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Commission approves new budget

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampanews.com

18 The City of Pampa almost has a new budget for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

The Pampa City Commission approved on first reading the new budget and the tax rate needed to meet that budget during a special meeting Tuesday aftermore reading before it can be approved. That expected next Tueday at the city comregularly mission's scheduled meeting.

Commissioners also approved a new budget the Pampa for Economic Development Corp. for the new fiscal year. The votes came fol-

lowing a public hearing

noon. It will need one on the city's proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 and a discussion of the proposed budget for the economic development corporation.

While several commissioners said they had received comments concerning the city's budget, no one spoke at the hearing.

The commission also authorized Pampa City

Trevlyn Manager Pitner to sign amended solid waste disposal agreements raising fees for Borger, Canadian, Clarendon, Higgins, Lefors, McLean,

White Skellytown, Deer, Wheeler, Hemphill County, Allied Waste, Waste Wranglers and Wasteco for using the regional landfill that Pampa maintains.

commission and lockout provisions. The approved a collective bargaining agreement ment, the city will between the city and maintain the current the International Association of Fire formed fire protection Fighters Local 3293.

"I was apprehensive pression personnel will

about this in the beginning," Commissioner Robert Dixon said, "but after reading the agreement, I'm more pleased now. We've got a good agreement."

The three year agree-

ment outlines negotia-

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policies for pay, griev-

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work 24-hour shifts

ers will be paid \$28,995 year. a Equipment operators will start at \$36,159 a year. Entry level captains will be paid \$42,732 a year, and the assistant chief will have an entry level pay of \$50,500 a year.

All will get raises for longevity, training and education.

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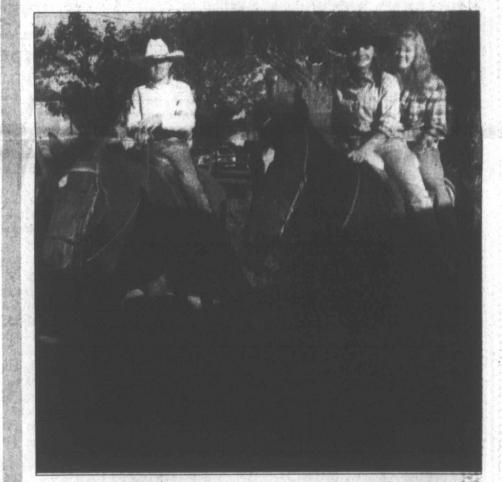
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Local gov't **Personnel changes** may affect local EDC

by David Bowser dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Economic Development Corp. has a new budget for the 2008-2009 fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, but that may be amended with a change

at making some personnel changes in 2009. The expectation is that there will be some additional costs involved in finding the appropriately skilled personnel to be able to operate the EDC into the future."



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It was the projected change in leadership at the economic development corporation that Pampa caused City Commissioner Robert Dixon to cast the sole dissenting vote against the budget during the city commission's special meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Kenneth May, the president of the Pampa EDC, told the commission that he foresaw a change in salaries due to a possible change with the two employees at the EDC next year. The economic development corporation employs Dwight Fiveash as executive director and Kathy Cota as assistant executive director.

"In salaries and wages," May said of the budget, "we included extra money in the budget for this coming fiscal year. There are plans in place to look

May said they did not plan on hiring any additional employees. The staffing would remain at two.

'We are looking at some leadership changes in 2009," May said.

Dixon said after the commission meeting that he objected to waiting to make a change.

"They want to wait a half a year to make the change," Dixon said. "Why waste a whole year? It needs to be made now.'

To do otherwise, Dixon said, would be a waste of money.

The EDC budget projects income from sales taxes to be \$1,228,000 next year and total expenditures to be \$476,700, leaving the EDC with excess funds of \$751,300.

"The requested funds for the

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staff photo/M. Powers

From left, Junior CASA Volunteers Austin Hinkle, Megan Pirtle and Kirsten Kuhn greet visitors along with their equine friends Melody, left, and Kizzy at the CASA chuck wagon supper Saturday at the Woody Guthrie Inn, 400 S. Cuyler. The event kicked off CASA's Texas Roundup, a drive to increase its number of volunteers, who act as advocates for children who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. For more information, call the local CASA office at 669-7638.



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Pampa Chamber launches new Web site

Luncheon

by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com

Vision Computer Services of Pampa, will offer many features that will help promote local businesses and area events, and will be

announced as he presented the Web site to the commerce members at the luncheon.

"We've tried to create the best Web site in the panhandle," Silva said.

Silva explained that the site was created out of the needs of the people who will use it, including business owners and members of the Pampa community. The site is a resource for community events, business owners, and other services.

The site, www.pampachamber.com, features many technologies that are comparable to CNN or Yahoo!, Silva said. The site uses advanced technology like a database-driven system, to build web pages based on requested information instead of having static pages already built like other, older Web sites.

Silva said the site is built with

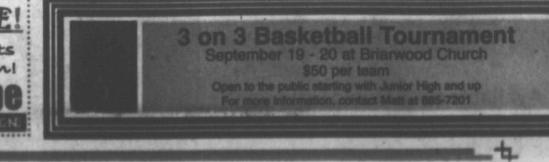
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Obituaries

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Alvin Maurice 'Biggie' King, 83

Alvin Maurice "Biggie" King, 83, of Pampa, died Sept. 16, 2008, at Pampa. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene of Plainview, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery with military honors courtesy of the U.S. Army out of Fort Hood. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Oct. 18, 1924, at Loraine, Mr. King worked on his father's farm in the

Fern Rains, 65, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 8, 2008, at Pampa.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008, at Recreation Park. Cremation arrangements are under the direction Carmichael-Whatley of Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rains was born March 26, 1943, in Canadian. She married Troy Rains on April 13, 1966, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on May 5, 2006. She worked in the restau-

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Friday, Sept. 12 Twenty traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was

Barnes and the 300 block of North Davis. Four attempts to serve

papers were made. Agency assistance was

rendered on Highway 60 West. Suspicious person calls

were received from the 300 block of North Dwight and the 100 block of East Foster. Sex offender registration was conducted on one occasion in the police department lobby.

Assault was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of South Faulkner and involved minor injuries. Assault was reported in the police department lobby

and the 900 block of Terry Road. One alarm was reported.

One building check was

Somerville, the intersection of Hobart Street and Municipal Drive, the 100 block of South Wells, the 2300 block of Comanche, the intersection of Twiford

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Fern Rains, 65

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of Pampa; one great-grandwith her grandchildren. Her favorite quote was, son, Leland Hartley of "When I came into this Amarillo; two great-grand-

Pampa and Josette Hartley ing and everybody was smiling; when I leave this world, everybody will be crying and I will be smiling." Survivors include one daughter, Sandra Ford of Pampa; two grandsons, Chris Hartley of most of all, spending time Amarillo and Mikel Hartley

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Hartley.

of Amarillo; and one sister, Dean Conner and husband Joe of Pampa.

Fern was preceded in death by her father, W.C. Morris; her mother, Mildred Davis; and her son, Buddy

daughters, Jayden Hartley of

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Hurst; 17 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren. book ter

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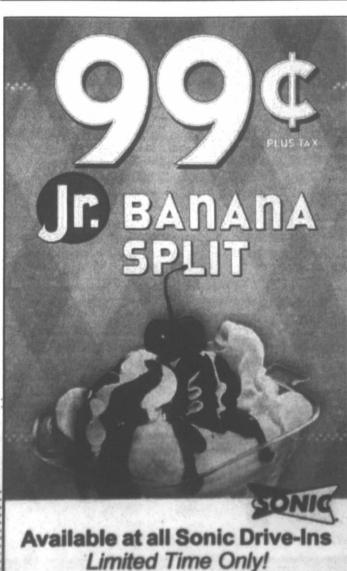
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received from the 1100 block of Coronado.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred at the intersection of Foster and Cuvler streets, the 300 block of West McCullough, the 800 block of South Faulkner, the 300 block of North Zimmers, the 700 block of East Albert, Highway 152, the 1400 block of Charles, the 500 block of Tignor, the 1000 block of North Sumner, the 1200 block of Duncan, the 2200 block of Evergreen, the 1800 block of Hamilton, the 1000 block of East Foster, the 700 block of North Somerville, the 1700 block of West Kentucky and the 1800 block of Williston (twice).

Welfare checks were made in the 500 block of West Kingsmill, the 600 block of East Foster and the 1300 block of Terrace. Civil matters were report-

ed in the 800 block of

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Tignor, the 1200 block of North Hobart, the 1000 block of South Banks, the 600 block of West Foster and the 400 block of West Foster. Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 block of Alcock.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight, the 100 block of North Russell and the 400 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1800 block of North Dwight. Minor injuries were reported.

made.

Burglary was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Two digital cameras, a DVD player and \$15 in cash were taken from the school offices. Estimated value of loss is \$515.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 bock of West Brown. A stereo face plate was taken. Saturday, Sept. 13

Sixteen traffic stops were made. A stop in the 700 block of West Foster resulted in at least one arrest. A stop in the 300 block of West Brown involved a minor in possession of alcohol.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Murphy and Henry streets.

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and Magnolia streets, the 1900 block of Lea, the 1800 block of Hamilton and the 3100 block of Perryton Parkway.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 12000 block of East Frederic, five miles west of the city of Miami and in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Found property was reported in the 500 block of West Wilks. A car stereo was found.

Welfare checks were made in the 400 block of North Ballard, the intersection of Harvester and Hamilton streets, the 2800 block of Charles and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 400 block of Graham, the 1600 block of West Somerville, and the intersection of 19th and Hamilton streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Foster and Russell streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of West Foster, the 2100 block of North Banks, the 700 block of East Frederic, the 1500 block of Williston and twice in the 300 block of Miami.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1000 block of Huff Road. The incident occurred at Charlie's Bar and involved minor injuries.

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 600 block of North Somerville.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville. The back bumper and quarter panel of a 1999 Chevy Cavalier were kicked. Estimated

cost of damage is \$400. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of North Zimmers.

Assault was reported at 1 Medical Plaza. Minor injuries were reported. Three alarms were reported.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of North Gray. A portable car wash valued at \$75 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported at the intersection of Naida and Rham streets. A window of a 1995 Chevy van was broken out. Estimated cost of damage is \$200. Burglary was reported in the 1600 block of North Zimmers.

Sunday, Sept. 14 Fifteen traffic stops were made. Driving while intoxicated was

reported in connection with a stop in the 600 block of North Banks. At least one arrest was made in connection with a stop at Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60. A traffic complaint was received

from the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 2800 block of Perryton

"We expanded our travel budget

significantly," May said. "We put

this in as a separate line item

Parkway and the 600 block of North Frost.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 900 block of North Somerville, the 1000 block of Huff Road, the 200 block of North Sumner, the 1100 block of West Wilks and the 500 block of North Perry.

A welfare check was made in the 1100 block of Starkweather.

A suspicious person call was received from the 200 block of West Foster.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 700 block of North Nelson.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy, the 1300 block of North Starkweather and the 1100 block of Cinderella.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of West Buckler.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1600 block of North Somerville and the 300 block of South Houston.

One alarm was reported. Burglary was reported in the 1800

block of North Wells. Monday, Sept. 15 Three traffic stops were made.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Yeager and Brown streets, the intersection of 23rd and Evergreen streets, the intersection of Frederic and Schneider streets, and the intersection of Barnes and Denver streets.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Saturday, Sept. 13

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Dwayne Edward Watson, 45, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on a bond surrender for assault causing bodily injury.

Michael Shelby James, 40, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for assault causing bodily injury/family violence.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Marcelo Pierre Lopez, 25, of Pampa was arrested in the 700 block of North Banks by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Jesus Ricardo Cabrales, 17, of Pampa was arrested in the 300 block of Lefors by Pampa PD for minor in possession of alcohol.

Dakota Charles Gowin, 18, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of West Somerville by Pampa PD for assault causing bodily injury/family violence and interfering with an emergency call.

Michelle Lea Luster, 35, of Pampa was arrested in the 1600 block of East Frederic by Pampa PD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Manuel Tinajero-Luna, 29, of Pampa was arrested in the 600 block of North Frost by Pampa PD for driving while intoxicated.

Chamber

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speed, so people may continually submit articles and information and it will not slow the site down. Users may log into the Web site to submit this information. The site is created for the people who' will use it, which is why it features a "Chamber Web site Wish List," which will have video interviews of community members about what they want from the Web site.

The site also has unique features like news updates that are open to the public to post, and upcoming events. Silva said the success of the site will depend on people using features like these.

"We will never finish this Web site," Silva said. "It should always be changing and be added to."

There are multiple search options on the Web site to make it easier for a community member to find a business, event, article, or even a map to a local business. Multiple calendars including chamber events, community, and school athletic events calendars will be on the site, which a person can subscribe to and be notified of changes or new events that are posted.

At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, the site features splashes of green and gold hues so it will have a Pampa community theme.

The Web site has many other features that make it technologically advanced and user friendly, like multilingual features and crossbrowser capability.

Silva said that he and Vision Computer Services started creating the Web site two months ago, and his main desire is that people will visit the site and constantly add to it.

"We'd like to populate it so the community will be able to use it."

because we believe now that we have the appropriate staff in place, we have a lot of projects in the pipeline, we are going to need to make the EDC better known, not only within this region, but across the country for future development for Pampa and for Gray County.

We expect that there will be signif-Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins icant travel involved in being able said the Amarillo Economic to accomplish that." Development Corp. has already Related to the travel budget, he made two trips to the Netherlands to talk with wind industry equip-

said, they've increased the advertising budget.

"We're going to do quite a bit more in terms of advertising Pampa," May said. "That is going to require a lot of additional print communication. It's going to require different advertising in publications that deal with economic development."

May said the budget also includes a section for projects and grants. He said they allocated \$100,000 for projects and grants. that the EDC would be involved in next year.

He explained that the money is being set aside so the budget won't have to be amended each time a project comes up that the EDC wants to fund. He said the city commission would still have to approve the funding for each project.

"We added some additional money for operating expenses for the office," May said. "The expectation is that is going to be increasing.

The increase, he explained, deals with the Internet and the EDC Web site and other communications expansions.

May said they've also significantly increased the consulting budget. That specifically deals with retail business opportunities.

"We're looking at consultants that will be able to guide us through how we can bring additional retail to Pampa," May said. 'We're also looking at consultants that can provide us with guidance on additional business opportunities for Pampa."

The EDC in currently under budget. May said, but it is still spooling up to be more efficient and filling the pipeline with potential projects.

"We are very cautious about how we spend our money," May said, "and we tend to be fairly conservative."

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in prior years," May said. Some \$30,000 for travel was added to the new budget.



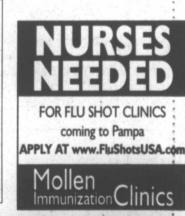
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approved a resolution recognizing September as National Preparedness Month.

The city commission also approved the following bids for delinquent tax properties: \$500 by Greg Squires for 609 N. Frost; \$101.50 by

Darrell Nelson for 743 Albert; \$101.50, Darrell Flying W Properties, 759 Wilks; \$108, Bubba J Nelson, 724 through 735 E. Albert; \$101.50, Darrell Nelson, 532 through 536 Crawford; \$108, Bubba J Investments, for lots on Wilks; \$108, Flying W Properties, 709 Brunow; \$108, Bubba J Investments, 1019 and 1023 Clark; \$108, Flying W Properties, 212 and 220 E. Thut; \$108, Flying W Properties, 1041 Varnon; \$108, Flying W Properties, 513 N. Warren; \$108, Flying W Properties, 430 Crest; \$108. Bubba J Investments 719 S. Ballard; \$108,

Investments, 709 E. Brunow; \$101.50, Darrell Nelson, 801 E. Malone; \$101.50 Darrell Nelson, 919 and 923 S. Faulkner; \$101.50, Darrell Nelson, 1112 Lincoln; \$101.50, Darrell Nelson, 418 Crawford; \$101.50, Darrell Nelson, 1309 E. Francis; \$176, John W. Carroll, 730 N. Roberta; \$111, Jennifer Ewing, 405 N. Doyle; \$500, Jose Torres, 1049 Varnon, and \$110, Angela Hunkler, 1306 E. Browning.



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Viewpoints

Today in History By The Associated Press The Story

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 17, the 261st day of 2008. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

One hundred years ago, on Sept. 17, 1908, Thomas E. Selfridge, a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps, became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer. (The accident, which also seriously injured pilot Orville Wright, occurred at Fort Myer, Va., just outside Washington.)

On this date:

In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

In 1862, in the bloodiest battle day in U.S. history, Union forces fought Confederate invaders in the Civil War Battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg,

'Governments exist to protect the rights of minorities. The loved and the rich need no protection - they have many friends and few enemies."

— Wendell Phillips American abolitionist (1811-1884)

Md. In 1920, the American Professional Football Association, a precursor of the National Football League, was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Germany Nazi had launched its assault. In 1944, during World

War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were by the back beaten

Germans.)

In 1947, James V. Forrestal was sworn in as the first U.S. Secretary of Defense.

In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

In 1983, Vanessa L. Williams of New York became the first black contestant to be crowned Miss America. (The following July, she also became the first Miss America to resign in the wake of her Penthouse magazine scandal.)

In 1988, opening ceremonies for the Summer Olympics took place in Seoul, South Korea.

Ten years ago: In Mexico, gunmen apparently sent by a

behind Rankin hotel

Museum Rankin Association President Donna Bell has spent much of her life on a ranch and is not afraid of hard work.

When money became available to repaint the lobby of Rankin's old Yates Mike Hotel, now the town's Cox museum, Columnist she pitched

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"He kept an upstairs room," Mrs. Bell says. "We haven't identified which room, but he played a lot of

had a nice ring to it.

poker in it." Billed as the first fireproof hotel between Fort Worth and El Paso, the Yates had a restaurant, drug store and

barbershop. The hotel saw many a handshake deal during the boom years and became a popular stopping place for east-west travelers. The rooms on the north

side had no closets and cost less than the south-side rooms, which caught a better breeze and had a door between rooms so they could be used as suites. North or

south-side, however, guests had to walk down the hall to a bathroom. By today's standards, a room on either side of the hotel did not cost all that much. A single school teacher who lived there in the late 1930s paid \$39 a month for a room - meals

"There's a cute story about an old-maid (probably

Home Extension agent from Austin who used to stay at the Yates in the '40s," Mrs. Bell says. "She always washed her stockings at night and hung them in the bathroom to dry. One morning she came in and found some man had washed his socks and hung them right next to her hose. She was scandalized."

The hotel closed in 1964 and stood vacant for a decade before the Rankin Museum Association converted it into a museum. Though someone vandalized the hotel about a year after it went out of business, the Yates' original wicker furniture still sits in the lobby with its restored black and white checkerboard floor.

During the Yates' heyday, within an easy walk from the hotel lay one of the marvels of West Texas - Rankin Beach. That part of the state had not had any waterfront access since prehistoric times, but Yates put in a giant concrete swimming hole, 60 feet wide and 120 feet long. Legend has it that he even had beach sand trucked in from the Texas coast, though he could have gotten plenty from the sand dunes of not-too-distant Ward County.

People could keep cool in

Yates' pool, enjoy live entertainment at the adjoining dance pavilion or spin around on a skating rink. A young accordion player named Lawrence Welk and his orchestra played at Rankin Beach in 1928-29 as did Louis Armstrong and Jack Teagarden.

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One night during the boom, while her husband toiled away in the oil patch, his pretty wife sashayed and shimmied on the dance floor at the nearby Skidmore Plantation with an equally light-footed male partner.

The evening seemed magic until the woman's husband showed up and pulled a pistol from his oilstained coveralls.

Seeking any port in a storm, the woman and her dancing partner hoofed it toward the Yates Hotel, the armed husband close behind. When they entered the hotel's lobby, the bell hop ducked as the husband fired several shots at the man he'd caught dancing with his wife.

None of the bullets took effect, and officers soon corralled the jealous husband, but the flying lead left some ugly pockmarks in the wall. For some reason, whoever

See Cox, Page 8

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OH, NEVERMIND.

Later, from one of the sons of hotel-builder Ira Yates, the legendary father of the old rich Yates Field, she learned the story behind that rough place in the wall. It marked a rough time in Rankin's history, when bootleg booze and black gold flowed with equal ease.

HUMPTY DUMPTY SAT ON A WALL ...

GAGE SECURITIES

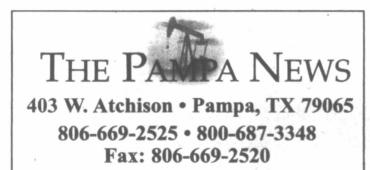
Yates built the three-story, 46-room sandy brick hotel in 1927 at the height of the oil boom that exploded on the Pecos County ranch he had traded a general store for in included. 1915. In considering a name

estly thought Yates Hotel all of 25 to 30 years old)



drug lord vanked three families from their beds before dawn and opened fire, killing 19 men, women and children near a popular Baja California resort.

Five years ago: Spain's leading investigating judge, Baltasar Garzon, issued the first known indictment against Osama bin Laden in the Sept. 11 attacks. An audiotape purporting to carry the voice of Saddam Hussein, broadcast on Arab television, called on Iragis to fight the American occupation. New York Stock Exchange chairman Dick Grasso resigned amid a furor over his \$139.5 million pay package.



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By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

oil, conserve and adopt alternative fuel sources must continue unabated.

As oil prices dropped again last week, industry experts cited a stronger dollar and less demand, in part due to a slowdown in the global economy, the Associated Press and other media reported.

Hurricane Gustav spared the Gulf Coast oil producing facilities that industry officials had feared would be damaged.

ued relief, as prices moved further from the horrific \$147 record peak of July.

But some OPEC leaders, apparently becoming accustomed to big profits, signaled that they do not want to let a free market drive prices down much more.

The International Herald Tribune reported that Iran's oil minister is calling for production reductions.

An OPEC meeting is slated for Tuesday.

Iran, a major oil producer, has com-plained that some OPEC members are overproducing, the newspaper reported.

While the Times of London quoted analysts as doubting that OPEC will reach an agreement, the newspaper also reported that even Saudi Arabia, which has a good relationship with the U.S. government, is showing concern about the falling prices. Even if pressures that increase prices

The conditions added up to contin- do not emerge from this week's meeting, producers no doubt will move to protect their profits at some point.

American consumers are driving less, and that is helping the cause.

But a cohesive national approach is essential.

Legislation being crafted by a bipartisan group of senators has strong potential to move the U.S. away from its dependency on imported oil.

The compromise approach would couple additional offshore drilling with an expanded investment in alternative fuels and efficiency measures.

Congress should get behind the compromise approach and pass meaningful legislation before adjourning to campaign next month.

Consumers don't have time for political games and delays on an issue this crucial to the nation's future. URL: http://www.mysa.com

San Antonio Express News on ener-Recent decreases in the price of oil have been a welcome development, but consumers would be misguided to



By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

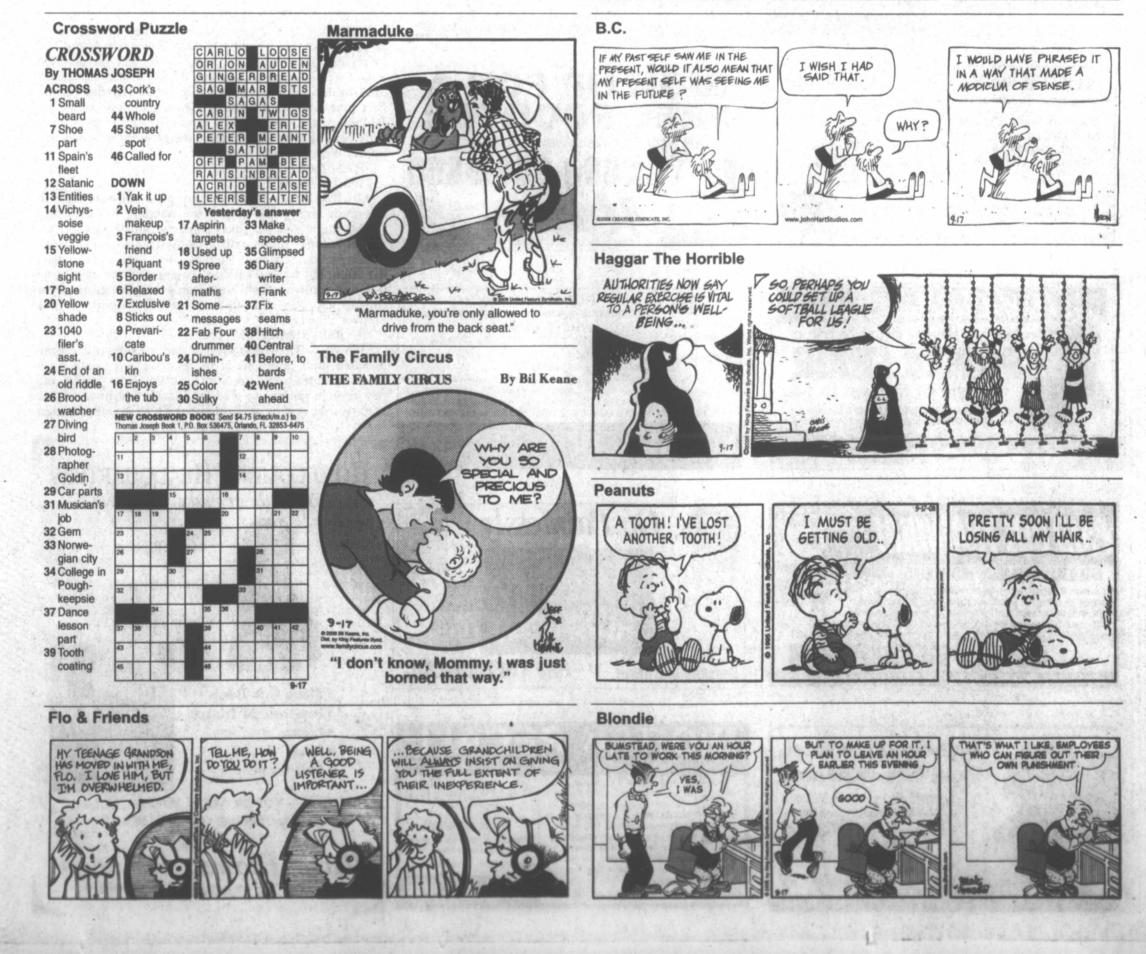
DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl who just entered the eighth grade. I have a few friends, but I often feel like I'm invisible. They never take the time to call me. I guess I could take the first step and call them, but I don't know what to say. I guess I'm a little shy. I spent a long, miserable summer with no one to talk to. I want to change this before I start high school next year. I am noticing several cute guys in class. If I have so much trouble with my friendships with other girls, how am I ever going to get to know some of the guys I'm starting to like? How do I get them to notice me? I hate to think I'll just fade into the shadows. Can you help? -- ALONE AND SHY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ALONE AND SHY: The skills you're asking about take practice, and it might be of some comfort to know that, according to my mail, a third of the population is also afflicted to some degree with shyness. The surest way to overcome shyness is to understand that most people have the same feelings of insecurity and fear of not being liked that you do. Rather than concentrating on yourself, focus on building the other person's confidence and selfesteem. My mother used to say there are two kinds of people in this world: those who walk into a room and their attitude says, "Here I am!" And those who walk into a room and their attitude says, "There you are!" The there-you-are type is always the most popular.

Because you're shy, focus yourself on interacting with others in a safe environment. Break the ice by asking someone in your class about a homework assignment. If you can't do it face-to-face, then do it on the phone. Or if you walk into a room and don't know anyone, don't wait for someone to approach you. Select someone who looks lost, approach him -- or her -- and say, "Hi, my name is 'Emma,' and I don't know a soul here. Do you?" You won't be sorry. It's not being pushy. It's being friendly. Another thought: No matter how you feel about yourself, everyone can be charming. Charm, in a nutshell, is putting the other person at ease and making her (or him) feel comfortable and important. The charming person makes the effort to make others feel good about themselves. Forming the habit of making others feel good will make YOU popular to be around. These suggestions -- and many others -are included in my booklet "How to Be Popular: You're Never Too Young or Too Old." It can be ordered by sending your name and mailing address, plus a check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. Remember, people who are interested in others are a cinch to be welcomed -- and even sought out. So, even if you don't feel you are "perfect," or outgoing or talented, try being charming. It works like a charm.







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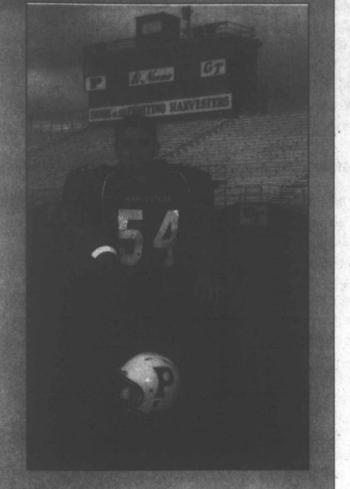
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Baseball **Marlon Byrd** rallies Rangers past Tigers in 9th

ARLINGTON, Texas - the ninth when Rodney cametriple in the ninth inning and 17 chances. scored the winning run on Chris Davis' single and the worked the ninth, getting a Texas Rangers rallied past double-play grounder after. Detroit 5-4 on Tuesday night, allowing a single. extending the Tigers' losing streak to six games.

the right-field corner.

The Tigers intentionally walked consecutive batters 497 career homers, flied out to load the bases for Davis, deep to center before and the rookie singled over Brandon Inge singled up the the head of drawn-in left middle. Center fielder fielder Matt Joyce.

manager Jim Leyland point- the tying run. Joyce raced ed his finger and shouted at home when the ball bounced the umpires while they were away from the plate and Ingeleaving the field. He was moved up to second. Dusty, apparently umpires didn't allow an run-scoring hit to center. appeal of a checked swing by Young that was called a ball.

Detroit went ahead with tion two months ago, limited three runs in the seventh off Texas to five singles over 7 Kevin Millwood, after the 1-3 innings. The right-hander Texas starter had retired 16 retired the last 11 batters he, consecutive batters. The faced. Tigers still led 4-2 going to

Marlon Byrd hit a two-run on for his sixth blown save in-

Jamey Wright (7-6)

The Tigers hadn't had a. base runner since the first Fernando Rodney (0-6) against Millwood until took over to start the ninth, Magglio Ordonez had a leadbut walked Michael Young off single in the seventh. after the count was 0-2 and Ordonez was erased on a allowed Josh Hamilton's sin- fielder's choice grounder hit" gle before Byrd tripled into by Miguel Cabrera before-Joyce walked.

Gary Sheffield, who has Marlon Byrd's throw home After the game, Tigers hit Cabrera, who slid in with upset that Ryan followed with another

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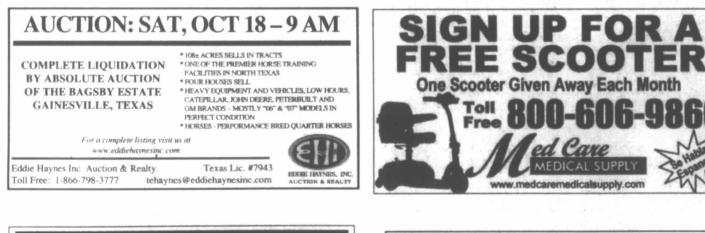
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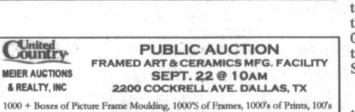
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safety and security of his home as he left for practice with a tree splayed on one end of it. He and the rest of the Houston Texans returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since Hurricane Ike, trying to concentrate on football when most didn't have electricity and many were dealing with significant damage to their homes. By Sports Writer Kristie Rieken.

BASEBALL: MLB TIGERS-RANGERS

ARLINGTON - Marlon Byrd hit a two-run triple in the ninth inning and scored the winning run on Chris Davis' single and the Texas Rangers rallied past Detroit 5-4 on Tuesday night, extending the Tigers' losing streak to six games. Fernando Rodney (0-6) took over to start the ninth, but walked Michael Young after the count was 0-2 and allowed Josh Hamilton's single before Byrd tripled into the right-field corner. By Sports Writer Stephen Hawkins.

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edge. Follow your sixth sense, and you will succeed. If you are single, romance will spice up your life. You will enjoy dating, as two different potential suitors could appear. If attached, you funnel more joy into your life and, consequently, into your relationship. TAURUS serves as an anchor.

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)

*** Be aware of another's implicit demands. You could feel much better than you have in a long while, because you see an opportunity strike out of the blue. Actually, truth be told, you are more willing to see past the obvious right now. You see new solutions. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** You have a way of pulling out information, revisiting the facts and coming up with a completely novel response. You need to understand what to do or how to handle a difficult person who often rains on your parade. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

*** Defer to others, letting them know, at the same time, where you stand,

want happen, finally. You discover how much of a difference you can and do make. Others cheer you on. Keep communication flowing, even if you do want to slam the phone down. Tonight: Where people are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Take a stand, trusting your intuition. As a result, you come out on top. You might not like all the reactions, but ultimately you are on course. You could feel tight with funds. Honor your feelings, as they lead you down the right path. Tonight: In the limelight.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Reach out for others. Be willing to seek out information and find experts. The varying views help you see the situation in a new light. As a result, you come up with a better solution. You might be a bit too serious; lighten up. Tonight: Relax your mind. Play a favorite game or surf the Internet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Work as a team. By yourself, you are less likely to make the grand splash you could. A sense of heaviness or fatigue could prevent you from seeing clearly. Trust an associate to carry the ball. Tonight: Be a duo.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Others push, and clearly feel that they can run the show; let them. A might feel as if you have more than your share on your plate. Tonight: Relax in your style.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** Your imagination fills in the gaps. You feel great, no matter what you do. You know when to be serious and when to be frivolous. You are likely to weather a hassle with ease. Think positively. Tonight: Let your hair down. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Stay with basics, and do not get distracted by anyone or anything. Your enthusiasm is catchy. Go for what you want, but do not skip a beat. A partner could be discouraging. Tonight: Mosey on home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Make calls and reach out for others. You might find that an associate, friend or key person could be quite dour. Rather than react, think about your longterm goals with this person. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's news.

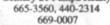
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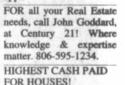
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Events calendar

• The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art in Amarillo will be conducted from 6:30-9 p.m. Sept. 18 at the museum. The event will include music, an art film, a children's and adult's art activity and more. Admission is free. For more information, call (806) 371-5050.

• The Better Business Bureau of the Texas Panhandle will host a "Secure Your ID Day" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 20 in the parking lot of Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pampa. Participants may bring up to three boxes or bags of paper materials for free shredding and receive free goody bags with tips and resources to prevent identity theft.

• The 55-plus Club in Panhandle is preparing a pre-Homecoming game dinner at 5 p.m. Sept. 26 in the school cafeteria. Many classes with years ending in three or eight will be celebrating reunions during the weekend. Carson County Square House Museum will open a Country Store at 9 a.m. Sept. 27. The store will offer baked goods, crafts, canned produce and other items. Barbecue will be served from 11 a.m-1:30 p.m. Other festivities will be held in conjunction with Museum Day on Saturday.

• Institute for Natural Resources will present a seminar for health care professionals worth six credit hours Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock and Oct. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. "Chronic Pain" will be presented by instructor S. Thomas Deahl II, D.M.D., Ph.D. The pre-registra-

tion fee is \$82. The seminar will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at both locations. For more information or to register, call 1-800-937-6878.

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

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

• Fawn Lake Press is offering free "Proud to be an American" flag decals to anyone sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Fawn Lake Press, 54 Fawn Lake Rd., Durango, CO 81301. Active servicemen and women need not send a SASE to receive the free 2x3inch color decals. Fawn Lake will pay their postage.

 Manhattanville My Soldier is seeking volunteers to "adopt" a deployed United States Serviceperson. To find out more, visit www.mysoldier.com on-line or write to: Manhattanville College My Soldier Department, 2900 Purchase St., Purchase, NY 10577.

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repaired the bullet holes did not bother to smooth over the one next to the stair way.

So far as is known, that was the only gunplay at the Yates. That may be why the hotel has a scarcity of ghosts.

Almost all old hotels come furnished with at least one restless spirit, but Mrs. Bell says the Yates is no "Hotel California." One woman claimed to have had encounters with a lady apparition she called Gertrude, but Mrs. Bell says she's never heard or seen anything unusual at

the Yates other than the old bullet hole. If anyone's spirit is lingering at the Yates, by all rights it ought to be Yates himself. He spent a lot of time in his hotel prior to his death in 1939 and oil paintings of he and his wife are prominently displayed in the lobby.

For a fellow who didn't learn to read until he was 14, Yates obviously had a good head for business. Folks said he did well at cards, too.

"He insisted that all his children learn to play poker," Mrs. Bell says. "He said poker would make them good at business."

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