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Investigation continues in alleged abduction

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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It was a nightmare that began just after dawn. One week ago today, 19 year-old Josh Mulkey, home from college for the summer, was preparing to leave for his job at the old Celanese plant. He was getting in his truck, according to Joiner, when two armed men suddenly approached. He made a run for the house, but was tackled and subdued. They took him to an ATM and forced him to withdraw money. Joiner said Mulkey was bound with duct tape and driven to Iowa over the following 24 hours. In the meantime, she went about her day, not knowing her son had been taken. "After all," she said, "things like this don't happen in Pampa."

It wasn't until Tuesday evening when Mulkey didn't come home from work, and his girlfriend of four years couldn't find him, that they began to worry. Their concern deepened when they found out Mulkey had not showed up at work.

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SPRUCING UP



Don Stone puts up a section of a new sign on the front of the press box at Harvester Stadium this week as new artificial turf is put in place to get ready for the fall's football season.

Report: Boeing to pay gov't \$2M to settle lawsuit

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The Boeing Co. has agreed to pay \$2 million to the Justice Department to settle a whistle-blower's previously sealed claims that the company over-billed the government for work done at a plant in San Antonio, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The government joined in a 2006 lawsuit filed by former Boeing employee Edward Quintana, who claimed Boeing manipulated records to show others besides him had been maintaining Air Force KC-135 tankers when they had not, the San Antonio Express-News reported. The lawsuit was kept secret while the Justice Department investigated Quintana's claims.

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1st trial in 'fight club' case begins

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — A prosecutor told jurors Tuesday that videos showing former employees at a state facility trying to force developmentally disabled residents to fight each other would be "one of the saddest things you've ever seen."

Six former employees of the Corpus Christi State School were charged for their roles in the orchestrated late-night bouts between residents, which police called a "fight club."

At the start of the first trial Tuesday, Nueces County Assistant District Attorney Doug Mann said other former employees would testify that the fights occurred almost nightly. "This was their form of entertainment," Mann said. Jesse Salazar, 25, is the first of the former employees to go on trial. He is accused of helping to instigate the fights and failing to stop them.

Salazar's attorney, Cecil Starcher, said in his opening statement that Salazar was actually stopping the fights, which he described as a regular occurrence in a facility housing violent people.

If convicted of intentionally promoting the fights or striking a resident, Salazar could face two to 10 years in prison. If jurors decide Salazar's crime was one of omission for not stopping the fights, he could be sentenced to between six months and two years in jail.

In March, almost 20 videos dating to 2007 were discovered on a cell phone

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All in a day's work? Pampan grateful to those who saved his life

BY DAVID BOWSER
 dbowser@thepampanews.com

On the first of August, Jason Rowell, was working on a stump in his backyard when he became faint. "I got dizzy and passed out," Rowell said.

When he came to, he tried to call his wife who was going to run some errands, but passed out again. "My chest was hurting," Rowell said. "My heart was racing."

He finally made it to the front yard and flagged his wife down as she pulled out the drive. "She called 911," Rowell said, "and they showed up. I thought I was having a heart attack."

The Pampa Fire Department was the first on the scene with Capt. Keith Arzen, Engine Operator Jim Sirmans and Fire Fighter Kasey Presson. "They tried to get my heart rate down," Rowell said. "Everything they tried, they couldn't get it to come down."

When the Guardian Ambulance Service showed up, Bryan Johnson and Alan Price, also tried to get his heart rate down (Johnson is also a Pampa firefighter). "They loaded me up with some drugs," Rowell said, "and tried to get my heart rate to come down."

Nothing worked. Rowell's heart was beating 256 times

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OH, I WISH I WERE...






Chris Kitts, left, with Oscar-Mayer is welcomed to Pampa by Jose Venegas of Fiesta Food grocery store as the distinctly-shaped wiener mobile visits Pampa. Kitts said the rolling hot dog will be in the panhandle area for about a week and appearing at a food show in Amarillo Wednesday.

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PAMPA FORECAST

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Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. South wind between 10 and 15 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.

Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Eunice Kennedy Shriver dies at 88

BOSTON (AP) — President John F. Kennedy's sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, who carried on the family's public service tradition by founding the Special Olympics and championing the rights of the mentally disabled, died early Tuesday surrounded by relatives at a Hyannis hospital. She was 88.

Shriver had suffered a series of strokes in recent years and died at Cape Cod Hospital, her family said in a statement. Her husband, her five children and all 19 of her grandchildren were by her side, the statement said.

"She was the light of our lives, a mother, wife, grandmother, sister and aunt who taught us by example and with passion what it means to live a faith-driven life of love and service to others," the family said.

The hospital is near the Kennedy family compound, where her sole surviving brother, Sen. Edward Kennedy, has been battling a brain tumor.

Sen. Kennedy said his earliest memory of his sister was as a young girl "with great humor, sharp wit, and a boundless passion to make a difference."

"She understood deeply the lesson our mother and father taught us — much is expected of those to whom much has been given," he said in a statement. "Throughout her extraordinary life, she touched the lives of millions, and for Eunice that was never enough."

President Barack Obama said Shriver will be remembered as "a champion for people with intellectual disabilities, and as an extraordinary woman who, as much as anyone, taught our nation

— and our world — that no physical or mental barrier can restrain the power of the human spirit."

As celebrity, social worker and activist, Shriver was credited with transforming America's view of the mentally disabled from institutionalized patients to friends, neighbors and athletes. Her efforts were inspired in part by the struggles of her mentally disabled sister, Rosemary.

"We have always been honored to share our mother with people of good will the world over who believe, as she did, that there is no limit to the human spirit," her family said in the statement.

Obituaries

Laura Ann Walkup, 69

Amarillo — Laura Ann Walkup, 69, died August 10, 2009, in Amarillo, Texas.

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

Miss Walkup was born September 22, 1939 in Sayre, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Pampa most of her life, moving to Amarillo in 1995. She was a former member of First Baptist Church of Pampa and was a current member of Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo.

Survivors include two sisters, Jimmie Carolyn Supon of Pampa, and April Coleman of Huntington, Pennsylvania; one brother, David Walkup of Okemah, Oklahoma and one niece, Amber Hopkins of Las Vegas, Nevada.

MEMORIALS: Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, Texas 79106.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, August 10 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, August 11.

James Franklin Morgan, 23, of Shamrock, Texas, was booked Monday, on a charge of burglary of a vehicle. As of Tuesday morning, Morgan is still in jail with a \$1,000.

Icidro Andres Soto, 20, was booked Monday on charges of bond surrender DWI, capias pro fine no valid id, capias pro fine failure to maintain financial responsibility and capias pro fine display of expired registration. As of Tuesday morning Soto is still in jail with a \$1,500.

Steven Wilson Rivera, 43, of Pampa, was booked Monday on a charge of burglary of habitation. As of Tuesday morning, Rivera is still in jail with a \$5,000 bond.

Spencer Ray Boyd, 56, of Pampa, was booked Monday on a charge of terroristic threat. As of Tuesday morning, Boyd is still in jail with a \$1,000 bond.

AMBULANCE

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, August 10 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, August 11.

Monday 10:40 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to Jordan Unit, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center

11:25 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to PRMC, transported one patient to BSA.

5:19 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 700 block of N. Hobart, no patient, no transport.

9:26 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 200 block of Thut, transported one patient to BSA.

Tuesday 12:37 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to 1900 block of Hilton Road, transported on patient to PRMC.

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Monday, August 10 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, August 11.

Animal Control Officers responded to 18 calls or

stops. Pampa Police Officers made five traffic stops, had 12 ongoing investigations, and responded to three requests for information.

A suspicious person was reported in the Crawford/Campanella intersection.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 19th and Coffee intersection.

Assault was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 300 block of S. Tignor Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 100 block of E. Randy Matson Avenue.

An accident was reported in the 700 block of W. Francis Avenue.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of S. Huff Road.

Burglary was reported in the 900 block of N. Gray Street. An Xbox 360 console, controller and six games valued at an estimated \$820.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of S. Barnes Street.

An accident was reported in the 700 block of N. Hobart Street.

Burglary of motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of E. Browning

Avenue. A car stereo valued at \$250 was stolen.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of Pitts.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1900 block of N. Coffee Street.

An accident was reported in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

An open door was reported in the 100 block of N. Starkweather Street.

A terroristic threat was reported in the 400 block of Graham Street.

An injured animal was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry Street.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells Street. A 1999 Toyota Avalon was damaged

A suspicious person was reported in the Francis/Gillespie intersection.

A harassing call was reported in the 700 block of E. 15th Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of E. Foster Avenue.

A prowler was reported in the 500 block of N. Lowry Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Russell/Kentucky intersection.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of N. Cuyler.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009:

This year, emphasize the pluses in your life. Your presence makes a strong impact. How others perceive you might have very little to do with the real you. Sometimes that discrepancy causes problems. Work on merging the differences. If you are single, you draw many people in because of your unmistakable charisma. Reveal the real you. If you are attached, the two of you benefit from doing more together in the community or in your immediate circle of friends. TAURUS pushes you into the limelight.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Observe a tendency to be extremely willful and demanding. If you see a situation one way, it doesn't mean that another way is wrong. How you handle an impending situation and the way it evolves could be very different. Tonight: Pay bills first.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

***** You could be a bit overwhelmed by what goes on behind the scenes. Stay on top, and work with someone directly. You know where you want to be with a situation. Read the signposts and understand the ramifications of the chosen path. Tonight: Build your confidence. Go for what you want. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your perspective could change because of observations. Keep your eyes wide open, spotting possibilities more clearly. Listen to news with a touch of cynicism. Be willing to revamp your thinking and move forward. Tonight: Get

some extra R and R.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

***** Zero in on what you want. A partner explores ideas in an interesting and dynamic manner. You would be wise to do more listening. How you handle a personal matter depends on your energy. On certain levels, you allow others to take over. Tonight: A must appearance. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

***** What you see might be colored by other points of view. Keep the facts in mind. If you focus on the goal, you'll hit a home run. No one can stop you, or wants to. Tonight: Let your mind relax. Make it OK for some imaginative ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

***** By being aware of your limitations, you invest more time and effort in a project that could be exhausting you. Listen to news from a child or loved one who might trigger strong reactions. Distance yourself from an immediate problem and get past it. You might even be amazed that there ever was an issue. Tonight: Let your mind romp.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Your ability to move a project forward could be curtailed by an onslaught of others' demands. You might not always be in sync with prevalent thought. Let it go for now. You willingly add yet another perspective. Tonight: Dinner for two.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** Let others dominate; you cannot change their needs. If you want to do something different or open up to new possibilities, evaluate the process to get there. Your creativity surges beyond any level you thought possible. In a sense, you are freed up. Tonight: Go with the best offer.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

***** Listen to news that heads your way. Your path and knowledge could go in a new direction. Listen to feedback from an associate or co-worker. This person just might have a point. Tonight: Put your feet up.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

***** If you find someone reacting strangely, you might look at yourself. Recently, you've started to present yourself differently. Your imagination melds with intellect, making for a unique creativity. Don't hold back; express your ideas. Tonight: Fun and games.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Look at the whole story before making a decision. Everything might not be exactly as it seems. Your focus needs to be on how you think and feel about a key person in your life. Make this person feel at ease with your decisions. A situation is changing. Tonight: Entertain from home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

***** Keep reaching beyond the obvious. Though often you might be triggered by someone, go back into your thoughts. You are on top of your game. Even if you want to, you might not be able to accommodate a friend as much as he or she might like. Stay on top of your game. Tonight: Hang out with pals.

BORN TODAY

Actress Jane Wyatt (1910), singer Joe Jones (1926), musician Roy Hay (1961)

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San Antonio policeman run over after bank heist

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — San Antonio police say a bank robbery suspect ran over one of their officers who was trying to thwart the getaway Tuesday. Authorities say the officer was hospitalized Tuesday after his leg was run over while he tried to pull the keys out of the suspected getaway vehicle.

Police Chief William McManus says the officer managed to fire two shots after being dragged alongside the getaway car. McManus says the officer's injuries aren't thought to be life-threatening. He also says the suspect was wounded in the arm by the officer's gunshots. Neither the names of the

officer or suspect were immediately released. Police say the incident happened after someone robbed the drive-through teller at a San Antonio Credit Union branch in southwestern San Antonio with the threat of a grenade.

Abduction

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Joiner and Mulkey's girlfriend stayed together, and spread the word Mulkey was nowhere to be found.

The Joiner's large extended family and Mulkey's friends and former Harvester teammates all helped look for him.

This was Joiner's worst fear realized: What would I do if my child disappeared?

"It was a nightmare," she said "This is our child. I've always been kind of obsessive about knowing where my children are."

She called the Pampa Police Department and reported Mulkey missing.

A frantic search continued for Mulkey, family and friends frustrated by what they perceived as a lack of urgency on the part of law enforcement.

However, a 19 year-old is an adult and there was nothing to investigate if there was no evidence of foul play.

Police asked officers in the region to be on the lookout for Mulkey's vehicle and to ask him to call home if he was located.

Early Wednesday morning Joiner said Mulkey woke up alone in his truck. His alleged kidnappers were gone.

Not knowing where he was or if the men would be back, Joiner said Mulkey chewed the duct tape to free his hands and then was able to unbind his feet.

Then he ran. The Waterloo, Iowa, police helped the young man, who was disoriented, dehydrated and exhausted.

Waterloo police contacted Joiner and her husband and they flew to Iowa late Wednesday.

The Iowa police treated Josh well, his mother said, giving him food and hotel room.

However, she said the officers found Mulkey's story "outlandish."

"So do we," she said. "We never thought anything like this could happen in Pampa. I think of all the people who walk in the morning in our neighborhood, it could have been anyone."

She said Waterloo detectives grilled Mulkey and he understood that they were trying to help. But nothing about the abduction makes sense to the family.

"We know he's not involved with drugs," Joiner said. "But we realize the police have to check out everything. They went through his computer. There was nothing even slightly out of the ordi-

nary." "Josh isn't an angel, but he's a good kid, he's never been one to get in trouble," she added. "It makes him mad when people break the law."

Because Mulkey was transported across state lines, the FBI has been consulted, but local police say the FBI is not the lead agency on the case.

Details of the case are not being released by the Pampa Police Department at this time due to the ongoing investigation.

The Waterloo Police Department is providing assistance with the investigation.

Anyone with information concerning the kidnapping is urged to contact the Pampa Police Department at 806-669-5700 or Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers at 806-669-2222.

Fight

that was found at a clothing store and later turned in to police. The videos showed staff at the school forcing residents into fights, kicking them to egg them on.

The videos even showed the employees using pranks

to try to get the residents to fight each other, Mann told jurors.

"It's one of the saddest things you've ever seen," he said.

Two of the former employees charged in the

case reached deals with prosecutors and were scheduled to testify in Salazar's trial. Another pleaded guilty in July and is awaiting sentencing.

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Boeing

Boeing spokeswoman Deborah Vannierop told the newspaper the company denies it made false claims but cooperated with the review and has corrected "internal charging" issues.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Harold Brown Jr. helped negotiate the settlement.

Quintana's lawyers say he is entitled to as much as

25 percent of the \$2 million payout.

Vannierop declined comment on Quintana's lawsuit that Boeing retaliated and fired him because he reported the alleged violations. She said the company encourages employees to report wrongdoing.

Quintana said Boeing made false claims, from 2002 to 2005, at what was

formerly known as the Boeing Logistics Support System at then-KellyUSA in San Antonio. The former Air Force base is now called Port San Antonio. The maintenance unit is now known as Boeing's Global Services and Support San Antonio Facility.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 18-year-old sister, "Cheryl," left home abruptly a week ago. She suddenly stopped taking all her medications, shut off her cell phone and left town with her underage boyfriend. She is a delightful person who also happens to be diabetic, asthmatic and bipolar. Mom received one phone call (from a landline) mentioning that she "might" be heading toward the East Coast.

I consider my sister dangerous to herself and others because she has a history of reckless violence when she's off her meds. My question is, how can you find someone who doesn't want to be found when they NEED to be found?

HEARTBROKEN SISTER IN INDIANA

DEAR SISTER: If you think YOU are worried, what about the parents of the underage boy? Your next step should be to contact them and also your mother, so that all of you can notify the police and report them missing. And

when you do, be sure to inform them that your sister has several conditions that require medications, that she's off all of them and could be a danger to herself and the young man. Then cross your fingers.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently met a woman I really connect with, but I have a problem with settling down. I have always had difficulty restricting myself to one person when I'm seriously dating. I want to change so my lifestyle won't come back and bite me in the butt -- but I'm not sure what to do.

What I'm asking is, what do you suggest for someone like me to get comfortable with the idea of settling down so that I won't be destined for failure? -- UNSURE IN RICHMOND, VA.

DEAR UNSURE: Slow down. You may have been dating the wrong women. When two people are truly compatible, there is less temptation to look for other company. Take things slowly and get to know the lady you're cur-

rently dating. If she qualifies in all the areas you think are important and you still find yourself looking around for something in addition, then you may have a problem and should talk to a therapist because no one woman can ever completely satisfy a man who craves variety.

DEAR ABBY: My father, who is in bad health, recently announced that he would like to be cremated and buried at the foot of my mother's grave. My birth mother died 28 years ago when I was 2, after they had been married only three years.

Dad married my stepmother when I was 8. I feel he should be buried with the wife he's been with for 22 years. She is the one who has seen him through the worst times in his life, his heart attack and stroke. My stepmother seems to have no negative feelings

about it.

Am I wrong for thinking that a husband and wife should lie side-by-side when their time comes -- with a single headstone with their names and dates of birth/death/marriage? Or is there some tradition I don't know about that he should be buried with his first wife? -- ENQUIRING IN CLARKSTON, WASH.

DEAR ENQUIRING: Your stepmother is realistic and unsentimental. She knows your father was married before, and they may have discussed this between the two of them. Perhaps she feels that because your father prefers to be interred with your mother, that's where he belongs. Your stepmother had him during the most important years -- while he was living and breathing. And who knows? She may marry again, so think positively.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2009. There are 142 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
On Aug. 11, 1909, the first recorded use of the S.O.S. distress signal in North America was by the steamship SS Arapahoe, which had broken down off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

On this date:
In 1919, Germany's Weimar Constitution was signed by President Friedrich Ebert.

In 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at the island prison Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay.

In 1942, during World War II, Pierre Laval, prime minister of Vichy France, publicly declared that "the hour of liberation for France is the hour when Germany wins the war."

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Vietnam.

In 1956, abstract painter Jackson Pollock, 44, died in an automobile accident on Long Island, N.Y.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan joked during a voice test for a paid political radio address that he had "signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."

In 1992, the Mall of America opened in Bloomington, Minn.

Ten years ago: White supremacist Buford O. Furrow, wanted in the wounding of five people at a Los Angeles Jewish community center and the shooting death of a mail carrier the day before, turned himself in to the FBI in Las Vegas and waived extradition to Los Angeles. (Furrow is serving life in prison.) A tornado tore across Salt Lake City, killing one person.

Five years ago: Britain granted its first license for human cloning for the purpose of stem cell research. The U.S. women's soccer team defeated home team Greece 3-to-0 on the first day of competition in the 2004 Olympic Games (the opening ceremony took place two days later).

Today's Birthdays: Actress Arlene Dahl is 81. Actress Anna Massey is 72. Songwriter-producer Kenny Gamble is 66. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 66. Country singer John Conlee is 63. Singer Eric Carmen is 60. Sen. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., is 60. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 59. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 56. Singer Joe Jackson is 55. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 52. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 45. Actress Viola Davis is 44. Actor Duane Martin is 44. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 42. R&B musician Chris Dave is 41. Actress Anna Gunn is 41. Actress Ashley Jensen is 41.

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The middle American revolution

By Martha Randolph Carr

The bill that's coming due for all of the bailouts may accomplish what no politician has been able to since George Washington ran for president and won over the hearts of constituents by buying rounds in local pubs.

Just the murmurs of middle income tax increases to pay for the economic bailout and healthcare reform are getting the quiet, suburban Middle American voter who just wanted to be left alone to raise his family and hang out with his neighbors to start gathering together. An even bigger surprise is that they're crossing party lines.

Instead of separating into media-designated red or blue squares these people have started comparing notes and have had the audacity to start compromising in order to come up with the most comprehensive solutions that fall within a budget not conjured out of fairy dust. It boggles the lobbyist mind-set.

Dangerous times for the bigwigs in Washington when there's an angry

mob of voters on the loose who are no longer easy to appease with catchy slogans. These middle-aged protesters are even coming up with their own plans, more bad news and it could result in grassroots efforts with innovative ideas that don't include AIG executives on a cruise while police officers and public school teachers are laid off.

Middle America is coming together in unprecedented red-faced numbers and shouting, 'enough'. It was visible on the faces of the voters at town hall meetings with President Obama who weren't asking questions as much as venting frustration.

This particular swath of America is an interesting bunch because most of them started to come of age during the late '60's and early '70's when protest and creating actual change was all the rage. They have actual practice at a lot of this and have seen how powerful a thousand voices willing to work together can be over a small group of powerfully connected legislators with agendas.

It's a very tricky business to raise expectations of

change, which means new and different, after years of watching everything slide into a black hole. At first, when the Obama administration spent us further into the hole it was seen as a mop-up of what had come before them. Sometimes we get left with someone else's big steaming pile and those are never pretty to fix.

However, somewhere in there the middle class expected a little something for themselves. That's not unreasonable even in times like these.

Just ask all those executives who were fired for running their companies into the ground but went home with millions in their pockets. Even better, ask the ones who have kept their jobs despite an extremely poor job performance. They know how this game is played.

Instead, it's as if the politicians conveniently went to the bathroom when the check arrived at the table and have assumed we're big enough suckers to just handle it. That's understandable given our previous reluctance to organize around middle class issues.

But, pay attention because the times are changing. At some point everyone gets tired of being taken for granted and for the middle class the time has arrived. We get it now. The politicians just aren't that into us and are only going to call when they need something before they head back to the deep pockets they truly love.

That's okay because we can take care of ourselves and just you wait and see. The strength of America was never at the top. It's always been with the average American voter who gets up and goes to work, shows up at school night and takes care of their elderly parents. Finally, they're catching on to that too and are organizing everywhere to come up with their own agenda. It's as if we've finally kicked the freeloaders out of the basement.

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Letters to the editor

To the editor,
In the face of growing criticism among our youth, I wanted to let you know of a group of 11 young men that Pampa should be very proud of. The 11-12 year old all star team represented the city of Pampa in a way that we should all be proud of. These young men practiced hard and spent many long, hot hours working on their baseball skills. The team dominated at the West Texas State tournament, going 3-0 and advancing to the Southwest Regional tournament in Springdale, Arkansas. The boys won with humility and I never heard any derogatory comments made about our opponents.

The team knew the competition level would increase dramatically at the Regional level, and even though Pampa went 0-2, the boys lost with dignity and their heads held high. We played against teams that had between 100 and 300 kids in their leagues to choose from, while we had a total of 44 kids in our league this year. I compare that to a 2A school playing against a 5A school. The boys never backed down and played hard until the final out of each game.

The boys were required by league rules to stay with host families while in Arkansas. I didn't have one single complaint from any of the host families and I heard on more than one occasion what great kids we had. They were respectful to their host families and that is something we should all be proud of.

Before the tournament started, there was a banquet for the players that was held at a minor league ballpark there in Springdale. Pampa had almost 40 parents, grandparents or friends that attended that banquet. We had by far the most representation at the banquet and the support for these kids was unbelievable. The tournament director said several times he was shocked with the number of tickets that the

Pampa team purchased.

The boys will hopefully look back on this summer and remember what it felt like when that last out was made to win the state tournament, and I hope they will also remember what it felt like when the season ended in Arkansas. I hope along the way, they learned a little bit about themselves and what it takes to succeed, and how to deal with life when you don't succeed. We told the kids to dream big, work hard and set lofty goals. Sometimes, you reach your goals and sometimes you fall short, but never stop trying. And this team never stopped trying.

I personally want to thank all 11 kids for all of their hard work. I know I will never forget this sum-

mer and will look back fondly to all the good things this team accomplished. I want to thank the parents and grandparents for all of their support. This ride would not have been possible without your support. We also had numerous businesses donate money to help with our expenses and there is way too many to list here. To all of you, thank you for your financial support.

I also want to thank the other coaches, Chris Engle and Kennan Davis. They spent many hours coaching these kids and getting them ready to play.

Kevin Hunt
Pampa

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BUSINESS REVIEW

SHEPARD'S CROOK NURSING AGENCY

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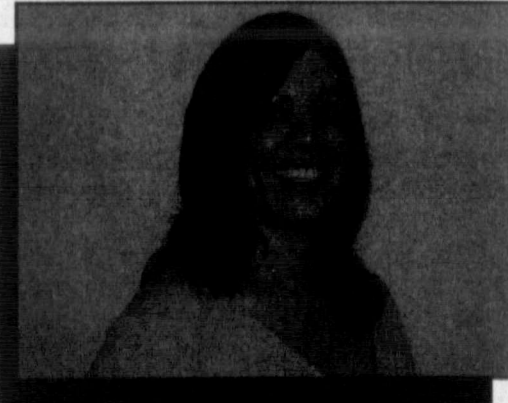
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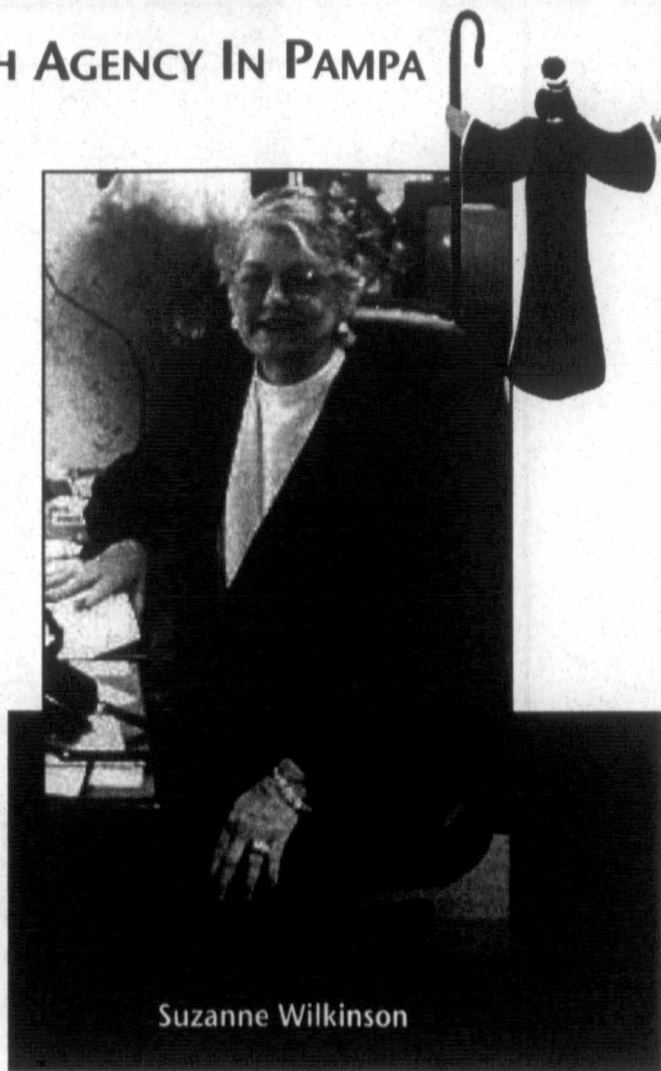
LaGayla Wheat and Matthew Kirkpatrick



Dauna Wilkinson



Pam Dalton



Suzanne Wilkinson

Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest Road, has its heart in Pampa, but strives to provide quality in-home health care to the entire locality. The agency is symbolic of the care of a shepherd's staff (crook) guiding those in his care to a better path and safety. So are the goals of the Shepard's staff in assisting our clients to a healthier life.

Owners Ernie and Suzie Wilkinson, both Pampa natives, have been in business for 20 years. They are members and ministers of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa.

Suzie and Ernie have a BA in business and a Masters in Health Management. They both have extensive background and training in federal and state regulations, and have served on many state and national boards and committees representing Home Health.

"Our nurses are board certified in home health, pediatrics and wound care," Suzie said.

The agency currently employs 75 skilled workers including licensed RNs and LVNs, a Licensed Occupational Therapist, a Licensed Physical Therapist, a Licensed Speech Therapist, a Physical Therapy Assistant and a number of Texas Certified Home Health Aides.

Michael Kirkpatrick acts as administrator and director of nursing. Teresa Henson is office operations manager. Both have been with Shepard's Crook since its inception.

Shepard's Crook currently serves all counties in the Texas Panhandle and has offices in Pampa, Amarillo, Borger, Clarendon and Shamrock.

Dedicated to meeting the needs of their individual clients, the Wilkinsons believe a successful business should give back to the community.

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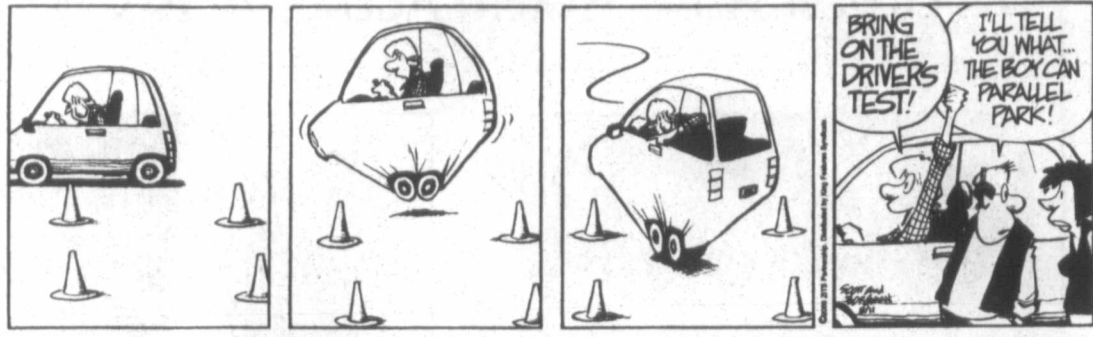


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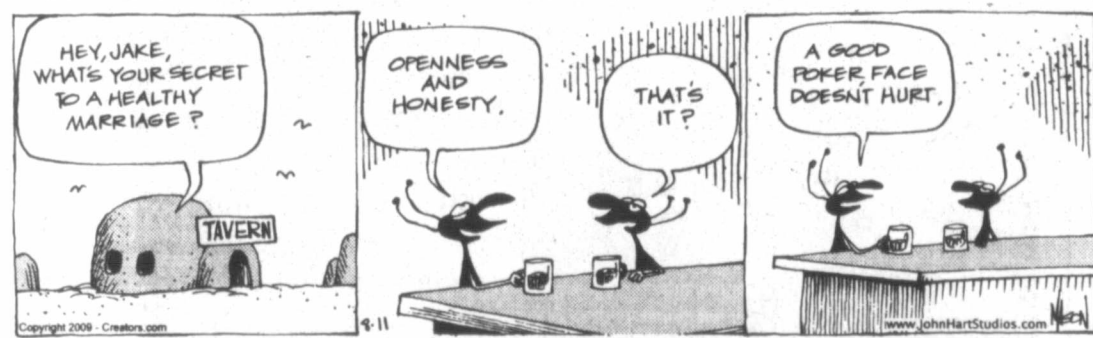
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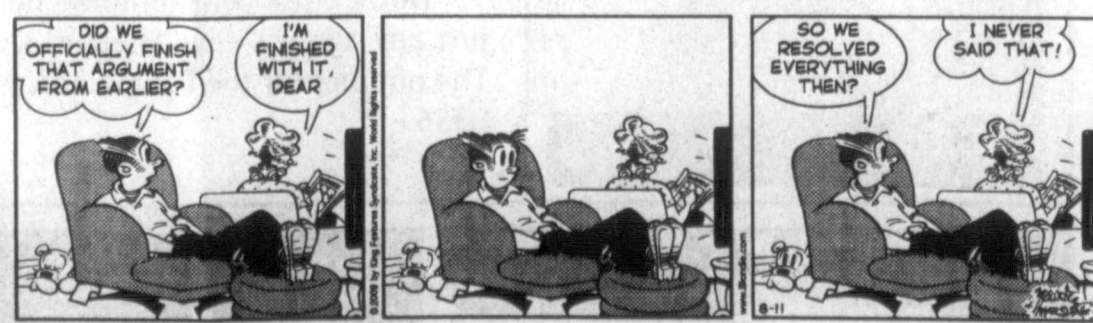
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"Daddy's lettin' his whiskers grow. Why can't I let my dirt grow?"

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS DOWN

- 1 Crime outings
- 7 Despise
- 11 Eggy dish
- 12 Milky stone
- 13 Keyboard pros
- 15 Deadly snake
- 16 High-school student
- 18 Auction bids
- 21 Helsinki native
- 22 Set, as the sun
- 24 Tack on
- 25 Mover's truck
- 26 "The Matrix" hero
- 27 Wild cards, often
- 29 Stallion-to-be
- 30 Reach across
- 31 Rank above viscount
- 32 D'Ar-tagnan's creator
- 34 Leaders
- 40 Way to go
- 41 Belgrade setting
- 42 Brewed drinks
- 43 Elitist

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Yesterday's answer

- 19 Generous person
- 20 Massive wave
- 21 Craze
- 22 Balloon fill
- 23 Negating word
- 25 Adonis' love
- 28 Academy attendees
- 29 Cuban leader
- 31 Consumed
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- 34 Parrot or puppy
- 35 Tin Man's prop
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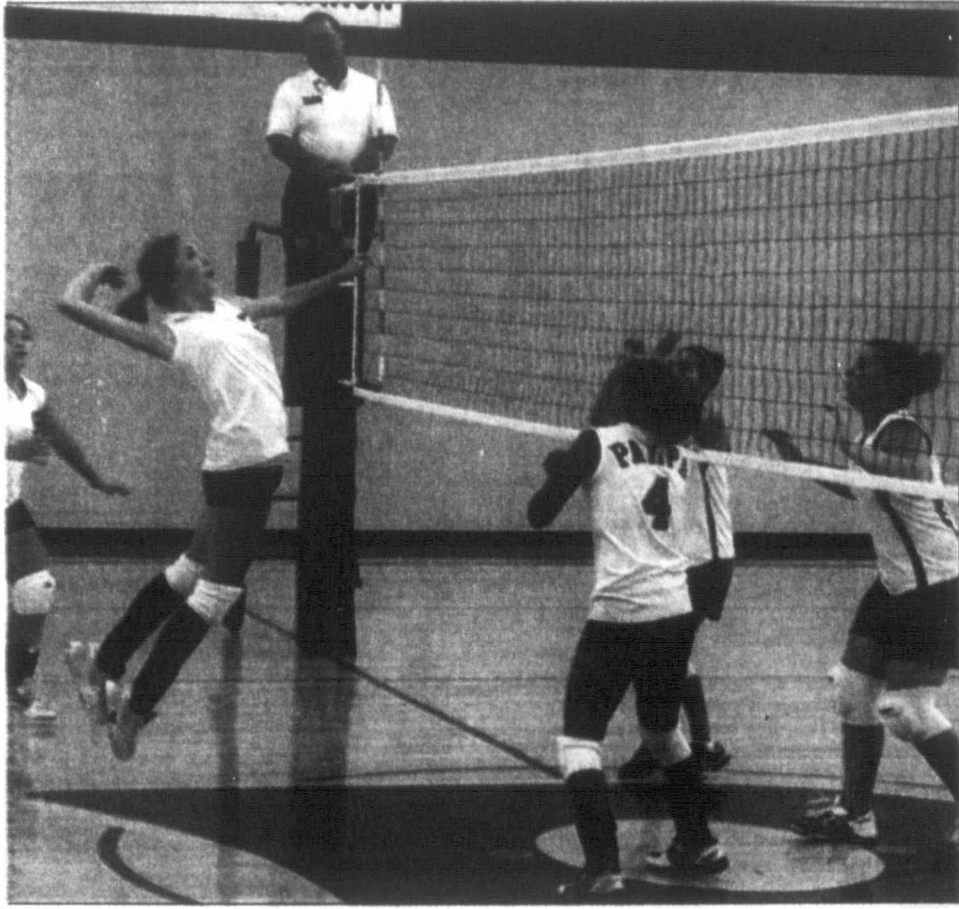
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Sports

Lady Harvesters Power Past Rangerettes



staff photo by Andrew Glover

Lady Harvester Hannah Baker (3) jumps for a ball, looking to power it past the Rangerettes during Pampa's victory Tuesday night.

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The freshman Lady Harvester volleyball team defeated the freshmen Perryton Rangerettes 16-25, 25-19, 25-15, Monday night at the South Impact.

Coach Deanna Polasek said she thought her team did well for their first game.

"We kept moving our feet and didn't quit," Polasek said.

The Lady Harvesters (1-0) did have to overcome some first game nerves. After Pampa scored the first point of the game, The Rangerettes (0-1) scored nine unanswered prompting Polasek to call a timeout. Perryton led by as many as 15.

"We weren't get anything going," Polasek said. "We did get something going at the end of the game."

Pampa was able to put a run together at the end of the game, thanks to Hannah Baker's serving.

The Lady Harvesters outscored the Rangerettes 11-5 before losing 25-16. The Lady Harvesters not only lost the game but Monica Zubia sprained her ankle and had limited action in the final two games.

The second game started back and forth. The largest lead was three, by Perryton at 8-5, and 9-6. The Lady

Harvesters tied the game at nine, but the Rangerettes went on a 6-2 run prompting a time out by Polasek.

After the time out, Pampa took control outscoring Perryton 14-4 to force a deciding third game.

Diamond Marrufo and Alison Alexander provided most of the points during the run.

In the third game, the Lady Harvesters only trailed three times, and all three were only by one. After trailing 7-6, Pampa scored five unanswered to take a 12-7 lead. The Lady Harvesters did not let the Rangerettes to get closer

than four the rest of the game.

Pampa led by as many as eight, before winning by 10. Coach Polasek said she was pleased with the way her middles played.

"They were strong in hitting," Polasek said. The ninth grade coach said they need to work on a little bit of everything.

"We need to work on transitioning and getting off the net quickly," Polasek said.

The freshmen's next game is at the Riverroad Tournament, Friday through Saturday.

Harvesters to face Rockets

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team open the season at 5 p.m. tonight against the Amarillo Rockets at home in the McNeely Gym.

Head coach Libby Garza said the Rockets are a team with home-schooled students and are usually pretty good.

"Last year they beat us," Garza said. "We're hungry for this match. They play

kind of how we play."

The head volleyball coach said the Rockets put in a strong effort against anyone they play.

"They fight and don't give up," Garza said. "They have good pursuit and effort."

Garza said her team looks to frustrate the Rockets defense.

"I think they will have a tough time with Kara (Stephens)," Garza said. "Our key to the game is

to pass and serve aggressively."

The coach said her team was slow in practice after their scrimmage last Saturday, but she thinks they will be ready tonight.

"They know them (the Rockets) personally," Garza said. "So it's kind of a rivalry."

The Lady Harvesters will travel to Canyon for the Canyon/Randall Tournament Friday through Saturday.

Small-Fry Fishing Tourney Association

A working session of the Small-Fry Fishing Tournament Association will be held this Sunday, August 16 at 3:00 p.m. at Lake Meredith NRA headquarters, 419 E. Broadway, Fritch. Committees are being formed to help with various aspects of the tournament, which will be held

September 12 at the Stilling Basin in Spring Canyon. Volunteers are needed to serve on the different committees and for day of tournament activities such as registration, cooking, and assisting youngsters who have never fished. All interested parties are invited to attend Sunday's

meeting. Future meetings will be held Sunday, August 30 and Sunday, September 6 at 3:00 p.m. At Lake Meredith NRA headquarters.

For information, contact Win Bishop at 806-857-2541.

Hidden Hills Scramble

Hidden Hills Ladies Monday Nite Scramble results:

First Place -31
Bill Hammer
Bob Cook
Skelly Cook

Second Place -32
Shane Fields
Buddy Allen
Debbie Stroud

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

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: INSANITY IS HEREDITARY; YOU CAN GET IT FROM YOUR CHILDREN. — SAM LEVENSON

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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Level: Beginner

Good Luck Ladies!

2009 Property Tax Rates in City of Pampa

This notice concerns 2009 property tax rates for City of Pampa. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 2,236,962
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 778,973
Last year's total taxes	\$ 3,015,935
Last year's tax base	\$ 453,524,060
Last year's total tax rate	0.66500 /\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 2,901,662
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 474,655,463
- This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	0.61131 /\$100
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 3,465,967
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 474,655,463
- This year's effective operating rate	0.73021 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.78862 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.11349 /\$100
- This year's total rollback rate	0.90211 /\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.27518 /\$100
- Rollback tax rate	0.62693 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If City of Pampa adopts a 2009 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of .61131 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2008 taxes by \$97,244.

Schedule B - 2009 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payments to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Certificate of Obligation 1999 Series	\$120,000	\$6,120	\$0	\$126,120
General Obligation REF 2001 Series	\$305,000	\$38,200	\$0	\$343,200
Certificate of Obligation Police 2005 Series	\$15,480	\$18,231	\$0	\$33,711
Certificate of Obligation 2008 Series	\$7,848	\$16,200	\$0	\$24,048
Certificate of Obligation 2009 Series	\$1,526	\$13,265	\$0	\$14,791
Total Required for 2009 Debt Service				\$541,870
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
Total to be paid from taxes in 2009				\$541,870
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2009				\$0
Total Debt Levy				\$541,870

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,313,800 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell St., Pampa TX 79065.
Name of person preparing this notice: Gays Whitehead RTA
Title: Gray County Tax Assessor Collector
Date Prepared: August 4, 2009

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