look as if the man was an insurgent.

Lawyers for Sandoval, who will be sentenced Saturday, said he should face no more than six months in prison for misplacement of public property, while prosecutors argued he should receive a five-year sentence for obstructing justice.

"Anyone who has been charged with murder for their first kill on the battlefield on the order of his superior and is found not guilty is happy," Capt. Craig Drummond, a defense attorney, said outside court after the verdict.

During the two-day court-martial, Sandoval's colleagues testified they were following orders when they shot the men during two separate incidents on April 27 and May 11.

Spc. Alexander Flores, who was in the same squad as Sandoval on the day of the April killing, testified they were acting on the orders of their platoon leader who said the suspect was "our guy" and ordered them to "move in," which they interpreted as "take the target out."

After the killing, Flores said Staff Sgt. Michael Hensley of Candler, N.C., told him to place a spool of detonation wire on the body and in the man's pocket.

But prosecutors cited an interview with Sandoval immediately after his arrest in which he said he planted the wire. Outside court, Flores stood by his testimony.

"He was just doing his job, as he was told. It's not his fault," said Flores, who, along with the rest of Sandoval's sniper platoon, greeted him with hugs and well wishes.

In the May shooting, Sgt. Evan Vela of Rigby, Idaho, said Hensley told him to shoot the man, who had stumbled upon their snipers' hide-out, although he was not armed and had his hands in the air when he approached the soldiers.

"He (Hensley) asked me if I was ready. I had the pistol out. I heard the word shoot. I don't remember pulling the trigger. It took me a second to realize that the shot came from the pistol in my hand," Vela testified, crying.

Vela said that as the Iraqi man was convulsing on the ground, "Hensley kind of laughed about it and hit the guy on the throat and said shoot again."

"After he (the Iraqi man) was shot, Hensley pulled an AK-47 out of his rucksack and said, 'This is what we are going to say happened,'" said Vela, who testified under a deal that bars his account of events from being used against him when he goes to trial. Sandoval also was acquitted today of charges he planted the weapon on the second man's body.

Appraisal

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agriculture advisory board to come up with a recommendation for furthering the district's plan for qualifying agriculture lands. The motion passed unanimously.

A proposal to move the hearing location of the appraisal review board was tabled and will be on the agenda of a future meeting.

"I'd like to hear Gary's justification

for bringing this up," Bagley said. Willoughby had asked that the item be included in Thursday's agenda.

"My readings indicate that review boards are separate entities," Willoughby said. "According to the state comptroller's office, they should be separate. The review board should be separate according to statute, but it's not."

"The statute says it should be separate in function, not necessarily in location," Bagley said. "At this point in time, I don't think it's warranted to move the review board meetings and

set up a separate budget for it."

An investment report and chief appraiser's report were also heard during the meeting. In the chief appraiser's report, Bagley discussed future changes to the board of directors' makeup as a result of changes in state law concerning how school districts are divided up among appraisal districts. Gray County Appraisal District will gain responsibility for portions of five additional school districts in 2008 when the district's boundary of responsibility becomes the same as the county's boundary.



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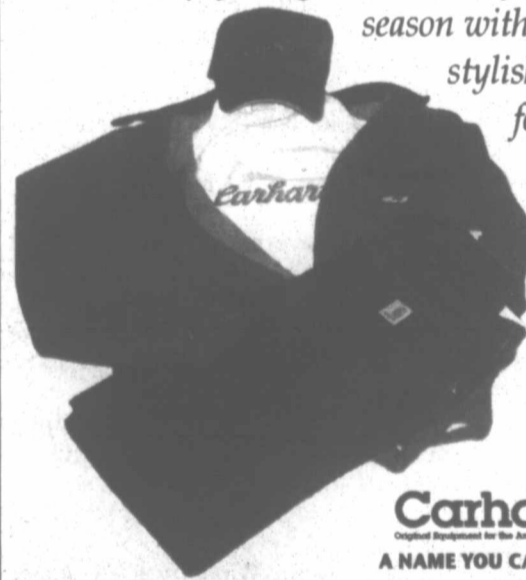
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I started thinking about this lately because we are having so much trouble getting my 4-year-old son to go to sleep at night and also take a nap at daycare. Why is it that adults can't get enough sleep and would love to take a nap anytime and kids do not want to sleep for anything?

I never understood why

kids get so fussy when they are tired. It would be so easy to just go to sleep. They fight it with everything they have. Most of the time when my son gets into trouble at school it is because he won't lay still during naptime and he flops around and bugs the other kids. It's just one hour right after lunch, so I don't understand why he won't go to sleep when he lays down and the lights are turned off.

The last few nights he has fallen asleep on the way home from daycare and that is only about 10 minutes, so I know he's tired, but then we try to get him to sleep at night and it's always a struggle. The excuses used to be

cute and funny (like "I'm thirsty" and "I've got to pee" and "I need covers"), but they are getting a little old now.

Another mystery of children is why they don't want to eat. This is another thing that most adults can't get enough of either. Many people, myself included, eat way too much and way too often and end up having a weight problem, but kids do not ever want to eat. I just don't understand.

You try to fix what they

like and only put a little on their plate, but you always make deals with them like, "If you'll just eat five more green beans, then you can have cake for dessert" or "I



Kerri Smith
Staff Writer

fixed mac and cheese especially for you so please eat some of it."

We normally have to fight with him into the bathtub at night. You would think it would make him feel so much better because he gets rid of all the grime, but he never wants to take a bath. But once you get him

in the tub with a few toys, you can't get him out because he's having so much fun. By the time he gets done playing and bathing, he looks like a prune.

It is the same situation with our pets. Our son loves to play with them and pester them and we love to hear him giggle and laugh when he's playing with the cats or dog, but if he gets one little scratch or they do something he doesn't like, he whines and cries until we get the animals out of the room and get them away from him.

Also when you have a young child, they can't wait to crawl and walk. It's very excited and fun to watch

them learn this new skill, but then it's hard to keep up with them running all over the house trying to stick their finger into the plug-in. But just as soon as they learn to walk (and gain quite a bit of weight and are very heavy), they want you to start carrying them everywhere. They want to be held or carried everywhere except (of course) Wal-Mart or the grocery store.

I think this is why God made kids so hilarious and ever-changing, because if you weren't laughing at them so hard, you would probably ground them for life.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2007. There are 94 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 28, 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

On this date:

In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their siege of Yorktown, Va.

In 1787, Congress voted to send the just-completed Constitution of the United States to state legislatures for their approval.

In 1850, flogging was abolished as a form of punishment in the U.S. Navy.

In 1924, two U.S. Army planes landed in Seattle, Wash., having completed the first round-the-world flight in 175 days.

In 1939, during World War II, Germany and the Soviet Union agreed on a plan to partition Poland.

In 1967, Walter E. Washington was sworn in as the first mayor-commissioner of the District of Columbia (he'd been appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson).

In 1974, first lady Betty Ford underwent a mastectomy at Bethesda Naval Medical Center in Maryland, following discovery of a cancerous lump in her breast.

In 1987, U.S. Rep. Patricia Schroeder, D-Colo., announced in Denver that she would not run for the Democratic presidential nomination.

In 1991, jazz great Miles Davis died in Santa Monica, Calif., at age 65.

Ten years ago: Swiss voters overwhelmingly endorsed their government's liberal drug policies, including the controversial state distribution of heroin to hardened addicts. Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 58th home run on the final day of the regular season as his team beat the Chicago Cubs 2-1.

One year ago: Al-Qaida in Iraq's leader, in a chilling audiotape, called for nuclear scientists to join his group's holy war and urged insurgents to kidnap Westerners so they could be traded for a blind Egyptian sheik who is serving a life sentence in a U.S. prison.

Today's Birthdays: Actor William Windom is 84. Actor Arnold Stang is 82. Blues singer Koko Taylor is 79. Actress Brigitte Bardot is 73. Singer Ben E. King is 69. Actor Joel Higgins is 64. Singer Helen Shapiro is 61. Actor Jeffrey Jones is 61. Movie writer-director-actor John Sayles is 57.

Time cools, time clarifies; no mood can be maintained quite unaltered through the course of hours.

— Thomas Mann
German writer
(1875-1955)

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Let some other country play Caesar ...

If the invasion of Afghanistan had been a success, we would not still be fighting the Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan. If the invasion of Iraq had been a success, we would not be fighting there.

Two invasions of practically defenseless countries with obsolete weapons and decaying infrastructures have to be termed failures. Both the civilian leadership in Washington and the military's officer corps share the blame.

The people in Washington, infected with fatal arrogance, thought of a clever scheme: We will bribe the criminal gangs known as the Northern Alliance to do the actual fighting, and we'll use our special forces to laser-paint Taliban targets for our aircraft. It worked, as far as it went. The Taliban had no air defense at all.

Osama bin Laden, however, was smart enough to bribe one of our Northern Alliance allies to leave the

back door open at Tora Bora. That's how he escaped into Pakistan. Six years later, we still have not captured or killed him. Chalk up another failure.

The big mistake the Washington hotshots made was not understanding the history and culture of the two countries they decided to attack.

They were thinking "liberation"; the people were thinking "occupation by foreigners." I haven't Googled mankind's complete history, but offhand I cannot think of any instance where occupiers were welcomed by the native population.

Even when the native population hates the existing government, as was probably the case in both Afghanistan and Iraq, the period between the time the people are glad and the time

they want the occupiers to leave is quite brief. Most occupations have gotten in trouble by overstaying their welcome.

The officer corps seems to have forgotten the lessons of Vietnam and become obsessed with high-tech gadgetry. These gadgets and their computers were designed for war against other conventional forces. Going guerilla doesn't even the odds, but it certainly cuts into the effectiveness of the gadgets. With a little luck and stealth, a hungry, barefoot boy with an AK-47 can kill a well-equipped, well-trained soldier. Booby traps, now called improvised explosive devices, have been killing soldiers for a long time now.

The great blunder made by Donald Rumsfeld, was to

not realize that a light force can defeat a conventional force with obsolete equipment, but it can't manage a successful occupation. Because we were so short of manpower, not only did we allow the whole country to be looted, we left enough unguarded ammunition dumps to supply the insurgents for years to come.

The Washington hotshots also failed to realize how deep the enmity was between the factions. The Shiites have always been ruled by Sunnis in Iraq, and the Sunnis, a minority in the population, were either put into power by the foreigners or shot their way to power. Being a majority only works when you have fair elections and can enforce the results.

The Shiites fear a Sunni coup, and the last thing in the world they are going to do is integrate armed Sunnis into their army and police force. Our American off-

Charley Reese
Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Sept. 16**
Houston Chronicle on the price of rejecting world-class talent:

Right now, there are 1 million doctors, scientists and computer wizards clamoring to add to the U.S. economy. Employers are desperate to hire them. But the United States, which lacks enough native-born workers with this level of skill, can't decide if it's worth accepting them from abroad.

As a result, these proven talents founder in immigration limbo, waiting as long as eight years to get permanent residency in a country that already makes use of their achievements.

According to a study released in August by researchers at Duke and Harvard universities, restrictions on visas and permanent residency for highly skilled immigrants threaten to forgo human capital we can't afford to lose.

Every year, those 1 million skilled workers must compete for 120,000 green cards.

They might have had little choice in the past, but many of these workers now have attractive alternatives. Some are already giving up on the United States, taking their talents back to their newly dynamic home economies, such as India and China. While those countries still can't offer the resources and job opportunities of the United States, the cost of living is cheaper, and the

workers don't have to live on pins and needles for years, wondering what country to call home.

Instead of fueling the U.S. economy, they will instead take the training they gained during their American stints and stoke rival businesses overseas.

Earlier this summer, the Senate short-circuited immigration reform amid national furor over the fate of 12 million illegal aliens. Most of those low-skilled immigrants will continue to live here, raking our lawns, building our houses and nurturing our children. They have little opportunity back home and abundant takers for their services here.

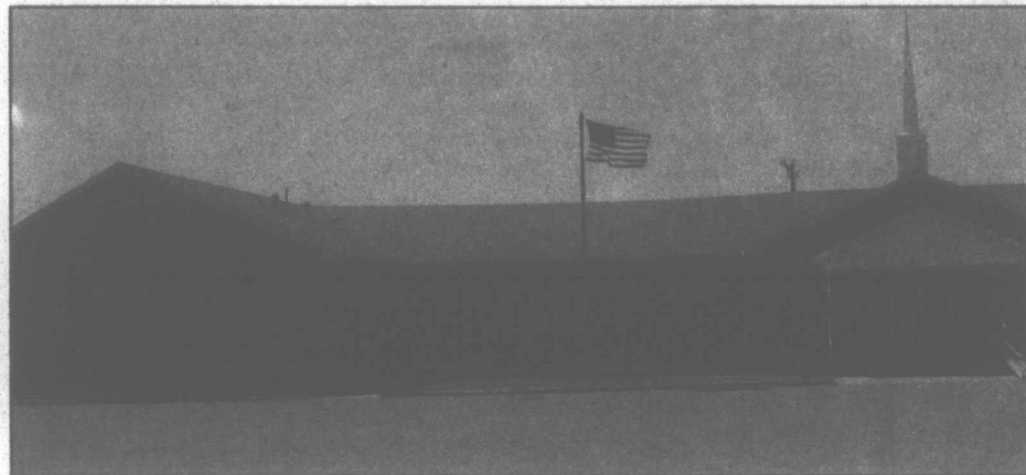
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Wednesday -- 6 p.m. Evening Worship, 7
p.m. Bible Study, Team Kids and Youth.

Activities: Vacation Bible School, senior
luncheon first Friday of each month and youth
activities.

Members: 290 resident members.

Denomination: Southern Baptist.

How long here: Since 1950.

Goals: To expand to meet growing needs in
our community and share Christ with all in
our area.

Other activities: Angel food ministry,
providing quality food items at a low cost
through a ministry in Georgia and Helping
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Main goal: To be witnesses in Pampa,
Texas, the United States and around the world
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Church message: There is no one beyond
the grace and redemption of Christ. God
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Responsible parties: Bro. Paul L.
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Religion

Saved by the way of God's fire escape

—“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able, but will with the temptation also make a way to escape that ye may be able to bear it.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)

A fire escape is any device for escape from a burning building. Christians are often surrounded by fiery trials and temptations. The way of escape sometimes seems blocked. Trials and temptations get hotter and hotter, but God always makes a way of escape.

Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Evangelist



Many times the escape is as by fire. We will not escape temptation, but will, with the temptation, find a way to escape the fall. It is all summed up in the following statement: We will be tempted, but God

will make a way that we will not have to yield.

You will be tempted but will find a way of escape. God's children have always had their trials and temptations. He will have tried people. His people must, through much tribulation, enter into the kingdom of God. (Acts 14:22) Paul exhorted new converts to continue in the faith and warned them of the coming temptations. (Revelation 7:13-14)

John beheld a great multitude which no man could number, of all nations and kindred and people and tongues, standing before the throne of God. They were dressed in white robes, washed and made clean by the blood of the Lamb. The throng was identified as the saints of God who had gotten to heaven through great tribulation. (2 Timothy 3:10-12)

Paul suffered afflictions at Antioch, Iconium and Lystra. The trials were very great. At Lystra, he was stoned and drawn out of the city as dead. He suffered to near the point of death and made the statement: “But out of them all the Lord delivered me.”

Paul did not say he was delivered without suffering, without temptation, without being tried. This he endured but was delivered from the fall, kept from sin, sustained by His grace. God's people will suffer persecutions. They will be tempted, but in the midst of such trials the Lord will give grace and victory to overcome.

Christians are persecuted. They are tempted. They are tried as by fire. They suffer. Since they do endure, what do they escape? They escape temptations by being able to bear them.

The tempted are strong by grace. In their strength, they are able to bear temptations. The word “bear” means that the Christian will endure temptations upon him. In temptation, God gives grace as it is needed. (James 4:6-7)

The humble receives grace from God as he is in need. The proud and those who trust in themselves God resisteth. Humble submission to God is the way of man's escape. It drives the devil away and draws one in closer contact with God to escape final destruction.

Death and destruction await the wicked and those who fall by the wayside. Through trials, disappointments and fire, the Christian overcomes and saves himself from ruin.

Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel and others escaped as by fire. They were tried, tempted, discouraged and suffered, but God made a way of escape for them. God can make a way where there is no way.

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Church briefs ...

PANHANDLE — St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle will kick-off its annual “Celebration of Life” event with a benefit dinner from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Oct. 7 in St. Theresa's Parish Hall at St. Ann's. The event will include musical entertainment, a silent auction and a Pilgrimage of Life to the Cross in Groom. For more information, call (806) 537-3194. Meal tickets will be available at the door for \$20 per adult and \$10 for children between 6 and 15. Children under age 6 eat free.

MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Losers must learn grace ...

Did you attend the recent Pampa/Borger football game? I was heartbroken for our young players and coaches who were trying their hardest to close the victory out late in the fourth quarter, but saw it slip away in a matter of minutes.

At the end of the game, all I could pray was two things: “Lord, please bless the boys and the coaches in this tough loss. And Lord, please forgive the thoughtless twits in the stands who yelled such mean and hateful things at our very own players and coaches. May they not continue this meanness throughout the upcoming week.”

But that's not really what I want to talk to you about today.

If you were there, you will remember the drive when Borger began to crawl back into the game. On that drive, with Pampa ahead three touchdowns (I think), their quarterback was knocked out of the game. Both teams went to their knees as both trainers examined the boy, and a Pampa doctor even came out to provide more help. The spectators on both sides of the field were mostly quiet and still. I'm sure that many from both sides were saying prayers for the young man. Finally, they stood him up and carried him off the field.

The moment that they stood him up, people from both stands stood up and broke out in lengthy, gracious and supportive applause. I looked around the Pampa stands and saw mostly everyone standing and clapping for the injured Borger player. I remember thinking, “I am so proud of our Pampa folks. Now this is the way adults should act. I wish everyone was paying attention to this. WOW! I am so proud to be a Pampa.”

Well, as you know Borger scored, and then scored again and were on their way again to score when another Borger player went down, writhing in so much pain that

he was kicking his left leg up and down in agony. My stomach always churns when one of the boys from either team goes down in a football game. Well, they tended to him for several minutes and finally stood him up to help take him off the field.

The Borger folks immediately stood and erupted in applause supporting their player. I immediately stood and began to clap along, just like when their quarterback was carried off of the field, but something sounded strange. I could hear myself clapping clear as a bell. Then I looked around the Pampa stands and was appalled. Very few Harvester fans were standing and supporting the injured player through their applause.

I was ashamed.

How could grown-ups be so childish as to allow the scoreboard to determine whether they would be gracious and caring and thoughtful?

What made me the sickest was realizing that most of the Pampa people who I had been so proud of just moments before were not really being thoughtful and caring when Borger's quarterback was carried from the field. They were simply smiling and acting politely because it was the appropriate way for the “winning team” to behave. I sat down sick and so disappointed.

Then Borger scored and eventually won the game.

Throughout the following week, some Pampans thoughtlessly said hateful things about our boys and about our coaches. They questioned the dedication and commitment of our players and coaches. Well, that is BUNK! The questionable performance at the end of the Borger/Pampa

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Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



Today's church needs Pentecostal power

After the resurrection of Jesus Christ, He, by the power of the third person in the Holy Trinity, the Holy Ghost, gave commandments to the apostles whom he had chosen. Also during those 40 days, He was showing Himself alive by many infallible proofs.

In those days, Jesus taught the apostles much about the kingdom of God. Then He gave them a NOW commandment. In essence, he told them not to go out into the wicked world to preach the glorious gospel until they received the promise of the Father through the baptism of the Holy Ghost. (Acts 1:1-5)

John the Baptist said, “He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.” (Matthew 3:11)

Jesus said, “If ye love me keep my commandments and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; even the Spirit of truth...” (John 14:15-16)

Notice the capitol “s” referring to the third person in the Holy Trinity. When the day of Pentecost was fully come, and the apostles were baptized with the Holy Ghost, Peter said, “This is that

which was spoken of by the prophet Joel.” (Acts 2:16)

Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



The norm for the early New Testament Church was to repent and be baptized in water. Before Jesus died, He told the apostles their names were written in heaven. What a consolation from our Savior Himself. It brought great rejoicing to me when the Spirit gave me a blessed assurance that my sins were forgiven on Oct. 16, 1932.

After Jesus rose from the dead, He told those same apostles that they would soon be baptized by the Holy Ghost. The apostles were concerned about the literal kingdom of Israel, but Jesus wanted them to concentrate on His kingdom and the power to believe in His resurrection when all others were saying He was dead.

Jesus wanted the apostles to experi-

ence the power to come out of jails rejoicing because they were accounted worthy to suffer for His namesake; the power to show their colors when Saul of Tarsus marched through the land imprisoning and killing believers; the power to remember the things Jesus told them.

Jesus said: “The Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost — will bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.” (John 14:26)

Peter had heard when Jesus said their names were written in heaven, but at the trial of Jesus, Peter didn't have the power to stand up against the spirit of hate and murder that prevailed.

After the resurrection of Jesus, He was strengthening the faith of the disciples with those infallible proofs. To add to that, He said, “You shall receive power after the Holy Ghost is come upon you.” They would soon receive this power, this baptism, this filling with the Holy Ghost. (Acts 2:4)

Jesus did not tell them about the sound of a mighty wind. He did not explain that they would speak in every

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Religion news

Instructor says college fired him for comments about Adam and Eve

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — An instructor at an Iowa community college claims he was fired after he told his students that the biblical story of Adam and Eve is a fairy tale and should not be interpreted literally.

Steve Bitterman, 60, said officials at Southwestern Community College in Red Oak sided with a handful of students who threatened legal action over his remarks in a western civilization class.

“I'm just a little bit shocked myself that a college in good standing would back up students who insist that people who have been through college ... have to teach that there were such things as talking snakes or lose their job,” Bitterman said. “As a taxpayer, I'd like to know if a tax-supported public institution of higher learning has given veto power over what can and cannot be said in its classrooms to a fundamentalist religious group.”

School President Barbara

‘The faith of our community has manifested, it has been reborn. The Catholic faith in our community has resurrected.’

— Archbishop Dionisio Guillermo Garcia Ibanez

Crittenden would not comment on whether Bitterman was fired over the Bible reference, saying it was a personnel issue.

“There was no action taken that violated the First Amendment,” she said.

Bitterman, who taught part time at Southwestern and Omaha's Metropolitan Community College, said he uses the Old Testament in the course and teaches it from an academic standpoint.

He said he called the story of Adam and Eve a fairy tale in a conversation with a student after the class and was told the students had threatened to see an attorney.

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Cuban archbishop: Catholic faith overcoming restrictions

MIAMI (AP) — A top Roman Catholic prelate in Cuba said during a visit to Miami's Cuban exile community that religious practice is slowly spreading in the communist nation despite rigid restrictions.

Archbishop Dionisio Guillermo Garcia Ibanez, named earlier this year to lead Catholics in Santiago, Cuba's second-largest city, said the church has been able to expand its reach, though it will be years before it achieves goals of even more openness.

“The faith of our community has manifested, it has

been reborn,” he said in a recent interview during a visit here. “The Catholic faith in our community has resurrected.”

Garcia would not pin the loosened restrictions on Fidel Castro's decision to temporarily hand over the government last year to his brother Raul. He said he has witnessed piecemeal improvements since his ordination in 1985.

Catholics once hoped simply to knock on doors and spread the Gospel, Garcia said, a dream that has since been realized. They prayed they could hold religious processions in the streets; he says there have now been more than 90. They pushed for Catholic radio broadcasts, which are now allowed once or twice a year.

“Hope is relative,” the 62-year-old archbishop said after a Mass at Ermita de la Caridad, the spiritual heart of Cuban exiles here. “We always need to work toward what we think is necessary, is fair.”

<http://www.ermi-tadelacaridad.org/>

“I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED”

Major Daniel Webster Whittle left home as a teenager and moved to Chicago where he became a bank teller at Wells Fargo Bank. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the Union Army and was badly wounded at the Battle of Vicksburg, losing his right arm. While he recuperated in the hospital, he became bored and picked up a spare Bible to read. One night, when a hospital orderly asked him to pray over a dying POW, Whittle confessed his sins and pleaded for God's promises. In 1883, he wrote this hymn as an expression of his testimony of faith in Jesus Christ.

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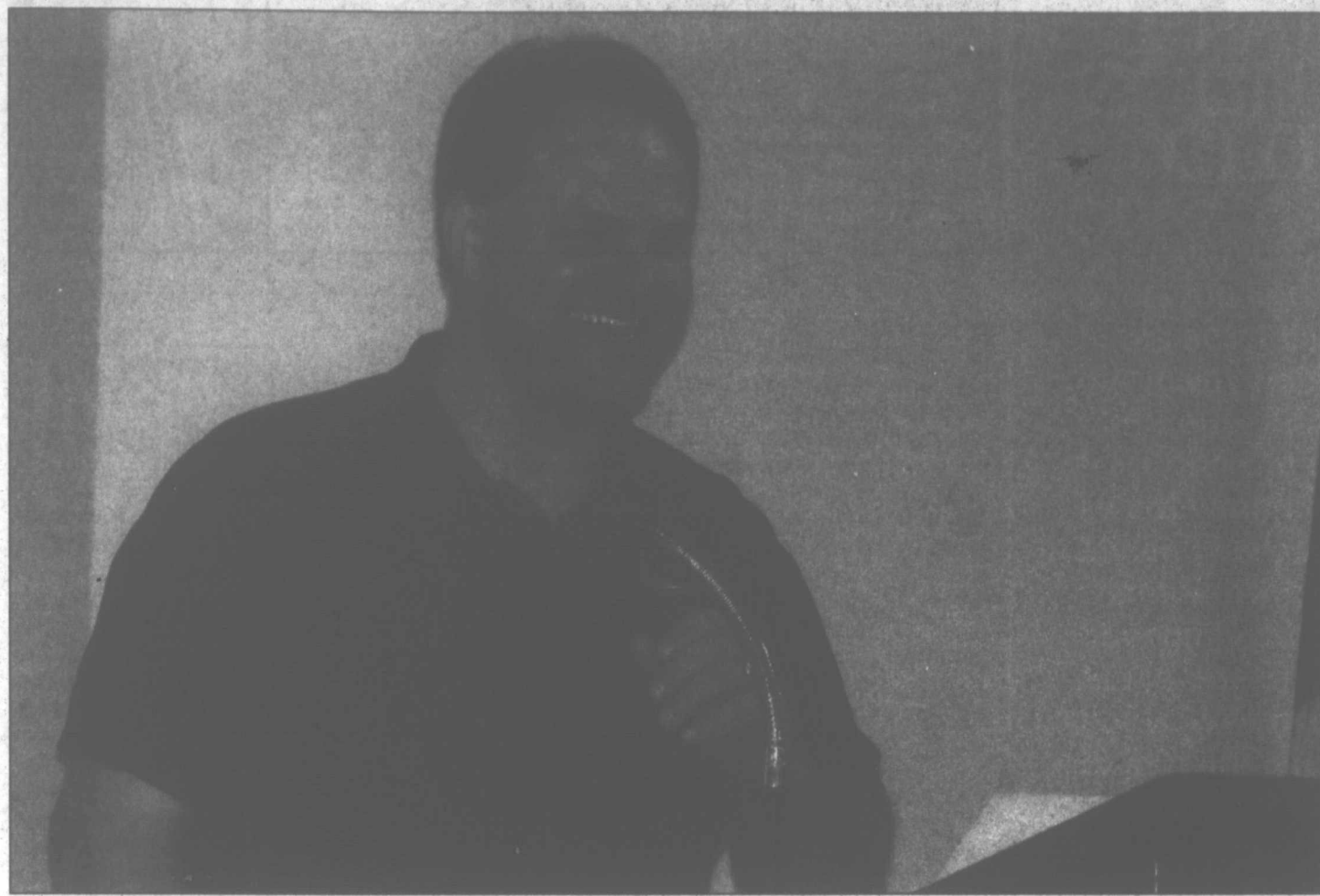
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Rotary Club



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Bob Erickson spoke at a recent Pampa Rotary Club gathering. Erickson serves on the board of the newly developed Pampa Education Foundation, a 501(c) (3) corporation. The foundation's mission is to partner with Pampa Independent School District and invest in the students of today to better grow the leaders of tomorrow. Erickson discussed short- and long-term goals as well as potential projects for the foundation.

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 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 non-profit Pease River Productions** will present its next show at 7 p.m. Saturday at Pease River Playhouse at Godlett. 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.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m.,

Wednesday and Oct. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• **Plainview Kiwanis Club** will host its 13th annual barbecue from 5-7 p.m. Oct. 5 at Estacado Junior High School cafeteria, 2200 W. 20th (southwest of Bulldog Stadium), prior to the Pampa/Plainview football game. Tickets are priced at \$5 apiece and will be available at the door.

Reese

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Reese might be naive enough to believe they will, but from the Shiite standpoint, it would be suicidal based on their historical experience. And from the Sunni point of view, a coup is exactly what they have

in mind. They are not going to accept permanent rule by the Shiites.

Sooner or later, the American people will realize we don't have the brains or the grit to run a world empire. When our political leaders try, they make fools of themselves. Business and commerce are our forte, and that's what we should stick to. Let somebody else play Caesar.

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

Talent

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door on a more urgent crisis: the competition for immigrants whose skills determine their employers' success in whatever country they work. A comprehensive reform would have boosted the number of temporary and permanent residency slots for this talent.

Skilled immigrants' productivity while working in the United States is staggering. In 1998, foreign nationals here invented or co-invented the technology for 7.6 percent of our international patent applications. Last year, these immigrants invented or co-invented 25.6 percent of the products for which patents were filed.

Is this brainpower we want or can afford to send to our rivals?

Some technology workers, it's true, support our stunted quotas: foreign-born talent, they argue, lowers the wages and discourages U.S. kids from studying technology. But vision, drive and skill generate ripple effects, making more jobs and increasing prosperity for everyone. Meanwhile, at the highest echelons of industry, employers will choose whichever workers give

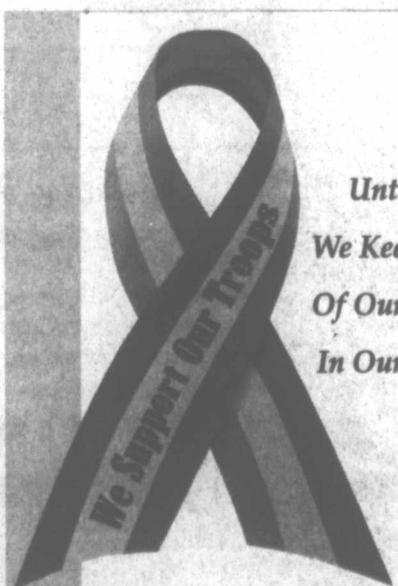
them a competitive advantage.

Interestingly, one of the authors of the Duke/Harvard study also argues against expanding temporary visas.

These workers-in-limbo pose little danger of becoming public charges here. Our immigration system instead should treat them as the assets they are, increasing

both temporary visas and the green cards to lure them.

We want these workers. They strengthen us. As more employers and local leaders warn about the consequences of losing them, Congress needs to change the quotas now freezing them out. URL: <http://www.chron.com>



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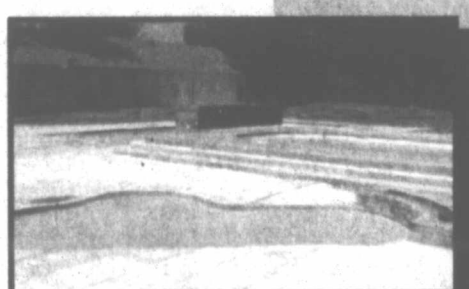
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I was diagnosed with a severe allergy to cold. I cannot touch, eat, breathe or be exposed to cold temperatures without serious risk to my life in the form of anaphylactic shock. Over the course of the last two years, I have learned how to manage this allergy and avoid most triggers, with the exception of the elements during winter months. I applied for and was issued a handicapped permit by the state that allows me to park as close as possible to buildings so I am exposed for the shortest time possible. With the exception of this severe allergy, I am a young, healthy, 25-year-old female. I have no physical disability. When I park in a handicapped space and get out of my car, I get accusing looks, glares, comments muttered under people's breaths, and one man even shook his head at me -- like, "How dare you?" I never know how to respond. It makes me feel embarrassed, angry and guilty. I avoid parking in handicapped spaces unless it is absolutely unavoidable due to extreme wind, cold, snow, ice, etc. Can you advise me how to handle these situations? And please remind people that just because a person doesn't have an obvious physical deformity it doesn't mean he or she isn't eligible for handicapped parking. — **SCAPEGOATED IN SYRACUSE, N.Y.**

DEAR SCAPEGOATED: Many people suffer from hidden disabilities that are not obvious to the casual observer. My advice is to ignore the people who give you dirty looks and go on with your business. If, however, you are challenged about parking in a handicapped zone, inform the person that you have a permit to do so which is on

file with the Department of Motor Vehicles -- and if that person wants to check, he or she should write down your license number and question the authorities. You are under no obligation to discuss your disability with a stranger, and I'd advise against it.

DEAR ABBY: I have a problem with my parents. Even though I don't have a boyfriend, they think I'm on with some boy. They are not ready to trust me. They feel I might run away with that boy someday. It might be a surprise to you that I do not wear any sort of Western clothes because they don't like it. They are not even ready to give me the freedom to choose my career. What should I do so that they will trust me? Please help me. — **SAD GIRL IN KUWAIT**

DEAR SAD GIRL: If you are wise, you will earn your parents' trust the easy way -- by volunteering information. Could the reason they don't trust you be that you don't tell them anything, so they assume you have something to hide? Or could it be that what you told them wasn't exactly true? In building trust, actions speak louder than words. It isn't what you say but what you do that matters. Whom do YOU trust? Those who have shown you by their actions that they can be trusted. So, show your parents that they can trust you, and I am sure they will eventually do so.

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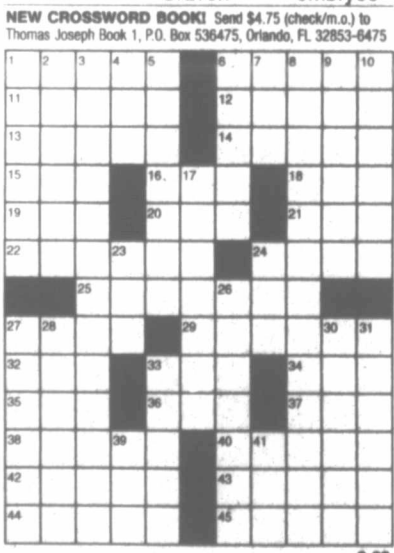


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 15 Mess up
 - 16 Letter after
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 - 20 Seamstress's aid
 - 21 Baseball's Hodges
 - 22 Made like a geyser
 - 24 Towel
 - 25 Tranquilizes
 - 27 Feeding time
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 - 32 Farming: Abbr.
 - 33 Jazz lover
 - 34 Before, to Byron
 - 35 Gene messenger
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- 13 Hat
 - 14 Acid type
 - 42 Blow
 - 43 — garde
 - 44 Singe
 - 45 Airport areas
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 - 3 French painter
 - 4 Bother
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 - 8 French painter
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 - 10 Fills with
 - 11 Minos's resolution
 - 17 Kept a low profile
 - 23 Director
 - 24 Chop up
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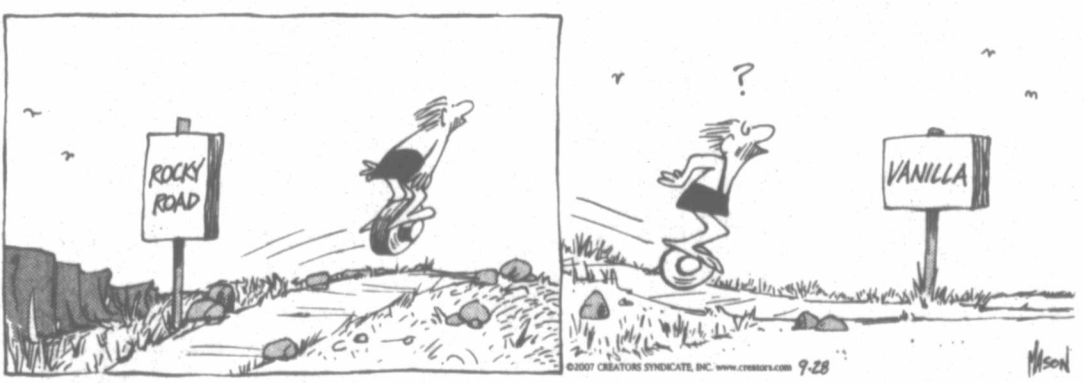


The Family Circus

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Sports Day

Golf champions



The Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association recently held their end-of-the-year tournament, at which Linda Olsen claimed the Club Championship. Pictured here are: (L-R) Jimmie Thompson who had the 2nd low gross score, Jean Jones who had the low net score, Brenda Kelley who had the 2nd low net score and Club Champion Linda Olsen.

Courtesy photo

Lady Buffs down ASU for seventh straight victory

CANYON, Texas — Sophomore outside hitter Natalie Johnson notched a team-high 10 kills and posted a .353 hitting percentage as the No. 18 West Texas A&M volleyball team collected its seventh straight victory Thursday night, sweeping Angelo State (30-12, 30-19 and 30-22) in front of 580 fans at "The Box."

The Rambelles, who were previously unbeaten in Lone Star Conference play, fell to 5-10 overall and 3-1 in league action. West Texas A&M, meanwhile, improves to 15-5 and a perfect 4-0 versus LSC competition.

As a team, the Buffs posted a .247 team hitting percentage while putting up a solid defensive effort and limiting Angelo State to a frustrating -.092 hitting percentage. The Rambelles also committed 38 errors as a team.

Sophomore outside hitter Laura Prinsen notched six kills to bring her team-leading total on the season to 262, while freshman middle blocker Cherilyn McMenamy maintained her high level of play with seven kills and four block assists during the match.

The Lady Buffs are back in action this Saturday when they host Abilene Christian in a 2 p.m. match at "The Box." In addition to getting into the Texas A&M-Kingsville football game for only \$5, fans who purchase a Red Zone ticket from any Amarillo Toot-n-Toum location will also be admitted free to the nationally ranked Lady Buff volleyball team's match against Abilene Christian.

McCoy injury and loss to K-State doomed Texas last season

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — It was a play that will live in Texas infamy. On a quarterback sneak, Colt McCoy pushed and stretched over the goal line for a touchdown when — crack! His head snapped back in a helmet-to-helmet collision with a Kansas State defender.

Excruciating pain tore through his neck, into his shoulder and down his right arm. McCoy was done after the opening drive, heading to the bench with a pinched nerve in his neck and essentially taking the Longhorns' 2006 season with him.

Now, McCoy has a chance to beat the Wildcats when No. 7 Texas (4-0) prepares to meet Kansas State (2-1) Saturday in the Big 12 opener for both teams.

Last year, a television camera caught a shot of McCoy yelling in pain on the bench. Texas went on to lose 45-42.

"The pain was bad, but there was no way that you could just fight through the pain," McCoy said. "It took away all (my) strength. It took away everything. Holding a football was hard," he said.

The injury battered McCoy and ultimately crushed Texas' season. The Longhorns had been rolling through an eight-game winning streak that had them in the thick of the national title chase.

When McCoy left the field, the entire team never really recovered. K-State jumped in for the kill with gadget plays and quarterback Josh Freeman passed for three touchdowns and ran for another.

The Wildcats ended Texas' 21-game Big 12 winning streak. When it was over, thousands of purple-clad fans stormed the field to celebrate coach Ron Prince's biggest win.

Things only got worse for Texas.

McCoy tried to come back two weeks later against Texas A&M but it was too soon. His strength had not returned and he threw three interceptions in a 12-7 loss that knocked Texas out of the Big 12 title game.

"It seems the life went out of our team when Colt got hurt," coach Mack Brown said. "It was disappointing."

It also proved just how valuable this baby-faced kid had become. It motivated McCoy to get bigger and stronger and better able to take the punishments in the trenches.

"It's a long season and it's tough," McCoy said. "The more you can withstand, the better your team is going to be."

McCoy has been inconsistent in the first four games this season. He's thrown seven touchdowns but already has five interceptions after throwing only four picks in the first

11 games last year.

When he passed for 333 yards and three TDs against Rice last week, Brown said he saw the "Colt of old."

"That was Colt's best game by far," Brown said. "He was relaxed and he made the throws he needed to make and he scrambled."

McCoy was a freshman along for the ride last season. He's the established team leader now and admits he's been trying — to a fault — to be perfect.

"I had been trying to put us in the perfect play. I had been trying to make every play and I don't have to do that," he said. "I have great playmakers around me."

Freeman was nearly perfect against Texas last season but hasn't been able to produce anything close to that performance since then. Since beating Texas, he's thrown two touchdowns and seven

interceptions.

"Last year, I was a young quarterback and at times a stupid quarterback," Freeman told the Austin American-Statesman this week. "This year I feel like I have a lot more balance in the pocket. I feel like I can make all the throws. My game is nowhere where it needs to be, but it's improving."

Texas players expect to see Freeman at his best on Saturday.

"He's a really gifted athlete," linebacker Scott Derry said. "He played really great (last year) and kind of had a coming out party against us."

Texas lost a lot with that defeat at Kansas State last season, but Texas players say they won't be looking back.

"This isn't a revenge game," Longhorns senior offensive tackle Tony Hills said. "What happened in the past, happened in the past."

Lions honor of 1957 team sparks review of lackluster half-century

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Lions plan to honor their 1957 championship-winning team at halftime of Sunday's game against Chicago.

Fans will roar, especially for Hall of Famers Joe Schmidt, Yale Lary and Lou Creekmur.

But some at Ford Field and watching on TV might also discuss one lingering question: Why have the Lions struggled so much for so long?

Detroit has won one playoff game since winning its last title. Only the expansion Houston Texans have won fewer.

The Associated Press interviewed a handful of Lions players from different eras, attempting to analyze why Michigan's most popular team hasn't had more success over the last half-century.

"I think the No. 1 reason is poor draft choices, and I'm not just talking about the guys that didn't work out recently," said Schmidt, a star linebacker who went on to be Detroit's coach from 1967-72. "It's not an exact science and there's some luck involved, but the Lions just haven't added enough players with the right combination of talent, character and passion over the years."

Team president Matt Millen has been criticized for his first-round busts — Joey Harrington, Charles Rogers and Mike Williams — that played a part in Millen's teams going an NFL-worst 26-73 since 2001.

But despite Detroit's 9-7 record the season before Millen arrived, he didn't exactly inherit a franchise set up for success.

Detroit's previous top executive, Chuck Schmidt, missed on five straight

No. 1 picks: Bryant Westbrook, Terry Fair, Chris Claiborne, Aaron Gibson and Stockar McDougle. If some of those picks had panned out, it might've helped the Lions avoid one of the worst stretches in NFL history.

Harrington, who might lose a starting job for the third straight year with a third different team, was just the latest player Detroit drafted desperately hoping he would be a franchise quarterback.

During the past 50 years, the Lions have drafted at least one QB in the first-round in each decade other than the 1970s.

Not coincidentally, Detroit has the same number of playoff wins as Pro Bowl QBs since 1957.

One: Greg Landry — 35 years ago.

"The thing I'll say in the organization's defense is, the Lions have not been bad for 50 years," Landry said. "But beyond that, the organization has not been able to make the proper moves to sustain the brief spikes in success that it has had each decade."

"We've had great players, Barry Sanders being the most recent, and it's too bad they were not surrounded with the player they needed to have success in the playoffs."

Before Millen and Schmidt ran the Lions, Russ Thomas was in charge from 1967-1990 and for many years people wondered why team owner William Clay Ford didn't fire him.

Ford, who took over as sole owner in 1964, has been the one constant for most of the lackluster half-century.

Nobody interviewed blamed Ford for the franchise's shortcomings, but ultimately he has hired — or didn't fire —

the executives and coaches who drafted, acquired and developed the players.

"I don't care what era you're talking about over the last 50 years, we have not figured out the pieces we needed until it was too late," said Charlie Sanders, who played tight end for the Lions from 1968-77 and was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame. "Also, we would hire a new coach who didn't agree with the vision of the previous coach and that would lead to another step back."

"The years with Barry, we had our best opportunity to do something, and we wasted it."

Sanders graced the Lions with his talents from 1989-98, and one of the NFL's all-time greats helped them rout Dallas 38-6 on Jan. 5, 1992.

Erik Kramer didn't realize that was Detroit's only win in the playoffs since its last championship.

"Wow. That's amazing and not in a good way," Kramer said. "It's really been an unfortunate run."

Jason Hanson agreed.

"It's sad for those of us that have a real attachment to the organization," said Detroit's kicker, playing in his franchise-record 16th season. "But for a lot of new guys, they don't care and that's probably a good thing."

"They're all about this year and getting something good going. There is a dynamic to this team that has been missing — the intangible of chemistry. But it's early and it doesn't matter what people say. It's about what we do, and until we're in the hunt and it's past mid-season, I don't really think we have much to talk about."

7 NL teams chasing 4 playoff spots heading into final weekend

By The Associated Press

How's this for a wild final weekend? With three games to go, seven teams were fighting for the National League's four playoff spots.

Philadelphia tied the New York Mets for the NL East lead for the first time since the season began, as the Chicago Cubs held a two-game lead over Milwaukee in the NL Central and Arizona was one game in front of San Diego and two ahead of Colorado in the NL West.

The East and West teams also were in play for the wild card, which the Padres led by one game over the Mets, Phillies and Rockies.

"It's exciting, but we still have work to do," Kyle Kendrick said after pitching the Phillies over Atlanta 6-4 Thursday night for Philadelphia's 11th win.

The plummeting Mets lost 3-0 at home to the St. Louis Cardinals, the 10th defeat in New York's last 14 games. New York was ahead by seven games with 17 remaining — a lead no major league team has failed to hold.

"There's two choices: Roll over and start making vacation plans for the off-season, or battle like hell and win this thing," Mets third baseman David Wright said. "We still feel like this is our division."

Chicago lost its third straight, 6-4 at the Florida Marlins, but maintained its margin because Milwaukee made five errors and dropped its second in a row, 9-5 to the Padres. As always, thoughts of imminent disaster are in the minds of many Cubs' fans.

"You can look in their dugout, and it's just like panic mode," Florida's Cody Ross said. "They're pacing up and down. We would be in the same boat if the situation were reversed."

Colorado extended its team-record winning streak to 11 games, winning 10-4 at the Dodgers.

Given an ominous weather forecast, Arizona manager Bob Melvin decided less than an hour before game time to hold back ace Brandon Webb (17-10) at Pittsburgh. Micah Owings pitched 6 1-3 innings and went 4-for-4 with three doubles and three RBIs in an 8-0 victory. He became the first pitcher to have two four-hit games in a season since the Yankees' Whitey Ford in 1953.

'Take me out to the opera': SF Opera hopes to hit high note with ballpark show

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — When the fat lady sings Friday, her audience will be eating peanuts and Cracker Jack.

Putting a major league twist on efforts by U.S. opera companies to bring their art to the masses, the San Francisco Opera plans to broadcast its latest production at the city's baseball stadium while it's being performed live across town.

Instead of rooting for their downtrodden home team, thousands of people are expected to fill AT&T Park's field and lower stands to watch Saint-Saens' "Samson and Delilah" starring Olga Borodina and Clifton Forbes on a jumbo video screen.

"We are going to have fun. We are going to sing 'Take Me Out to the Opera.' We are going to have tailgate parties, load up on the garlic fries, get our blue bloods here clotted up," said the opera's general director, David Gockley, who will welcome the satellite spectators from the stage of the War Memorial Opera House.

Gockley, a baseball fan, came to San Francisco from Houston last year with the goal of doing more to

"democratize" the company, to "open it up, air it out" and make it more accessible to new patrons, particularly young people. The first production he oversaw was simulcast to a truck-mounted screen in a public plaza near City Hall. He spoke admiringly of the Metropolitan Opera's decision to project its season-opening performance of "Madama Butterfly" last year on a giant screen in Times Square.

"It gives a sense to the city that you are celebrating opera in one of the most hallowed places of the city," Gockley said. "You do that, and all of a sudden opera takes a more important and central role in entertainment, in society."

Exporting carefully choreographed theater productions to remote locations requires more than setting up a handful of tripods. The free "Samson and Delilah" simulcast has its own director, Frank Zamacona, a veteran of documentaries and rock concert footage whose clients have included The Grateful Dead. He has not been shy about letting lighting and makeup departments know when their techniques

won't translate well to the big screen.

The changes won't be dramatic enough for the theater audience to notice, but could make a big difference for those in the ballpark, said Zamacona. For example, he asked to have the wig that Forbis wears to play the luxuriously tressed Samson refitted so the netting that holds it on would not be visible during close-ups.

While watching a video of an earlier performance this week, Zamacona noticed that in one scene the staff carried by a character obscured Samson's face from a certain camera angle. He made a note to ask the singer to hold the prop differently.

"No longer can (the cast) get away with, 'I'm not feeling well, so I'm not going to be all the way on.' People will notice," he said. "With high-definition, you can see every pore."

Baseball has inspired opera in the past, most notably William Schuman's 1953 "The Mighty Casey," an opera based on "Casey at the Bat." "The Summer King," based on the life of Negro League great Josh

Gibson, is currently under development by American Opera Projects, a New York company devoted to bringing works by new composers to the stage.

But the San Francisco Opera's simulcast is thought to be the first pairing of grand stage spectacle and major league sports of its kind.

The opera plans to use the show's three intermissions to both enlighten audience members and perhaps enlist them as future paying customers. During the breaks, behind-the-scenes interviews with the cast and opera staff, even scenery changes will be shown on the screen.

People who attend the ballpark simulcast will be offered a half-off promotional rate for certain performances during the remainder of the season. Because the offer only will be available through the Internet, Gockley said it will give him a tool for gauging how well the ballpark experiment worked in producing opera fans. About 20,000 people have pre-registered for free tickets to the show.

Knicks sex harassment case going to jury; lawyers trade claims

NEW YORK (AP) — She maintains she was booted from a top executive job for the New York Knicks solely because she accused famed head coach Isiah Thomas of boorish and bizarre behavior. The team says she was fired because of her own failings.

It's up to a jury to decide whose version to believe in a \$10 million sexual harassment lawsuit. Deliberations began Thursday and were expected to resume Friday.

In closing arguments Thursday, a lawyer for plaintiff Anucha Browne Sanders said the team's owner "completely fabricated its reasons for firing" the former executive.

Anne Vladeck told a jury of five women and three men that Madison Square Garden and its chief executive, James Dolan, should be forced to pay punitive damages because money "is the language the defendants understand."

At the trial in Manhattan federal court, Browne Sanders leveled accusations — denied by Thomas — that he routinely addressed her as "bitch" and "ho" during private meetings. Such conduct "may be OK at the Garden, but it's not OK under the law," Vladeck said.

In their closing arguments, defense lawyers argued that Browne Sanders was doomed by her own failure to adapt to an organizational shake-up that began with Thomas's hiring in 2004. A series of clashes with Thomas and star guard Stephon Marbury, poor job performance and personal financial woes put her in a precarious position that prompted her to make false claims, said MSG attorney Ronald Green.

"That's not about sexual harassment," he said. "That's about team politics."

Thomas' attorney argued that Browne Sanders defied logic by testifying that the once-abusive coach did an abrupt about-face, declaring his love for her and suggesting a liaison "off site."

"Interesting term — 'off site,'" said the lawyer, Kathleen Bogas. "Not particularly romantic. One would expect, 'Let's have dinner.' 'Let's have lunch.' 'Let's have a drink together.' But 'let's go off site?'"

Robert Ferguson's revenge? Former Packer hopes for big week for Vikings

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) — Robert Ferguson is so recently removed from the Green Bay Packers that he's still in regular contact with about 25 of their players.

He hopes to be the one bragging next week, after his new team takes on his old one. If the Vikings lose at home on Sunday to the Packers, boy, would that be a lot of trash talk to take.

"They brought him in, but at one point they said he's not good enough anymore," Minnesota offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell said. "So now he's with us. Guys play well in those types of situations, and we hope that he does that this week."

With Donald Driver established as Brett Favre's favorite target and

young Greg Jennings and James Jones emerging behind Driver on the depth chart, Ferguson fell out of favor in Green Bay and was released in the middle of training camp.

But the rival Vikings have been sorely lacking accomplished and reliable receivers since Randy Moss was traded before the 2005 season, so Ferguson was a natural fit.

"I'm in a great situation," he said. "I'm thankful that it went down the way that it did to where I can really help this team and really, really do some things in this sport right now."

Drafted in the second round in 2001 out of Texas A&M, Ferguson had his best year in 2003 when he caught 38 passes for 520 yards and

four touchdowns. But 2004 was a bad season for him. Driver and Javon Walker each had career years, diminishing his opportunities. Then came the game against Jacksonville in December, when Jaguars safety Donovan Darius hit him in the neck so hard with an extended arm that he lost his helmet, was temporarily paralyzed below the waist and still had problems with headaches the next spring.

The clothesline drew Darius a 15-yard penalty, an immediate ejection and a \$75,000 fine from the NFL.

"Ferg was one of the guys that never, ever even questioned going over the middle," said Vikings kicker Ryan Longwell, who played for the Packers for nine years.

"He'd go over the middle day in and day out, and when he took that shot ... it changes your attitude. We were all concerned for his health and well-being, but at the same time as a player you totally understand that you just don't bounce back from that and go run routes across the middle. So it's going to take some time."

Longwell said he sees "the old Ferg" now, but it has taken a lot of time. A knee injury in 2005 and a badly sprained foot in 2006 were further setbacks. The latter came on Oct. 2, and Ferguson said this week he wasn't 100 percent healthy until he signed with Minnesota on Aug. 21.

"You just have to give it time to let it heal," Ferguson said. He only has three receptions for

29 yards through three games, but those are average numbers on the pass-deficient Vikings. Ferguson started last week against the Kansas City Chiefs when Troy Williamson was inactive because of a strained hamstring, and coach Brad Childress said Ferguson has a "full understanding" of the offense after absorbing it for the past five weeks.

With the obvious extra incentive against the Packers, he might be due for a breakout. He hasn't had more than four catches in a game since Dec. 7, 2003. Oh, and Minnesota hasn't had a 100-yard receiver since Williamson last Sept. 17 — a span of 17 games.

"Hopefully I can get into the offense and get a few more balls my way," Ferguson said.

Lee caps Astros' comeback in 4-3 win over Cincinnati

CINCINNATI (AP) — Carlos Lee would have preferred a play-off berth, but he'll settle for a personal best.

Lee set a career high for RBIs with a tie-breaking, ninth-inning single as the Houston Astros beat Cincinnati 4-3 on Thursday night to complete a three-game sweep of the Reds.

"It feels good to go out and have the satisfaction that you did the job — that you did everything you could," said the left fielder, signed by Houston as a

free agent during the offseason. "You'd rather be in another situation, like a celebration for clinching the playoffs."

Ty Wigginton doubled off the wall in left field with one out against Gary Majewski (0-4) and he scored on Lee's single to left. Lee went to second on the throw home and advanced to third on Majewski's throwing error before scoring on Eric Bruntlett's single.

"You know there's going to be a play at the plate, and if he's

out, you want to be in scoring position for the next guy," said Lee, who drove in a combined 116 runs with Milwaukee and Texas last season. "I was almost at second when I saw the ball go over the shortstop's head, so I kept on running."

Cincinnati right-hander Matt Belisle was perfect through six innings but he couldn't help the Reds avoid being swept by the Astros in a three-game series in Cincinnati for the first time since Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2004.

Arkansas, North Texas trying to recover from rough late stretches

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Quick, guess which coach said this: "We've put ourselves in the hunt in the fourth quarter different ways. ... That's just where our players have got to start seeing themselves be successful in those points in the ballgame."

North Texas' Todd Dodge was the man lamenting his team's difficulty closing out games, but it could just as easily have been Arkansas' Houston Nutt, whose Razorbacks wasted fourth-quarter leads each of the last two weekends. The two coaches face each other Saturday night in Fayetteville, each seeking an elusive goal — four quarters of quality football.

"The theme this week is going to be: finish," Nutt said a few days ago. "We're pretty good for two, three quarters, and that's not good enough in our league."

Arkansas (1-2) dropped its first two Southeastern Conference games to Alabama and Kentucky, falling out of the Top 25 along the way. The Razorbacks lost to the Crimson Tide 41-38 on a touchdown with 8 seconds left. They lost to the Wildcats last weekend 42-29, allowing the game's final 21 points.

Those defeats overshadowed marvelous performances by Heisman Trophy candidate Darren McFadden, who is averaging 173 yards rushing per game. McFadden has a chance to lead the nation in that category — the way North Texas' Jamario Thomas did in 2004.

Now a senior, Thomas rushed for 117 yards last week in a 30-20 loss to Florida Atlantic. The Mean Green (0-3) led 20-13 heading into the fourth quarter before fading. North Texas' previous game was a 45-31 loss to SMU in which the Mean Green's Daniel Meager threw for 601 yards — that game was tied with less than five minutes remaining.

North Texas, of the Sun Belt Conference, was routed 79-10 by Oklahoma in its opener. "Besides that game, they've had a chance to win the last two games," Nutt said.

Arkansas squandered a couple chances to take control against Kentucky. The Razorbacks led 20-7 late in the second quarter before the Wildcats seized momentum by scoring on a long fumble return. Arkansas went back ahead 29-21 in the fourth when Felix Jones returned a free kick for a touchdown, but Kentucky answered and the Razorbacks couldn't move the ball toward the end.

Arkansas rushed for 338 yards in the game, but only 83 in the second half. "They definitely on defense rose to the occasion — they did a great job," McFadden said. "I credit them fully."

Dodge, who took over at North Texas this season after an outstanding run at Texas high school power Southlake Carroll, brought his spread offense to the Mean Green. Arkansas will likely use extra defensive backs on plenty of snaps this week.

"We know we're going to be in a lot of dime — just one linebacker in the game at a time," Arkansas linebacker Freddie Fairchild said.

The Mean Green has three players with 15 catches this season. Casey Fitzgerald had 18 in one game — for 327 yards against SMU.

Arkansas' receiving situation has been getting worse each week. Star wide receiver Marcus Monk hasn't played a down this season because of a knee injury, and tight end Ben Cleveland has been hurt as well. Last weekend, Arkansas lost promising freshman receiver Crosby Tuck to a broken elbow.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 29, 2007:

Greet innovation positively. Don't be intimidated by new technology or changes that seem a touch off-the-wall. If you smile and greet them positively, you will find that this year works. You will gain through a close partnership, professionally and/or emotionally. If you are single, you might want to spend more time with a special person. That love interest might be closer in timing than you think. If you are attached, you might decide to update your home or buy another one. You will love spending time at home. TAURUS really cares but can get oh, so heavy.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You might want to try something very different. With your instincts going in diverse directions, just confirming your feelings could take you down a very wild trail. A friend might have great ideas, but getting them to work is another issue. Tonight: Treat a pal to dinner. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Friends surprise you. At the same time, events could fall into place in a strange manner. What is sure is that you cannot dictate the form or the unfolding of events. You simply can choose to react or respond accordingly. Tonight: Claim your power. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★ You certainly don't have the final word. Just the same, expressing your opinions might not be worth it. You will

find that in a few days, people might become more receptive. Your imagination might take you out of the realm of the possible. Tonight: Where there is music.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on what you want. If there is a bump or a mini quake, you'll cruise right over the obstacle. A partner means well but might not be seeing events and situations as clearly as you right now. Tonight: Where the gang is. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Understanding takes you down a new path. The unexpected colors your relationships. Someone might not be telling the whole story. Listen to news that streams in your direction. There might be much more of a glimpse of reality there. Tonight: Everyone wants you around.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ The innovative and adventurous path is where the Virgo must go. Though this behavior is not your normal style, if you overthink it, you could get nervous. If you don't risk in life, you'll go nowhere. Tonight: Chat up a storm. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You make a difference. You might question that fact occasionally, even today, when someone tosses your efforts in your face. Don't accept this behavior. Get into why this person did and walk with him in his view. Tonight: How about a romantic dinner? SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You want what you want. What is new about that? Yet to get what you want, working with other people is imperative. Do flow and give more. Trust in that what you desire is appropriate and

will happen. Tonight: The only answer is yes.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Listen and share who you are. Others will listen, though you might not necessarily get the reactions you want. You could be a touch uncomfortable. Loosen up and relax with family and loved ones. Tonight: Make it easy. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Greet the unexpected with a smile. Your vision of what could happen might be startling. Sometimes your knee-jerk reaction is right up your alley, like now. Confusion surrounds spending and money. Tonight: Add more heat to a relationship. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Home is definitely where the heart is. You might not be comfortable anywhere but home. Invite key friends or company over. Whether you throw a painting party or a great dinner happening makes no difference. You're happy. Tonight: Let it all hang out. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might as well not hold back, as your expressions easily give you away. In fact, it might be easier to hear your words than see your expressions. You could be unusually sensitive right now. Tonight: Hanging out is fun to do.

BORN TODAY The singing cowboy Gene Autry (1907), newsman Bryant Gumbel (1948), singer Jerry Lee Lewis (1935)

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H-58 Sept. 28, 30, 2007

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10 Lost/Found

FOUND black & white female cat (in the 1900 bl. N Dwight), approx. 4 mo. old. Call 663-1248

13 Bus. Opp.

GREAT investment opp. Pampa motel. Retired couple or individual. 665-1875, 806-383-1985.

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19 Situations

WILL do housecleaning. Pampa area. 806-669-4223 or 806-665-2968.

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MAINTENANCE Man needed. Must have own tools & transportation. Plumbing exp. a must!! Call 665-1875.

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CALL 1-800-892-3301 (ASK FOR MINERVA) OR Apply in person at, 1201 N.Hobart, Space D (Coronado Center)

PHARMACY Clerk/ Delivery. Must be 18 yrs. old. Send resume to Box 55 c/o Pampa News, P.O. Box 2198, Pampa, Tx.

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Night & Day shifts available in Miami, Tx. Must pass drug test. Competitive wages, paid weekly, 401K & insurance, 2 weeks vacation after 1 year. Please call Turner Energy at (806) 898-0414.

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Shop Manager Wanted for Steel Tank Production Facility. Forman exp. required, must have in depth knowledge of most welding machinery, scheduling, personnel management, etc. 50 hrs per week. Most weekends off. Apply at Crall Products 2930 Hwy. 152 West Pampa, TX 806-665-8446

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The following is one CASA success story.



CASA received the case of two adorable children who were removed from drug-addicted parents. The oldest child was from an unknown father while the mother was on drugs at an early age.

The mother was in a big city, living on the street. After CPS called the mother's parents with concerns about the welfare of the child, the child was taken into foster care.

The mother found a new boyfriend who used drugs along with her. During that time, she became pregnant. She and the boyfriend would break up, and she would make progress. Then he would appear again, and her drug use would continue.

After her second child was born, she got off methamphetamines and eventually got back both her children.

Two months after the children were returned to their mother, a speech therapist with an early childhood program made an unexpected visit to the home. She found the mother high on meth. The father of the second child had come for a visit, and they used drugs together.

The speech therapist called CPS, and the children were removed. The oldest child was going through the process for the second time.

Fortunately, they were placed in a foster home that the oldest child had been in

previously. At that time, a CASA volunteer was assigned to the case. When the volunteer met the children they were 3 years and 6 months old.

The mother and dad had to work a service plan for CPS in order to gain custody of their children. Dad joined a church-based out-patient drug program and soon became drug-free. The mother attended in-patient treatment and did well also.

The mother had never stood on her own and had to learn how to get a job and manage a household. The parents lived together and learned to have a drug-free relationship. The mother got a job and then started taking college classes.

Both parents worked extremely hard to regain their children. Months later the two ended their relationship, but not their commitment to their children.

The CASA volunteer worked with this family every step of the way, encouraging the parents to do everything in their power to regain custody of their children. She constantly reported to the court what would be the best outcome for the children and worked tirelessly to see that the children's needs were being met.

These children were able to return to their parents and are doing well today. This was one case that had a wonderful conclusion thanks in large part to the commitment of a CASA volunteer who wanted to see the children have a chance at a better future.

—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.

Missing woman found alive after eight days

MAPLE VALLEY, Wash. (AP) — A woman who had been missing for eight days was found alive Thursday in her car at the bottom of a steep ravine after searchers traced a signal from her cell phone.

Tanya Rider, 33, responded to her name when her car was found along a highway in suburban Seattle, State Patrol Sgt. Dave Divis said.

King County sheriff's investigators used a cell phone signal to recheck a segment of the highway, State Patrol spokesman Jeff Merrill said. On Thursday afternoon, they noticed

some matted brush, and below it they found her Honda Element, smashed on its side.

"She looks very pale, very dehydrated. She didn't have a lot of cuts but had difficulty breathing," Merrill said.

Rider was taken to Harborview Medical Center, where she was in critical condition, hospital spokeswoman Susan Gregg-Hanson said. Her husband, Tom Rider, said she was "fighting for her life," suffering from kidney failure and sores from lying in the same position for a week.

Tanya Rider, of Maple Valley, was last seen Sept. 19 after leaving her shift at a Fred Meyer grocery store in Bellevue.

Her car tumbled about 20 feet down the ravine and lay buried below heavy brush and blackberry bushes. Rescuers had to cut the roof off to get her out.

Tom Rider said he was sitting down to take a lie-detector test at the sheriff's office so officers could exclude him as a suspect in his wife's disappearance when officers told him the car had been found.

Sublett

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football game wasn't from any of the players and not from a single coach.

It was the thoughtless people in the stands who failed to perform late in the fourth quarter and showed clearly that Pampa didn't deserve to win the game. It wasn't the players and coaches who let

the fans down, but it was the Harvester fans who let the boys and coaches down. And if you were one of those thoughtless fans, you need to call the school and apologize to the boys and coaches for letting them down. If we expect the players and coaches to give their best for us, then they have every right to expect us to give our best for them.

God, please, forgive us and open our eyes so that we can clearly see our ugly behavior. Then Lord, help us to never act that way again. Amen.

Flynn

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He made the earth and heavens where there were no heaven and earth. He made a man when there were no men. Israel at the Red Sea did not know how the Lord would show them His salvation, but He opened up the sea, and they marched victoriously through between the waters.

The Hebrew children, through the fire

(Daniel 3:25-26), were tried under threat but stood alone while other men worshiped the golden image the king had set up. It was not easy to disobey the command of the king, but with no promise of being delivered from the burning furnace, they took their stand for God.

They were in the fire. The king saw them. The Son of God was in there with them as He will be with every true and uncompromised saint of God. They were delivered from the midst of the fire as every Christian will be delivered from the fiery trials.

Cooper

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language in the country. He told them of the power that they would receive.

There is no way to know how long the apostles had been believers in Christ before being baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. According to Peter's statement, as long as Jesus saves people, this baptism with the Holy Ghost is for them also. (Acts 2:38) Jesus' church is in great need of this Pentecostal power.

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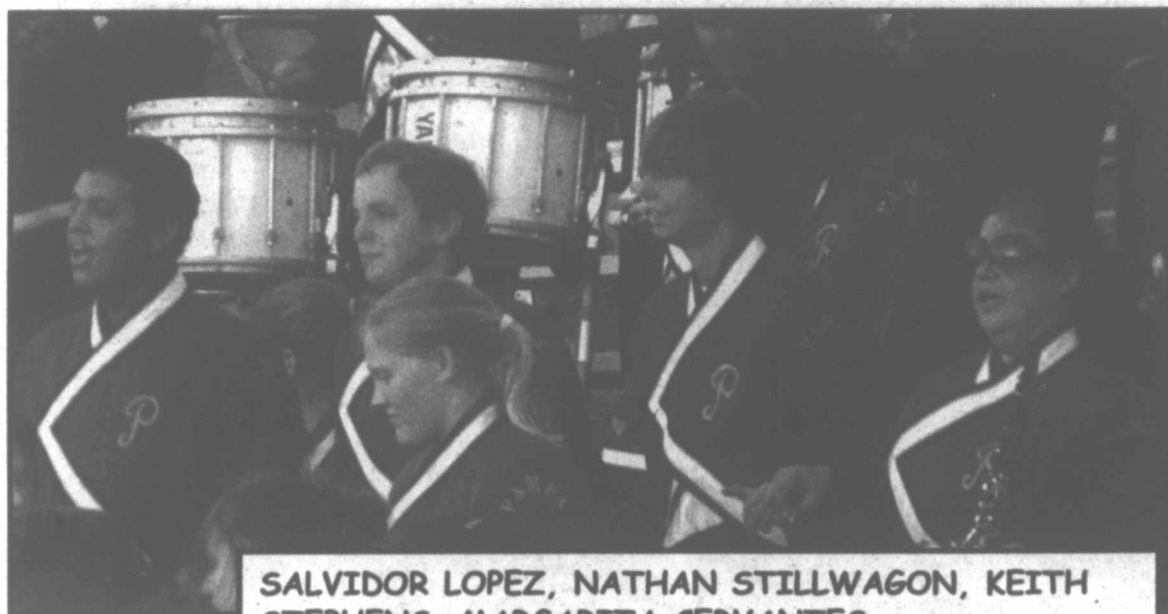
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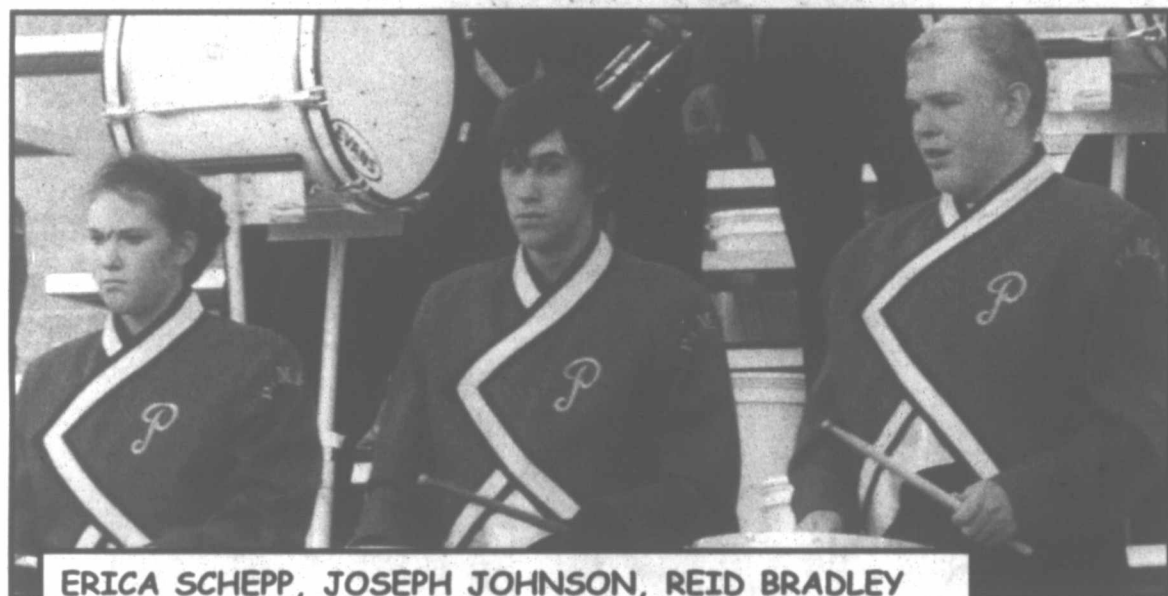
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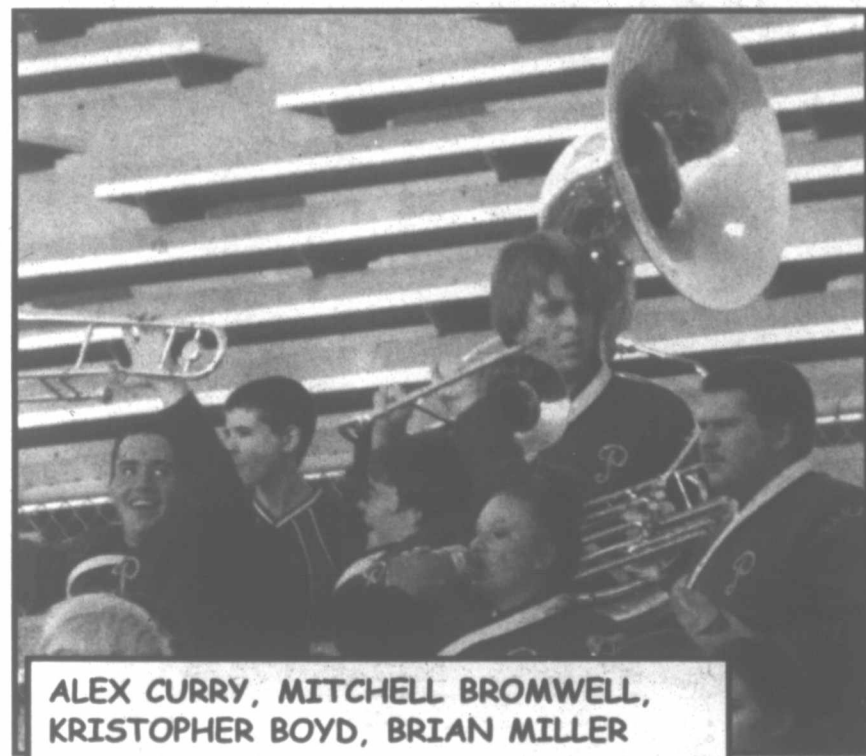
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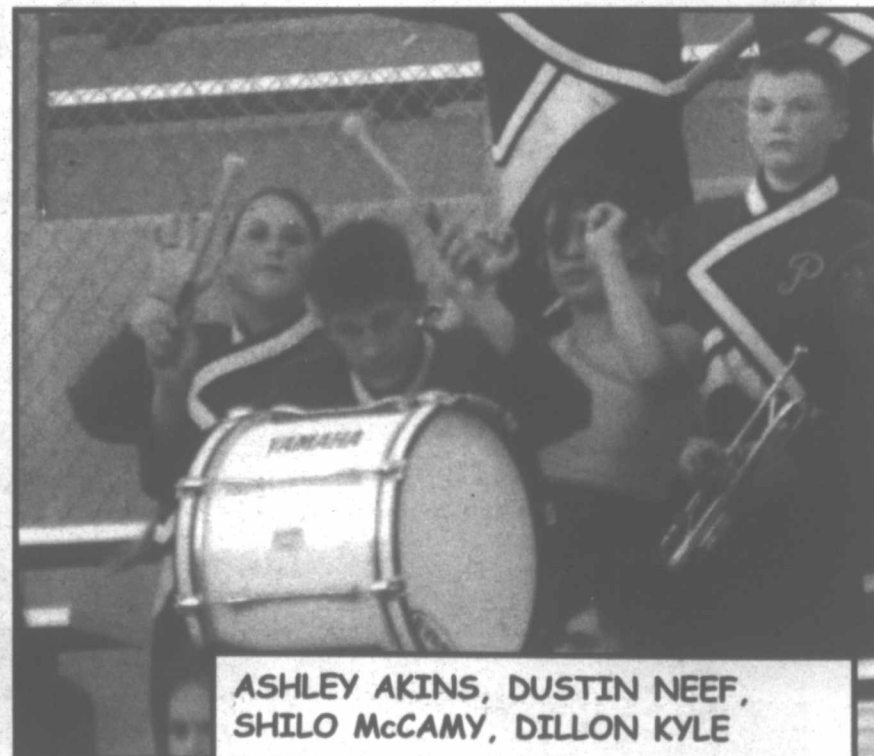
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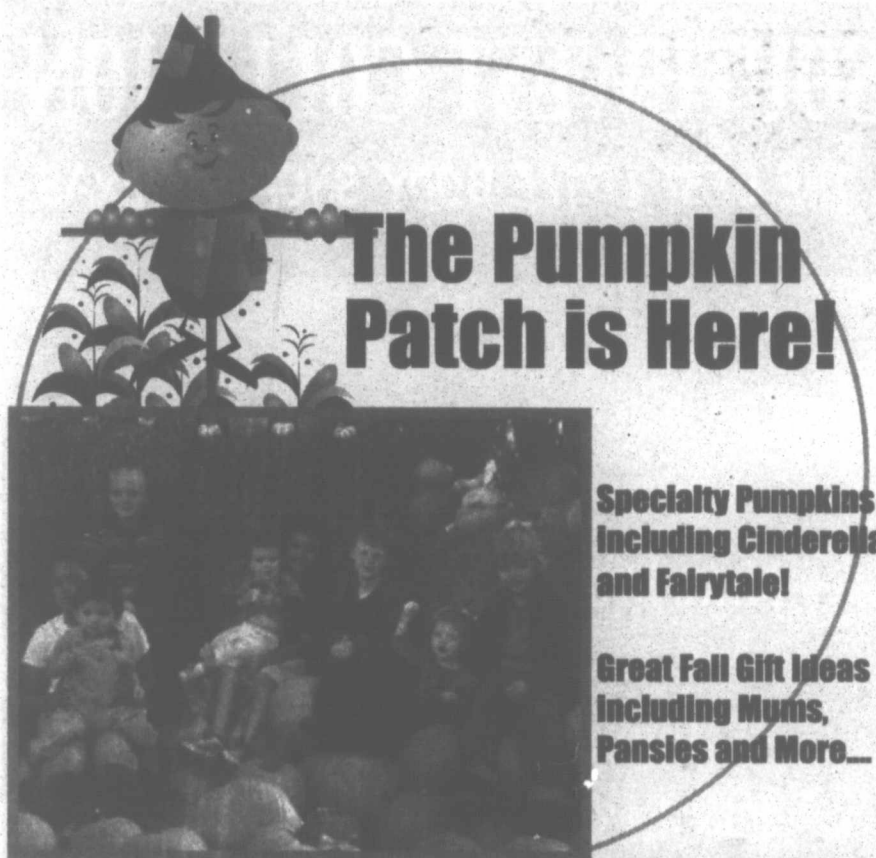
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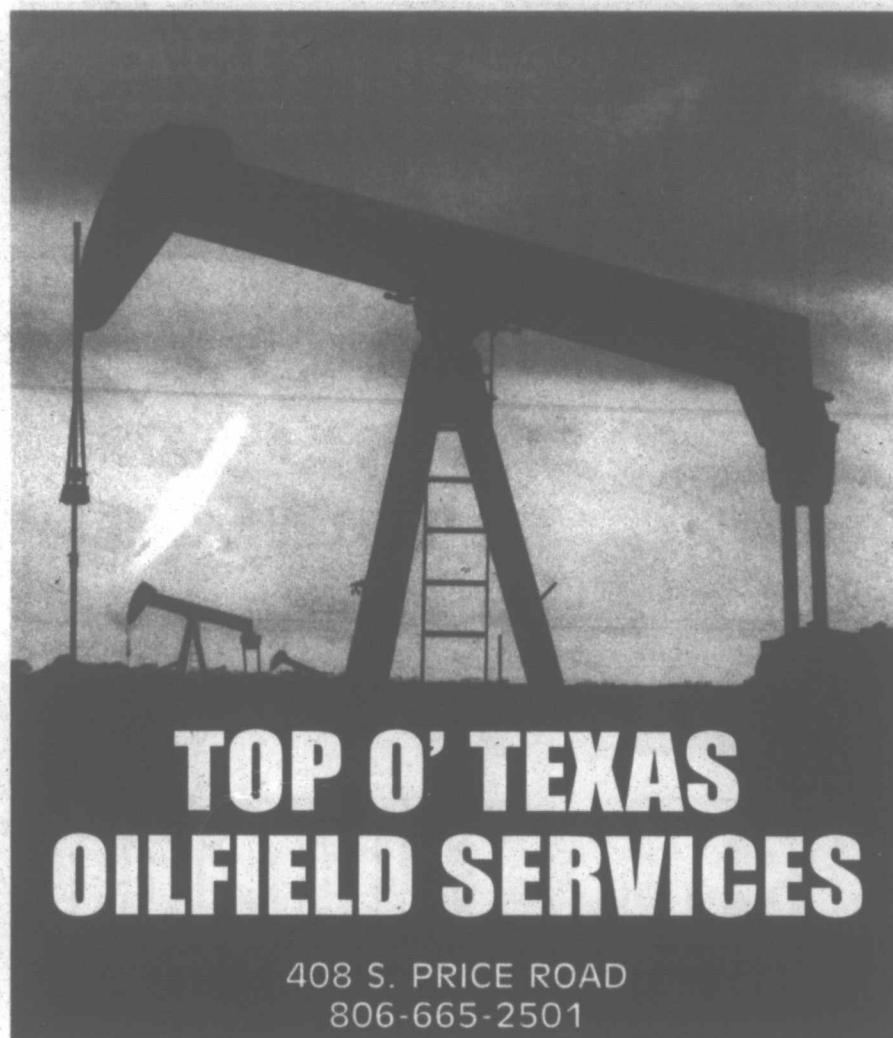


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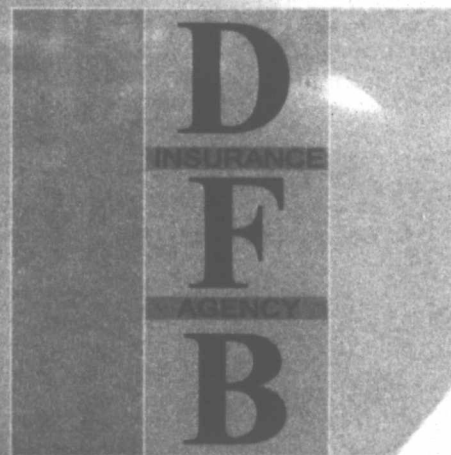
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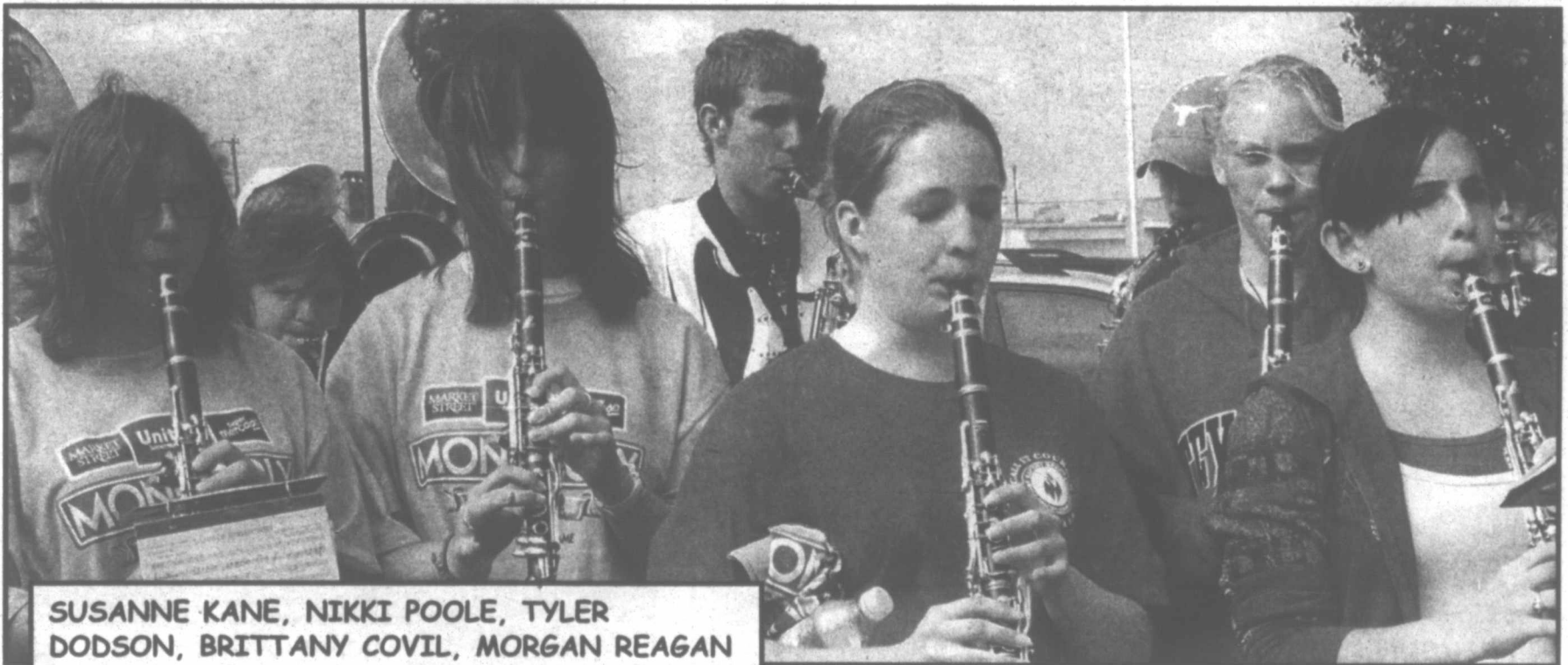




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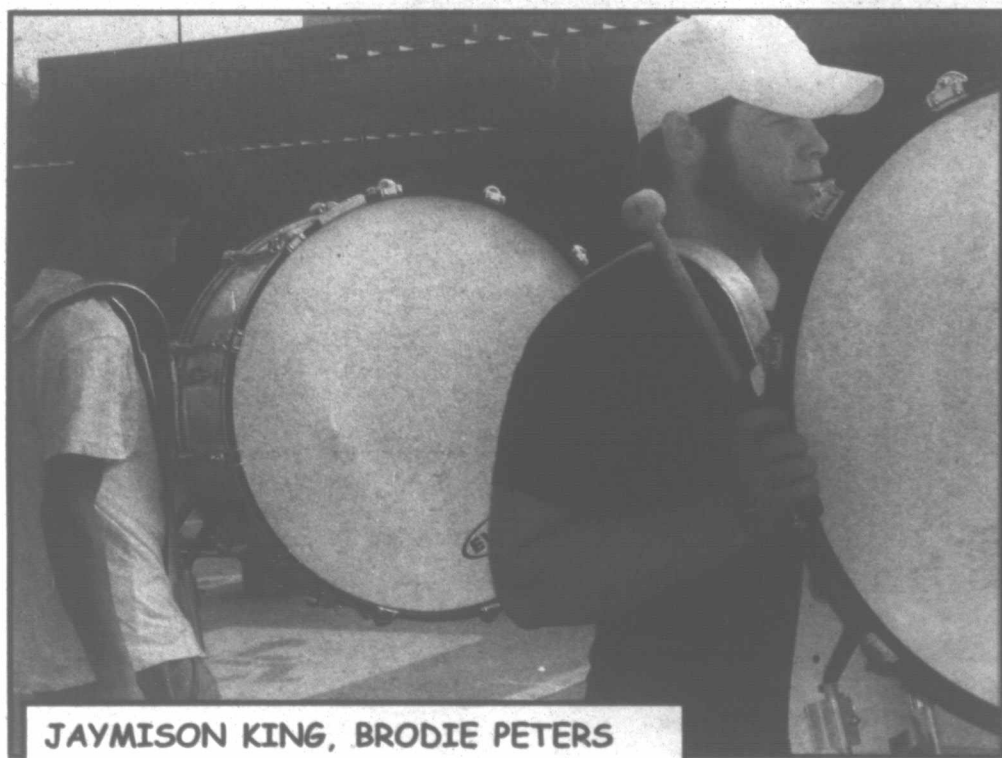
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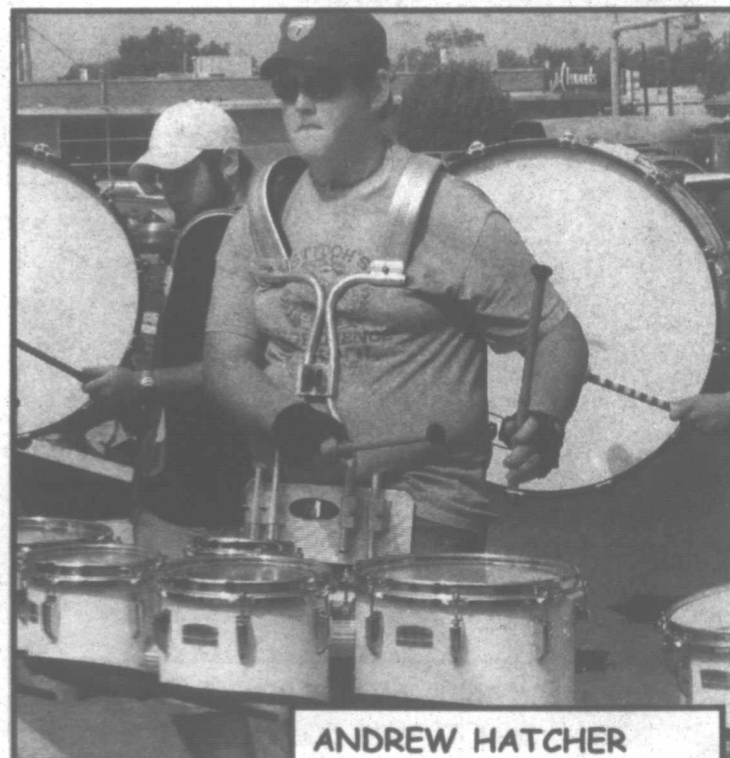
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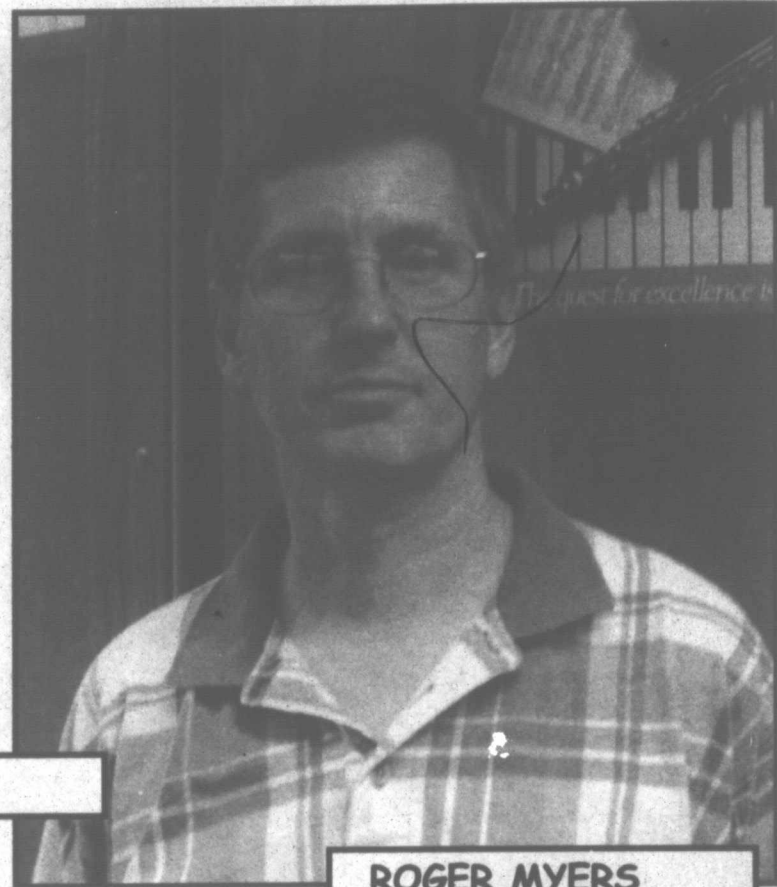
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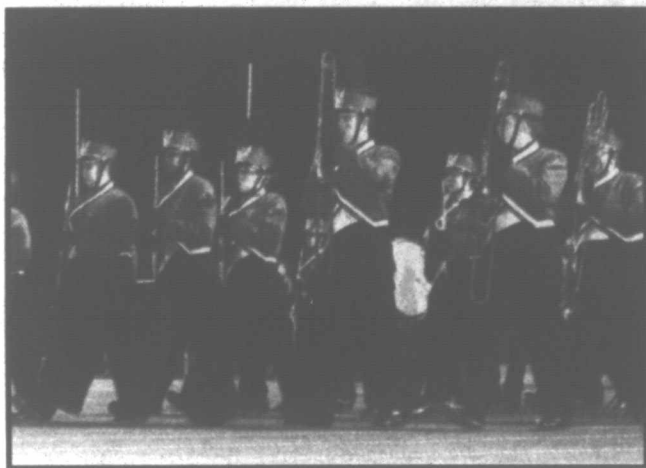
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A Pampa band man ten years in the making, and a euphonist at heart, Roger Myers is now in his third year as band director at Pampa High School. Myers, who attended high school at McLean and spent his college years at Southwestern Assemblies of God University and West Texas A&M University, couldn't be more more enthusiastic about this year's outstanding group of band students.

"This year has already been interesting, with the construction and having to adapt to new things," Myers said, "but they're already doing very well so far with learning their music and performing well on Friday nights."

At halftime during the football games this season, the band has been performing music from popular Las Vegas attraction, "Cirque de Soleil."

Myers remembers one of his proudest moments during his time here to be when the band was invited to play at a WTAMU football game a couple of years ago.

The Pampa community can expect to see many more proud moments with this year's students as they finish marching season this semester and move on to contest in the spring, along with a trip to New York City.

"These kids are having a good experience here, and I hope that their love for music will take them very far," Myers said, "this community has been very good to our program, and very supportive."

As for right now, Myers says the band is having a great time fulfilling their primary role as a band, "entertaining the community that has already done so much for us."

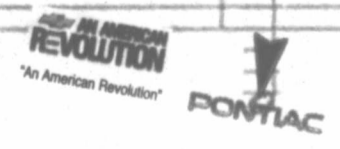
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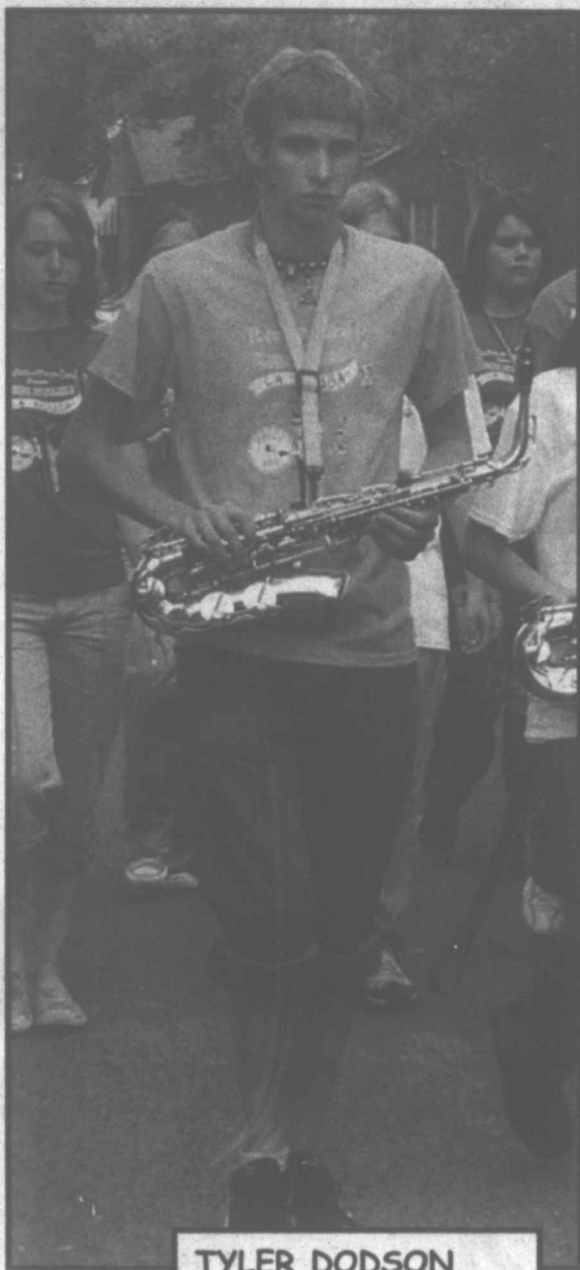
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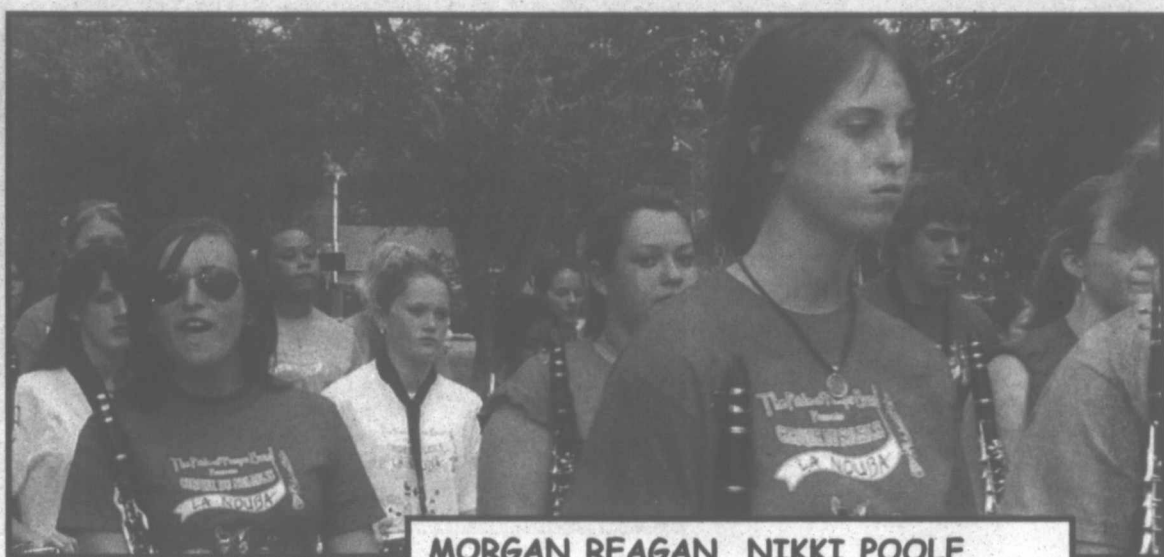
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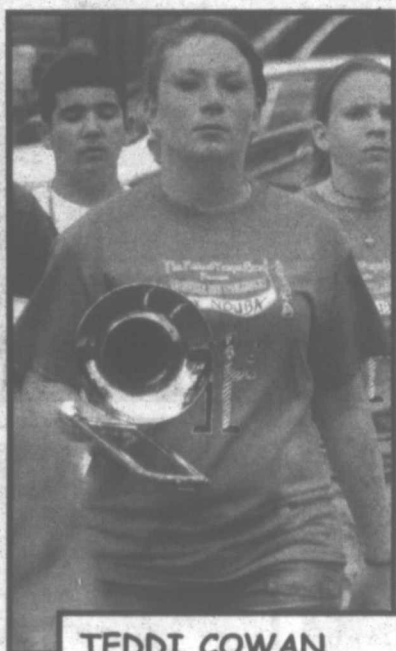
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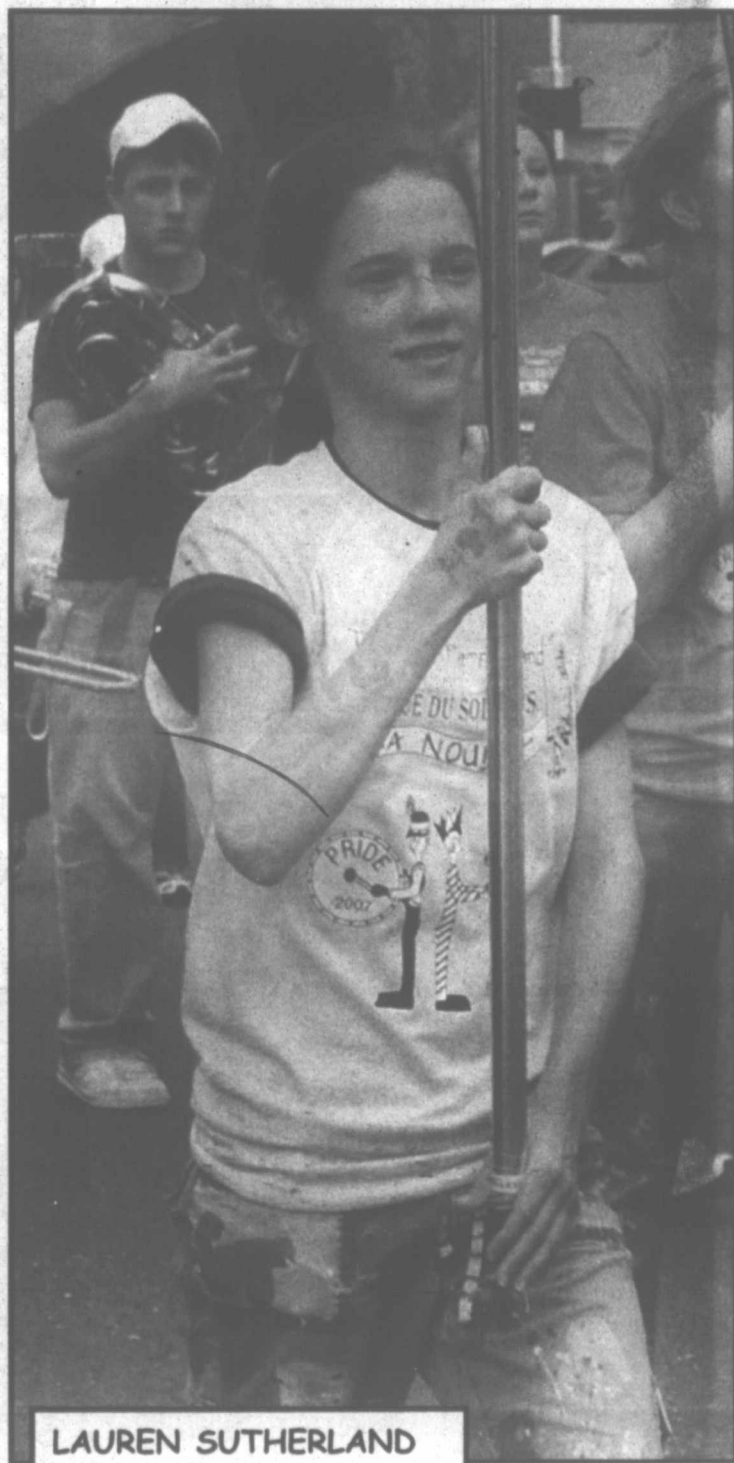
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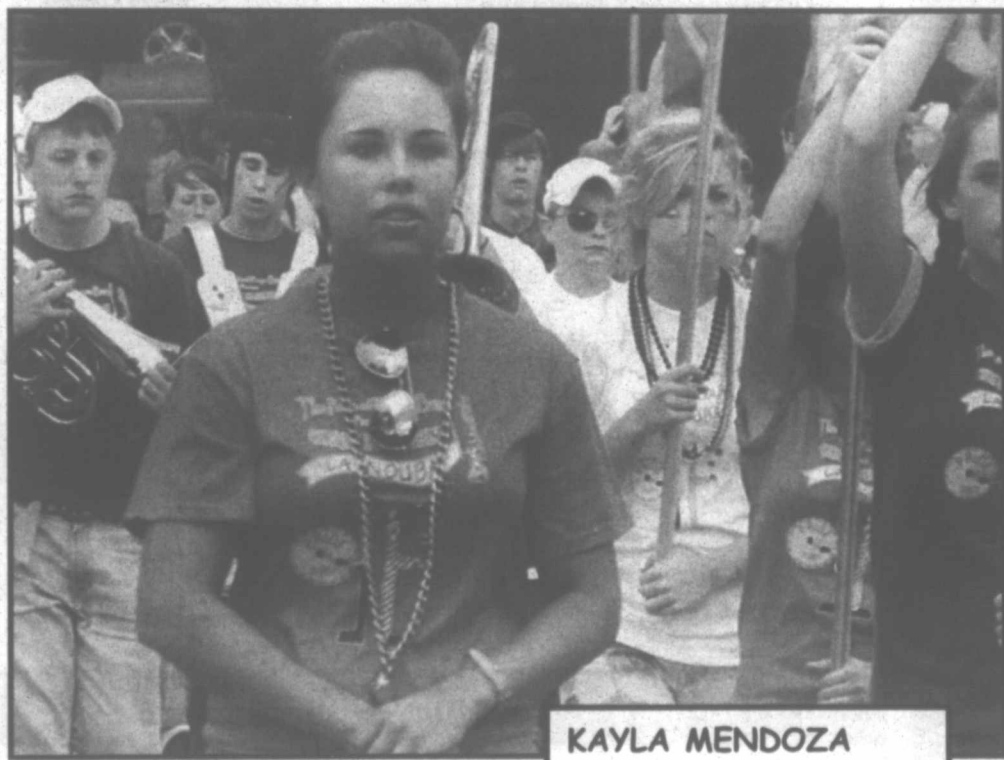
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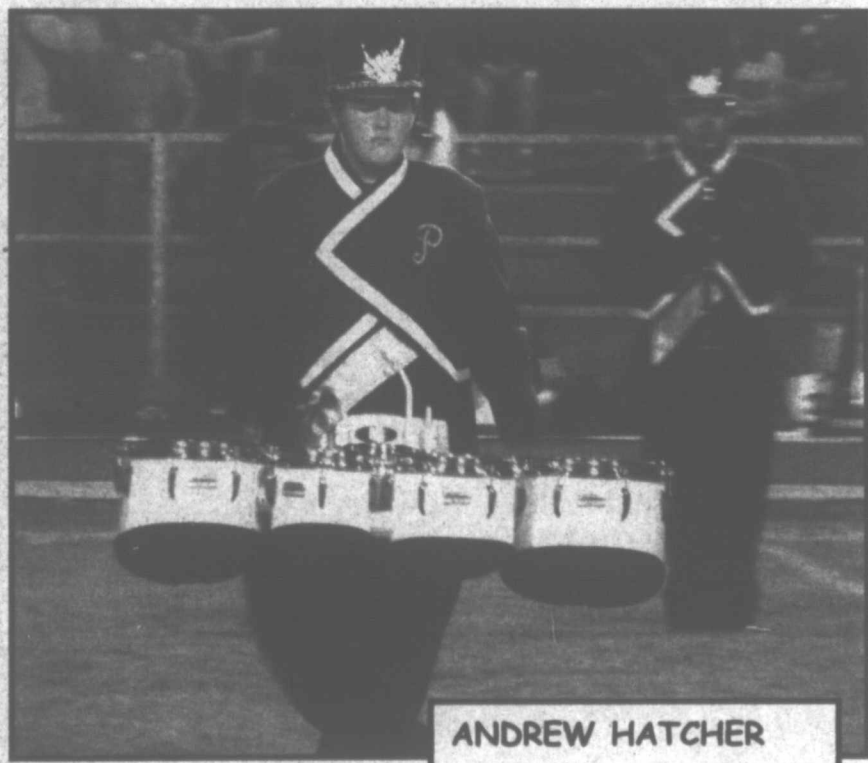
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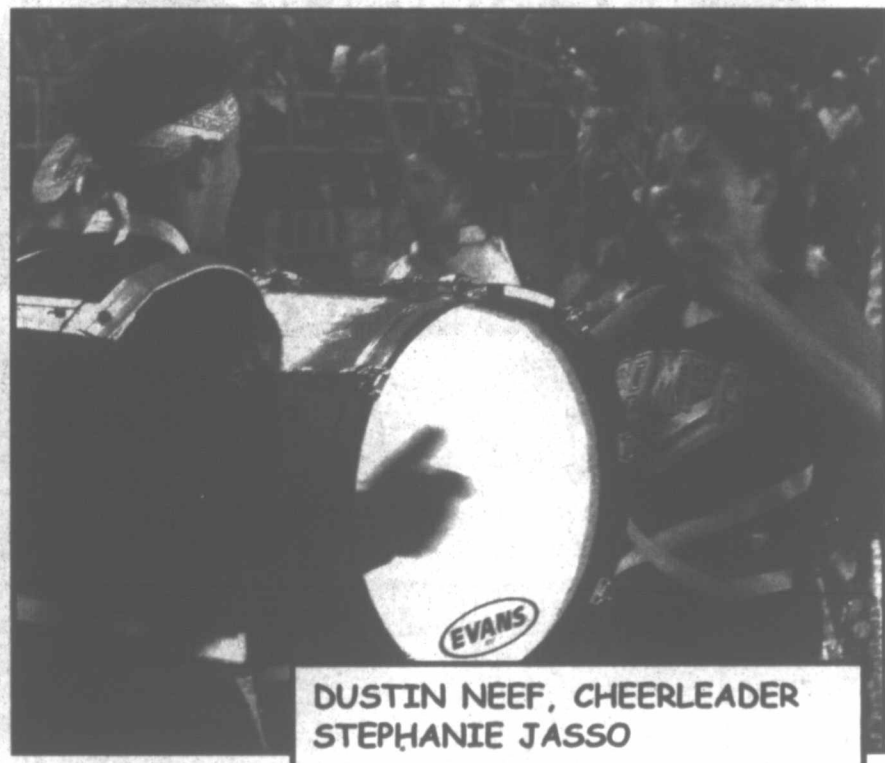
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