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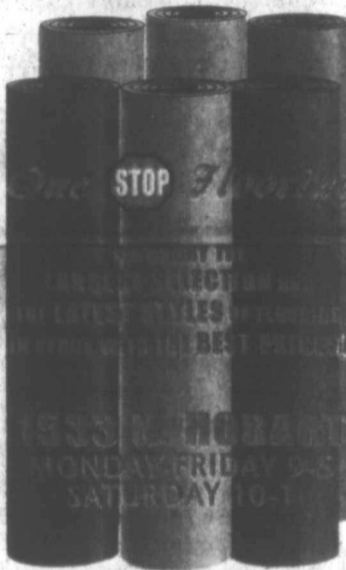
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County Commission No comments heard at 2nd budget, tax hearing

by Marilyn Powers
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No comments from the public were made Tuesday during Gray County commissioners' second public hearing concerning the county's proposed budget and tax rate for fiscal 2009, because no citizens attended the hearing.

The first hearing was held Aug. 27 and drew questions but no comments from two members of the audience.

Commissioners will vote on the property tax rate and budget at their Sept. 15 meeting.

The proposed 2009 county tax rate is .44673 cents per \$100 valuation of taxable property. The rate for 2008 is .47326 cents per \$100. The proposed 2009 county budget totals \$11,726,328. The 2008 budget is \$11,004,455.

One citizen was heard, however, during the "citizens to be heard" portion of Tuesday's meeting.

Nort Mowery of Amarillo requested permission to place a 3'x3' marker on the courthouse lawn at no cost to the county.

The marker, which would be made of granite and weigh

6,000 pounds, would feature the Ten Commandments and selected quotes by historical figures concerning religion. Funds to pay for the monument would come from private donations and sales of caps and T-shirts, Mowery said. The monument would be in the shape of a cube and would be made in Texas at a cost of \$5,500.

"The ACLU tried to remove this monument from the lawn of the Texas Courthouse in Austin and failed," Mowery said. "They will not object to it here."

Mowery said he and a partner, Elliott Crabtree, had already talked to county commissioners in other Texas Panhandle counties and that Dallam and Hartley counties were agreeable to the monument's placement on their courthouse lawns.

The Texas Historical Commission will have to be consulted before the monument could be placed on the Gray County Courthouse lawn, since the courthouse is a historical site, said County Judge Richard Peet, who offered to contact the commission concerning the marker. He said that commis-

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City sets budget hearing

The Pampa City Commission will hold a public hearing Thursday evening on the proposed city budget for fiscal year 2008-2009.

The proposed budget calls for an increase in total tax revenues from property taxes by 7.70 percent. The commission is considering adopting a tax rate of 66.5 cents per \$100 valuation.

The commission will consider on first reading ordinances adopting the Rate Review Mechanism Tariff, amending rates for the landfill, amending rates for trash collection and amending sewer and water rates.

The public hearing and subsequent meeting will begin at 6 p.m., Thursday, in the commission chambers of City Hall.

Traffic stop leads to foot chase, arrest

by Marilyn Powers
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A traffic stop Monday evening led to one foot chase and two arrests for Gray County sheriff's deputies.

Deputy Steven White stopped a vehicle at about 6:45 p.m. Monday in the 100 block of North Wynne because the vehicle had a defective brake lamp, according to GCSO Lt. Joe B. Hoard.

White made contact with

the occupants of the vehicle and allowed the passenger to look at the defective brake lamp. The driver was identified as Christina Mullen Dills, 27, of Pampa.

"The passenger was asked for identification and had none," Hoard said. "During the deputy's talk with him, he gave information that just didn't sound right. He gave a false date of birth. When the deputy told him to place his hands behind his back, he turned and ran."

White was attempting to arrest the man for giving false identity information at the time the chase began, Hoard said.

"He was chased on foot all over the area and was picked up at the corner of Kingsmill and Wynne streets," Hoard said.

Assisting in the chase and arrest were Deputy Rhett Rollins and Pampa Police department officers.

Jon Wyatt Roe, 39, of Ponca City, Okla. was

booked into Gray County Jail on charges of evading arrest or detention and a probation violation for a Gray County charge of injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to commit bodily injury.

Dills was booked into the jail on a charge of no valid driver's license, according to jail records.

Roe was released Tuesday on \$27,000 bond. Dills was released Tuesday to pay a \$247 fine.

Paulson new director of Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center

by David Bowser
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A Pampa musician is the new director of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center.

Josh Paulson, 26, born and raised in Pampa, has taken over as the executive director of the folk music center.

While Paulson had been aware of Woody Guthrie's connection to Pampa, it wasn't until he made the trip to the celebration in Okemah, Okla., in July that he fully appreciated Guthrie's influence on the rest of the world.

Okemah, Guthrie's birthplace, celebrates his musical legacy on his birthday each summer. Guthrie was born July 14, 1912, in Okemah, but it was Pampa where he began his musical career.

"I went to Okemah this year," Paulson said, "and it was really incredible to see the way that people celebrate Woody Guthrie and how much of an influence he's had on music in general."

Paulson said Guthrie's influence is worldwide.

"He's made a lot of difference to a lot of people," Paulson said.

That gave Paulson a sense of pride in Pampa.

"He came from the same town that I was born in, that I was raised in, that my family was raised in," Paulson said. "It's a big deal."

Guthrie moved to Pampa in 19—to join his father. It was on South Cuyler during the Dust Bowl that Guthrie went to work as a soda jerk at Shorty Harris' drugstore, the site of the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center today.

In a back room at the drugstore, Guthrie found an old guitar. His uncle helped him string it and taught him a few chords.

From there Guthrie went on to form the Corn Cob Trio in Pampa and play in a Junior Chamber of Commerce Band.

It was Pampa where Guthrie married his first wife and had his first children.

Eventually, he followed U.S. Highway 60 out of town to California. As his musical career grew, he returned to Pampa several times, but mostly it was on his travels from



staff photo/R. Stennett

Performer Josh Paulson sings "Stand By Me" during his set at the Chautauqua festival that lasted from 11:30 a.m. through noon.

California to New York.

Guthrie died Oct. 3, 1967, in New York of Huntington's Disease, the same disease that killed his mother.

Pampa's Woody Guthrie celebration is traditionally held on the weekend nearest the anniversary of Guthrie's death, but next year, Paulson said, the celebration will be moved to

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Sen. Duncan to hear concerns

Pampa's state senator will be in Wheeler and Clarendon next week to hear constituents' concerns prior to the new legislative session after the first of the year.

Texas Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, who represents Pampa, will be at the Wheeler County Courthouse at 2:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 11. The meeting will be in the district courtroom.

Sen. Duncan will be at the Donley County Courthouse at 5:30 p.m., Sept. 11. The meeting will be in the county commissioner's courtroom.

Duncan will meet with constituents concerning the upcoming 81st Texas Legislature that begins in January in Austin.

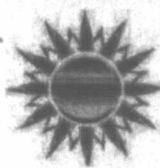
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Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 77. South wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

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2 shot, 1 killed in alleged home invasion

BLUE MOUND, Texas (AP) — Police say a homeowner wrested a shotgun from an intruder and shot him and a fellow intruder in his suburban Fort Worth home.

One of the men died of his wound in the shooting early Wednesday in Blue Mound, while the other is hospitalized in Fort Worth.

Keith and Kellie Hoehn (HAYN) tell police the intruders kicked in their front door and pointed a shotgun at Mrs. Hoehn's head. She brushed the barrel aside, and a struggle ensued. The husband disarmed the armed intruder and shot both.

Investigators say the homeowner is unlikely be charged. They say he shot the men out of concern for his sleeping children.

Police say they believe the intruders had broken into the garage of another house nearby earlier in the night.

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Obituaries

Cory James Dudley, 16

LEFORS, Texas — Cory James Dudley, 16, of Lefors, died Sunday, Aug. 31, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Services were scheduled for 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Bob Banks, of the Bible Church of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in Memorial Heights Cemetery in Lefors under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Cory was born June 1, 1992, in Oklahoma City,

Okla., and was a resident of Lefors. He attended school at Travis Elementary in Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Billy Russell, on Oct. 28, 2003. The family would like to express their thanks to Molly and Ron Turpen and the numerous nurses for their loving care for Cory.

Survivors include his mother, Carolyn Simpson

and husband Scott of Lefors; his father, Scott Dudley and wife Kay Oldham of Elk City, Okla.; two brothers, Shawn Ehmann and wife Mindy of Miami, and Austin Dudley of Elk City; two sisters, Christina Flowers

and husband Gabe of Canyon, and Amber Ehmann and husband Michael Steele of Plano; one step-sister, Tiffany Williams of Anchorage, Alaska; his

paternal grandparents, Linda and Ole Bates of Slana, Alaska, and Stan and Vee Dudley of Parachute, Colo.; three aunts and two uncles including special aunt, Claudia Taylor of Lindsey, Okla.; and five nephews and one niece.

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Emergency Services

Sheriff

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

Saturday, Aug. 30

Jonathan Keith Carpenter, 44, of Pampa was arrested in the 200 block of West Kingsmill by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for public intoxication.

Maria Delrosario Lopez, 50, of Pampa was arrested in the 1700 block of North Hobart by Pampa PD for fraudulent use or possession of identifying information.

Marvin Monrow Finney III, 32, of Pampa was arrested by Lefors City Marshal for failure to maintain financial responsibility, no motor vehicle inspection, expired registration and driving while license is invalid, third or more offense.

Sunday, Aug. 31

James Elvin Tolley, 26, of

Pampa was arrested by GCSO on Coleman County charges of aggravated assault and burglary of a habitation.

Patrick Derlle Mize, 26, of Lefors was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety for having a prohibited substance in a correctional facility, driving while intoxicated and seven capias pro fines.

Anthony Lewis Isbell, 31, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on Coleman County charges of assault causing bodily injury and burglary of a habitation.

Monday, Sept. 1

Cindy Delee McLerran, 26, of Perryton was arrested by GCSO for theft of property over \$20 and under \$500 by check.

Ryan Randal Hill, 26, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of North Sumner by Pampa PD for defective tail lights and violating a restriction on his driver's license.

Gasper Antonio Olivas, 20, of Pampa was arrested in Central Park by Pampa PD on bond surrenders for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance and evading arrest or detention with a vehicle, and a capias pro fine for no driver's license.

Jon Wyatt Roe, 39, of Ponca City, Okla., was arrested by GCSO for evading arrest or detention and a probation violation for injury to a child, the elderly or disabled with intent to cause bodily injury.

Christina Mullen Dills, 27, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license.

Laray Donnell Wilson, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of Neel Road by Pampa PD for no valid driver's license and no liability insurance.

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Tuesday.

Friday, Aug. 29

Eighteen traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the 1100 block of Neel Road.

An abandoned vehicle was reported at the intersection of Wilks and Christy streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Price Road and Kentucky Avenue.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2500 block of Dogwood, the 300 block of North Zimmers, the 700 block of Magnolia and the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 800 block of Barnes.

A suspicious person call was received from the 400 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Miami, the 2200 block of North Christy, the 400 block of Naida, the 400 block of West Foster and the 400 block of North Cuyler.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. The driver's side window of a vehicle was broken. Estimated cost of damage is \$150.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks. A fence was marked with shoe polish. Estimated cost of damage is \$200.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred at an unknown location.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 2400 block of Charles.

Three building checks were made.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Fuel valued at \$38 was taken.

Theft was reported at Taylor Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Cigarettes and gasoline were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$38.

Theft was reported in the 100 block of South Wells.

Forgery was reported at Mr. Payroll, 309 N. Hobart. Eight forged checks with total estimated value of \$2,133 were written.

Saturday, Aug. 30

Eighteen traffic stops

were made. Stops in the 500 block of South Gray, the 1000 block of North Faulkner and the 2100 block of North Hobart resulted in arrests.

Motorist assistance was rendered at the intersection of 23rd Avenue and Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 400 block of North Nelson and the 2000 block of North Hobart.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 400 block of North Zimmers, the intersection of Yeager and Sunset streets, the 2100 block of North Dwight, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 800 block of East Craven, the 1700 block of Williston and the 300 block of East Frederic.

Warrant service was attempted on five occasions and resulted in at least three arrests. A welfare check was made in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

A civil matter was reported in the 300 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person call was received from the 300 block of Canadian. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee, the 800 block of North Nelson, the 700 block of North Wells (twice), the 2200 block of North Nelson and the 500 block of Montagu.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 400 block of Magnolia and the 2300 block of Duncan.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood. No injuries were reported in connection with the incident.

Assault was reported in the 900 block of Campbell.

One alarm was reported. One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning. A lawn mower and weed trimmer were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$300.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of North Wells. A movable steel porch valued at \$1,000 was taken.

Identity theft was reported in the 1700 block of North Hobart.

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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Gray County General conducted public hearings on August 27, 2008 and September 2, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Gray County General from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 6.38 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.473260 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$6,484,389.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.439069 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,830,719.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.439069 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$6,877,951.

The Gray County Commissioners of Gray County General is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 15, 2008, at County Courtroom, Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell, 2nd Floor, Pampa, Texas 79065 at 9:00am.

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sioners could take no action on the issue at Tuesday's meeting since it was not an item listed on their agenda for that day, but that the issue would be included on the agenda for the Sept. 15 meeting.

A part-time temporary employee for Elections Administrator Linda Lewis was approved by commissioners Tuesday. Peet said that the election commission, which is made up of representatives of all taxing entities in the county which hold elections, met Friday and recommended approval of the employee. The employee will work 15 hours per week for the months of September, October and November. Gray County will pay the majority of the cost of the employee, or between \$800 and \$900, Peet said. The remaining membership of the elections commission will each pay a portion of the employee's cost based on their share of participation in the elections commission.

Two new hangars for Perry LeFors Airport were approved by commissioners. Both hangars have already been approved by the airport's board of directors, said Peet.

One hangar will be built by RDS Aviation at the north end of the current hangar locations. The other will be built by Bourland and Leverich at the south end of the current row of hangars.

Contracts for tax assessment and collection services between Gray County and various taxing entities was approved by commissioners. The contracts were with Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, the City of Pampa and McLean, Pampa and Grandview-Hopkins Independent School Districts. Other contracts with other taxing entities in the county were approved at a previous commissioners' meeting.

A change of the name of Main Street in Alanreed to Alanreed Main was approved. The change was prompted by confusion between Alanreed's and McLean's Main Streets by emergency communications services, according to Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

Renewal of a contract between the county and the state attorney general's office for child support payments for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 was approved. Also approved was a lease for a copy machine for the county clerk's office. The lease is a continuation of a present agreement at the same rate but with a different machine, Peet said.

Commissioners voted to maintain the county's same percentage rate of contribution to its employee retirement fund for fiscal year 2009. Commissioners also approved an engagement letter from Doshier, Pickens and Francis for an external audit for fiscal 2008.

A memorandum of understanding between Gray County and the Supreme Court of Texas for support of continuity of court operations in the event of an emergency was approved.

"The State Supreme Court would like us to have a judicial readiness program in place so that we would be ready and willing to allow use of our facilities by another judge in the event of an emergency," Peet said of the agreement. The program is voluntary, and any excess costs incurred as a result of the agreement would be charged to the county which used the courthouse in such a situation, he said.

Bids on 23 tax-delinquent properties were accepted by commissioners. Bidders, the amounts of their bids, and the properties are: Greg Squires, \$500, 609 N. Frost; John W. Carroll, \$176, 730 N. Roberta; Jennifer Ewing, \$111, 405 N. Doyle; Jose Torres, \$500, 1049 Varnon Drive; and Angela Hunkler, \$110, 1306 E. Browning.

Multiple bids on several properties were approved for Darrell Nelson, who bid \$101.50 each for a lot on East Albert, 733 E. Albert and other lots on East Albert, 532 and 536 Crawford, 801 E. Malone, 919 and 923 S. Faulkner, 1112 Lincoln, 418 Crawford and 1309 E. Francis.

Bubba J Investments' bids on several properties were approved. They were \$108 each for a lot on Wilks Street, 1019 and 1023 Clark, 719 S. Ballard and 709 E. Brunow.

Flying W Properties successfully bid \$108 each for a lot on East Brunow, 212 and 220 E. Thut, 1041 Varnon Drive, 513 N. Warren, 430 Crest and 759 Wilks.

Payment of bills totaling \$90,706.66 and salaries of \$230,448.04 was approved.

Paulson

July, following Okemah's celebration.

This year, during the Woody Guthrie celebration in Pampa on Oct. 3 and 4, Paulson

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will be one of the musicians performing during the festivities.

Paulson got his musical start when he was 6-years-old with his father, David Paulson, in church. At 15, he sang at the funeral of a family friend and next-door neighbor, Doug Winkleblack.

"It was the first time I ever really sang," Paulson said. "I sang at funerals. I sang at weddings. That's the way it kind of worked."

He sang at his sister's wedding. He describes his work at Briarwood Full Gospel Church in Pampa as his first gig.

His first professional performance was at The Coffee Shop on Cuyler.

Paulson said that changed his life. That's when he realized that's what he wanted to do.

Since then, he's played in various venues around the country. He ended up in Nashville, Tenn., cutting his first album, which was released in March, 2007.

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Texas news briefs ...

Dog Deaths

Houston activists call for animal control officer's firing after 8 dogs left in hot truck die

HOUSTON (AP) — The deaths of eight dogs that became overheated in a city animal control truck has some animal welfare activists calling for the firing of an animal control officer.

The dogs were left in the truck while the officer went to lunch on Aug. 26. The officer has told city Bureau of Animal Care and Regulation officials that the air conditioning was working on her truck when she went to lunch but malfunctioned. The department is investigating because the air conditioning was working when the officer returned to the shelter with the dogs.

The high in Houston on Aug. 26 was 95 degrees.

When the officer returned from lunch, the dogs were all "in distress," said Kathy Barton, spokeswoman for the city health and human services department. Two were dead when the officer returned to the shelter. The other six died that afternoon.

"I do not believe we are dealing with a cruelty issue," Barton said in a story in Tuesday's online edition of the Houston Chronicle. "We are dealing with a

mechanical issue or a human failure issue."

The officer has been assigned to duties within the shelter while the investigation is conducted.

"In any other work setting, an employee who screws up this bad would be fired," activist Sherry Nassar said in an e-mail to the newspaper. "BARC is a heartbreaking place to work — most people couldn't do it day in and day out. But there are shelters in this country, an increasing number of them, that are able to attract and keep good employees who stay for years because the culture is humane and requires humane treatment of the animals."

Kelly Cripe, another activist, said the district attorney's office should consider bringing an animal cruelty charge against the officer.

Lawmaker's Worker-Killing

Authorities believe man sought in beating death fled to Mexico

McALLEN (AP) — An illegal immigrant ranch worker wanted in the fatal beating of a young Hispanic man may have fled to Mexico, authorities said.

Hidalgo County Sheriff Lupe Trevino said Froilan Caseres, 24, a Honduran, is suspected of using a bat early Monday to beat to death Adin Jaret Rodriguez, a Mexican national in his early 20s. Caseres was employed at a ranch owned by state Rep. Kino Flores,

who said he hired Caseres without checking his immigration status. Authorities said Rodriguez's body was found in a shed next to horse stables on the ranch. Rodriguez did not work at the ranch and was also in the U.S. illegally, authorities said.

Trevino said Caseres caught a ride to the border and was filmed crossing the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge just before 2:45 a.m. Monday. He boarded a bus bound for Monterrey and another to Mexico City, but Mexican authorities have yet to locate and arrest him.

Oprah-Olympians

Oprah Winfrey to tape season premiere Wednesday featuring US Olympians in Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The city of Chicago is getting the kind of high-profile boost to its bid to host the 2016 Summer Olympics that only Oprah Winfrey can give.

The talk show host is taping the season premiere for "The Oprah Winfrey Show" at a downtown Chicago park on Wednesday, and she's invited 150 U.S. Olympic athletes to join her.

Harpo Productions says Winfrey intends the show to be both a welcome home for athletes who competed in Beijing and a chance to showcase Chicago as the city bids for the 2016 Games.

Michael Phelps, Parker, Texas native Nastia Liukin (NAHS'-tee-uh LOO'-kih) and Kobe Bryant are among

the Olympians set to attend.

Hundreds of fans stood in line for hours for a chance at 2,000 ticketed seats. Another 7,000 lawn seats will be available Wednesday.

The show will air Monday.

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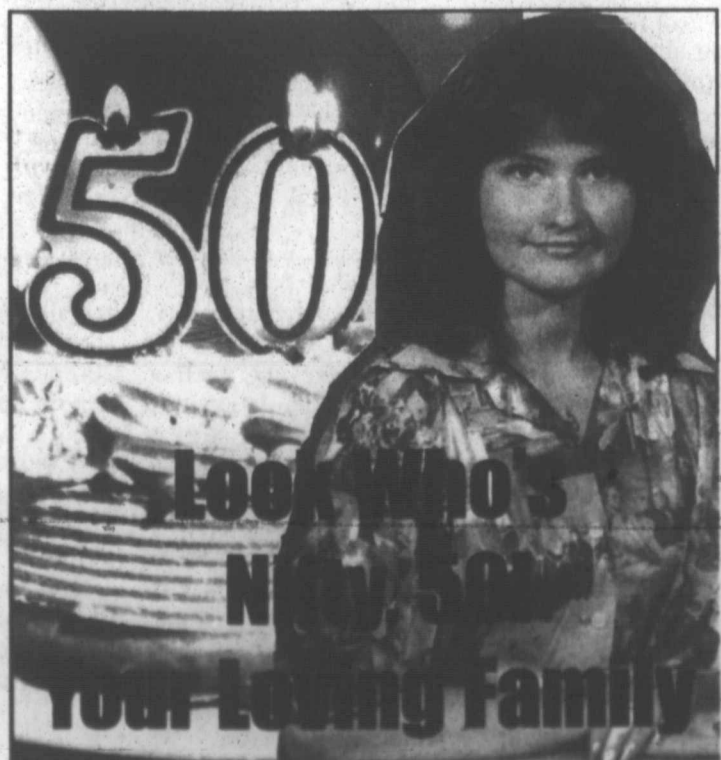
Lotto jackpot still waits to be claimed

ATLANTA (AP) — By midmorning Wednesday the winner of Friday's \$133 million Mega Millions jackpot still hadn't contacted the Georgia Lottery to claim the prize.

The winning ticket was sold at a Chevron station in Mableton in south Cobb County.

Lottery spokeswoman Tandi Reddick said Wednesday morning that the winner has 180 days from the date of the drawing to claim the winnings. She said it's not uncommon for winners to wait a few days or more.

Reddick said that, after all sales were tallied, the jackpot was worth \$133 million. If the winner chooses to take an immediate lump sum payment, the payout would be nearly \$57 million after state and federal taxes are taken out.



Viewpoints

How might Obama act as president?

Now that Barack Obama has a good shot at the presidency, I hold hopes that maybe I could make it, too.

Though our experiences and talents are entirely different, I, too, came from humble circumstances. The only boy, with five sisters, I had no brothers to teach me to fight. My sisters taught me.

One day when I was 12, the neighborhood bully was roughing me up. I gave him my meanest look and said, "You are soooooo immature! Get a life!"

I was humbled by a lack of money. Despite having no brothers, my father, always looking to save a buck, made me wear hand-me-downs. It wasn't too bad most of the

year, but Easter Sunday was unpleasant. It was near impossible to outrun the neighborhood bully with my pantyhose bunching up and my bonnet flopping in the wind.

Unlike Barack, I had no early interest in politics, the presidency or my studies, and with good reason — the kids who were interested in such things frequently got wedgies. Instead, I threw myself into sports and extracurricular activities.

My efforts paid off. My lack of studying and devotion to extracurricular activities were the ideal preparations for Penn State University. It was there that I was introduced to my first love: Rolling Rock Beer. By

the time I was a junior, I had attained, to quote comedian Frank Nicotero, a 3.2 (blood-alcohol level).

My father was panicked about my future. I was a liberal arts major, after all.

Worried I'd never find a job, he persuaded me to take more practical courses. I was the only person ever to graduate from Penn State with a major in English and a minor in air conditioning and heating.

Despite my ways, I received my degree. Unlike Barack I didn't forgo a lucrative career to become a com-

munity organizer. I took the first job one fool company was crazy enough to offer me.

I've been stumbling along ever since. Today, I'm an independent writer who hacks out a living one brutal word after another to pay the onerous taxes that people like Barack have imposed on us.

It is true I never went to Harvard Law. I certainly wasn't elected president of the law review, as Barack was. I never held elected office in state politics and never even tried to run, let

alone win, a seat in the U.S. Senate.

But as far as experience for the presidency goes, I'm not a heck of a lot less qualified than Barack. He has only 143 active days in the Senate more than I do (his job has mostly been to run for president the past two years).

He never ran a profit-or-loss enterprise of any kind. His record as a community organizer, lawyer and politician give little indication of boldness, leadership or results. It's anybody's guess how he might act as president.

Sure, he gives an incredible speech and inspires millions with his presence. His campaign has been remark-

able in numerous respects. He's drawn millions into the political process.

Sure, despite his relative youth and inexperience, he toppled the Clinton machine. He is the first black to be nominated for the presidency, no small achievement and worthy of celebration no matter what one's politics are.

But when you consider the incredible criteria that must be met before taking on the world's most important job — when you consider that many of Barack's "solutions" involve a much more expansive government — you wonder why the press isn't probing his experience, abil-

Tom Purcell
Columnist



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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 3, the 247th day of 2008. There are 119 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 3, 1783, the Treaty of Paris between the United States and Great Britain officially ended the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1189, England's King Richard I (the Lion-Hearted) was crowned in Westminster Abbey.

In 1658, Oliver Cromwell, the Lord Protector of England, died in London.

In 1939, Britain, France, Australia and New Zealand declared war on Germany, two days after the Nazi invasion of Poland.

In 1943, the British Eighth Army invaded Italy during World War II, the same day Italy signed a secret armistice with the Allies.

In 1951, the television soap opera "Search for Tomorrow" made its debut on CBS. (It ran on CBS until 1982, when it moved to NBC until its final episode, which aired in December 1986.)

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu was elected president of South Vietnam under a new constitution.

In 1967, motorists in Sweden began driving on the right-hand side of the road instead of the left.

In 1976, the unmanned U.S. spacecraft Viking 2 landed on Mars to take the first close-up, color photographs of the planet's surface.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was installed as the 264th pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church.

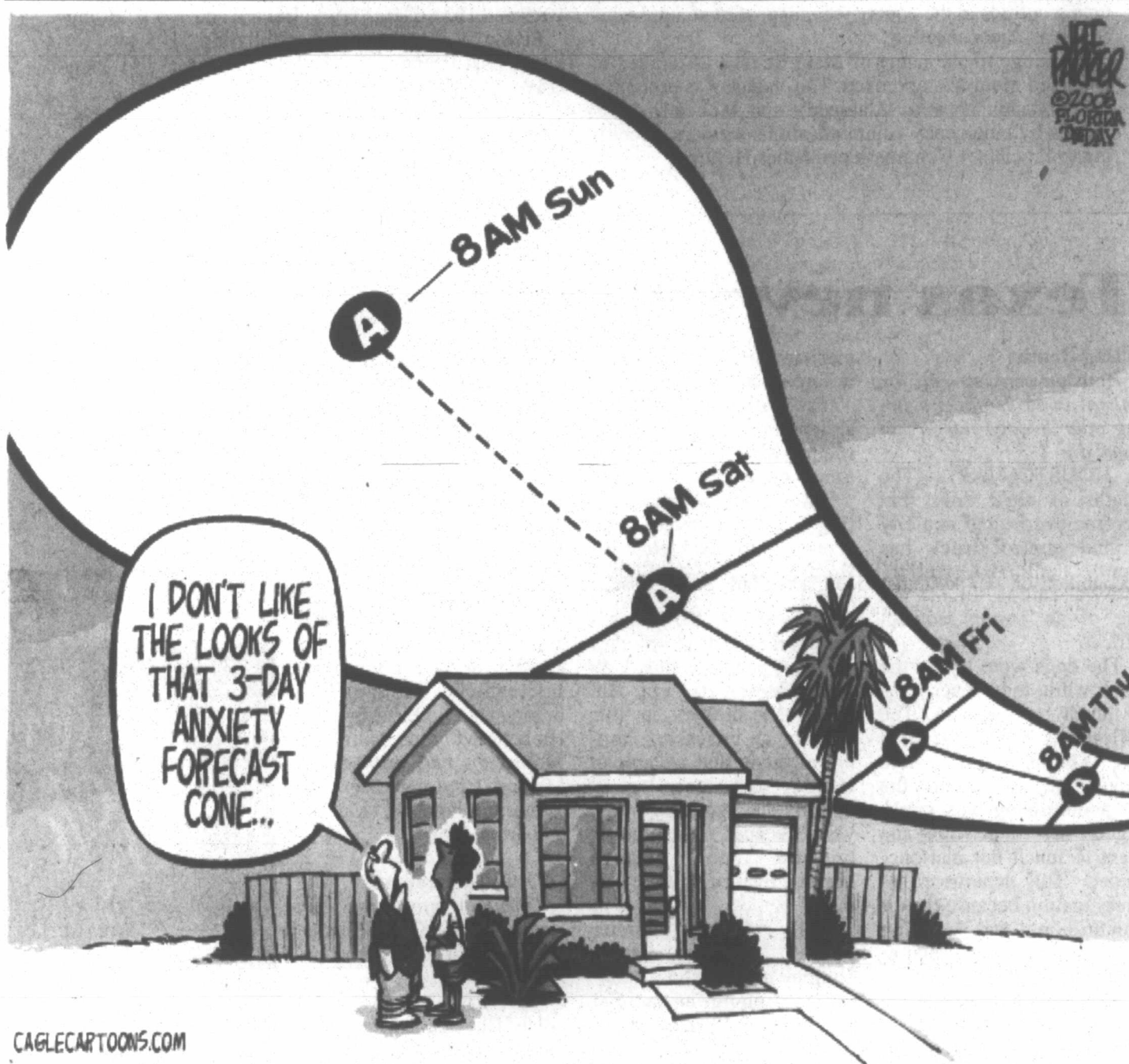
In 2004, the three-day hostage siege at a school in Beslan, Russia, ended in bloody chaos after Chechen militants set off bombs as Russian commandos stormed the building; more than 330 people, mostly children, were killed.

Ten years ago: President Clinton visited Omagh, Northern Ireland, where he walked down the street where a car bombing had claimed 29 lives, and offered his condolences to the families of the victims. Authorities continued to recover remains from Swissair Flight 111, which had crashed off Nova Scotia the night before with 229 people aboard.

Five years ago: Paul Hill, a former minister who said he murdered an abortion doctor and his bodyguard to save the lives of unborn babies, was executed in Florida by injection, becoming the first person put to death in the United States for anti-abortion violence.

'Any doctrine that will not bear investigation is not a fit tenant for the mind of an honest man.'

— Robert G. Ingersoll
American lawyer and politician (1833-1899)



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My late wife was a sweet Midwestern gal

Every now and then, the rumor arises that I have a Palestinian wife. Some of my kin were highly amused by a debate on that subject that was being conducted by letters to the editor in their local paper recently.

Apparently, it does not occur to anyone simply to ask me. As a matter of fact, I don't have a wife. I'm a widower, and the one wife I had was a sweet Midwestern girl of Methodist, German and Swedish extraction. I don't have a Palestinian mistress or girlfriend. I don't even have a Palestinian bowling pal.

The recurring Palestinian wife rumor, I believe, is a result of some people find-

ing it impossible to believe that an American would have any sympathy for the Palestinian people without an ulterior motive. That is a credit to the effectiveness of the Israeli propaganda machine, which has, for more than 50 years, stereotyped Palestinians as a wild, violent people. It is a stereotype helped greatly by the news media, which rarely reports in depth on anything foreign, and by Hollywood, where lately the venerable Nazi has been replaced as the chief villain

by the Arab terrorist.

Actually, Palestinians are a gentle people. If you get to know some, and hear their side of the story, you will feel sympathy for them, too, unless you have a flint heart. The Palestinians were run over by history. I know that various ethnic groups in the United States fiercely contend for the title of victim, but the Palestinians had it imposed on them.

There was nothing they could do when the Ottoman Empire absorbed their land.

There was nothing they could do when the British Empire took their land away from the Ottoman Turks at the end of World War I. There was nothing they could do when the British Empire created the Palestine Mandate. There was nothing they could do when the British Cabinet, for reasons historians still argue about, decided Palestine would make a nice national home for European Jews when and if the British Empire ever decided to give up its occupation of Palestine.

That it did in 1947, after considerable encouragement by Jewish terrorist organiza-

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 24
Houston Chronicle on the Chinese engineer who died in U.S. custody:

He had lived half his life in America, peacefully making his way through community college, a job as a computer engineer, marrying a citizen.

But when Chinese national Hui Lui Ng was detained last summer for overstaying his visa, immigration officials treated him with a cruelty unacceptable

even for suspects at Guantanamo.

This month, Ng (pronounced Eng) died in custody. To prevent another horror story like his, the Homeland Security Department and Congress must ensure quickly that our immigration system meets basic standards of humanity.

According to a harrowing account by the New York Times' Nina Bernstein, Ng arrived here with his parents at age 17. He overstayed a tourist visa, applied for political asylum and got a work permit while awaiting a decision. Finally rejected for asylum, Ng

received a deportation notice in 2001 sent to the wrong address. In Ng's absence, the judge sentenced him for deportation.

Ng's wife, however, had begun to seek citizenship for him. When the couple appeared for their green card interview in 2007, ICE agents took Ng into custody.

The 34-year-old was held in a series of private jails as his family tried to arrange legal help. Then, in April, Ng began to complain of severe back pain.

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US sends 3rd ship to Georgia, plans \$1B aid package

TBILISI, Georgia (AP) — A U.S. Navy ship loaded with humanitarian aid steamed through the Dardanelles on its way to Georgia on Wednesday, as the Bush administration prepared to roll out a \$1 billion economic aid package for the ex-Soviet republic.

The multiyear proposal calls for spending about half of the total in the administration's remaining five months in office and recommending that the incoming president and his team continue funding the project when they take over in January, a senior official said.

The White House and State Department intend on Wednesday afternoon to jointly announce the aid package, which follows a fact-finding and assessment mission to Georgia by Reuben Jeffrey, a senior U.S. diplomat who returned from the country last week, the official told the AP.

Jeffrey has recommended that assistance be sped to Georgia to help it rebuild its economy and infrastructure that was destroyed by Russian tanks, troops and airstrikes, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement.

Vice President Dick Cheney is due to arrive in Georgia on Thursday from Azerbaijan as part of a swing through three former Soviet republics to emphasize U.S. interest and support.

The Russian consul in Georgia, meanwhile, said Russia closed its embassy there and halted consular operations after Georgia severed diplomatic ties following last month's war.

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"A break-off of diplomatic ties is an action that has a price," Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Andrei Nesterenko said in Moscow. He said the ministry is considering other measures.

The diplomatic break follows a five-day war and Moscow's recognition of two separatist Georgia regions, South Ossetia and Abkhazia, as independent nations. The conflict has brought tensions between Moscow and the West to their highest level since the end of the Soviet Union.

"Now I cannot get to Russia to see my wife," Vakhtang Tsereteli, a Georgian whose wife is a Russian citizen and lives in Moscow, said outside the consulate Wednesday. "I don't know what to do."

The United States has already sent two military ships bearing aid to Georgia, and the USS Mount Whitney steamed through the Dardanelles early Wednesday and was expected to pass through the Bosphorus later in the day. The two Turkish-controlled straits link the Mediterranean to the Black Sea.

One of the other U.S. ships, the USS McFaul, sailed back through the straits toward the Mediterranean late Monday.

"We don't understand what American ships are doing on the Georgian shores, but this is a question of taste, it's a decision by our American colleagues," Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said Tuesday. "The second question is why the humanitarian aid is being delivered on naval vessels armed with the newest rocket systems."



Courtesy Photo

Native American dance

The Kwahadi Indian Dancers, Venturing Crew 9, Golden Spread Council, BSA, in Amarillo have been invited to perform at the 2008 Busan World TreX-Games in Busan, S.K., on Sept. 25. The group of 22 will depart Amarillo for the trip overseas on Sept. 22. They will perform at the opening ceremony of the games and at several other related events. After the games, the Amarillo dancers are scheduled to perform Oct. 18 for some 10,000 Scouts at the Chickasaw Council Fall Scout Base in Memphis, Tenn. Other upcoming trips include a 2009 International Show Tour to Denmark, Ireland and the United Kingdom. The Kwahadis are a performing team of Scouts, Venturing Crew members and Girl Scouts from many area Scout troops who train together to present Native American dance in a variety of venues.

ECONOMY

Factory orders see wide gains led by aircraft

WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders to U.S. factories rose by a larger-than-expected amount in July as demand for commercial aircraft, heavy machinery and iron and steel all posted solid gains.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new orders increased by 1.3 percent in July, much stronger than the 0.8 percent increase economists had been expecting. The July advance follows an even bigger 2.1 percent increase in June and represents the fifth straight rise in orders.

Manufacturers have seen a sharp slowdown in the U.S. economy offset by strong gains in foreign demand, helped by a weaker dollar which makes their products more competitive overseas.

The July strength was led by a 28.1 percent jump in commercial aircraft, which rebounded from a 21.3 percent decline in this volatile category in the previous month.

Orders in all transportation categories rose by 3.2 percent in July, the best showing in five months. It was the second straight month that orders for motor vehicles rose, increasing by 0.6 percent in July following an even bigger 3.2 percent June

The government reported last week that the economy expanded at an annual rate of 3.3 percent in the April-June quarter, more than three times the growth rate turned in during the first three months of this year. The concern is that a slowdown in exports will dampen manufacturing activity and consumer spending will falter as the effect of \$92 billion in economic stimulus

advance. The gains were viewed as temporary, however, given that automakers are struggling with a weak economy and plunging demand for once-popular models because of high fuel prices.

Excluding transportation, factory orders would have risen by 1 percent, slightly below the 1.5 percent economists had been expecting.

Orders for durable goods, items expected to last at least three years, rose 1.3 percent in July, unchanged from the preliminary estimate the government made last week. Orders for nondurable goods, products

such as fuel, food and chemicals, increased 1.2 percent in July.

A number of categories showed big gains in the month, too.

Demand for iron and steel jumped by 5 percent, orders for machinery rose 4.1 percent with demand for construction machinery soaring by 17.9 percent.

Much of this strength reflects a boom in U.S. exports, the standout performer while the rest of the economy has been hit by the worst slump in housing in decades and a severe credit crunch.

But some economists have expressed worries about how long the export boom can last given spreading weakness in key overseas markets in Europe and Japan. Also, the dollar, which had been on a long slide, has come off its recent lows, which could translate into less of a price advantage for American products against foreign goods.

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A closely watched gauge of manufacturing activity was down slightly in August at 49.9, compared to a reading of 50.0 in July, according to a report Tuesday from the Institute for Supply Management. Readings above 50 are considered a signal that the manufacturing economy is expanding and readings below 50 are seen as a signal that manufacturing is contracting.

Governor's hearing to remove Detroit mayor gets under way

DETROIT (AP) — Gov. Jennifer Granholm opened an extraordinary hearing Wednesday to determine whether Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick committed misconduct and should be removed from office in a scandal over steamy text messages and a multimillion-dollar settlement.

Granholm gave brief opening remarks after Kilpatrick's lawyers failed the day before to persuade courts to stop the hearing, which drew members of the public as early as sunrise to a state office building.

Granholm will hear evidence over allegations by the Detroit City Council that Kilpatrick misled it when it approved an \$8.4 million settlement with fired police officers. Council members say they didn't know the deal also covered up steamy text messages between Kilpatrick and his top aide, Christine Beatty, on city-issued pagers.

Michigan governors have a constitutional authority to remove elected officials for misconduct, but the target never has been the leader of the state's largest city.

"The burden of proof is sufficient evidence satisfactory to the governor," Granholm said in her remarks. "This is not a criminal trial. This is not a civil trial."

Kilpatrick skipped the hearing. Besides the removal hearing, Kilpatrick faces 10 felonies in two criminal cases.

Services

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Burglary was reported in the 2100 block of Williston.

Sunday, Aug. 31

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Market and Wells streets, the 2500 block

of Fir and on Highway 60.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1500 block of Hamilton.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the 600 block of North Wells, the 2300 block of Navajo, the 1200 block of North Wells, the 100 block of South Wells, the 2100 block of Montagu, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the

900 block of Murphy, and the intersection of Harvester and Duncan streets.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Alcock and the 1300 block of North Russell.

Found property was reported in the 300 block of East Brown. A bicycle was found.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway, the 1000 block of Duncan and the 600 block of North Sumner.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1600 block of West Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of West Foster, the 300 block of Canadian, the 500 block of Lowry, the 2300 block of Primrose, the 1200 block of East Francis, the 1500 block of Hamilton and the 800 block of North Gray.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Duncan.

A threat was reported in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West 30th.

One business check was made.

Theft was reported in the

600 block of East Frederic.

Monday, Sept. 1

Thirteen traffic stops were made. Stops in the 200 block of North Sumner and the 1000 block of Neel Road resulted in arrests.

Traffic complaints were received from the 700 block of North Cuyler, the 900 block of North Christine, the 800 block of Duncan, the intersection of 21st and Banks streets, and the intersection of Starkweather and Atchison streets.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 900 block of South Banks.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 100 block of South Wells and the 200 block of North Russell.

Lost property was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart. A Jeep owner's manual of unknown value was lost.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of North Wells.

Runaways were reported in the police department lobby and the 500 block of South Gillespie.

A civil matter was reported in the 800 block of North Wells.

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

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Foster and Wynne streets, and the 1400 block of Barnes. The incident at the intersection of Foster and Wynne streets resulted in an arrest.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 300 block of Hazel and the 1900 block of North Faulkner.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 800 block of East Browning and the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway.

A prowler was reported in the 700 block of Murphy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill, the 400 block of Graham, the 500 block of Lowry and the 700 block of North Somerville.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1200 block of South Christy.

Tuesday, Sept. 2

Six traffic stops were made.

A suspicious person call was received from the 500

block of North Hobart. The incident involved assault by contact only.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2

7:11 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1100 block of Highway 60 West on a controlled burn.

10:25 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 800 block of North Somerville on a smoke investigation.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Sept. 2

3:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Starkweather and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Dwight and transported a patient to PRMC.

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ities and ideas a great deal more.

I'm inspired that maybe I could be president, too. I could win votes by promising stuff

to some people by using the might of the federal government to take money from others to pay for it.

I could easily win Pennsylvania and Ohio, two pivotal states in the upcoming election. I'd promise federally subsidized Rolling Rock to every beer drinker who trades me his vote.

Even an inebriated fellow in a pub would know that we're the drinkers we've been waiting for.

—Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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tions — the Irgun, led by Menachem Begin, and the Stern Gang, led by Yitzhak Shamir. Yes, Jews used terrorist tactics against the British

occupation, and now Palestinians are using terrorist tactics against the Israeli occupation.

In 1948, about 700,000 Palestinians were made refugees and then told they could not return to their homes. Their homes, land and businesses were eventually confiscated. In 1967, Israel seized the West Bank and East Jerusalem from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and the Gaza Strip from Egypt. These are now the "occupied territories." The state of Israel has had no legal claim to even 1 square inch of any of this territory, but with the backing of the United States it has been able to tell the rest of the world to go stuff it.

Palestinians appreciate the irony of the fact that the United States went to war allegedly to get Albanian refugees back into Kosovo and went to war twice against Iraq allegedly to enforce United Nations resolutions. Of course, we've done nothing for the return of the Palestinian refugees, and we've ignored the fact that Israel is in open defiance of more than 60 United Nations resolutions. We've also ignored the fact that Israel is the only country in the Middle East that really does have weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear bombs.

For us, it's all about domestic politics. I've never heard of a Palestinian donor invited to spend the night in the Lincoln Bedroom.

All Americans should feel a great deal of sympathy for the younger generations of both Palestinians and Israeli Jews. These young people were born into a conflict started by people long dead or now in their dotage. The issue is simple: It's land. Both sides are dying over land. Unless some outside power forces an agreement on them, they will go on dying, generation after generation after generation.

You don't need a Palestinian wife to feel sympathy for these people. All you need is to know the facts. Learn the truth, and you will feel sympathy for Palestinians — but not very proud of American Middle East policy, which is a continuing failure driven by greed and cowardice on the part of American politicians. The hypocrisy of it has poisoned our image around the world.

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

Indicted judge to make first court appearance

HOUSTON (AP) — U.S. District Judge Samuel Kent, usually in charge of dispensing justice, was set to find himself in an odd place: standing in front of the bench as a defendant.

Kent was to make his first court appearance Wednesday after being indicted last week on federal sex crimes following a Department of Justice investigation.

He is facing two counts of abusive sexual contact and one count of attempted aggravated sexual abuse.

If convicted of attempted aggravated sexual abuse, Kent could face up to life in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000. Each of the two counts of abusive sexual contact carries a sentence of up to two years in prison and a fine of up to \$250,000.

Kent's former case manager, Cathy McBroom, accused the judge of physically harassing her in a sexu-

al manner over a four-year period, starting in 2003. The final incident was in March 2007, when she said the judge pulled up her blouse and bra and tried to escalate contact until they were interrupted.

Her accusations were first investigated by the Judicial Council of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which suspended Kent in September 2007 for four months with pay but didn't detail the allegations against him.

As part of the judicial council's punishment, Kent was transferred to the busy Houston federal courthouse, where McBroom was relocated after reporting her allegations. Kent had been the only U.S. District Court judge in Galveston, an island beach town 50 miles southeast of Houston.

Until his indictment, Kent was known for writing

humorous rulings peppered with sarcastic scoldings of lawyers. Kent, a federal jurist in Galveston since President George H.W. Bush appointed him in 1990, has not presided over any high-profile cases.

The charges against Kent make him the newest member of an exclusive but notorious club: federal judges who have been indicted while on the bench.

"It is extremely rare. We've gone (nearly) 20 years now since the last one," said Arthur D. Hellman, a law professor at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law.

Kent is the first federal judge to be charged with sex crimes. Most other indictments of federal judges have involved corruption or other financial misdeeds.

The last federal judge indicted was Robert F. Collins, in February 1991,

for scheming with a New Orleans businessman to split a drug smuggler's \$100,000 payoff. He was convicted and sentenced later that year to nearly seven years in prison.

Four judges were indicted in the 1980s. Before then, one would have to go back about 50 years to find a sitting federal judge who was indicted, Hellman said.

Kent's attorney, Dick DeGuerin, has said his client is innocent and will stay on the bench while he awaits trial.

Hellman said some indicted judges have stayed on the bench while others have stepped down on their own.

Only Congress can remove a federal judge through the impeachment process, which starts with the House voting for impeachment and then the Senate holding a trial.

Liu Ng

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He was transferred to a Rhode Island detention center with a medical team.

But the staff there showed incredible cruelty. Ng told them of his terrible back pain, impervious to pain relievers; he was too weak to walk to the telephone to speak with his family, to the toilet or even to meet with his lawyer.

Staffers insisted he was faking illness, refusing to give him an outside medical consultation. Finally, on July 30 they dragged Ng from bed, driving him two hours to another

federal facility, where he was hectoring into withdrawing all pending appeals.

But the federal judge who heard the case quickly ordered Ng an MRI. It revealed that he had cancer of the liver, lungs and bones and a fractured spine. Ng died on Aug. 6, a few hours after seeing his wife hold up his 3- and 1-year-old sons above his gurney.

Lawmakers now are calling for a federal investigation. But they also need to pass pending legislation creating mandatory standards for health care in immigration custody.

Sponsored by Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-Calif., and Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J., the bill does not demand special treatment for detained immigrants.

It does acknowledge that even for those we want to deport, human rights and American standards must apply.

This spring alone, at least two other immigrants a Salvadoran with cancer and a Guinean with a fractured skull and brain hemorrhages were repeatedly denied medical attention.

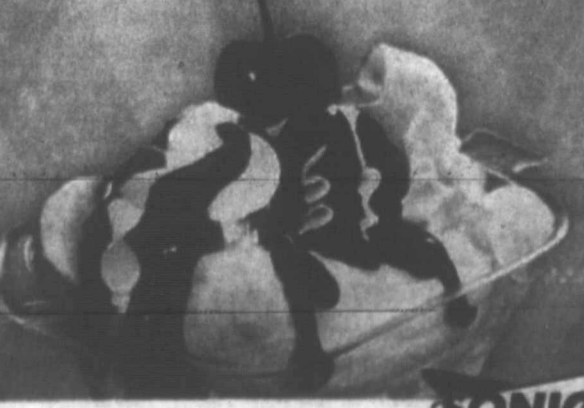
As much as our legal system and social services network, the way America treats noncitizens broadcasts the rules that govern our culture.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My daughter, who is being married in three months, mentioned to me that her fiance's friends have a tradition of covering the newlyweds' car with condoms. Whatever happened to tin cans and a "Just Married" sign? I'm no prude, but I'm appalled at the tackiness of it. There will be grandmothers and children attending the wedding. My daughter agrees that it's poor taste, but doesn't think there is anything she can do about it. Should I stay out of it, or go clean off the car myself during the reception? -- **TEXAS BRIDAL MOM**

DEAR BRIDAL MOM: Condoms on the car? Why, that's almost as much of a thigh-slapper as short-sheeting the bed in the honeymoon suite or trashing it entirely. Of course it's juvenile and in bad taste, but boys will be boys, and this is the element with whom your soon-to-be son-in-law associates. By the time your daughter goes to the car, she'll be a married woman. My advice is to stay out of it and let her fight her own battles.

DEAR ABBY: My wife, "Kim," and I have been married three years and have 14-month-old twin daughters. We have a beautiful life together with one exception -- my father. He thinks he knows everything and isn't afraid to give his opinion. He also makes silly comments to the twins such as, "If your mommy doesn't treat you right, then you can come live with Grandpa." Kim is an excellent wife and mother. She takes my father's comments personally, even though I tell her he's just being goofy. She bristles every time my parents come over for a visit. When they do, she leaves the room. She rolls her eyes and has flat-out told me she can't stand my father. What can we do? I love my father and am extremely close to both my parents. This has caused several fights between Kim and me. I say it's no big deal, but she REALLY resents my father. What do you think? -- **PEACEMAKER IN COLORADO**

DEAR PEACEMAKER: I wonder what your father may have said to your wife that has caused her to react to him so negatively. I recommend family counseling, and the sooner the better. The fact that Kim dislikes your overbearing father to the point that she can't be in the same room with him, and overreacts when he makes comments to the babies -- which I agree are goofy -- IS a "big deal."

DEAR ABBY: When I was 23, single and living at home with a manipulative mother, I became pregnant and gave birth to a baby boy. At her urging and because I lacked self-confidence, I gave my son up for adoption. Several years later, I married and had two children who are now 29 and 33. Recently I have been thinking about telling my children about their half-brother in a letter to be opened after my death. I have reservations about telling them at all, yet I feel they have a right to know. What is your advice? -- **MOTHER WITH A SECRET**

DEAR MOTHER: I see no reason not to reveal your secret to your adult children. If you prefer to do so in a letter after your death, that's your privilege. However, they will have questions that you will no longer be around to answer. So when you write that letter, I strongly suggest that you give them all the information you can so they'll be able to start a search if they wish. P.S. If your son should show up searching for you somewhere down the line, that way they won't be shocked, and they will be able to provide the answers their half-brother is looking for.

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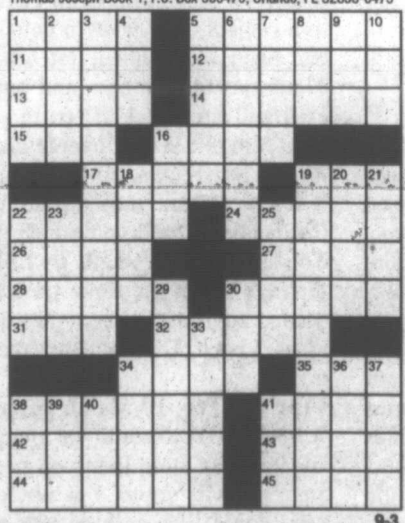
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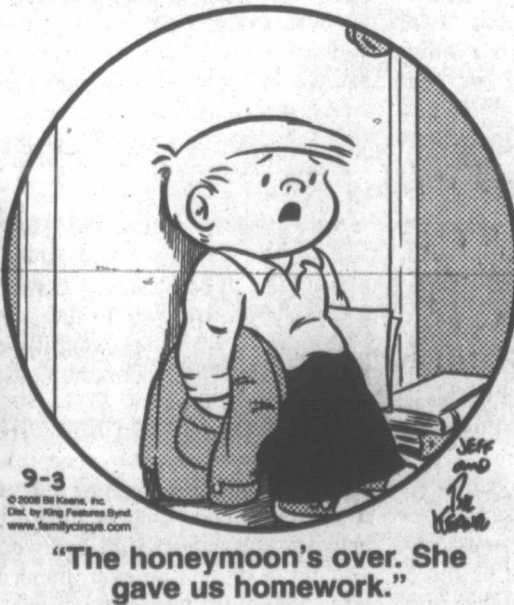


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Sports

Lady Harvesters tame Lady Bulldogs

Bulldogs

by Bob Ericson
The Pampa News

The Lady Harvester volleyball team battled the Lady Bulldogs last night at home in a five game set that saw the Lady Harvesters come away with a 3-2 victory.

The Lady Harvesters started fast in the first game enroute to a 25-19 victory.

Midway through the second game, Borger took an 11-7 lead, and held on to a 25-20 win.

The Lady Harvesters began the third game like Game 1 and built an 8-3 advantage. Nearing the end of Game 3, Pampa's lead swelled to 17-10 on great defense and smashing kills.

The Lady Harvesters finished Game 3 winning by 25-18.

Game 4 was eerily similar to Game 2 in that Borger jumped out to an early 9-3 lead. Toward the end of the game, Pampa had no answer for the Lady Bulldog offense as the lead grew to 20-15. Borger would eventually take the fourth game 25-16.

The fifth and deciding game's score was tight until the Lady Harvesters built a slim 11-9 advantage. Pampa eventually defeated Borger 15-12.

The Lady Harvester JV team played Borger also in atough match with the Lady Bulldogs taking 2 out of 3 games.

Mens soccer league kicks off in Pampa



Courtesy Photo

Pictured from left to right are Alfredo Lopez, Jesse Swanzy, Robrt Peffley, Emilinho Hidalgo, Jason Pooley, Ivan Guzman and Javi Ramirez. These men participate in a 6 v. 6 soccer league that plays at 6 p.m. on Fridays. The league currently has four teams and is hoping more people will join next season.

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Tuesday's Sports in Brief

NEW YORK — Avoiding as big an upset as tennis has seen in a while, Roger Federer came back to beat 23rd-seeded Igor Andreev of Russia 6-7 (5), 7-6 (5), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Tuesday night to reach the quarterfinals at the year's last Grand Slam tournament.

Federer couldn't stop smiling at the end of the 3 1/2-hour test, in part because, he explained, he found it fun to be pushed into a fifth set.

Novak Djokovic felt the

same way about his five-setter on the same court. When Djokovic's 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 5-7, 6-3 victory over No. 15 Tommy Robredo of Spain was over, the 2007 runner-up to Federer at the U.S. Open looked up in the stands and saw his mom pounding her chest repeatedly.

Djokovic advanced to play 2003 U.S. Open champion Andy Roddick, who overpowered No. 11 Fernando Gonzalez 6-2, 6-4, 6-1.

Federer will play 130th-

ranked Gilles Muller, who beat No. 5 Nikolay Davydenko 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10).

In the women's draw, No. 2 Jelena Jankovic beat No. 29 Sybille Bammer 6-1, 6-4, advancing to a semifinal against No. 5 Elena Dementieva, who beat No. 15 Patty Schnyder 6-2, 6-3.

GOLF

NEW YORK — Chad Campbell made one last impression on U.S. captain Paul Azinger and was rewarded with a spot on the Ryder Cup team, joining Steve Stricker, Hunter Mahan and J.B. Holmes as captain's picks for the event Sept. 19-21 at Valhalla in Louisville, Ky.

The four picks fill out a team that includes Phil Mickelson, Stewart Cink, Kenny Perry, Anthony Kim, Justin Leonard, Jim Furyk, Ben Curtis and Boo Weekley.

European captain Nick Faldo picked Ian Poulter and Paul Casey on Sunday to fill out his 12-man team, overlooking Darren Clarke, who had won twice in the last four months.

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Even with his golf done for the year, Tiger Woods found

something to celebrate: His wife is pregnant with their second child.

Woods has not played since his U.S. Open victory in June, and two weeks later had reconstructive surgery on his left knee that put him out for the year. Woods' first child, daughter Sam, was born the Monday after the 2007 U.S. Open.

PRO FOOTBALL

Fla. — Jacksonville Jaguars offensive tackle Richard Collier was shot and critically wounded outside an apartment building early Tuesday as he and a former teammate waited for two women they had met at a nightclub, police said.

Collier, 26, and former Jaguars defensive end Kenneth Pettway were waiting in a Cadillac Escalade when a gunman fired into the vehicle, said Jacksonville Sheriff's Office spokesman Ken Jefferson. Collier was shot several times, but it wasn't clear where he was hit.

Collier was in critical condition at Shands Jacksonville Medical Center, a nursing supervisor said early Tuesday.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Sept. 4, 2008:
This year you become more instrumental than you realize. Work, home, friendships and partnerships in general reflect your interests and get your attention. Express your high creativity in a manner that others can hear and join in. Two minds generally are better than one. Your ability to move through daily life and enjoy yourself starts evolving. If you're single, a relationship will pop into your life. Please take your time getting to know this person. It might take a full year to do so. If you are attached, treat your significant other more like you did when you first met. The embers of love will reignite with your care and attention! **SCORPIO** is easy to talk to.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Work with a partner or associate directly. This person might be more earthy in his or her presentation than you would like, but don't dismiss his or her ideas. Listen and open up if possible. For some, a new business venture becomes possible. Tonight: Continue with this teamwork.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others flex their muscles, letting you know they would like an opportunity to run the show. You can decide yes or no when you are ready. Don't wait too long, or else you could miss out on some fun. Tonight: Accept an invitation.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You can accomplish a lot,

although you might have a unique and more grounded quality than in the past. If you feel as if you have had enough, say so to a co-worker or someone who punctuates your daily life. Tonight: Easy does it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might surprise yourself, as you come up with one idea after another, and they all seem to work. You certainly are on a roll. Do not allow someone to slow you down. The world is your oyster. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Others respect you. How they take your suggestions reflects their opinion of you. If you have a home-based business, you will want to stay at home. Check out an investment carefully before giving the high sign. Tonight: Order in.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Do not hold back. You just might be surprised at how receptive your audience is. Nearly anything can happen if you only relax. Understanding builds between you and a child or loved one. Tonight: A discussion over dinner might take some of the heaviness away.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Be aware of how much you have to offer, and do not put yourself down. Others often wonder why you pull back so much or develop such a strong attitude. You can handle it all. You are enormously resourceful. Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Ask and you shall receive — well, nearly. For some of you, you will find that you have just to wish and, like magic, your desire appears. Be aware of your strength, supporters and strong style of communication. Tonight: Tell it like it

is or as you see it!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Your willingness to step up to the plate defines your success. Others admire your clarity and directness. A boss might be hard on you, but he or she is very much aware of your assets. Tonight: Do for you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Give that extra effort or push to a project. If you see a better way that has been overlooked, let others know. Think outside the box, and unusual success will greet you. Trust in your abilities. Tonight: Where people are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others look up to you. Your instincts often tell you which way to go. You are smart enough to follow those feelings but at the same time listen to a trusted adviser. Someone has many good ideas. Listen. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ You could be questioning a situation far more than you need to. The answers will come, but not exactly as you would like or how you think they should. A meeting or a consensus with associates is important. Tonight: Try to detach and revisit at a situation.

BORN TODAY
Actress, dancer Mitzi Gaynor (1931), writer Francois-Rene de Chateaubriand (1768), golfer Tom Watson (1949)

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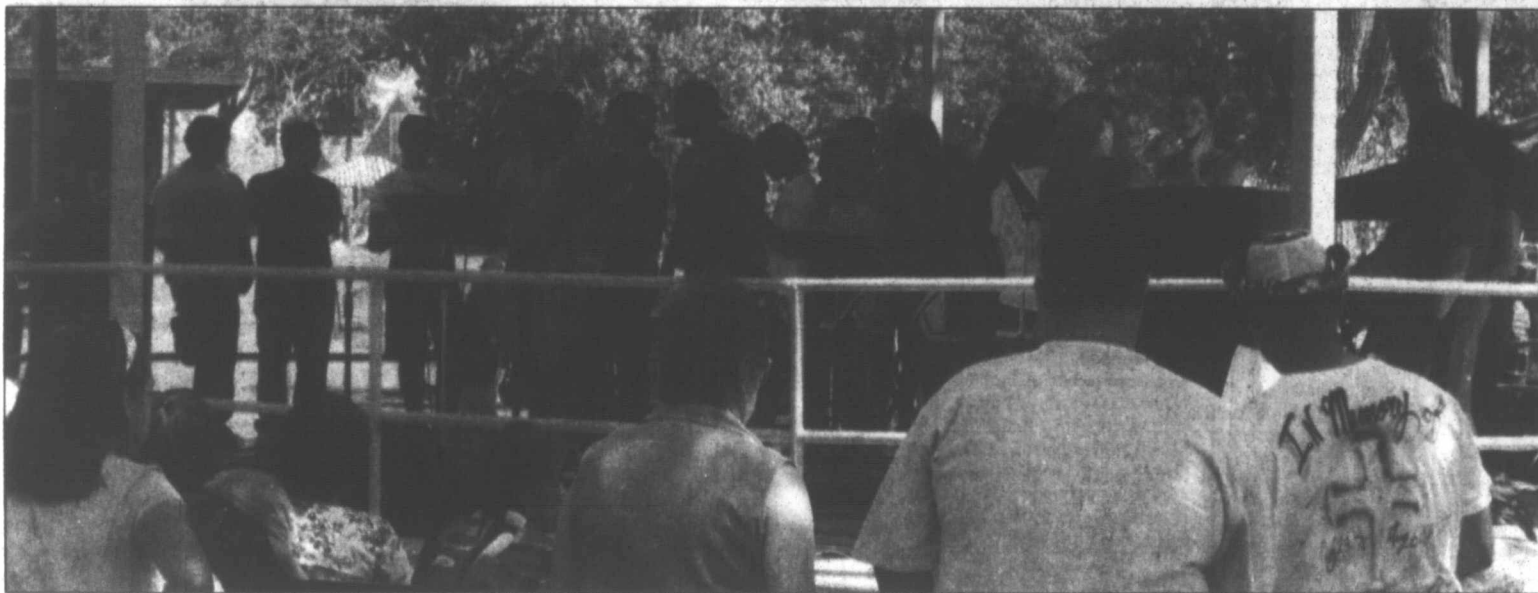
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- Pampa Harvester cheerleaders (from left) Payton Albey, sophomore, Cindy Meza, junior, and Emille Troxell, junior, sign and sold autographed harvester t-shirts.
- The Lil' Lady Harvesters Softball Team worked at Hawaiian Shaved Ice to raise money for the team. The team is new and will travel to compete with other 12 and under softball teams. From left, Lena Dyer, Kaylee Arzen, Cheyshinee Regalabo, Tyler Lambright, Zoe Yearicks, Madison Lewis; and Jacie Studebaker.
- Jackie Stell sold a collection of her mostly handmade jewelry.
- Lynn Ledford sold her hand-twisted balloon animals as a part of her business "Balloons for Fun."
- The Pampa High School Show Choir gathered a large crowd at 12:30 in the afternoon. The group was lead by soloist and guitarist Colby West who is a senior.
- Crystal Villareal, a Wal-Mart employee, volunteered to be dunked at the dunk-tank station. Villareal, along with several other Wal-Mart employees, worked to build volunteer hours. After working enough volunteer hours, Wal-Mart will donate up to \$3,000 to a cause. The dunk-tank will benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Wal-Mart employees also had vision screenings and a bake sale.

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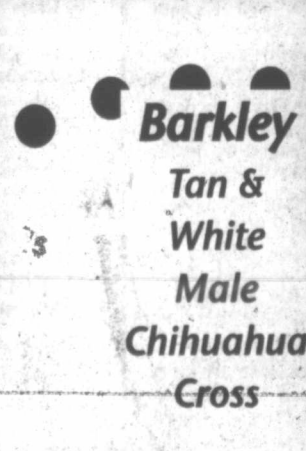
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