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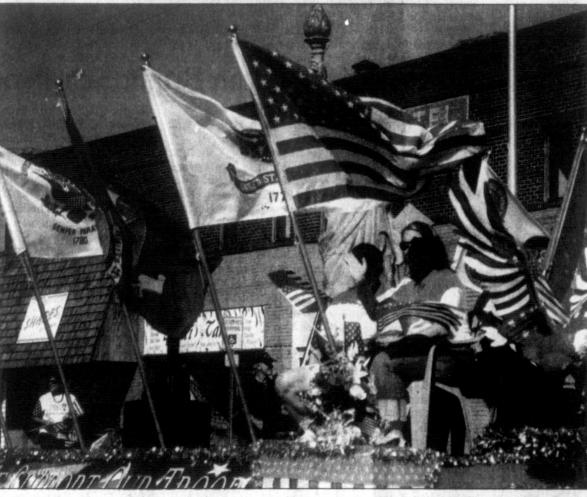
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RODEO PARADE



staff photo by **Betsy Phillips** The annual Top 'O Texas Rodeo parade entertained spectators downtown Saturday morning. For results and more photos, see page 5.

Sen. Hutchison announces run for Texas governor

LA MARQUE, Texas (AP) -

County attorney's office gets system upgrade

AND & GRAVEL

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Gray County Attorney Josh Seabourn will get an expanded data network as the county upgrades his office's computer system.

Seabourn appeared before the Gray County Commission Friday to explain the expended and updated system.

"Currently, we use two different software packages to track hot check cases and to track criminal cases," Seabourn told the commissioners Friday morning. "Both of those programs date back to sometime in 2002. They're about seven years old."

When Seabourn came into office, he said the county was paying about \$500 a month to maintain the software, but because the county wasn't getting very good service, it was cancelled.

"We started saving that money," Seabourn said.

But after seven years, the company that had the online software was absorbed by another company.

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U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison announced her run for Texas governor Monday with a sharp blast at Gov. Rick Perry, saying he has overstayed his welcome with an administration marked by arrogance and "tragic" mistakes.

Hutchison, using her old high school as a backdrop, also proposed limiting governors to two, four-year terms. She called Perry a "dedicated public servant," but otherwise laid into him. Perry, in office since 2000, is the longest serving governor in Texas history. "Now he's trying to stay too long — 14 years," Hutchison said. "After ten Perry years, where are

we?" Perry took over the remainder of former President George W. Bush's second term as governor and has been elected to two, fouryear terms since.

Hutchison answered her own question by saying the state is awash in debt, leads the nation in uninsured children and suffers from the highest property taxes in the country. She singled out the Texas Department of Public Transportation, calling it the "most arrogant, unaccountable state agency in the history of Texas."

The state's senior U.S. senator also belittled Perry's decision to turn down \$550 million in federal stimulus money to help the state's



U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas comments during a news conference officially announcing her candidacy for Texas governor Monday, Aug. 17, 2009 in La Marque, Texas. Hutchison is planning to give up her Senate seat this fall so she can focus on the governor's race full-time.

empty unemployment insurance trust fund. She described the move as politically motivated and "irresponsible."

Her highly critical speech underscored the bitter clash that the Republican primary for Texas governor is becoming.

The rancor was evident from the moment Hutchison's vast entourage pulled into the parking lot of La Marque High School, the site of her first event. Perry's aides had already parked a large truck carrying an oversized picture of the senator with a sign emblazoned across the front: "Kay Bailout Express," it read in reference to Hutchison's vote in favor of the 2008 financial rescue package.

Perry spokesman Mark Miner also showed up at the gymnasium where Hutchison was speaking

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added 10,000 branches in boom

DALLAS (AP) — Banks expanded at a breathtaking pace over the past five years, adding more than 10,000 full-service branches, but barely 1 in 10 were in inner-city, minority neighborhoods, another sign the financial spending spree skipped over substantial parts of the country.

The discrepancy means millions of people who don't live near a bank have had to hand over \$2, \$5 or \$10 at a time — sometimes even more — in service fees to nonbank outlets to conduct basic transactions such as cashing checks or paying bills that most bank customers take for granted.

Nearly six branches were added every day, with bank offices rac-

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Comptroller distributes \$544 mil in local sales tax

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs today said the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in July, down 11.6 percent compared to one year ago. remain weak," Combs said. "The sharp drop in revenue is a reflection of the current poor performance of these sectors as well as unusually strong sales tax collections in July 2008."

"Sales tax collections in July were again down significantly as major sectors of the economy, such as retail trade; oil and natural gas; and construction, tax allocations to local governments are down 2.2 percent compared to this time last year.

Combs sent sales tax payments of \$367.4 million to Texas cities, down 6.5 percent compared to last August. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax revenues trail 2008 by 2.3 percent. Sales tax payments of \$33.8 million went to Texas counties, 4.2 percent below last August. So far in calendar year 2009, county sales tax allocations are up 0.2 percent compared to last year.

In addition, \$21.2 million in sales tax revenue went to 151 special purpose taxing districts, down 0.8 percent compared to August 2008. Ten local transit systems received \$121.5 million, down 9 percent compared to a year ago.

August sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

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PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday		
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High 86	High 91	High 85		

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

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 pm. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 91. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. Northeast wind between 10 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 68. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Obituaries

Charles Lee Roy McCarthy, 68

Charles Lee Roy McCarthy, 68, passed away Saturday, August 8, 2009 at his home in Odessa. He was born June 21, 1941 to Deward "Cotton" Charles and Juanita McCarthy in Pampa, Texas. He married Betty Carpenter on June 12, 1959 in Pampa, Texas.

Charles worked in the oil field most of his life and spent time as a safety engineer for Chevron Oil Company.

He loved to spend time with his family in the and John Charles Ward.

Janet Lynn

Colorado mountains. His He also has a number of favorite pastime was being "papa" to his grandchildren. He was preceded in

Silverio, Connie, Christina, death by his parents, his and Naomi Garcia. wife Betty, and a brother, Ronnie McCarthy.

He is survived by two at 2:00 p.m. in the Chapel daughters; Elizabeth Marie at Frank Wilson Funeral McCarthy of Denver Directors in Odessa City, Texas and Crystal Lee Ward and husband made in his name to the Marshall of Sherman, American Cancer Society. Texas; two grandchildren,

Funeral arrangements entrusted to Frank Wilson McCarthy Katherine Elizabeth Ward

Funeral Directors. Janet Lynn Bright Scheller, 42

Bright in Poolville.

Scheller, formerly of Pampa, 42, of Wichita Falls, died Friday July 10, 2009 in her home.

Graveside services were held at the Poolville Cemetery on July 15, 2009

Janet was born 23 June 1967 in Pampa.

Matthews, of Wichita Falls, her Father Floyd Dale Bright of Fairview Heights,

Illinois; daughter Elizabeth Thomas of Wichita Falls; son, Alexander Scheller ters, Angelia Kirkland of Decatur, Donna Bolf of Wichita Falls; three grandchildren, Nicholet Thomas,

An alarm was reported

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people that he loved as

family: Jackie, Alan, and

Grant Lehr, and Gloria,

Memorial services were

Memorials may be

Thursday, August 13, 2009

William Scheller and Abigail Scheller; one halfsister, Belinda McDonald of Spur; one half-brother, Ronald Bright of Fairview heights, Illinois and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

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Survivors include her Mother, Nola Jane

of Wichita Falls; two sis-

EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents over the weekend.

Police made 26 trafficrelated stops and worked seven accidents.

Officers made 32 animal related calls.

There were 13 medical emergency calls.

Friday, Aug. 14

Police were called to Pampa High School on a missing computer.

Officers were called to the 2200 block of Perryton Parkway on an alarm.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Lefors was reported. Fraud was reported to the

Pampa Police Department. Officers performed one funeral escort.

in the 1800 block of North Disorderly conduct was Hamilton, in the 1000 reported in the 1400 block block of South Hobart and of North Hobart.

in the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen. in the 100 block of South A theft was reported Hobart and the 1200 block

in the 800 block of North of Crane. Frost. A theft was reported in performed in the 1400

A prowler was reported

the 500 block of Doucette. A suspicious vehicle was reported at the railroad tracks and Starkweather. block of West 30th.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of reported in the 300 block of Roberts. South Henry.

A domestic disturbance was reported at Crawford performed in the 600 block and Prairie.

of East Frederic. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 was reported in the 600 block of North Christine. block of West 17th. Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block reported in the 1000 block

of North Roberts. of West Alcock. A bicycle was reported A suspicious person was in the 600 block of North reported at Browning and

ing the weekend.

Friday, Aug. 14

Brandy Elaine Devine, 54, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft of property over \$20,000 but less than \$100,000.

Christopher Dale Shouser, 32, was arrested by Gray County deputies on a violation of probation. MarcuaL. Cradduck,

61, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of resisting arrest.

Lauren Heath Holtman, 30, was arrested by Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Saturday, Aug. 15

Ronald Robledo Jr., 22, was arrested on charges of selling alcohol to minor,

Jodi M. Candelaria of Portales, N.M., was arrested by Pampa police on

charges of driving while

intoxicated and failure to

control a motor vehicle and

Sunday, Aug. 16

Harvey Ray Green, 48,

Joseph Phillip Roel, 25,

of Amarillo, was arrested

by Pampa police officers

on charges of public intoxi-

Kulhanek, 25, was arrested

by Pampa police officers

on charges of theft of prop-

Kandy Sue Hill, 44,

Amarillo, was arrested

by Gray County Sheriff's

office on charges of pos-

31, McLean, was arrested

by Gray County Sheriff's

office on charges of pos-

Edward Ray Williams,

54, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges

of assault causing bodily

injury and family violence.

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Police served a warrant in the 500 block of South Gray

Officers performed a welfare check in the 700 block of East Frederic.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1900 block of North Coffee.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 900 block of South Wilcox.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Garland.

A theft was reported in the 700 block of North Lefors.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 400 block of North West.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 300 block of North Hazel.

Special assistance was rendered at 1600 East Highway 60.

A domestic dispute was reported at Starkweather and Brown.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2500 block of North Rosewood. Officers responded to

a civil matter in the 400 block of North Jupiter.

Police performed a welfare check at 2800 North Perryton Parkway.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather.

Officers checked the building in the 100 block of East Craven.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Lefors and Kingsmill.

Officers checked a building in the 600 block of West Foster.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of Coffee.

Saturday, Aug. 15.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1700 block of North Hamilton, 1000 block of South Christine and at Montagu and Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Crane.

Magnolia.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Police performed a welfare check in the 1100 block East Darby.

Officers responded to a civil matter in the 1800 block of North Nelson. A prowler was reported

in the 500 block of North Nelson. A burglary was reported

in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

A suspicious person was reported at Doyle and Browning.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Sunday, Aug. 16 Officers assisted a Gray

County Sheriff's unit on U.S. Highway 60. A prowler was reported

in the 700 block of North Magnolia. A theft was reported in the 100 block of South

Starkweather. A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of North Deanne.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of North Sterkweather.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of West Brown.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person was reported at Frost and Cook. An alarm went off in

the 1500 block of North Hobart. A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1100

block of South Neel. A burglary was reported at 17th and Coffee.

A vehicle fire was reported at Gray 14 off FM 2375.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Nelson.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 300 block of South Henry.

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South

Wells.

A theft was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.

Monday, Aug. 17. A narcotics violation

was arrested by Pampa was reported in the 500 block of South Henry. police officers on charges of theft by check. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block

of Yeager. A prowler was reported in the 1600 block of North Holly.

A suspicious person was reported at Browning and Barnes.

An alarm was reported on North Texas Highway 70.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 700 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of East Browning.

A suspicious vehicle was reported at 17th and Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests dur-

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Judge who closed court on trial



Judge Sharon Keller waits for her trial to begin at the Bexar County never closed and that Richard's Courthouse in San Antonio, Monday, Aug. 17, 2009. Keller, the presiding attorneys had other avenues to file judge of the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals, faces judicial misconduct an appeal. charges .

Youth minister dead in Palo Duro Canyon

NEW HOME, Texas (AP) — Services were pending for a youth minister whose body was found at Palo Duro Canyon dur-

ing a solo hiking trip. New Home Baptist Church Pastor Calvin Gray on Monday said Nathan Neel joined the staff in early August.

Gray told The Associated Press that the 24-year-old had gone to Palo Duro Canyon, near Amarillo, before with other people. Gray says he believes this

time Neel "wanted to go by himself to spend time with God."

Neel went hiking Friday morning. His body was found hours later.

Gray says he spoke with Neel's family and relatives believe the death was an accident.

An autopsy was ordered. Neel previously was a youth intern at Bacon Heights Baptist Church in Lubbock, where a service was planned.

Hutchison

and delivered a response before the senator even began her speech.

"Once again, the senator is coming up with no ideas," Miner said. "It's easy to criticize after being in Washington for 16 years, but the people of Texas want results not rhetoric."

Only two Texans - Sam Houston and Price Daniel - have made the rare leap from U.S. senator to governor, but Hutchison has been itching to come home for years. She flirted with a gubernatorial run in 2005

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SAN ANTONIO (AP)

on trial.

Texas judge who closed her court to a death row inmate hours before his execution is herself being put

Judge Sharon Keller is up against five charges of judicial misconduct Monday when a special hear-

ing begins in San Antonio. The charges could be career-ending for

Keller, the presiding judge of the Texas Criminal Court of Appeals.

Keller refused to keep her court

open late in September 2007

while lawyers for convicted killer

Michael Wayne Richard (RUH-

shard) scrambled to file a last-

minute appeal. Richard was exe-

Keller was roundly rebuked by

lawyers nationwide and a state

lawmaker tried to impeach her.

Her attorney says the court was

cuted hours later.

- A

stay in Washington avoiding a primary that GOP honchos feared would leave the party badly divided

Joining Hutchison in La Marque was Karen Hughes, the former spokeswoman and trade representative from the last Bush administration.

Hutchison planned to continue her five-day announcement tour in Houston, San Antonio and Austin as well as 15 other cities.

"outstanding."

-Citigroup added 272 new branches between 2004 and 2008, the overwhelming majority in white neighborhoods. Only two dozen were created in minority neighborhoods, according to federal figures. The bank still has 28 percent of its banks in minority areas.

Elizabeth Fogarty, a bank spokeswoman, said Citi makes a strong effort

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Last month, Seabourn said they had problem when the computer system automatically updates its program.

"When that happened," Seabourn said, "it messed up our prosecutor software for tracking criminal cases."

He said the problem was resolved but it meant rolling back the computers to earlier version of the operating system.

"We were concerned about that," Seabourn said. "We're also concerned because these software packages are so old."

Parts of them no longer have updates available because the company no longer exists. He said that it's his understanding that the one of the older companies has been bought be the Local Government Solutions Software Providers.

"We're currently paying \$195 a month to LGS, Seabourn said.

That allows his staff to look at the criminal cases in the clerk's office.

proposed Seabourn

trates the expanding chasm

as well as Dallas, a major

financial center. The typi-

cal family living in the

University Park section

has an annual income of

\$200,000. The neighbor-

hood, just north of down-

town, is 97 percent white.

Two percent of its resi-

dents are poor. Since 2004,

banks have added 16 new

branches. The area now

has 43 banks, or one for

every 475 people.

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spending an additional \$235 a month to upgrade the system and make it more efficient.

"That would include hot checks operator, prosecutor and criminal case management software, juvenile software that we don't even have right now and some limited civil case management software," Seabourn said.

It will all be integrated into one package, he said.

The monthly fee will include all support that is needed by the software company. It also includes training session on the software.

"It'll make sure that it's running smooth," Seabourn said.

The expanded and updated software, he said, would give his office more flexibility in tracking cases.

The software allows the various offices involved in the courthouse to see the different documents, he said.

Seabourn noted that he has money in his budget for the upgrade.

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yards. The bank stands in the shadow of the State Fair of Texas, the giant Ferris wheel looming above the parking lot. The lack of financial services often takes a back seat to worries about crime, fear of unemployment, or simply having a place to live and food to eat.

George Murphy, 68, owns M&W Barber & Beauty Shop, a small business in the heart of the neighborhood. The lack of banks isn't a problem for him because it only takes 30 minutes to walk to one. and a bus is also available. "I don't deal with checks," he said. "My business is cash only. Even so, the line is long at the Ace Cash Express, less than two miles away. The sign reads, "No Bank Account Necessary." Customers can have their paychecks automatically loaded on a prepaid Visa card for a fee. William Bates, 70, sits out front on his motorized scooter, waiting for his wife to get a money order. "Twenty-five or 30 years ago," he said, "there weren't no banks or nothing over here."

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ing to exclusive neighborhoods such as University Park in Dallas, Midtown West in Manhattan and Music Row in Nashville, Tenn., as well as the fast-growing exburban communities surrounding Sacramento, Calif., Phoenix and Cincinnati.

nesses for services tradi-"It's crazy, and they're tionally provided by bank building another one!" branches. "When you don't have said Mary Morgan, pulling into a parking spot at banks going into poor a JPMorgan Chase branch communities, you're going in University Park. Up the to wind up with places road, Comerica just cleared where there are a lot of predatory products," said a lot to build a bank. A half-mile away, a financial Kathleen Day, a spokesinstitution is replacing a woman for the Center for Responsible Lending, a restaurant, she said. "It's stupid," Morgan Washington-based advocasaid. "How can the market cy group. "It's not always be that big?" the case - payday lendbank ing seems to target black and Hispanic neighorhoods regardless of income level or bank location - but it's a real problem." Even in a digital age Pittsburgh and elsewhere. when banking is done online, the 99,000 bank branches are important barometers of economic health for thousands of communities. People in neighborhoods without banks are more likely to spend more of their money for basic financial transactions. Under the Community those neighborhoods. Reinvestment Act, banks are encouraged to offer services in poor and minority neighborhoods. The vast majority of banks receive outstanding or satisfactory grades from regulators. The grades are important when banks apply to open new branches or acquire other banks. James Ballantine, a senior vice president with the American Bankers Association, said banks that don't comply can be required to enter into agreements with regula-"It's like the provertors, fined or even lose their charter. Even so, small and large banks alike focused most of their efforts on wealthy and fast-growing neighborhoods as the housing boom reached its zenith. Banks now receiving billions in federal bailout loans led the charge, according to the AP's analysis. The largest banks added nearly 6,800 branches between 2004 and 2008. Fewer than 900 of those branches wound up in minority neighborhoods.

based on branch locations. branches were in minor-Bank watchdogs, howevity neighborhoods in 2004, er, say less-regulated finanaccording to the FDIC. By cial institutions are filling last year, that number had the void and expanding at dipped to 16 percent as the expense of vulnerable, banks worked harder at inner-city residents. As pursuing customers in disa result, they are relying tant, mostly white suburbs. on high-cost lending busi-Among the findings in the analysis:

Fueled by explosive growth and its acquisition of Bank One Corp., JPMorgan Chase added 2,566 branches during the

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> Meanwhile, growth either declined or remained stagnant across wide swaths of the nation's inner cities, with branches closing in Cleveland,

Data from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. shows that the nation's 99,000 banks generally followed the money. About two-thirds of all neighborhoods have a median household income higher than the national average; about two-thirds of the new bank branches were in

An Associated Press analysis, however, found that branches weren't added at a proportionate rate in minority neighborhoods. About one-third of the neighborhoods analyzed are predominantly minority, according to the Census Bureau; only about 1 in 10 new bank branches showed up in those areas.

The AP study was reviewed by the American Bankers Association and is consistent with other federal studies.

bial ambulance chasers," said Charles O'Neal, a vice president at the Dallas Black Chamber of Commerce. "They're all chasing the same dollar and they get little return. Meanwhile, on this side of town, folks are literally spending sleepless nights trying to figure out where do we go to find a financial institution that will be responsive to their needs." Bank officials say they

are following the growth of customers to continue providing services because most people choose banks

Nearly 18 percent of those full-service bank

five-year period. Only 342 were in minority neighborhoods. In 2004, nearly 30 percent of Chase's branches were in minority areas. By 2008, that number had dropped nearly half, to 16 percent.

Christine Holevas, a bank spokeswoman, said most of the bank branches were added by acquisitions of other banks. Chase took over Bank One in 2004, adding 1,800 branches. The bank increased its number of branches again in 2004 when it acquired 300 Bank of New York locations. The acquisitions effectively reduced the bank's presence in minority neighborhoods.

Its most recent federal grade, issued in 2007, was

to serve poor and minority communities.

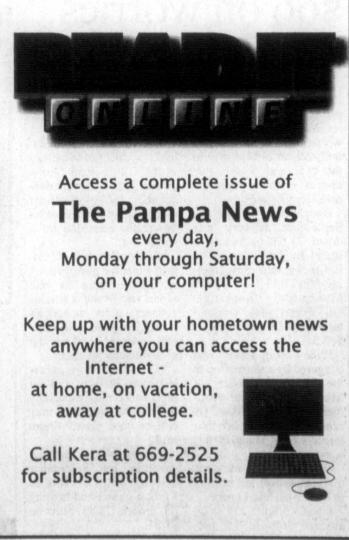
-Fifth Third Bancorp increased its presence in minority neighborhoods by more than half, expanding from 60 offices to 95 branches. Still, only 7 percent of its 1,356 branch offices are in minority areas.

Stephanie Honan, a bank spokeswoman, confirmed the figures. She said the company has a small percentage of its branches in minority neighborhoods because of acquisitions over the past two years. She said the company has decided to not close or consolidate branches in minority neighborhoods for the next three years. Perhaps no place illus-

The market apparently isn't as big five miles away, where the typical south Dallas family earns about \$17,000 annually. The neighborhood is 98 percent black. Half the people who live there are poor. In 2004, its residents could choose between a Bank of America branch and a Washington Mutual branch. By 2008, only the Bank of America branch remained, leaving the neighborhood with one bank for every 9,300 people.

It's a community of small, frame houses, some neat and tidy with security bars on the windows and doors; others are weathered, with peeling paint and tiny, weed-choked





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Fundraising underway for Panhandle Honor Flight

Fundraising is now underway for the 2nd annual Texas Panhandle Honor Flight scheduled for October 7-9, 2009. World War II and Korea Veterans will travel to Washington, DC, with all expenses paid, for three days and two nights o visit the War Memorials built to honor their service and sacrifice. Selected guardian volunteers traveling to Washington, DC will pay their own expenses for this incredible patriotic trip. American Airlines "Flagship Liberty" 737 aircraft will have the honor of flying our Greatest Generation and guardian volunteers from Amarillo, TX direct to Washington Reagan Airport, Washington, DC.

Highlights for the trip will include visits and wreath presentations at each of the War Memorials including; World War II Memorial, Korea Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Iwo Jima Memorial and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. A special wreath ceremony will be conducted by our veterans for the casualties from the Global War on Terrorism at Arlington Cemetery. Each veteran will be given an opportunity to participate in a wreath laying ceremony. The itinerary includes tours at the Pentagon, the nation's Capitol and Walter Reed Hospital. Elected officials from the state of Texas have been invited to attend special dinner functions as we salute these Veterans.

The Texas Panhandle is the home to 2,500-3,000 of these brave men and women. Due to the senior age of these heroes coupled with the prediction that we are losing 1000-1200 of them daily, we are committed to do all within our power to make this dream a reality. The Panhandle effort will focus on both our WWII veterans, Korea Veterans and those veterans from any war that have a terminal illness; therefore, time is of the essence. If you know a WWII or Korean Veteran, please call and request a Veteran application.

This presents a opportunity for the citizens of Pampa and the Texas Panhandle to demonstrate their pride in these heroes and their patriotism, and will make us proud to call this our home. We would like to raise enough funds so that every seat is filled on the aircraft. Please consider a generous donation as we salute our "Greatest Generation" on this special once in a lifetime trip for these true heroes. With the support of each citizen, business and corporation, we can achieve this goal. It's the right thing to do for these heroes who would not be able to afford such a trip on their own. America Supports You Texas is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. For more information, please call 806-681-3596 or E-mail asytexas@amaonline.com.

A&M Memorial



The times will always be changin'



BY JOE WEAVER CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

"The Times They Are a-Changin"". In the mid 1960s, folk/rock singer-songwriter (and protégé of Pampa's Woody Guthrie) Bob Dylan wrote, recorded, and released that song. I can sort of sing you those five words, but so help me, I have no idea what the gist of the song is. Being the times, and the creator, I sus-

Weaver

pect it was some sort of protest song. The fact is, however, that the times they are always a-changin'.

I have heard people bemoan the fact that "Pampa is not like it used to be." My answer to that is usually something along the line of "No, and it never was." Times change. Things change. People change. Communities change. Some changes are good, and some not-but they are unavoidable.

A few days ago I was discussing television with Holly (the smiling face you generally see at the Chamber's front desk or the friendly voice on the phone). She told me about when cable came to her small home town, and how eager they were to get it. I told her that we had three channels, all in black and white, and to change them, the viewer had to actually walk across the floor, and twist the knob (what's a knob?) on the set. The point is, from the time of my formative years to hers; television changed a lot-and compare that to the myriad choices today!

Change is inevitable. I don't watch much TV at all these days, but I love my iPod. I've gotten pretty used to having a cell phone too, and don't even think of taking away my

Internet access. (And when I recall how I used to sit through the news to see the weather forecast!) Entertainment, information, communication, transportation... what do we still do the way we did ten years ago? To be viable in the 21st century, the chamber will change. Some changes will be easy, some will not, and some will happen in a way that we don't even notice. At any rate, it portends to be an



exciting tine!

(BTW...I was visiting with Herb Smith a few days ago and recalled that the very first time I saw the NBC peacock "in living color" was in a house on Fir here in Pampa. In town to visit my grandmother, we had dropped by to see her sister Ruth Tarpley.)



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Student Center being updated

Texas (AP) — The more than half-century old Texas A&M Memorial Student Center is closing for renovation and expansion.

A ceremony was planned Monday to commemorate the closure of the center dedicated to Aggies who have given their lives in military service to their country

A statement from the school in College Station says the project will bring

COLLEGE STATION, much-needed improvements and enhancements to the building, which was dedicated in April 1951.

The updated Memorial Student Center is expected to be finished in 2012.

The ceremony transfers the status of the center from being a memorial to a construction site.

Operations and events related to the center have

been moved to other areas of the campus.

Oil falls below \$66 on worries of slow recovery

prices fell below \$66 a barrel Monday as investors worried that crude demand will recover only slowly in the U.S. and brushed off upbeat economic growth data from Japan.

Benchmark crude for September delivery was down \$1.63 to \$65.88 a barrel by late morning in European electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the contract tumbled \$3.01 to settle at \$67.51.

Friday's big selloff was triggered by a sharp drop in the Reuters/University of Michigan consumer sentiment index, a bad sign for crude demand, which has already been sluggish this summer.

Oil also followed stock markets, which fell heavily in both Asia and Europe.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock average dropped 3.1 per-

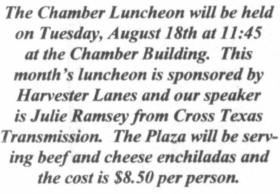
LONDON (AP) — Oil cent, while Germany's DAX was down 1.8 percent.

"We've got overwhelmingly weak fundamentals in oil," said Victor Shum, an energy analyst with consultancy Purvin & Gertz in Singapore. "The market has really been due for a correction.'

Investors brushed off evidence that the global slump may be nearing an end. Japan said Monday that its economy grew an annualized 3.7 percent in the second quarter, breaking out of a yearlong recession.

"The worst of the recession may be over, but for most economies, especially the U.S., the recovery may still be quite slow," Shum said.

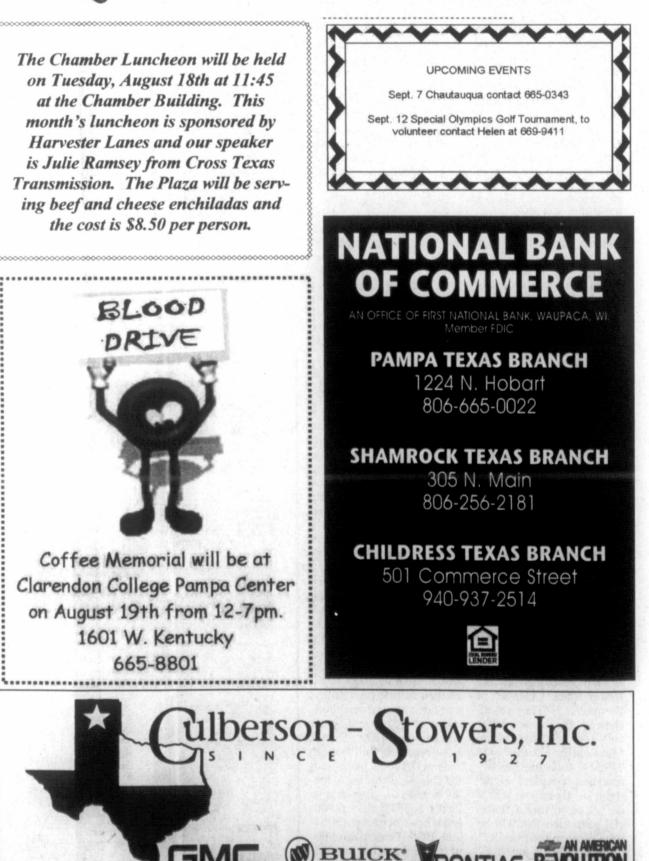
In other Nymex trading, gasoline for September delivery fell 1.7 cents to \$1.92 a gallon and heating oil dropped 3.43 cents to \$1.81



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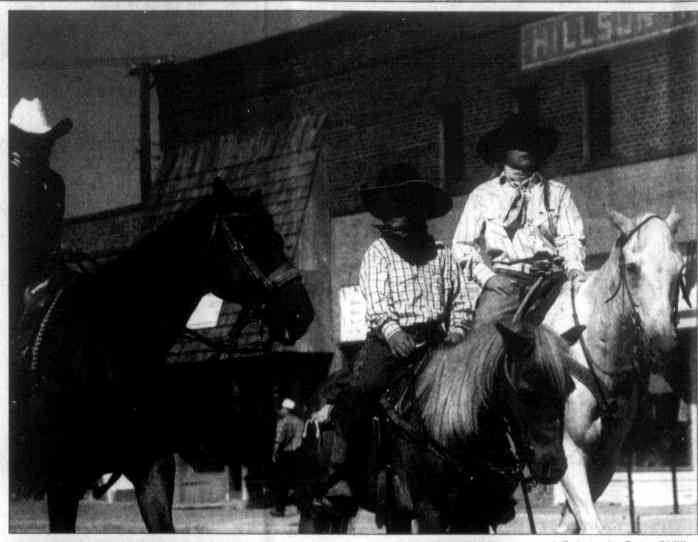
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CLASSIC CARS 1ST PLACE - LARRY RAY 2ND PLACE - GRADY MELTON **3RD PLACE - BOB FINSTERWALD**

MOST TYPICAL RANCH ENTRY **1ST PLACE - SINGLE TREE RANCH** Winners may pick up their trophies at the rodeo office, 200 N. Ballard, beginning Tuesday, August







staff photos by Betsy Phillips

owboys and cowgirls, fire trucks and vintage machines and posing puppies-Saturday's Top 'O Texas Rodeo parade in downtown Pampa had something for everyone to enjoy.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old woman, and I feel as though my life is over. I lost my job more than a year ago and haven't been able to find another one. I have no friends, and it has been 13 years since I dated.

I live day to day, only for my mom and my dog -- both of whom I love tremendously. I'm glad I can spend so much time with them each day, but I know I'm missing out on something more in my life.

I am well-educated, well-read and have traveled quite a bit, when my financial situation was better.

Abby, I feel like I'm 96, not 46! I am depressed and disheartened and don't know what to do. I can't afford counseling. I have thought about volunteering, but I don't want to work with kids and most volunteer jobs require that.

Please, can you suggest anything to help me out of this slump? I figure I have a good 20 to 30 years of living before me, and I just can't go on like this.

I have already accepted that I'll never find a

mate, and I'm struggling with the thought that someday, Mom will no longer be here. I see no future for myself. Please tell me what to do. -- DOWN IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR DOWN: It is premature to conclude that you will "never" find a job, a friend or a mate. Things seem hopeless right now because you are depressed.

In your letter you hit on a wonderful, positive idea -- your impulse to volunteer. Not all volunteer opportunities involve children. How about volunteering at a non-profit organization, an assistedliving facility for seniors,

a VA center, an animal shelter, a program for people who are homeless, a food delivery program for shut-ins. Your local police department might also welcome some administrative help from a mature, organized adult.

I'm sure your time and talents would be deeply appreciated whatever you decide to do. Not only would volunteering be a rewarding way to fill your time, but it will help you to network.

P.S. Counseling is available on a sliding financial scale in most counties if you feel you need professional help.

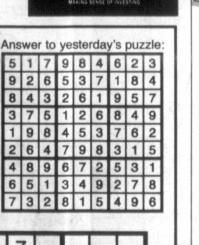
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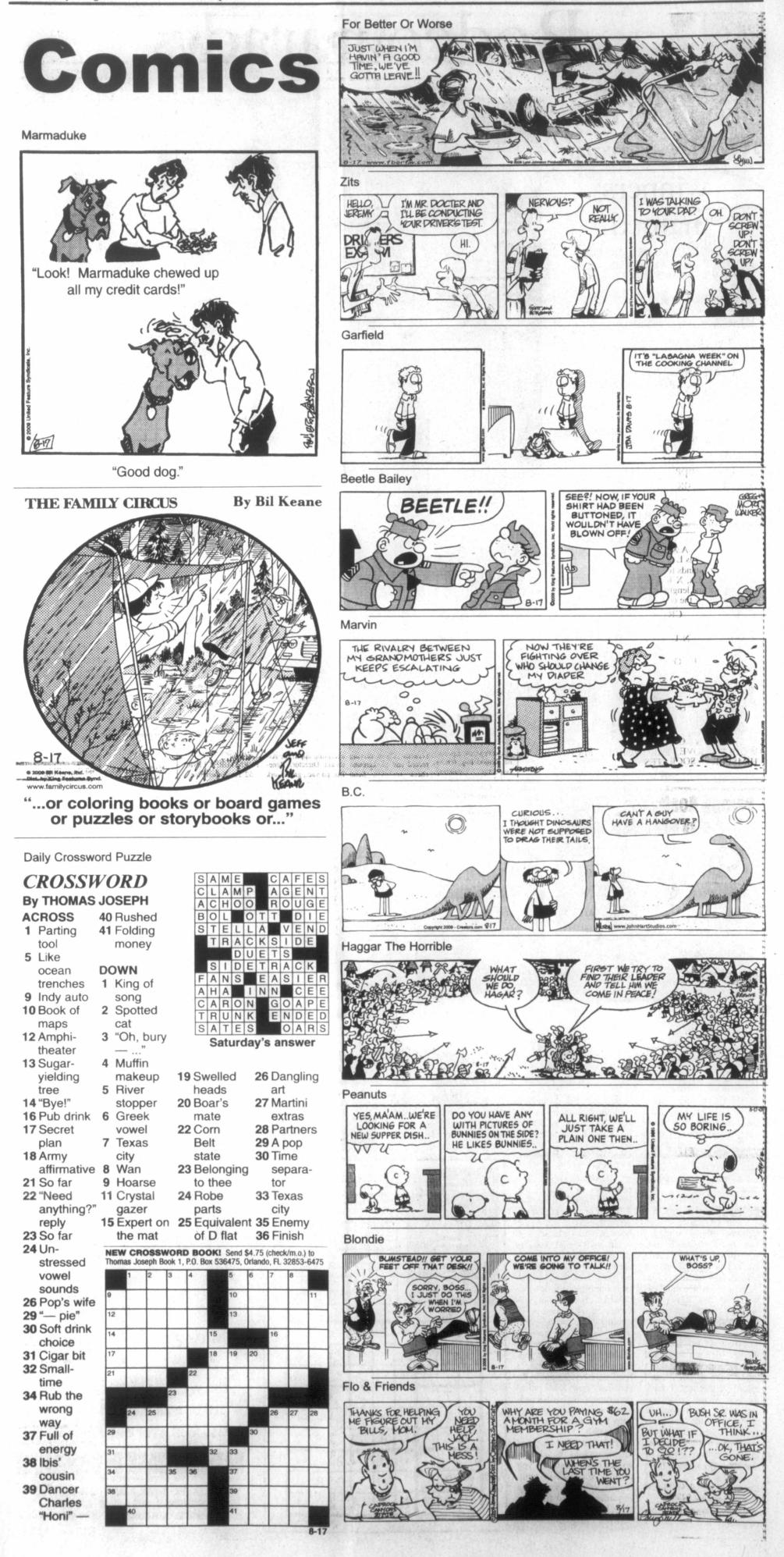
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Sports

Champion Pampa cowgirl tops barrel racers

Carley Richardson of Pampa, won first place in barrel racing at the Top 'O Texas Rodeo last weekend. Winning is becoming a habit for the local cowgirl.

Earlier this summer Richardson won the All-Around Cowgirl title at the International Finals Youth Rodeo (IFYR) and captured average wins in barrel racing and breakaway roping

Richardson said she was kind of overwhelmed after finding out about her allaround win.

"I knew I was capable, but didn't know it would happen," Richardson said of her IFYR win.

Richardson's total IFYR earnings is over \$9,100. Jim and Marsha Richardson are her parents. Carley Richardson credits her dad for her success.

"He does everything for me, and he is a great trainer and a great coach," Richardson said.

Carley will be attending South Plains in the fall.

TOP O' TEXAS RODEO RESULTS SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 2009 **BULL RIDING**

DONNY GEE - LUBBOCK - 77 POINTS DERRICK CRESWELL - WEATHERFORD -77 POINTS ZACH PERKINS - THOMAS - 75 POINTS

STEER WRESTLING

KURT GOULDING - DUNCAN, OK - 5.3 SECONDS DAVID CLEMENTS - PANHANDLE - 6.1 SECONDS STEVEN CAMBELL - CANYON - 6.1 SECONDS RYAN SWAYZE - FREEDOM, OK - 6.1 SECONDS BILLY BILLINGSLEY - MCLEAN - 13.5 SECONDS DANIEL ADAMS - WEATHERFORD - 13.8 SECONDS CODY MOORE - ARTESIA - 15.0 SECONDS

BAREBACK BRONC RIDING

WES CAMPBELL - MOBEETIE - 81 POINTS CODI MYERS - SAMNORWOOD - 78 POINTS STEVEN ROBERTSON - KILEEN - 73

POINTS **RANCH BRONC RIDING**

CALEB RICE - STAMFORD - 74 POINTS HAGAN LAMB - BORGER - 71 POINTS **BROOKS BLAND - LOVINGTON - 69** POINTS

TYLER TERRY - WHITE DEER - 66 POINTS

CALF ROPING

JUSTIN KNOWLES - OMEGA - 8.7 SECONDS TRAVIS LEWIS - LUBBOCK - 9.7 SECONDS

TANNER COCHRN - PAMPA - 10.3 SECONDS

HAGAN LAMB - BORGER - 10.5 SECONDS DAVID WITCHER - CANYON - 10.9 SECONDS

JAKE MCCABE - LUBBOCK - 11.5 SECONDS CLAY PAIGE - AMARILLO - 13.0 SECONDS RUSTY SLAVIN - CANADIAN - 26.6

MUTTON BUSTIN'

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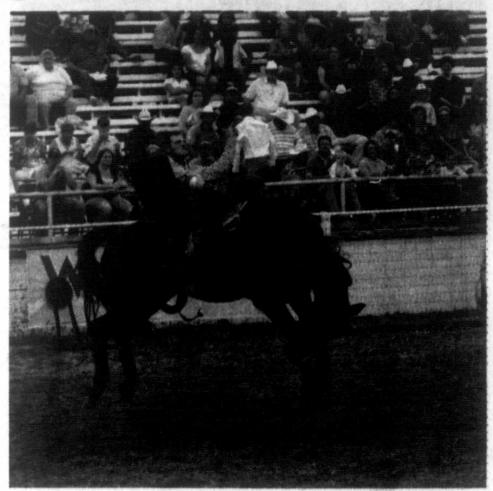
1ST - PARKER AILPORT - PAMPA - 63 POINTS 2ND - DALTON ABSHIRE - PAMPA 3RD - RHIANNA MEARS - PAMPA

BREAKAWAY ROPING

KATIE EAKINS - CRAWFORD, OK-2.3 SECONDS NICOLE BRANDANUCE - MAUDE, OK -3.1 SECONDS JENA HENSON - DODGE CITY, KS - 3.7 SECONDS SADIE WATKINS - MIAMI - 4.6 SECONDS KATIE RICE - SPEARMAN - 4.6 SECONDS KATIE HALL - RAWLEY, KS - 6.2 SECONDS

DOUBLE MUGGING

JEREMY WINKLER, CODY PARSLEY, MONTY GUESS - 58.80 SECONDS LEVI SAILOR, ARTIE SAILOR, JEREMY WINKLER-65.01 SECONDS CODY SCHIFFMAN, SHANNON MILLER, BENNY SCHIFFMAN - 65.01 SECONDS SHAWN WHATLEY, AUSTIN WHATLEY, JEREMY TAYLOR - 68.03 SECONDS



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Top 'O Texas Rodeo ended Saturday night with Gray County contestants fairing well in the competition.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING NO QUALIFIED RIDES

TEAM ROPING

JASON THOMAS / VICK MORRISON - 5.7 SECONDS JUSTIN MORRIS / JAY WALLER - 15.6 SECONDS

BARREL RACING CARLEY RICHARDSON - PAMPA - 16.36 SECONDS TAMMY PETERSON - CIMMARON, KS -17.05 SECONDS

CANDACE FOSTER - CANTON - 17.16 SECONDS CATHY SCHIFFMAN - WHITE DEER -17.76 SECONDS JENNIFER DOUGLAS - CANYON - 18.51 SECONDS SHERRI DEAN - LIBERAL. KS - 22.18 SECONDS SADIE WATKINS - MIAMI - 22.29 SECONDS **REGINA KIEHNE - CANYON-27.51** SECONDS

Pampa coach pleased with first scrimmage

Lady Harvester Softball Booster Club Meeting

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvester football team scrimmaged against Wichita Falls Saturday. Head coach Heath Parker said he was pleased with his team's effort.

"The most positive thing yesterday was the team tried hard to respond to the goals I asked them to accomplish," Parker said. "What was good for the community was the refs were very complimentary of the way Pampa held themselves, they played with class and talked positively among themselves."

Parker said going against

someone else is what his team needed.

"We were anxious to see someone else," Parker said. "We had two weeks of practice. You can only learn so much about yourself in practice. It was a great opportunity for us to go against an opponent full speed."

Parker said the scrimmage was in two parts. During the first part both teams ran a set number of plays and no penalties were called. Coach said Wichita Falls had the momentum during that portion of the scrimmage.

The second part of the scrimmage was two quarters where all the rules of

the game applied. Parker said his team had momentum during that segment.

"We ran the ball really well," Parker said. "I was pleased with the way we finished."

Parker said his team will work on several areas before their scrimmage against Dalhart on Friday.

'We'll focus on our position groups deficiencies and improve on them," Parker said. "This week's opponent has a different style of play.'

The Harvesters freshman, junior varsity and varsity football teams will scrimmage here against Dalhart on Friday.

When: Wednesday August 19 Time: 8:30 p.m. Where: High School Athletics Ready Room

A chance to meet new people and find out what the Lady Harvester Softball Booster Club is all about.

We encourage all incoming freshmen parents to attend and also would like to invite everyone in the community, who wants to support the Lady Harvesters Softball, to come and be a part of the 2010 season.



Jvingston wins first national diving title the person in the lead."

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Drew Livingston, the 2009 NCAA 1-meter diving champion, earned his first national title Sunday, winning the senior men Is platform at the U.S. Summer Diving Championships at the Morcom Aquatic Center.

Livingston entered the final round of competition nine-tenths of a point behind nine-time national champion Thomas Finchum. Both attempted the same dive in the last round, a back 21/2 somersault with 21/2 twists, and Livingston outscored

Finchum by 15.2 points for the crown.

Livingston, a University of Texas diver, finished the finals with 509.55 points and said he knew early that his final dive was a good one.

"I felt it as I was taking off the platform," Livingston said.

"Usually, if IDm not feeling it, I can tell in my take-off. But I felt it coming off the tower," he said. "The biggest thing was that I didn□t have anything else to lose. I hadn I t won a national championship. I always like diving behind

Kelci Bryant, a 2008 Olympian, won the senior women s 3-meter springboard championship with a score of 347.25. It is her fifth national title and her second in that event. In the women Is synchro-

nized 3-meter springboard. Kassidy Cook and Loren Figueroa won their first national title with a score 308.40, while Andrew Brown and Cole Young won their first national title in the men s synchronized platform with a score of 354.15.

Rangers beat Sox to take wild-card lead

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Two days after being roughed up by the Red Sox, Frank Francisco helped the Texas Rangers knock Boston out of the wild-card lead.

Francisco bounced back from the worst outing of his career to pick up the save, Ian Kinsler homered and drove in two runs, and the Rangers passed the Red

Sox in the AL wild-card race with a 4-3 win Sunday. Kinsler, back in the lineup one day after he was hit by a pitch that ricocheted off his shoulder to his head, went deep for the second straight day and had an RBI single in the third that gave Texas a 3-1 lead.

Dustin Nippert (4-1) gave up two runs and six hits as the Rangers took

two of three in the weekend series. The right-hander pitched 5 2-3 innings to defeat Boston on July 22, his only other win as a starter this season.

Texas, which also got a solo shot from Taylor Teagarden, went 7-2 against the Red Sox this season.

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Griffin wins BASS event

Keenan Lott of the Lefors Pirates looks down field for an open receiver during

a scrimmage in Lefors Saturday. Lefors scrimmaged Follett, Hedley, and Fort

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) - Chad Griffin won the BASS regular-season finale Sunday on Oneida Lake, beating Jeff Kriet by more than two pounds.

Elliott. (photo submitted by Lendi Jackson)

The 32-year-old Griffin, a Cresson,

Texas, resident who grew up in Alaska, had a total of 64 pounds, 10 ounces. He earned \$100,000.

Kriet, from Ardmore, Okla., finished at 63 pounds, 10 ounces. He earned \$25,000.