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Waiting for a new day, a new school year, to start, Branda Recendiz (left), Rosa Hernandez, Marieli Sandez and Mariela Resendiz stand outside Pampa High School this morning for the first day of school to begin.

## Part of Galveston Bay could ban oyster harvesting

of Hurricane Ike threatens to A&M-Galveston. smother an industry.

nearly one year after the storm Thursday on a staff recommencould lead to a ban on some oyster harvesting in Galveston

"We need to look at oysters as the primary biological indicator of a healthy bay," said until November 2011.

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) Sammy Ray, professor emeriAn unwelcome reminder tus of marine biology at Texas reported Monday that about 80

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Silt and debris left behind Commission is expected to vote dation to close the east bay's public oyster reefs for two seasons. The shutdown would allow the ecologically sensitive area to recover and could last

The Houston Chronicle percent of the oysters in the easternmost part of the bay system were covered by silt and other debris after Ike hit on Sept. 13, 2008.

The parks and wildlife commission's coastal fisheries division plans rehabilitation proj-

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## New EMS preparing to roll

SAND & GRAVEL

BY DAVID BOWSER dbowser@thepampanews.com

Dr. James Hall, head of The Emergency Service Foundation of Texas, said current plans are for the non-profit ambulance service to be operational Oct. 1.

"My concern is will we need something sooner?" Hall said.

He said they will be ready to run Oct. 1. If they need to run before then, they can get licensed within 48 hours.

"We will be up and running Oct. 1 is the plan," Hall said.

Speaking to the Gray County Commission Friday, Hall outlined the organization's plans to serve Pampa and surrounding area.

Hall said the EMS foundation has ordered three trucks. "They'll be here in three to four weeks,"

Hall said. He said they've also ordered all the equipment for the back of the trucks.

The new non-profit organization has moved into an official address in the Pampa Chamber of Commerce Building until they get their hangar facility built. When the hangar is built, Dr. Hall said they would move into the hangar that they will share with LifeStar helicopters.

He said he's meeting with City of Pampa officials as well as Gray County officials as ESFT prepares to take over the ambulance service.

"Our license package is down in Austin," Hall said. "They're going to fast-track it."

The startup costs, he said, are being financed through NBC Bank. The stipend payments the medical emer-

gency service gets will go directly to the bank. The money will be applied to a fourvear loan that the emergency service company has there.

"It will allow us up to \$500,000," Hall

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## In the red, US school districts cut yellow buses

HOUSTON (AP) - As a mother of two, Feleccia Moore-Davis is accustomed to the usual backto-school swirl of new supplies, new clothes and new routines. But this year, that final flurry of summer is accompanied by an unusu-

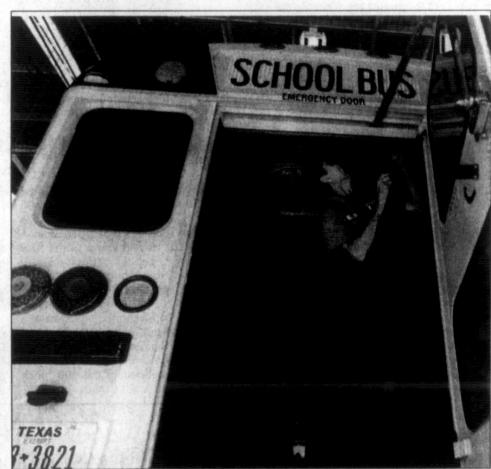
al worry. Moore-Davis does not yet know how her children will get to school.

Last month, the financially pressed Houstonarea school district her two daughters attend decided to end bus service for students living within two miles of schools. Now Moore-Davis is contemplating the bustling intersections and streets without sidewalks the girls would have to navigate if they walked to school, and wondering whether her own work schedule can be reconfigured for drop-offs

and pickups. It is a dilemma facing thousands of parents across the country, as cashstrapped school districts from California to Florida have cut bus routes to chip away at spending.

"I'm still trying to figure out how I will do this," said Moore-Davis, who has one daughter entering middle school and another entering high school. "My youngest is very concerned about who's going to pick her up. She keeps asking me about it."

About 23 percent of school districts surveyed by the American Association of School Administrators BUSES cont. on page 3



Mechanic Jeff Norris works on a bus at a Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District transportation center Friday, Aug. 7, 2009 in Houston. In a cost-saving measure, the school district will stop busing students who live within two miles of their school this year. (AP Photo/David J. Phillip)

Governor: Texas prepared for swine flu

SAN ANTONIO (AP)-As Texas schoolchildren head back to class, state officials are urging commonsense precautions but

say they are prepared for an outbreak of swine flu.

Gov. Rick Perry said Monday in San Antonio that the state has 2.5 million courses of anti-viral medication on hand and has

requested 800,000 more.

The vaccine for swine flu won't be available until October, but health officials are recommending that people get both the swine flu and season flu

vaccines this year.

Despite the added precautions, Texas officials say the disease does not appear to be any more dangerous than seasonal flu. They are suggesting people

take commonsense steps like washing their hands and staying home wher



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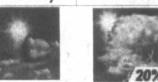
## For the record

#### PAMPA FORECAST

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday



High 92 High 96 Low 63 Low 65

Low 62

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. South southeast wind around 10 mph becoming west southwest.

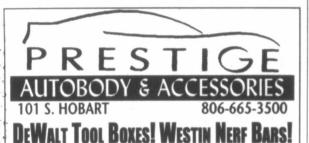
Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 pm. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northeast wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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## Emergency

#### SHERIFF

County Gray The Sheriff's office reported the following arrests ending at a.m., Monday, Aug. 24. Friday, Aug. 21.

Chares Frank Russell, 22, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of marijuana. Hugh Jackson Parman, 1, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sean Ross Turner, 18, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of theft under \$50.

Jose Rodriguez, 39, was rrested by Pampa police officers on charges of not having a driver's license, failure to appear, failure to maintain financial reposibility, expired registration, no driver's license and no insurance.

Dolvin Ray Briffs, 37, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of criminal mischief. Saturday, Aug. 22.

Joe Calvin Sims, 42, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of assault causing bodily injury to a family member. Crystal Leigh Raines, 23, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of purchasing or furnishing lcohol to a minor.

Christopher Knowlton, 25, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of aggravated assault with erious bodily injury.

Sunday, Aug. 23 Pedro Zarate, 40, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of driving without a license and not having liability insurince.

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 72 hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Officers made 30 traffic stops and worked three accidents. Authorities made 29 ani-

mal-related calls. Emergency works made

15 calls. Friday, Aug. 21.

Hobart.

Officers answered a criminal mischief call in the 800 block of North

Police officers delivered a message to the 700 block of East Malone.

Officers responded to a criminal trespass in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Found property was reported.

reported in the 1000 block

of South Faulkner Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block

of West Somerville. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400

block of Wynne. An alarm was reported of South Cuyler.

in the 2200 block of North Russell.

Found property was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 1100 block of East Kingston and at Tuke and Cuyler.

There was a fire investigation in the 800 block of Beryl.

Buildings were check in the 400 block of West Foster and in the 600 block of West Foster.

Saturday, Aug. 22. A suspicious person was

reported at 19th and Hobart. A DWI was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at Sumner and Somerville.

A threat was reported in the 700 block of North Zimmers.

A suspicious person was reported at Thut and Gray. A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of

### **Obituaries**

### Carroll L. Pettit, 81

Carroll L. Pettit, 81, died August 24, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley funeral Directors.

Mr. Pettit was born September 10, 1927 He marin Wheeler. ried Virginia Rose Marrs on January 4, 1948 in Wheeler. She preceded him in death on October 13, 2004. Carroll had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. He was an instrument technician for Celanese for 29 ½ years.

He was a member of Highland Baptist Church and was a veteran of the U. S. Navy during World War II. He was an avid golfer and was a member of Hidden Hills Senior Golf Association and Pamcel Golf Association at Celanese.

Survivors include one daughter, Lisa Carol Crossman and husband Jim of Pampa; one brother, Maurice Pettit and wife Norma of Borger; two grandchildren, Jennifer Clark and husband Jon

of Pampa, and Zach Crossman and wife Marcie of Las Vegas, Nevada; two great-grandchildren, Jace Clark of Pampa and Colin Crossman of Las Vegas, Nevada. He was preceded in death by a daughter: Adelia Rose Pettit in 1960. MEMORIALS:

Texas 79065, or BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065. Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-

Highland Baptist Church,

1301 N. Banks, Pampa,



Pettit

### June McCoy, 91

whatley.com

Rogers, Arkansas— June McCoy, 91, went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Saturday evening, August 22, 2009, in Springdale Arkansas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa

McCoy Mrs. born on June 19, 1918 in Rockwood, Texas, the daughter of Walter and Elva Bible Rutherford. She married James McCoy on Jan. 2, 1937 in Brady, Texas. She and her husband lived in Pampa for 54 years before moving to Rogers, Arkansas in 2006. She was a faithful member of the First Assembly of God in Pampa, where she

and James were actively involved in the ministries of the church.

Survivors include her husband of 72 years, James McCoy, of Rogers, AR; two daughters: Shirley Ford of Valencia, CA and Linda Hastie and husband Phil of Rogers, Arkansas; a sister: Willene Cohen of Fort Worth; four grandsons and their families: Brent Ford and wife Sarah and their children, Nicholas, Melissa, and Lucas, all of Lake Elizabeth, CA; Lane Hastie and wife Jennifer and their children, Parker, Taylor, and Bailey, all of Springdale, AR; Todd Ford and wife Dena and their children, Boden and Jonah, all of Huntington

Beach, CA; Craig Hastie and wife Christie and their children, Lily and Maya, all of Laguna Hills, CA. June's life was also blessed with a great host of extended family and many friends. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers.

The family would like to express special thanks to Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas for their special care during the final weeks of June's life here upon this earth.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends from 5:00-7:00 PM Wednesday, Aug. 26, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home.



**MCCoy** 

MEMORIALS: Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, AR 72762.

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichaelwhatley.com

### Howard Caswell, 91

Howard Caswell was born July 20, 1918 in Sunset, Texas to Ella Martha and Buck Wastel Caswell. He passed away August 21, 2009 at Elk City, Oklahoma at the age of 91 years, 1 month and 1 day.

Howard grew up in Sunset, Texas and moved with his family in a coved wagon to Hollis, Oklahoma. As a little child, he helped on the family farm providing for the family when his father became crippled. He was married to Samie Dale (Childress) Caswell at Allison, Texas on December 9, 1939. After their marriage Howard and Samie settled in Wheeler, Texas where they started their family

the years Howard owned service stations, roller skating facilities and was a horse trader. In March of 1963 Howard and Samie moved to Sayre where they made their home and bought the Lazy H Ranch. Howard enjoyed traveling, having traveled to 48 of the 50 states, Canada and Mexico. Besides his family Howard's passion was his music and playing his guitar. Howard and Samie's life was a busy life, but it has been a fun life.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three sisters, two brothers and two great grandsons.

He is survived by his wife, Samie, of the home; 4 daughters, Carol Jean Hogan & husband, Gaylon, Lawn, TX, Donna Kay

Moore & husband, Darrell, Amarillo, TX, Phyllis Gale Massey & husband, William, Flower Mound, TX, and Debra Dale Morris, Elk City, OK; one son, Rocky Howard Hogan & wife, Shelly, Porter, TX; 12 grandchildren, Jamie, Wade, Cheryl, Darla, David, Judy, Ted, Drayton, Dalen, Heath, and Chanda; great grandchildren, three great great grandchildren, two nephews, Billy Caswell, Pampa, TX and Howard Wayne Caswell, Elk City, OK; three nieces, Betty Muse, Amarillo, Tootie Nichols, TX, Amarillo, TX, and Loneta Hutchinson, Merritt, OK and a host of other relatives

and friends. Services will be held Monday, August 24, 2009



Caswell

at Sayre First Baptist Church under the direction of Rose Chapel Funeral Home, Sayre. Graveside services will be held at Wheeler Cemetery, Wheeler, Texas.

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East Kentucky

Officers were assigned escort duty in the 400 block of 29th Ave. and the 600 block of North Ward.

A van and a trailer sus-Criminal trespass was tained \$1,000 in damage from a burglary in the 100 block of South Hobart.

A \$1,000 air compressor was reported stolen from a truck in the 300 block of Sunrise.

A civil matter was reported in the 500 block

Water was reported in the gas tank of two cars in the 800 block of North Hobart.

A welfare check was performed in the 1500 block of North Faulkner. A 1985 Honda Accord

was reported stolen in the 400 block of North Cuyler. Found property reported at 20th and

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of Anne.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

A vehicle was reported stolen in the 400 block of North Nelson. A 911 hangup call was

reported in the 1300 block of North Garfield.

A suspicious person was reported at Campbell and Henry.

Officers made a welfare check in the 300 block of Sunset.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Crest.

Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 1300 block

of North Garfield. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at One Medical Plaza

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of Sierra.

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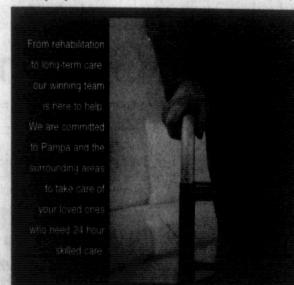
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## Cattle Women preparing for Chautauqua, style show

Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Coffee Shop in Pampa, TX. Sena Brainard, president, presided at the meeting.

We had a successful Beef For Father's Day promotion in Shamrock. In June we donated Beef Gift Certificates to the Hemphill County Relay for Life. A thank you note was read from one of the recipients who received a Beef Gift Certificate. They used it to purchase beef to grill on the 4th of July

Our local will have a beef promotion booth at Chautauqua in Pampa on Labor Day, Sept. 7. Come by and see us, sign up to win a Beef Gift Certificate, and get some delicious beef recipes.

Our annual Style Show will be held at the Pampa Country Club on Saturday, September 12, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. We have several stores that will be showing

Top O' Texas Cattle Women met on their new Fall fashions. It will be great. For tickets call Dianne Buckingham at 806-256-3633.

Our local is in the process of finishing our cookbook "35 Years of Top O' Texas Cattle Women". It will be out in time to make a great Christmas present.

The National Beef Cook-Off will be held September 21-23 in Sonoma, CA. Our state Fall Convention is scheduled for October 16-17 in Wichita Falls. TX.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 14.

Attending the meeting were Sena Brainard and Lilith Brainard from Pampa, Berklee Clements from Skellytown, Sally Wicker from Canadian, and Dianne Buckingham from Shamrock.

We hope to see you at Chautauqua and our Style Show.

### Buses

say they are reducing or eliminating school transportation for the coming school year as part of costcutting measures. That's up from the 14 percent who considered such measures during the 2008-2009 year.

"I've seen it happening in Massachusetts, in Ohio, in Indiana. A lot of school districts are looking at in varying degrees," said Robin Leeds, industry specialist with the National School Transportation Association.

Parents and transportation advocates say the proposed cuts will have wideranging repercussions affecting everything from parents' work schedules to student attendance. Many also worry that the cuts will jeopardize the safety of students who may have to cross busy highways or dangerous roads to get to class. Deadly school bus crashes are rare, while past studies have shown riding to school in a car, walking and bicycling account for hundreds of student deaths

For their part, school districts say trimming student transportation is a painful but necessary way of coping with reductions in state funding and a drop in property tax revenue.

Most states reimburse only a portion of bus service costs, saddling local districts with the bulk of the expense of transporting students. In addition, most states do not reimburse the costs of transporting students who live within a specified distance from school.

In Brockton, Mass., near Boston, the school district expects to save \$500,000

by taking 10 school buses off the road in September, adding to the 20 already cut last year.

In Cobb County, Ga., a district facing a \$58 million deficit, the school board recently voted to consolidate bus routes by eliminating 8,500 stops — about 15 percent of the total in the district. The school district revised plans to eliminate 11,000 bus stops and changed stops to avoid busy streets after dozens of angry parents showed up at a school board meeting.

School districts throughout California are grappling with severe cuts in state funding, including a 20 percent cut in funding for school transportation in the new state budget. Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger had lobbied for a 65 percent reduction, but relented after a chorus of protests.

After losing about \$9 million in state funding, the state's Novato Unified School District decided to eliminate all bus service except for special education students. The move will affect about 600 of the district's 8,000 students.

"We were trying to avoid hitting classrooms," said Marla Blackledge, Novato's chief financial officer.

Even before the drop in funding, state money covered less than half the costs of school bus service, Blackledge said.

"This was just the last straw," she said. "But we do have concerns for working parents, how their kids will get to school, how they will get to day care, about parents living in poverty who don't have a car to

concerned about whether the kids will come to school at all.'

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In Texas, the state reimburses districts according to a formula set in 1983 Last year, the Cypress-Fairbanks school district, which Moore-Davis' two daughters attend, spent \$32 million for student transportation services, but only got \$6.4 million in reimbursement.

Texas also does not reimburse the cost of transporting students who live within two miles of school.

In the past, the district absorbed the extra costs, but this year, the district is confronting a \$14 million budget deficit and no longer can do that, Superintendent David Anthony said in a letter to parents. In addition to cutting ser-

vice within the two-mile limit, the district will no longer offer "late" bus services for students who stay after school for extracurricular activities. About 16,000 of the district's 104,000 students will be affected by the changes.

Moore-Davis' job as vice president for student learning at a local community college gives her more flexibility than most working parents, but she says many of her neighbors are not so lucky.

"A lot of people are experiencing economic hardship. There are families that need to have two jobs and can't just stop in the middle of day to pick up children," Moore-Davis said. "And they're concerned about the security of their children.'

### Oysters

ects, including putting hard materials, such as oyster shells and limestone, into areas so young oysters can attach and grow.

The agency has used radar to help map the bay's topography and examine submerged reefs.

"There were piles of vegetation and debris on the reefs, and these thick windows of sediment everywhere," said Bill Balboa, Galveston Bay ecosystem leader for the agency. "It was pretty amazing. No one had ever seen anything like this."

Recreational and commercial fishing are at risk at an annual economic impact estimated at more than \$650 million.

Shrimping fared much better than oysters after Ike swamped parts of the Galveston area.

"Some shrimpers were fishing again within a cou-

pre-arrival information

anywhere in the panhan-

dle except for Randall and

Potter County," Hall said.

he said, is a group of people

who are specifically trained

to give medical informa-

tion while an ambulance is

The 911 operator will

take the call, send the

ambulance and turn the

caller over to the pre-arriv-

"It's been in existence

in this country sine the

1970s," Hall said. "As of

August first this year, it

went away in the panhan-

Now, what happens is the

ambulance is dispatched

and the caller hangs up and

waits for it to get there, he

said. There is a certification

process for the pre-arrival

"It's a life-saving thing

that can be done here,'

Hall said. "Our plan is as

soon as possible we'll get

up a com center function

or we'll talk to the police

He said that's still being

"In Pampa," Hall said,

"we're very, very fortunate

in this town. Our response

When the police depart-

ment used to do the dis-

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met the national standards

Hall said it's still a work

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The pre-arrival service,

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ple of weeks of the storm," said Lance Robinson of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's coastal fisheries division. "Oysters are hugely significant to the bay system, and not just for the value of their commercial fishery."

The reefs provide food and shelter for almost all species of bay life, experts

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The first \$250,000 will go towards the trucks and the equipment in the back of the trucks.

"The rest is just for operating expenses, and anything we need for the first few months of operations," he said. "That's where the startup costs will be."

The emergency services company board consists of Dr. Hall, Dr. Bobby Smith, Mike Giesler and Kim Laycock.

"By our bylaws," Hall said, "as soon as the county and city come on board with us, the county and city have a voting member of the board.'

He said it would be up to the county and city as to whom they want to repre-

sent them on that board. "The county and city will have a voting position on

the board," he said. That will give the city and county some insight and control on a continuing

"We don't exist to take over EMS," Hall said of the corporate board. "We exist to facilitate EMS agencies doing their job, getting funding, having good equipment and good medical protocols."

He said it's important to understand that the local EMS director is still in charge.

"The only thing that will change is the trucks will be white with green and gold Harvester colors," Hall said, "and they'll say Pampa EMS Gray County, Texas on the sides.

They will be local trucks with local people, he said. Preliminary discussions with the Pampa Police Department are that the police department will dispatch the ambulances ini-

"We'll go back to that temporarily," Hall said, "until we get a communications center function up and running."

Among other issues for the new ambulance service, Hall said that medical prearrival services went away in the Texas Panhandle as of August 1.

"There is no medical

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Pampa, TX 79065 Edward Jones

"The full intent is to get our own com center functioning with pre-arrival up and running so we can provide the whole county with coverage," Hall said.

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He said they will work with the police department to develop how they're going to do that.

"We have a great first responder system in this town with the fire department," Hall said. "They are very good."

Initially, Hall said that they plan to have two full time duty crews. They will be available 16 hours a day.

"It's not going to be a duty and a call group, Hall said. "We'll have two crews on duty during the day shift."

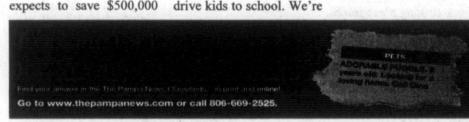
At night when the call volume goes down, he said there will be a duty crew and a call group.

"That will actually improve response times, too," Hall said.

Hall said Pampa and the surrounding area have a very high call volume.

He said it is an ideal situation. It's not as high as Amarillo, but it has the call volume to keep the skills up. Plus, he said, being a 501.c3, all the money stays within the organization.

Hall said the profit will go back into the organization so services can be upgraded. Their business plan indicates that the revenues will support two duty crews during the week.



### Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Gray County General will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 7.91 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 1, 2009 at 9:00 a.m at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room, 2nd floor, 205 N. Russell, Pampa, TX 79065.

The second public hearing will be held on September 8, 2009. at 9:00 a.m at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room, 2nd floor, 205 N. Russell, Pampa, TX 79065.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

County Judge Richard Peet Joe Wheeley For: John Mark Baggerman Gary Willoughby

Against:

Present and not voting:

Absent: James Hefley

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gray County General last year was \$39,789. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.44672 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$177.75. The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gray County General this year is \$44,073. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.44577 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$196.46

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.48103 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$212.00. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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## Viewpoints

### Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 24, the 236th day of 2009. There are 129 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 24, 1814, during the War of 1812, British forces invaded Washington, D.C., setting fire to the Capitol (which was still under construction) and the White House, as well as other public buildings.

In A.D. 79, long-dormant Mount Vesuvius erupted, burying the Roman cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum in volcanic ash; an estimated 20,000

In 1572, the St. Bartholomew's Day massacre of French Protestants at the hands of Catholics began

In 1932, Amelia Earhart embarked on a 19-hour flight from Los Angeles to Newark, N.J., making her the first woman to fly solo, nonstop, from coast to coast.

No one knows his true character until he has run out of gas, purchased something on the installment plan and raised an adolescent.

> Francoise Sagan, French author

In 1949, the North Atlantic Treaty came into force.

In 1954, President Dwight Eisenhower signed Communist Control Act, outlawing the Communist Party in the United States.

In 1959, three days after Hawaiian statehood, Hiram L. Fong was sworn in

as the first Chinese-American U.S. Senator while Daniel K. Inouye was sworn in as the first Japanese-American U.S. Representative.

In 1968, France became the world's fifth thermonuclear power as it exploded a hydrogen bomb in the South Pacific

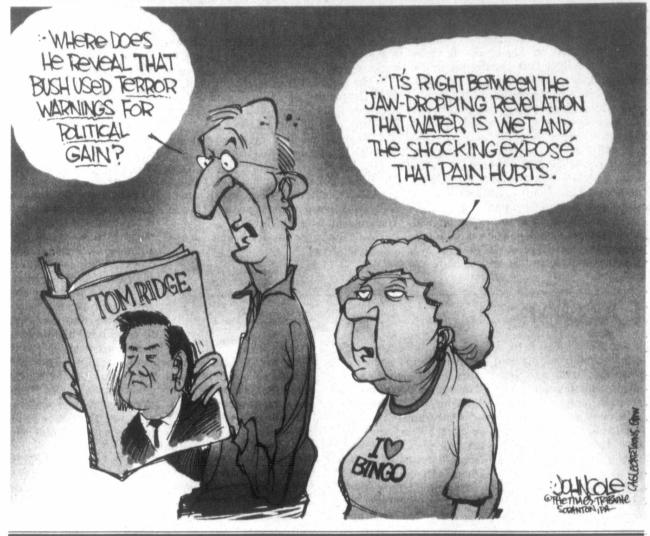
In 1970, a bomb planted by anti-war extremists exploded at the University of Wisconsin's Sterling Hall in Madison, killing 33-year-old researcher Robert Fassnacht.

In 1989, Baseball Commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti banned Pete Rose from the game for betting on his own team, the Cincinnati Reds. The Voyager 2 space probe flew by Neptune, sending back striking photographs.

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing \$30 billion in damage; 43 U.S. deaths were blamed on the storm.

Ten years ago: The Federal Reserve raised borrowing costs for millions of Americans, increasing its target for the federal funds rate by a quarter point to 5.25 percent, and hiking the discount rate a quar-

ter point to 4.75 percent. Today's Birthdays: Composer-musician Mason Williams is 71. R&B singer Marshall Thompson (The Chi-Lites) is 67. Rock musician Ken Hensley Actress Anne Archer is 62. Actor Kevin Dunn (TV: "Samantha Who?") is 54. Actor-writer Stephen Fry is 52. Actor Steve Guttenberg is 51. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Cal Ripken Jr. is 49. Talk show host Craig Kilborn is 47. Rock singer John Bush is 46. Actress Marlee Matlin is 44. Retired NBA player Reggie Miller is 44. Broadcast journalist David Gregory ("Meet the Press") is 39. Country singer Kristyn Osborn (SheDaisy) is 39. Actor-comedian Dave Chappelle is 36. Actor Carmine Giovinazzo is 36. Actor Rupert Grint ("Harry Potter" films) is 21.



## A sampling of editorial opinion around Texas

Austin American-Statesman term limits:

Here's one on which we all should be able to agree: Voters should be allowed to cast their ballots for any candidate who meets constitutional and legal requirements for the office he or she seeks.

Underage candidates? Disqualified. Noncitizens? Forget it. Felons? Outta

Everybody else? Throw your name on the ballot, campaign your heart out and see who votes for you. Simple and logical enough. Not a bad way to run a democracy.

But some states don't run their democracies that way. They have added another category to the banned candidate list: folks who have proved their qualifications by having honorably and successfully actually done the job they seek.

It's called term limits, an idea that many people think has served the nation well when it comes to the White House. According to the National Governors Association, 37 states place term limits on their governors.

Texas is not one of them. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, in starting her GOP primary campaign against Gov. Rick Perry, is using her statewide kickoff tour to include a call for gubernatorial term limits.

"We need results, not politics," she says in her stump speech. "And that starts with term limits for Texas governor. For any governor, eight years is enough.

Hutchison says this

because a central point of

her campaign is that Perry, who got the job in 2000 when then-Gov. George W. Bush resigned to prepare to take the presidency, and has been elected twice since then, has been in office too long.

"We can't afford 14 years of one person appointing every state board agency and commission. It invites patronage. It tempts cronyism. And is has to stop now." Hutchison said.

To date, Texas has chosen to eschew gubernatorial limits. That's not to say Texans have chosen not to limit gubernatorial terms. In fact, for a while there, they were pretty good at it.

It wasn't until Bush was re-elected in 1998 that Texans gave a governor consecutive fouryear terms. (Gubernatorial terms were two years until 1974.)

We think voters should be able to decide whether Texas should have term limits for the governor's

Term limits might solve one problem (the power of incumbency) but could cause others (limiting voter choice, four years of a lame-duck governor with no need to be responsive to

Like Hutchison, we're against patronage and cronyism that can be caused when a governor is in office too long. But patronage and cronyism can set in on Day One with some governors.

Many states enforce a two-terms-and-you're-out limit on their governors. Texas, you might have noted, has had some good governors and some bad governors. To date, we've let the voters pass judg-

But Hutchison raises an

interesting point. We're generally not in

favor of cluttering the ballot with all kinds of decisions that should be made by our lawmakers, but this one seems particularly well-suited for the ballot. The 2011 Legislature

should approve a proposed constitutional amendment limiting Texas governors to two terms. That action would put the issue on the ballot, where voters could decide whether they want to place such limits on their governors, as well as on themselves.

ouston Chronicle on clean air standards:

City of Houston officials have wrestled for years with this dilemma: How do you prevent industrial facilities from violating clean air standards if the state agency entrusted with that responsibility doesn't do the job?

Environmental groups frustrated by that inaction are now taking polluters to court, with encouraging results. In the latest example, the Sierra Club and Environment Texas have filed a federal suit to force Chevron Phillips Chemical to reduce emissions of air toxics at its Cedar Bayou chemical plant in Baytown.

In court filings, the groups claim that since 2003 the plant has illegally released more than a million pounds of toxic, carcinogenic chemicals, including benzene and 1,3-butadiene. Most of the releases occurred during so-called 'upsets," which occur during startups, shutdowns, and other non-routine activities.

The litigation is being brought under a provision of the Clean Air Act

empowering private citizens affected by illegal pollution discharges to file federal suits if state and federal regulators do not take action.

This is the second time that the two groups have used the citizen suit provision against a Houstonarea company. Last year the target was the Shell-Oil Deer Park refinery and petrochemical complex. That resulted in a landmark settlement in which Shell agreed to reduce emissions and pay nearly \$6 million for past Clean Air Act violations.

Reacting to the latest suit, a Chevron Phillips spokesman claimed the company is complying with existing laws and has reduced emis-

Neil Carman, a chemist and the Clean Air Program director for the Lone Star chapter of the Sierra Club, says a single discharge of emissions from the Cedar Bayou facility 10 years ago created the highest levels of ozone in Houston in the last 20 years.

The director Environment Texas, Luke Metzger, says citizen suits are necessary "because the state of Texas has failed to stop such violations at Cedar Bayou and elsewhere and enforce the law themselves."

The support evidence filed in the Chevron Phillips suit is based on analysis of the company's own reports submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. It's inexcusable that the state agency responsible for enforcing clean air laws apparently can't be bothered to look at what's right under its nose.

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### Letters to the editor

Dear Editor,

Last week the Evangelical Lutheran Church America (ELCA) voted to adopt positions concerning the approval of same-sex relationships and accepting gay clergy in monogamous relationships. These positions are clearly contrary to God's Word in the Holy Scriptures. It would be helpful for your readers to know that they do NOT represent all Lutherans in the United States.

Other smaller Lutheran Church bodies such as the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod (LCMS), Wisconsin Synod (WELS) the Evangelical

Lutheran Synod (ELS)

still hold to the biblical truths regarding these matters. We believe and teach that homosexuality is sinful practice and marriage between members of the same sex is not a legitimate

marriage.

We in the LCMS certainly have our own problems, but it must be made clear that many Lutherans do uphold and believe in the authority of God's Word and proclaim it in

our churches. I will continue to pray that the ELCA return to a faithful confession of the Christian Faith.

Rev. Michael Erickson Zion Lutheran Church (LCMS) Pampa, TX

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## Wind farm debate splits private property concerns

Richard Grant Jr.'s family has ranched Wyoming's rugged granite-and-grass hills for generations, their 123-year-old ranch dotted with reminders of their long western history — an historic schoolhouse, an old red barn and the parcels of land sold away during hard

But it wasn't until a few years ago that a radical prospect blew in with the stiff winds that sweep the ridge tops of the northern Laramie Range: wind turbines.

Grant welcomes chance to get into wind energy development and generate some income. His courting of wind developers however has put him at odds with some of his neighbors, who consider a large-scale wind farm to be the industrialization of their backyards in the sparsely populated region.

As American demand for renewable energy grows, landowners and governments across the West are wrestling with how to balance their cherished private property rights against the far-reaching visual impact of 400-foot (122-meter)tall wind turbines and the transmission lines needed to move power to distant cities.

"That's something you're hearing a lot about — the landscape and the viewsheds," Grant said. "And I can see their points. But if the viewsheds were worth so much, I wouldn't be worrying about making an extra dollar somewhere."

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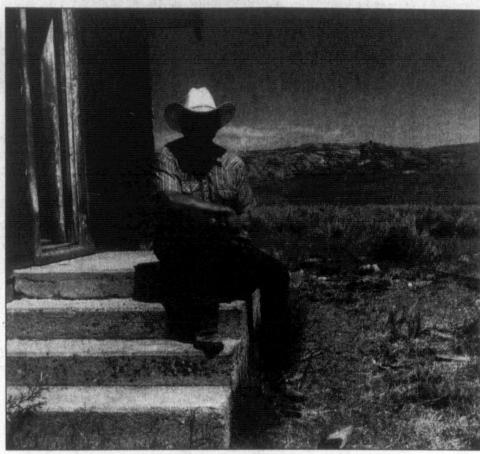
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Grant said he's been in negotiations for six months with Wasatch Wind of Utah to lease his ranch for possible wind farm development. A representative of Wasatch said the company is in the early stages of studying the area for a possible wind farm.

Some of Grant's neighbors are having none of it. They formed the Northern Laramie Range Alliance this spring to fight indus-



Glenrock, Wyo. rancher Richard C. Grant sits next to the one-room schoolhouse where his father and grandfather attended classes on the Grant family's homestead. Grant is interested in leasing his family's ranch for a possible wind farm. Some of his neighbors oppose the idea of building a wind farm in the area. (AP Photo/Matt Joyce)

trial scale wind development in their namesake mountains and a segment of a proposed transmission line that would cut across the range.

Kenneth G. Lay, a founder of the group, said its members aren't opposed to industrial-scale wind development in places such as Wyoming's eastern plains, where landowners are actively marketing their land to wind developers. But the group doesn't want a big wind farm in an area it describes as "scenic, multiple-use landscapes."

The group is also concerned about developers quietly negotiating with individual landowners.

"We believe that it is not appropriate for one or two big landowners to essentially dictate what is going to happen to everybody else's property," said Lay, who spends his time

on his ranch neighboring Grant's while not working in Washington, D.C., as treasurer of the World Bank.

Wyoming and the West are home to some of America's strongest wind resources. The American Wind Energy Association, a trade group, says Wyoming has 85,200 megawatts of developable wind capacity, or seventh most in the nation. That's enough to power about 1.7 million homes, or half of Los Angeles County's estimated 3.4 million house-

Wyoming produces 816 megawatts of wind energy, ranking it 12th in the United States, according to the wind association. Texas leads the nation with its 8,361 megawatts of wind power.

Developers have swarmed Wyoming in

recent years with designs on the state's wind energy potential. But such development faces multiple obstacles, including a shortage of transmission lines to move power to big

Grant said he is trying to minimize impacts on his neighbors. He said he sees wind development as a chance to diversify his ranch's revenue, and he would rather see a wind farm than further subdivision of the land for new

"What it does is it provides us with the opportunity to continue ranching with minimal disturbance,' Grant said. "But the other part of that is it's a private property issue. We have the right to do what we want, and they have the right to do what they want on their property."

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We received a nasty note from our daughter-inlaw, "Ariella." She lives several states away. Her father passed away about six weeks ago. They lived out of state, and we were never close with them.

Ariella angry because we didn't send flowers to the viewing and didn't send her mother a sympathy card until two weeks after the funeral.

We're in our late 70s. Ariella's father was 89. Should we have sent flowers? And is two weeks after a death too late to send a sympathy card? Our other three children each received identical notes from Ariella. -- BEFUDDLED IN ALABAMA

BEFUDDLED: I'll say this about your daughterin-law -- she's outspoken about her emotions. Ariella's parents may have lived out of state, but they are (were) members of your extended family, and frankly, the nonchalance with which you treated the death of Ariella's father surprises

No law says you were obligated to send flowers for the funeral -- but to have done so would have been a compassionate gesture and let her and her mother know you cared. To then wait two weeks before extending any condolences was cold in light of the fact that you could have picked up the phone and done it immediately -and the same goes for your children.

DEAR ABBY: After 35 years living out of state, my parents have moved to my hometown, and I am thrilled to have them so near.

My problem: Now that I'm seeing my mother on a daily basis, I know what I'm going to look like in 20 years. She and I recognize our physical similarities and laugh about them: our

noses, our coloring and our rear ends, etc. These genes will override any "magic cream" on the market.

Mother has many qualities that I admire and aspire to have, but I guess I wasn't ready for a preview peek into the aging mirror. I have never considered myself vain, but I would like to be slimmer and keep a more youthful appearance. Is it hopeless? The problem isn't my mother -- it's me. -- AFRAID OF DESTINY

DEAR AFRAID: It's not hopeless. Biology doesn't have to dictate one's destiny. Your diet and lifestyle can have a tremendous effect on your appearance in 20 years. Also, men and women seem to have aged more slowly in recent decades than they did in the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

If you want reassurance, drag out some old family albums and take a look at how your aunts, uncles and grandparents looked at your age. Please don't obsess about something that may not happen because nothing ages a woman like stress.

DEAR ABBY: My friend's daughter asked her child's godparent to buy a \$60 to \$100 dress for the baptismal service. I told my friend I had never heard of the parents not buying the outfit themselves.

The daughter cannot afford to buy the dress herself. Was it appropriate to ask this of a godparent? -- UNCERTAIN IN OMAHA

D E A R UNCERTAIN: She may have thought so. According to Emily Post: "The baby's gown -- often one that was worn by the baby's mother, father or one of his grandparents -- is provided by the parents, not the godparents -- A FORMER TRADITION THAT HAS GONE BY THE BOARD'

## Phoenix area golfer has 50 career holes in one

PHOENIX (AP) - In 1966, Dave Thomas lined up an 8-iron at Orange Tree Golf Club — then known as the Century Country Club - and took dead aim at the 140-

On that day, he lived every golfer's dream. That 8-iron shot found the cup for a hole in one.

"I never saw it go in," he said. "I saw it going toward the pin, and we looked around for it and then we found it in the hole." Three years later he was on the same course and the same hole and darned if he didn't do the same

Thomas has kept doing the same thing for more than 30 years. Last month, he recorded his 50th career hole in one, acing the 162-yard second hole at Mountain Shadows Golf Course with a 7-iron.

Skeptical? Don't worry, Thomas is used to it.

When his friends at the Tee Pee Mexican Restaurant, where Thomas is a regular, introduce him as "The guy with all the holes in one," he inevitably is asked how many he's made.

"When I tell them, they just roll their eyes," he said. It really isn't so far-fetched. Even at age 75 Thomas plays to a 5 handicap. He typically plays at least four days a week at Mountain Shadows, which has 16 par-3 holes. He's been a member since 1979 and has recorded 39 of his aces there. All of his aces have been verified by cred-

"He's a really straight iron player, and he hits a little punch," said Jeff Jones, director of golf at Mountain Shadows. "He doesn't hit the high ball that curls on in there. It looks like he's kind of scraping it around.

"When I first played with him, I thought, 'How does he get it up there by the pin bouncing it in there like that?' "But the more I played with him, the more I saw that he gets it up there around the hole, and he gets it in the hole." The Golf Digest Hole-in-One Clearing House, which

tracks hole-in-one records, lists Norman Manley of-Long Beach, Calif., as the amateur record holder with 59. At Mountain Shadows, Thomas has aced 17 of the 18 holes. The only one that has eluded him is the 353-yard

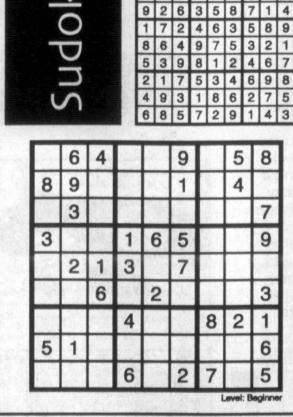
par-4 sixth. "It's a 90-degree dogleg," Thomas said. "Believe it or not, when I first joined here I could drive it. But the trees have grown up and I can't cut the dogleg anymore. I have had a two on that hole."

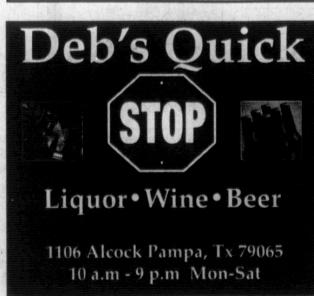
Thomas is the first to say skill goes only so far. It takes

"I have had one for sure that hit a tree and went in," he

said. "Another one, at Stone Creek . . . I hit a cart path and it bounced up there, hit the flagstick and went in.

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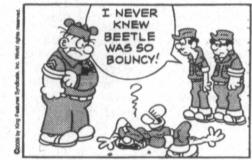




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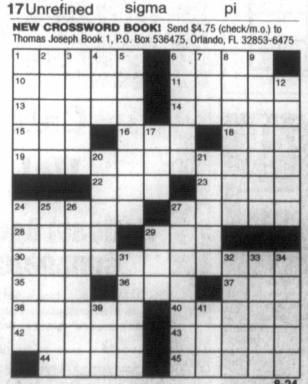
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25, 2009: This year, make changes in your daily life and in your communication. Never lose sight of your goals; know where you are heading. People stand up to you, often giving you unappreciated feedback. Accept people as they are. Be overly conscious about your finances, and create a sense of comfort. If you are single, meet new people through your friends. Encounters will make for greater security and confidence. If you're attached, decide on one special mutual goal or wish. Together, make it a reality. SCORPIO has an impact on you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

ers rather than put in your two cents. \*\*\*\* Others dominate and share a piece of their mind. Your ability to empathize is enhanced. Avoid conceptual discussions right now, and stick to prac-

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\* Stop dealing with a problem, and toss the issues into the arena. Many people have suggestions. Will they work? You discover that new ideas trigger thoughts. Brainstorm. You have a limited amount of energy - plan well. Tonight:

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* You suddenly have far more

Incorporate some exercise.

energy and get-up-and-go. You could encounter a problem out of the blue. Your fiery side emerges in the next few weeks. Use exercise as a stress-buster. Let your imagination charge your creativity. Tonight: Let in more mischief. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\* You could feel burdened by many

different obligations. Express your feelings before they build. Be sensitive to self-destructive tendencies, and certainly to the impact of internalizing your feelings. Communication could be overwhelming. Tonight: Vanish home. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Your way of expressing your-

could trigger someone else. The problem will be that re-establishing peace could take a lot of talent. Weigh a financial decision. Tonight: Visit with friends. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* Remain more expansive and in tune with your needs. Someone might

self continues to be effective, though it

challenge you, or so you feel. You see limits wherever you go. What would it take to get past this type of thinking? Express your humor. Your mind works overtime. Tonight: Share your thoughts with a trusted adviser. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Whatever puts a smile on your face.

chest. Be smart. As a result, people will say and share more. Also, you will have more time to see where someone else is coming from with his or her hard sell. Tonight: Just for you.

you want. Hold your cards close to your

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\* As you are focused on the whole, not the details, an associate picks apart your thinking and actions. Focus on your goals and refuse to be distracted. This could be an ongoing dialogue for several weeks. Refuse to get triggered;

just understand where someone else is

coming from. Tonight: Zero in on what

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\* A must appearance takes a toll on you. Realize your limits and understand what your priorities are. Act as if you are the leader, but continually question your logic and process when making a deci-

sion. Open up more, and understand

what is going on behind the scenes. Tonight: Make plans for a getaway. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Stretch beyond the obvious and get past a problem. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is going on in your daily life. Detach and get to the bottom of a problem. Avoid sarcasm if possible. Not everyone agrees with your perspective. Just listen. Tonight: Put on a favorite piece of music.

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\*\*\* Just when you feel you have a strong line of communication with key people, someone's style changes. You could be slightly more guarded, and you might not really know why. Listen to oth-Stabilize first. Tonight: Avoid sarcasm. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

tical issues. Avoid reacting to some mood. It doesn't serve you. Tonight: Go along with another's request

\*\*\*\* Your bright and fun style marks your decisions and actions. Others remain responsive, even if they're challenging. Consider sharing more of your inner thoughts. When you do, comm cation will become instrumental and fulfilling. Take the first step. Tonight:

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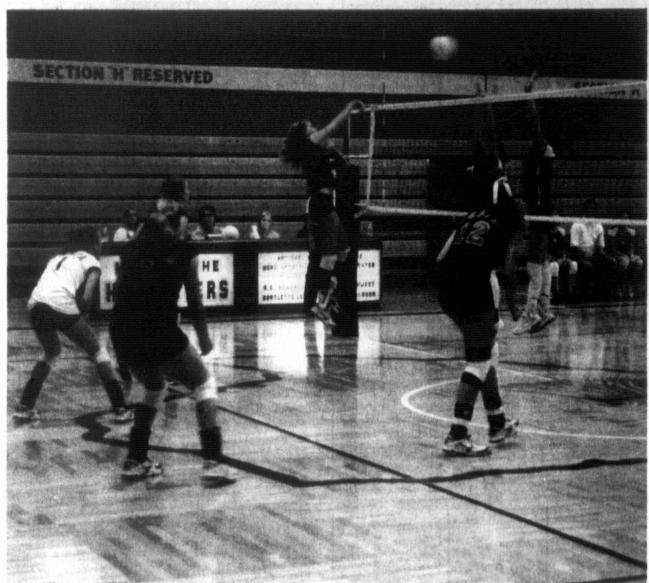
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## Sports

## JV Harvesters finish third in tourney



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Lady Harvesters JV team finished third in a tournament held here last weekend.

## Tennis team loses four in Amarillo

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa Harvester tennis team lost four matches in the Amarillo Tournament in Amarillo last Friday and Saturday.

Pampa started the tournament by playing Amarillo High losing 16-2. The Harvesters next match was against Frenship and lost 13-6. Pampa lost to Palo Duro 10-7 and finished the tournament losing 10-9 to Plainview.

Head coach Sarah Corse

team in action.

"I got to see how things worked and what we have to work on," Corse said. Corse said she could see some silver lining in their

defeats. "We improved each

match," the head tennis coach said. "This is preseason. We need to work on things and get ready for September 10 (first district match)."

Corse said her team needs to work on finishing matches.

with our girls doubles and a boys single to win it," Corse said. "We could have had four matches gone our way but they didn't."

Corse was complimentary of Myles Foreman's performance during the tournament.

"He won all of his singles going 4-0," Corse said. "Which is pretty impres-

Corse said senior Samantha Finney and junior Holly Gage played well also. Finney and Gage "When we played played doubles together and went 2-2. Both girls

were 2-2 in their singles matches.

The team's next match is 9 a.m. Saturday in Lubbock, against Lubbock Trinity and Midland Christian.

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Pampa Lady The Harvester junior varsity volleyball team won third place in a tournament at Pampa High School.

The Lady Harvesters started the tournament by beating Perryton 25-12 and 25-13.

In the first game Pampa jumped out to an 18-10 lead and never gave it up.

In Game 2, the Lady Harvesters took a 17-4 lead going on to win and advance to the next round.

Pampa played Amarillo Tascosa, a 5A school, in the second round of the winners bracket. In Game one the Lady Harvesters had the early advantage jumping out to a 6-1 lead. The Lady Rebels outscored the Harvesters 11-6 to move within one. The game was back and forth until Tascosa took a 23-21 lead. After coach Matt Embry called a time out, Pampa tied the game at 24.

The Lady Harvesters had a chance to win the game, taking a 25-24 lead. Tascosa got a sideout to tie the game, and got the lead on their next serve. Pampa was able to tie the game at 26, but the Lady Rebels got the last two points of the match, winning 28-26.

Game two started with both teams exchanging points. With a 4-3 lead, Tascosa scored six unanswered points, to expand their lead to 10-3. The closest the Lady Harvesters would get was six points. The Rebels won 25-13, advancing to the tournament championship, where they beat Canyon in two Embry said his team played well against Tascosa but lost control after losing game one.

"I still feel like we should have won that game," Embry said. "Once it fell apart in the end, the look on those girls faces told the story. They fell apart. I think if we won that first game we would have won the second game."

The Lady Harvesters finished the tournament by playing in the third place game, against district foe Caprock. In Game one, Pampa jumped out to an early 9-2 lead. The Lady Harvesters did not allow the Lady Longhorns to get within five points, winning the match 25-12.

In Game two, both teams went back and forth, with numerous ties in the game. Caprock took a 19-17 lead, but the Harvesters tied them at 19. Pampa scored three straight points to take a 22-19 lead. The Lady Longhorns pulled within two twice before losing 25-22.

Embry said he was pleased that his team was able to get a win against a district opponent.

"Our district play is our postseason," Embry said. "We want to make sure that anytime we get out against a district opponent, we get a win. And we did that today."

The junior varsity coach said his team needs to work on team chemistry.

"Talent wise there," Embry said. "We just need to pick it up and learn how to close."

The junior varsity plays Clinton and Plainview tonight and will play at Borger on September 1.

### said it was good to see her Frenship, we had chances Roberts leads Arizona to 7-5 win over Astros

the Arizona Diamondbacks broke out of their offensive doldrums, their losing

streak ended, too. Ryan Roberts matched a career high with four hits and Arizona beat the Houston Astros 7-5 on Sunday to snap a seasonhigh seven-game skid.

"It was big for us in a lot of ways," Diamondbacks manager A.J. Hinch said. "Stopping the losing was big, but also for us to smile a little in the dugout, to feel what it's like to play from ahead."

Augie Ojeda added two hits and a pair of RBIs for the Diamondbacks, who had 14 total hits and also ended a season-long ninegame road skid.

Arizona had scored only 14 runs during its seven-game slide. The Diamondbacks hadn't scored seven since Aug. 10, and the five runs they put up in the first inning were a season high.

"It just looked like we were more patient, like we had more of a plan," Hinch said. "We talked with the hitters before the game and they responded."

Arizona also benefited from five walks.

"We've got to be a little more patient and we talked about it before the game," Miguel Montero said. "We have to be more patient when we have men on base. We're a young team and sometimes we just want to go up there with a man on base and swing.

better today."

Jon Garland (7-11) went six innings and allowed four runs on 10 hits and a walk, and the bullpen got the game to Chad Qualls, who worked the ninth for his 23rd save of the year.

The Diamondbacks sent 10 men to the plate in the five-run first, highlighted by Ojeda's bases-loaded, two-run single. Montero and Garland also added RBI singles and Astros starter Bud Norris forced in the other run with a bases-loaded walk to Alex Romero.

Arizona made it 6-0 in the second on Brandon Allen's first major league RBI, a single to center.

HOUSTON(AP)—Once It's tough for us, but it's a Norris (3-2) was yanked learning process. We did after facing two batters in the second, allowing the six runs on six hits and three walks in his fifth

> major league start. Norris has lost two straight after winning his first three games.

"It was a little tough, obviously," he said. "No excuses really. You just have to get back in the bullpen and work on a few things.

Humberto Quintero had a homer and a double for Houston, which had won a season-high four straight. The homer came in the fifth inning and was his third of the year.

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