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murdering his girlfriend and her two mentally impaired sons here in 1993 has until next week to appeal a federal court's affirmation of his guilt.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans rejected the arguments put forth by Henry Watkins "Hank" Skinner, 47, that his trial lawyers should have used a police blood spatter report to bolster their defense and that his original defense attorneys did not investigate enough to uncover evidence

the murders of Twila Jean Busby, 40, and her two mentally retarded sons, Randy Busby, 20, and Elwin "Scooter" Caler, 22.

According to officials with the Texas Attorney General's office, Skinner has 14 days from the court's announced ruling to file for a rehearing before the 5th Circuit Court. If he fails to do that, or if the court reaffirms its decision, Skinner has 90 days to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Trial evidence showed that

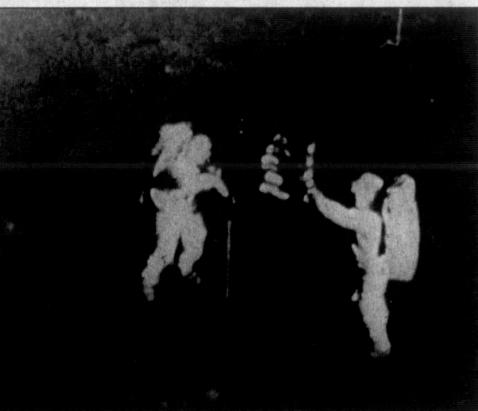
to 11:15 p.m. She left early because her drunken uncle, Robert Donnell, was making rude sexual advances toward her, according to court records. A few minutes after mid-

1993, from about 10:30 p.m.

night, Fred Courtney and other Pampa police officers found Elwin on a neighbor's porch with multiple stab wounds. Elwin soon died at the Pampa Regional Medical Center emergency room.

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MOON LANDING ANNIVERSARY



FILE - In this July 20, 1969 file photo, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, the first men to land on the moon, plant the U.S. flag on the lunar surface. Photo was made by a 16mm movie camera inside the lunar module, shooting at one frame per second. (AP Photo/NASA, file)

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees will meet with their attorney Thursday night regarding the synthetic turf project.

The project fell behind due to problems with the sand and gravel fill beneath the turf.

The school board will also get a construction update on the Pampa High School renovation and the new Pampa Junior High School construction. The board will discuss a marquee for Pampa High and repair work on seats in the Pampa High School auditorium.

A discussion of after school supervision for students at Pampa Junior High is also on the board's agenda.

The school board will consider fund-raising applications for the 2009-2010 school year.

They will consider Workers Comp insurance September, 2009, to August, 2010; revisions to the local policy concerning compensation and benefits and leaves and absences; an instruction and student performance report, and a curriculum department and staff development report.

The board will also hear a report on fingerprinting.

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Church marks moon landing 40th anniverary

HOUSTON (AP) — A church near Johnson Space Center offered communion with the 40-year anniversary of the first men on the moon in mind.

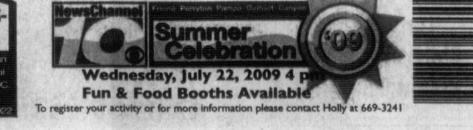
Webster Presbyterian Church has a history with NASA.

A number of astronauts and NASA engineers have attended the church, with stained glass windows patterned after images from the Hubble Space Telescope.

KHOU-TV reports the church Sunday featured the July 20, 1969, radio broadcast from astronaut and member Buzz Aldrin, in which he urges listeners to give thanks. Aldrin took communion in the lunar CHURCH cont. on page 3

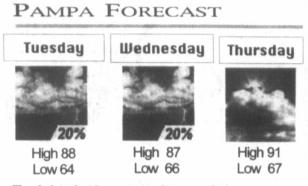






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For the record



Tonight: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 88. North northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. Southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Dorothy Mae Woodruff, 81

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daughters; Glenda Lewis

and husband Buddy of

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Frost and husband Gary of

McLean, two sons; Gary Woodruff and wife Mary

of Norman, Oklahoma and

Larry Woodruff and wife

the home, two stepdaugh-

ters; Tammy Kamm of

Carlton, and Christina

Scantling of Dublin, two

stepsons; Gregory Hilburn

of Arlington and Jeffrey

Dean Hilburn of Grand

Prairie, one brother, Louis

Bryant of Pampa, two sis-

Survivors include two

brother: Rayford Hunt.

Pampa,— Dorothy Mae Woodruff, 81, died July 18, 2009, in Pampa, Texas. Graveside services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at Wheeler Cemetery with Pastor Jimmye Cole, First Church of the Nazarene minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Woodruff was born September 11, 1927 in

Pampa— James Hugh Bryant, 54, died July 18, 2009, in Pampa, Texas

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Ringland, Oklahoma. She married Loil Woodruff on April 8, 1946 in Wheeler; he preceded her in death on October 22, 2007. She was a resident of Pampa for over 50 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son, Judge Woodruff in 2007, a grandson, Dean Woodruff in 1993, three sisters; Laveda,

James Hugh Bryant, 54

Mr. Bryant was born June 12, 1955 in Groom. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He married Patricia Comstock on November 24, 1987 in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia Bryant of

Emergency Services

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Monday, July 20.

Friday

2:47 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel, first responder (medical), in the 900 block of Finley.

3:42 p.m. — 1 unit and 3 personnel, first responder, to the 800 block of S. Banks.

5:53 p.m. —1 unit and 3 personnel responded to a good intent call in the 900 block of E Tyng.

6:04 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to an investigation at the intersection of Tyng and Ballard.

6:45 p.m. — 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to a grass fire one mile S

7:52 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel, first responder, to the 1900 block of N Wells.

Saturday

3:41 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel, to a medical assist in the 800 block of Hobart. 4:02 p.m.— 1 unit and

3 personnel, to a medical assist in the 1800 block of Wynne. 10:24 p.m.— 1 unit and 1 personnel, to a medical assist in the 2700 block of

N Hobart. Sunday

2:04 p.m.— 1 unit and 3 personnel responded to a public service call in the 1200 block of E Foster.

2:55 p.m. — 1 unit and 3 personnel, medical assist in the 1000 block of Neal.

9:16 a.m. — 1 unit and 3 personnel, medical assist in the 100 block of S Christy.

ing calls during the period between 7 a.m. Saturday, July 18 to 7 a.m. Monday, June 20. Saturday

2:28 p.m.—An MICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center, transported one patient to Northwest Texas Healthcare.

3:40 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the park on Hobart, transported one patient to PRMC.

3:59 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 1800 block of Lynn, transported one patient to PRMC.

7:21 p.m. – An MICU

Melvin Hunt of Briscoe, LeRoy Hunt of Wheeler, and Tommy Hunt of Tennessee, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Hal Mo

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Chrisie of Pampa, two sisters; Shirley Davis of Pampa and Lee Cox of Monahans, three brothers; *Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com*

> ters; April Renee Brummett and Skyla Bryant, both of Pampa, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. MEMORIALS: to a

MEMORIALS: to a favorite charity. Sign the on-line register

at www.carmichael-whatley.com

10:22 p.m.- An MICU

unit responded to the

2700 block of N. Ho-

bart, no transport. Saturday 2:49 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to Lake McClellan, transported on patient to pRMC. 9:13 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 110 block of S. Christy, transported one patient to PRMC.



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of Gray County Road E on Gary County Road, approximately 400 square feet burned.

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Kelly Hildebrandt will marry Kelly Hildebrandt

CORAL SPRINGS, Fla. (AP) — Kelly Hildebrandt will marry Kelly Hildebrandt.

This isn't a joke. An engaged Florida couple has the same first and last name.

Here's how it all started: 20-year-old Kelly Hildebrandt decided to search Facebook for other people with her name. Up popped Kelly Hildebrandt of Lubbock, Texas. For the next three months the two exchanged e-mails and then started calling each other.

Then he decided to visit, and the couple soon began dating. Eight months after Kelly Hildebrandt sent her first e-mail, he proposed. The couple plans to marry in October.

It hasn't been all smooth sailing. A trip on a cruise ship almost got canceled when the travel agent deleted one ticket from the system, thinking someone had plugged in the same information twice.

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Halliburton 2Q earnings plummet, beat expectations

HOUSTON (AP) -Halliburton Co. said Monday its second-quarter profit tumbled 48 percent as sluggish exploration and production activity, particularly in North America, crimped results. Its earnings beat Wall Street forecasts, though the company offered little hope for an uptick in drilling before year's end.

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The oilfield services company, which has corporate headquarters in Houston and Dubai, said net income for the April-June period fell to \$262 million, or 29 cents per share. That compared with \$504 million, or 55 cents a share, a year ago. Revenue slipped 22 percent to \$3.5 billion.

One-time items aside, Halliburton said earn-, ings amounted to \$274 million, or 30 cents a , share. Analysts polled by Thomson Reuters were expecting earnings of 27 cents a share and revenue of \$3.43 billion. Those forecasts typically exclude one-time items.

Halliburton kicked off the earnings period for the oil and gas sector. Most forecasts predict significantly lower year-overyear results for producers and service companies.

Halliburton chairman and CEO Dave Lesar cited natural gas in particular as a drag on earnings and the industry in general. Prices have fallen from doubledigit levels a year ago to around \$4 per 1,000 cubic feet of late.

"Due to continued weakness in natural gas demand ... we believe it is unlikely that there will be a meaningful recovery in natural gas prices and, consequently, drilling activity for the remainder of the year," Lesar said.

Oil and natural-gas producers began scaling back exploration and drilling operations last year as \$640 million, or 71 cents

oil reached an all-time high near \$150 a barrel.

The pullback has meant less work for Halliburton and other service companies, which help producers with drilling, reservoir management and other oilfield jobs. Oil companies that are drilling have pushed Halliburton and its competitors for pricing breaks.

The number of rigs at work in the U.S. oil patch a good barometer of activity - is off roughly 55 percent from last summer. The American Petroleum Institute noted last week that U.S. drilling in the second quarter was the lowest in about five years.

Lesar said revenue for most of Halliburton's product lines fell in the quarter as the company had to lower prices. He said the downturn hasn't been as bad overseas in part from strengthening commod-ity prices and "stabilizing financial markets which are improving our customers' overall project economics."

Lesar said international revenue in the April-June period accounted for 64 percent of total sales, and the company saw doubledigit growth in Mexico, Norway and China. "Our international outlook is improving, but there is some uncertainty," Lesar said on a conference call with analysts.

Halliburton's mostrecent results followed a bleak first quarter, when its net income fell 35 percent and the company cut more than 2,000 jobs in North America. The company said its most-recent results included one-time employee-separation costs of \$12 million, or 1 cent a share.

For the first six months of the year, Halliburton said its net income amounted to



in the first half of 2008. its second-quarter profit In this file photo, an unidentified worker passes a truck owned by Halliburton while being used at a remote site for natural-gas producer Williams in Rulison, Colo. Halliburton said Monday July 20, 2009, its second-quarter profit tumbled 48 percent as sluggish exploration and production activity, particularly in North America, crimped results. (AP Photo/David Zalubowski, file)

Revenue fell to \$7.4 billion from \$8.5 billion.

Halliburton shares rose 7 cents, to \$21.45 Monday. They've traded in a 52-week range of \$12.80 to \$49.18.

Also Monday, smaller

dropped 89 percent, also from weakened commodity prices that drove down the global rig count and demand for services.

Industry bellwether Schlumberger Ltd. is

Appeal

Police found Twila, strangled and beaten in her living room. Evidence in the trial indicated that she had been hit at least 14 times with an ax handle,

Randy lay dead in the upper bunk of his and his brother's bedroom with three stab wounds in his back.

Three hours later, Pampa police officers and Gray County sheriff's officers found Skinner at the home of Andrea Reed, Skinner's ex-girlfriend.

Reed testified in the Fort Worth trial that Skinner had arrived at midnight, appeared intoxicated, threatened to kill her if she called police and told her that he had kicked Twila to death.

DNA testing showed that Twila's and Elwin's blood was on Skinner's clothing.

Based on testimony by a Pampa physician, Skinner claimed he was too intoxicated from alcohol and codeine to have committed the murders. Skinner argued that Donnell was the murderer.

A Fort Worth jury sentenced Skinner to death after the trial was moved to the Metroplex on a change of venue. The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the conviction.

Skinner appealed to federal court with a variety of ineffective counsel claims that a federal district court in Amarillo rejected.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals agreed to hear Skinner's appeal on

The school board will consider the appraisal district's budget and calendar, monthly financial reports and the sale of delinquent tax property.

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Church scheduled to report sec- module and later gave the chalice to his church. NASA retiree Jack Kinzler, at 89, says he helped design the plaque that remains on the lunar surface, plus the unfolding device that keeps the American flag unfurled on the moon.

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two of the ineffective counsel claims - a blood spatter report and the failure of his defense attorneys to call a potential witness.

Circuit Judge Jerry Smith, writing the 5th Circuit Court's decision, agreed with the federal district court that Skinner failed to demonstrate that the blood spatter report was critical to the case.

While the Pampa doctor testified that Skinner would have been too intoxicated to commit the three murders, the court also noted that Skinner walked four blocks to Reed's house, took off his shirt and asked her to sew up a gash on his hand, and that Skinner threatened to kill her when he caught her on the phone.

In the court's decision, Judge Smith said there was ample evidence that Skinner was the murderer.

"He confessed to Reed that he had killed Twila," Smith wrote. "There was no physical evidence of anyone else's having entered the house the night of the murders, and DNA testing demonstrated that the blood on Skinner's shirt belonged to Twila and Elwin.'

In his appeal, Skinner did not contend that his lawyers failed to conduct any investigation into the now dead Donnell, Twila's uncle. Skinner claimed that the lawyers did not investigate Donnell enough, but Judge Smith wrote in the court's ruling that the trial counsel's actions were constitutionally adequate.

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School District board of trustees will meet beginning at 6 p.m., Thursday, July 23, in the Carver Center Administration Offices, 321 W. Albert.

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crude and gas prices tum-bled. A year ago this month billion, or \$1.18 a share, a share, billion, or \$1.18 a share, billion, or \$1.18 a share, billion, billion, or \$1.18 a share, billion, bil Eligible Texans to begin receiving extended unemployment benefits

AUSTIN – The Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) today announced that it will begin paying benefits to jobless Texans who qualify for 13 weeks of state extended benefits by the end of July. TWC will begin sending letters to claimants beginning July 24, 2009 with instructions on how to file for the new extension. A dedicated telephone hot line will be established to take claims.

At the direction of the governor, TWC worked this week with the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) to expedite payments for eligible Texans after realizing it would have taken months to reprogram computers to address the extensive eligibility and reporting requirements.

"Earlier this week upon learning that extensive federal eligibility verification and reporting requirements could delay extend-

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ed unemployment benefit payments to eligible Texans, my office directed the Texas Workforce Commission to address the problem and find a solution to provide Texans with timely benefits," said Gov. Rick Perry. "I am pleased TWC has worked with the Department of Labor on a solution that will allow eligible Texans to begin receiving extended unemployment benefits by July 31, without the months of delay that had initially been predicted."

Pauken Chairman added, " I and my fellow Commissioners learned as well this week of a potential gap in the payment to claimants entitled to extended benefits. I immediately instructed staff to come up with a plan to expedite the payments of those benefits. Specifically, I asked staff to come forward with a solution to this problem so

that benefits could begin to be paid by the end of this month. "I am pleased that the TWC staff has taken the necessary action to get this accomplished."

Since the end of May, after Gov. Perry worked with the Legislature to change the law to allow for state extended benefits, the agency began addressing the necessary transition of the system to accommodate the stringent federal requirements.

with DOL, TWC will be allowed to temporarily defer certain federal requirements, allowing for immediate payment of extended benefits to thousands of long-term unemployed Texans.

This 13-week state extension is available to claimants that have exhausted 59 weeks of unemployment benefits. TWC estimates that as many as 100,000 claimants could exhaust their unemployment benefits by November 2009 and may be eligible for the new extension.

Reemployment services are available through Texas Workforce Centers Through an agreement at www.texasworkforce. org or by accessing www. WorkInTexas.com for information.

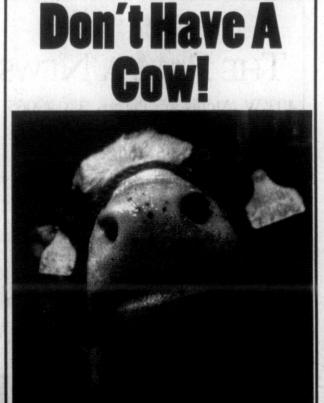
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Today in History

Today is Monday, July 20, the 201st day of 2009. There are 164 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin became the first men to walk on the moon after landing their lunar module. As he set foot on the lunar surface, Armstrong spoke his famous line, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Aldrin, who followed, described the scene as "magnificent desolation."

On this date:

In 1810, Colombia declared independence from Spain.

In 1861, the Congress of the Confederate States began holding sessions in Richmond, Va.

In 1871, British Columbia entered Confederation as a Canadian province.

⁴ The regret on our side is, they used to say years ago, we are reading about you in science class. Now they say, we are reading about you in history

class."

— Neil Armstrong, American astronaut In 1944, an attempt by a group of German officials to assassinate Adolf Hitler with a bomb failed as the explosion at Hitler's Rastenburg headquarters only wounded the Nazi leader. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was nominated for an unprecedented fourth term of office at the

Democratic conven-

In 1917, the draft lottery in World War

I went into operation.

tion in Chicago.

In 1954, the Geneva Accords divided Vietnam into northern and southern entities.

In 1976, America's Viking 1 robot spacecraft made a successful, first-ever landing on Mars.

In 1977, a flash flood hit Johnstown, Pa., killing more than 80 people and causing \$350 million worth of damage.

In 1982, Irish Republican Army bombs exploded in two London parks, killing 11 soldiers, along with seven horses belonging to the Queen's Household Cavalry.

Ten years ago: After 38 years at the bottom of the Atlantic, astronaut Gus Grissom's Liberty Bell 7 Mercury capsule was lifted to the surface.

Five years ago: Former national security adviser Sandy Berger quit as an informal adviser to Democrat John Kerry's presidential campaign after disclosure of a criminal investigation into whether he had mishandled classified terrorism documents. One year ago: Pope Benedict XVI wrapped up a Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Sally Ann Howes is 79. Rockabilly singer Sleepy LaBeef is 74. Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski, D-Md., is 73. Actress Diana Rigg is 71. Rock musician John Lodge (The Moody Blues) is 66. Country singer T.G. Sheppard is 65. Singer Kim Carnes is 64. Rock musician Carlos Santana is 62. Rock musician Paul Cook (The Sex Pistols, Man Raze) is 53. Actress Donna Dixon is 52. Rock musician Mick McNeil (Simple Minds) is 51. Country singer Radney Foster is 50. Actor Frank Whaley is 46. Rock singer Chris Cornell is 45. Rock musician Stone Gossard (Pearl Jam) is 43. Actor Reed Diamond is 42. Actor Josh Holloway ("Lost") is 40. Singer Vitamin C is 40. Former baseball catcher Charles Johnson is 38. Actor Simon Rex is 35.



ON FRIDAY, A LITTLE BEFORE 8:00 P.M., EASTERN STANDARD TIME, THE EMBODIMENT OF TRUSTWORTHY BROADCAST JOURNALISM DIED. AND THAT'S THE WAY IT IS. AND WILL NEVER BE AGAIN.

IN MEMORIAM Cronkite remembered as 'honorable' and 'an icon'

NEW YORK (AP) — The death of Walter Cronkite elicited tributes from colleagues, presidents past and present, world-famous astronauts and those who hoped in vain to fill his empty anchor chair, all honoring the avuncular face of TV journalism who became the "most trusted man in America."

Cronkite died with his family by his side Friday night at his Manhattan home after a long illness, CBS vice president Linda Mason said. Marlene Adler, Cronkite's chief of staff, said Cronkite died of cerebrovascular disease. He was 92.

"It's hard to imagine a man for whom I had more admiration," Mike Wallace of "60 Minutes" said on CNN. "... He was a superb reporter and honorable man."

Cronkite was the face of the "CBS Evening News" from 1962 to 1981. when stories ranged from the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. to racial and anti-war riots, Watergate and the Iranian hostage crisis. It was Cronkite who read the bulletins coming from Dallas when Kennedy was shot Nov. 22, 1963, interrupting a live CBS-TV broadcast of a soap opera. 'Walter was who I wanted to be when I grew up," said CBS's "Face the Nation" host Bob Schieffer, 72, who began working at CBS News in 1969.

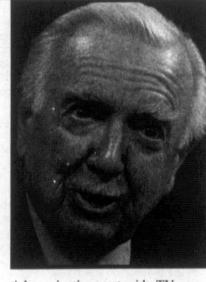
"speculative, personal" report advocating negotiations leading to the withdrawal of American troops.

"We have been too often disappointed by the optimism of the American leaders, both in Vietnam and Washington, to have faith any longer in the silver linings they find in the darkest clouds," he said, and concluded, "We are mired in stalemate."

After the broadcast, President Lyndon B. Johnson reportedly said, "If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost middle America."

He also helped broker the 1977 invitation that took Egyptian President Anwar Sadat to Jerusalem, the breakthrough to Egypt's peace treaty with Israel.

Off camera, his stamina and admittedly demanding ways brought him the nickname "Old Ironpants." But to viewers, he was "Uncle Walter,' with his jowls and grainy baritone, his warm, direct expression and his trim mustache. When he summed up the news each evening by stating, "And THAT's the way it is," millions agreed. His reputation survived accusations of bias by Richard Nixon's vice president, Spiro Agnew, and being labeled a "pinko" in the tirades of a fictional icon, Archie Bunker of CBS's "All in the Family." Polls in 1972 and 1974 pronounced Cronkite the "most trusted man in America." Like fellow Midwesterner Johnny Carson, Cronkite seemed to embody the nation's mainstream. When he broke down as he announced Kennedy's death, removing his glasses and fighting back tears, the times seemed to break down with him. Cronkite was the top newsman during the peak era for the networks, when the nightly broadcasts grew to a half-hour and 24-hour cable and the Internet were still well in the future. In the fall of 1972, responding to reports in The Washington Post, Cronkite aired a two-part series on Watergate that helped ensure national attention to the then-emerging scandal. As many as 18 million households tuned in to Cronkite's top-rated program each evening. Twice that number watched his final show, on March 6, 1981, compared with fewer than 10 million in 2005 for the departure of Dan Rather.



tial nominations got wide TV coverage. From there, he was assigned to such news-oriented programs as "You Are There" and "Twentieth Century." (He also briefly hosted a morning show, accompanied by a puppet named Charlemagne the Lion.)

On April 16, 1962, he replaced Douglas Edwards as anchor of the network's "Evening News."

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"He set a standard for all of us. He made television news what it became."

Cronkite died just three days before the 40th anniversary of the moon landing, another earthshaking moment of history linked inexorably with his reporting.

"He had a passion for human space exploration, an enthusiasm that was contagious, and the trust of his audience. He will be missed," astronaut Neil Armstrong said.

President Barack Obama issued a statement saying that Cronkite set the standard by which all other news anchors have been judged, echoing sentiments from former Presidents George W. Bush and Jimmy Carter.

"He invited us to believe in him, and he never let us down," Obama said. "This country has lost an icon and a dear friend, and he will be truly missed."

Cronkite was the broadcaster to whom the title "anchorman" was first applied; and his name was at one point synonymous with the role even outside the U.S. — in Sweden anchors were sometimes termed Kronkiters; in Holland, they were Cronkiters.

"Walter Cronkite was and always will be the gold standard," said ABC News anchor Charles Gibson. "His objectivity, his evenhandedness, his news judgment are all great examples."

A former wire service reporter and war correspondent, Cronkite valued accuracy, objectivity and understated compassion. He expressed liberal views in more recent writings but said he had always aimed to be fair and professional in his judgments on the air.

But when Cronkite took sides, he helped shape the times. After the 1968 Tet offensive, he visited Vietnam and wrote and narrated a Rather, who replaced Cronkite at the anchor desk, called Cronkite "a giant of the journalistic craft."

For 24 years he served as onsite host for New Year's Day telecasts by the Vienna Philharmonic, ending that cherished tradition only in 2009.

After the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, Cronkite was asked to introduce the postponed Emmy awards show. He told the audience that in its coverage of the attack and its aftermath, "television, the great common denominator, has lifted our common vision as never before."

Cronkite joined CBS in 1950, after a decade with United Press, during which he covered World War II and the Nuremberg trials, and a brief stint with a regional radio group.

At CBS he found a respected radionews organization dipping its toe into TV. He was named anchor for CBS's coverage of the 1952 political conventions, the first year the presidenHe was up against the NBC team of Chet Huntley and David Brinkley, which was solidly ahead in the ratings. Cronkite lacked Brinkley's wry wit and Huntley's rugged good looks, but he established himself as an anchorman to whom people could relate.

His rise to the top was interrupted just once: In 1964, disappointing ratings for the Republican National Convention led CBS boss William S. Paley to dump him as anchor of the Democratic gathering. Critics and viewers protested and he was never displaced again.

Cronkite won numerous Emmys and other awards for excellence in news coverage. In 1978, he and the evening news were the first anchorman and daily broadcast ever given a DuPont award.

Cronkite's salary reportedly reaching seven figures, he was both anchorman and star— ham enough to appear as himself on an episode of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show." But he repeatedly condemned television practices that put entertainment values ahead of news judgment.

"Broadcast journalism is never going to substitute for print," he said. "We cannot cover in depth in a half hour many of the stories required to get a good understanding of the world."

Walter Leland Cronkite Jr. was born Nov. 4, 1916, in St. Joseph, Mo., the son and grandson of dentists. The family moved to Houston when he was 10. He joked years later that he was disappointed when he "didn't see a single damn cowboy."

He got a taste of journalism at The Houston Post, where he worked summers after high school and served as campus correspondent at the University of Texas. He also did some sports announcing at a local radio station.

Cronkite quit school after his junior year for a full-time job with the Houston Press. After a brief stint at KCMO in Kansas City, Mo., he joined United Press in 1937. Dispatched to London early in World War II, Cronkite covered the battle of the North Atlantic, flew on a bombing mission over Germany and glided into Holland with the 101st Airborne Division. Cronkite returned to the United States in 1948 and covered Washington for a group of Midwest radio stations. He accepted Edward R. Murrow's invitation to join CBS in 1950.



Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild recently elected officers for their new year beginning in June. They are; Kathy Leever, newsletter editor, Mary Beth Holland, president and Janet Coats, treasurer. PPQG meets the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Pampa Senior Citizens Center and visitors are always welcome.

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Pampa 9-10 All-stars advance in state tourney

The Pampa 9-10 All-stars advance to the next level in the state tournament held in Amarillo this week. Pampa met Littlefield Saturday winning their first game 16-4. Lead by good pitching and capitalizing on Littlefield errors, Pampa came away with the big win.

The boys went back to face a stubborn Plainview team on Sunday. Pampa went up 2-0 in the first but Plainview would hold Pampa scoreless until the 5th inning. Chance Butler came off the bench to hit a deep ball to right field resulting in a triple. Zach Wilson then hits a single that would bring in Butler making the score 3-2. The rally stalled but Pampa would hold off Plainview in the 5th with excellent defense from Bryson Burrell, Kyndan Lott, and Brandon Sieck.

Pampa would go back to work at the

Kinsler, Rangers beat Twins in 12

plate with Brayden Fry walking, stealng second and scoring on a double hit by Burrell. Burrell was called out on a close call trying to steal home to end the inning.

With the score now 4-2 Burrell came to the mound in the 6th to close out the game.

Only to walk the first batter who advanced to third on fielder's choice grounders, Pampa came alive with Burrell's pitching backed with good defense to hold off the last inning surge

winning 4-2. The entire Pampa team came together to hold off a good Plainview squad resulting in the win.

Pampa plays 6:00 in the Cal-Ripken State semifinal game Tuesday night at the North Randall facility in Amarillo.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I live in a major metropolitan area, so I am not unfamiliar with the sight of people who are down and out and living on the streets.

Recently, while walking to work, I came face-toface with an old acquaintance. We had dated briefly more than 10 years ago, but parted amicably. Abby, he had a shopping cart containing his belongings and was going through a trash bin and yelling at passersby! I didn't know what to do.

pretended I didn't see I him and continued on my way. I am barely scraping by, but probably could have offered him a few dollars. He knows where I live and work, and to be honest, I was frightened by his appearance. Now I feel guilty for not offering support. What would you have done? -- GUILT-RIDDEN IN THE CITY

GUILT-DEAR RIDDEN: If I had been caught flat-footed (liter-

You are lucky you live in a large city where resources are available.

DEAR ABBY: One of my relatives' driver's license was suspended, and she has little hope of getting it back. This person drives on a regular basis, as much if not more often than I do, usually with her children.

My problem is she offers rides to my children. I refuse her offers because I'm not comfortable with her driving them under these circumstances.

This has created tension because she doesn't view her driving as a problem. I have not explained the circumstances to my children because I don't think they'd understand the legal issues

Could you please tell me what would happen to my children if they were with her and she was pulled over? -- UNDER PRESSURE OUT EAST

DEAR UNDER PRESSURE: According to my local police department, if your children are in the car when your relative is stopped, the police will try to contact you by phone. If they're unable to locate you or the children's father, your children would then be taken to the police department. If you are still unreachable, child protective services would be called. It is your responsibility as a mother to ensure your children's safety -- and in this case that means you should NEVER allow them in a vehicle with a driver whose license has been suspended. As to their being too young to understand, if they don't understand the phrase "because you could be badly hurt," then "because I'm your mother and I SAID so!" will have to suffice.

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - Ian Kinsler got the Texas Rangers started with a home run, then ended the game with another long ball in the 12th inning.

The bookend homers by Kinsler, between his three strikeouts, gave the Rangers a 5-3 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Sunday night to snap a four-game losing streak.

"I knew it had a chance. I was just hoping for a little gust of wind to get it over the fence," Kinsler said. We needed to get that win.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia, who set up earlier runs with the first two sacrifice bunts of his career, led off the 12th with a single off Brian Duensing (0-1) and was bunted to second by Elvis Andrus. R.A. Dickey then took over for the Twins, and instead of floating another knuckleball left a 1-2 fastball over the plate.

"It's not good, no possible way that should happen and it did," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

"Of course I regret it. It was on me," Dickey said. It was poor. The pitch history to hit a leadoff rested in my hand and I homer and end the game threw the wrong pitch. I with a homer, the team

cost us this one."

Dustin Nippert (1-0) got out of a two-on, one-out jam in the 11th and had a 1-2-3 12th after four other relievers had already combined for six scoreless innings. C.J. Wilson struck out four in two perfect innings before giving way to Nippert.

"Those guys continued to grind all night," manager Ron Washington said. 'We executed fundamentals, scratched some runs, tied the game and then took it. ... They know how bad we needed it and they fought for us. This could be the game to get us back on track.'

The win kept the Rangers, who led the AL West by as many as 51/2 games at the end of May, within a three games of the division-leading Los Angeles Angels. And it prevented Seattle from matching them for second place.

Kinsler put the Rangers up 1-0 when he hit his sixth leadoff homer of the season, and the 11th of his career to extend his own team record. He became the first player in Texas

said, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau.

After the leadoff homer, Kinsler struck out his next three at-bats, including the last outs of the fifth and seventh innings. Kinsler grounded out to start the 10th

Marlon Byrd had leadoff singles and scored in the fifth and seventh innings to tie the game at 3-3, moved to third both times on Saltalamacchia's bunts. A passed ball by All-Star catcher Joe Mauer, who appeared to be crossed up by starter Francisco Liriano, allowed Byrd to score in the fifth. Byrd came home with the tying run two innings later on

Andrus' sac fly. Mauer was 0 for 6 to drop his batting average from .367 to .358 and lose the major league lead. Seattle's Ichiro Suzuki went 3 for 4 Sunday and is

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now hitting .363.

Nick Punto had his first homer of the season among his three hits for the Twins, who missed a chance to gain ground in the AL Central after Detroit and the Chicago White Sox both lost earlier Sunday.

Punto entered the game with a .203 average, and the light-hitting shortstop hadn't hit a homer in 371 at-bats since Aug. 4. His one-out solo shot in the third off rookie left-hander Derek Holland barely cleared the 14-foot wall in left field to tie the game 1-1.

Minnesota loaded the bases an inning later and went ahead 3-1 when Denard Span had a sacrifice fly and Alexi Casilla followed with an RBI single.

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streets and medicated back If you know any members of his family, con-

tact them and tell them you have seen him. Many street people have lost touch with their loved ones, and their families do not know how to find them. If that's not possible, check your phone book for shelters or other programs that reach out to and provide help for mentally ill homeless people.

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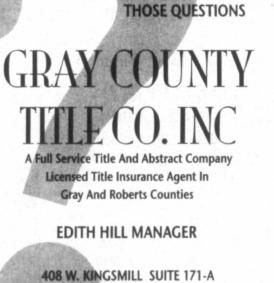
LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - Texas agriculture officials estimate drought crop and livestock losses at \$3.6 billion, and without ample rains the year's final tally could top the record set in 2006.

Crops and rangeland are scorched from lack of rainfall and record triple-digit temperatures throughout parts of Texas. Central and southern parts of the state

are in the two worst stages of drought.

Officials said in a news release Monday that if dry conditions persist losses could surpass the \$4.1 billion in agriculture losses three years ago.

Total crop losses this year are estimated at \$2.6 billion and livestock, another \$974 million since November 2008.

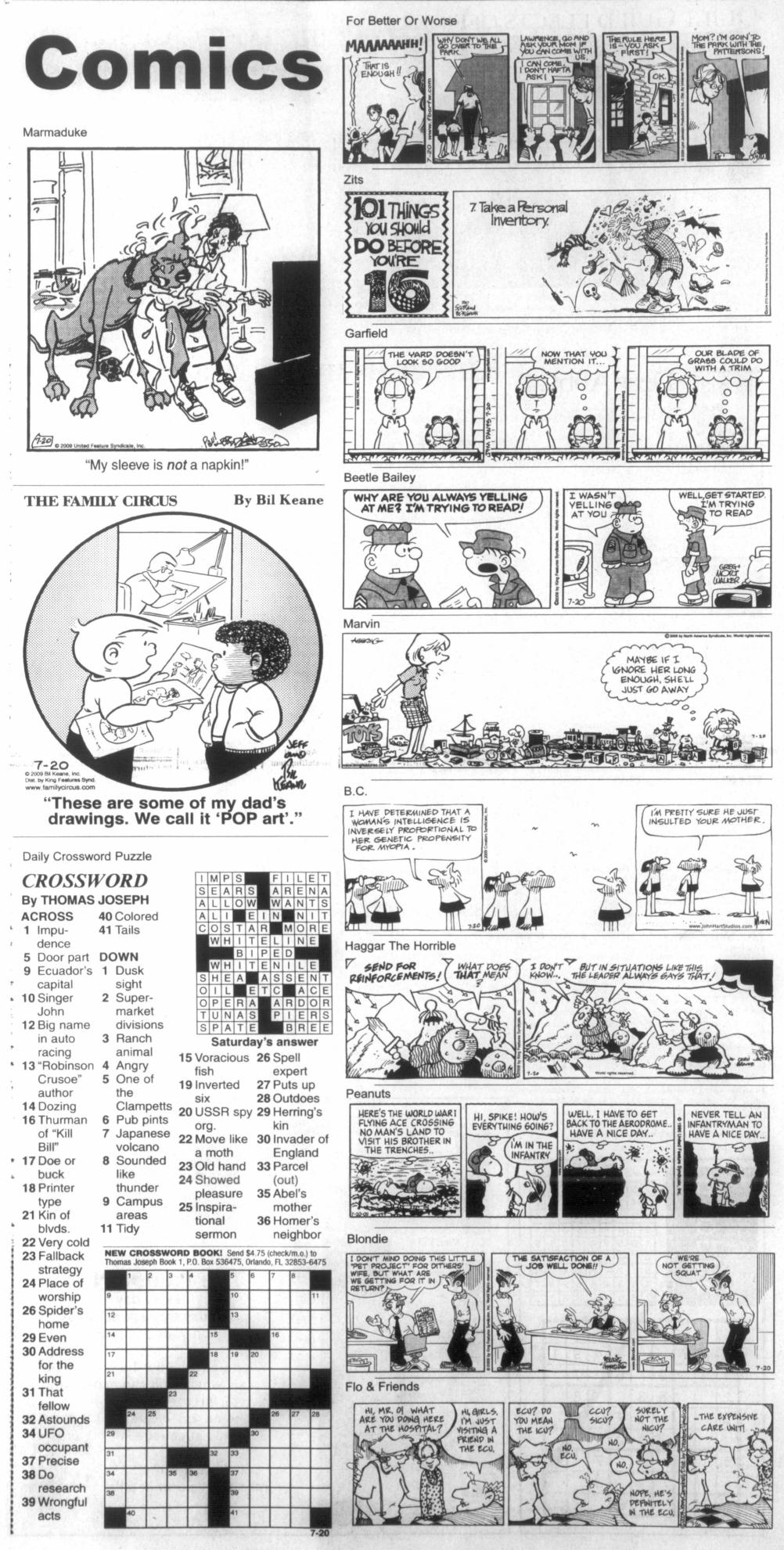


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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 21, 2009: This year could be quite significant. If you are a man, you could experience some form of identity crisis. No matter which sex, your career could be up for grabs. Women look at "their men" with confusion. Events could force you to be in touch with the significance of life decisions. If you are single, you could opt to change your status. If you are attached, remember your commitment as you work through issues. Sometimes you think it would be easier to throw in the towel. It really might not be. LEO can be quite challenging.	Review your budget. CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Today's solar eclipse in drain you. Communication could be as you might be more fragile and/or nerable than usual, taking comments sonally. Be willing to take on a new spective. Even if you disagree with if it on for size and note the succe draws. Tonight: Don't overdo it. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ** Slow down before you collapse. simply aren't seeing certain issues c ly, partly because of fatigue. Lighte and share more of your feelings. Of shed light on a situation. Tonight:	Today events will bility. The opportu doors or perhaps Tonight: Hang loo CAPRICORN (D per- t, try certing. Your abilit ss it cal issue or hand could be importan could cause you to what will occur now. Tonight: Be talker. thers AQUARIUS (Jan. Get **** You re	bec. 22-Jan. 19) ould be quite discon- ty to move past a criti- dle a personal matter at. Unexpected actions o rethink. The roots of are being established a listener rather than a . 20-Feb. 18) ead between the lines	Www.texasarc.com Chemical Delivery Driver Good driving record req. Mandatory drug test and background check. CDL with haz- mat and air brake en- dorsement will be re- quired. 1-806-228-5463 for application. 1-888- 881-3248 ask for Rog- er, Mike or Chris NEEDED Compressor mechanic with 3 plus years experience. Fax resume to Chris Watson 214-265-0455.	80 Pets & Suppl. FOR Sale Chihuahua puppies, all colors, males & females. Call 663-9054, 663-9053 FREE cat to good home. Male. Very love- able. 664-3280 MINI Schnauzer Puppies 2 left-1st shots	\$300 dep. 665-2107. SELL or Lease. 5 bdr., 3 ba. executive home in exclusive subdivision. \$175 K or \$1500 mo. 662-7557. In Lefors 2 Bdr. House Quiet Street \$300 Mo. Call 595-0656 3 bdr., 2 ba., central heat/air, 1421 Williston.	2000 Cobra
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Chamber

From Chamber Director Joe Weaver:

Greetings!

July is more than halfway over and what a hot one it has been so far. We have had enough heat to last us for many summers, but as I write this, it has cooled off enough to remind us that it won't go on forever. Sometime next January, we'll be wishing we had just a tad of the heat back. It's an old adage that only fools and newcomers try to predict weather in Texas, and I've lived in the Panhandle a long time (I would say all my life, but not quite yet), but we are always hopeful that the rest of the summer will be moderate. Whatever it is, we'll just have to take it!

I'm beginning to get my "feet wet" here. (Figuratively, speaking of course, though the bit of rain we got last week was appreciated.) A friend driving through town last week took me to eat at a local restaurant and walking in, I ran into Miles and Rita Cook. John and Faustina Curry came by the table after we were seated. It was good to see some faces of people I know. (Doubly good to be able to call them by name!)

Speaking of Miles Cook, in the past weeks I had the privilege to work with him on a project for plaques for the Cookin' on the Bricks winners. I had experience with a procedure he was unfamiliar with, but after we worked out the details, the results were outstanding. Chamber staff will be contacting the recipients



Joe Weaver to achieve our goals.

In June I attended a conference for Chamber Executives, and one of the big topics was about Chambers being accessible electronically (on the Internet, for those of you not computer savvy). The Chamber has a great website (pampachamber. and current, we have started a Facebook page. Here we can get your comments, post newsworthy items and pictures, and generally be more timely. If you have a Facebook account, just log on and search for "Pampa Chamber". (This is in the embryonic stage, so we welcome any helpful comments!) If you are not computer savvy, don't worry-we will still be here in person and on the phone.

A few quick notes: • Look for some fun things in the not-too-distant future from the Downtown Business Association.

•A hearty welcome to all Tri-State Seniors Golfers, and those who accompany them!

• Welcome to the Chamber's newest member—Parkway Package Store, owned by Doug and Teresa Davis. We'll see you at Summer Celebration on Wednesday!

The Pampa Chamber of



The Chamber has a great website (pampachamber. com), but in the hopes of becoming more versatile The Top O' Texans Gold Coats welcomed the new owners of Rasco Construction, Kevin and Alissha Jefferis with son Kolton (center), to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce on July 9, 2009. Gold Coats pictured L-R are: Richard Morris, Glennette Goode, Kathy Cota, Jerry Foote, Loyd Waters, Charles Henry, President Pat Montoya, Shelia Webb, Bob Marx, and Lynn Allison.



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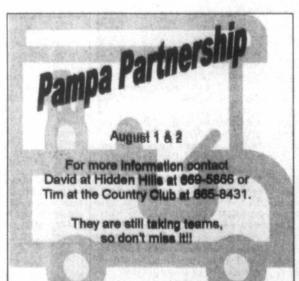
If you've been wondering "Who is this new guy at the Chamber and what's he going to do?", then I invite you to attend the Chamber Luncheon this week, sponsored by Rasco Construction and catered by Peggy's Place. I will present a brief bio of myself, but more importantly, I will define the mission of the Chamber and how we can work together

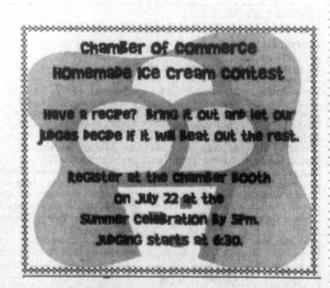
Enjoy an evening of fun and celebration! NewsChannel10 will broadcast live at 6 and 10pm from the Court House Lawn. With plenty of fun and games and LIVE entertainment in the middle. Don't miss this evening of excitement as we CELEBRATE PAMPA!

The Amarillo Star Competition LIVE Auditions, and LIVE Local Musicians

Exhibitions in each town by: Tripps Harley Davidson, Pro Shooters, Schokolad Chocolatier, Wind Works, Sleep Number, Dean Boyd, High Plains Auctioneers, Surplus and More, America Supports You, WT A&M university Athletics and more.

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