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County approves reinvestment zone

by Marilyn Powers
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A reinvestment zone was approved Wednesday by Gray County Commissioners at the request of Babcock and Brown, which has bought the Pampa Celanese plant and expects to take over the facility early next year.

The reinvestment zone will cover approximately two and one-half sections of land, the area to which Babcock and Brown will have surface rights.

A public hearing on the proposed

reinvestment zone drew no comments. Chris Shugart of Babcock and Brown then gave a presentation on the company and its plans for the Pampa plant.

"We bought all the real estate and the physical assets," Shugart said. "We will not be in chemical production. We will demolish that part of it."

The site will be known as the Pampa Energy Center. A steam turbine generator will be installed to use steam generated from burning coal in order to generate electricity. The process will generate 160

megawatts of power.

"We will be building a new 15 kilovolt transmission line to carry the power we generate," Shugart said. "We have signed a term sheet with a buyer for this power. We are negotiating with them to take the power long-term."

Construction of the energy center is expected to be completed in late 2010. Babcock and Brown expects to hire 19 of the existing Celanese staff, and will employ 40 to 50 after the energy center becomes operational.

Babcock and Brown also is con-

structing a wind energy facility in Carson County, with expansion of the wind farm planned in Carson and Gray Counties, Shugart said. The company owns a wind-generated power plant in Sweetwater and is planning two others, one near Pantex west of Panhandle and the other on the Gulf Coast.

A reinvestment zone is an area in which a company may request tax abatements for new facilities or improvements to existing facilities. The tax abatements may be granted

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School spirit! Homecoming activities planned

by Julie Ann Thompson
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A host of Pampa Harvester Homecoming activities are planned for the next couple of days.

A parade will kick off the homecoming weekend today at 4:15. It will start in front of the high school, go down Mary Ellen Street past Central Park, and through the downtown area. Grand Marshals for the parade this year will be one of Pampa High School's 2008 Hall of Fame inductees: Donna Conley Pierce.

The Pampa Harvester homecoming game will be held at 7:30 tomorrow against Plainview.

PHS students have had dress-up days every day this week in celebration of homecoming. Monday was Hat Day, Tuesday was Cowboy and Indian Day, Wednesday was Old Man/Old Woman Day, today is Green and Gold Day and tomorrow will be Dress-Up Nice Day.

There will be a reception for the Harvester Veterans at 1 p.m. on Friday in the Church of Christ Fellowship Hall on Harvester Street. Anyone who played football for the Harvesters is invited to attend.

It will be a time for them to get together and discuss the "good old days." Drinks and cookies will be served. Following the reception, the Harvester Veterans will have special seating at the pep rally. A bus will be

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Book sale
 Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers
 Rachel Schmidt sorts books into various categories for the Friends of the Library's sixth annual paperback book sale, which will be Saturday and Sunday in the conference room on the north end of Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston. Sale hours will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday.

Local organizers gearing up for Woody Guthrie Days

by Marilyn Powers & David Bowser
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Woody Guthrie's granddaughters will perform at a media picnic between White Deer and Panhandle Friday afternoon in advance of the Woody Guthrie Days celebration in Pampa this weekend.

Cathy and Annie Guthrie, Woody Guthrie's granddaughters and Arlo Guthrie's daughters, will perform between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday in the Handicapped Accessible Picnic Area on U.S.

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Man charged twice in two days

by Marilyn Powers
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A Pampa man is free on \$15,000 bond after he was arrested and charged with two offenses in two days.

Scott Bradley Howard, 40 was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail at 7:40 p.m. Tuesday on a charge of theft of property over \$1,500 and under

\$20,000, according to jail records.

Gray County Sheriff's Office had received a report Tuesday

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Grand jury hands up 11 indictments PHS to honor hall-of-famers

by Marilyn Powers
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A Hemphill County grand jury handed up 11 indictments Sept. 25 in 31st District Court in Canadian. The indictments were for two first-degree felonies, four second-degree felonies and five state jail felonies.

Kelsey Wray Tippy, 17, was indicted for two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child. Bond on each of the first-degree felonies was set at \$20,000, for total bond of \$40,000.

On May 30, Tippy allegedly committed two counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child younger than 14 years of age.

Tippy was also indicted for indecency with a child. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On April 28, Baca-Carrillo allegedly caused bodily injury to another person by intentionally, knowingly or recklessly cutting the person with a knife.

Jose David Baca-Carrillo, 35, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On May 30, Tippy allegedly engaged in sexual contact with a child younger than 17 years of age.

Jose David Baca-Carrillo, 35, was indicted for aggravated assault

Two Pampa High School graduates will be named to the PHS Hall of Fame during an induction ceremony at 10 a.m. Friday at McNeely Field House at PHS.

Donna Conley Pierce, Class of 1952, and Eddie Rand Southard, Class of 1971, have been named as two outstanding PHS alumni who have contributed significantly to the betterment of their professions and their

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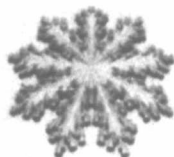


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Sunday



Mostly sunny Partly cloudy Mostly sunny

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.
Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Windy, with a south-southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 82. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

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Ruthie Louise Adkism, 75

Ruthie Louise Adkism, 75, of Pampa, died Oct. 1, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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Emergency Services

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. Wednesday.

Monday, Sept. 29

Nine traffic stops were made. Possession of marijuana was reported in connection with a stop at the intersection of Atchison and Starkweather streets.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of Foster and Wynne streets.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Kentucky and Duncan streets.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, the intersection of Somerville and Hobart streets, and the 2600 block of Navajo.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 2300 block of Aspen, the 2600 block of Navajo, the 700 block of Octavus, the 700 block of Malone, the 1100 block of Huff Road, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 300 block of Anne, the 2000 block of Mary Ellen, the 200 block of West Crawford, the 2800 block of Rosewood, the 2400 block of Cherokee and twice in the 700 block of North Somerville.

Found property was reported at the intersection of 22nd and Hobart streets, and the police department lobby. Found property consisting of a wallet and contents was reported in the 1000 block of Crane Road.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet and contents were lost.

Welfare checks were made in the 100 block of West 30th and the 300 block of East Frederic.

Civil matters were reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 700 block of North Banks, the 400 block of West Buckler, the 1800 block of Alcock and the police department lobby.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of North Zimmers.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of West Kingsmill, the 2200 block of North Hobart, the 600 block of East Browning and the 100 block of East Tyng.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1900 block of North Wells.

Failure to register as a sex offender was reported in the police department lobby.

Violation of a city ordinance was

reported in the 300 block of North West, the 400 block of North Gray and the 1000 block of Terry Road.

Disorderly conduct was reported twice in the 2300 block of Fir.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of South Somerville and the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 500 block of North Naida and the police department lobby.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 1200 block of Darby.

At least one arrest was made in connection with a domestic disturbance which was reported in the 500 block of North Warren.

Assault was reported twice at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. One incident involved two students fighting. Minor injuries were reported. At least one arrest was made in connection with the second incident.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner.

Fraud was reported in the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway. A check was altered so that the amount of the check was changed from \$9 to \$90.

Burglary was reported at the Moose Lodge, 401 E. Brown. A front window was shattered and several bottles of alcohol were taken.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Magnolia.

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Nineteen traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of Pitts, the 400 block of North Sumner, the intersection of 18th and Hobart streets, the 800 block of East Browning, the 2600 block of Dogwood and the 1800 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2300 block of Primrose, the 1600 block of North Faulkner, the 2600 block of Duncan, the 900 block of Malone and at Travis Elementary School.

Found property was reported in the 2200 block of Hamilton.

One suicide threat was reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 700 block of North Dwight and the 1000 block of Neel Road.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2400 block of Charles, the intersection of Brown and Somerville streets, the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of North

Hobart and the 300 block of North Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 700 block of Murphy.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

Telephone harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Three alarms were reported. One open door was checked.

Theft of service was reported in the 1100 block of Duncan. City water was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

Nine traffic stops were made.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of 23rd and Lynn streets.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of East 17th, the intersection of Somerville and Florida streets, and the 500 block of North Hobart.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Scott Bradley Howard, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for theft of property over \$1,500 and under \$20,000.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Oct. 1

2:57 p.m. — Two units and five personnel responded to a vehicle fire in the 200 block of North Cuyler.

7:24 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Gray County Road C and Gray County Road 8 on a gas odor.

5:56 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 2800 block of North Charles on a fire alarm.

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

Wednesday, Oct. 1

12:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

1:12 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to University Medical Center in Lubbock.

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital.

Grand jury

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Kevin Lee Frysiger, 33, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$15,000.

On May 25, Frysiger allegedly threatened another

person with imminent bodily injury by pointing a handgun at the person.

Renato Rascon-Lucero, 37, was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On April 28, Rascon-Lucero allegedly threatened another person with imminent bodily injury by shoot-

ing a vehicle in which the person was the driver.

Austin Gene Conley, 26, was indicted for two counts of graffiti with pecuniary loss less than \$20,000. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$20,000, for total bond of \$40,000.

On July 27, Conley allegedly made markings with aerosol paint on a school located on 6th Street in Canadian without the effective consent of the owner and thus intentionally or knowingly caused pecuniary loss of less than \$20,000 to the owner. Conley allegedly also used aerosol paint on July 27 to intentionally or knowingly make markings on another person's property without the person's consent, resulting in pecuniary loss of \$1,500 or

more but less than \$20,000 to the owner.

Jack Allen Gideon, 49, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000.

On Feb. 2, Gideon allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine.

Derek Ray Parker, 27, was indicted for two counts of graffiti with pecuniary loss of less than \$20,000. Bond on each of the state jail felonies was set at \$20,000, for total bond of \$40,000.

On July 27, Parker allegedly used aerosol paint to intentionally or knowingly make markings on a school located on 6th Street in Canadian without the owner's consent, resulting in pecuniary loss of less than \$20,000 to the owner. Also on July 27, Parker allegedly used aerosol paint to intentionally or knowingly make markings on another person's property without the person's consent and resulting in pecuniary loss of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 to the owner.

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Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Milo. 6.86
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Soybeans. 8.63

County

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for anywhere between zero and 100 percent of the property tax owned by the business, and they may be awarded for a period of one through 10 years.

Babcock and Brown's wind energy project in Carson County is on land that has been designated a reinvestment zone, and the company has already received tax abatements in Carson County for the project, Shugart said.

Babcock and Brown was founded in 1977 in San Francisco, Calif. as an investment advisory firm. It had \$70 billion in assets under management worldwide as of 2007, Shugart said. The company is one of the largest owners of jet aircraft and rail cars in the world, and leases the aircraft

and rail cars to the appropriate companies.

"Our strongest presence in the U.S. is wind generation," Shugart said. "We also do energy distribution, power generation, transport, renewable energy and social infrastructure."

Other local property owned by Babcock and Brown includes Westgate Mall in Amarillo and Natural Gas Pipeline.

In other business, commissioners tabled a proposed sale of two tracts of county-owned land in Alanreed. The proposed sale will be on the agenda of commissioners' next meeting.

Ann Davidson, executive director of White Deer Land Museum, received approval to seek bids for painting windows, doors and trim at the museum.

Commissioners also approved seeking bids for the jail commissary, sale of a 140 Caterpillar motor grader

owned by Precinct 1, and sale of a 1994 pickup owned by Precinct 2 and declared surplus property. The motor grader and pickup may be viewed at the Precinct 2 County Barn on East Highway 60.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby received approval to remove a speed limit sign and other regulatory signs from County Road E west of Price Road to the Carson County line. Also approved was transfer of a hangar area lease of Lots 30 and 31 at Perry LeFors Airport from HRM Enterprises to B&B Producing Co.

Cancellation of juror checks, dating before 2008 was approved, as was the county's 2009 holiday schedule. Recognition was given to county employees who completed Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents training, which is related to emergency management.

PHS

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available to drive 10-12 people over to the gym if help is desired.

If you are a Harvester veteran, you are invited to join in these Homecoming festivities. Please call Tanya Quisenberry at 669-4800 at the high school or at 802-2002 if you plan to attend.

Homecoming King and Queen nominations were made Thursday, September 18

during homeroom by PHS seniors. Homecoming candidates for 2008 are as follows:

King Candidates: Justin Fuentes, Ryan Funderburg, Cobran Harris, Dustin Neef and Casey Trimble.

Queen Candidates: Kamie Doughty, Kelby Doughty, Jessica Minor, Teysha Parker and Alyssa Seitz.

Homecoming King and Queen will be elected by the entire PHS student body this week during homeroom. The winners will be announced before the game tomorrow at 7 p.m.

Guthrie

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Highway 60, the Woody Guthrie Memorial Highway, and Carson County Road S about 5 miles east of Panhandle.

The girls, who live in Austin now, will be joined by Sam Doores of New Orleans, Cam Snyder of Washington State and Josh Paulson of Pampa.

Paulson, the new director of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, said the Friday afternoon event is to promote this weekend's Woody Guthrie Days festivities.

The weekend celebration will center at the folk music center, 320 S. Cuyler, the site of Shorty Harris' drugstore where Woody Guthrie worked as a soda jerk in the 1930s. It was at the drugstore, now the folk music center, that Guthrie found an old guitar in a back room and began his musical career.

The folk singer's life and history will be celebrated with a schedule of events beginning at 6 p.m. Friday and continuing through

Saturday evening. Guthrie, perhaps best known for writing the song "This Land Is Your Land," lived in Pampa from 1929 to 1937 and learned to play the guitar here. He attended Pampa High School and worked at Harris Drug Store, which is now the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

The weekend kicks off with a meet and greet at 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center, 320 S. Cuyler. Food and refreshments will be available at Alice's Restaurant, located behind the center. The restaurant shares its name with a song written and recorded by Guthrie's son Arlo.

Musical performances will begin at 7 p.m. at the center. Scheduled performers include Cameron Snyder from Washington State and Sam Doores of New Orleans, La., as well as special guests.

At 9 p.m. or as soon as darkness allows, an outdoor showing of the film "Bound for Glory" will be projected on the wall of the Woody Guthrie Inn, 400 S. Cuyler. Those attending may wish to bring chairs or blankets, said

Josh Paulson, executive director of the Pampa Woody Guthrie organization.

Saturday's events begin at noon with an open jam on the lawn of the Folk Music Center. Refreshments will be available at Alice's Restaurant.

A fund raiser dinner is scheduled for 7 p.m. Saturday at the AmericInn Event Center, 1101 N. Hobart. Entertainment will be provided by Matt Martindale, Paulson and special guests. Dinner will be catered by Macaroni Joe's of Amarillo.

The dinner will include a ceremony to honor Mary Jo Guthrie and other Guthrie family members in attendance.

Tickets for the dinner are \$30, with proceeds to benefit the Folk Music Center.

For more information on the event and for tickets, contact Paulson by e-mail at woodyinpampa@gmail.com, or call 663-9078.

Tickets are available at the folk music center and at Easy's Pop Shop, 729 N. Hobart.

Arrest

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from a property owner at Ingram Ranch off Highway 152 on County Road 15, said GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard. The owner reported theft of property which included farm and ranch supplies such as steel posts and barbed wire. Estimated value of the items taken was over \$8,000, Hoard said.

Investigation of the incident led to a warrant for Howard's arrest for the theft, Hoard said. Bond on the charge was set at \$5,000.

A second charge against Howard was added Wednesday for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, with bond on the

charge set at \$10,000.

The assault charge concerned an incident which had been reported Sept. 21 at the ranch, Hoard said.

"At that time, deputies received a report of a disturbance involving a firearm,"

he said. "They took the report and the investigation began."

Howard was released Wednesday from jail on bond after the second charge was added, according to jail records.

Famers

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communities, according to a Pampa Independent School District press release.

The ceremony is open to the public. Also open to the public is a reception at 7 p.m. today at Pampa Junior High School Library.

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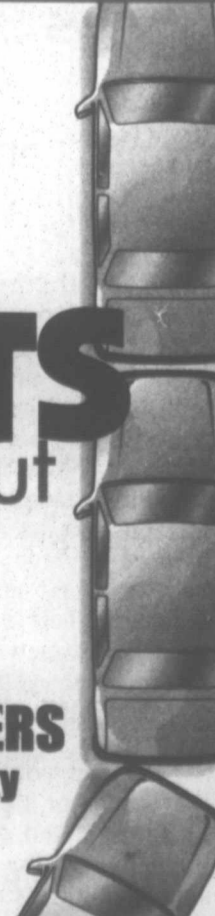
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Oct. 2, the 276th day of 2008. There are 90 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 2, 1967, Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as an associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

On this date:

In 1780, British spy John Andre was hanged in Tappan, N.Y.

In 1835, the first battle of the Texas Revolution took place as American settlers fought Mexican soldiers near the Guadalupe River; the Mexicans ended up withdrawing.

In 1869, political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi was born in Porbandar, India.

In 1919, President Wilson suffered a stroke at the White House that left him partially paralyzed.

In 1941, during World War II, German armies began an all-out drive against Moscow.

In 1944, Nazi troops crushed the two-month-old Warsaw Uprising, during which a quarter of a million people were killed.

In 1950, the comic strip "Peanuts," created by Charles M. Schulz, was syndicated to seven newspapers.

In 1958, the former French colony of Guinea in West Africa proclaimed its independence.

'Heresy is another word for freedom of thought.'

— Graham Greene
English writer
(1904-1991)

Our readers write

Pigeons lend 'Hitchcockian' air to town

Dear Editor
It's getting much to Hitchcockian around Pampa. It's a toss up between the Post Office building and downtown, or from 1200 Hobart north to the old Pampa Mall, as to where the greater problem roosts.

Perhaps, by offering a nominal entrance fee for a weekend "shoot," the city could increase its bank account's bottom line by doing so?

Or, worried that a stray shot might take out a window or three, perhaps the city could spread a little "tainted" bird seed on top of some roofs? Weekend shoot or tainted seed, the city has to do something about the

pigeon plague. The filth left by the sky rats on walks as they roost, plus the damage they create to businesses (clogged gutters causing water backup on roofs that leads to costly repairs) is reason simple the pigeon population needs to be considerably lessened.

A fact: One female pigeon will clutch two to three broods a year, which equates to as many as nine more birds a year to poop on a shoppers head, or clog that gutter.

It's time, Pampa city government, to add pigeon control to the to-do list.

Dennis Palmitier
Pampa

Man's best friend can be SO ungrateful

Today I would like to discuss man's, or, er, woman's best friend — whichever the case may be. I suppose for our purposes it must be woman's best friend.

Lest there be any confusion about who my best friend is — and, really, in my mind I do sometimes get confused on the subject for reasons which I hope will become clear by the end of this column — I am referring to my worthless mongrel. I have two dogs actually, but only one of them is a mongrel.

The other is a Labrador. Usually in this column, I malign the black lab, whom I call Jetta, with absolute complacency. To know her is to understand. The other dog I usually brag about and compliment. Her name, by the way, is Honey, and, really, she IS a Honey ... for the most part anyway.

She, um, tends to be a little conceited. I believe the blame for her rather glowing self-opinion rests solely with me. I praise, and I coo and I cajole. She really has me at her command. Mostly.

I have to admit, we both generally agree she's the bee's knees. Generally. However ...

Let me now say: I am partial to BIG dogs like Labradors and Great Danes and German shepherds and so on. Honey was supposed to be a type of mastiff. She was supposed to grow ... a lot. Though somewhat chunkier and taller than a Cocker Spaniel, she still isn't the size of my Labrador.

Skyla Bryant
Lifestyles Editor

Did I hold that against her? Did I let the fact that I gave money for a dog that is a fraud deter me the least bit in my affections? No! I fell for her hook, line and sinker. ... The



stinker.

Now, I know that some would say that allowances SHOULD be made for the fact that I gave her no choice when I foisted Jetta off on her. She has let it be known that I had no RIGHT to bring that dog into our family.

Jetta, while an absolutely adorable puppy, was trouble from Day 1. I declare, if a dog could be said to be born bossy, annoying and assertive, Jetta would embody that dog. She could be Cujo minus the evil over-

tones. She isn't a bad dog, exactly. She is simply ... obnoxious and, and busy — very busy. In Jetta's defense, she is also extremely loyal.

Unfortunately, the same cannot be said of Honey. The ingrate.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but don't most self-respecting dogs consider it their dogly duty to accompany their people everywhere they go whenever possible?

Humph, not Honey.

I recently invited her into the backyard with me AFTER DARK. She lay curled up very tidily on her pallet. I asked her sweetly if she would like to go outside with me and Jetta who, in typical annoying fashion, was bouncing hither and thither at the prospect of guarding me in the backyard.

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File compression: How to store more

Ever need to copy a group of files to a CD or thumb-drive, but discover, all too late, that they won't fit? Or how about this: You download a file with a ".rar" extension and can't open it. My friends, you need a compression program.

Compression programs have been around for years. Up until recently, you had to be a computer geek to use one, though. Cryptic interfaces and technojargon kept all but the most intrepid computer users at bay. Today, a myriad of compressor/decompressor programs exist that can take the headache out of this task. Heck, Windows even has a simple mechanism for creating "compressed folders."

But, wait! I'm getting ahead of myself. What is a compression program? Long ago, when floppy disks were physically larger, but held much less information, clever computer geeks devised ways of "squeezing" computer files so that they would fit. In a sense, a compression program "lets the air out" of a computer file

allowing it to be stored or transported more efficiently.

As an example, let's say that I needed to send a beachball through the mail. Would I send you the fully inflated ball in a big box? Of course not.

I would let the air out first (compression), wad it up and stuff it into a smaller

box. Once you receive my "box" in the mail, can you immediately start playing with it? No. You must open the box, take out the beachball and blow it back up (decompression). The same metaphor works if you want to store (archive) the beachball until next summer. You deflate the ball and put it up on a shelf somewhere. When summertime rolls around, you take it down and blow it up.

Now that you understand the need for compression, let's talk about what really happens in the compression/decompression process.

One of the smallest computer data measurements is called the "byte." A single byte of memory can store one letter of the alphabet or one numeric digit. For instance, my name, "Eric" would take four bytes of computer memory.

Imagine a standard computer file. Somewhere

in there, you'll probably find a grouping of spaces, maybe nine in row. Normally, to store nine spaces, the computer would need to allocate nine bytes. However, a compression program can change the nine spaces to a symbolic representation of the same, while only taking up a small amount of space.

For instance, if an asterisk represented a space, the original data would look something like "*****". After the compression program, that same data would be represented by something like "9*". That symbolic repre-

sentation only takes up TWO BYTES! Now, as you guessed, once these types of changes have been made, it is impossible to use or view the files. Only after decompression will they be available to work with.

The most common compression standard is the ".zip" file. And the most common decompression/compression program on the market today is "Winzip." You can check it out at

<http://www.winzip.com>. Winzip is shareware. You may use it for 45 days free of charge. If you like it, pay the \$29 fee. If not, delete it and choose another. Keep in mind: Windows XP can compress and decompress zip files without any need for third-party software. However, the process is not very intuitive...

So when would you use a compression program? I picture two scenarios — archival and transport. If your hard drive is filling up, you may want to compress and move

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Economy: Factory orders drop by 4 percent in August

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories plunged by the largest amount in nearly two years in August as the credit strains began to hit manufacturing with full force.

The Commerce Department reported that orders for manufactured goods dropped by 4 percent in August, compared to July. That's a much worse performance than the 2.5 percent decline that economists had expected. It was the biggest setback since a 4.8 percent plunge in October 2006.

The weakness was led by big declines in orders for aircraft, down 38.1 percent, and autos, which fell by 10.6 percent, the worst performance in nearly six years.

Orders for non-defense capital goods excluding aircraft, considered a good indication of business investment plans, fell by 2.4 percent, the biggest setback in this category 19 months. It's an indication that businesses are slashing their investment plans in the weak economy, and growing credit strains are making it hard for

companies to get loans to expand and modernize.

The Senate on Wednesday approved an administration-backed bill to provide \$700 billion to the Treasury Department to buy bad mortgage debt from the financial system as a way to get banks to resume more normal lending operations.

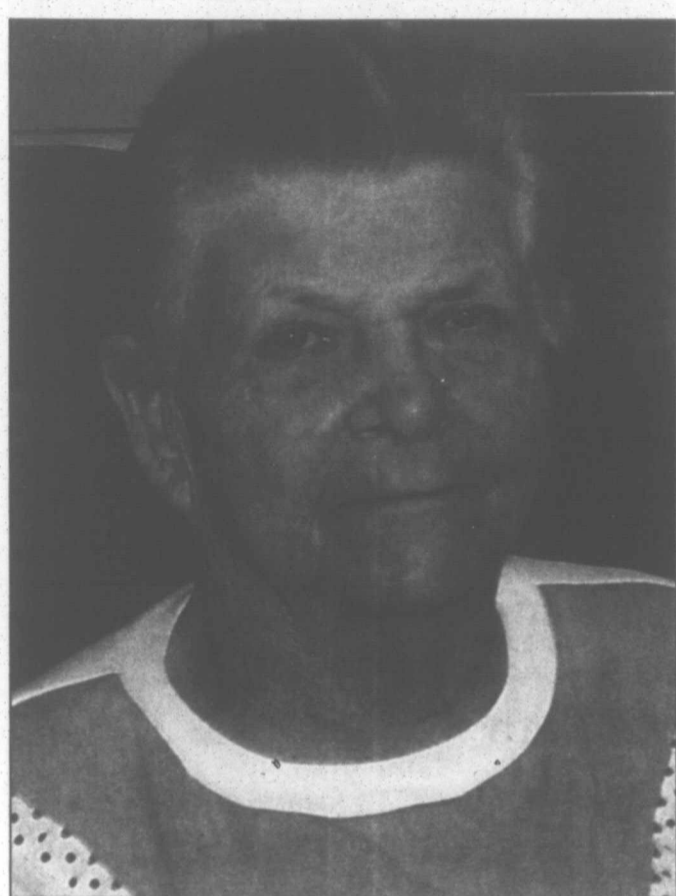
Analysts are concerned that the economy is so stretched, however, that the country is headed for a recession even with the largest government market intervention since the

Great Depression.

An earlier report Thursday showed the number of newly laid off workers filing new claims for unemployment benefits rose to 497,000 last week, an increase of 1,000 from the previous week. It was the highest level for jobless claims since just after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks seven years ago.

The government is scheduled to release figures Friday on unemployment in September. The expectation is they will show layoffs rose by

100,000, the largest increase this year, with the unemployment rate holding at 6.1 percent.



submitted photo

Louise Sissom is being recognized as the September Resident of the Month at Coronado Healthcare Center in Pampa. Sissom is married to Carl Sissom. She moved to Pampa in 1966 and worked at the Black Gold Motel as housekeeper and manager for approximately 15 years before retiring to take care of her mother. Her interests include growing flowers and caring for a variety of pets including dogs, cats and parakeets. She currently enjoys Bible study, church services, social events, Memory Lane, current events, arts and crafts, horse-shoes, basketball, kickball, Rummy and Skipbo at the healthcare center. She is also active on the center's Resident Council.

Amish school shooting's anniversary to be 'normal'

NICKEL MINES, Pa. (AP) — Empty pasture is all that's left on the site of the one-room Amish schoolhouse where a gunman left five girls dead and five others wounded two years ago and the anniversary of the massacre was expected to pass quietly Thursday.

"We're going to try to go on with just a normal day," Bart Township Fire Chief Curt Woerth said. "We've been in contact with the families — they don't want anything, and neither do we, really."

On Wednesday, Amish people could be seen mowing lawns, working on farms and tending home-based businesses. Several refused to comment on the anniversary.

A year ago, on the first anniversary, state troopers and other guests joined Amish families for a private gathering at the home of a family that lost a child in the tragedy. They prayed and sang together and shared a meal to

mark the occasion.

The New Hope Amish School was to be closed Thursday, said teacher Emma Mae Zook. It replaced the schoolhouse where 32-year-old milk truck driver Charlie Roberts barricaded himself and the girls before he shot them and killed himself with a 9 mm handgun.

Four of the five surviving girls have returned to classes, although some require continuing treatment for their wounds. The fifth remains in a nonresponsive coma, according to Dr. Holmes Morton, a physician who runs the Clinic for Special Children in nearby Strasburg.

Millions of dollars in donations poured in following the tragedy, and that money is being used to pay the victims' expenses. The Nickel Mines Accountability Committee, which was established to field the donations, is now entirely in Amish hands.

Bryant

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Honey's eyes slanted towards me. Her eyebrows shifted. Her body, however, did not budge by so much as a single iota from its contented half-circle atop her TWO doggy pillows. She could not even be bothered to thump her tail.

She was not interested. Not interested? Surely once I exited the house and shut the door she would quickly change her mind, I reasoned, unperturbed. Surely.

Perhaps she just didn't understand. It had never happened before that she didn't know what the word "out" meant, but there is always a first time for everything, right?

To my utter chagrin, she calmly watched as I closed the door and observed her through the panes of glass separating us. I opened the door again and invited her out with me. She didn't budge. As a matter of fact, if I recall aright — I believe she closed her eyes!

Now you understand my skepticism regarding that whole 'man's best friend' adage. When a dog finds sleep more important than the safety and well-being of her mistress in the dark of night, well ... for once words actually fail me.

Spell

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a lot of your data to a CD or thumb drive. In addition, if you want to send a bunch of computer files to a friend, simply "zip" them up, burn a CD and give it to them.

But what if your friend does not have a decompression program? Well, they're out of luck. You have just given them a locked suitcase without the keys. To that end, compression software makers have added a new option in their programs: Self-extracting archives. Here's how it works. Taking a normal "zip" file, the program adds a little decompression program to the file and renames it to an "exe" file. Remember, "exe" files

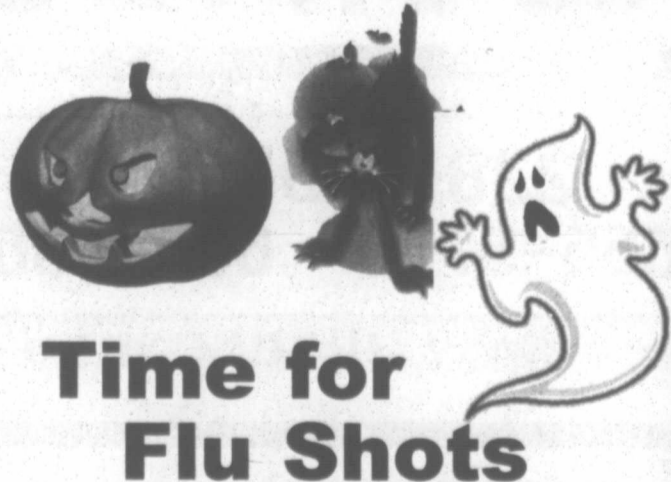
are programs.

When your friend double-clicks on the "exe" file, it automatically runs the decompressor, extracting the files within. Adding this functionality to a "zip" file does make the overall size of the file bigger. However, the size increase is negligible on larger archives. If it helps, think of a self-inflating life-raft. The weight of the compressed air cartridges adds to the raft, but the time-savings in an emergency are worth the bulk.

While not a new technology, file compression has come a long way, especially in the usability arena. In the near future, expect better compression rates and more standards.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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House girds for 2nd try on financial rescue

WASHINGTON (AP) — House members are getting another chance to vote on a financial bailout bill that has infuriated millions of voters after the Senate added tax cuts and other sweeteners and passed it handily.

Senators advanced the much-criticized measure in a 74-25 vote late Wednesday, sending it to the other side of the Capitol for a showdown vote expected Friday. The move was calculated to win over enough dissenting House members to get the bill through and reverse Monday's stunning defeat in the House. Party leaders there planned to press rank-and-file members Thursday for the dozen converts they believe they need.

Meantime, the head of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, urged people to remain calm.

"I think overall the banking system remains very sound so that's why I think it's so important for everybody to keep their head," Chairman Sheila Bair said on C-SPAN. "What I don't want is to see otherwise healthy institutions start to get into trouble just because of liquidity pressure ... Wall Street should be taking their cue from Main Street right now. Main Street deposits are staying there."

The bailout package was never in danger in the Senate. Senators instead played catalysts for the

House, adding tax provisions popular with the left and right in a bid that House leaders hope — but cannot guarantee — will persuade enough of the House rank-and-file to switch from "nay" to "aye" on a highly contentious bill a month before Election Day.

They were especially targeting the 133 House Republicans who voted against the package.

California's David Dreier said Thursday morning that "I hated" the initial version of the bill but that he plans to vote for it this time around.

"I was very concerned with the proposal that came forward that would have allowed golden parachutes to go forward," said Dreier, a Republican. But he said he likes the new version because "it puts into place growth-oriented tax cuts."

"I will tell you, the American people are angry and frustrated," he said on ABC's "Good Morning America," saying he's been hearing messages like "the woman who said she was concerned about getting access to a student loan for her daughter."

Rep. Marcy Kaptur, an Ohio Democrat, said on the same program that she plans to vote no.

"I will not support this legislation because it's the wrong medicine," she said. Kaptur argued that the prob-

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United Way The Bridge child-friendly agency

The following article was provided by The Bridge and is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information was submitted by Pampa United Way as part of its 2008 "Pampa United Way, Let's Rev It Up" fund-raising campaign.



The Bridge's greatest accomplishment is the establishment of a consistent multi-disciplinary team to conduct case review meetings. These meetings allow law enforcement, child protection services professionals, prosecutors and the medical and mental health communities to work together to assist child victims in a comprehensive and cohesive manner.

Case review meetings result in the elimination of duplication among the agencies involved in an investigation, expedites prosecution and increases conviction rates of offenders.

The collaborative efforts of a multi-disciplinary team, the core element of the child advocacy center, has resulted in a program that holds offenders accountable, yields enhanced accuracy of information of investigations, increases convictions and decreases the stress placed on a child caught in the judicial system.

While The Bridge can't change what has happened in the lives of the children it serves, it can change what

happens next. The child advocacy center provides the victim and their families with information and services so that the crime does not define their lives. The Bridge is not only focused on the coordinated investigation of the abuse and the prosecution of the offender, but also on the health and future of the child victim.

Child victims of sexual assault are more likely to suffer low self-esteem, exhibit poor school performance, become sexually promiscuous, abuse drugs and alcohol, attempt suicide and, in some cases, act out their abuse on other children. By breaking the cycle of abuse, children are relieved of these potential barriers to leading happy, healthy lives.

The Bridge offers a home-like, comfortable and child-friendly setting where forensic interviews and sexual exams can be conducted privately. Last year, The Bridge provided services to over 1,500 children. Seventy-three of the children resided in Gray County.

Las Vegas rolling the dice on its new mob museum

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Las Vegas hopes its newest museum will be a hit.

The city is opening The (redacted) Museum: The Las Vegas Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement, which will showcase southern Nevada's colorful and storied past in organized crime.

The City Council unveiled the name Tuesday, along with logos resembling court documents with material blacked out. The first redaction obscures the word "mob."

"I don't think anybody is able to do tongue-in-cheek the way Las Vegas can do it," said

Mayor Oscar Goodman, a former criminal defense lawyer who represented organized crime figures before representing residents in City Hall.

The museum is expected to open in spring 2010 in downtown Las Vegas at the site of the former federal courthouse where Goodman tried his first case.

As city officials unveiled the plans, council members tossed around T-shirts that said: "There is no such thing as a mob museum nor have I ever been there."

"Does this mean the mayor's going to be cleaning

out his garage?" joked Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian.

Goodman joked of his possible contributions to the exhibits: "They've been in my backyard trying to dig up some of the old relics, but so far I've fended them off. We'll have a lot of Oscarabilia in there."

Plans for the museum are supported by the FBI, which has pledged to locate organized crime artifacts in Washington and lend them for displays. The former head of the Las Vegas FBI office, Ellen Knowlton, is chair-

woman of the museum's board.

Officials say the museum won't glorify organized crime, but instead will give a candid look at its influence on Las Vegas, how law enforcers worked to extract illegal influences from gambling, how mob operations in cities around the country were connected and famous hearings on organized crime.

The city believes the museum could draw as many as 800,000 visitors each year and is part of an attempt to revitalize downtown Las Vegas.

News briefs

As calendar turns to October, specter of political surprise rises on presidential trail

BOSTON (AP) — Heading into the final weekend of the 2004 presidential campaign, John Kerry was feeling good about his chances of winning the White House.

The Democratic nominee thought he had bested President Bush in their three prime-time debates. He also felt he'd convinced Americans his military and foreign affairs experience left him better equipped to end the Iraqi war.

Then Osama bin Laden weighed in with the most recent "October surprise" to land with a thud on a presidential campaign.

Kerry believes bin Laden cost him the presidency by issuing a videotape that criticized Bush and warned U.S. voters that "your security is in your own hands" in the election. And the Massachusetts senator thinks that's instructive for both Democrat Barack Obama and Republican John McCain during the final month of their campaign.

From Henry Kissinger's declaration that "peace is at hand" in Vietnam a month before the 1972 election, to a report just before the 2000 vote that George W. Bush had once been arrested for drunken driving, last-minute sensations have demonstrated the potential to reshape a race.

Asian stocks fall as global economic worries outweigh any relief over Senate bailout approval

TOKYO (AP) — Asian stock markets retreated Thursday as broader concerns about a global economic slowdown outweighed any relief over the U.S. Senate's passage of the bailout package to rescue the U.S. financial system.

Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 stock average lost 1.1 percent at 11,242.65, while Hong Kong's Hang Seng index slipped 0.9 percent to 17,850.13.

Benchmarks in Australia, South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan were also in negative territory.

In Washington Wednesday, the Senate approved a revised rescue bill with tax breaks and other sweeteners by a vote of 74-25. The House of Representatives votes on the plan Friday.

But even if the package is approved, investors are skeptical about the bailout's ultimate impact on a faltering global economy, analysts said.

Doctors want cold medicines for young kids recalled; say benefits unproven, risks not worth it

WASHINGTON (AP) — With a new cold season coming, the government is trying once more to decide what to do about over-the-counter medicines for kids' coughs and sniffles. Doctors question the drugs' benefits and worry about their risks.

Pediatricians are urging the Food and Drug Administration, which scheduled a public hearing Thursday on the issue, to demand a recall of the medicines for children younger than 6.

"Parents should know that there is less evidence than ever to support the use of over-the-counter cough and cold medicines for young children," said Dr. Joshua Sharfstein, Baltimore's health commissioner. "There is nothing that is holding the FDA back from asking for a voluntary recall now of products marketed to kids under 6."

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From Left To Right: Lynn Tate, Gavin Gadberry, James Wester, Ken Fields, Ray Dixon, Mike Smiley

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The Underwood Law Firm, which operates its principal office out of Amarillo, Texas, will be meeting with its wind energy clients on Monday, October 6th at 5:00 p.m. at Mitchell's Diner in Shamrock, Texas. For the remainder of the week of October 6th, an attorney will be present at the Underwood Law Firm in Shamrock (Ken Fields' Underwood office) to discuss wind energy matters with clients. Please feel free to stop by or call 806-258-1474 for an appointment. Generally, an attorney is present in our Shamrock office on Fridays, from 10:00am - 5:00pm or by appointment.

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Rescue

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lem should be solved by the market itself, not through governmental intervention.

After the Senate vote, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., said, "We've sent a clear message to Americans all over that we will not let this economy fail. This is not a piece of legislation for lower Manhattan. This is legislation for all America."

The rescue package would let the government spend billions of dollars to buy bad mortgage-related securities and other devalued assets held by troubled financial institutions. If successful, advocates say, that would allow frozen credit to begin flowing again and prevent a serious recession.

To some degree, at least, House GOP opposition appeared to be easing as the Senate added \$100 billion in tax breaks for businesses and the middle class, plus a provision to raise, from \$100,000 to \$250,000, the cap on federal deposit insurance.

House Republicans also welcomed a decision Tuesday by the Securities and Exchange Commission to ease rules that force companies to devalue assets on their balance sheets to reflect the price they can get on the market.

There were worries, though, that the tax breaks might cause some conservative-leaning Democrats who voted for the rescue Monday to abandon it because the revised version would swell the federal deficit.

"I'm concerned about that," said Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the Democratic leader.

The Senate-backed package extends several tax breaks popular with businesses. It would keep the alternative minimum tax from hitting 20 million middle-income Americans. And it would provide \$8 billion in tax relief for those hit by natural disasters in the Midwest, Texas and Louisiana.

Leaders in both parties, as well as private economic chiefs almost everywhere, said Congress must quickly approve some version of the bailout measure to start loans flowing and stave off a potential national economic disaster.

But critics on the right and left assailed the rescue plan, which has been panned by their constituents as a giveaway for Wall Street with little obvious benefit for ordinary Americans.

Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., a leading conservative, said the step was "leading us into the pit of socialism."

But proponents argued that the financial sector's woes already were being felt by ordinary people in the form of unaffordable credit and underperforming retirement savings. Still, they said voters were unlikely to reward those who vote for the measure.

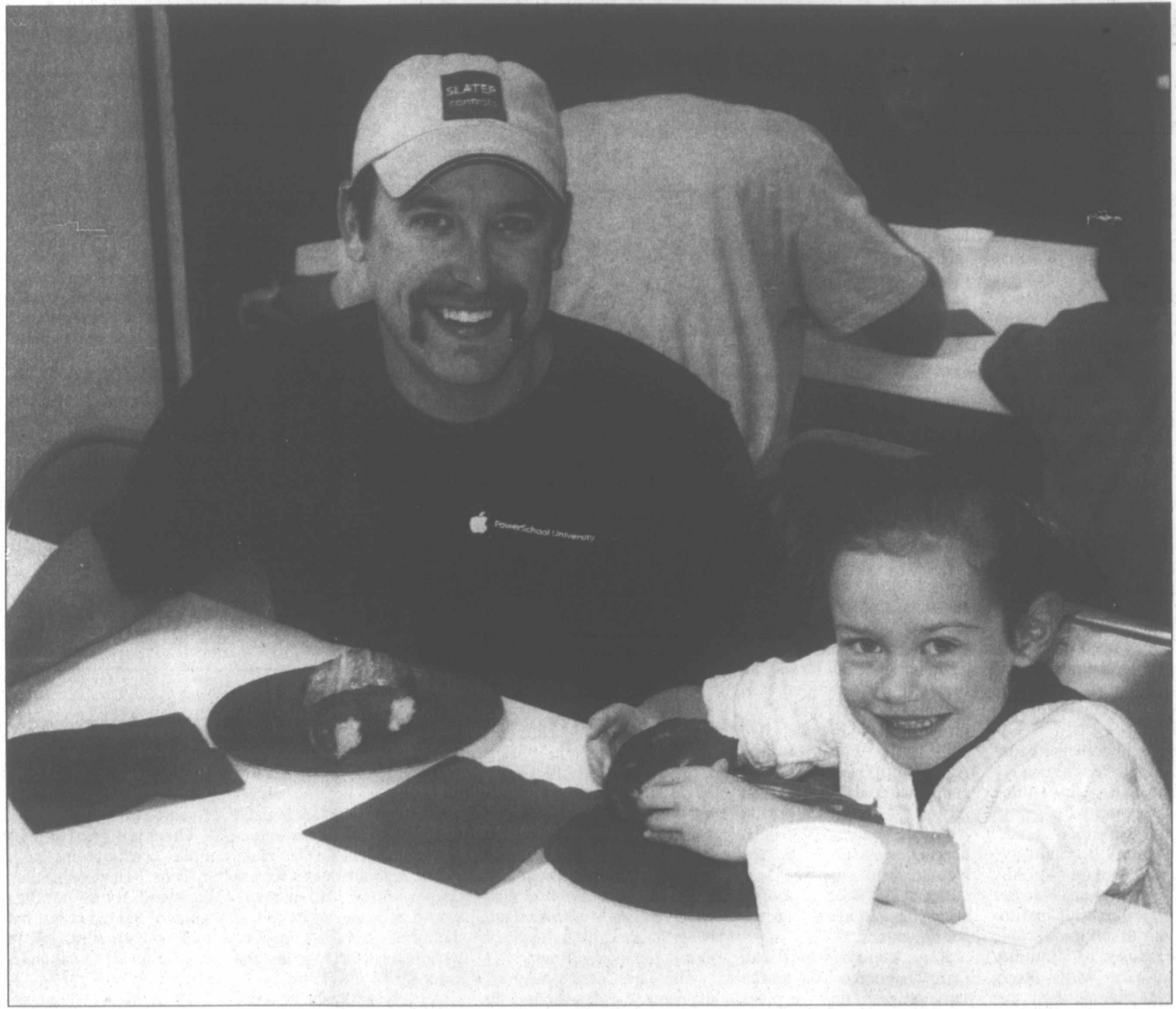
"There will be no balloons or bunting or parades" when the rescue becomes law, said Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the Senate Banking Committee chairman.

Tax cuts new and old are favorites for most House Republicans. Help for rural schools was aimed mainly at lawmakers in the West, while disaster aid was a top priority for lawmakers from across the Midwest and South.

Another addition, to extend the deductibility of state and local taxes for people in states without income taxes, helps Florida and Texas, among others.

Increasing the deposit insurance cap was a bid to reassure individuals and small businesses that their money would be safe in the event their banks collapsed. It was particularly geared toward small banks that fear customers will pull their money and park it in larger institutions seen as less likely to fold.

'Donuts for Dad'



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Scotty Stribling recently joined his daughter Stori for breakfast during "Donuts for Dad" at Community Christian School.

Attorney: Paparazzi called in Locklear tip

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A photographer who called 911 to report Heather Locklear allegedly driving erratically runs a paparazzi agency and profited from images she took of the actress's subsequent arrest, the woman's attorney said Wednesday.

But Nicholas Tepper, who represents photographer Jill Ishkanian, said in a written statement Wednesday that her phone call to authorities was motivated by "civic duty" and a concern for Locklear's safety.

He also defended Ishkanian's right to then take photos of the arrest.

"The fact she witnessed Ms. Locklear's erratic driving and reported it to the police did not mean she was disqualified from reporting the story, which she in fact did," Tepper wrote.

He said Ishkanian then sold the photos to celebrity gossip site TMZ for \$27,000 — but did it through a third party, KM Press Group, because her standing in the industry has been damaged by a lawsuit against her former employer, US Weekly.

In its postings this week, TMZ questioned whether Ishkanian was

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— Nicholas Tepper

"up to no good" and claimed she alerted fellow paparazzi to Locklear's impending arrest. TMZ head Harvey Levin said Wednesday that the owner of KM Press Group has repeatedly told him that one of the agency's photographers snapped the photos and that Ishkanian called to tip him off to Locklear's arrest.

Tepper said Ishkanian had been visiting family and friends in the Montecito area when she spotted Locklear's car driving erratically Saturday afternoon, called 911 and was advised by a CHP dispatcher to stop following the car.

But Levin said some of the pictures appear to be taken well before Locklear's arrest, and questioned Tepper's contention that Ishkanian just happened to run into her acting

erratically at a market. At least one of the photos shows Locklear coming out of a shop.

Tepper initially said Ishkanian took all the photos after phoning authorities. But when pressed about the image of Locklear appearing to leave a store, he said he wasn't sure about the sequence that the photos were taken in, only that Ishkanian shot them all.

Levin said he did not consider the photos tainted. "Ultimately, these are photographs of an arrest."

The California Highway Patrol, which would not confirm the identity of the 911 caller, said she didn't identify that the driver was Locklear, but said the actress appeared "drunk" in a market. The CHP said in a news release that Locklear

showed "obvious impairment," but alcohol has been ruled out.

Santa Barbara County prosecutors will have to decide whether to pursue charges after test results are returned that could show whether Locklear was under the influence of other substances.

CHP Lt. Dane Lobb said Wednesday that Ishkanian's involvement would not change what was going forward as a regular DUI investigation. "We determined (Locklear) was someone who shouldn't be operating a vehicle," he said.

Locklear's attorney, Blair Berk, did not return an e-mail message seeking comment Wednesday evening.

Tepper later said in an interview that Ishkanian also provided authorities with a statement and would testify against Locklear if necessary. He said Ishkanian sold the photos without disclosing that she was the shooter because of her \$55 million lawsuit against US Weekly; that suit claims the magazine's employees damaged her career by accusing her of stealing information from company computers.

Events calendar

• **Pampa Lions Club will host** a tailgate picnic from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Pampa High School between McNeely Fieldhouse and the tennis courts. Participants are advised to bring lawn chairs or quilts. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and under. For ticket information, call 665-0921, 665-2323 or 669-2525.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will host a MIP alcohol awareness program from 6-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in room 209 of the campus. The class fee is \$45 and is limited to the first 25 students. Attendance is required at both classes to receive credit. The class is to be taught by Dennis Burton, Texas Department of State Health Service, and covers the following topics: Possession, consumption, DUI, public intoxication, purchase of alcohol and misrepresentation. For more information, call (806) 898-5300.

• **High Plains Chapter of Quail Forever** will hold its Second Annual Fund-raising Banquet at 6 p.m. Oct. 4 at the Rodeo Grounds Pavilion in Canadian. The fund-raiser

will include a meal of prime rib, live and silent auctions, gun raffles and door prizes. Proceeds will benefit the local chapter for use in the area. Quail Forever is a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and conservation of the nation's wildlife habitat.

• **The next Living Room Concert** to be put on by High Plains Public Radio will be at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4 at the studio in downtown Amarillo with Beth Wood. Wood grew up in the Panhandle and attended Tascosa High. Refreshments will be provided.

• **Amarillo Genealogical Society** will hold its annual fall seminar from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 4 at Ascension Academy in Amarillo. The featured speaker will be Patricia Law Hatcher. Hatcher is one of 50 Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists, is editor of two genealogy magazines and has authored several books on genealogy. Admission is \$20 prior to Oct. 1, and \$25 after and at the door. The fee may be mailed in advance to Amarillo Genealogical Society, P.O. Box

2171, Amarillo, TX 79189. Door prizes will be awarded. The seminar will also feature a mobile genealogical book store and a "get to know the speaker dinner" on Oct. 3. Participants must RSVP for the meal by Sept. 19 by calling (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988. For more information, call (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988.

• **Pampa Book Club** is scheduled to meet at Lovett Memorial Library on the following dates: Oct. 8 ("Facing Terror" by Carrie McDonnell; and Nov. 12 ("Mother of Pearl" by Melinda Haynes).

• **White Deer Land Museum** of Pampa will celebrate the opening of a new annex with a series of programs slated for 2:30 p.m. Oct. 12, 19 and 26. The program schedule will include "Dig at Courson Ranch" with Rolla Shaller, Oct. 12; "Dig at Round Tree Battle - Lefors" and book-signing with archeologist Brett Cruse, Oct. 12; and "Tale of a Buffalo Hunter" and book-signing with Delbert Trew, Oct. 26. The series is being co-sponsored by Gray County Historical Commission.

Running mates gearing up for vice presidential debate

NEW YORK (AP) — Republican vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin enters her debate tonight with Democratic rival Joe Biden as many voters harbor serious doubts about her readiness for the nation's highest office.

An AP-Gfk poll released Wednesday found that just 25 percent of likely voters believe Palin has the right experience to be president. That's down from 41 percent just after the GOP convention, when the Alaska governor made her well-received debut on the national stage.

Thursday night's debate in St. Louis gives Palin a chance to overcome the doubts in a 90-minute show-

case, her first lengthy give-and-take session since joining the GOP ticket with presidential candidate John McCain.

McCain on Thursday dismissed suggestions that he was upset with campaign staff for holding back Palin and not letting her be herself on the campaign trail.

"We let Sarah be Sarah. She's smart, she's tough, she's been in debates before," McCain told "Fox & Friends" on Fox News Channel. "The American people ... the more they see of her, the more they love her, and I'm confident of that at the end."

Palin has granted just a handful of interviews and

has appeared at times to be uninformed about national issues. For example, in a CBS News interview aired Wednesday she appeared unable to cite a Supreme Court decision with which she disagreed while saying many decisions had divided Americans. McCain and other Republicans criticized such questions as "gotcha journalism."

"People will have a chance to see her from beginning to end without being edited," former Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., told CBS' "The Early Show" on Thursday.

"We've all had bad days," Thompson said, "and she's had some bad moments in

some of these interviews, just like the rest of us have had."

Sen. Claire McCaskill, D-Mo., a prominent supporter of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's campaign, played up Palin's debate experience from her race for governor as she argued that Palin has sharper skills than she's being given credit for. The Democratic National Committee has e-mailed news stories to reporters describing Palin's able performances in gubernatorial debates in 2006, part of the party's effort to dispel the notion that Palin is a sub-par debater.

"I think Joe obviously has a challenge tonight. The expectations are so low for Sarah Palin and it's difficult for him, I think. No matter what he does he's going to be criticized," McCaskill told CBS. "Sarah Palin will be tough tonight. She's a good debater, she's an effective communicator, and she knows how to throw a punch with a velvet glove and a smile on her face."

In a conference call Wednesday with reporters, McCaskill was blunt about

Biden's potential for error: "My friend Joe Biden has a tendency to talk forever and sometimes say stuff that's kind of stupid." Asked to clarify her remarks,

McCaskill said she meant them "affectionately."

A poor performance by Biden could cement a negative image for the Delaware senator.

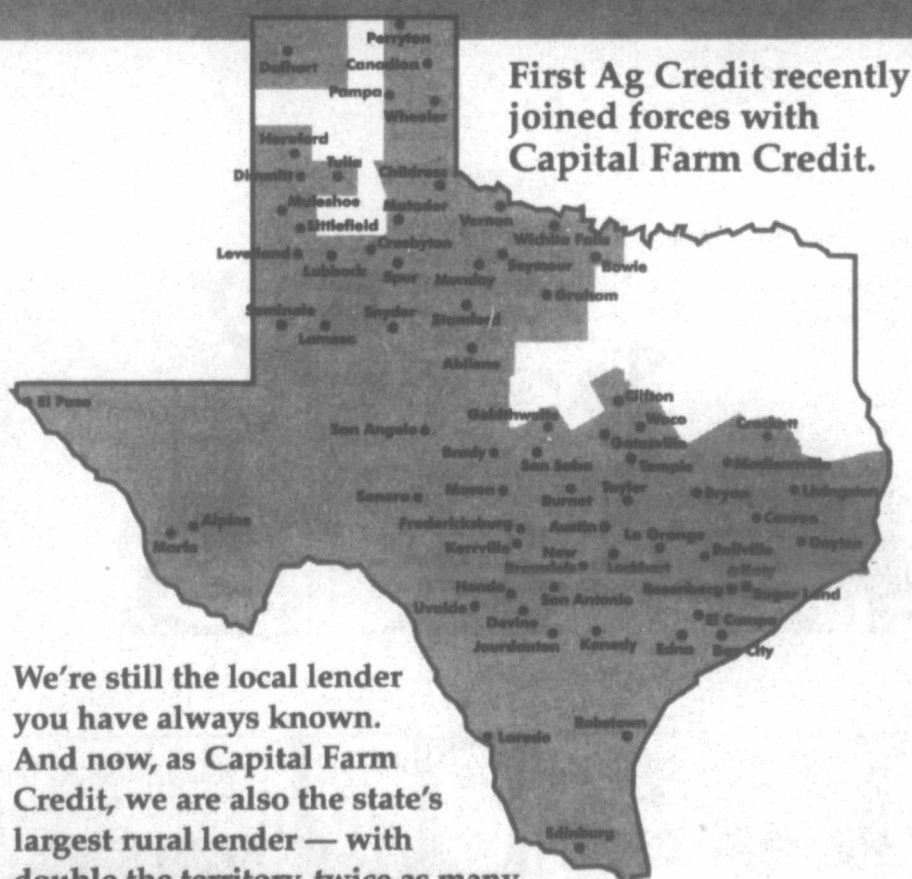


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Open house

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LEGAL NOTICE

If you owned a royalty interest in the West Panhandle Field of Texas during the period May 1, 1996 through December 31, 1997, a proposed class action settlement may affect your rights.

You may be entitled to monetary compensation.

If you were an owner of a royalty interest during the period May 1, 1996 through December 31, 1997 that burdened one or more of 114 specific oil and gas leases in the West Panhandle Field of Texas, you are a member of a proposed Settlement Class in an action styled, *Carr Vincent, Richard Coon, Jr. and Kimberly Honeycutt, Independent executrix for the Estate of Brenda Kaye Morrison v. Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership, Inc. f/k/a Chesapeake Panhandle, Inc. f/k/a MC Panhandle, Inc., Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Chesapeake Energy Corporation, Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc., Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, MidCon Gas Services Corp. f/k/a MidCon Marketing Corp., ONEOK Field Services Holdings, Inc. successor to MidCon Gas Products Corp., Kinder Morgan, Inc. f/k/a KN Energy, Inc., Occidental Petroleum Corporation, and OXY USA Inc., Cause No. 8,864 in the 100th Judicial District Court, Carson County, Texas (the "Lawsuit") relating to royalties for natural gas and component natural gas liquids produced from oil and gas leases. Claims for the recovery of unpaid royalties against certain Settling Defendants (*Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership, Inc. f/k/a Chesapeake Panhandle, Inc. f/k/a MC Panhandle, Inc., Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America, MidCon Gas Services Corp. f/k/a MidCon Marketing Corp., ONEOK Field Services Holdings, Inc. successor to MidCon Gas Products Corp., Kinder Morgan, Inc. f/k/a KN Energy, Inc., Occidental Petroleum Corporation, and OXY USA Inc.*) for the time period May 1, 1996 through December 31, 1997 are being settled. The list of 114 leases is attached to the Settlement Agreement and Release of Claims Against Certain Defendants that is on file with the Court in the Lawsuit. The 100th District Court in Panhandle, Texas, will hold a hearing on November 25, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. to determine whether the proposed settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate.*

THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

The proposed settlement settles claims against the Settling Defendants for the recovery of unpaid royalties on natural gas and its component natural gas liquids produced from 114 specific oil and gas leases in the West Panhandle Field between May 1, 1996 and December 31, 1997. If the proposed settlement is approved, class members will receive monetary compensation to be determined based on a formula constructed by Class Counsel and their expert that takes into consideration the royalties class members were actually paid by Settling Defendants during the relevant class period and that allocates the Settlement Fund balance to such class members on a formulated basis. Plaintiffs and the Settling Defendants have identified the 114 leases that are made the basis of this lawsuit, as well as all persons as of at least 1997 who were paid a royalty by the Settling Defendants for production from consolidation units in which such leases were included. Those 114 leases are produced by 182 wells operated by the Settling Defendants (the "Lease Wells"). During 1997, the last year in which the Settling Defendants produced the wells located on the 114 leases, the Lease Wells produced \$34,329,629.00 of hydrocarbons calculated on an MMBtu basis. Plaintiffs believe that the most equitable means to account for the settlement funds is to provide a distribution based on the percentage of the value of the MMBtu production for the year of 1997 that each well on the 114 leases bears to the total. In other words, and for purposes of example only, if lease number 83 has a well or wells that produced \$10,000.00 of hydrocarbons valued on an MMBtu basis for all of 1997 and the total value of hydrocarbons produced from all 182 wells on the 114 leases (calculated on an MMBtu basis) for 1997 was \$1,000,000, then those persons who are entitled to a royalty under that lease would recover their proportionate share of \$10,000/\$1,000,000, or 1.00% of the total settlement funds available after deduction of costs and attorney's fees.

Once any judgment entered by the Court approving the proposed settlement becomes final and non-appealable, Class members will receive their portion of the Settlement Fund by check from Class Counsel. Under the terms of the proposed settlement, the Settling Defendants have agreed to pay \$1,900,000.00 (the "Settlement Fund"). The Settlement Fund will be paid to class counsel, and prior to distribution of compensation to the class, class counsel shall deduct from the Settlement Fund the costs associated with notice to the class, administration of the class settlement and attorneys fees awarded to class counsel by the Court upon application in an amount not to exceed one-third of the Settlement Fund.

This is a partial settlement of the Lawsuit. Pending claims against non-Settling Defendants (*Chesapeake Operating, Inc., Chesapeake Energy Corporation and Chesapeake Energy Marketing, Inc.*), as well as certain claims against *Chesapeake Panhandle Limited Partnership, Inc. f/k/a Chesapeake Panhandle, Inc. f/k/a MC Panhandle, Inc.* will continue to be prosecuted and will be unaffected by the partial class action settlement proposed.

YOUR RIGHTS AND OPTIONS

You need not act to remain a settlement class member. However, if you wish to be excluded you must send a letter or postcard stating your name, address and telephone number, along with a statement that you wish to be excluded. Your request should be sent to the Court at the following address: 501 Main Street, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068, and must be served on Class Counsel Edward J. Westmoreland at Edward J. Westmoreland, P.C., 2000 Bering, Suite 380, Houston, Texas 77057. To be considered valid, a request for exclusion must set forth all of this information and must be mailed by October 28, 2008. If you do not request an exclusion, you may object to the terms of the settlement. If you object, you will be barred from bringing your own individual lawsuit asserting claims related to the matters referred to in the Lawsuit, and you will be bound by the final judgment and release and all Orders entered by the Court. You may, but need not, enter an appearance through counsel of your choice. If you do, you will be responsible for your own attorneys' fees and costs. If you object to the settlement, you must by no later than October 28, 2008; both: (1) file with the Court at: 501 Main Street, P.O. Box 487, Panhandle, Texas 79068, and (2) serve upon Class Counsel Edward J. Westmoreland at Edward J. Westmoreland, P.C., 2000 Bering, Suite 380, Houston, Texas 77057, a written notice of your intention to appear, together with all supporting papers and a statement setting forth your objection to the proposed settlement signed by you. Within your written objection you must include your name, address, and telephone number, the lease number(s) and the names of the well(s) under which you have received any royalty, and the date on which you acquired an interest in production from such lease(s) and/or wells so that your membership in the Settlement Class may be verified. Class members who do not timely make their objections in this manner will be deemed to have waived all objections and shall not be heard or have the right to appeal approval of the settlement.

Please direct all inquiries about the proposed settlement to Class Counsel Edward J. Westmoreland at Edward J. Westmoreland, P.C., 2000 Bering, Suite 380, Houston, Texas 77057. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT.

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My ex and I have been dating since our divorce in 2000, trying to put things back together. But every six months or so, he comes to my house drunk and raises Cain in front of the kids. He never says he's sorry for anything he does or says, and it causes fights that could be avoided if he just would not drink. If he could only see how it makes him act! He does not drink all the time. But when he does, he passes out on my couch. I have told him time and time again not to come to the house if he has been drinking. If I try to make him leave, he does more in front of the kids, and he has been known to hit. How can I make it clear to him I have had enough? I love him, but I'm very tired of this every-six-months thing. I have called the law before. That just makes matters worse. Should I get away from him altogether? I want my family back together so badly. I have prayed about this for a long time. I have tried talking to him -- nothing works. Please give me some advice. -- "TINA" IN TRINITY, ALA.

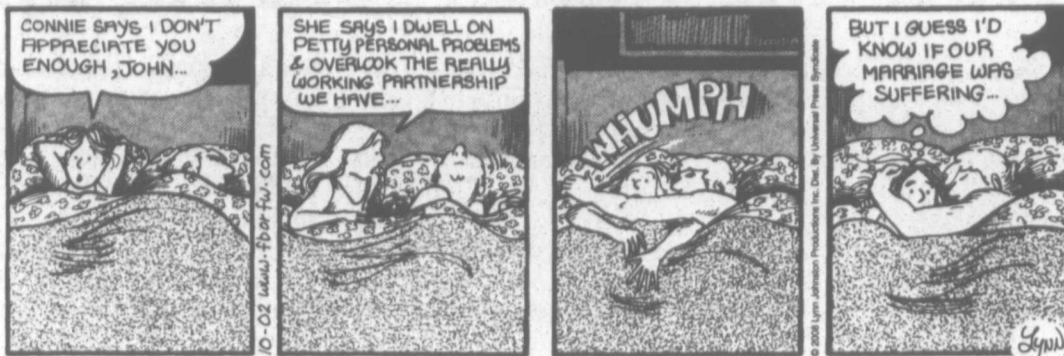
DEAR "TINA": Perhaps it's time to face the fact that as much as your ex-husband says he loves you and the children, he loves his bottle more. You divorced him for a reason, and he isn't going to change. If he shows up at your house after he has been drinking, do not open the door. If he creates a disturbance, call the police and let them handle him. When a parent acts out the way your husband does when he gets loaded, it damages the children who are exposed to it. They never know when the father they love -- and presumably trust -- will turn into a monster, and they are always waiting for the other shoe to drop. Even worse, they may grow up thinking his behavior is normal or acceptable and marry someone just like Daddy. Much as you might like, you cannot rescue your ex-husband from his alcohol addiction. Some literature that might give you insight is a booklet published by Al-Anon titled, "Al-Anon Faces

Alcoholism 2009." It is available online in English, Spanish and French, and can be downloaded at www.Al-AnonFamilyGroups.net. For a free printed copy, e-mail [wso\(at\)al-anon.org](mailto:wso(at)al-anon.org), fax (757) 563-1655, or write: Al-Anon Family Groups, 1600 Corporate Landing Parkway, Virginia Beach, VA 23454-5617.

DEAR ABBY: My 35-year-old sister is soon to be married for the first time and has planned an elaborate affair. She has many friends, business associates and family members to invite. Because of the expense, she is not inviting the "younger" generation. When I called to respond to her invitation, I explained that I will be attending, but my wife -- due to health issues -- will not be able to come. I told her I would like to substitute our only teenage daughter. My sister's response? She told me she has so many people to invite that she has a waiting list, and she'll substitute someone from that list! This seems rude to me. Have you ever heard of a waiting list? -- MIFFED IN SAN JOSE

DEAR MIFFED: As a matter of fact, I have. It's sometimes called a "B" list. When a wedding invitation is issued, the rules of etiquette dictate that only those people whose names are on the invitation are invited. While I understand your desire to take your daughter, you committed a breach of etiquette in asking to make a substitution. Because your sister had decided not to include the younger generation, your daughter's presence could cause problems for her with other members of the family.

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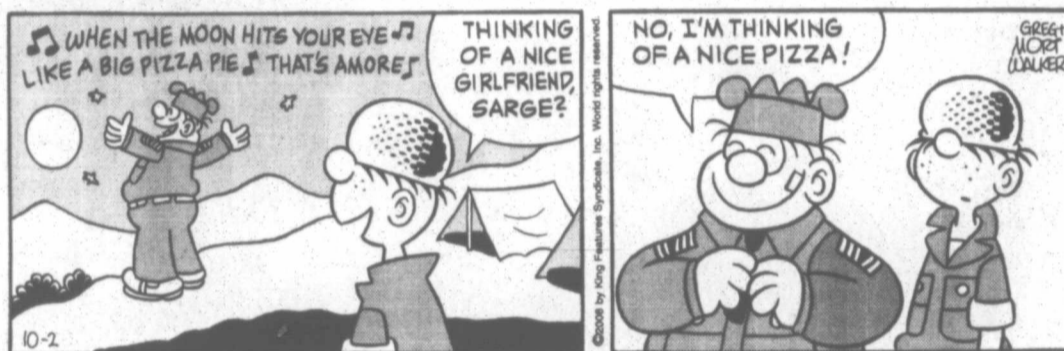
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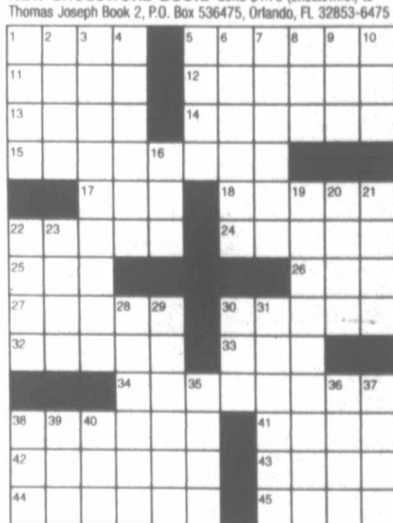
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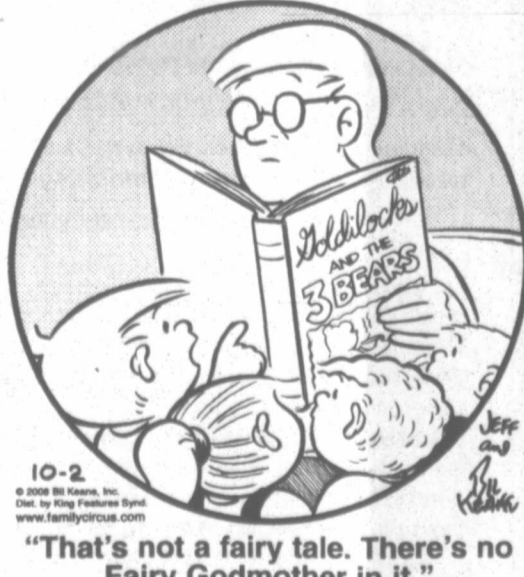


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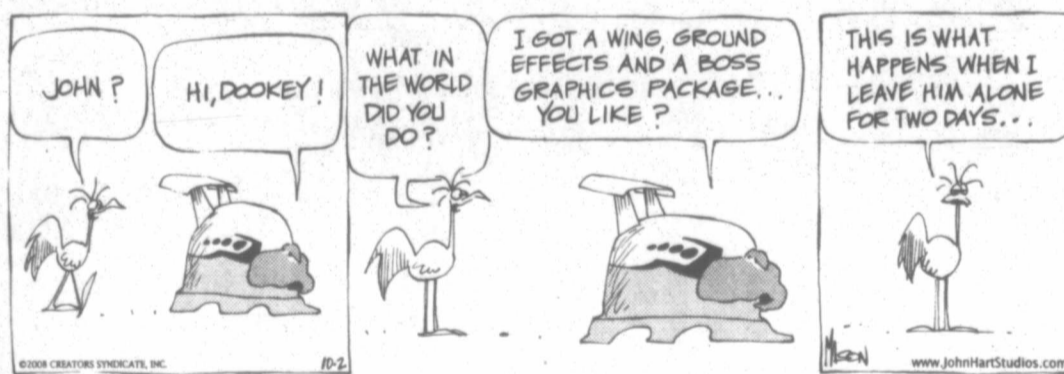


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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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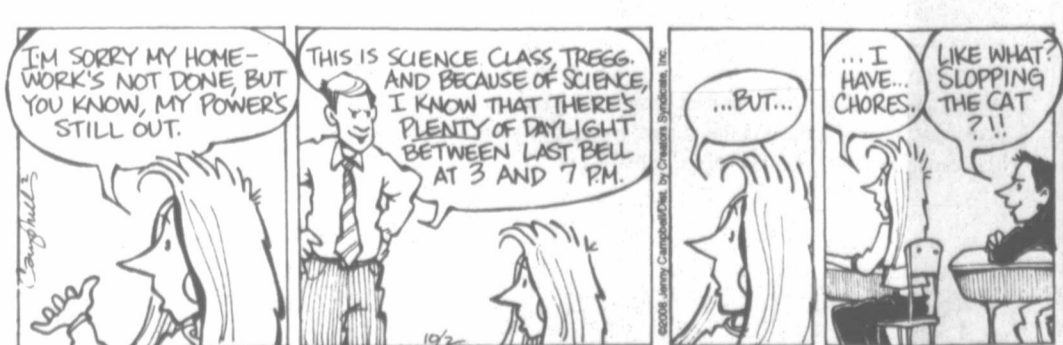
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Sports

Ladies Golf



The Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association held a tournament recently. Pictured above are, standing (left to right): Brenda Stroud, Debbie Stroud, Joyce Epperson, Carolyn Allison, Jean Jones, Betty Scarbrough and Jackie Harper. Sitting: Monica Leonard, Brenda Kelley and Jimmie Thompson. Below: (Left to right): Second low net - Brenda Stroud, low net - Debbie Stroud, second low gross - Jackie Harper and low gross - Joyce Epperson.



Pampa Harvester Tennis

The Pampa Harvester tennis team played Dumas on September 30. Their scores are as follows:

In boys singles:
 Jack Ware of Pampa lost to CJ Gresham of Dumas (6-0,4-6,6-2).
 Myles Foreman of Pampa lost to Jacob Medina of Dumas (6-3,6-3).
 David Moore of Pampa lost to Jason Wait of Dumas (6-0,6-1).
 Garrett Coutts of Pampa lost to Derek Medina of Dumas (6-0,6-2).
 Matt Kelly of Pampa lost to Glenn Springer of Dumas (6-1,6-0).
 Aaron Silva of Pampa lost to Eric Chairez of Dumas (6-0,6-0).
 Logan Karbo of Pampa lost to Julio Medina of Dumas (6-0,6-1).
 Collin McClendon of Pampa lost to Garrett Loflin of Dumas (6-0,6-0).
In boys doubles:
 Foreman-Coutts of Pampa lost to Gresham-Medina of Dumas (6-2,6-3).
 Kelly-Silva of Pampa lost to Medina-Chairez of Dumas (6-2,6-4).
 Moore-Karbo of Pampa lost to Wait-Springer of Dumas (6-0,6-1).
In girls singles:
 Holly Gage of Pampa lost to Gabi Crunelle of Dumas (6-2,6-1).
 Sammi Finney of Pampa lost to Natasha Ragsdale of Dumas (1-5,6-3).
 Mikala Furgason of Pampa lost to Lupita Jurado of Dumas (7-6,6-2).
 Rachel Lee of Pampa lost to Cheyenne Lint of Dumas (6-0,6-3).
 Alyssa Hoelting of Pampa lost to Belen Flores of Dumas (6-4,6-1).
 Lauren Coutts of Pampa lost to Keither Lint of Dumas (6-0,6-1).

Hilary Acker of Pampa lost to Maggie Saenz of Dumas (6-2,6-3).
 Robin Fernuik of Pampa lost to Felisha Montes of Dumas (6-1,6-4).
In girls doubles:
 Coutts-Gage of Pampa lost to Crunelle-Ragsdale of Dumas (6-2,6-3).
 Hoelting-Finney of Pampa lost to Jurado-Lint of Dumas (6-1,6-0).
 Acker-Furgason of Pampa lost to Flores-Montes of Dumas (6-1,6-1).
In mixed doubles:
 Lee-Ware of Pampa defeated Medina-Lint of Dumas (6-3,6-3).
 The total score was Pampa-1, Dumas-18.

The Pampa Harvester tennis team played Palo Duro on September 27. Their scores are as follows:

In boys singles:
 Jack Ware of Pampa defeated Ramiro Trevizo of Palo Duro (4-6,7-6,6-2).
 Myles Foreman of Pampa defeated Adrian Garcia of Palo Duro (6-3,6-0).
 David Moore of Pampa defeated Tommy Boonsung of Palo Duro (6-2,6-0).
 Garrett Coutts of Pampa lost to Mark Hernandez of Palo Duro (6-3,2-6,6-3).
 Matt Kelley of Pampa defeated Rudy Rivera of Palo Duro (6-4,6-2).
 Aaron Silva of Pampa lost to Zack Bridges of Palo Duro (6-3,6-1).
 Logan Karbo of Pampa defeated Sunny Kham Vongsa of Palo Duro (8-2).
In boys doubles:
 Coutts-Foreman of Pampa defeated Boonsung-Garcia of Palo Duro (6-2,3-6,6-3).
 Kelley-Silva of Pampa lost to Trevizo-Hernandez of Palo Duro (6-3,6-2).
 Moore-Karbo of Pampa lost to Rivera-Bridges of Palo

Duro (6-2,6-2).
In girls singles:
 Holly Gage of Pampa lost to Issy Cabello of Palo Duro (6-3,2-6,5-7).
 Sammi Finney of Pampa lost to Hoai Ha of Palo Duro (2-6,6-4,0-6).
 Mikala Furgason of Pampa defeated Vy Nguyen of Palo Duro (6-1,6-1).
 Rachel Lee of Pampa defeated Jessica Jacobo of Palo Duro (6-2,6-1).
 Alyssa Hoelting of Pampa lost to Daemnei Montes of Palo Duro (6-4,6-3).
 Lauren Coutts of Pampa defeated Kelly Vongphrachanh of Palo Duro (6-1,7-5).
 Hilary Acker of Pampa defeated Mayra Gomez of Palo Duro (8-2).
In girls doubles:
 Gage-Coutts of Pampa defeated Cabello-Ha of Palo Duro (7-5,6-3).
 Hoelting-Finney of Pampa defeated Montes-Vongphrachanh of Palo Duro (6-0,4-6,6-3).
 Acker-Furgason of Pampa defeated Jacobo-Gomez of Palo Duro (6-1,6-2).
In mixed doubles:
 Lee-Ware of Pampa defeated Khamvongsa-Nguyen of Pampa (6-1,6-1).
 The total score was Pampa-12, Palo Duro-7.

The Pampa Harvester junior varsity tennis team played the Palo Duro JV on September 27. Their scores are as follows:

In boys singles:
 Collin McClendon of Pampa lost to Oscar Arpero of Palo Duro (8-0).
 Landon Karbo of Pampa lost to Miguel Cazares of Palo Duro (8-6).
 Matt Albracht of Pampa defeated Manuel Silva of Palo Duro (9-7).
 Braden Russell of Pampa

defeated Richard Vongphrachanh of Palo Duro (8-3).
In boys doubles:
 Albracht-McClendon of Pampa defeated Kirscht-Stone of Palo Duro (9-7).
 Russel-Rossello of Pampa lost to Inthavong-Hoang of Palo Duro (5-5).
 McClendon-Karbo of Pampa defeated Hoang-Guzman of Palo Duro (8-2).
 Russell-Karbo of Pampa defeated Vongdom-Castillo of Palo Duro (8-1).
In girls singles:
 Robin Fernuik of Pampa defeated Christina Rongsy of Palo Duro (8-3).
 Savannah Smith of Pampa defeated Paulina Sengsouria of Palo Duro (8-1).
 Kaitlyn Winegeart of Pampa defeated An Nguyen of Palo Duro (8-5).
 Erin Buck of Pampa defeated Jessica Trinh of Palo Duro.
 Olivia Chaires of Pampa defeated Holly Hyhn of Palo Duro (8-4).
 Kallie Marka of Pampa defeated Debra Mingboapha of Palo Duro (8-0).
 Samantha Kelly of Pampa defeated Jevkira Thammavong of Palo Duro (8-1).
 Elizabeth Terry of Pampa defeated Jenny Ratsabond of Palo Duro (8-0).
In girls doubles:
 Fernuik-Smith of Pampa defeated Kongsy-Sengsouria of Palo Duro (8-3).
 Winegeart-Buck of Pampa lost to Trinh-Nguyen of Palo Duro (8-6).
 Marak-Chairez of Pampa lost to Lec-Hyhn of Palo Duro (9-8).
 Kelly-Terry of Pampa defeated Pho-Sixiegyimai of Palo Duro (8-1).
 The total score was Pampa-17, Palo Duro-5.

Hicks thinks Rangers will avoid mistakes with Ryan

Texas Rangers owner Tom Hicks got too vivid a reminder of one of his team's mistakes watching John Danks pitch the Chicago White Sox to the AL Central title.

With Hall of Fame pitcher Nolan Ryan now the team president, though, Hicks expects the Rangers to develop their pitching prospects and benefit from them in the major leagues. They're not going to let them get away like when they traded Danks, their top pick in 2003.

"I don't think this organization will make those mistakes in the future because of Nolan," Hicks said Wednesday, a day after Danks threw eight shutout innings to carry the White Sox into the AL playoffs. "I'm really excited about where we're going."

Ryan, hired by Hicks in February, spent the past seven months organizing the team's upper management and getting the business aspect of his job in line.

Now Ryan's focus is on improving the team's pitching, primarily by developing those already in the organization. On Monday, the day after the season ended, Ryan was in Arizona to work with pitchers in the instructional league.

"(Hitting coach) Rudy Jaramillo has kind of been our hitting guru and all through the organization, we have adopted his philosophy and approach," Hicks said in a phone interview with The Associated Press. "We want the same thing with our pitching staff with Nolan Ryan."

Texas (79-83) just finished its eighth losing season in nine years. The Rangers led the majors with a .283 average and 901 runs while setting a major league record with 376 doubles.

But as routine as a high-scoring offense has become for the Rangers, so has bad pitching. They had the majors' worst staff (967 runs allowed, 5.37 ERA), with starters averaging only 5 1-3 innings a game.

"(Ryan) is implementing his approach to pitching throughout our entire organization, emphasizing better conditioning, mound readiness, in-game strategy. He wants pitchers to pitch an inning longer," Hicks said. "With all the good pitchers we have coming, it's important to have that resource and change of philosophy."

Hicks reiterated earlier comments by Ryan and general manager Jon Daniels that the Rangers, whose payroll this season was about \$76 million, don't plan any big-dollar spending spree this off-season and won't pursue over-priced free agent pitching.

"Right now, we like our own pitching," Hicks said.

The owner is also firmly behind third-year GM Daniels' ongoing plan to develop young players and try to build from within the organization.

"Absolutely. I'm a slow learner. I took me about 10 years," Hicks said. "Once I got it, I got it. There are no shortcuts in baseball."

That \$252 million, 10-year contract given Alex Rodriguez in the winter of 2000 surely didn't pay off, and the Rangers had three straight losing seasons before trading the AL MVP to the New York Yankees. And don't forget that \$65 million deal a year later for Chan Ho Park, who won 22 games in four seasons and never had an ERA under 5.00.

Hicks said he met last week with Ryan and Daniels and considers them "a great team" in part because of the different backgrounds they bring to their jobs.

Ryan commanded the mound with toughness, a blazing fastball and an unmatched work ethic that produced seven no-hitters and 5,714 strikeouts over a record 27 major league seasons, the last five (1989-93) with the Rangers.

The 61-year-old Ryan is 30 years older than the Ivy League-educated Daniels, who was the youngest GM in major league history when he was hired three years ago.

"Nolan brings a leadership that is needed, the experience, the baseball instincts," Hicks said. "Jon is really bright and thinks outside the box. He has done some really smart trades and smart development of our international program."

After drafting Danks, the Rangers had six first-round picks from 2004-07. All but one of those picks was used on pitchers, and all of those throwers are still in the organization. Texas also added through trades, such as Matt Harrison (9-3) coming from Atlanta in the Mark Teixeira deal in 2007 and this season becoming the first Rangers rookie left-hander to win nine games.

"In my 10 years, we've never had that type of depth in pitching," Hicks said. "It's all kind of coming down the road."

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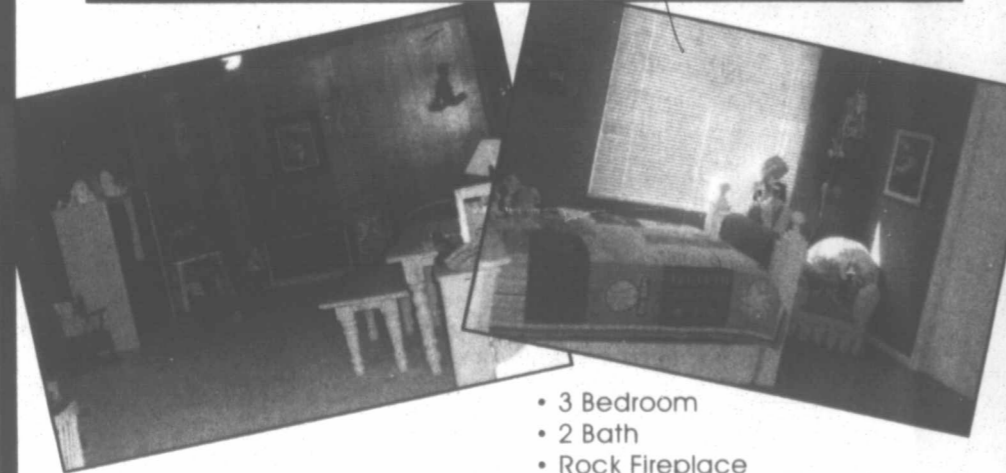
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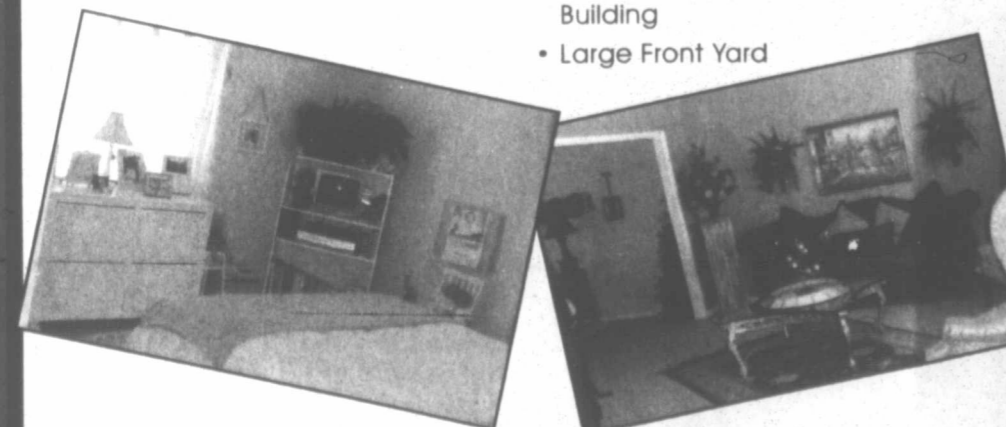


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In boys singles:

Jack Ware of Pampa defeated Austin Prater of Randall (6-2,6-2).

Myles Foreman of Pampa defeated James Lopez of Randall (6-2,6-3).

David Moore of defeated Stephen Townsend of Randall (4-6,7-5,6-2).

Garrett Coutts of Pampa lost to Devin Morelos of Randall (6-4,6-2,6-4).

Matt Kelley of Pampa lost to Kyle Moore of Randall (6-1,6-0).

Aaron Silva of Pampa defeated Tyler Clemmons of Randall (6-3,4-6,6-4).

Logan Karbo of Pampa lost to Matt Southern of Randall (8-4).

Collin McClendon of Pampa defeated Dylan Prater of Randall (8-6).

In boys doubles:

Couts-Foreman of Pampa defeated Prater-Lopez of Randall (6-4,7-6).

Kelley-Silva of Pampa lost to Townsend-Moore of Randall (6-4,7-5).

Moore-Karbo of Pampa defeated Morelos-Southern of Randall (6-3,3-6,6-2).

In girls singles:

Holly Gage of Pampa lost to McCall Kjerstad of Randall (6-3,6-1).

Sammi Finney of Pampa lost to Kerstan Coon of Randall (6-1,6-2).

Mikala Furgason of Pampa lost to Nicolette KeomoungKhouneuv of Randall (6-2,6-1).

Rachel Lee of Pampa

defeated Shelby Noser of Randall (6-3,4-6,6-3).

Alyssa Hoelting of Pampa defeated Sierra Moser of Randall (6-2,6-2).

Lauren Coutts of Pampa lost to Heather Seth of Randall (6-1,6-3).

Hilary Acker of Pampa defeated Jena Mountain of Randall (8-0).

In girls doubles:

Gage-Couts of Pampa lost to Kjerstad-Keou of Randall (6-2,6-1).

Finney-Hoelting of Pampa lost to Coon-Moser of Randall (6-1,7-5).

Acker-Furgason of Pampa defeated Set-Moser of Randall (6-1,6-4).

In mixed doubles:

Lee-Ware of Pampa defeated Mountain-Prater of Randall (6-0,6-0).

Flurry of upsets gets No. 7 Texas Tech's attention

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — Texas Tech's Mike Leach made sure his No. 7 Red Raiders understood how they jumped three spots in the rankings without playing a game.

The rise was a product of the season's first upset-filled weekend, when Oregon State's shocker over No. 1 USC last Thursday sparked a flurry that took down two other top-five teams in Georgia and Florida.

"We talked about just like John Wooden says, it's important to respect everyone and fear no one," Leach said. "If you don't respect everyone, any of them can beat you. If you fear anybody, then you can't have great victories like Oregon State did."

Texas Tech (4-0) has its highest ranking since 1976, when it was No. 5 for three weeks. Not that defensive back Darcel McBath noticed. He's trying to follow his coach's creed: keep noses out of newspapers, off television screens and away from Internet sports sites.

"I haven't really looked at it today," McBath said Monday of the ranking. "Some people had some newspapers in class, but I didn't really want to look. I don't Google us or anything. I just try to stay out of it and keep my team out of it."

The Red Raiders will get an immediate test of their focus. With potentially huge games against Big 12 powers Texas and Oklahoma later in the season, they open conference play Saturday at Kansas State (3-1).

Leach, who has said this could be his best team at Texas Tech, whittles the challenges down, rather than let his players get carried away by rankings and media cover-

age, and what could be.

"They just need to go out and play well," Leach said. "Try to get better each day, each week, because there isn't any magic formula. If there's some better way to do (practice), we would have been doing it all along."

Texas Tech had opportunities in previous years to gain respect as a top-tier program only to let them slip away. Take 2005 when the Red Raiders were 6-0 and ranked 10th heading into Austin to play No. 2 Texas.

The Red Raiders lost big, 52-17, and got no higher than No. 13 the rest of that season. Texas went unbeaten en route to the national title.

"We kind of took it in too much, were reading too many newspaper articles," McBath said. "I'm going to make sure it doesn't happen this year."

Texas Tech swept Kansas State the last time the Wildcats were on the schedule in 2004-05. But Kansas State has taken a liking to beating

top 10 teams from Texas recently. The Longhorns were ranked fourth and seventh the past two seasons when they lost to the Wildcats.

That's one more win than Leach has in eight tries against Texas (he's been outscored 349-218), but the Red Raiders have frequently stumbled long before they played the Longhorns or Sooners. Missouri and Colorado beat the Red Raiders in back-to-back games each of the past two seasons.

Few would argue that Tech's nonconference schedule was much of a test. Although they outscored their opponents 183-64, there isn't a winning record among the four lower-tier programs.

Even though the Red Raiders have won three straight against Kansas State, they should be tested in Manhattan. They're probably glad this trip wasn't last week after what they watched.

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

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Night & Day shifts available in Miami, TX. Must pass drug test.
Also Have opening for **Experienced Diesel Mechanic**
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CDL Driver needed, pulling Belly Dumps. Drug test required. Call 662-5005 or 663-0528.

Petroleum Bulk Drivers
Eastex Crude Co. is taking applications in Pampa, TX. For Day & Night Drivers. Applicants must have a Class "A" CDL with Hazmat & Tanker Endorsements. Home Daily. Full Benefit Package. (903)856-2401 x-137 (800)443-8580 Clint

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What would you say to a Career where you have the Potential to earn \$13.00 to \$39.00 an hour!!
If you answered YES, We need to talk I'm looking for career-minded, Man or Women who will work hard to succeed! Only Serious Inquiries! Please For a confidential interview Call 669-7605 \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
TRUCK Driver wanted. Flatbed experience necessary. Competitive wages, home most weekends, lots of Texas miles. 848-2837 or 663-0926

NEED DRIVER
w/ Class A CDL License HAZMAT Endorsement & Good Driving Record
Uniforms Health Ins. Paid Vacations After 1 yr. DOT Drug Testing & Physical Required We Pay Top Wages!
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DRIVER needed. Home nightly off weekends. Must be self motivated, and self starter. Class B CDL with tanker and hazmat endorsement required. With current D.O.T. Physical card. Call 806-440-1505.
EXP. Painter & Drywall needed asap. References required. Call 817-909-4766.
PART TIME INSERTER
Needed immediately! About 20 hrs. per week. Must work every Sat., have driver's license & be 18 yrs. old.
Apply in Person The Pampa News 403 W. Atchison Pampa No phone calls please

SEMICRUCHE Energy Partners
has openings for a Full-Time Bobtail and Transport drivers in the Pampa and surrounding areas. Must have Class A CDL with the X endorsement and meet DOT qual. Exc. benefit pkg. incl. medical, dental, vision, life ins.; along with a 401K package and paid vacation, sick and holidays. Please call 806-934-7505, for application.

HARVESTER Donuts
is now hiring cashier or cook's helper. Start immediately. Come to the store personally. No phone calls.
NOW taking applications for dishwasher & kitchen help. Apply in person, Dyer's BBQ, Pampa.

\$300 SIGN-ON BONUS
Wheeler Nursing & Rehabilitation has nurse aide openings all shifts. Will train & certify, competitive pay, shift differential. Apply in person, 1000 S. Kiowa. See Donna Cox, RN, DON or Angie Drake, LVN, ADON

\$1500.00 SIGN-ON BONUS FOR LVN.
Pampa Nursing Center is now hiring for Charge Nurses on the 2-10 and 10-6 shift. Contact **Mandi Martin R.N., DON 1321 W. Kentucky EEOE**

OFFICE Assistant needed.
Full-time position with benefits. Must be able to work in Microsoft Excel and Word. Apply at 1211 N. Price Rd., Pampa

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MOVING SALE
2332 Cherokee Dr. Fri. & Sat. 8am-1pm.
ESTATE & Moving Sale, Fri. 8:30am-1:30pm. 901 S. Barnes.
FRI & Sat. 913 Schneider. Upholstery botton mach. camcorder w/ tripod tools, tie down chairs, books, movies, Shirley Temple color book, lots of misc.
11950 McCullough, Fri. & Sat. 8-? Good 16 ft. garage door w/ opener, ping pong table, comp. desk, enter. ctr, furn., misc.
GARAGE Sale. Fri. 8:30-5:00. Sat. 8:30-noon. No early birds. 1035 S. Hobart. Bedroom suite, Hardrock Maple Harvest Table & chairs, mens shirts, kids clothes, coats, air comp., hoist, tools, wringer, washer, scroll saw, and unique pump organ & much more.
FRI 8:30-? Sat. 11am-? 1033 Twiford.

69 Misc.
ADVERTISING Material
to be placed in the Pampa News MUST be placed through the Pampa News Office Only.
FREE Pallets behind One Stop Flooring.
JAZZY elec. used skooter-\$550. Call 669-4150.
FACED with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholic Anonymous can help. CALL: (806)217-1252 Liberty Bell Group Monday, Wednesday 8 PM. Closed meetings for the ALCOHOLIC Only Step and Tradition study.
BROYHILL triple dresser, end tables, lamps, cookware. Red Barn, 1420 S. Barnes, Sat. 10-5. 665-2767.
MILLER diesel 400 Amp welder with leads on single axle trailer, \$4000. 669-4150.
BRAND new bunk bed w/o mattresses for sale. \$400 OBO. 665-5688 or 595-0091.
WANTED! Good used working refrigerators and electric stoves. Call 665-1875
MAYTAG Washer & Dryer. Heavy Duty. Call 662-6217. \$350 PR.

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FOR all your Real Estate needs, call John Goddard, at Century 21! Where knowledge & experience matter. 806-595-1234.
FOR Sale By Owner. Very nice 3 bdr., 2 ba., 4 car gar. w/ detached office or guest room. Approx. 2000 sq. ft. 2421 Evergreen. 665-0441.
HIGHEST CASH PAID FOR HOUSES! CALL 665-1875
OWNER Will Finance! 1012 Duncan 3br/1 ba 1333 Garland 2br/1 ba 629 N. Dwyght 2br/1 ba Call Gary @ TruStar Realty 665-4955

80 Pets & Suppl.
CHIHUAHUA, 2 yr. old bdr. female, free to good home. Call 663-3413.
FULL BLOOD Shi-Tzu Pups 440-2122 \$125
FULL blood Boxer puppies. 2 females. Have 1st shots. 806-595-0017 or 806-663-0442.
84 Office Equip.
FIRE proof 4 drawer filing cabinet, other filing cabinets, lateral files, a shaped sec. desk, wood & metal desks, oak conf. table. 669-4150.

96 Unfurn. Apts.
LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. Call for availability. References & deposit req. 669-4386
NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Dupl. & Comm. properties thru-out Pampa. 665-1875, 665-4274.
THE Schneider House, new leasing apts., 1 & 2 bdr., utilities incl. 120 S. Russell or call 665-0415.

97 Furn. Houses
2525 Charles, Pampa. 3 bdr., 2 ba. \$1350 mo. Call 806-440-6166.

98 Unfurn. Houses
IN Lefors TX. 2 bdr m 1 bath. Has washer & dryer. \$275 per month, \$275 deposit. Call 835-2860.
2 bdr., 1 ba. mobile home. 546 Reid. \$500 mo., \$300 dep. 806-664-0814.

99 Stor. Bldgs.
TUMBLEWEED Acres, self storage units. Various sizes. 665-0079, 665-2450.

102 Bus. Rent. Prop.
OFFICE Space for rent, ask about 3 months free rent. 669-6841.

114 Recre. Veh.
1994 Travel Supreme 5th wheel, 33 ft., 1 slide. Call 662-0879.

115 Trailer Parks
TUMBLEWEED Acres, Storm Shelters, fenced, stor. bldg. avail. 665-0079, 665-2450.

120 Autos
2000 Cavalier. 5 speed. \$3700. 662-9219.
2005 Mustang GT, 585 mi. Mineral gray with red leather. 5 sp., all options. Never seen rain! snow. 1 owner. \$21,500 obo (below Blue BK). 898-5096

121 Trucks
86 Nissan ext. cab., auto., a/c, 4 cyl., 130k mi. w/o topper, \$2200 obo. 01 Chevy 1/2 ton ext cab., 4 dr., auto, a/c, 6 cyl, 99k mi. \$9850 obo. 664-1700

50 Building Suppl.
White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

60 Household
USED furn., butcher, recliners, dryer, dressers, bedroom suites, baby bed, etc. 662-7557.
MATTRESS-ALL new KING set (pillowtop) left in pkg. Original warranty. Will take. \$199. 806-341-6233.
A QUEEN PILLOWTOP mattress and foundation \$129. Sealed in plastic. Warranty. 806-341-6233
\$119 NEW queen mattress & box, never used, looking for a good home. 806-341-6233
BRAND new double / full size mattress set, \$109. Still in original pkg. Twin size \$99. 806-3341-6233

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Oct. 3, 2008:
You are unusually direct this year, and you know precisely what you want. Sometimes, when you have a knee-jerk reaction, you discover that the circumstances were not what you thought. Your high energy and ability to lead emerge in a way you have rarely experienced. You might find that your spending is a little out of control this year, should you be spontaneous in your dating life. You discover that someone very different could enter your life. Romance blossoms in 2009. If you are attached, you could take a lot of risks emotionally, and how your partner reacts depends on your communication. Focus on just that, learning to speak and listen to each other. SAGITTARIUS opens up to you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Reach out for someone else if the person you speak to does not respond adequately. You suddenly might discover that others are combative. Let go, understanding that everyone has the right to be who he or she is. Even you lose control sometimes. Tonight: Togetherness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are full of energy and spirit. Know what needs to happen. Feel empowered, knowing what works. Your ability to zero in on what is important can define the end results. Investigate possibilities. Let others join in and express their opinions. Tonight: Say "yes."
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You do a lot and very quickly. Focus on your job. Knowing what is necessary is important. You accomplish an excessive amount if you relax and stay focused. You have an inordinate amount of energy. Tonight: Wind down with a co-worker or pal.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your creativity peaks, and you have idea after idea. Understand what needs to happen in order to make a situation work. Complete work, following an even pace. You could be tired and need some time off. Tonight: Do for you.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Your creativity surges to unprecedented levels. You could focus this energy on making much-needed changes that make you feel better. Investigate what needs to happen within your immediate orb. Tonight: Let your hair down.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might want to rethink a decision that could impact your personal and understanding. Talk is cheap, but actions will reveal someone's true intent. Do nothing halfway at present. Tonight: You will see a difference.
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Fenton holds car show to benefit blood center

The Second Annual Fenton Fall Classic Car Show in conjunction with Coffee Memorial Blood Center was held recently at Fenton Motors of Pampa.

Entries came from all over the Texas Panhandle to be judged in the event. All proceeds went to benefit Coffee Memorial Blood Center.

The blood center had 49 donations and each eligible donor received a free t-shirt.



Clockwise from top: Jack Williams stands beside his entry. Brad Fenton, Harry Fisher Sr. and Lance Fenton stand beside the Playboy #85 Nascar car. Story Parrish, Sandra Parrish, Misty Parrish and Coleen Bartel sit at the Calvary Baptist Church Youth table. Piper LaBombard sits behind the wheel of a classic Firebird. Dennis Holme stands beside his Dodge Charger. (Participants could buy rides in a 1967 Shelby Cobra, a Series 3 Camaro and a Corvette. The three cars and paying passengers raced at Perry LeFors Airport.) An old Ford with a Pampa grill. Dave and Nan Isham with their Corvette. Norma Reeves donates blood.