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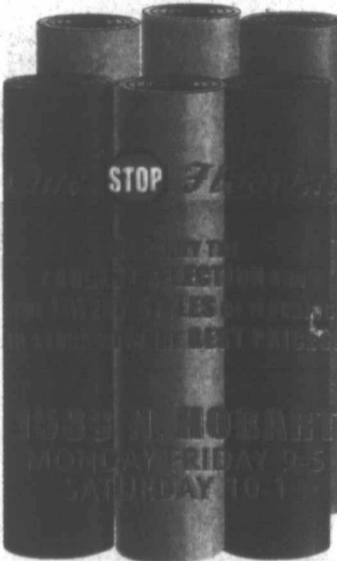
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One man was pronounced dead and another was arrested and charged with murder Friday afternoon at a house located at the intersection of Brunow and Finley streets.

Pampa man arrested in fatal stabbing

by Marilyn Powers
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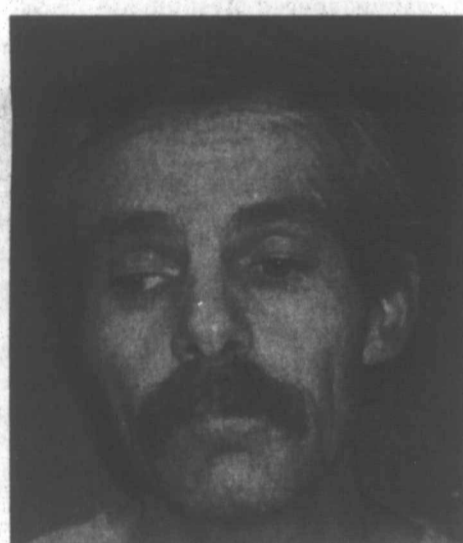
One Pampa man was pronounced dead and another was arrested on a charge of murder after an apparent stabbing which occurred Friday afternoon on Brunow Avenue.

Pampa police officers were dispatched to 731 E. Brunow at about 4:19 p.m. concerning a victim of a

stabbing, said Pampa Police Department Sgt. Donny Brown.

Upon their arrival at the house, Guardian EMS personnel who were at the scene directed officers to the east side of the residence. There, they found Luis G. Acosta, 48, of 939 Brunow, lying face down in the yard with what appeared to be several stab wounds to the upper portion of his body, Brown said.

Officers took Ronnie Gene Carter, 45, of 731 Brunow, into custody and booked him into Gray County Jail on a charge of murder. Carter remains in jail in lieu of \$1 million bond on the charge, plus an additional \$1,000 bond on a warrant concerning a



Ronnie Gene Carter

charge of theft of property. Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman pronounced Acosta dead at the scene and ordered an autopsy. The victim was transported to Lubbock for the autopsy. No preliminary autopsy results had been received by Curfman as of press time.

Curfman also handled Carter's arraignment at the jail.

Autumn leaves



staff photo/Marilyn Powers

Foliage around Pampa has begun to change color, making a contrast between the bright green leaves of summer and the red, gold and brown tones of fall. Today is the first day of autumn.

Correction

In an article that appeared on the front page Sunday titled "Concert Association: Season schedule to kick off with Cirque Voial," the date of the show was incorrect. The show will be Sunday, Sept. 28.

Toddler airlifted to Amarillo hospital after being run over

by Marilyn Powers
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A 15-month-old child is in critical condition after being struck by a vehicle Friday at a residence in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive.

Pampa police officers, Guardian EMS personnel and Pampa Fire Department personnel were dispatched to the Guardian EMS office in the 1000 block of South Barnes at about 12:20 p.m. Friday concerning the accident, according to police records.

"Officers were advised that a family member had backed over the child in the 1000 block of Prairie Drive, and the family had taken the

child to the EMS building for medical attention," said Pampa Police Department Sgt. Donny Brown. "Unfortunately, at the time, there was no one at the building because the ambulance was out on another emergency."

No information was available on the origin of the call to emergency services advising of the accident and the family's location.

Pampa PD Lt. Kenneth Hopson located the family's vehicle as it was traveling northbound in the 600 block of North Cuyler. He made

contact with the met by Pampa FD family and was also and Guardian EMS

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City commission to meet tomorrow

In what is expected to be a brief meeting Tuesday, the Pampa City Commission will address the city budget for the new fiscal year and set the tax rate.

The commission will meet at 4 p.m., Tuesday, in the commission chambers on the third floor of city hall.

The commission will consider on second and final reading ordinances appropriating revenues, the budget, for the new fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, and setting the property tax rate of 66.5 cents per \$100 valuation, a cut of about two cents below last year.

They will consider on first reading an ordinance amending the revenue and budget for the current fiscal year.

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Sunny

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Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Sunny, with a high near 80. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

NENSTIEL, Donald Z. — 2 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Pampa.

Earl Culver, 80

AMARILLO, Texas — Earl Culver, 80, of Sept. 20, 2008, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

him in death on Jan. 6, 1994. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1966 moving to Amarillo in 1998.

Citizens and a volunteer for the Amarillo Police Department on the handicap patrol.

er, Phillip Culver of Alaska; two sisters, Christina Hauser of Amarillo and Clara Culver of San Antonio; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

Donald Z. Nenstiel, 92

Donald Z. Nenstiel, 92, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008, at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor, the Rev. Becky Nenstiel, his daughter-in-law, and Chaplain Cathy Tisher of Blanchard, Okla., officiating.

Army from February, 1941 through November, 1945. On July 31, 1943, he married Clara Marie Roth. Donald and Clara moved to Pampa in 1946 where he worked for Nenstiel and D o g g e t t Accounting Firm until his retirement. He worked for his brother, Harvey Nenstiel, in this position for over 50 years.

the Men's Fellowship Sunday School class for many years. Donald was preceded in death by his wife Clara on Feb. 4, 2006. Survivors include two sons, Daryl Nenstiel and his partner in life Roger Bakeman of Atlanta, Ga., and Joe Nenstiel and wife Becky of Panhandle; two grandchildren, Andy Nenstiel and wife Nancy of Amarillo, and Sarah Garrison and husband Christopher of Panhandle; and by three great-grand-

daughters, Clara Nenstiel, Catherine Nenstiel and Ann Marie Garrison. MEMORIALS: Called to Care Ministry (a Christ-centered ministry to the elderly), 1601 Maple, Blanchard, OK 73010. SPECIAL NOTICES: The family would like to extend a special thanks to neighbors, friends, Interim Healthcare, and BSA Hospice for their loving care and support. Visitation will be 6-7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Eddie Lynn Polnac

Eddie Lynn Polnac, born Aug. 23, 1935, passed on Sept. 19, 2008, in Houston. Eddie was a long-time resident of Pampa where he was a member of First Assembly of God Church. He was

employed by Cabot and was a member of The Scottish Rite of Freemasonry. Survivors include three children, Vanessa, Monty and Melinda, all of Houston; three grandchil-

dren, Joey, Allison and Payton; sister, Virginia "Jan" Nelson; and two nephews, Greg and Anthony Weatherman. Nowlin Funeral Home at 304 S. Austin in DeLeon,

Texas, will host funeral services on Wednesday, Sept. 25. Visitation will be from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The service will be held at 2 p.m.

Warrant alleges prostitution at swingers club

DUNCANVILLE, Texas (AP) — City officials have again raided a suburban Dallas swinger club in its

latest efforts to shut it down. Authorities raided the Cherry Pit late Saturday night, confiscating cash and client lists and briefly detaining about 60 people there, according to the club's attorney. The search warrant alleged prostitution, money laundering, the operation of a sex club in a residential neighborhood and operating a sex club without a license.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Saturday, Sept. 20 Deborah Dee Chandler, 48, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of West McCullough by Pampa Police Department for driving while license is suspended, no seat belt and no insurance.

Cheryl Knipp Bridge, 49, of Pampa was arrested in the 1200 block of North Hobart by Pampa PD for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Kolbye Dale Johnson, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart by Pampa PD for criminal mischief and capias pro fines for no rabies vaccination and inhumane treatment of an animal.

Jay Gene Kelly, 44, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for no valid driver's license.

Sunday, Sept. 21 Isaac Lee Rodriguez, 21, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of Somerville by Pampa PD on a bond surrender for driving while license is invalid, second offense, and motions to revoke probation on Hale County charges of driving while license is invalid and possession of marijuana.

Jason Todd Vance, 28, of Pampa was arrested in the 100 block of North Ballard

by Pampa PD for no insurance, expired registration, expired inspection and no motorcycle endorsement on license.

Angel Mario Silva, 24, of Pampa was arrested in the 1500 block of Hamilton by Pampa PD for evading arrest and a capias pro fine for minor in possession of alcohol.

Eugene Steward Inman, 23, of Miami was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Howard Bell Morris, 68, of Miami was arrested by GCSO for public intoxication.

Ambulance

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

Friday, Sept. 19 7:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

7:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1800 block of Beech and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Hobart and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Cuyler. No trans-

port. 12:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of South Cuyler and prepared a patient for transport by LifeStar Helicopter.

4:14 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Brunow. No transport.

5:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Fisher and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 900 block of Fisher.

9:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of East Browning and transported a patient to Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Amarillo.

11:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road G and transported a patient to PRMC.

Saturday, Sept. 20 6:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location in Coronado Shopping Center. No transport.

2:19 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells. No transport.

5:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Southside Church of Christ. The call was canceled.

8:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 21 5:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lowry and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Sumner. No transport.

2:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Hobart on a false call.

11:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Alcock. The call was canceled.

Monday, Sept. 22 12:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location west on Highway 60 and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fort Worth-area pair battle, kill alleged burglar

FORT WORTH (AP) — Investigators doubt any charges will result from a bloody weekend battle between some Fort Worth-area homeowners and an alleged armed intruder.

A Tarrant County sheriff's spokesman says the battle left the suspect dead on the floor of the rural house near Eagle Mountain Lake Saturday night. No identities have been released.

Sheriff's spokesman Terry Grisham says 911 operators received a call from a woman about 10 p.m. Saturday, reporting she saw her husband and the intruder fighting and joined the battle. Grisham says the residents stabbed and bludgeoned the man with assorted items as the battle moved around the house. The suspect died as deputies tried to handcuff him.

Grain prices

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Financial meltdown

Dems want pay limits, loan aid in bailout

WASHINGTON (AP) — Judges could rewrite mortgages to lower bankrupt homeowners' monthly payments as part of changes congressional Democrats are seeking in the Bush administration's proposed \$700 billion financial system bailout.

Also, companies that unloaded their bad assets on the government in the massive rescue would have to limit their executives' pay packages and agree to revoke any bonuses awarded based on bogus claims, according to a draft of the plan obtained Monday by The Associated Press.

The proposal by Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., the Banking Committee chairman, gives the government broad power to buy up virtually any kind of bad asset — including credit card debt or car loans — from any financial institution in the U.S. or abroad in order to stabilize markets.

But it would end the program at the end of next year, instead of creating the two-year-long initiative that the Bush administration has sought. And it would add layers of oversight, including an emergency board to keep an eye on the program with two congressional appointees, and a special inspector general appointed by the president.

The plan also requires that the government get shares in the troubled companies helped by the rescue.

Congressional aides said the House could act on a bailout bill as early as Wednesday. President Bush earlier Monday issued a statement saying "the whole world is watching" how the U.S. government moves on the legislation that has come in response to business tur-

moil that has roiled markets at home and abroad.

"Obviously, there will be differences over some details, and we will have to work through them. That is an understandable part of the policy making process," Bush said.

But he also said "it would not be understandable if members of Congress sought to use this emergency legislation to pass unrelated provisions, or to insist on provisions that would undermine the effectiveness of the plan."

The proposal that Dodd has sent to Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson would let judges modify the mortgages of homeowners in bankruptcy to allow them to keep their homes.

It also would require that the government come up with "a systematic approach for preventing foreclosure" on the mortgages it acquires as part of the bailout. That would include the home loans held by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the troubled mortgage giants now under the control of a government regulator.

Asked about Democrats' demands, Treasury spokeswoman Brookly McLaughlin said, "There are lots of issues but the discussions we are having are good."

Asked if the negotiations could slow down passage of the measure, she said, "We are confident that we can get a bill done this week."

Dodd, interviewed on CBS's "The Early Show" on Monday, said taxpayers should be "first in line" to get money back once conditions in the industry stabilize and recover.

"We want oversight," he said, adding, "It's important

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that we act quickly, but it's more important that we act responsibly."

Rep. Barney Frank, chairman of the House Financial Services panel, said that Paulson "is being entirely unreasonable" to expect that Congress will pass a bill right away without examining the proposal thoroughly and adding provisions Democrats want, such as the curbs on executive pay.

"We want to limit those as a condition for giving them aid," Frank, D-Mass., told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"If Secretary Paulson would agree to that," he said, "we could move quickly."

Meanwhile, the Group of Seven, an organization of the world's leading economic powers, pledged Monday to do all it could to help ease the crisis. The group said in a conference call that it welcomed the extraordinary steps the United States has taken so far.

The fast-moving negotiations between the administration and Congress unfolded a day after the government approved a request by investment houses Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley to change their status to bank holding companies.

That change will allow the two venerable institutions to set up commercial banks that will be able to take deposits,

significantly bolstering the resources of both institutions. It will also grant them permanent access to emergency loans supplied by the Fed rather than the temporary loan status they have had since last March when the Fed moved to prop up investment banks following the forced sale of Bear Stearns.

Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben

Bernanke kept up their outreach with Congress, holding meetings over the weekend aimed at convincing lawmakers to move quickly to approve the relief package.

Rep. Christopher Shays, R-Conn., who also serves on Frank's committee, said members "need enough time to debate this" and echoed Frank's concerns about executive pay. "We don't have these great golden parachutes and so on. In the end we're doing it for the taxpayers."

Frank said that lawmakers "are building strong oversight" into the measure.

"The private sector got us into this mess," Frank said, "The government has to get us out of it. We do want to do it carefully."

Republican presidential candidate John McCain, speaking Monday morning on NBC's "Today" show, said, "We are in the most serious crisis since World War II."

He also said that despite the ballooning national debt, he would not raise taxes if elected.

Congressional leaders have endorsed the main thrust of the administration plan, but say it must be expanded to include help for people on Main Street as well as the big Wall Street financial firms who have lost billions of dollars through their bad investment decisions.

Toddler

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personnel there, Brown said.

The child was transported by ambulance and then airlifted to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, where emergency surgery was performed, Brown said.

"The incident is still under investigation," he said.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 22, the 266th day of 2008. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 11:44 a.m. Eastern time.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1862, President Lincoln issued the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, declaring all slaves in rebel states should be free as of Jan. 1, 1863.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavy-weight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson, began a three-year run on Broadway.

In 1958, President Eisenhower's assistant, Sherman Adams, resigned amid charges of improperly using his influence to help a businessman.

In 1958, the television show "Peter Gunn," starring Craig Stevens, premiered on NBC.

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford

'The autumn always gets me badly, as it breaks into colours. I want to go south, where there is no autumn, where the cold doesn't crouch over one like a snow-leopard waiting to pounce.'

— D.H. Lawrence
English author
(1885-1930)

outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war.

In 1988, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney apologized for the World War II internment of Japanese-Canadians, and promised compensation.

Ten years ago: Congressional Republicans worked to snuff out new talk of a punishment for President Clinton short of impeachment, an idea floated by Democrats as poll numbers showed that most Americans didn't want Clinton removed from office. The U.S. and Russia agreed to help Russia privatize its nuclear program and stop the export of scientists and plutonium.

Five years ago: A suicide car bombing outside U.N. offices in Baghdad killed an Iraqi policeman. NATO allies picked Dutch Foreign Minister Jaap de Hoop Scheffer as the alliance's next secretary-general. Actor Gordon Jump died at age 71.

One year ago: Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki at the United Nations in their first face-to-face talks since a Baghdad shootout involving guards from a U.S. company protecting American diplomats.

It boils down to where you're at

We appear to be in calamitous times with nothing but bad news rolling out from the economy, the weather, the war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the cost of fuel just to name a few. But what often matters to us most is how it breaks down to the local level. It's overwhelming to take on all the troubles of the world and lately there's just too much of it.

Normally, we divvy up the suffering as we watch some of our neighbors get pummeled by the variable rate mortgage that's exploding into a payment they can't afford and find out someone at work is considering quitting over the cost of their commute. We might have a child or spouse in active duty in the war who is serving their second or third tour of duty and hope that the wars end soon. We feel compassion for others' suffering but go back to our own problems and hope for things to get better.

However, it's starting to sink in that these problems have grown into beasts that can enmesh us all. AIG was the latest failing private sector business to be bailed out by the U.S. government to the tune of \$85 billion because it's financial deal-

ings were so spread out it could take all of us a peg or two lower as well. That's on top of the billions already pledged to fix Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac from a government that's borrowing as fast as it can from Japan and China while sending billions overseas to fight a war on two fronts.

No one seems willing to mention that all banks eventually can run dry, and there are still plenty of sub-prime mortgage bombs left to go off. We all know it. It's just that we don't know how many or who they will all be just yet. The government can't continue to bail out all of them. It's the equivalent of pouring the booze down the sink hoping sobriety will naturally follow on its own. Even the enabler who deregulated the industry gets worn out at some point.

What we haven't heard are any long-term solutions. The stock indexes have fallen in record numbers recently and still there's no plan. Interest rates went unchanged by the feds,

which was at least a small concession that the old tweaking is no match for the new problems. But where was even the beginning of a new idea?

Alternative fuels are being considered by more jurisdictions than ever before, but there's still a lot of local resistance. Troops are scheduled to begin to be removed from Iraq but most of them are being shifted over to Afghanistan where things are going from bad to worse. The price of staples such as bread, milk and eggs continue to rise to new levels.

So, here's the beginning of a solution. Go local on as many issues as possible. Support local efforts to bring in wind or solar power because it will help the people right around you and will make a difference in your community. Buy local produce or local meats because you can see where it came from, how it was raised and can help out your neighbor, the local farmer.

Loan money to local fam-

ilies who are looking to buy a house and keep the loans within the community bank. Even consider micro-loans and band together to lend smaller amounts to local groups who have a good idea that you can check and even help grow. Partake in local debates over the school board or city council because this is the part of the world where you can make a real difference.

It's ironic in an age where we can chat in real-time with someone who's across the globe that we are still most effective in the part of the planet that is within our reach. However, many of us have forgotten the rule that great things are always built one step at a time and with the tools at hand. We have a choice right now to wait for a rescue from a government that appears to be more interested in pasting over the problem or to begin to save ourselves and knit together a solution one community at a time. More adventures to follow.

—Martha Randolph Carr's column is distributed exclusively by Cagle Cartoons Inc. newspaper syndicate.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 14
Houston Chronicle on Black Panthers' protection during Hurricane Ike:

A storm as massive as Ike offers plenty to worry about. Stay or go? Board up windows or take your chances?

What folks who are already anxious should not have to worry about is looters.

But sometimes solutions come from unexpected quarters. As Hurricane Ike bore down Friday on this part of the Gulf Coast, it was interesting to learn that leaders of Houston's Black Panther Party had hired out nearly 20 of their members at area gas-and-convenience stores, offering protection from the theft and mayhem that sometimes happens in the chaos before and after a storm of Ike's magnitude.

It's an action that might raise eyebrows. Many will remember the Black Panthers mainly from their mid-1960s and 1970s' incarnation either as militant black radicals with a frightening agenda, or as a group of black activists committed to black empowerment and defending their community from police

brutality. The reality of U.S. race relations is that which perception you hold depends in all likelihood on whether you are black or white.

Chronicle writer Shannon Buggs discovered something Friday that offers a new impression: Panthers standing ready in black and Hispanic neighborhoods to protect stations belonging to owners without regard to ethnic or racial background.

The Panthers, dressed in their traditional black military-style uniforms, stationed themselves during the day Friday at convenience stores in the East End, North Houston and Third, Fourth and Fifth wards. Standing guard in front of stores boarded-up against the weather, the men were trained in self-defense but unarmed. They planned to spend the night inside the stores and position themselves back out front at dawn.

According to Kenya Shabazz, who holds the rank of major within the Houston affiliate of the group known as the People's Party No. 3, owners of several major gas station franchises around the city were appreciative of the group's willingness to provide private security for their property.

"These are the places that service our communities with food, water and fuel," Shabazz said. "We don't want

these places torn up."

Once these owners and the community residents the Panthers sought to defend might have seen each other as adversaries, partners in a relationship filled with racial tension. The Panthers' defense of these corner stores is a nice reminder of how times have changed to the benefit of the whole community.

"We hired these Black Panther people to take care of our two stores, one here on Dowling and the other one on Elgin," Nabi Chowdhury, manager of a Mobil station on Dowling Street, told the Chronicle on Friday as Ike's winds began kicking up. "We have confidence in them because for a long time we have known them, and their attitude and everything, we like."

As Shabazz pointed out, "Times have changed and African-Americans have progressed and now work for police departments and mayors and governors. So now it's about the totality of the people and to bring all people together."

That is the sort of neighbor-helping-neighbor story that is welcome any time. It is especially heartening in the face of the kind of potential disaster that Ike threatens to leave in its wake.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ELDERLY PATIENTS NEED HELPING HANDS DURING VISITS TO DOCTOR

DEAR ABBY: I work in a doctor's office where some of our elderly patients are dropped off by a transportation company. These patients often have no one with them or meeting them in the office. If the person is coherent, it's not a problem. But when the patient isn't, then he or she is unable to fill out the forms or give us insurance information. Sometimes the people may not even know why they are in our office. Of course, this means they are unable to discuss their problem with the doctor. We assist these patients as much as we can, helping them fill out the forms, etc., but this is a busy office, and it causes other patients to be delayed as well as the doctor. We don't blame the transportation services, but we are asking that someone accompany the patient and be prepared to fill out our forms even if the patient has been there before because the information must be updated every year. If the patient has a designated power of attorney, then that's who should accompany the patient and be sure to bring the power of attorney papers along. It's heart-breaking to see this scenario. We can't provide proper care if the patient can't communicate the problem to us and the doctor. I hope nursing homes and loved ones will read this and do what's best for the patient. -- **AN OFFICE THAT CARES IN PENNSYLVANIA**

DEAR OFFICE THAT CARES: You have raised an important issue, and thank you for pointing it out. It would be a good idea for doctors to require that patients who are unable to speak for themselves have an escort. Ideally, the patient's family should see that their family member has someone in attendance. Some assisted-living facilities do send an escort or an aide. However, if that is not possible, then a case management program should be set up by a social worker, either through the nursing home or the hospital.

DEAR ABBY: I'm struggling with a question of family loyalty. I grew up in a broken home with no father and was subjected to various kinds of abuse. I'm now 21 and have had a serious boyfriend, "Will," for several years. Will's family has always welcomed me with open arms, and I enjoy being with them. They are easy to love, unlike my own family. Of course I love my mom and sibling. We have been through a lot together. The problem is, I prefer spending holidays and trips home with Will's family rather than my own. His family get-togethers are filled with laughter, games and stimulating conversation. When my family gets together, there is nothing but negative talk about people, jobs, the future -- basically everything. There are often screaming matches and swearing, with me listening with tears in my eyes. I endured the environment during my entire childhood, and I don't want to go back to it. Am I being disloyal in choosing my boyfriend's family over my own the majority of the time? -- **DIVIDED IN MILWAUKEE**

DEAR DIVIDED: Considering the circumstances, I don't think you are being disloyal. However, rather than writing your family off entirely, allot a certain amount of time to see them. When the negativity starts, explain that it makes you very uncomfortable when they act that way, and that you're going to Will's house. It will send a pointed message that may be overdue.

For Better Or Worse



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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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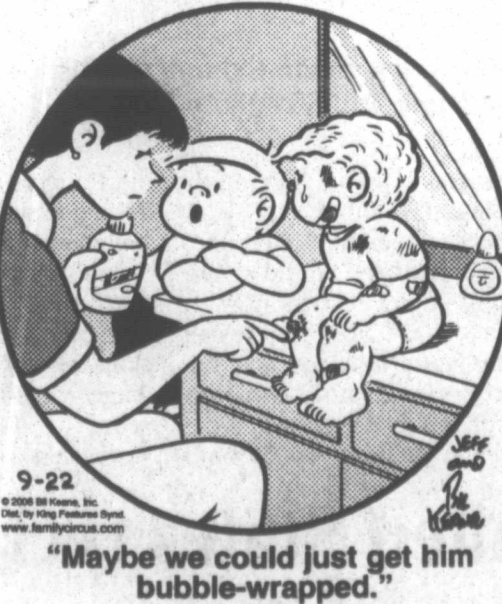
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The Family Circus

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Sports

Cowboys wear down Packers

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — There was a discussion about touchdown celebrations and a trademark big grin after Dallas' win, and Terrell Owens wasn't even part of the postgame lineup at the Cowboys podium.

T.O. took a timeout, leaving the stage to little-known Miles Austin.

Austin caught a 52-yard touchdown pass and Dallas used the bruising running attack of Marion Barber and Felix Jones to wear down the Green Bay Packers 27-16 on Sunday night, their first win in franchise history at Lambeau Field.

"We have a bunch of weapons, I believe," said Austin, who went to school at Monmouth, N.J., and has primarily played special teams for three years with the Cowboys. "I don't really consider myself a weapon, but we've got Terrell, Jason (Witten), Felix — Felix is fast — Marion. Pat Crayton makes plays. We've got a bunch of guys out there."

Dallas joined the New York Giants as the NFC's only undefeated teams at 3-0, and owner Jerry Jones said coach Wade Phillips helped the Cowboys ignore the previous five setbacks at Lambeau, including the Ice Bowl in 1967.

"This team is undefeated in Green Bay," Jones said. "The team's never been here, the owner has and went home limping. I thought he did it well and got the team in the right frame of mind coming up here and he just told the team in here they're undefeated in Green Bay."

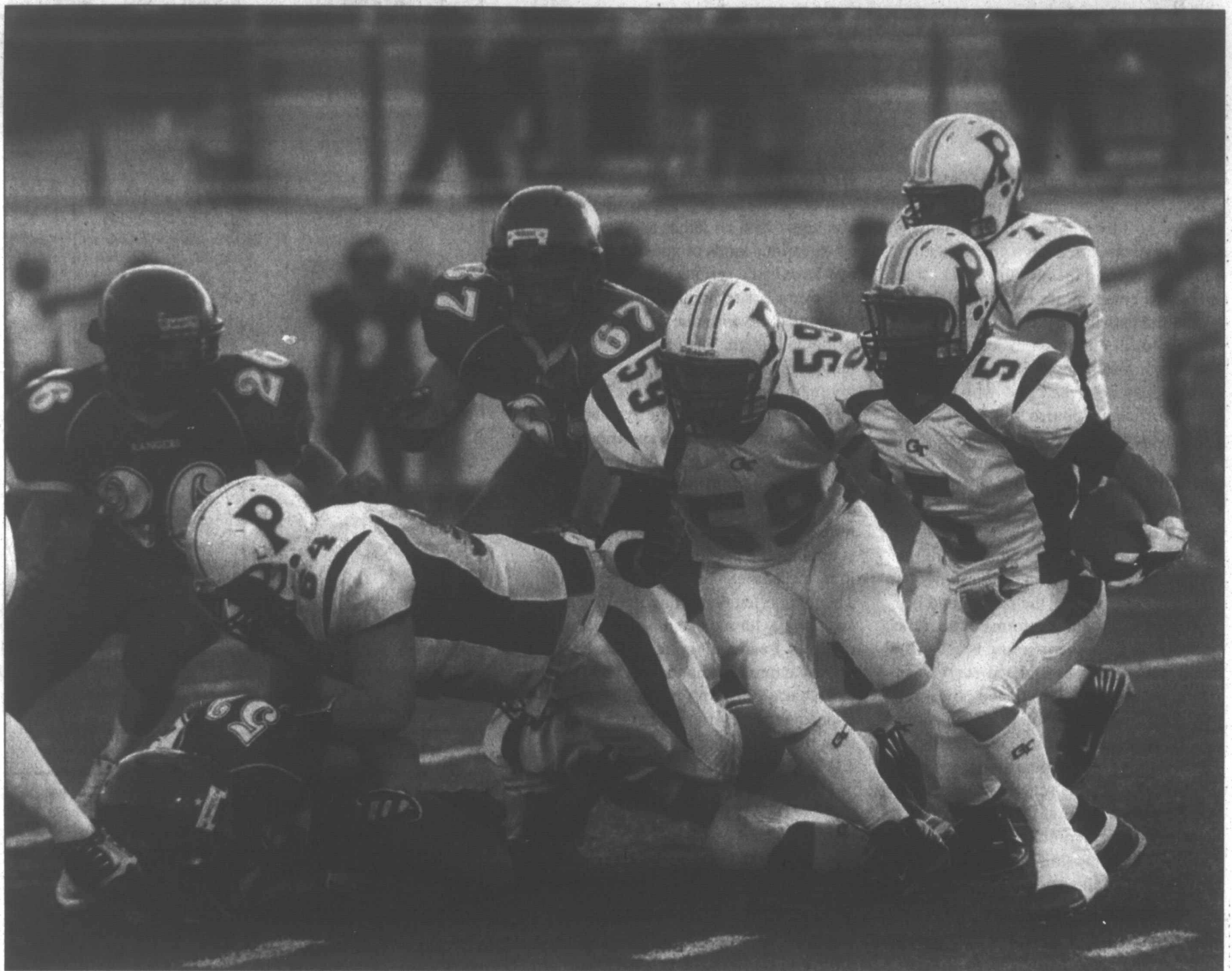
And they stayed that way with a career day by Barber, who finished with 142 yards and a touchdown, to go along with a stout defensive performance. Felix Jones added an electrifying 60-yard TD run in the second quarter to put Dallas ahead for good after coaches told him he'd get more carries in his third week.

"I was ready," said Jones, who took a handoff from Tony Romo, cut back and left Charles Woodson and Charlie Peprah behind for a 10-6 lead in the second quarter that the Cowboys wouldn't relinquish.

Romo, who returned to Wisconsin as a pro for the second time, was 17-of-30 for 260 yards even though his favorite wideout, Owens, was held to two catches for 17 yards.

Owens made a big block that helped spring Jones on the TD, and Jones and Austin complimented Owens' performance off the stat sheet afterward even as the star declined to talk.

"Him having two catches, 17 yards doesn't explain what he did today. He's attracting double coverage, triple coverage all the time," Austin said. "For him to do that, it's almost bigger than him making the play. He's opening it up for other people."



staff photos/David Bowser

Harvesters lose to Perryton, 21-14

by Bob Ericson
Staff Writer

The Pampa Harvesters lost a tough contest to the Perryton Rangers Friday night in Perryton 21-14.

The Harvester's first drive covered 60 yards in 12 plays and ended with an interception in the end zone.

The Rangers took over and drove down the field and failed to convert a field goal, making the score 0-0 early in the first quarter.

A 69-yard TD pass from Alex Clendenning to Heath Skinner on the next possession for Pampa and a two point conversion run by Jeremy Maxwell made the score 8-0 with 3:34 to go in the first quarter.

The Rangers would promptly answer with a 53-yard TD drive making the score 8-7.

Following a fumble the Harvester defense would hold and the Harvester offense would take over at their own 15 yard line. Pampa would be forced to punt after a short drive. Perryton would then drive 60 yards in 15 plays to score with 19 seconds left in the first half, taking the lead at halftime 14-8.

Perryton would receive the third-quarter kickoff and only go 29 yards and the Harvester defense would force a punt.

The Harvesters would put together a 13-play drive that ends in a Clendenning fumble. The Rangers would capitalize on the miscue and score on a 69 yard TD pass



TOP: Pampa senior Madison Wilson (5) looks for a way through the Perryton Ranger line during the game in Perryton Friday night.

BOTTOM: Surrounded by red jerseys, Heath Skinner (89) heads toward the goal line during first quarter action in the Pampa-Perryton game Friday night in Perryton.

to extend the lead to 21-8 with 1:31 left in the third.

Pampa would take the kickoff and drive deep into Perryton territory only to turn the ball over again with an interception in the end zone.

The Harvester defense would hold again and force a

Ranger punt. Pampa's offense would take over at the team's own 38-yard line.

Clendenning would find John Luke Covalt for a Harvester TD, the extra point was no good and the score stood at 21-14 with 7:05 left in the game.

The defense would hold

the Rangers again and force a Ranger punt. Pampa would mount one last drive from its 5 yard line with 1:05 left in the final quarter. The Harvesters would come up short on the drive and the game would end with the score Rangers 21, Harvesters 14.

Pampa's record now stands at 2-2 with one non-district game remaining. Pampa will enjoy a week off next week and will resume its schedule against Plainview for Homecoming at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3.

Nine years in the making: The United States reclaims Ryder Cup

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Boo Weekley reprised his Happy Gilmore routine on the putting green. Barely-old-enough-to-drink Anthony Kim sprayed the raucous gallery with champagne. Phil Mickelson strolled around with an American flag draped across his shoulders.

This was a celebration nine years in the making.

Even with Tiger Woods reduced to the role of text-messaging fan, the United States ended an era of Ryder

Cup frustration with a resounding victory over Europe on Sunday, the 17-inch gold chalice reclaimed by a disparate group of guys and their new-age guru of a coach.

The Americans led from start to finish at Valhalla Golf Club. They weren't going to let this one get away, not after losing three in a row and five of the last six to the Europeans.

"I'm just going to stay up all night and party with my boys," said U.S. coach Paul Azinger, architect of the

team that beat the Europeans for the first time since 1999. "We're going to have a good time tonight, fellas."

The street-smart Kim, at 23 the youngest member of the team and certainly the most brash, showed up at the course wearing a gaudy "USA" belt buckle and quickly showed he wasn't conceding anything to Sergio Garcia — not even a 2-foot putt. The folksy Weekley teed off at No. 1, stuck his driver between his legs and galloped down the fairway as though he was riding a toy

horse. "It's time to go," was Weekley's message. "Let's ride this pony to the house."

Less than 5 1/2 hours later, his team was there. Kim routed Garcia. Weekley finished off his match with two holes to spare. Kenny Perry, who skipped two majors to focus on making a Ryder Cup team in his home state, celebrated a win with his overall-wearing, 85-year-old father and proclaimed, "That made my career." Another Kentuckian, J.B.

Holmes, showed they can play more than basketball in bluegrass country. Finally, it was Jim Furyk's turn.

Six years ago, he had to stand there helplessly at The Belfry as Europe's Paul McGinley knocked in the decisive putt. This time, Furyk was conceded the cup-deciding point by gracious Spaniard Miguel Angel Jimenez. After four other meaningless matches were played out, the Americans finished with a 16 1/2-11 1/2 triumph.

China's top food safety official steps down

BELJING (AP) — The head of China's product quality watchdog resigned Monday in the wake of the tainted baby formula scandal that has sickened nearly 53,000 infants, highlighting a breakdown in the country's food safety system only a year after a major overhaul.

The official Xinhua News Agency said Li Changjiang stepped down with the approval of China's Cabinet.

Li's agency is responsible for ensuring that China's food supply chain is safe. His resignation comes after the industrial chemical melamine was blamed for causing kidney stones and kidney failure in babies.

The chemical was found in infant formula and other milk products from 22 of China's dairy companies.

Xinhua said Wang Yong had replaced Li as the director of the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

Although Xinhua said only that Li had resigned after infants had become sick after taking tainted milk products, the widespread nature of the crisis reflects a systemic breakdown in supervision of the dairy industry.

It was only a year ago that China's product safety system was overhauled with new regulations and procedures to try to restore consumer confidence and preserve export markets after a string of recalls and warnings abroad over tainted toothpaste, faulty tires and other goods.

In an indication of Beijing's determination to improve product safety, the government executed the disgraced chief of China's food and drug agency, who was convicted of accepting bribes in exchange for letting fake medicine into the domestic market.

The latest crisis indicated that problems were still slipping through the cracks, however. The crisis comes just one month after the Beijing Olympics, which the government wanted to use, in part, to prove to the world that China was capable of setting a new standard for food safety.

The discovery of the tainted milk is especially damaging because Sanlu Group Co., the company at the heart of the scandal, is China's biggest producer of powdered milk and such large companies are expected to act as industry role models for safety and quality.

Infant formula and other milk products have been pulled from stores around the country and Chinese imports from liquid milk to instant coffee mix to milk-based candy have been banned around Asia.

On Monday the World Health Organization demanded stricter monitoring of the industry.

Sanlu Group Co., the dairy at the center of the scandal, and several other leading companies found to have tainted milk had been given inspection-free status by China's product quality watchdog.

That privilege has since been rescinded, but WHO China representative Hans Troedsson stressed it was only a first step and that quality issues can crop up at any point in the supply chain, from the farm to the retail outlet.

"It's clearly something that is not acceptable and needs to be rectified and corrected," he said.

The official number of sick children jumped late Sunday from 6,200 to nearly 53,000.

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Captain Laura Martin, right, of the Salvation Army, recently received a donation from Pat Bagley, of Pampa Kiwanis Club, for \$500 towards the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club after-school tutoring program. The donation will help the club purchase curriculum for the children. The Salvation Army is located at 701 S. Cuyler.

Children interviewed after raid on compound

FOUKE, Ark. (AP) — State and federal authorities are investigating the possible sexual abuse of minors at a 15-acre evangelical compound run by a convicted tax evader who critics describe as a cult leader.

The Tony Alamo Christian Ministries complex in southwestern Arkansas was raided Saturday by more than 100 federal and state police, and six children have been placed in temporary state custody and are being interviewed.

No one was arrested, but U.S. Attorney Bob Balfe said prior to the raid that he expects a warrant to be issued for Alamo, 74, who has a long history of tangling with law enforcement.

State police spokesman Bill Sadler said that if the children in state care need to be held long-term, the matter would have to go before a judge.

The raid, the culmination of a two-year investigation into child-abuse and pornography allegations, was moved up on the calendar after an e-mail about plans for an October raid was inadvertently sent to media late

last week.

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Alamo told The Associated Press in an interview Saturday that no child pornography was generated at the ministry but that "consent is puberty" when it comes to sex. Alamo, who said he was in the Los Angeles area, said the government is trying to harass him.

Alamo was convicted of tax-related charges in 1994 after the IRS said he owed the government \$7.9 million. He served four years in prison.

Prosecutors in the tax case argued before sentencing that Alamo was a flight risk and a polygamist who preyed on married women and girls in his congregation.

In 1991, Alamo and his followers disappeared when U.S. marshals stormed his complex near Alma in western Arkansas — taking with them the remains of Alamo's late wife Susan, who had died in 1982 and from whom Alamo anticipated a resurrection. As a condition of his release from his four-year sentence from the tax convictions, Alamo had to turn over his wife's corpse to her family.

A number of people who claimed to have past ties with the Alamo group appeared outside the compound as law officers searched the grounds.

Anthony Justin Lane, 34, said he'd been kicked out for asking too many questions and hoped he could get his three children back. He said they remained with the group and his former girlfriend after he was expelled.

Events calendar

• **Harrington Cancer Center Pampa Support Group** will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 23 in the second floor classroom at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Beth Kean will present the program — a book review of "The Last Lecture." All cancer survivors and their supporters are welcome.

• **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.

• **Amarillo Genealogical Society** will hold its annual fall seminar from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Oct. 4 at Ascension Academy in Amarillo. The featured speaker will be Patricia Law Hatcher. Hatcher is one of 50 Fellows of the American Society of Genealogists, is editor of two genealogy magazines and has authored several books on genealogy. Admission is \$20 prior to Oct. 1, and \$25 after and at the door. The fee may be mailed in advance to Amarillo Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 2171, Amarillo, TX 79189. Door prizes will be awarded. The seminar will also feature a mobile genealogical book store and a "get to know the speaker dinner" on Oct. 3. Participants must RSVP for the meal by Sept. 19 by calling (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988. For more information, call (806) 359-5038 or (806) 353-7988.

• **Pampa Community Concert Association, Presents Live on Stage** will present Cirque Voial at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. For more information, call 665-3362.

• **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-registration 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.

• **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).

HOROSCOPES

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008:

Realize that you might be dealing with unusual responsibility and demands this year. Don't worry, as you will step up to the plate and achieve what you want. A parent or older relative could be demanding; do not try to change this person. You could waste time and energy if you do. Money is a vulnerability. You might overspend, justifying this action the whole way. Do not throw caution to the wind. Often, you might act on feelings, causing you to spend. If single, you discover your own desirability. 2009 holds delightful possibilities. If attached, romance builds as the year progresses. For those of the right age, a new addition to the family is possible. **CANCER** adds to responsibilities but is very confident in your abilities.

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)
 ★★★ Sometimes the best of intentions fall to the wayside. You could be dragged down by others and their ideas. Stop and accept the fact that you could hit a log-jam. Then, you are less likely to resist the inevitable. Tonight: Relax; easy does it.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ★★★★★ What one person says startles you and triggers strong reactions. Still, have a meaningful discussion rather than indulge in a powerful reaction. You discover that you might be reticent to address your feelings. Tonight: Speak your mind.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ★★★★★ Spending easily could become an issue when you least expect it.

Understand your limits or self-imposed limitations. You can find ways around any problem if you so choose. Choose! Stay on top of your game! Tonight: Your treat.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ★★★★★ You have energy and the ability to get a lot done if you do not get caught up in a passionate and/or emotional situation. Listen to different ideas, and you might open up to what might be a unique idea. This opens up a door, if not your life! Tonight: All smiles.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ★★ Use your instincts and follow through on what needs to happen. You hear a lot. Your instincts prove to be protective and may encourage a financial halt, just for now! Playing it conservatively does not hurt. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ★★★★★ Zoom in and make what you want happen. You could be a bit uptight, which will not help. On the positive side, you get breathing time and are unlikely to create a problem. Investigate a potential expenditure. Consider it an indulgence, but a worthwhile one. Tonight: Give in to whim.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ★★★★★ You smile, and others respond. Your ability to get past an immediate problem proves to be remarkable. Embrace new ideas, and new values will emerge, possibly changing a decision. Clear out responsibilities quickly and effectively. Tonight: In the limelight.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ★★★★★ Reach past the obvious and embrace new ideas. You could be taken aback by what you hear, but walk past a hassle and greet a situation with new dynamics and ideas. Break past a barrier.

Tonight: Let your imagination make the call.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ★★★★★ Defer to others, and suddenly they join in. You have much to smile about, as teamwork always makes it more possible to hit a home run. Know what it is that you want, and head in that direction. Tonight: Go with another's suggestion.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ★★★★★ Investigate options more freely. Know what it is you are seeking, and you might have a better chance to get where you want to go. Others chime in and obviously support you, even if their ideas are very different. Tonight: Others take action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity emerges in a professional situation in which you might be extremely vested. Take time for some exercise, remembering to keep your body healthy, too. An innovative idea works. Tonight: Run an errand on the way home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ★★★★★ Your creativity draws solutions. Reach out for more information. As busy as you might be, rely on your intuition. You have a stronger sense of direction than you might realize. Consider a mini getaway. Tonight: Let your feelings lead.

BORN TODAY
 Singer Bruce Springsteen (1949), musician Ray Charles (1930), jazz saxophonist John Coltrane (1926)

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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.

9-22 CRYPTOQUOTE

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XWDXO PTS. — D.D. DTOGTI
 Saturday's Cryptoquote: SHALL WE CALL OURSELVES BENEVOLENT WHEN THE GIFTS WE BESTOW DO NOT COST US A SINGLE PRIVATION? — DEGERANDO

