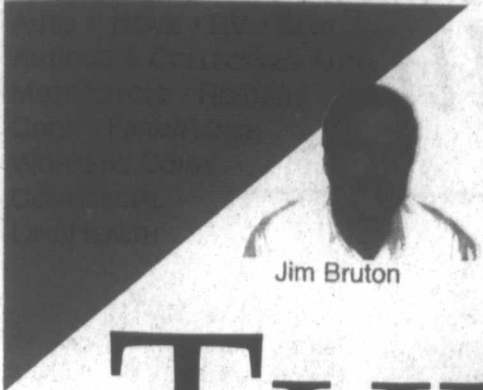


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Water planning group to meet

by David Bowser
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AMARILLO — The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group is expected to recommend that the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission execute a regional water-planning contract with the Texas Water Development Board when the group meets Oct. 15 in Amarillo.

The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group will meet at 1:30 p.m., Oct. 15, in the Panhandle Regional Planning Commission boardroom, 415 W. 8th, in Amarillo.

The Panhandle Regional Water Planning Group, officially Region A Water Planning Group, will also review the submitted scope of work and budget for the 2011 Regional Water Plan.

The group will also discuss the progress and timetable for the completion of the Ogallala Recharge Study. The Ogallala Aquifer, the largest freshwater aquifer in North America, stretches across the Great

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Another way to travel

by Marilyn Powers
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The true American cowboy is a rarity these days, but those from the days of the Old West might have recognized a kindred spirit in Mike Snodgrass.

Snodgrass traveled through Gray County Thursday on his horse Spot, accompanied by his dog Bob. He has been traveling on horseback for a month and expects to be riding until sometime in early November.

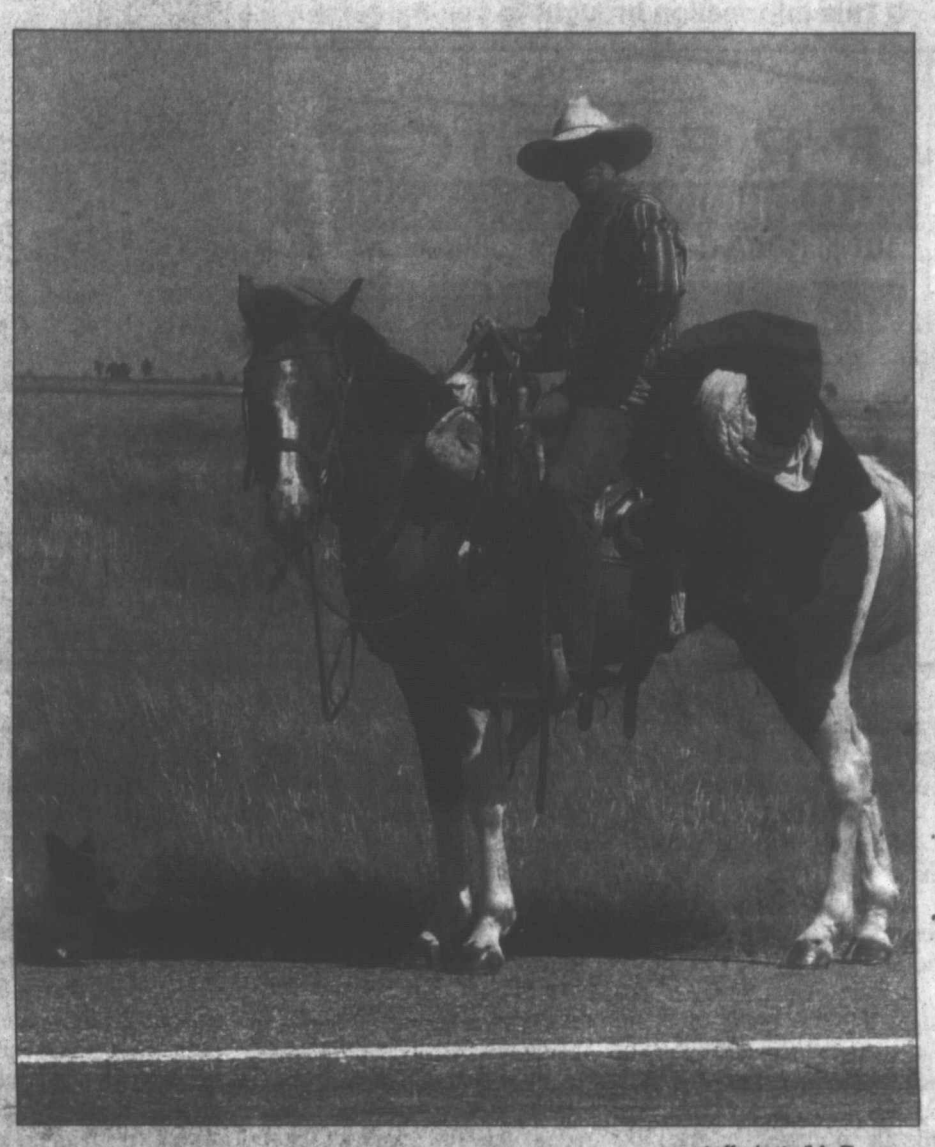
Snodgrass left his home in Hectorville, Okla. about a month ago, and he is headed to Phoenix, Ariz.

"Hectorville is about 30 to 40 miles south of Tulsa," he said with a grin. "It has 17 residents -- 16 now that I'm gone."

He followed Highway 152 from the Wheeler County line to Highway 60 on Thursday after spending the night near Wheeler at a homestead that offered him and his animals shelter.

The animals are the most important things to Snodgrass. When he spoke of spending the night near Wheeler, he said it gave his horse a chance to rest.

A glance at the bedroll, saddlebags and other things Spot was carrying



staff photo/M. Powers

Mike Snodgrass is riding his horse, accompanied by his dog, to Phoenix, Ariz., from Hectorville, Okla. Snodgrass passed through Gray County Thursday.

would lead one to believe he had everything he needed.

"Yep," he said, gesturing at a cloth bag hanging from the saddle horn. "I've got horse feed, and in here (pointing to a saddlebag), I've got dog food."

He doesn't say word about provisions for himself.

Animals are, after all, his livelihood.

"When I'm not traveling, I'm working with horses," he said.

It showed. Spot, age 7, was well-

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Paranormal investigation takes place in Pampa

by Julie Ann Thompson
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It's a quiet Saturday evening on a nice residential street. A pair of joggers trot down the sidewalk and somewhere a dog barks. But for one residence, excitement is in the air.

It's a perfect night for hunting ghosts.

"I got started in this because of my house being haunted," said Dan Guthrie of Pampa Texas Paranormal Research Society. "I've had two paranormal groups here to investigate. One from Lubbock and one from Dallas which is a sister group of TAPS."

TAPS, or the Trans Atlantic Paranormal Society, is the subject of the Sci-Fi Channel series "Ghost Hunters." They have set the mold for paranormal investigation groups across the country by



staff photo/J. Thompson

Two teams of paranormal investigators visited Dan Guthrie's house recently. From left are LPPIS team manager Billy Ryan, LPPS founder Paul Stewart, LPPIS co-founder Kenneth Hogan, LPPIS member Tamara Hogan, Texpart founder J.J. Rice and homeowner Dan Guthrie. The white, sphere-shaped ball of light to the left of Rice's head is believed to be an orb, or collection of energy. Some investigators believe that orbs are signs of spirit activity.

approaching the field from a scientific point of view. They first try to disprove any evidence of the paranor-

mal they collect (recorded through thermal and infrared cameras, tape recorders or in photographs). It's

this "debunking" process that has earned TAPS national recognition.

Once again, it is

Guthrie's house that is being examined under a paranormal microscope in a collaboration between both groups

that have investigated the residence previously: Lubbock Panhandle Paranormal Investigation Society (LPPIS) and the Texas Paranormal Advanced Research Team (Texpart).

"Dan had been contacting everybody under the sun trying to get help with his house, he was freaked out, and nobody would listen to him. We decided we'd come check it out," said Paul Stewart, founder of LPPIS. "The first investigation we realized we were in some pretty deep stuff."

That "stuff" started almost seven months ago for Guthrie, when he claims he was attacked by a violent entity at work. Guthrie believes that entity then followed him home and has since been attracting others. Among the

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Monday



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Sunny

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86. West wind 5 to 10 mph becoming southeast.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 85. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Norman H. Brandt, 76

Norman H. Brandt, 76, of Pampa, died Sept. 25, 2008. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Emergency Services

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

Tuesday, Sept. 23

Eleven traffic stops were made.

Motorist assistance was rendered in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner and the 600 block of North Wells.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 700 block of West Foster, the 200 block of Cook, the 400 block of Lefors, the intersection of Highway 70 and Loop 171, the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1000 block of Gwendolen, the 1100 block of South Sumner and three times in the 2100 block of Duncan.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of East Frederic and the 1000 block of North Hobart.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 700 block of North Somerville.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 100 block of South Foster and the 400 block of Finley. The incident in the 100 block of South Foster involved public intoxication.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 600 block of East Frederic.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville and the 300 block of Jean.

Public intoxication was reported at the intersection of Browning and Carr streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Sumner and the 700 block of North Somerville.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner. A window of a vehicle was shattered.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Sumner. A window of a truck was shot out with a BB gun.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Wells. A vehicle window was broken out.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart. A vehicle window was shot out with a BB gun.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. A vehicle window was broken out.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 500 block of

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Obituaries

Leveta Mae Counts, 96



Counts

ORANGE, Texas — Leveta Mae Counts, 96, of Orange, died Sept. 24, 2008, at Orange. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Counts was born May 21, 1912, in Porum, Okla., to Evans and Audie Groves. She married Ben Loyd Counts, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 27, 1972.

She had been a resident of Phillips for over 60 years. She moved to Amarillo

where she lived for 18 years before moving to Orange.

Leveta enjoyed sewing and crafts. She was a 50-year member of the Borger Order of the Eastern Star.

She was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Borger.

Survivors include her son, Bennie Joe Counts and wife Mary of Orange; seven grandchildren; two step-

grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Leveta was preceded in death by her father, Evans Groves on Oct. 19, 1916; her mother, Audie Groves on May 5, 1953; a sister, Ina Bogle on

Aug. 30, 1974; a brother, Evans Groves, Jr.; and a daughter, Pat Fowler on July 13, 1989.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa from 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 28, 2008.

MEMORIALS: American Cancer Society, c/o Gerry Caylor, 2130 Charles, Pampa, TX 79065; or Alzheimer's Association, 415 W. 8th Ave., Suite 300, Amarillo, TX 79101.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Becky Hassler, 53



Hassler

SKELLYTOWN, Texas — Becky Hassler, 53, of Skellytown, died Sept. 19, 2008, at Pampa, Texas.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today, Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Pastor Danny Trussell, of the River of Life Assembly of God, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-

Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Hassler was born Dec. 12, 1954, in Torrance, Calif. She married Tom Hassler on Sept. 25, 1986, in Hutchinson County. She had been a resident of Skellytown for the past 25 years.

Becky was a member of the River of Life Assembly of God where she was active in the children's ministry.

Survivors include her husband, Tom Hassler, of the home; two daughters, Tasha Clements and Stacy

Sanchez, both of Skellytown; and six grandchildren, Britney Hassler, Julie Sanchez, Destiny Sanchez, Kyale Hassler, Antonio Sanchez and Donte Brown.

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Lowry.

A domestic disturbance with minor injuries was reported in the 1100 block of East Francis.

Assault with no injuries was reported in the police department lobby.

One alarm was reported. Theft was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart.

Wednesday, Sept. 24 Twenty-four traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of 18th and Duncan streets resulted in at least one arrest.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1200 block of Duncan and the 1900 block of Coffee.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 300 block of North Wells.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 2700 block of Aspen, the 1000 block of North Frost, the 900 block of Wilcox, the 400 block of Finley, the 800 block of East Craven, the 900 block of East Browning, the 700 block of Octavus, the 1700 block of Coffee and the 700 block of Ballard.

Four attempts to serve papers were made.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

Welfare checks were made in the 200 block of West Kingsmill and the 600 block of North Wells.

One suicide attempt was reported.

A civil matter was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of North Dwight, the 1900 block of North Hobart, the 400 block of Carr, the intersection of Municipal and Brown streets,

and the intersection of Georgia and Cook streets.

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

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1100 block of North Starkweather and twice in the 400 block of North Wells.

Criminal mischief was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 2300 block of Mary Ellen. A window of a vehicle was shot out.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1000 block of South Dwight.

Stalking was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 200 block of West Browning.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart and the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Assault was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

Two alarms were reported.

Two open doors were checked.

An information report taken in the 300 block of Canadian concerned theft of a stove valued at \$100.

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Wynne. A stove and refrigerator were taken. Estimated value of loss is \$1,100.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Thursday, Sept. 25 Nine traffic stops were made. Stops in the 400 block of Cook and the 1000 block of East Frederic resulted in arrests.

Agency assistance was rendered at the intersection of Lincoln and Davis streets and the 100 block of Western.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1800 block of Williston, the 100 block of South Hobart, the 100 block of East

Tyng and twice in the 300 block of North Hobart.

One open door was checked.

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

Thursday, Sept. 25 7:17 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a call for medical assistance.

9:33 a.m. — Four units and nine personnel responded to a smoke investigation in the 500 block of North West. The cause of the smoke was determined to be a burned out ballast in a light fixture.

12:17 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a standby for LifeStar helicopter standby.

2:43 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to a grass fire in the 700 block of South Somerville.

3:23 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar standby.

3:30 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky on a call for medical assistance.

5:36 p.m. — Three units and seven personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan for a public fire education program at Austin Elementary School.

8:03 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to One Medical Plaza on a Lifestar standby.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 24 9:58 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

1:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Prairie Drive on a fire standby.

7:57 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to PRMC.

Thursday, Sept. 25 12:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:42 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Amarillo.

At an undisclosed time, a mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:02 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

9:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North West on a fire standby.

2:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of Western and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:28 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:16 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of Roberta. No transport.

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DR. STEVEN Silver, M.D. is closing his practice in Pampa. Records may be obtained at Pampa Office Supply, after October 1, 2008.

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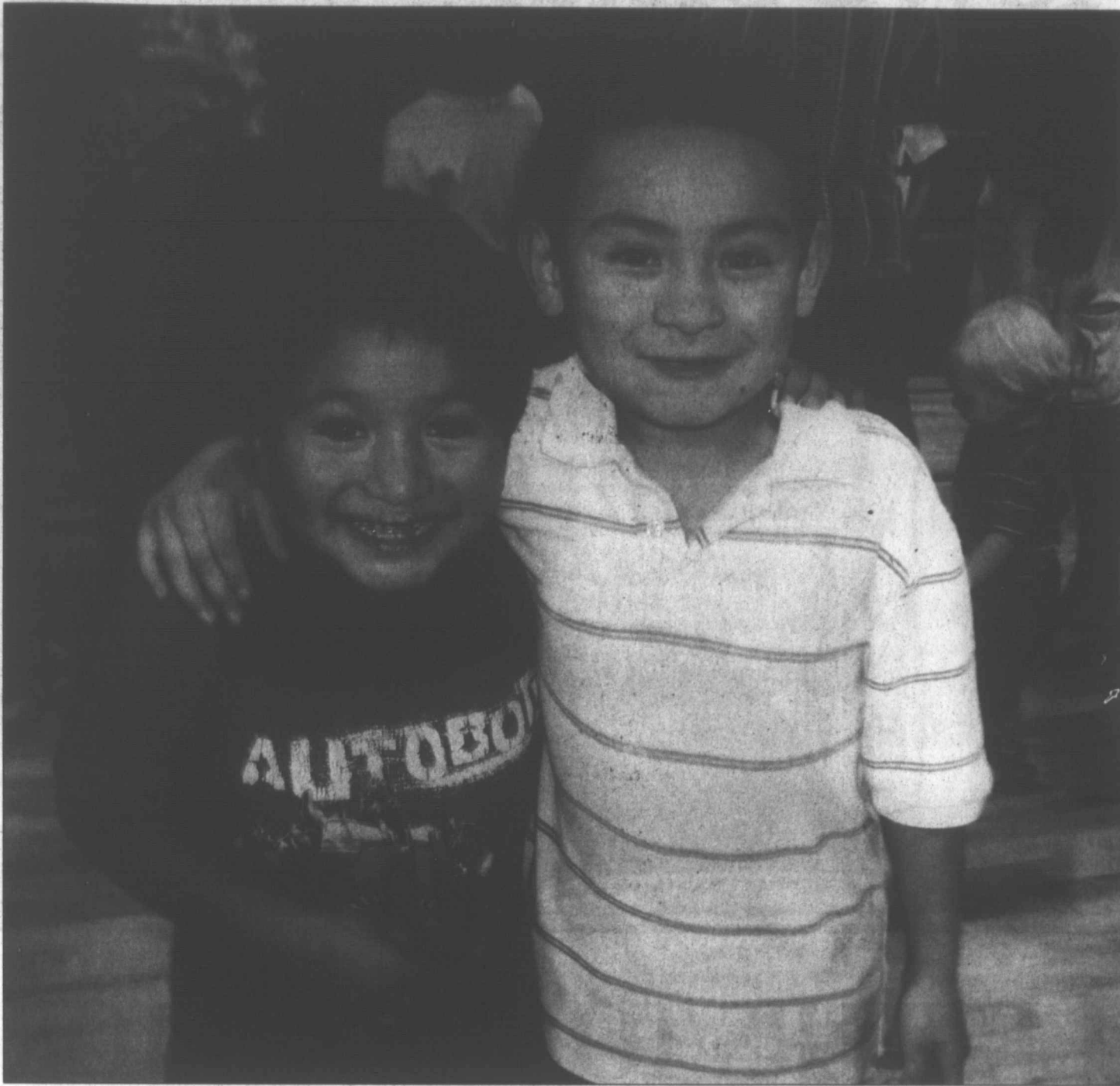
Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 5:30 PM October 9, 2008 in the Board Room at Carver Center 321 W. Albert Pampa, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

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Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 2008

Open house



Brayan Martinez and Roman Costillo were photographed at a recent open house at Travis Elementary School. submitted photo

Traveler

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behaved and appeared to be in good condition. He was friendly and calm, and he did not get spooked by the traffic whizzing by on the highway beside him.

Bob, who, by the way, is female, is still a pup. At about 5 months of age, she has had to learn the rules of the road, but she obeys Snodgrass' every command. She has one blue eye and one brown eye and a black and white coat. The white part of her fur was clean despite all the traveling she has done.

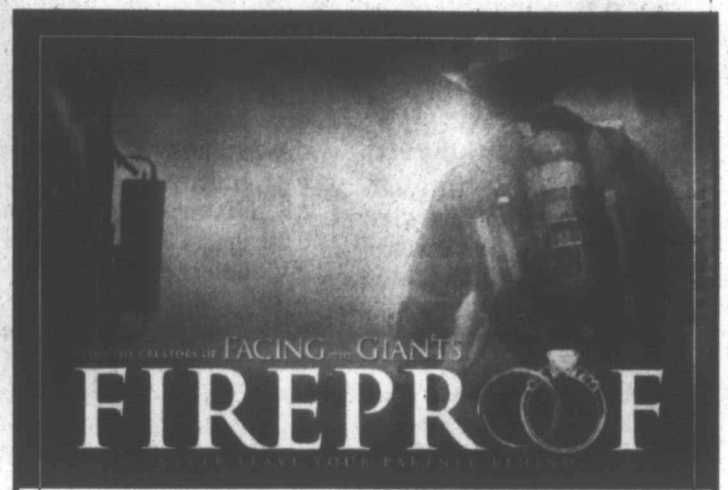
She was dubbed Bob because it is a short name that is easily recognizable.

"It works well when I give commands," Snodgrass explained. When Bob gets tired, she gets to ride with him atop Spot.

Long-distance, one-horsepower traveling is nothing new to Snodgrass.

"This is not my first trip like this, but it's the longest one," he said. "I've done a couple before that were a couple of hundred miles each."

He offered a firm, callused hand to shake and a smile from beneath his cowboy hat and he continued his westward ride into the sunset.



The movie "FIREPROOF"

opens this weekend at Pampa's Cinema 4, starring Kirk Cameron as Firefighter, Caleb Holt. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$6.



Spooks

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entities he believes are in his house is a young girl named Jessica.

The girl's name was given to her after a child's voice was recorded through electronic voice phenomena (EVP). EVPs are disembodied voices picked up on digital or tape recorders that were not heard with the human ear at the time of the recording. It is only when these tapes are played back that the voices can be heard. When an investigator recently asked for a name in Guthrie's house, the voice responded with "Jessica."

"Jessie, I think, is still waiting for her own parents," Guthrie said. "She seems to have attached herself to my wife and has taken her on as a sort of surrogate mother."

On the night of the investigation, cameras are set up to record all of the rooms which are reported to have the most paranormal activity. One member of the group is constantly watching these rooms from a command station of monitors set up in Guthrie's kitchen. The investigators also bring with them EMF detectors, used to measure electromagnetic fields in the house. Some investigators believe that a spike in EMF is a sign of an entity trying to manifest itself by drawing energy from the air around it. Another sign is a sudden drop in temperature in a certain area of the room, or cold

spots. The investigators always go in pairs. It's safer that way.

"We have been attacked before," Stewart said. "We've had people, big guys too, that have been hit, thrown, slapped ... our clothes have been pulled. Anything can happen. That's why we make guest investigators sign a paper that says we're not responsible for anything that happens to you on an investigation."

There is a general consensus among the investigators that the activity in Guthrie's house is a classic poltergeist haunting. Activity recorded on previous investigations include voices and whistling noises, dark shadows moving through the hallways and a swing in the yard reportedly moving by itself on cue. On one occasion, a man's voice was clearly recorded demanding that the group "get out."

Guthrie and his family are desperate to see this activity end. Guthrie claims that he and his wife have been los-

ing sleep and that his grandchildren are often afraid to spend the night.

"Helping people is the number one goal," J.J. Rice, founder of Texpart, said. "We're here to get answers to unanswered questions."

Each investigation is kept strictly confidential. Guthrie has agreed to talk about his experiences on the condition that his address is not divulged. However, it will be a long wait before the evidence comes in.

"There is a lot of science involved in this and hours and hours of analysis," Kenneth Hogan, co-founder of LPPIS, said. "We're running a number of cameras with eight hours of footage recorded per camera. Then you've got your recorders to listen to. It's a lot of work."

At the end of the day, or rather the night, the group has a message for skeptics and believers alike: don't be afraid.

"I'm apostolic and they're pretty hard on their people. I went to my pastor when I was having problems in my

own house, very timidly, I thought he would think I was crazy. But to anyone out there who thinks they're nuts, I have to say this: If you believe in God then you believe in spirits," Rice said. "Don't be afraid. There are people out there, like us, who are willing to listen."

Water

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Plains from the Dakotas to near Odessa and provides groundwater for most of the Texas Panhandle.

C.E. Williams of the White Deer-based Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District is chairman of the group. Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook is vice chair.

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Kellie Pickler
In 2006, this North Carolina native hit the country charts with such songs as "Red High Heels" and "I Wonder." As a top-six finalist of *American Idol's* fifth season, Pickler has toured with Brad Paisley and signed with 19 Recordings/BNA Records. Her most recent release is "Don't You Know You're Beautiful."

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Viewpoints

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 26, the 270th day of 2008. There are 96 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 26 1789, Thomas Jefferson was appointed America's first secretary of state.

On this date:

In 1777, British troops occupied Philadelphia during the American Revolution.

In 1892, John Philip Sousa and his newly formed band performed publicly for the first time, at the Stillman Music Hall in Plainfield, N.J.

In 1914, the Federal Trade Commission was established.

In 1918, the Meuse-Argonne offensive against the Germans began during World War I.

In 1955, following word that President Eisenhower had suffered a heart attack, the New York Stock Exchange saw its worst price decline since 1929.

In 1957, the musical play "West Side Story" opened on Broadway.

In 1960, the first debate between presidential candidates took place as John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon faced off in Chicago before a national TV audience.

In 1986, William H. Rehnquist was sworn in as the 16th chief justice of

'The world cares very little about what a man or woman knows; it is what the man or woman is able to do.'

— Booker T. Washington
American educator and author
1856-1915

the United States, while Antonin Scalia joined the Supreme Court as its 103rd member.

In 1991, four men and four women began a two-year stay inside a sealed-off structure in Oracle, Ariz., called Biosphere 2. (They emerged from Biosphere on this date in 1993.)

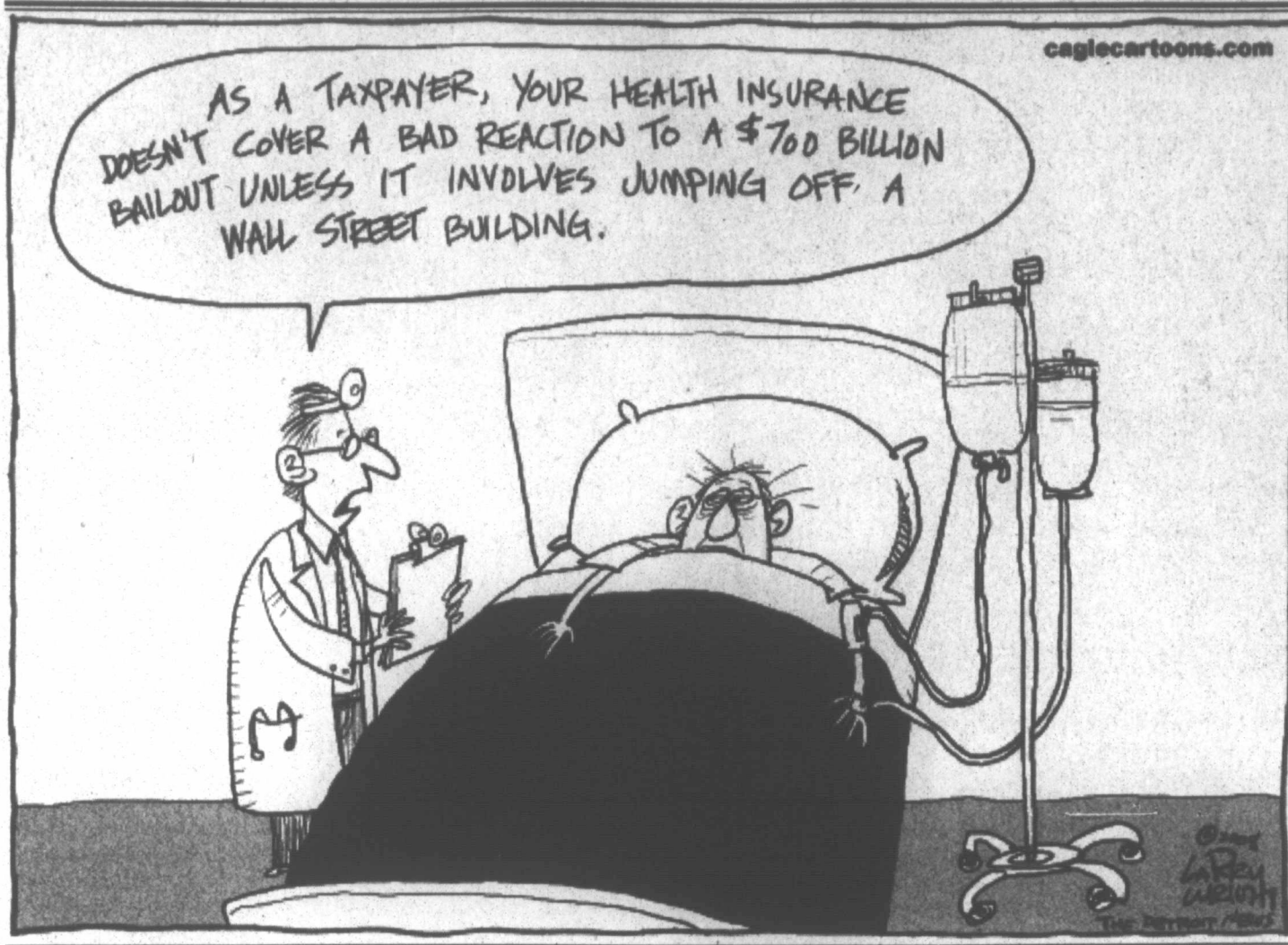
In 1997, an Indonesian Airbus A-300 crashed while approaching Medan Airport in north Sumatra, killing all 234 people aboard.

Ten years ago: The nation's first march on cancer took place on the National Mall in Washington. Grammy-winning jazz singer Betty Carter died in New York at age 69.

Five years ago: President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin opened a two-day summit at Camp David. The government issued a recall for Segway scooters, citing instances in which riders fell off when the batteries ran low. A magnitude 8 quake rocked Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, injuring more than 750 people. British rock singer Robert Palmer died in Paris at age 54.

One year ago: A judge declared a mistrial in Phil Spector's murder trial because the jury was deadlocked 10-2 in favor of convicting the music producer of killing actress Lana Clarkson. Myanmar began a violent crackdown on protests, beating and dragging away dozens of monks.

Today's Birthdays: Fitness expert Jack LaLanne is 94. Actor Philip Bosco is 78. Country singer David Frizzell is 67. Actor Kent McCord is 66.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A place for entertainment

Dear Editor,

(Editor's Note: This letter is in reference to Miranda Bailey's column, "Churching styles a matter of preference," which appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of The Pampa News.)

I too have visited the Sistine Chapel and had a very different reaction. I felt the presence of God and the beautiful work Michaelangelo gave as his "God given talent" and it felt more than "just a sight" to me and the whole travel group.

I personally prefer a sacramental church. This gives me the opportunity to learn about God - not to be confused by a rousing bunch of musicians playing loud music. To me this is a time to learn, react, love and serve others and not be entertained. There is a place for that.

We each have a mission to serve others in this life and I fail to see how you can find it when you are so intent on finding entertainment for yourself!

Iris Ragsdale
Pampa

White winged, not Mourning

Dear Editor,

My wife and I were visiting your fair city last weekend and picked up a copy of your fine paper (Sept. 20). I noticed on the front page there was a photo of a dove which was identified as a mourning

dove.

I think the dove was not a mourning dove but rather a white winged dove. I know this bird very well as I have hunted them in South Texas all my life and can see two features that positively identifies them. One is the white strip on the wings and the second is the pink legs and feet. Mourning doves do not have these features.

Have a nice day,
Ray Christian
Grapevine

You have to choose

Dear Editor,

(Editor's Note: This letter is in reference to Miranda Bailey's column, "Churching styles a matter of preference," which appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of The Pampa News.)

If you are obsessed with your cell phone, PDA, social network, clothes, hair, body art or piercing, you can't fully worship the Lord. You have to choose.

You can use a cellphone for good, but to obsess about being connected and continually talking useless and endless prattle: No, you can't fully love your neighbor no matter how lovely or ugly or terrible his or her behavior is. Those "things" are distracting as the other "gods." Your wanting to fit in by tattooing your body or piercing it to ensure something or "just because I want to"

means those "things" take precedence. They mean that you have to do something to get someone to ask you once every so often about this piercing or that tattoo instead of being aware and understanding that your body was made perfect long before you felt a need for those "things".

When God is the focus and His law of Love is the means you seek to obtain and live as your own above all else, those "things" go away and become trivial: Remember the scene in the Gospels where a rich young man tells Jesus that he has kept all the commandments since his youth. Jesus looked at him and loved him and said there is one more thing you can do to be perfect, sell all that you have and follow me. The young man's face went sad and he turned away, for he had many things.

This is an analogy for many people today, yesterday and tomorrow, not just the young.

In the end, Jesus will judge us all individually for our part and we have to ask ourselves if we want these "things" brought to our attention after we die and face Him, or that you willingly surrendered those "things" to love people instead. Even the Hebrews in the early days had "household" idols or gods. They had to be tossed out, as God reminded them that there is no other then He.

Sincerely,
Colin Schmidt
Bixby, Okla.

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 15

Austin American-Statesman on Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin:

Republican vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin, the little known governor of out-of-the-way Alaska, has shaken up more than the political landscape. She's also setting fashion trends.

Palin, the 44-year-old former beauty contestant picked by GOP presidential nominee Sen. John McCain as his running mate, has brought some feminine style to the campaign. According to The Wall Street Journal, everything from Palin's hairdo to her high heels are hot commodities.

It's an unusual political year when a vice presidential candidate sparks a run on a particular brand of high heels.

When Palin was introduced as McCain's running mate, she was wearing a pair of red, peep-toe pumps with 3 1/2-inch heels marketed by the Naughty Monkey company.

Afterward, the company wasted no time, the Journal noted, picking up on the zeitgeist. They sent out photos of Palin in the pumps with the slogan "I vote for Naughty Monkey." Shoes sales

jumped 50 percent and sold out in four sizes.

And her hip, rimless glasses? Made by Kazuo Kawasaki, they cost \$375 and are on back order says Italee Optics Inc., the U.S. distributor.

Fashion is not restricted to the female candidate in this election. Democratic presidential nominee Sen. Barack Obama is getting fashion and other advice from actor George Clooney, according to London's Daily Mail newspaper.

"George has been giving him advice on things such as presentation, public speaking and body language, and he also e-mails him constantly about policy, especially the Middle East," stated a Democratic Party insider.

Nor is footwear restricted to high-heels in this campaign. Conservative political columnist Ben Shapiro has argued that the election will come down to McCain's boots versus Obama's suits. Americans always prefer the boots, argues Shapiro, who said as much in his book "Project President: Bad Hair and Botox on the Road to the White House." URL: <http://www.statesman.com>

■ Sept. 14

San Antonio Express-News on the Texas Youth Commission's hiring prac-

tices:

With one administrator for every six offenders the Texas Youth Commission appears to be a little top heavy.

Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, and Rep. Jerry Madden, R-Plano, chair and co-co-chair of the joint legislative committee that oversees the agency, were correct in asking the state auditor, John Keel, to review the agency.

The agency was placed in conservatorship about 18 months ago after it was rocked by an inmate sex-abuse scandal and allegations of possible cover-ups.

In the last year and a half, the number of offenders in TYC custody has gone from 4,000 to 2,200.

One would expect the cost of managing a reduced population to decrease proportionally, but as Express-News staff writer Lisa Sandberg reported, the agency has increased the number of administrators by 47 bringing the total to 368.

TYC Conservator Richard Nedelkoff, who was appointed by Gov. Rick Perry, defended the additional executive jobs. He told Sandberg some jobs were necessary due to the reforms mandated by Legislature in 2007.

Even if some new jobs were necessary, that does not explain why many of

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For Heavens Sake Daycare celebrates the local high school Harvesters on Fridays. Above: (front row, from left) Sterling Sims, Brynlei Ellis, Clayte Edwards, Sammie England, Erin Peveler, Nate Bailey, Mikey Albus, Daniel Estep, Jailey Titus, Elizabeth Jarmillo, Kade Arnn; (middle row, l-r) Judd Garth, Evan Kelley, Trystan Kidd, Erin LaRue, Aiden Chapleau, Jayla Albus, Bryson Murrack, Kaylynn Tidwell, Skyleer Hamilton, Blake Waddell, Lana McNeley, Savannah Valentine, Dalton Hayden Teakell; (back row, l-r) Ms. Sonia Martinez, Reece Nelson, Ms. Brittany Lowenstein, Tatum Grubitz, Ms. Monica Velasquez, Ms. Apryl England, Ms. Michelle Adams, Ms. Brandi Irlas, Avery McNeley, Ms. Brenda Meyer, Autumn Chapleau, Ms. Revelle Mahan, Kendall Kidd, Tessa-Mae Field and Ms. Connie Rippetoe.

Letterman keeps up assault of McCain

NEW YORK (AP) — "Late Show" host David Letterman kept up a verbal assault on John McCain Thursday, saying he felt like an "ugly date" because the GOP presidential candidate backed out of a scheduled appearance on his talk show.

The night before, Letterman had said McCain's decision to suspend his campaign to deal with the economic crisis "didn't smell right." Letterman substituted MSNBC's "Countdown" host — and critic of the Arizona senator — Keith Olbermann when McCain called him to say he wouldn't appear Wednesday.

The comic was unhappy when McCain sat for an interview with Katie Couric

instead of him Wednesday — and even more perturbed to learn that McCain didn't leave New York until Thursday.

He said he felt like a "patriot" to let McCain off his commitment to deal with the economy and "now I'm feeling like an ugly date."

"That's what I feel like, I feel like an ugly date," he said. "I feel used. I feel cheap. I feel sullied."

McCain spokeswoman Nicole Wallace said Thursday that the campaign "felt this wasn't a night for comedy."

"We deeply regret offending Mr. Letterman, but our candidate's priority at this moment is to focus on this crisis," Wallace said on NBC's "Today" show.

The late-night comic

banged away at McCain on Thursday from the opening of his monologue.

"You're here on a good night," he told the audience. "So far none of our guests have canceled."

He talked about daredevil David Blaine's feat of hanging upside down in New York's Central Park for 60 hours.

"They just left the guy hanging there," he said. "It's the same thing McCain did to me last night."

He described socialite Paris Hilton — Thursday's guest whose celebrity was once used in a McCain campaign ad to mock Obama — as McCain's first choice for a running mate.

"Here's how it works: you don't come to see me? You don't come to see me? Well,

we might not see you on Inauguration Day," Letterman said.

Noting that McCain wanted to postpone Friday's first debate with Barack Obama, Letterman said running mate Sarah Palin wanted to put off her debate with Democrat Joe Biden until after Election Day. Letterman said McCain taking Palin to meet world leaders at the United Nations was like "take-your-daughter-to-work day."

Letterman's Top 10 list was "surprising facts about Sarah Palin," read by citizens of Wasilla, Alaska, where she was once mayor.

Letters

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A God of order and law

Dear Editor,

(Editor's Note: This letter is in reference to Miranda Bailey's column, "Churching styles a matter of preference," which appeared in the Sept. 13 issue of The Pampa News.)

I have been to the Sistine Chapel and many chapels and churches in my life. It is a beautiful sight, but to say God wasn't present when after going through an entire museum of beautiful art, which is from God, is not accurate.

It's sad to see so many people not respecting the place for what it is, but these are people who are not all believers. They are tourists from other religions as well as Christians. To simply discount God from the chapel is not right. If there is a better way short of shutting the place down from the public, it would be great. It's the best way they have right now while allowing the chapel to be open to the entire world.

As far as worshipping God any way we like, well, there isn't anything in Scripture saying this. As a matter of fact, Scripture reveals to us it does matter how we dress and how we reach out to others. It gives instructions on all of this. I don't understand where people get this notion of, "As long as you love God everything is ok." Read the Bible, which every Christian denomination claims to adhere to, and you will see

everything we do and how we do it matters a lot.

Christ never said, "Worship me anyway you want and spread the Good News any way you want."

Our God is a loving God, true, but He is a God of order and law. "However you want" is not order. Christ and his apostles and St. Paul give very good instruction on how to be a Christian and how to spread his Word. It's really awesome to see how God has given us so much so we can do it right.

I know some people get so caught up in the rules and all

and forget about the love we're supposed to have. There is a balance that takes a lifetime to find to know when to apply love and when to follow rules. I don't like when people become rigid and, well, like the Pharisees. This doesn't mean we get to do whatever we want though.

I hope this reaches a listening ear. It's a tough battle but we are supposed to be one body and exhort one another. Have a great day and may God bless you.

Andrew Moreno
Austin

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the employees are earning considerably more than their counterparts at the T e x a s

Department of Criminal Justice.

The state's adult prison system oversees 158,000 inmates.

To his credit, Nedelkoff has ordered a hiring freeze for senior-level management positions and said he is receptive to eliminating up to 30 central office management positions in 2010.

However, that hardly seems enough. A recent report found the agency's education system is generally poor, a systemwide treatment program has not been implemented and a functional classification system is lacking.

Whitmire described TYC to Sandberg as "an agency of high-priced employees in the central office trying to protect salaries and turf."

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Farmers having little problem getting credit

WICHITA, Kan. (AP) — The economic turmoil on Wall Street has not reached the dusty country roads in the nation's Heartland, where a rural economic boom has meant farmers are not having much trouble getting loans to plant crops, buy land and replace equipment.

"The fundamentals of agriculture right now, in terms of income and opportunities, is good. There are profits to be made, so I think that is underpinning the willingness to lend to that sector," said Jason Henderson, a branch executive with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City.

The 10th Federal Reserve District — which encompasses Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Wyoming and parts of New Mexico and Missouri — surveys banks each quarter for its agricultural credit conditions report.

Henderson, the Omaha branch executive who writes that quarterly snapshot, said although the official third quarter report will not be available until later this year, they have found anecdotally in talking to bankers that Wall Street's financial troubles have not affected rural banks' funding sources or changed their farm lending practices much.

"Their funding comes more from depositors, and that hasn't been impacted, and so they have funds available," Henderson said.

Although agricultural credit conditions have tightened somewhat as lenders ask more questions of farm borrowers and increase the amount of needed collateral, those are modest things

and the Federal Reserve Bank has not seen any sharp changes, he said.

Farm interest rates have been coming down over the last year and farm delinquencies are at historic lows. But agricultural loan

demand in the 10th Federal Reserve District has risen sharply as farmers borrow more operating funds to cover the rising input costs.

Breakthroughs Reflective particle films improve apple quality, color

by Sharon Durham
ARS News

Spraying apple trees with films that contain microscopic mineral particles may improve the color of the fruit and increase its weight.

That's according to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) research leader D. Michael Glenn, who is studying these sprayable films at the ARS Appalachian Fruit Research Station in Kearneysville, W.Va.

Glenn and entomologist Gary Puterka, formerly at Kearneysville and now at the ARS Wheat, Peanut and Other Field Crops Research Laboratory in Stillwater, Okla., conducted a multi-year study in which sprayable particle films were installed strategically in an orchard of Empire apple trees. The particle film's microscopic layer of mineral particles allows water and carbon dioxide to pass through the film.

With some trees, an aluminized plastic film (ALF) was applied to the grass strip between the apple rows. With other trees, a sprayable particle-based reflective film (PF) was applied to the trees as well as the grass between the tree rows. A third group of trees received no treatment.

The ALF consistently improved apple color, while the PF increased red color in apples in two of the three years of the study. When PF was applied to the grass between tree rows, the average fruit weight was increased in all years of the study,



courtesy photo by Peggy Greb

An Empire apple treated with conventional pesticides. Spraying apple trees with films that contain microscopic mineral particles may improve the color of the fruit and increase its weight.

compared to the untreated trees and those that received the ALF treatment.

The mechanism responsible for the increased fruit weight with the PF may be the altered light quality that is reflected onto the fruit. This reflected light has enhanced far-red radiation that may have beneficial effects on both fruit color and fruit weight. The

particle film also reduced heat and water stress in plants and improves production efficiency.

Based on these findings, new management techniques can be developed that will improve apple quality in a cost-effective manner.

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Church of the Nazarene announces guest speaker

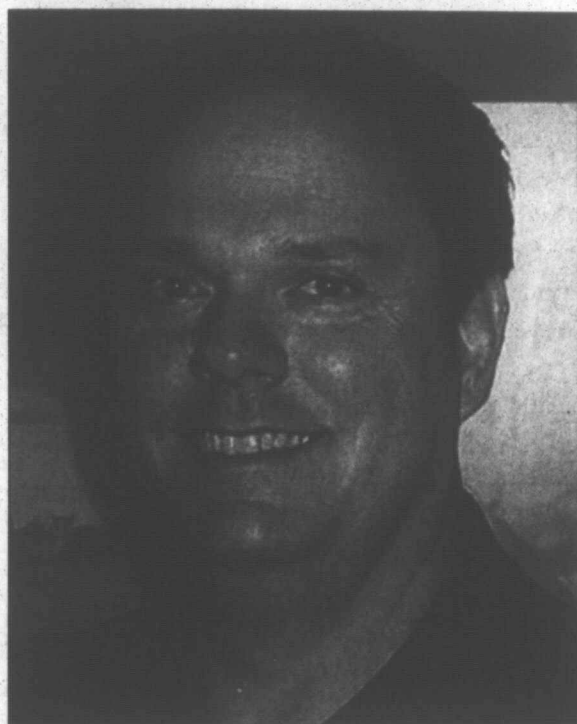
Pastor Jimmie Cole and the congregation of Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will host an event called "Fall Spiritual Renewal" Sept. 28 through Oct. 1 at the church. Rev. Jon Carnes, who currently pastors in the area of Little Rock, Ark., will be the keynote speaker for the event.

Services will be conducted at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. Visitors are welcome. A nursery will be provided.

"Come and enjoy fellowship and draw closer to the Lord," Pastor Cole said. "It is our prayer that you'll sense the presence of Christ and the ministry of the Holy Spirit into your life."

Carnes grew up in Covington, Ga., and became a Christian in 1978 and soon thereafter married his wife Morgan. He worked for his father, a contractor, and was an industrial mechanic for a plastics company, operating a machine that stamped out lids for soft drink cups.

Jon and Morgan have been married for 30 years and have two children and three



Rev. Jon Carnes

grandchildren. He has coached baseball or softball for 20 years — the last 12 years in high school fast pitch softball and is an avid sports fan. Morgan is a third grade school teacher.

Sensing a call to full-time Christian ministry in 1983, Jon moved his family to Colorado Springs to attend Nazarene Bible College. He worked as a painter to support his family while attending school. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in pastoral min-

istry and has served as a pastor for 22 years.

"Pastor Jon has a heart for the family and has life experiences as well as Biblical answers for the struggles families go through today," Cole said. "You will hear great messages that will apply to your family in today's world. Pastor Jon is a true preacher of the Word, and will scatter sports, life experiences and illustrations throughout his messages."

Annual Christmas in October to benefit Bible outreach

AMARILLO — Christmas seems to come earlier every year. This year it starts in October. The 8th Annual Christmas in October event will be from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 26 in the Amarillo Civic Center South Exhibit Hall.

The event will include over 100 vendor booths filled with specialty items and one of the Panhandle's largest bake sales. Christmas in October benefits Sharing Hope Ministry.

Sharing Hope Ministry provides Bibles

and study materials to women who are incarcerated or in recovery programs. The ministry has provided services to over 80,000 women since 1999.

On average, 715 Bibles and 450 Bible studies are sent to women each month, and Stepping Stones volunteers work with an average of five women each month.

For more information on Christmas in October or Sharing Hope Ministry, contact the ministry office at 358-7803 or visit www.sharinghopeministry.org on the Internet.

Church briefs

Robert Morris will minister at 6 p.m. Sunday at Trinity Fellowship, 2225 N. Hobart. Morris is author of the best-seller "The Blessed Life" and senior pastor of a large congregation. For more information, call the Trinity Fellowship at 665-3255.

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will celebrate "Feast Day" Sept. 28. The family celebration will include food, music, games and a silent auction. The event will kick off with mass at 10:30 a.m. Sunday. The celebrant will be the Rev. Bishop Patrick Zurek. A meal will be catered by The Plaza.

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The Pampa Junior High seventh grade B team came in second in the tournament that took place last weekend. Back row, left to right: Ashlyn Paronto, LeAnne Hinton, Krysten Miller, Samara Cummins, Samantha Woodruff and Pamela Winery. Front row: Kelly Silva, Mattie Eldridge, Macy Cochran and Alexa O'Brien.

Junior High volleyball team takes second in tournament

The Pampa Junior High volleyball teams hosted a 7th grade tournament last weekend at Pampa High School. Pampa's B team finished second in the tournament just behind Dumas.

The 7th grade B team played a close match against Borger early in the day but lost 24-26, 25-29 and 10-15 to put them in the bottom of the bracket. They worked their way baack up in the bracket by winning the next two matches against Perryton, 25-15 and 25-11 and against Dalhart, 25-10 and 25-8. The team then met up with Borger again and dominated the Bulldogs in two games, 25-9 and 25-20.

"Our team came out on the court ready to fight to make it into the finals. We knew the game against Borger eralier in the day was close and we actually outplayed them, but we had some unforced errors that cost us," B team coach Kristi Petty said. "So, the girls were really fired up. We were determined to make our serves and have fewer unforced errors."

The Pampa team had a good game against Dumas in the finals, but fell short of the win with scores of 23-25 and 19-25.

Harvester Athletic Update

Cross Country

The Pampa High School cross country team went to Sunray last weekend.

In the JV boys' race, Cole Chumbley was 18th with a time of 20:41 and Shane White was 26th with a time of 21:50. In the varsity boys' race, Miguel Tapia was 5th with a time of 17:27.

The team's next meet will be this Saturday at Lubbock's Mac Simmons Park.

Tennis

The Pampa Harvester tennis team will play Palo Duro in Amarillo this Saturday beginning at 9 a.m.

Volleyball

The Lady Harvesters will play Caprock this Saturday in Caprock beginning at 2 p.m.

Hidden Hills Results

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No Ryder Cup hangover for Anthony Kim

ATLANTA (AP) — One of many compelling images of Anthony Kim at the Ryder Cup was how he made an 8-foot par putt on the 14th hole, then storming off the green without realizing he had won his match against Sergio Garcia.

According to several American players and caddies, their victory party Sunday night at Valhalla began with U.S. captain Paul Azinger offering this synopsis of Kim's match:

"He's the only guy in Ryder Cup history who wasn't satisfied winning 5 and 4 — he wanted it to be 6 and 3."

"Oh, yeah," Kim said of the ribbing he took. "I make fun of myself for that."

The celebration lasted well into morning, Kim the center of attention, as he had been most of the week in the team room. The fear was that U.S. players would have a hard time getting over their Ryder Cup hangover — physically and emotionally — in time for the FedEx Cup finale at the Tour Championship.

For Kim, that wasn't the case Thursday at East Lake.

Four days after he humbled Garcia in his singles match, he beat 29 players in the Tour Championship just as badly.

Kim was dressed in a red shirt, just like Sunday at Valhalla. He made birdie on nearly half his holes, just like the Ryder Cup. The result was a 6-under 64 and a four-shot lead over Masters champion Trevor Immelman, Phil Mickelson and Ernie Els.

"It took me a couple of days to get over that celebration," Kim said of a 16 1/2-11 1/2 victory over Europe. "Obviously, it's nice when you walk up to a green and you've got a couple of people (saying), 'Nice job at the Ryder Cup. Way to bring the cup back home,' little things like that. I feel like when I'm happy, having a good time, I'm going to make some birdies."

"So it was a good vibe out there."

About the only player not

surprised was Mike Weir, who played with him.

Playing before a home crowd last year in Canada at the Presidents Cup, Weir beat Tiger Woods in a singles match, and he wound up winning a few weeks later.

"I think it's an advantage," Weir said. "I know coming off the Presidents Cup — especially if you played well in that event, like Anthony did — you have a lot of momentum going, and I think he's carried that in here."

As well as he played at the Ryder Cup on a Valhalla course with soft greens and minimal rough, Kim was equally spectacular on an East Lake course that was tough as ever.

Golf balls disappeared in Bermuda rough that was only 2 inches deep. The real challenge was getting the ball close to the cup on greens that were rebuilt in the spring. It usually takes a few years for new greens to settle, making them particularly firm. Add to that gusts up to 15 mph on a warm, dry afternoon and it's no wonder only five players broke par.

K.J. Choi was the other with a 1-under 69.

The real marvel was Kim posting eight birdies in his round of 64 in his Tour Championship debut. He attributes most of that to a simple fix in his putting before he teed off.

"It was the most basic thing you can think — keep your eye on the ball," Kim said. "Now that I've got that under control, I'm going to try to make some more putts."

He didn't have to make them from very far.

Kim hit sand wedge to 2 feet on the third hole and to 3 feet on the fourth. The longest putt he made came from just behind the 11th green when he knocked in a 25-footer to start building a gap between him and the rest of the field that made it to the final event in the PGA Tour Playoffs.

Sparks beat Silver Stars in West finals opener

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Lisa Leslie had 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists to lead the Los Angeles Sparks to an 85-70 victory over the San Antonio Silver Stars on Thursday night in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

The Sparks took a 1-0 lead in the best-of-three series, which resumes Saturday in San Antonio.

"I feel like I'm really beginning to peak," said Leslie, 36, who played for the United States in the Olympics after missing last season to give birth to her first child.

"This is a really good time for me," she said. "I feel like my stamina is much better. I'm sure some of the other players around the league are probably a little more tired than I am."

Candace Parker, Temeka Johnson and Marie Ferdinand-Harris each added 14 points for the Sparks. Parker grabbed 12 rebounds and Johnson had eight assists.

Ann Wauters led the Silver Stars with 18 points and Sophia Young had 16. Becky Hammon, who was averaging 19.3 points in the

playoffs, was held to nine.

Los Angeles shot 53 percent, outrebounded San Antonio 37-21 and amassed 27 assists to the Silver Stars' 16.

"We know we have to put pressure on Becky and handle the pick-and-roll," Sparks coach Michael Cooper said. "We took them out of a lot of their first and second (scoring) options, and made them go to their third and fourth."

"About six or seven times in the second half, they were shooting with 6 seconds or less on the shot clock."

The Sparks, who trailed by as many as nine points, used an 11-0 spurt to take a 48-39 halftime lead. Leslie led the surge with six points and the Silver Stars failed to score in the final 3:43 of the first half.

"In the second quarter, the tempo really changed," Silver Stars coach Dan Hughes said. "I didn't think we did a good job in our transition defense, and they got a lot of scoring out of that. Offensively, we didn't attack and execute well."

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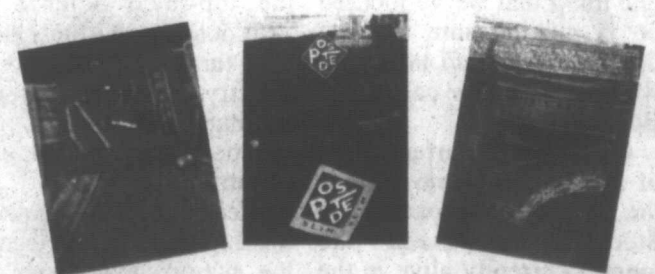


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HOUSTON — There's never been any love lost between the Houston Texans and Jacksonville Jaguars. Still, the Texans were surprised to hear that David Garrard told reporters Houston has been successful against his team in the past because the Jaguars "just took them lightly before." By Kristie Rieken.
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NORMAN, Okla. — Lendy Holmes remembers the sheer silence he heard in Oklahoma's locker room after his first collegiate game. There was no hooting and hollering, no win to celebrate. Unranked TCU had just come in and shocked the fifth-ranked Sooners, stifling Heisman runner-up Adrian Peterson in a 17-10 victory. No one had beaten Oklahoma on its home field in 19 games, and no one has done it since. By Sports Writer Jeff Latzke.
FBC—SMU-TULANE
NEW ORLEANS — What's next for Tulane running back Andre Anderson? A 300-yard game? Anderson ran for 219 yards, including a 1-yard touchdown, and Kevin Moore passed for three scores to lead Tulane to its second-straight victory, 34-27 over SMU on Thursday night. By Sports Writer Brett Martel.
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HOUSTON — Roy Oswalt beat the Cincinnati Reds again to keep Houston's playoff hopes alive for at least one more day. The Astros ace allowed two hits and struck out three in six innings to lead Houston to an 8-6 victory Thursday night. By Sports Writer Chris Duncan.
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USGA SENIOR
WOMEN
TULSA, Okla. — Diane Lang won the USGA Senior Women's Amateur for the third time in four years, beating Toni Wiesner 6 and 5 Thursday at Tulsa Country Club. The 53-year-old Lang, a Jamaican who lives in Weston, Fla., also won the 2005 and 2006 tournaments. The sixth player to win the event three or more times, she also was a semifinalist in 2007, making her 22-1 in four years in the event.
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DALLAS — Matt Hendricks' empty-netter with 13 seconds left clinched the win for the Avalanche (1-1). Ryan Smyth and Brian Willsie also scored for Colorado. Mike Ribeiro and Brenden Morrow were the goal scorers for the Stars (0-2).
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Oregon State beats top-ranked USC 27-21

CORVALLIS, Ore. (AP) — It was the curse of Corvallis all over again for the Trojans.
 Top-ranked Southern California visited Oregon State on Thursday night and lost 27-21. It was the second straight upset victory for the Beavers at home against the Trojans.
 "I think across the board it was a case of we weren't functioning," USC coach Pete Carroll said. "We weren't playing like we normally do."
 Freshman Jacquizz Rodgers helped the Beavers pull off the stunner, running for 186 yards and two touchdowns. Oregon State built a 21-point first-half lead before capitalizing on a late turnover.
 Orange-clad Beavers fans rushed the field when the clock ran out after the 25-point underdogs shook up college football with a victory over a USC team that was expected to roll right through its conference straight to the national championship game.
 What once seemed like an inevitability for the Trojans now seems something of a longshot.
 "That was great," Rodgers said. "It was something I've never witnessed before."
 The Beavers (2-2, 1-1 Pacific-10) also upset USC at Reser Stadium in 2006, when the Trojans were ranked third. The team's lone victory over a No. 1 team came in 1967, when Oregon State beat the O.J. Simpson-led Trojans 3-0.
 USC has lost three of its last four games in Corvallis.
 Trojan quarterback Mark Sanchez's pass was intercepted by safety Greg Laybourn on the 30 with less than 3 minutes to play. Laybourn ran the ball back 28 yards to put Oregon State on the 2, and Rodgers ran in the final 2 yards to make it 27-14.
 Fans carried Laybourn on their shoulders after the game.

Sanchez hit Patrick Turner with a 14-yard scoring pass with 1:19 left, but time ran out on the Trojans (2-1, 0-1).
 "We weren't ready to do what we needed to do," Carroll said. "We felt like we had great preparation. Then when we were out there, it just didn't feel like it."
 Rodgers' rushing yards were the most by a Trojan opponent since Vince Young ran for 200 for Texas in the BCS national championship game in 2006.
 Rodgers' brother James had six catches for 36 yards and two scores for Oregon State. Lyle Moevao completed 18 of 26 passes for 167 yards and two TDs.
 "They came out and competed," Oregon State coach Mike Riley said of his team. "We were respectful, but not in awe."
 Sanchez completed 18 of 29 passes for 227 yards and three scores, with the one crucial interception. Tailback Joe McKnight rushed for just 10 yards against the Beavers, after gaining 105 yards in the Trojans' 35-3 victory over Ohio State.
 McKnight took the loss upon himself.
 "I didn't make the plays. Fumbled the ball, dropped a pass," he said. "You can't blame anybody else but me."
 The game opened with drama, as USC safety Taylor Mays was called for a personal foul on James Rodgers on an 8-yard touchdown reception.
 Carroll asked that the score be reviewed, because it did not look as if the ball had crossed the line. The touchdown stood, giving the Beavers a 7-0 lead.
 The Beavers more than held their own through the first half, with the Trojans appearing confused about how to handle Jacquizz Rodgers, who is just 5-foot-7 and 185 pounds. He somehow pushed through USC's defensive line for a 2-yard touchdown run to make it 14-0.

His big brother saw the end zone again before halftime. Moevao's pass was nearly intercepted by USC cornerback Kevin Thomas, but the ball was tipped into the hands of James Rodgers to make it 21-0.
 USC answered on its first series of the second half with Sanchez's 26-yard scoring pass to Ronald Johnson.
 Sanchez then found wide-open receiver Damien Williams, who sprinted down the sideline — and narrowly avoided Laybourn's efforts to push him out of bounds — to narrow it to 21-14 with 2:56 left in the third quarter.
 The Beavers squandered a chance to add to the lead midway through the fourth when they tried for a field goal, but Sean Sehem's 41-yard attempt was blocked.
 The Beavers opened this season with two losses, at Stanford and Penn State, before returning home for a victory over Hawaii.
 Despite their struggles, the Beavers had seen steady growth on offense and the emergence of Jacquizz Rodgers, who went into the game against the Trojans as the nation's leading freshman rusher with 87.7 yards per game.
 "For whatever reason we just couldn't tackle him," Carroll said. "We'd hit him in the backfield and he'd keep bouncing. Him hiding behind the line of scrimmage was very effective. We had troubles with it all day."
 USC had shown little vulnerability in victories at Virginia and then at home against then-No. 5 Buckeyes. But Carroll noted earlier in the week that the familiarity of Pac-10 play posed a danger.
 The Beavers certainly seemed to have the Trojans figured out, holding them to 313 yards total offense. Stafon Johnson was USC's leading rusher with 48 yards. Williams had six catches for 94 yards.

Sooners try to avoid another TCU loss

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Lendy Holmes remembers the sheer silence he heard in Oklahoma's locker room after his first collegiate game. There was no hooting and hollering, no win to celebrate. Unranked TCU had just come in and shocked the fifth-ranked Sooners, stifling Heisman runner-up Adrian Peterson in a 17-10 victory. No one had beaten Oklahoma on its home field in 19 games, and no one has done it since.
 When the No. 24 Horned Frogs (4-0) visit Owen Field again on Saturday, they'll be trying to snap a 20-game home winning streak for the second-ranked Sooners (3-0) this time.
 "Now that we have them again, that's all the motivation that you need," said Holmes, a freshman receiver in that 2005 game who's since become a starting safety.
 For a handful of Sooners players still on the team, that TCU game will forever be etched in their memories. Like it was for Holmes, the loss was the first college game for defensive tackle Cory Bennett and linebacker Keenan Clayton. In every home game since, they've been able to celebrate in the locker room afterward. But not that time.
 "Just one loss a long time ago can set the foundation for what you don't want to happen for years to come. That's one thing that we've focused on is making sure that we don't make any mistakes that we've made in the past," said Bennett, a senior.
 Oklahoma's current span of 20 straight home wins is the longest of coach Bob Stoops' tenure and the longest currently alive in the nation. Stoops won 17 straight home games before losing to Oklahoma State in 2001, then 19 in a row before the TCU loss. He's 56-2 at home in his 10th year at Oklahoma.
 "I just remember the feeling that I had after the game. That's one of those things, I don't want that feeling again," Bennett said. "You don't want to lose at home. That's one thing you don't want to do, no matter where you're at."
 To that end, Stoops has

reminded his players — at least those who didn't experience it firsthand — what TCU did in its last visit to Norman.
 "They need to understand that we've obviously got to perform a whole lot better to have a chance to win," Stoops said.
 The upset of the Sooners is only one in a line of victories against teams from BCS-affiliated conferences for the Frogs. TCU is 11-2 in its last 13 games against such opponents, including a 31-14 win against Stanford earlier this season.
 Altogether, the Mountain West is 7-3 against schools from BCS conferences this season, and another TCU upset would be the biggest boost yet for the league's reputation.
 "It would definitely be a great thing for us as a senior class and as a program here at TCU to be able to pull off a BCS bowl game. In order for us to do that, we definitely want to come out and win this game, but we also have to win week after week after that," said linebacker Jason Phillips, the only Frogs player left who started the 2005 game.
 "So we're not trying to say this is going to make or break our season as far as the BCS goes, but it is definitely a game we want to put a lot of concentration into to pull out a victory in."
 The Frogs come in with the top-rated defense and rush defense and the second-best turnover margin in the country. They're also controlling the ball for 37 minutes per game, the most in the country.
 Meanwhile, Oklahoma is the highest-scoring team in the nation, averaging 54.6 points.
 "You can't go into the ball game saying we're only going to give up 28," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "Like we've always done here at TCU, we're going in trying to get zero. Then you see how it falls."
 When last the teams met, TCU was coming off a 5-6 season and Oklahoma was unsettled at quarterback after 2003 Heisman winner Jason White's departure. Paul Thompson started at quarterback and Rhett Bomar also

played, and neither one was effective.
 "I know everybody wants their revenge but, then again, you just can't let what happened in the past affect you," Holmes said. "You've just got to play with what you have right now. You've got to block that out because this is a whole new game."
 "We can either win it or we can lose it again. It's just a matter of how we take it and how we go out there and perform."
 Earlier this week, Stoops tried to back away from the perception that Oklahoma was accusing TCU of cheating in that 2005 game. When he closed the Sooners' scrimmages this fall, he said it was because opponents early in past seasons had been able to scout too effectively. That stuck with the Frogs, who are responsible for Oklahoma's last two season-opening losses — in 1996 and 2005.
 Patterson brought up the cheating allegations unprompted at his postgame news conference after the Stanford win, and said he'd be offended if Stoops thought he'd sent spies to Norman.
 Only he and his players know whether that's water under the bridge now.
 "I'd be doing my team an injustice to stand up here and say we want to play well. Our kids have played awful hard, we're 4-0 and we're ranked in the Top 25. There's only one reason we're going to Norman: play well and find a way to win the ball game," Patterson said.
 "We understand it's against a very high-powered, very talented coach and Oklahoma football team that has a lot of history on their side."

Coach remembers tackling record losing streak

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — The longest losing streak in college football history didn't scare Greg Johnson. He knew one win was all it would take to make history.
 He left Langston, a historically black university in Oklahoma City, for Prairie View A&M in 1997. The Panthers football program

hadn't had a win in eight years.
 The streak reached 80 losses before Johnson ended it on September 26th, 1998, with a 14-12 win against none other than Langston. It would be the only victory in Johnson's two-year stay at Prairie View. He left after breaking NCAA rules by paying a player's

tuition and housing with scholarship money available from players who'd left the program.
 Ten years later, Johnson has come full circle: Langston hired him again after it posted two-win seasons in 2002 and 2003, and he's put together four straight winning campaigns.

Daily Horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 27, 2008:
 Easy does it this year. You might need to be more withdrawn or spend more time alone. You want to keep your opinions private more often. You could develop a special friendship in the next year. This person could prove to be a life friend and confidant. You are fortunate with personal, domestic and property matters. You could discover that you have many alternatives. Many of you will expand your home or buy a second home. If you are single, use care with your choices. This person might not be all you think. 2009 could be one of the most romantic years for you. If you are attached, you discover the importance of spending more time alone together. Your relationship will evolve to a better place. VIRGO can be a healer or an enemy.

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
 ***** Someone confers a special honor or request on you. As a result, you might feel very good. Still, you might want to slow down the pace and spend more time at home or reading a book. You deserve some "lazy" time. Tonight: Easy does it.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
 ***** You could be short in creativity, but right now you are high on intention. Hence, the end result will be excellent. Try to imagine how someone else feels, if you're doubting yourself. You'll get answers that way. Tonight: Lighten up.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
 ***** You might be much happier at home than anywhere else. If you want to rethink a decision, do. You could feel manipulated by someone you care about. Give this person the space to declare what he or she really wants without games. Tonight: Close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
 ***** Speak your mind, knowing that you have a receptive audience. You could discover that there is a whole other side to a question. Get much-needed advice from a neighbor or friend. Listen to news with a tad of cynicism. Tonight: Chat up a storm.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
 ***** Expenses could be off. Consider how to make an adjustment. If you like what you hear, your tune changes. Efforts made with a project pay off. You accomplish everything you wanted and more. Tonight: Play it low-key.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
 ***** You might be more serious than you realize. When another person tries to lighten you up, you feel accomplished and as if you are on top of your game. Listen to a loved one. Tonight: Remember to be in the here and now.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
 ***** A family member adds to your happiness. What might be going on with your mind probably should stay private. You might be shocked by a work or daily matter and the end result. Do you know when to say "no"? Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
 ***** Zero in on what you want, knowing full well where you are heading. A friend could be pivotal. You could be surprised by news that heads your direction. Investigate a child or loved one's abrupt behavior. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
 ***** Examine a must public appearance with skepticism. You gain in many different ways from your attendance. Listen to what someone shares openly. Indulge a loved one, which means emotionally as well. Tonight: Know that others are observing you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
 ***** Your smile and upbeat behavior are that of a sure winner. Investigate possibilities rather than exclude them. News from a distance could be a bit hard to hear, but once you relax, you might delight in options. Tonight: Follow the music.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
 ***** You work well with someone and get unanticipated results. What occurs could be a surprise. Knowing what you want points you in the correct direction. Be direct with a partner, and remain confident. Tonight: Surprises surround you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
 ***** Others run with the ball. Think through a decision that involves others more carefully. Be optimistic, knowing what you ultimately desire. Surround yourself with friends, whether at the movies or at a ballgame! Tonight: Go with the flow.

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USED furn., hutch, recliners, dryer, dressers, bedroom suites, baby bed, etc. 662-7557.

MUST SELL brand new king pillowtop mattress and box, in plastic. \$199. 806-341-6233

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Fridays at For Heavens Sake Daycare and Preschool are "Green and Gold" days. The daycare celebrates the Pampa High School Harvesters. Above: 2-year-old class members (front row, from left) Nate Bailey, Evan Kelley, Erin Peveler, Erin LaRue, Mikey Albus, Tessa-Mae Field, Sammie England, Judd Garth; (back row, l-r) Ms. Apryl England and Ms. Monica Velasquez.

Events calendar

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

• The Texas Department of State Health Services will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Oct. 1 and 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa. For more information, call 665-4752.

• 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.

FBI: Evangelist Alamo arrested in child sex case

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — FBI agents arrested evangelist and convicted tax evader Tony Alamo at an Arizona motel Thursday, alleging days after raiding the Arkansas headquarters of his ministry that he took minors across state lines for sexual purposes.

Alamo was staying at a hotel in Flagstaff, Ariz., when arrested, said FBI spokesman Steve Frazier in Little Rock. The religious leader — who began his career as a California street preacher in 1966 — was scheduled for a federal court appearance Friday in

Flagstaff. Alamo is suspected of violating the Mann Act, which prohibits taking children across state lines for illegal purposes. Frazier described those purposes as "sexual activity."

Several women were traveling with Alamo when he was arrested, but no minors were with him, police said. Authorities did not say when minors were taken across state lines or which states were involved, but Alamo has ministries in California and Arkansas.

Federal agents and Arkansas state police had

raided the headquarters of Tony Alamo Christian Ministries in tiny Fouke on Saturday and removed six girls ages 10 to 17. They sought evidence that children there had been molested or filmed having sex.

Prosecutors sought Alamo's arrest after interviewing the girls this week, but Frazier would not disclose what the children said.

The Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks hate groups, describes the ministry as a cult. Alamo's church rails against homosexuals, Roman Catholics and the government, and

Alamo has preached that girls are fit for marriage once they are sexually mature.

"Consent is puberty," he said in an interview with The Associated Press last week from a telephone registered in the Los Angeles area while agents raided the compound. He denied any involvement with pornography.

An Arkansas judge has hearings set for Friday and Monday on whether the state Department of Human Services can keep custody of the six girls. The girls will attend the hearings.

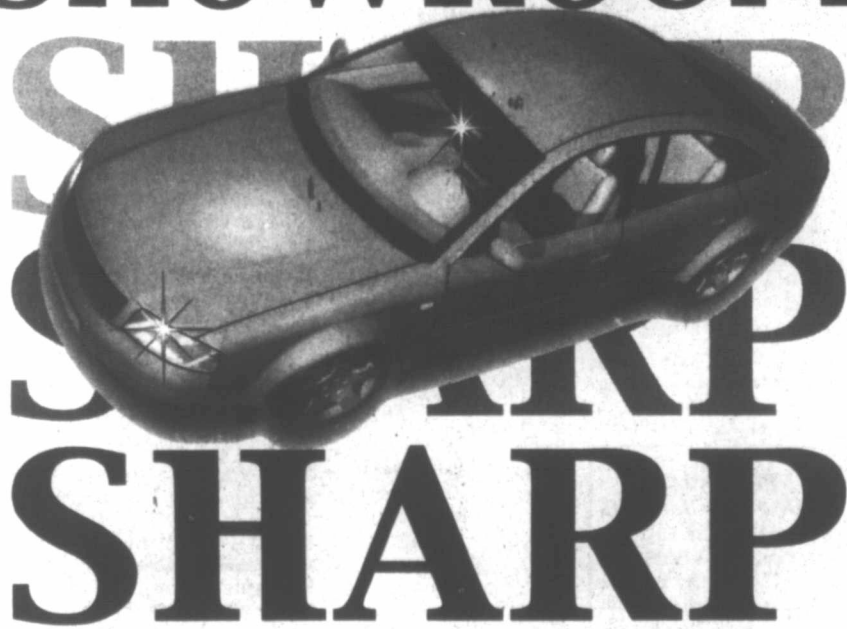
"We will transport them to and from hearings. We will

take part in any future hearings," agency spokeswoman Julie Munsell said. "Our job right now is to basically take care of them."

State Circuit Judge Jim Hudson said two hearings would be conducted Friday and the other four Monday in Texarkana.

The six hearings will be split among three judges who will decide whether the state had enough evidence to temporarily remove the children from their homes on the Fouke compound. If a judge rules against the state, the girls would be returned to the parents.

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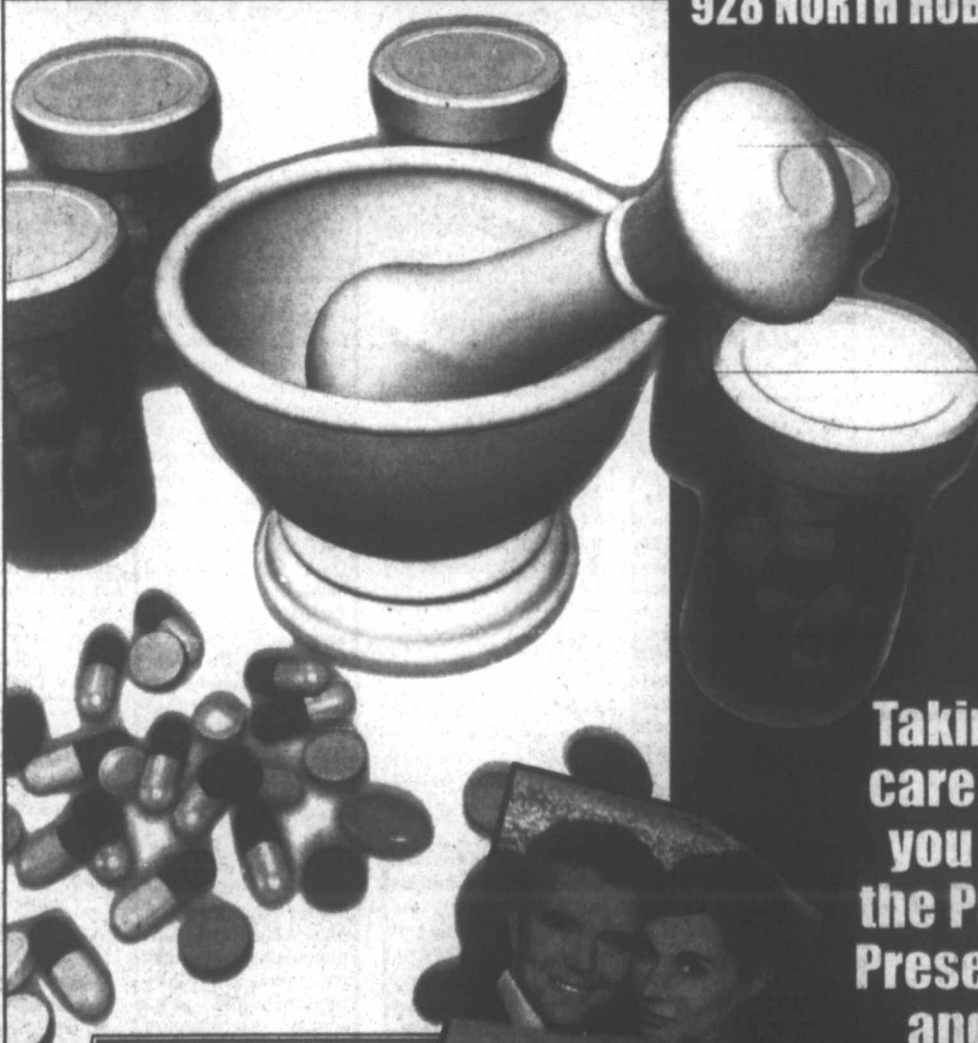


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