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Cinema 4 is in the process of being re-made by theater owners Jason Scott and Troy Schwiegerath with a new recreational area for students and perhaps a new building in the future.

## Cinema 4 theater owners view growth, face challenges

by Rachel Stennett  
 rstennett@thepampanews.com

Cinema 4 movie theater co-owners Jason Scott and Troy Schwiegerath are working hard to give Pampa citizens an improved, renovated movie theater and perhaps build a new one in the future. However, the pair said they have come across challenges in their attempts to build a new theater, and generate enough revenue to make any substantial change in the business.

"The theater has a bad history of on and off success. Past owners have run it into the ground. We are at the end of our third year and we've been open continuously. We're proud of that," Schwiegerath said. Last year, talks began with the theater owners and the Pampa Economic Development Commission about building a new theater. The PEDC approached the owners to research how much it would cost to renovate the old theater and turn it into a new six screen cineplex.

"We paid \$4,000 for the estimate," Sweigerath explained. After getting the estimate for the projected theater, the planning with the PEDC stopped. "The PEDC told us they weren't interested in continuing working with us on the project anymore," Schwiegerath explained. "The building plans stopped at that point."

Dwight Fiveash, PEDC director, said the plans have stopped, but there is still a

possibility of a renovated theater in the future.

"The project is still possible," Fiveash said, "but the owners may or may not be involved in it based on what they want to do. They will have the opportunity to participate."

Fiveash said the building is

**"We want people to stay it town and not drive to Amarillo to see movies, so we keep our ticket prices low"**

— Troy Schwiegerath  
 Co-owner, Cinema 4 movie theater

at a "discovery stage" right now.

"Work has to be done to figure out how do this. We're not sure if that will be through grants or through a small cooperation."

After plans halted with the PEDC, the County Commission approached Scott and Schwiegerath about their interest in helping to construct a new theater. Scott said to build a new theater by Wal-Mart with at least six screens and stadium seating, the estimated cost is about \$4.5 million, but both Scott and Schwiegerath think they

could build it for \$1.9 million.

At this point in planning, the owners are unsure of what the future of the theater is, where it will be built and who with, but they do have concrete plans to build.

"We hope to be prepared to start building within the year," Scott said.

If the planning fails between the owners and the County Commission, Schwiegerath said they may try to build with the help of private investors.

Schwiegerath and Scott cannot generate enough revenue through ticket sales alone to build a project like this, or even make huge improvements to the current facility.

Schwiegerath noted that 60 to 90 percent of all ticket sales go to movie distributors.

"We want people to stay it town and not drive to Amarillo to see movies, so we keep our ticket prices low," he said. "Our concession prices are a little higher than what you would find in the store, but that is the only way we can make money to build or improve."

Since the building plans are still developing, the Cinema 4 owners are looking at other ways to make immediate improvements to the theater, including selling hand-made pizza available for delivery and opening a recreational space next to the theater this month.

The recreational area will be located directly next door  
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## Grand Jury hands up 34 indictments

by Marilyn Powers  
 mpowers@thepampanews.com

A Gray County grand jury handed up 34 indictments Thursday in 223rd District Court. The indictments were for three first-degree felonies, five second-degree felonies, 15 third-degree felonies and 11 state jail felonies.

Jacob Wayne Jenkins, 18, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Feb. 13, Jenkins allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four grams or more but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Charidee Jo Kelley, also known as Charidee Jo McDaniel, 36, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Feb. 23, Kelley allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four grams or more but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Hugh Jackson Parman, 20, was indicted for manufacture/delivery of four grams or more but less than 200 grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the first-degree felony was set at \$40,000.

On Feb. 13, Parman allegedly possessed with intent to deliver four or more grams but less than 200 grams of methamphetamine.

Cesar Contreras, 32, was indicted for money laundering of \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On Feb. 22, 2006, Contreras allegedly possessed or transported proceeds of criminal activity. The criminal activity was possession and transport of a controlled substance. The value of the funds was \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000.

On Nov. 4, 2002, Contreras was found guilty in U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, of the felony offense of conspiring to possess with intent to distribute a quantity of marijuana.

Kenneth George Hipp, 53, was indicted for possession/transport of anhydrous ammonia use/tamper with equipment, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$20,000.

On April 11, Hipp allegedly possessed anhydrous ammonia in a container or receptacle that was not designed or manufactured to hold anhydrous ammonia.

On July 24, 2002, Hipp was convicted in U.S. District Court, District of New Mexico, of the felony offense of possession with intent to distribute 100 kilograms or more of marijuana.

Angel Ivan Juarez, 27, was indicted for possession of 2,000 pounds or less but

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## Budgets top city agenda

Budgets will top the agenda for the Pampa City Commission during their special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The commission will hold a public hearing on the city's proposed operating budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year beginning at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the commission chambers in City Hall. A copy of the budget is available at the City Secretary's office at City Hall during office hours.

The commission will also discuss the Pampa Economic Development proposed budget during the special meeting that will follow the hearing.

They will consider both the city's operating budget and the economic development corporation budget during their special meeting.

The commission will also hear on first reading an ordinance setting the city's ad valorem tax rate and appro-

riating revenue for the new fiscal year.

They will also consider a resolution recognizing September as Nation Preparedness Month.

In other business, the commission will consider approving an agreement between the City of Pampa and the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 3293.

They will also consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into amended solid waste disposal agreements with Allied Waste, the City of Borger, City of Canadian, City of Clarendon, Hemphill County, the City of Higgins, the City of Lefors, the City of McLean, the City of Skellytown, the City of White Deer, the City of Wheeler, Waste Wranglers and Wasteco.



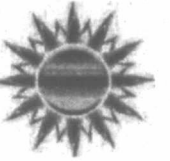
The commission will also consider bids on 23 tax delinquent properties.

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**Tuesday:** Sunny, with a high near 83. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.  
**Tuesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 49. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.  
**Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 10 and 15 mph.  
**Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. South southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming west southwest.  
**Thursday:** Sunny, with a high near 82. Breezy, with a southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.  
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# Obituaries

## Maidee Thompson, 98

Maidee Thompson, 98, died on September 15, 2008, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Miss Thompson was born September 3, 1910 in Memphis, TX, to Walter A. and Minnie Brumley

Lavenia Thompson, 98, died on September 15, 2008, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 17, 2008, at Fairview Cemetery in Memphis, under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors. Miss Thompson was born September 3, 1910 in Memphis, TX, to Walter A. and Minnie Brumley

She grew up in Sunday School class, and Memphis, attending public schools there, and graduating from Memphis High School in 1928. Maidee received her bachelor's degree from West Texas A&M University in Canyon, and her master's degree from T.C.U. in Fort Worth. She began her teaching career in Hall County. She then taught in Hopkins School in Gray County, Lefors ISD, and then Fort Worth, ISD. Maidee was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Crusaders

Mackie of the home; three nephews: Gary Mackie, Dwight Mackie, and Richard Mackie, one niece: Suzanne Leggett; six great-nephews, six great-nieces, and numerous cousins.  
**MEMORIALS:** First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, TX 79066-1981.  
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## Willma Campbell, 84

Willma Louise Campbell, 84, of Pampa died September 15, 2008 in Pampa/ Services

are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors

## Theater

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in the Coronado Shopping Center and will be a space for students and kids to congregate on the weekends. "Kids try to hang out in the lobby on the weekends because they have no where else in town to go," Schwiagerath explained. "The noise effects the people in theaters, so we are trying to offer a different venue." The space will have video games, pool and homemade pizza from the theater. Dances will also be held there on Friday and Saturday nights. The space will be chaperoned by movie theater employees. In the future, the theater owners also plan to have police officers on spot at both

locations to provide added safety. Other events the theater is officiating this month is the release of an independent movie, "Fireproof" a story about a fireman and his marital challenges. Scott and Schwiagerath are hoping the ticket sales for this screening will calculate to their second biggest sales for a movie, following this summer's release of "The Dark Knight," for which the theater sold 2,100 tickets. Already, "Fireproof" has pre-sold over 1,000 tickets to many local churches in town. The movie is made by the producers of "Facing the Giants," which was an unexpected success in 2006 from the movie-

making ministry of Sherwood Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia. Volunteers from the church were cast in the acting roles. The Calvary Baptist church in Pampa approached Scott and Schwiagerath about bringing the movie to Pampa so the movie goers could "keep business local", instead of having people travel to Amarillo to watch it. "We had to promise the vendors that we would pre-sell at least 1,200 tickets to bring the movie to our theater," Scott said. Schwiagerath and Scott sent out 100 letters to Pampa church's to generate interest in the movie.

## Indictments

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more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.  
 On Jan. 5, Angel Juarez allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Javier Ricardo Juarez, 30, was indicted for possession of 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$25,000.  
 On Jan. 5, Javier Juarez allegedly possessed 2,000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds of marijuana. David Young Sinches, 54, was indicted for theft of property valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000, enhanced. Bond on the second-degree felony was set at \$3,000.  
 On May 12, Sinches allegedly unlawfully appropriated drill bits valued at \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000 without the effective consent of the owner.  
 On Feb. 22, 1993, in El Paso County, Colo. district court, Sinches was convicted of the felony offense of attempted distribution/sale of a controlled substance. On July 21, 1994, he was convicted in El Paso County, Colo. district court of the felony offense of attempted false information to pawnbroker.  
 Donald Wesley Anders, 27, was indicted for possession of 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$25,000.  
 On Jan. 19, Anders allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Jake Adam Berry, 25, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$8,000.  
 On March 31, Berry allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.  
 On April 3, 2002 and May 2, 2007, in Hutchinson County Court, he was convicted of driving while intoxicated.  
 Berry was also indicted for evading arrest/detention with a vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.  
 On March 31, he allegedly used a vehicle to flee from a peace officer who was attempting lawfully to arrest or detain him.  
 Willie Lee Butler, 23, was indicted for possession of 50

pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$10,000.  
 On April 14, Butler allegedly possessed 50 pounds or less but more than five pounds of marijuana. Bana Michelle Carnes, 30, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.  
 On Feb. 26, Carnes allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine. Simeon Xavier Dunn, 39, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.  
 On April 19, Dunn allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine. Ronald Ray Harris, 42, was indicted for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$2,500.  
 On Feb. 13, Harris allegedly operated a motor vehicle in a public place while intoxicated on alcohol.  
 On March 8, 2006, Harris was convicted in Comal County Court of driving while intoxicated. On Sept. 20, 2006, he was convicted in Comal County Court of driving while intoxicated, second offense.  
 Pedro Munoz Jr., 34, was indicted for money laundering of \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.  
 On Feb. 22, 2006, Munoz allegedly possessed or transported \$20,000 or more but less than \$100,000 which was the proceeds of a criminal activity, namely, possession and transport of a controlled substance.  
 Javier Salazar-Gameros, 38, was indicted for indecency with a child/sexual contact. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$15,000.  
 ON Jan. 1, Salazar-Gameros allegedly engaged in indecency with a child/sexual contact with a child younger than 17 years of age.  
 Jesse Lee Spencer, 35, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.  
 Spencer was also indicted for possession of five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000.  
 On April 30, 2007, Spencer allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine, and he also allegedly possessed on that date five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana.  
 Billy James Vansickle, 31, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$5,000.

On Feb. 26, Vansickle allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of cocaine. Sarah Marie Watkins, 26, was indicted for four counts of forgery of a financial instrument, enhanced. Bond on each of the third-degree felonies was set at \$1,500, for total bond of \$6,000.  
 On Jan. 31, Watkins, allegedly wrote two pawn tickets and two credit card receipts with intent to defraud or harm another, who did not authorize the act.  
 On Dec. 7, 2006, in 223rd District Court in Gray County, Watkins was convicted the felony offenses of theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000, and possession of a controlled substance.  
 Diane Nicole Wood, 43, was indicted for possession of one gram or more but less than four grams of a controlled substance. Bond on the third-degree felony was set at \$20,000.  
 On April 30, 2007, Wood allegedly possessed one gram or more but less than four grams of methamphetamine. Wood was also indicted for possession of five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$10,000.  
 On April 30, 2007, Wood allegedly possessed five pounds or less but more than four ounces of marijuana. Daniel Craig Baker, 28, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.  
 On April 29, Baker allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine. Christy Joann Blaylock, 32, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.  
 On Feb. 27, Blaylock allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine. Renae Daniele Johnson, 29, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,000.  
 On Sept. 26, 2005, Johnson allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine. Marlon Bryan Larue, 40, was indicted for theft of a firearm. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$6,500.  
 On March 4, Larue allegedly unlawfully took a firearm from the owner without the owner's consent and with intent to deprive the owner of the firearm. Evelyn Caldwell Lemons, 49, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$3,500.  
 On April 22, Lemons allegedly possessed less than one gram of cocaine. Timothy Lee Medina, 21, was indicted for forgery of a financial instrument. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$5,000.  
 On June 11, 2007, Medina forged a check for \$400. Tracy Lynn Morris, 36, was indicted for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$2,500.  
 On Feb. 12, Morris allegedly operated an automobile without the consent of its owner. Kenneth Dale Putman, 26, was indicted for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond on the state jail felony was set at \$4,000.  
 On March 22, Putman allegedly possessed less than one gram of methamphetamine.

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989.

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2009 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 8:30 am on September 25, 2008 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$696,996.
- The total increase over the current year's budget is \$87,951 or 14.4408%.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 9 (full-time employees).
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 10 (full-time employees).
- The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses due to cost of living and recent legislation. We propose to add an additional employee.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

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## Emergency Services

### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today.

**Saturday, September 13**  
 11:19 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 1500 West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

10:01 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit was dispatched to the 200 block of North Ballard. No patients were transport-

ed.  
 10:54 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to a local nursing facility.

**Sunday, September 14**  
 9:16 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

12:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Baptist St. Anthony's hospital in Amarillo.

6:19 p.m. A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call in the 21 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Friday September 12**  
 7:09 p.m. - Two units and

six personnel responded to 905 Beryl to a building with smoke because of a lighting ballast. The smoke was isolated, no further incidents were reported.

# Bush: Ike put 'pinch' on consumers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush warned Monday that people will face a "pinch" because of Hurricane Ike's disruption of energy production, as many consumers already grappling with the high price of gasoline have seen costs soar since the storm made landfall.

Bush said the hurricane's toll on refineries and pipelines is creating "an upward pressure on price" for people at the gas pump.

"There's going to be a pinch," Bush said after a briefing on hurricane recovery efforts. "I wish it wasn't the case, but it is."

The president also said, though, that people should not be subjected to energy gouging. The federal government is working with state leaders to monitor whether consumers are being charged unfairly high prices during the disruption in the energy supply.

On Monday, a gallon of regular rose half a penny overnight to a national average of \$3.842 — up 16.7

cents from Friday, according to auto club AAA, the Oil Price Information Service and Wright Express.

Since the storm, prices have jumped above \$5 per gallon in parts of the country, with huge disparities within some states and even some neighborhoods.

Bush encouraged people to report their complaints to the federal government if they think they price gouging is taking place.

The president plans to visit Texas Tuesday to inspect the damage and talk to emergency officials. He said the damage to infrastructure was extensive, but still not as bad as some had predicted on the energy sector.

"We're looking forward to hearing from the local folks," Bush said ahead of his trip. "I'm confident that there will be people who are very frustrated because their lives have been severely affected by this storm. My message will be that we hear you."

Ike came ashore early Saturday at Galveston as a strong Category 2 with 110

mph winds. The eye missed the center of Houston, as well as the largest concentrations of oil and gas refineries but left many without homes or power.

Refineries, even if they were not damaged, may remain shuttered for days, some because of power outages.

U.S. officials said Sunday that Ike destroyed at least 10 oil and gas platforms and damaged pipelines in the Gulf of Mexico.

But that represents only a

small portion of the 3,800 production platforms in the Gulf and pales in comparison to the catastrophic damage to energy infrastructure doled out by hurricanes Katrina and Rita three years ago.

Bush said two major pipelines are up and running, but production won't be as expected until the refineries are going "full blast" again.

The president's travel marks his third hurricane-related trip in two weeks. He has been to Texas already, and to Louisiana as well.

## Texas gas prices skyrocket because of Ike

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Gasoline prices skyrocketed over the weekend in Texas and nationwide because of Hurricane Ike.

AAA Texas reported Monday that gasoline was averaging \$3.68 per gallon statewide. That's up from Friday, hours before Ike made landfall in Texas, when the statewide retail average was \$3.54.

Nationally, the average price of gasoline rose Monday to \$3.84 per gallon, compared to \$3.67 on Friday. Texarkana had the highest statewide average price Monday for retail gasoline at \$3.81 per gallon.

# River draws a muddy line on Texas' unfenced border

REDFORD, Texas (AP) — The Rio Grande takes a wide southern detour when it hits West Texas, as if unwilling to draw too straight a line between the U.S. and Mexico. Locals along this remote stretch of shallow river share the feeling.

People living on both sides of the Big Bend, as the curve is known, are glad to be mostly skipped over by plans for 700 miles of new fence along the U.S.-Mexico border — even if their unspoiled desert boundary risks drawing more illegal traffic as the rest of the line is sealed off.

"The river doesn't divide us here," said local historian Enrique Madrid, raising his voice over the joyful screams of kids, from both sides of Rio Grande, whacking at a pinata during a recent birthday party in the tiny river hamlet of Redford.

"We've crossed it long before the United States existed," he continued. "And we'll be crossing it a long time after the United States disappears."

New walls are doubling up existing barriers in California, closing wide desert valleys in Arizona and New Mexico and fencing off more populated areas of the South Texas riverbank. The new construction will leave some 630 miles along the Big Bend as the longest unfenced piece of southern U.S. frontier.

Here the Rio Grande cuts an elegantly simple border, splitting the two countries into cane-choked banks or towering limestone cliffs. The wet line in the sand

means nothing to the desert's circling buzzards and migrating black bears, but it complicates life for the two-nation families and isolated local economies that need both halves of this desert to survive.

Redford, a knot of adobe homes and alfalfa fields some 300 miles downriver from El Paso, made headlines in 1997 when U.S. Marines on a secret anti-drug mission mistakenly gunned down a local high school student, Esequiel Hernandez, Jr., as he herded goats along the Texas bank.

His death prompted the cancellation of U.S. military anti-drug operations amid heated debate over whether soldiers trained to kill foreign enemies can sort friend from foe along America's often uncertain edges.

The alliances are tangled even within Hernandez's own family: A brother has pleaded guilty to smuggling immigrants, while a nephew is applying to the Border Patrol.

Such is life along this skinny stretch of the river, where native peoples built the first settlement on the site of present-day Redford around 1200 A.D.

Local residents crossed freely with the Border Patrol's tacit permission until 2001. Following the 9/11 attacks, agents declared the crossing closed and blockaded its bank with a few small boulders.

The rocks do not stop Amado Bustamante, 79, who lives across from Redford in the Mexican village of El Mulato, from wading across

once a month to buy a box of lard.

"It's cheaper" on the Texas side, he said with a smile. "And they haven't caught us yet."

With only 373 agents to cover 510 miles of river, the Border Patrol's Marfa Sector tends to play its defense well behind the line, focusing on highway checkpoints between the border and Interstate 10, a hundred miles or more to the north. Agents also patrol back roads through mountain ranges stretching as much as 5,000 feet above both sides of the river. They visit traditional crossings like Redford as time permits.

"Nature has kindly fenced a lot of this area for us," says Chief Patrol Agent John Smietana. "We're not able to cover, or even get to, the river in a lot of places on a regular basis. So it is possible to cross the river very easily in some of those places. The hard part is then getting from the river up to one of the roads to get away."

Anecdotal evidence suggests more migrants and smugglers may be willing to try.

Trend-spotting is difficult in the Big Bend since its relatively small enforcement numbers can be tipped by one big bust. But marijuana seizures are up 16 percent this year while the Border Patrol has rescued 11 stranded migrants — more saved than any year on record, though still a trickle compared to the hundreds rescued each year farther west in Arizona.

Other indicators are harder to miss. Ojinaga, a small Mexican border city across from Presidio, just upriver from Redford, has seen an unheard-of 10 drug-related killings so far this year — the last two in a midday hail of bullets on a main street.

The violence has kept to the Mexican side, even as the smuggling crosses over. In March, Border Patrol investigators broke up a local migrant smuggling operation that employed Francisco Hernandez, brother of the late Esequiel, and his wife, Paula.

Hernandez admitted bringing at least 29 migrants through the Redford crossing over the last three years, allegedly receiving \$400 per person from the ringleader, Jose Franco of Odessa. Franco then paid a local cowboy to drive them on ranch roads around a Border Patrol checkpoint, according to court documents.

The cowboy was released without charge after helping investigators set up the sting that brought the group down. In August, Franco received a reduced 21-month sentence after testifying against the Hernandez couple, whose small Redford home faces likely government seizure. Both pleaded guilty to transporting illegal aliens, and face sentencing this month. Court documents allege Paula gave dry clothes to migrants after they crossed the river.

The cowboy — who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity for fear of retribution from oth-

ers involved — said word had spread quickly of an easy crossing on the Big Bend's back roads, where migrants did not need to risk a long desert hike or crowd dangerously into sealed tractor-trailers.

"Word of mouth would get around that not only was it safe, but they were treated well," the cowboy said. Migrants generally rode north on the floor of a Chevy Suburban with a sheet over their heads, he said. "They weren't wrapped up in carpets. They were fed. They were able to go to the bathroom."

Smuggling wages are tempting in Presidio County, one of the poorest in the country, where a third of the 8,000 residents live in poverty.

A year after Esequiel's death, the Hernandez family won a \$1.9 million wrongful death settlement from the government. But the money was set aside to care for his aging parents, and Francisco never saw much of it, according to his older brother Margarito Hernandez, Sr., a police officer in Presidio.

Francisco "doesn't have a steady job, and he's got five kids," said Margarito. "Those are factors people will take

advantage of, if they know you're in need."

The Border Patrol now plans to double its Marfa Sector agents and install vehicle barriers at 30 illegal Big Bend crossings, including Redford's. Six miles of proposed fence flanking Presidio have been postponed after construction bids came in over budget.

But these barriers will not stop locals from splashing through a boundary their forebears have crossed for centuries.

Margarito Hernandez Jr., son of the Presidio policeman, remembers pedaling bikes with his cousins into the Rio Grande "just to see who could actually get to the other side."


Chatting at the birthday party, Margarito, 19, said he has applied to the Border Patrol and dreams of being posted to his family's often unpatrolled hometown as an agent who understands just how muddy a line the river can be.

He-nodded his cowboy hat towards a low rise over the river where a white cross marks the spot Esequiel was killed.

"I don't see why an agent couldn't be up there on that hill."

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 15, the 259th day of 2008. There are 107 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**

On Sept. 15, 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

**On this date:**

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was acquitted of a misdemeanor charge two weeks after he was found innocent of treason.

In 1821, independence from Spain was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

*'God made the world round so we would never be able to see too far down the road.'*

— Isak Dinesen  
Danish author  
(1885-1962)

In 1857, William Howard Taft, who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice, was born in Cincinnati.

In 1858, the third debate between senatorial candidates Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas was held in Jonesboro, Ill.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship.

In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1958, a New Jersey commuter train plunged off a partially open drawbridge into Newark Bay, killing 48 people.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

Ten years ago: Nine states and the District of Columbia held primaries. In New York, liberal congressman Charles Schumer won the Democratic nod to challenge Republican Sen. Alfonse D'Amato. (Schumer won.) In Washington state, conservative congresswoman Linda Smith won the right to challenge Democratic Sen. Patty Murray. (Murray won re-election.) Mark McGwire of the St. Louis Cardinals hit his 63rd home run of the season.

Five years ago: A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals halted California's recall election, saying it was unacceptable for several counties to use punch-card ballots. (However, a larger panel of 11 judges from the 9th Circuit later ordered the election to go forward.)

One year ago: In his Saturday radio address, President Bush said while "formidable challenges" remained in Iraq, the United States would start shifting more troops into support roles. Several thousand protesters marched from the White House to the Capitol to demand an end to the Iraq war. Sarah Thomas became the first female official to work a game in the Football Bowl Subdivision, formerly I-A, serving as the line judge in the Jacksonville State-Memphis game. Actress-comedian Brett Somers died in Westport, Conn., at age 83.

## Being single in a small town

I'm 23 and unmarried. This has never been a big deal to me, until moving to Pampa. Everyone here is married, engaged, divorced, annulled, or in a common-law marriage. That may be hyperbole, but I suddenly feel I am in the minority because of my single status. Allow me to explain.

**Rachel Stennett**  
Staff Writer

can give my cousin a little breathing room. My cousin has started calling me "weird" on normal basis. I've started a tally of how many times he says, "Oh,

Rachel..." as I knock over a plant, or a shelf in the refrigerator, or ask him to kill a cricket that has found its way into my suitcase. I've decided he needs a break from "Oh, Rachel" and the only way I know how to give it to him is by making other friends.

But the dirty truth that no one talks about is the dividing line between the singles and the marrieds.

No one will say it, but there are boundary lines for both parties.

A single female cannot talk too long alone with a married man. A married couple can't be overly physical in front of a single person so the "third-wheel" dilemma won't come into play. Most importantly, beyond the behavior regulations we all follow, most single and married people can only grow a friendship to a certain point.

Single people want to talk about single things: dates

they went on, the pressure to get married, the latest, greatest movies.

Married people want to talk about married things: the pressure to have children, their children, the ability to have children.

For real human connection to take place, we need to be with people who are like us; people who are in the same career field, go to the same church, or even share a basic connection, like being married. I get it, but it puts me in an awkward predicament.

Either get married, or get use to it.

I am choosing the later. I've had a theory for a long time, that being married is much more about age than it is about "finding the one." I feel like people reach a certain age, somewhere in the 20s where the pressure mounts and mounts to be married. Everyone is doing it, it makes sense to do it, so they do it. People find someone that will make a good spouse, and they run with it. Was it "the one" (if there is "a one") or was it the right time?

I don't mean to sound cynical, but since high school I've had two relationships, one that lasted for six years, and my most recent failed attempt that lasted six months. I thought I was going to marry the first, but

we were forcing things to work because the timing made sense. I was nearly done with college, we had already been together a long time, it made sense to get it over with and tie the knot. But, he wasn't right for me. Just because my siblings had all been married early, didn't mean I had to be too. We broke up.

The second relationship was the opposite. We worked very well. He loved the Broncos, he loved to write, he loved me, but the timing was never on our side. We started dating shortly before graduation, I moved away, he is going to grad school far off somewhere. Might he have been the one? Maybe, quite possibly. The jury is still out. The point is, he may have been it, or someone I met in junior high could have been it, but the timing was not favorable, so the potential was never reached.

I know there are stories that are contrary to my bad experiences, people that have found their significant other, despite bad timing or circumstances. A genuine slow clap and congrats for you.

But for me and my single status, we will enjoy the city of Pampa together side by side until the right one, not the right time, comes along.



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### Texas Thoughts

## A sampling of editorial opinion from newspapers across the state

**Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Mexico's crime wave:**

Violent criminals are enjoying a heyday in Mexico. But there's an encouraging development that could begin to turn the tide: Public frustration is reaching a boiling point, and rightfully so.

The Associated Press reported that "well over 100,000" Mexicans marched in cities throughout the nation on Saturday, demanding that government officials squelch a prolonged epidemic of killings, kidnappings and shootouts.

That's much easier said than done. But the protests are putting even more heat on the government to intensify its crime-fighting efforts and reverse the alarming trend.

We salute those who marched this past weekend. We hope they continue to express their frustrations peacefully, but with great vigor until the out-of-

control drug cartels and shameful kidnapers preying on innocent families are subdued.

Americans should be concerned about Mexico's crime wave, in part because we bear some responsibility for it. The United States long has been the biggest market for Mexican drug dealers. And many of the weapons wielded by Mexican criminals have been smuggled into the country from the U.S.

More than 4,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence in the nearly two years since President Felipe Calderon began a crackdown that has resulted in the arrests of several cartel leaders but fallen far short of overall success.

A Mexican crime institute estimates that kidnappings exceed 500 each month, with at least 60 captives being killed since Calderon took office in late 2006.

Saturday's protests were sparked by

the kidnapping and killing of the 14-year-old son of a prominent businessman. In addition, the heads from 11 decapitated bodies were found last week in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, resulting in the arrests of three suspects who police said belonged to the Zetas, a group tied to the Gulf drug cartel.

We support the Merida initiative, which would give Mexico and countries in Central America \$1.4 billion worth of aid for anti-drug efforts over three years. For Mexico, that would include the use of Black Hawk helicopters and other high-tech interdiction equipment, as well as training for law enforcement.

Following the protest marches, Calderon promised on Sunday to adopt several proposals from civic groups to help thwart the cartels and kidnapers. More mass protest marches are in order if the nightmarish crime tsunami continues. URL: <http://www.star-telegram.com>



# Chamber

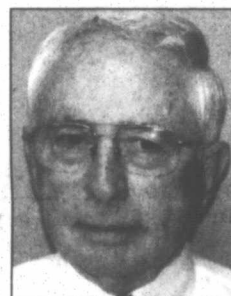


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▲ ▲ The Top O' Texans Goldcoats were out on Aug. 23, 2008, congratulating Drs. Mark and Samantha Ford and their staff on the Grand Opening of their new office located at 701 N. Price Road.

## CHAMBER LETTER

Our new Chamber Web site will make its debut at the Tuesday, September 16th Chamber Luncheon. Chamber member, Daniel Silva of Vision Computer Services, will present the program and show the features of the Web site — particularly how to use the new community calendar. The main new feature of the calendar is the ability for clubs, organizations, entities and individuals to input their own activities.



Pitner

Last Wednesday, I attended the Wind and Electric Transmission Seminar presented by the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission in Amarillo. Presenters included Texas Public Utility Director Jess Totten, Bill Grant, Manager of EXEL Energy Transmission Control Center, former PUCT Director Pat Wood and Jay Caspary, Director of Engineering for Southwest Power. They presented several subjects to the audience (estimated to be about 500), including one about newly PUCT approved transmission lines — one of which will pass through our area. I was most impressed by the number of Pampa residents who were present, and the interest the attendees had in what is going on in Pampa. We definitely are in the limelight — thanks to Mr. Pickens.

Preparations for our 24th Annual Country Fair, "Howlin' at the Moon," October 18th, are in full swing and both drawing and admission tickets are now available from one of our Chamber directors or mem-

bers — and are available at the Chamber office at 200 North Ballard. The drawing tickets are for one of six cash prizes. There will be a top cash prize of \$5,000 and five more

drawings for \$1,000 cash each. Chances are very good since no more than 500 tickets will be made available. You can obtain one drawing ticket for each \$100 donation with all net proceeds going towards the annual operations of the Chamber. If \$100 is a little steep for your budget, you can share the cost with one or more of

your friends — and split the prize.


One final note: "HOW ABOUT THOSE HARVESTERS?" I am writing this before the Big Spring game, but I am confident they will play an outstanding game.

Speaking of the Harvesters, while visiting with Fire Chief Kim Powell she remarked, "I hear that No. 43 is really awesome."

I obligingly agreed with her — not really knowing who No. 43 was. Later, I asked Richard Morris who No. 43 was. He replied, "Oh, that's Kim's son."

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**Keith Pitner**  
Executive Director



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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 20 years old and had never been in love until recently. The only problem is, the man I fell for is married. I knew "Craig" was married when I began talking to him at work. We have never "done" anything but talk, but sometimes that's all it takes. Craig was going through a separation, and we talked every day for hours at a time. Now he doesn't want to talk at all. He says he needs time and doesn't want anyone to get hurt, but I am already hurt. I try to talk to him, but he doesn't respond. Craig is ignoring me now, and it's very painful. I have already fallen for him, and I am more than willing to wait, but each passing day it gets harder and harder. Please advise me on what to do. Is love worth all the pain? -- **HEART-BROKEN IN OHIO**

**DEAR HEARTBROKEN:** I have news for you. Love isn't painful when the love object is the right person and the love is returned. What's painful is rejection. Your mistake was allowing your attraction to Craig to overwhelm your good sense. He started talking to you when he was separated and vulnerable. But now he has made up his mind to make a go of his marriage. Accept it, and if necessary, find another job. It would be less painful than seeing him every day.

**DEAR ABBY:** I come from a family of big eaters who are not very health-conscious. They pride themselves on being exceptional cooks, and most of them are overweight. Being younger and more active, I am thinner than most of my family members. I made a conscious choice to research weight loss and exercise so I could maintain a healthy lifestyle. However, this has caused my family to react with annoyance and hostility. They call me a "food snob" when I warn them about the risks they are taking with their food choices. When I ask my brother to drive me to a local track or swimming pool, he acts as if what I'm ask-

ing is ridiculous and stupid. What can I do to stop the condescending stares, snide remarks and enmity? -- **LOOKING OUT FOR MYSELF IN CALIFORNIA**

**DEAR LOOKING OUT:** You deserve praise for "swimming against the tide" and changing your eating and exercise habits. It isn't easy to do when those around you are indulging in their "vices." Please realize the path to clean and healthy living is one that each person must take individually. Every time you "warn" your family about their "risky" eating habits, it appears to them that you are being critical, and that is why they're reacting the way they do. Be less "helpful," and they will be less defensive.

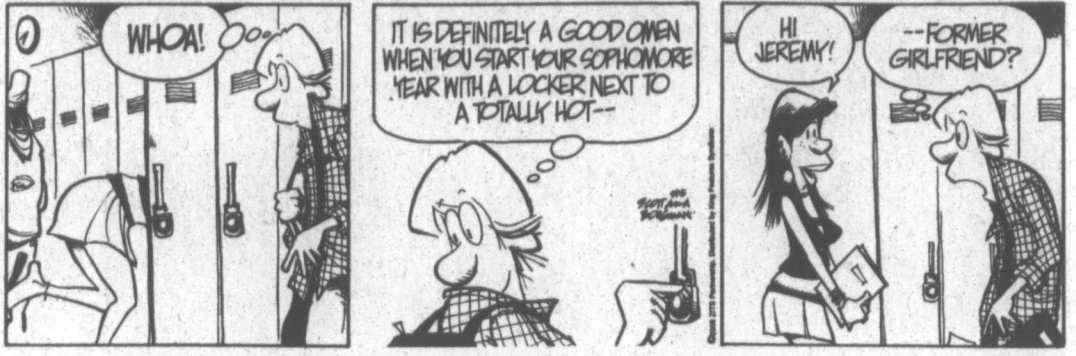
**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I are in our early 50s and starting to spend a lot of time traveling in our RV and staying in RV parks and campgrounds. My question is about sex. With everyone so close, how do folks handle this? -- **TWO FOR THE ROAD**

**DEAR T FOR THE R:** I searched frantically for my manual on sex etiquette in RV communities, but seem to have misplaced it. However, to the best of my recollection, the way to "handle it" would be to find a spot to park your RV some distance away from the other vehicles, keep the windows shut and try to keep your voices down.

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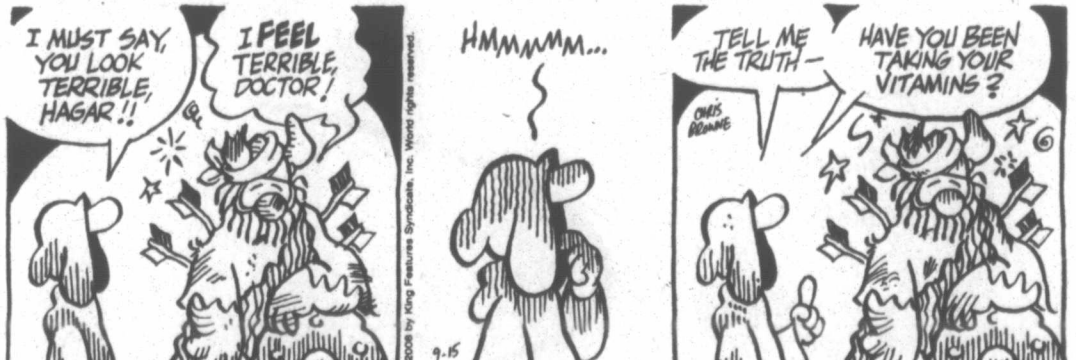
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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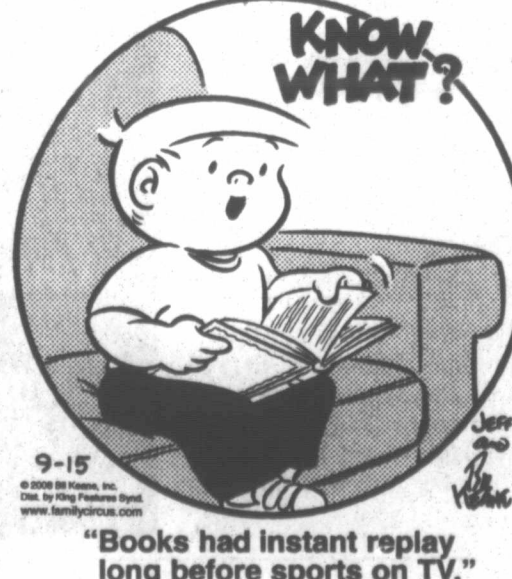
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Tract 2: Lot Twenty-three (23), in Block Three (3), Hayes Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3133 GRAY COUNTY vs. CUMBY, JIMMY**  
Tract 1: Lot Eighteen (18), in Block One (1), Routson Subdivision, a Subdivision of part of Plot No. 87, of the Suburbs of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3134 GRAY COUNTY vs. THOMPSON, CLINT**  
Tract 1: Lots Forty-five (45) and Forty-six (46), in Block Thirty-two (32), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3135 GRAY COUNTY vs. HAWKINS, CLEONA ESTATE**  
Tract 1: Block A, Littleton 2nd, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3137 GRAY COUNTY vs. WILLHITE, LARHONDA**  
Tract 1: The East nine feet (E 9') of Lot Eight (8), and all of Lot Nine (9), in Block Twenty-sev-

en (27), Wilcox Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3144 GRAY COUNTY vs. VILLALPANDO, DAVID**  
Tract 1: Lot Nineteen (19) in Block One (1), Hyatt Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
Tract 2: Lot Nineteen (19) in Block One (1), Hyatt Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3145 GRAY COUNTY vs. POINDEXTER, FREONALOU**  
Tract 1: Lot Two (2), in Block Three (3), Finley Banks Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3146 GRAY COUNTY vs. BLAKENEY, BURMA ESTATE**  
Tract 1: Lot Four (4), in Block Two (2), Cuyler Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3149 GRAY COUNTY vs. RUNNELS, MARY ESTATE**  
Tract 1: Lot Twenty-three (23), in Block Two (2), Hindman Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3160 GRAY COUNTY vs. BEARDEN WILLIAM R.**  
Tract 1: Lot Twenty-one (21), in Block Nineteen (19), Talley Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
Tract 2: Lot Twenty-two (22), in Block Nineteen (19), Talley Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3167 GRAY COUNTY vs. AUSTIN, GEORGE L. ESTATE**  
Tract 1: Lot Twenty-eight (28), in Block Two (2), Prairie Village, an Addition to the City of Pampa, Gray County, Texas.  
**Cause No. TAX-3173 GRAY COUNTY vs. CACY, ALTHEA**  
Tract 1: All of Lots One (1), Two (2), Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), Six (6), Seven (7), Eight (8), Nine (9), Eleven (11), Twelve (12), Thirteen (13), Fourteen (14), Fifteen (15), Sixteen (16), Seventeen (17), and Eighteen (18), All in Block 94, of the Alaneed Townsite, Gray County, Texas; Save & Except: A parcel of land consisting of two parts: Part 1 out of Lots 10 through 12, and Part 2 out of Lots 8 and 9, both parts in Block 94 of the Alaneed Townsite, Gray County, Texas according to the revised plat thereof recorded in Volume 17, Page 110 of the Deed Records of said Gray County. Said parcel being more particularly described by metes and bounds as follows: Part 1: Out of Lots 10 through 12: Beginning at the Northeast corner of Block 94, located North 0° 15 minutes 54 seconds West a distance of 270.00 feet from the Southeast corner of Block 94; Thence South 0° 15 minutes 54 seconds East along the East line of Block 94, a distance of 89.71 feet to a point in the proposed South right of way line of Interstate Highway 40 Thence North 74 degrees 35 minutes 03 seconds West along said proposed South right of way line, a distance of 129.83 feet to a point in the West line of Lots 10 through 12; Thence North 0 degrees 15 minutes 54 seconds West along the West line of Lots 10 through 12, a distance of 54.13 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 10 in the north line of Block 94; Thence North 89° 30 minutes 36 seconds East along the North line of Block 94, a distance of 125.00 feet to the place of beginning and containing an area of 8,989.866 square feet, more or less. Part 2: Out of Lots 8 and 9; Beginning at the Northwest corner of Block 94, located North 0° 15 minutes 54 seconds West, a distance of 270.00 feet from the Southwest Corner of Block 94; Thence North 89° 30 minutes 36 seconds east along the North line of Block 94, a distance of 125.00 feet to a point in the East line of Lots 8 and 9; Thence South 0° 15 minutes 54 seconds East along the East line of Lots 8 and 9, a distance of 48.43 feet to a point in the proposed South right of way line of Interstate 40; Thence North 74° 35 minutes 03 seconds West along said proposed South right of way line, a distance of 129.83 feet to a point in the West line of Block 94; Thence North 0° 15 minutes 54 seconds West along the West line of Block 94, a distance of 12.85 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing an area of 3,830.450 square feet, more or less. Said parcel consisting of the above described Parts 1 and 2, contains a total

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Don Copeland  
SHERIFF,  
GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS  
By Joe B. Hoard  
Deputy

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## PHONE IN - MOVE IN



# Sports

## Harvesters fall to Steers 43-21 at Big Spring

by Bob Ericson  
The Pampa News

The Pampa Harvesters were run over by the Steers 43-21 Friday evening. The action took place at Howard College Field in Big Spring.

Pampa struck quick with a 65 yard TD strike from Alex Clendening to Heath Skinner. Jeremy Maxwell converted the extra point to give Pampa a 7-0 lead with 11:32 in the first quarter.

After a Big Spring fumble, Pampa took over on its own 38 yard line. The Harvesters dive would end in a punt, pinning the Steers deep in their end of the field.

Pampa's defense held and the Harvesters take over at the Big Spring 49 yard line. Clendening found several receivers and eventually connected on a 9 yard pass completion to Jeremy Maxwell. Maxwell's extra point was good and the Harvesters took a 14-0 advantage with 3:52 in the first quarter.

Big Spring took over at their own 48 yard line scored a TD on a drive that took advantage of holes in the middle of the Harvester defense. With 11:52 left in the second quarter, Big Spring cut the lead to 14-7.

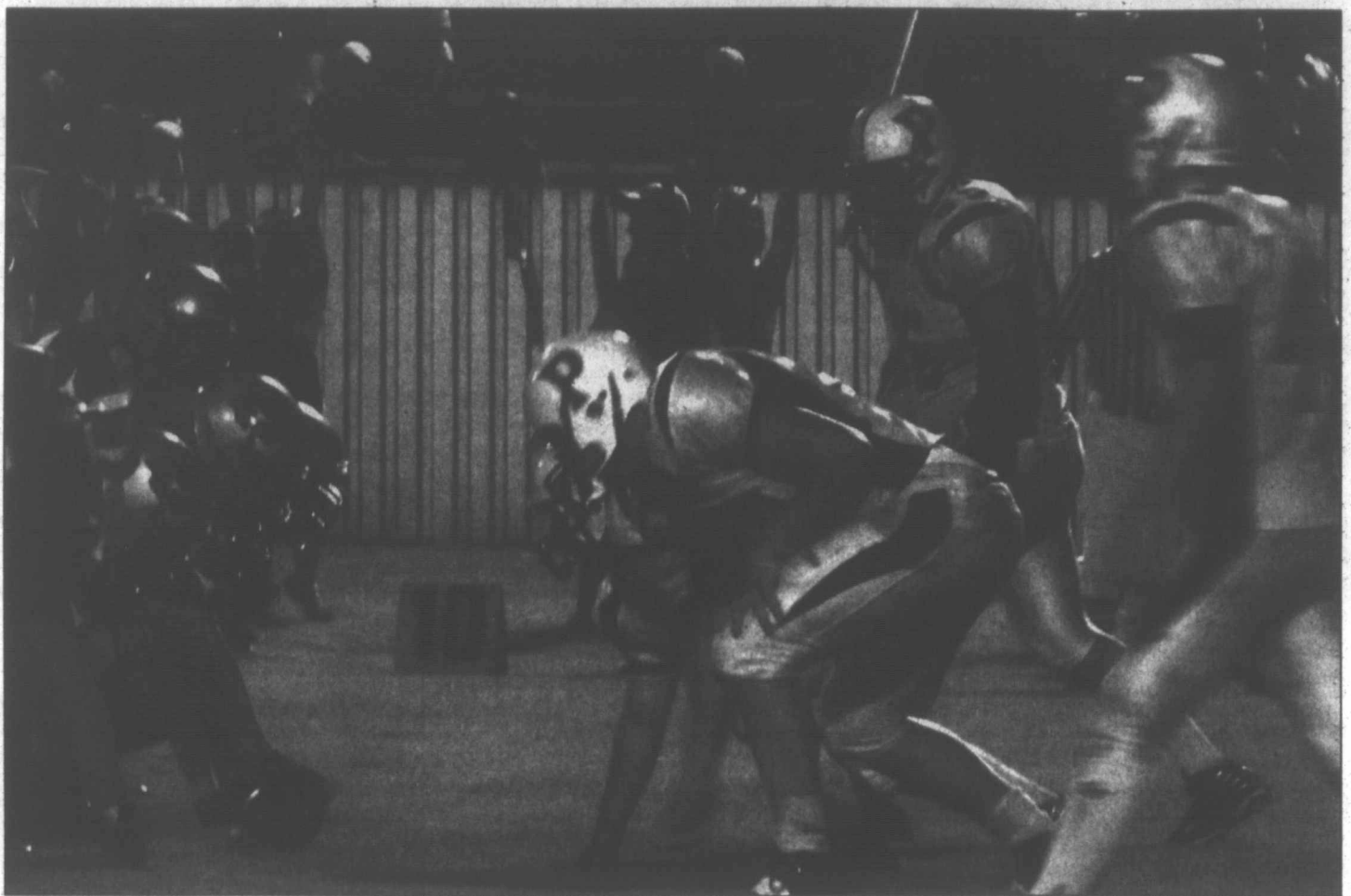
Pampa began the next drive at the 38 yard line. Clendening found

Madison Wilson for a nice gain. A completion to John Luke Covalt took the Harvesters to the Steers' 21 yard line. Clendening found Heath Skinner for a touchdown.

Out of Garrett Ericson's hold Maxwell added the extra point to make the score 21-7 with 8:18 to go in the first half. The Steers began on their own 16 yard line. The Steers would effectively run on Pampa's defense down to the 9 yard line. The Steers would run the ball up the middle for a TD bringing the score to 21-13 with 2:24 to go in the second quarter. Pampa would go no where on offense and give the ball back to Big Spring at the Pampa 40 with 1:40 in the half.

The Steers marched right down the field and scored again with 53 seconds to go in the half knotting the score at 21. The momentum the Harvesters built in the first quarter was taken away by the Steers in the second quarter.

The Steers began the first drive of the second half at Pampa's 49 yard line. After successful runs, the Steers punched the ball in for another TD with 9:06 in the third quarter giving them their first lead of the game 29-21. Pampa took over at their own 41 yard line following the score.



staff photo/B. Ericson

Despite success in the first half of the game, the Pampa Harvesters were defeated by Big Spring on Friday night's game in Big Spring.

The Harvester offense stalled and after a failed fake punt, Big Spring started at their own 45 yard line.

Big Spring mixed running and passing plays until they found the end-zone once again with 5:07 left in the third and

stretched their lead to 37-21.

The Harvesters started from their own 33 yard line. Following a fumble, the Steers recovered the loose ball and promptly march 38 yards for a TD to make the score 43-21 with

2:28 to go in the third period.

Pampa mounted three drives in the final period driving deep into Big Spring territory, but each time coming away empty. Pampa's defense held the Steers scoreless as well.

Neither team scored in the fourth quarter, leaving the final score Big Spring 43, Pampa 21.

The Harvester's record now stands at 2-1 and they will face the Perryton Rangers Friday in Perryton at 7:30 p.m.

## O.J. Simpson arrives at courthouse with a smile

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson flashed a smile and gave a thumbs-up sign as he went to court Monday for opening statements and the start of testimony in his robbery-kidnap trial.

Simpson's arrival was low key, with just a handful of spectators on hand to watch.

His attorneys were expected to tell the all-white jury of nine women and three men that when the former football star and five other men pushed into a cramped casino hotel room to confront two memorabilia peddlers a year ago, they were trying to retrieve keepsakes and family heirlooms he hoped to pass on to his children.

"My client was recovering personal property that was stolen

from his home many years prior," Simpson lawyer Yale Galanter said Friday. "This is not a case about sports memorabilia. It's about personal property."

But prosecutors will cast the confrontation as a dangerous plot that could send the 61-year-old former football star to prison, maybe for the rest of his life.

Prosecutor David Roger has said the case against Simpson and one remaining co-defendant, Clarence "C.J." Stewart, will rely on testimony from some 25 witnesses, including four former co-defendants who have taken plea deals and agreed to testify for the prosecution.

Roger also plans to use audio recordings surreptitiously made by Thomas Riccio, a Los Angeles collectibles trader who

arranged the Sept. 13, 2007, meeting between Simpson and sports memorabilia dealers Alfred Beardsley and Bruce Fromong.

Galanter said the recordings could also help the defense.

"It'll be clear from the tapes," he said, "when O.J. says, 'Don't take any things that aren't mine.'"

Galanter will have to overcome testimony from former Simpson buddy Michael McClinton, who testified at a hearing last November that Simpson directed him to bring guns and "look menacing."

Another former co-defendant, Walter Alexander, depicted Simpson as the mastermind of a "sting" operation to recover his possessions.

### Astros and Cubs:

## Zambrano throws no-hitter as Cubs beat Astros 5-0

MILWAUKEE — Carlos Zambrano pitched the first no-hitter for the Chicago Cubs in 36 years, returning from a recent bout of rotator cuff soreness to shut down the Houston Astros 5-0 Sunday night in a game relocated because of Hurricane Ike.

Zambrano stopped a Houston team that had not played since Thursday. The storm forced baseball to move two games from Texas to Miller Park, home of the Brewers, and the Astros flew hours before they took the field.

Zambrano, known for his emotional displays on the mound, kept himself in control until striking out Darin Erstad to finish off his first start since Sept. 2.

The big right-hander dropped to his knees and pointed to the sky with both hands after getting Erstad to swing and miss. Zambrano (14-5) was immediately mobbed on the mound by his teammates.

The crowd of 23,441 — mostly Cubs fans — erupted

in a wild ovation after chanting "Let's go Z!" throughout the final inning.

Zambrano struck out a season-high 10 and walked one in the Cubs' first no-hitter since Milt Pappas pitched one against San Diego in 1972.

This was the second no-hitter in the majors this season — Boston's Jon Lester did it against Kansas City at Fenway Park on May 19.

The Astros only once came close to a hit. David Newhan lined a drive that first baseman Derrek Lee jumped to catch to end the fifth inning.

Zambrano helped himself, too, by charging off the mound and across the first-base line to catch Hunter Pence's foul pop for the second out in the eighth.

Zambrano began the ninth by getting Humberto Quintero to ground out on one pitch — it was his 100th of the game. After pinch-hitter Jose Castillo also grounded out, Erstad chased a full-count pitch low-and-away for Zambrano's first

shutout since 2004.

With his jersey untucked, Zambrano paraded triumphantly through a series of interviews in front of the Cubs dugout, then waved to the still-cheering crowd as he walked down the steps.

Coming into the game, Cubs manager Lou Piniella said he wanted to limit the 27-year-old Venezuelan ace to 100 pitches in his return to the rotation — and Zambrano managed to come close, even while pulling off the no-hitter. Zambrano threw 110 pitches, 73 for strikes.

The win could be yet another sign of good things to come for the NL Central-leading Cubs, whose fans have gotten used to doing more crying than cheering in September during 100 years' worth of World Series frustration.

The Cubs took a 7 1/2-game lead in the NL Central over the fading Brewers, who were swept in a day-night doubleheader by the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Astros fell two games back of the Brewers and Phillies, who are tied in the wild-card race. Houston had won six in a row and 14 of 15.

Zambrano didn't allow a baserunner until he walked Michael Bourn in the fourth inning.

He allowed only one more baserunner the rest of the night, hitting Pence in the back with two outs in the fifth.

Zambrano also made an offensive contribution in the Cubs' four-run third inning, singling and then chugging home from first on Lee's double. The Cubs chased Randy Wolf (10-12) in the third, his shortest outing of the season.

# HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2008:

You could be more "in charge" of your life this year than in the past. You seem to have an endless supply of creativity and imagination. Others often tap into your thoughts, as they love the ideas that pop out of left field. You also might be prone to wild risks more often than not. If you are single, you definitely will be greeting romance in the next few months or year. This person could be very special. If you are attached, you see opportunities to be wild, but you invite your sweetie along. Your relationship will benefit. ARIES relates closely 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)

★★★★ Investigate and go past a problem. Understand and move forward. Extremes hit, no matter what you do or try. Stay clear and maintain a high profile. You might need to screen calls and be selective about your priorities. Tonight: A must appearance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★ Know when you need to pull back. In this whirlwind of happenings, you might be overly charged. Right now, resolution is not possible, but what is wise is to gather all the facts and then act. Tonight: Think rather than act. Bounce an idea off a trusted associate. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You might want or need to think through a situation more carefully. Someone might be tossing a lot of information on your plate. Lighten up about a

concern, and do not feel as if you must have answers. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Others look to you for answers and ideas. You easily could feel overwhelmed or as if you have nothing more to offer. In truth, you do. Simply slow down, and pick and choose your battles. Tonight: Make a must appearance. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Evaluate and think rather than jump in. Too many offers might come in from left field. Pace yourself, and know that you do need to make choices. Trust your instincts, and you will come out on top. Tonight: Think as if you were looking in rather than being a part of. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A partner could ask for a lot, and you will deliver at least that much in the near future. So many ideas keep popping in your mind, you could be overwhelmed. Perhaps you should carry a notepad. Tonight: Relate on a one-on-one level. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

★★★★ Defer to others, even if you do not feel overwhelmed. Much happens quickly. It might take a while to land. Investigate an offer, and decide to act on it in the near future. Be direct with someone you care about. Tonight: Sort through invitations. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★★ Easy works, though you could be overwhelmed by all that you hear and the many calls you get. Focus on doing one job at a time, refusing to take on too much, too fast. Think positively, and you might be surprised by all that you get done. Tonight: Fit in a brisk walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You could wonder what to do order to make the most of a finan opportunity, however, if you are spending too much to make this happen could be a bad investment. Let your activity flourish. Tonight: Let some filter in. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Your optimism and energy in You need to deal with basics. Involving real estate and property could filter in. You might be thinking at how much easier it would be to have home office. Tonight: You don't need go far. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ Speak your mind. You ahead of your game and understand much more than others think. You positive and upbeat. Do not be surprised where a conversation goes. Allow feelings to flow. Be vulnerable. Tonight: 1 up a storm. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ Before you spend, make sure you will be happy with the end result. You will be much happier if you are careful. A meeting might be overwhelming; but very much good news. Treat a friend or co-worker to lunch. Tonight: Put yourself on a strict budget.

BORN TODAY

Sculptor, painter Jean Arp (1887), actor Lauren Bacall (1924), musician E King (1925)

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AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

9-15 CRYPTOQUOTE

YBEXCXDT, GSBTM ESB VBPM

YXGZQM XQM XNNZTMC BJ

UMRYH QBLXYGRN

— NSXLJBQG

Saturday's Cryptoquote: I NEVER TAKE A NAP AFTER DINNER BUT WHEN I HAVE HAD A BAD NIGHT, AND THEN THE NAP TAKES ME. — SAMUEL JOHNSON