

**Ashmore & Associates**  
INSURANCE AGENCY, LLC

1224 North Hobart  
NBC Plaza 2, Suite 11  
Pampa, TX  
806-688-7081  
www.ashmoreassociates.com

...for all your insurance needs!

- AUTO • HOME • RV • BOAT
- ANTIQUE & COLLECTIBLE AUTO
- MOTORCYCLE • RENTERS
- CROP • FARM/RANCH
- WORKERS COMP.
- COMMERCIAL
- LIFE/HEALTH



\*\*\*\*\*ORIGIN MICRO DOC 790  
0000471 12/31/2008  
HERITAGE MICROFILM  
4049 2151 AMF SW  
CEGAR 889105, LA 52404-6309



**WTL**  
SAND & GRAVEL, LLC

1205 HOBART  
Pampa, Texas  
806-699-0158

# The PAMPA NEWS

Wednesday, September 9, 2009 Volume 105 • No. 118 Daily - Weekend \$1.50

The Harvesters are enjoying their new Turf and you should too.

**FREE**

Carpet pad with installation purchase.

The Floor Store  
2110 Perryton Parkway  
665-4455

**CHILDERS BROTHERS INC.**  
HOUSE LEVELING

Uneven Floors  
Floor Bracing  
Cracks In Bricks  
Sticking Doors & Windows  
Interior Wall Cracking  
FREE ESTIMATES

1-800-299-9563  
WWW.CHILDERSLEVELING.COM

**Load up on Savings!**

**One STOP Flooring**  
1533 N. HOBART  
MONDAY-FRIDAY 9-5  
SATURDAY 10-1  
665-0995 670

M#10341 • LICENSED • INSURED

**BOB'S PLUMBING**  
PAMPA, TEXAS  
806-669-1940  
CELL# 806-584-0809  
HOURS MON-FRI 8-6 • SAT 8-12  
EMERGENCY ANYTIME  
OWNERS: BOBBY FAIRES / DUECE FAIRES

**Sentry Self Storage**

24 hr Controlled Access  
24 hr Video Surveillance  
Personal & Commercial  
665-1000

**VISION SOURCE**  
FAMILY EYE CARE  
OPTICAL  
KIDS SEE FREE  
1324 N. BANKS  
806.665.0771

**AMMONS CONSTRUCTION**

Roofing Siding  
Custom Homes  
Window Replacement  
Remodeling & Additions  
806.669.7777  
ammonsconstruction.com

**Vision**  
COMPUTER SERVICES  
I have computer problems.com  
806-665-HELP(4357)  
Comb. Worley Building  
120 W Kingsmill Ave  
Suite 303

**Jasper**

Located in McLean since 1988  
Work Guaranteed • Bonded  
Free Estimates  
Metal • Composition  
Wood • Shakes • Decks  
Rikide Jasper Jr. 1-800-678-9355  
Rikide Jasper Jr. 1-800-678-9351

**M & H Leasing**  
TOP OF TEXAS  
Serve only GOD!  
1945 N. Hobart • 665-2061

## 911 call helps police nab robbery suspects

A 911 call reporting someone calling for help led to aggravated robbery charges for two suspects. The call came in at approximately 1:20 a.m. Wednesday (Sept. 9), according to a police report, stating that a 64 year old man was yelling for help from inside his residence at the 200 block of West Craven Street.

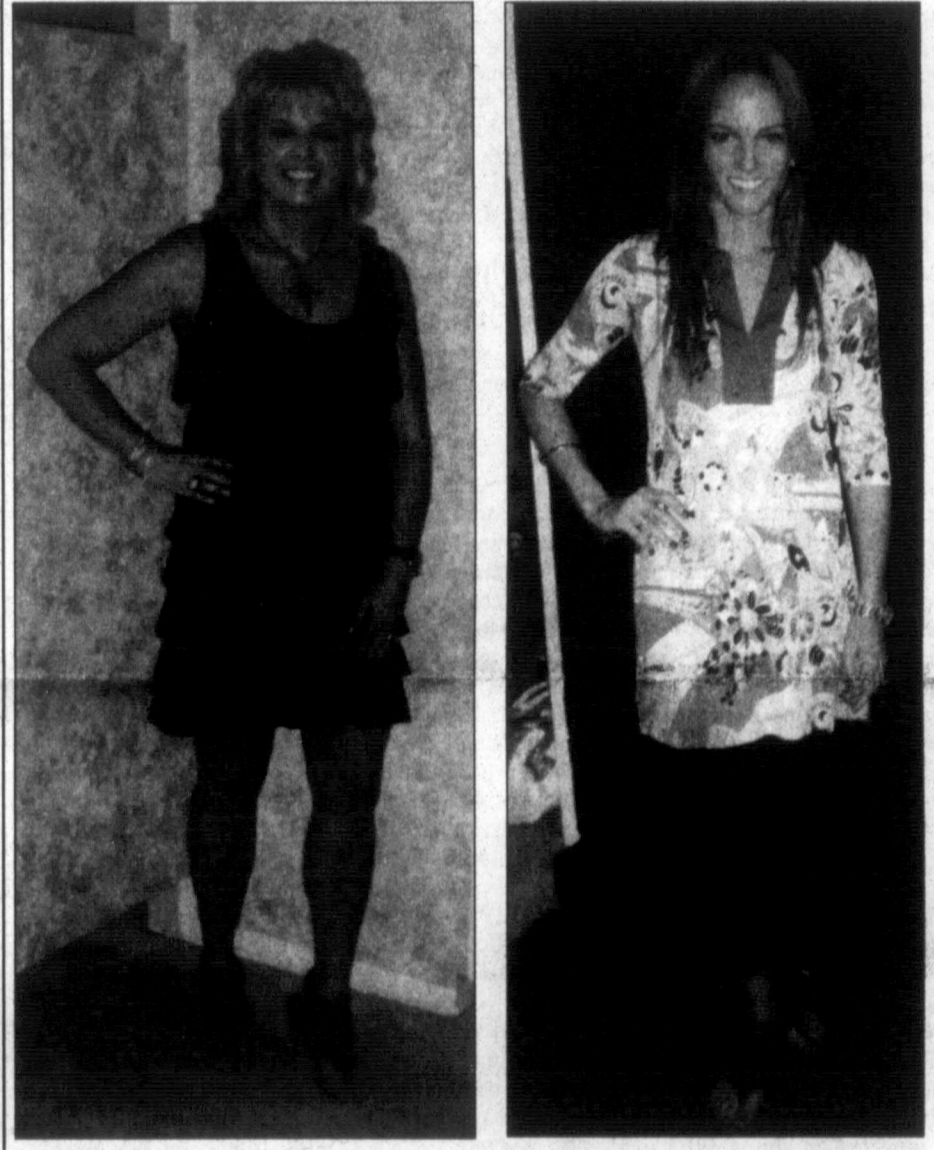
Police responded to the scene and found the victim lying on the floor with Peter Joseph Garcia, Jr., 44, on top of him, the report said. Police found another suspect, Heather Lynette Edinger, 29, in a back room of the house. The report stated that the two suspects assaulted the elderly man during the robbery, but the victim refused

treatment. Garcia and Edinger, both of Pampa, were booked into the Gray County Jail for the offense of aggravated robbery, a first degree felony. If convicted each could face incarceration up to 99 years and a \$10,000 fine. Garcia was also booked for 6 outstanding warrants from the Pampa Municipal Court.

**Free!**  
In this issue!

2009 Gray County  
**Medical, Health & Wellness Directory**

Co-sponsored by  
PAMPA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
The Pampa News



The annual Top 'O Texas CattleWomen Style Show is set for Saturday, Sept. 12, at the Pampa Country Club. The show is a fundraiser for the organization, the proceeds of which are used to fund scholarships for area high school students. Above, from left: Lisa Clifton and Kristen Curtis model some of the outfits from Carousel Expressions to be seen from the show. Fashions from other local businesses will also be part of the event. For more information, call 898-0247 or 662-7535.

## King trial continues in Lubbock

BY DAVID BOWSER  
dbowser@thepampanews.com

LUBBOCK — District Attorney Lynn Switzer continued to track the trail of the evidence today in the Levi King murder case. King, 27, pleaded guilty last week to murdering Brian Conrad, 31; his pregnant wife, Michell, 35; her unborn baby, and Michell's son, Zach Doan, 14, in their Gray County home some 13 miles south of Pampa on Sept. 30, 2005. An El Paso detective testified this morning how he and his partner questioned King into the early morning hours of Oct. 1, 2005, after King had been arrested crossing the Texas-Mexico border coming back into the U.S. Det. Joe Baca told how King confessed to shooting Orlie McCool and his daughter-in-law Dawn McCool in Pineville, MO. McDonald County, MO, Deputy Michael Hall testified that he and another deputy had traveled to El Paso to pick up King and the pickup truck that he had been driving when he was arrested. Hall also described how Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland and Texas Ranger Bart Bivens traveled to Missouri to examine evidence that might tie King to the killing of the Brian Conrad family south of Pampa. Switzer told the jury during her opening statements last week that King, fleeing his home in Missouri where he had killed a man and his daughter-in-law the previous day, had pulled off Interstate 40 before dawn that September

morning, parked next to the Conrad's garage and entered the home through a side door as the family slept. Armed with an AK-47, a submachine gun he had stolen from his father's gun collection, King fired at least two bursts as he entered the Conrads' bedroom, killing Brian and Michell Conrad and their dog, Molly. Switzer said he then walked through the kitchen, down a short hall shot a single round at Michell's daughter, Robin Doan, as she lay in her bed. Thinking he'd killed her, King then walked across the hall and fired a burst at Michell's son, Zach Doan, as he lay sleeping with his back to the door. After King left the house, Switzer said, Robin Doan took a phone and went outside and hid in the back of Conrad's pickup and called 911. In his opening statement, Maxwell Peck III, one of the defense attorneys, said King's rage was against his father, who had taken him to downtown Pineville, MO, on Sept. 29, and left him at the bus station. King, however, had followed his father home, waited for him to leave and had tried to destroy the house and broke into his father's gun safe where he had taken the AK-47, a .30-06 rifle and a 9 mm pistol. He would later use the 9 mm pistol to kill a man and woman in Pineville before fleeing in the man's pickup. King would use the AK-47 at the Conrad home south of Pampa.

## Prayer breakfast set for Friday

The Pampa Chamber of Commerce is reviving tradition of prayer breakfasts with the first scheduled this Friday. "The last prayer breakfast hosted by the Chamber was on Sept. 11, 2001," said Joe Weaver, the organization's executive director. "The is kind of harking back to that and in memory and honor of that .... and in prayer for our nation." The Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in

Pampa, will lead the prayer breakfast. "I intend to read a scripture or two, give a brief devotional - talking about prayer - and then guide folks in silent prayer," said Rev. Rigoulot. "We want to lift up those who lost loved ones, those who served, the leaders of our community and our nation, our servicemen. "Everyone can pray as they feel they are led," he added. "We want to emphasize our unity and

our diversity." Everyone in the community is invited to attend the prayer breakfast, Weaver said, but they need to make reservations by calling the Chamber office at 669-3241 by noon Thursday. The cost for the meal is \$6.50 per person and it will be held in the M. K. Brown Room at the Chamber Building. The prayer breakfast should be completed by 8 a.m. for those who need to get to work, Weaver added.

## Public's help sought in locating biting dogs

Local officials are seeking the public's help in locating two dogs that have bitten Pampa residents. The two victims are hoping to locate the animals to forego taking a series of Rabies vaccinations.

One victim a 7-year-old girl was bitten on the hand after playing with a stray dog for some time at her home on the 500 block of Magnolia. "It happened on Labor Day (Sept. 7)," said Monty

Montgomery, supervisor of Pampa Animal Control. "The dog had been hanging around the house for a few days." The bite was reported yesterday and the dog has disappeared, Montgomery said.

The family described the animal as a female Boxer-mix, brown with shades of black on the tail. The animal is thought to be 6 to 7 months old. The other victim is an

adult woman who was walking in Recreation Park when a dog came up from behind her and bit her on the leg. That incident occurred on Friday. **DOGS cont. on page 3**

**MORLEY** 274-5000  
BORGER 701 N. MAIN  
The Final Destination 3D (Digital 3D)  
Shorts (Digital) • Halloween 2  
Julie & Julia • District 9  
The Time Travelers Wife

**HOUSE HUNTERS-REALTOR**

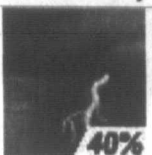
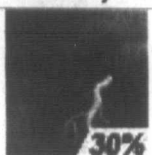

Linda Laycock BROKER 662-1312	Larry Hadley ASSOC. 662-2779	Jordan Oneal ASSOC. 817-680-9322
-------------------------------------	------------------------------------	--

**PRAYER BREAKFAST**  
With Pastor Kenny Rigoulot, of First Presbyterian Church  
September 11, 2009 6:30 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room  
at the Chamber Building. \$6.50 per person.  
Please RSVP to Holly at  
669-3241 or holly@pampachamber.com  
Rustlers Too will be serving scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,  
hash browns with biscuits & gravy



# For the record

## PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 40%	 30%	 40%
High 80 Low 62	High 79 Low 59	High 74 Low 57

**Tonight:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 63. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%.

**Thursday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 80. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. East northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Saturday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. North northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 57. North wind around 10 mph.

This information brought to you by...

**PRESTIGE**  
AUTOBODY & ACCESSORIES  
101 S. HOBART 806-665-3500  
DeWALT TOOL BOXES! WESTIN NERF BARS!

**B & G Electric**  
REGION-WIDE, 24 HOURS  
(806) 665-4418

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### SHERIFF

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, the following people were booked into Gray County Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, September 4 and 7 a.m. Tuesday, September 8.

Matthew Jeffries, 19, of Amarillo was booked Saturday on charges of theft of a firearm, motion to revoke probation on assault causing bodily injury, failure to appear for a charge of theft over \$50 under \$500, bond surrender-assault causing bodily injury, and bond surrender theft over \$50 under \$500.

Jarvas Lavell Clement, 26, of Pampa was booked Saturday on charges of displaying expired registration, failure to appear and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Ryan Wayne Willis, 23, of Pampa was booked Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 ounces.

Donal Mark Mundell, 39, of Pampa was booked Sunday on a charge of documented obscene language.

Terry Wayne Hoskins, 53, of Pampa, TX, was booked Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than 20 ounces.

Leopoldo Marcos Santiago, 20, of Pampa, was booked Sunday on charges of DUI-Minor, No DL, failure to maintain speed.

Juvenal Rongel Campano, 39, of Pampa, TX was booked Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

Fidel Avila Sotelo, 31, of Pampa was booked Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 1:09 p.m. Saturday, September 5 to 7 a.m. Tuesday, September 8.

Monday  
Animal Control Officers responded to 14 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made 26 traffic stops, had eight ongoing investigations, and responded to nine requests for information.

A civil matter was reported in the 400 block of N. Purviance Street. A child custody matter turned into assault with minor injuries no medical attention needed.

Public intoxication was reported in One Medical Plaza.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1400 block of N. Hobart Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in One Medical Plaza.

An animal complaint was taken in the 1400 block of N. Williston Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 800 block of E. Murphy Avenue.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of N. Russell Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1300 block of N. Hobart Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the One Medical Plaza.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of W. Craven Avenue.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N. Duncan Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of S. Starkweather Street.

Terry Hoskins was arrested for possession of marijuana

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of N. Hobart Street. Ryan

## Obituaries

### Mary Lou Boyd, 73

Mary Lou Boyd, 73, of Strong, Arkansas died Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, of natural causes.

Born March 19, 1936, in Gurdon, Arkansas, she was the daughter of James and Velma Gilbert. Mary was a long-time resident of Lefors.

Preceded in death by her daughter Deborah of Tulsa,

husbands Glen Mayben and Deri Boyd, and grandsons Richard and Willie.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Cockrell, Debra Alexander; sons, Bobby Gilbert Jr., Rick Harp, Chris Gilbert, Denny Boyd and David Body; two brothers, Bobby Gilbert and Neal Gilbert; two sisters, Joyce Morris and Shirley

Flowers; grandchildren Deborah Gail, LissaLou, Clint, Angie, Brijit, Aimee, Kayla, Dennis, Gia, Tori, Dante, and great-grandchildren Kimberly, Kacie, Angel, Benjamin, Hailey, Matthew and Tiernan.

Mary's "Goodbye Party" will be held in Lefors on Sept. 9, 2009. Guests will meet at the Community

Center, 103 North Court St. at 10:45 a.m. then proceed to the cemetery at 11 a.m. to share stories/memories as we lay Mary to rest. Guests can write goodbye letters that will stay with Mary. Lunch will follow and guests are encouraged to bring dishes Mary loved or cooked.

### Frances C. Braswell, 91

Frances C. Braswell, 91, Frances went to be with the Lord on Aug. 31, 2009, and was laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery on Sept. 3, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. She was born in Navarro County, Texas on June 9, 1918. She married Leo Braswell on Aug. 30, 1938. They made their

home in Pampa for over 50 years and were married until his death on Nov. 17, 1995.

Frances worked for Cabot for 42 years as a switchboard operator. She was on the board of Meals on Wheels and also a volunteer. She was instrumental in starting the Meals on

Wheels garage sale. She drove the Cabot van for kidney dialysis to Amarillo weekly. She loved all animals and the company of friends and family. Frances was preceded in death by her mother, Lillie, and her husband, Leo.

We would like to sincerely thank the staff of

St. Anne Nursing Home for the love and care that Frances received for the last five years.

In lieu of flowers, donations should be left to the charities that were close to Frances' heart: Meals on Wheels of Pampa and the Animal Control Building Fund.

### Mary Thomas Cowart Veale, 98

Mary Thomas Cowart Veale, 98, died September 8, 2009, in Pampa, Texas.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Veale was born September 30, 1910 in Young County, Texas, to Jessie and Ola Thomas. She married Lloyd Cowart on September 29, 1929 in Paducah. He preceded her in death on May 29, 1964. She later married Thomas "Tom" Veale on December 29, 1968 in

Skellytown. He preceded her in death on November 23, 1993. Mary had been a resident of Skellytown from 1943 until June of 2009 when she moved to Pampa. She worked for Skellytown Independent School District as the school cafeteria manager and cook, retiring in 1972 after 22 years of service. She enjoyed fishing, playing dominoes and spending time with her family. Mary was a member of the Skellytown Church of

Christ.

Survivors include one son, Max Cowart and wife Lucille of Umpire, Arkansas; one daughter, Sue Owens of Pampa; one stepson, James Veale and wife Sue of Granbury; 10 grandchildren, Max Owens and Scot Owens, both of Skellytown, Larry Owens of Amarillo, Terry Owens Rowland of Bethany, Oklahoma, Wilda Turner and Lisa Kitchens, both of Umpire, Arkansas, Tommy Cowart of Dierks,

Arkansas, Jon Veale of Ennis, Bryan Veale of Austin, and Annette Veale of New Boston; 18 great-grandchildren, 17 great-great-grandchildren. Mary was preceded in death by a stepson, Dale Veale; five sisters, two brothers, four half-brothers and a half-sister.

Sign the on-line register at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com)

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Willis was arrested for possession of marijuana.

A suspicious person was reported in the Starkweather and Browning intersection.

An accident was reported in the Malone/Barnes intersection.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of N. Sumner. A double pane window was broken. Estimated cost of damage was \$100.00

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of S. Faulkner Street. There were no injuries and Fidel Avila was arrested for public intoxication.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 1500 block of N. Williston Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of S. Reid Street.

A building check was conducted in the 900 block of W. Alcock Street.

An alarm was reported in the 2301 block of N. Navajo Road.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of N. Christine Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the Short and Starkweather intersection.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of N. Dwight. A windshield and side window of a vehicle was busted out. Estimated cost of damage \$300.

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

Domestic Disturbance

was reported in the 1600 block of N. Sumner Street.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells Street. \$200 was stolen.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of N. Charles Street. An estimated \$8 worth of condoms were stolen.

An animal complaint was taken in the 800 block of E. Foster Avenue.

An open door was reported in the 1200 block of S. Hobart Street.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of E. 17th Avenue.

Pit bulls were reported in the 1900 block of N. Coffee Street.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of E. Highway 60.

Jeremy Barnes and Kristie Davis was arrested for possession of marijuana.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 2200 block of Mary Ellen Street.

A traffic complaint was taken in the 1000 block of N. Hobart Street.

A building check was conducted in the 1200 block of N. Hobart Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of N. Sumner Street.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in

the 1000 block of S. Wells Street.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of N. Doucette Street.

A suspicious person was reported in the 2100 block of N. Coffee Street.

Lost property was reported in the 200 block of E. Tuke Street. A billfold was found containing an estimated \$10.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of N. Hobart Street.

A traffic complaint was reported in the 700 block of N. Russell Street.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of N. Nelson Street. Wallet with contents stolen.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1100 block of N. Russell Street.

A runaway was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill Avenue. The juvenile had not been located at the time of this report.

Domestic disturbance was reported in the 2100 block of N. Coffee.

An accident was reported in the intersection of 23rd and Perryton Parkway.

An alarm was reported in the 2300 block of

Chestnut Drive. An alarm was reported in the 2500 block of N. Christine Street.

A runaway was reported in the 600 block of W. Buckler Avenue.

Domestic Disturbance was reported in the 1800 block of N. Hamilton.

Domestic Disturbance was reported in the 400 block of N. Hill Avenue.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 600 block of N. West Street.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the 1000 block of S. Banks Street.

Public Intoxication was reported in the 600 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

A traffic complaint was taken in the Primrose and Cinderella intersection.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of E. Kingsmill Avenue.

A civil matter was reported in the 2500 block of N. Rosewood Lane.

A suspicious person was reported in the Gwendolyn/Dwight intersection.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1600 block of N. Coffee Street.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of E. Frederic Avenue.

**FORD FAMILY CHIROPRACTIC**  
WELLNESS CENTER  
701 N. Price Rd  
Pampa, TX  
(806) 665-7261

Services Include:

- State of the Art Modern Chiropractic Care
- New digital X-ray services
- Surface EMG
- Computerized muscle strength & range of motion testing
- Personalized therapeutic rehabilitative exercise program
- Digital orthotics casting
- Soft tissue & myofascial release (medical massage) techniques
- Spinal distraction/decompression for disc problems
- Licensed physical therapist
- Weight loss program
- Cold laser therapy
- Children's activity area

**Dr. Mark W. Ford, Jr. - Dr. Lance Krogh**  
Josh Link MPT

## LAST MINUTE CLASSIFIED LINE ADS

The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement

TOP O Texas Cattle/Women Fall Style Show, Sept. 12, 10:30am., Pampa Country Club. Tickets may be purchased at Carousel Expressions, Bailey Sue & Zoe Tool or 898-0247, 662-7535

**Learn Tax Preparation** 421  
And you could earn extra money preparing taxes.  
H&R Block  
Income Tax Course  
**Enroll Now!**

For information and locations call 1-800-HRBLOCK or visit [hrblock.com/class](http://hrblock.com/class)  
Bilingual students encouraged to enroll

H&R Block Pampa  
1301 N. Hobart  
806-665-2161

**H&R BLOCK**

Enrollment in, or completion of, the H&R Block Income Tax Course is neither an offer nor guarantee of employment. This course is not intended for, nor open to any persons who are either currently employed by or seeking employment with any professional tax preparation company or organization other than H&R Block. State restrictions may apply. Valid at participating locations only. Void where prohibited. ©2009 H&R Tax Group, Inc. PAD064

## Altrusa to collect box tops

Box Tops for Education will be a new project for The Pampa Chapter of Altrusa International. The club voted to collect the box tops at its meeting on Sept. 8 at the First United Methodist Church. Jody Clendennen will chair the new project.

President Kerrick Horton presided over the meeting, with Terry Gamblin, Terri Williams and Marian Stroup serving as greeters.

The Accent was presented by Mary McDaniel on Leadership.

Holly Tucker, Patricia Muniz, Mary Potter, and Kay West were accepted for membership.

A leave of absence for Darlene Birkes was extended through December 31, 2009. The following Committee Reports and Announcements were given: Altrusa entered a float in the Rodeo Parade last month.

Guest night was attended by 12 prospective members.

Members were reminded to clip coupons for Service men and women.

Outing for members and spouses at Sparkman's Ranch, Sept. 26.

The Style Show tickets and flyers were distributed. The food committee will meet Sept. 11 at the home of Mary McDaniel, food chairman.

Joan Gray-Soria reported on Breast Cancer awareness.

Terri Williams reported on the Tralee Pantry Drive to be held Oct. 31.

Allison Watson reported that school supplies were recently purchased for Wilson School.

Pampa High School Career Clinic will be held December 2.

Birthday greetings were extended to Kathryn Green, Jody Clendennen and Joan Gray-Soria, who celebrate birthdays this month.

The next meeting will be held Sept. 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Pampa Senior Center.

## Thornberry sets town hall meetings

Rep. Mac Thornberry will hold town hall meetings in Amarillo and Wichita Falls on Saturday, Sept. 19.

These meetings will continue the practice that Thornberry has followed of holding town hall meetings, as well as telephone town hall meetings and other events across the 13<sup>th</sup> District.

"I have heard from a lot of people in the past few weeks in letters, emails, phone calls, and in person. These town hall meetings are another way for me to listen to the people I work for and for me to share some of my thoughts with them," Congressman Thornberry concluded.

All citizens of the 13<sup>th</sup> Congressional District are invited to attend.

In Amarillo, the meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Amarillo Civic Center Heritage Room, 401 S. Buchanan.

The Wichita Falls meeting will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Midwestern State University's Akin Auditorium, 3410 Taft Blvd.

## Dogs

cont. from page 1

Sept. 4. The dog was described as knee-high, probably a Border Collie or Australian Shephard mixed breed. The dog's forelegs are black with white speckles.

"We have not been successful in locating either of these two animals," Montgomery said. "We are asking people, if they have seen them, to give us a call at 669-5775."

Readers may also call the Pampa Police with information at 669-5700.

Generally, victims have about 10 days to decide whether or not to start taking the Rabies vaccine if the animal cannot be found and tested.

## 4th Graders receive 'Major Rivers'

Educating future leaders about water conservation is one of the Panhandle Groundwater Conservation District's.

To help achieve this goal, PGCD recently delivered *Major Rivers* education material to over 2,400 fourth-grade students in 50 schools throughout the district.

The two week long *Major Rivers* course is correlated with Texas Education Agency's TAKS and TEKS. Developed by teachers and the Texas Water Development Board,

the material is meant to teach fourth grade students about both surface and groundwater resources in Texas. The course also contains information about how water is treated and delivered to them, how to conserve water resources, how water use affects our world, and the water cycle.

PGCD purchased enough booklets and teacher guides so that every fourth grade student and teacher in the district receives the educational material at no cost to the schools. This includes the students in Armstrong,

Carson, Donley, Gray, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler counties.

For more information about *Major Rivers* or other education opportunities call (806) 883-2501 or e-mail [pgcd\\_education@yahoo.com](mailto:pgcd_education@yahoo.com).

## Barth begins clinical rotation in Pampa

Jessica Barth, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant student, has begun her six-week Prenatal/Gynecology clinical rotation under the direction of Dr. Melinda Hiscock, beginning on August 17.

The purpose of the clinical rotation is to provide the student with a learning experience in a community where she can develop her

skills and enhance her primary patient care knowledge.

The clinical rotation was established through the Panhandle Area Health Education Center (AHEC) in collaboration with Dr. Hiscock, the Pampa Regional Medical Center and the TTUHSC Physician Assistant program located in Midland.

If your club or organization has news to share with the community, send it to us at: [editor@thepampanews.com](mailto:editor@thepampanews.com)

## Computer Repair & Optimization

Repair • Clean • Optimize

### Free Diagnostic (a \$25<sup>00</sup> value)

We'll diagnose your computer and recommend a course of action to get you back online...fast!

Hurry! Offer expires in 30 days.

Let the professionals at erfCare help you keep your computer operating at its optimum.

- Computer Setup & Optimization
- Data Back Up & Recovery
- Virus Removal & Security Assistance
- Hardware & Software Upgrades
- Wireless Networking
- E-Mail & Software Help

Call us today to schedule your **Free Diagnostic** and learn how an erfCare Specialist can meet your technology needs

[www.erfwireless.net](http://www.erfwireless.net)  
Internet the way it should be...fast and reliable!

**888-534-9911**

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

**State Financial Accountability Rating**  
Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at  
6:00 PM September 22, 2009  
in the Board Room at Carver Center  
321 W. Albert  
Pampa, Texas

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

D-54 Sept. 9 and 15, 2009

## Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Gray County General conducted public hearings on September 1, 2009 and September 8, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Gray County General from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.91 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.44672 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$ 6,966,923.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.48103 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$7,406,649.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.48103 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$ 7,479,930.

The Gray County Commissioner's Court of Gray County General is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 15, 2009 at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room, 205 N. Russell St., Pampa, Texas 79065 at 9:00 a.m.

D-58 Sept. 2, 9, 2009

### WE MAKE IT EASY TO BUST THE FLU BUG!

He may be tough, but nothing scares that old blowhard like a flu shot. Drop by our pharmacy beginning **September 14** to get your flu shot. They're only \$25, and if you have Medicare Part B, the shot is free — just bring in your Medicare card! Pneumonia vaccinations are also available.

AVAILABLE

**September 14**  
so see your pharmacist now!

1420 N. Hobart

**United**  
Supermarkets  
PHARMACY

UnitedTexas.com

# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Wednesday, September 9, the 252nd day of 2009. There are 113 days left in the year.

- Highlights in history on this date:**  
 1509 - Turks take Nicosia on Cyprus.  
 1513 - Scotland's King James IV is killed in Battle of Flodden with British.  
 1585 - Pope Sixtus V excommunicates Henry of Navarre of France.  
 1776 - Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia changes the name "United Colonies" to "United States."  
 1835 - "September Laws" in France severely censor press and suppress radical movement.  
 1888 - Chile annexes Easter Island in South Pacific.  
 1893 - Frances Cleveland, wife of U.S. President Grover Cleveland, gives birth to daughter, Esther, in the White House. It is the first time a president's child is born in the executive mansion.

**'Think wrongly if you please, but in all cases, think for yourself.'**

— Gotthold Lessing  
 German dramatist-critic

- 1894 - Sun Yat-sen heads his first attempt at revolution in China. The revolt does not succeed until 1911.  
 1921 - Constitution of Central American Union is signed by republics of Guatemala, Honduras and San Salvador.

1943 - A day after the Italians surrender, Allied troops land at Salerno, south of Naples, but face stiff resistance from a German Panzer division, which consists of armored vehicles.

1948 - Korean People's Democratic Republic is formed in North Korea, claiming authority over entire country.

1951 - Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru becomes president of the governing Congress Party, succeeding Purochottandas Tandon who resigned in a policy dispute.

1971 - Prisoners seize control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, New York, beginning a siege that claims 43 lives.

1974 - U.S. President Gerald Ford is criticized heavily in Congress over his pardoning of former President Richard Nixon.

1991 - Saudi Arabia releases 400 Iraqi citizens held in the kingdom in exchange for a Saudi prisoner of war and a Saudi woman held in Iraq.

1994 - The United States agrees to accept at least 20,000 Cuban immigrants a year in return for Cuba's promise to halt people from boarding rafts and trying to sail to America.

2003 - The Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston, Massachusetts, and lawyers representing 552 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests announce a legal settlement worth up to \$85 million.

**Today's Birthdays:**  
 Cardinal Richelieu, French churchman-statesman (1585-1642); Cornelius van Tromp, Dutch admiral (1629-1691); Luigi Galvani, Italian physiologist (1737-1798); Max Reinhardt, Austrian stage/screen director (1873-1943); Otis Redding, U.S. soul singer/songwriter (1941-1967); Hugh Grant, British actor (1960--); Adam Sandler, U.S. actor (1966--); Michelle Williams, U.S. actress (1980--).



## Obama foes contrived school speech fuss

by Walter R. Mears  
 AP Special Correspondent

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) - There may be a lesson plan for grown-ups in the contrived controversy about Barack Obama's back-to-school pep talk to students. It would be to do your homework, just as the president told the pupils.

That way, the people who protested the Obama speech before they knew what was in it would have realized there is nothing unusual about a president appearing at a public school as the classroom year begins. The previous three Republicans have and there wasn't any stir, aside from some Democratic nit-picking about White House expenses, proving that neither party has a monopoly on pettiness. It was routine. As, in the end, Obama's Tuesday talk was.

Then again, many people doing the complaining, and certainly the broadcast talkers and anti-Obama bloggers who fomented the whole business, were not looking for information or for reasons not to make a fuss. They wanted one, and got it.

At least some of the complainants presumably took advantage of the White House's early release of Obama's text, 24 hours in advance, so they could read what he was going to say and make sure it wasn't offensive.

And one formerly outraged Republican, Florida state GOP chairman Jim

Greer, who had said the president was trying to promote socialist ideology, relented after reading the text and said it was appropriate. Although he also was quoted as wondering whether Obama would really give the same speech.

Of course he did, urging students in his televised talk at an Arlington, Va., high school to study, work hard and stick to it, all the things a president would be expected to say in such a setting.

"I expect you to get serious this year," the president said. "I expect you to put your best effort into everything you do. I expect great things from each of you."

"So don't let us down. Ai don't let your family or your country or yourself down. Make us all proud. I know you can do it."

There was no count of his student audience; millions, presumably, despite the schools and school districts that blacked out the president because of parent protests, which were most vehement in Republican areas.

It was an invented and inflated controversy in which the administration provided its foes an easy target by issuing a proposed lesson plan in which students would have been asked to help the president meet his goals. That was revised to ask pupils to write letters about their own goals and how they would try to achieve them.

There were no Republican complaints in 1991 when President George H.W. Bush spoke at a Washington, D.C., school and told the students, "Write me a letter - I'm serious about this one - write me a letter about ways you can help us achieve our goals."

Nor did Republicans claim that Ronald Reagan was trying to create a cult of personality, as some did this time, when he spoke to students at the White House in 1988, near the end of his second term. Answering questions, Reagan boasted of economic progress and a patriotic revival under his administration. He also said he opposed rigid gun controls or handgun bans.

More politics there than in Obama's school session. At a meeting with students before his speech, the president did tell a questioning youth that he favors universal health insurance and thinks it can be done. But he never mentioned his policy agenda in his speech.

President George W. Bush was at a Sarasota, Fla., school reading to pupils on Sept. 11, 2001. He was to have delivered a back-to-school talk there, but never did. The terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington intervened.

Until now presidential school speeches hadn't been treated as anything out of the ordinary. Obama's wasn't either, but right-wing activists saw an

opportunity to hassle him and to stir up people who don't like the president by inventing an issue.

This wasn't really about the propriety of a president speaking at a school or about what he might say that parents claimed they had to guard their kids against. It was about opposing Obama. There's nothing wrong with opposition. That's the way politics works.

But the underlying tone of the most vehement critics goes past the traditions of politics to the idea that schoolchildren shouldn't be listening to this guy because he shouldn't be president.

The office, whoever the man in the White House, always has commanded respect. That is eroding in the era of nonstop talk shows and angry blogs.

It has been an American tradition for losing candidates in presidential elections to urge their followers to respect the outcome, to say that the winner is their president, too. Episodes like the school speech flap say something different.

*Editor's Note: Walter R. Mears covered government and politics for The Associated Press for more than 45 years. He is retired now and lives in Chapel Hill, N.C.*

## New laws strengthen seat belt and child safety seat requirements

Buckle up in the back seat too.

Starting Sept. 1, as required by House Bill 537, all occupants of a passenger vehicle, no matter their age or where they are sitting in the vehicle, must be secured by a safety belt. Maximum fines can reach as high as \$200, plus court costs. (The previous law exempted anyone 17 and older from wearing a seat belt in the back seat.)

The law also adds seat belt requirements for larger passenger vans.\* In addition, children younger than 8 must be in the appropriate child safety seat. (This new law makes no changes to pick-up bed and school bus requirements.)

Buckle children into the appropriate child safety seat. A new law (Senate Bill

61) amends the existing statute regarding child passenger safety seats by requiring that any child younger than 8 be restrained in an approved child safety seat system unless the child is taller than 4 feet, 9 inches in height.

The law becomes effective on Sept. 1, 2009, but tickets for this offense cannot be issued until June 1, 2010. Police officers are allowed to issue a warning before that date. However, the previous law remains in effect for now and requires children younger than 5 and less than 36 inches in height be in a child safety seat, and tickets can still be issued for this violation.

No children younger than 5 are allowed on motorcycles.

motorcycle operator from carrying a passenger under the age of 5 unless the child is seated in a sidecar attached to the motorcycle.

For more information on properly installing child safety seat systems, please go to this link [http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director\\_staff/public\\_information/carseat.htm](http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/director_staff/public_information/carseat.htm).

\* A 15-passenger van is defined as a passenger van designed to transport 15 or fewer passengers, including the driver. This law applies to third-party transport service providers when transporting clients pursuant to a contract to provide nonemergency Medicaid transportation. (Previously, these providers were exempt from the specific safety belt requirements.)

\*Letters to the Editor should be brief and to the point. All correspondence will be edited for length and clarity. All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address, and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published. Defamatory comments will not be published. E-mail submissions

**THE PAMPA NEWS**  
 403 W. Atchison • Pampa, TX 79065  
 806-669-2525 • 800-687-3348  
 Fax: 806-669-2520

**Randall Pribble**  
 Publisher  
 rpribble@thepampanews.com

<b>ReDonn Woods</b> Advertising Manager advertising@thepampanews.com	<b>Betsy Phillips</b> Editor bphillips@thepampanews.com
<b>Sue Pribble</b> Advertising Representative advertising1@thepampanews.com	<b>David Bowser</b> Reporter dbowser@thepampanews.com
<b>Beverly Taylor</b> Classified Advertising classified@thepampanews.com	<b>Andrew Glover</b> Reporter aglover@thepampanews.com
<b>Kera Kent</b> Circulation circulation@thepampanews.com	<b>Marcus Elkins</b> Press Supervisor press@thepampanews.com
<b>Carrie Hair</b> Accounting bookkeeper@thepampanews.com	<b>Chico Ramirez</b> Circulation Supervisor

This newspaper (UPS 781-540) is published daily, except Sundays, Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, by The Pampa News. Periodicals postage paid at Pampa, Texas. Postmaster: Send address changes to The Pampa News, P.O. Drawer 2198, Pampa, TX 79066-2198.

All carriers are independent contractors and The Pampa News is not responsible for advance payments of two or more months made to the carrier. Please pay directly to The Pampa News any payment that exceeds the current collection period. There are no mail subscriptions available within the city limits of Pampa. Mail subscriptions must be paid three months in advance.

© 2009 The Pampa News

**Letters to the editor**

**Reader lauds Chautauqua**

Dear Editor,

What a fun family time. I would just like to congratulate The Pampa Fine Arts for a job well done on this year's Chautauqua. My church had a booth and we were so excited to see that there were 76 booths all of which were great. As I sat there from 8-4 in my booth it was great to watch the families together and see local organizations, church, and business, out supporting the town. It was a Chautauqua like years ago when there was so much to do you did not know which way to go first. Once again good job to The Fine Arts Association and to all who go involved. Lets make next years even better.

Sarah Doucette  
 Pampa

# New normal for home sales: Buyers have the power

**ADRIAN SAINZ**  
AP Real Estate Writer

The American dream of homeownership is still attainable. Buyers just have to deal with a new set of realities.

A year after the collapse of the housing market triggered the financial meltdown, lenders are demanding more money up front, high credit scores and proof of income. Paperwork must be in perfect order. Patience and persistence are required. And don't even bother asking about a subprime mortgage.

It's a vastly different set of rules from earlier this decade, when home prices soared and mortgages were easy to come by.

In some ways, it's a return to the standards that emerged as the World War II generation bought its first homes in the suburbs: Buy what you can afford. Stick to a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage. View your home as a place to live, not as a piggy bank.

For people trying to sell their homes, the standards are different, too: Be patient and maybe even lower your asking price, because the balance of power has swung strongly to buyers.

Housing bubbles have happened before and, experts warn, could happen again. Already, home sales and prices are rising slowly, helped by tax breaks for first-time homebuyers.

**NEW REALITY:**  
**Selling your house**

Real estate agent Scott Patterson hits the gas and weaves his black Mercedes-Benz across three lanes of Interstate 95 near Plantation, Fla., holding his iPhone with one hand and the steering wheel with the other.

He is rushing to meet with potential buyers of a condo with an ocean view. When he arrives, he turns on lights and opens doors

in the four-bedroom place. The prospective buyers, a couple from Venezuela, walk around, ask a few questions — and leave.

"If you're not getting showings, you're overpriced," says Patterson, an agent with Esslinger Wooten Maxwell Realtors Inc.

The record number of foreclosed homes on the market gives buyers even more leverage. "They can afford to wait," says David Baran, a broker with Prudential Preferred Properties in Chicago.

Michael Davies and Nicole Anzia of Washington, D.C., got caught in their first bidding war when they bought their two-bedroom condo in 2003. The seller fielded eight bids within five days of listing. The couple waived an inspection to clinch the deal and paid \$372,000.

That was tame compared with what happened when they sold the condo two years later. They listed the property on a Thursday for \$479,000 and held two open houses. More than 100 people showed up, and 11 bids were waiting for them by Tuesday. The final price: \$605,000. The buyer waived the inspection, too.

When they tried to sell their home this May, things were different. They listed the house at the purchase price and received just one bid. The negotiation process took longer, and they sold at a \$21,000 loss. The buyer demanded an inspection.

**NEW REALITY:**  
**Getting a mortgage**

Jim Sahnger, a mortgage broker in Jupiter, Fla., still chuckles over one borrower three years ago who landed a mortgage with no down payment and two foreclosures and a bankruptcy in his past.

Now, lenders pore over

bank statements, tax returns and job histories.

Sometimes all the extra documentation still isn't enough. Sahnger recently had a customer with a good job and a 20 percent down payment who couldn't get a mortgage because the lender said there were too many delinquent mortgages in the neighborhood.

"Now, they want to know everything about the buyer," Sahnger says. "It's a true and full underwriting process on every particular loan."

It is common to require a down payment of 20 percent — sometimes more. And it is virtually impossible to get subprime mortgages, which were written for people with poor credit histories and helped cause the meltdown when the interest rates jumped and borrowers defaulted.

**NEW REALITY:**  
**Closing the deal**

Mike Delano thought everything was in order. He was set to buy a \$785,000 home in Washington, D.C., until he learned his lender now required a 20 percent down payment instead of 10 percent.

Unlike in years past, there was no wiggle room. He had to raise the extra money from his family. "It was a nightmare," he says.

It's not uncommon nowadays for closings to take 60 days. One big reason: Appraisers have become more strict — or, some would say, more accurate.

Under new industry rules, mortgage brokers are barred from ordering appraisals themselves. Instead, lenders order appraisals in-house or hire independent firms.

Some real estate agents and homebuilders say the rules are causing delays in closing sales, or undermining sales because apprais-

als are coming in too low.

**NEW REALITY: The future**

Nearly everyone in the real estate industry agrees on this much: Another dramatic boom-bust cycle isn't likely soon. Albert Saiz, assistant real estate professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School, expects that new regulations and a different consumer mindset will help real estate return to a more traditional cycle.

There will be some ups and downs, Saiz said, but

in the long run, prices should move higher. "In the end, the United States is still growing," he says.

Pava Leyrer, president of Heritage National Mortgage in Michigan, notes that the majority of people are still paying their debts. "I really can't imagine we would go back to the same situation because it took an exact wrong mix of everything for that to occur," she says. "If it ever did happen, I'll be long dead."



## Altrusa Club Craft Show

Free Admission

Furniture, clothing, florals, Watkins products, saddles, candles, hand-made crafts, & much more!

Date: September 12 & 13  
Saturday: 9am to 6 pm  
Sunday: 10am to 5 pm

### Borger's Aluminum Dome

Please bring canned food for Helping Hands <sup>480</sup>



**Zero down!**

plus 100% financing and no payments for 6 months!

Quality, custom-built homes on your land... you're practically home free! Now with 14 Sales Offices in Texas.

United-Bilt Homes  
800.756.2506

**Sudoku**

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

9	6	5	1	7	4	8	3	2
1	8	2	3	6	5	4	9	7
7	4	3	2	8	9	6	1	5
2	7	1	6	9	3	5	4	8
6	3	4	7	5	8	9	2	1
8	5	9	4	1	2	3	7	6
4	9	7	5	2	6	1	8	3
5	1	8	9	3	7	2	6	4
3	2	6	8	4	1	7	5	9

Level: Intermediate

4	9	1			6	7	5	
1				6		4		
8		5				1		
9	3			1		7	8	6
	2			9			5	
			3	6	7			
				3				7
		1	9	5	8			2
9	2							

Level: Intermediate



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: When I started my freshman year of college, I was a loner. I had low self-esteem, the result of a disability I was born with.

On the first day of school I noticed "Will," who was also a freshman. I thought he was cute. He was easy to talk to, and we hit it off instantly. We became inseparable, often visiting each other's families on weekends and breaks.

At the end of the first semester — out of the blue — he called me a "b-tch" and told me to get out of his life. I was crushed! He left school shortly afterward without saying goodbye.

Later I was given some shocking news. His roommate told me that Will was gay. I went through the gamut of emotions from disbelief to anger to sadness. And I felt used.

Twenty-six years have passed. I answered the phone at work two days ago and was surprised to hear Will's voice on the other end. He was shocked, too. I asked if he remembered me and he said he did. He came into the store several days later, and we exchanged phone numbers and e-mail addresses. I looked at his Web pages and saw pictures of him holding and kissing men the way he used to hold and kiss me.

They say you never forget your first, and I haven't. The problem is, I still feel hurt. I want him to know that, but I don't know what to do. Am I making too much of this? — "GRACE" IN NEW YORK

DEAR "GRACE": No, I don't think so. Your relationship with Will ended without closure, so your hurt is understandable. Give Will a call and invite

him to join you for lunch. Tell him you were deeply hurt all those years ago, and then ask him to explain why he treated you the way he did and what happened after he left the school. Don't be surprised if he tells you he loved you, too, and that he tried to be straight but simply could not be who you wanted him to be. Sometimes that happens.

DEAR ABBY: My mother passed away a year and a half ago. My parents were married 50 years. Dad is now 76 and recently started "seeing someone." While my sisters and I weren't thrilled about it, we never said anything negative about her to him.

A few weeks ago he found it necessary to include this woman in our weekly visit to our mother's grave. We told him if he wants to go there with her — fine. But do not drag her there with us. This was our private time with our mother. We didn't want a stranger there.

The end result was they broke up. Now Dad is blaming it all on us. The breakup is a secondary issue. What are your thoughts about his insisting she be a part of the cemetery visits? — GRAVELY CONCERNED IN OHIO

DEAR GRAVELY CONCERNED: Frankly, I am surprised that the woman would want to be included in the weekly visits to your mother's grave. However, before she accepted the invitation, she should have made sure that her presence wasn't an imposition by asking your father if it had been cleared with you. As to the "secondary issue" — I suspect there was more behind the breakup than you have been led to believe.

**Family Pool Fun.com**

WHOLESALE PRICES on Quality Winter Pool Supplies, Pool Kits & Accessories

DEEP DISCOUNTS on Inground Safety Covers

SAVE MONEY on all Aboveground & Inground Mesh and Winter Covers

800-250-5502

**PAID CDL TRAINING!** YOUR FUTURE BEGINS HERE

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Stevens Transport, the premier refrigerated carrier in the US, sponsors the total cost of your CDL training! In 17 short days you will earn your CDL and begin your paid on-the-job training! Potential to earn up to \$40K first year! Excellent benefits and 401K!

800-333-8595  
www.becomeadrivers.com

**REGLAN** Parkinson's Like Symptoms  
Tongue Protrusions  
Frowning, Facial Twitching

Reglan® (metoclopramide) has been linked to a serious condition called Tardive Dyskinesia (TD), which causes involuntary movements of the tongue, face or mouth, lip smacking, shakiness, NMS, Dystonia, Akathisia and other Parkinson's-like symptoms.

In Feb. 2009, the FDA required the manufacturers of Reglan® to include Black Box Warnings regarding the drug's usage for more than 12 weeks.

If you or a loved one has suffered severe side effects after taking Reglan® you may be entitled to compensation. Cases taken on a Contingency Fee Basis. Call for a Free Case Consultation

**WILLIS LAW FIRM** HOUSTON, TEXAS  
BOARD CERTIFIED PERSONAL INJURY TRIAL LAWYER  
Texas Board of Legal Specialization  
DAVID P. WILLIS - ATTORNEY AT LAW  
1-800-883-9858

**DITCH YOUR DIAL-UP GET HI-SPEED WITH SATELLITE INTERNET.com**

Available Everywhere • Always Connected  
CALL NOW 1-866-408-8927

• No \$\$\$ Down!  
• One Month FREE!

HughesNet  
Broadband Unbound.

**HOME PHONE SERVICE**

1st Month FREE with Lifeline

Starting at \$13.49/mo • \$0 Deposit

NO Credit Check • NO Contracts

Everyone Approved!

Restrictions May Apply.  
**NEWTALK 866.934.3448**

**Tired Of Slow Dial-Up?**

Get High-Speed by Satellite with HughesNet

Up to 50x Faster Than Dial-Up

FREE Standard Installation\*\*  
FREE First Month of Service\*

CALL NOW! 1-888-876-3377 Promo TX100

Nationwide Satellite • www.highspeedbysat.com

Call for complete terms. \*After mail-in-rebate \*\*Lease Option

**FREE DIRECTV 5 MONTHS!**

ALL 265+ DIGITAL CHANNELS!

130 HD CHANNELS!  
Plus HBO, Cinemax, Showtime & Starz!

ALL FREE FOR 5 MONTHS!

Ask How  
FREE DVR/HD  
We're Local Installers!

Toll Free 800-214-7110

**VISIT COLORADO, GET A FREE HAT!**

Order yours at COLORADO.COM and pick it up when you visit any Official Colorado Welcome Center.

LET'S TALK COLORADO

SEE DO EAT STAY GO @ COLORADO.COM/hatgiveaway

Offer good while supplies last. One hat per customer. Must be 18 years of age or older. Some restrictions apply.

**STOP LEG CRAMPS BEFORE THEY STOP YOU.**

Calcet® is designed to help stop low calcium leg cramps. Just ask your pharmacist.

Calcet  
More Calcium & Vitamin D3

Helps fight leg cramps For those with milk allergies Fights osteoporosis

ISS  
le him  
lent by  
about  
preschool  
might  
laimed  
their  
about  
There's  
oppo-  
y poli-

g tone  
nt criti-  
ditions  
ea that  
ouldn't  
is, guy  
n't be

er the  
House,  
anded  
roding  
p talk  
gs.  
merican  
g can-  
ential  
ir folie  
out-e  
win-  
it, too.  
school  
nothing

Walter  
govern-  
or The  
or more  
retired  
Chapel

nts  
r from  
ss the  
sidecar  
rcycle.  
mation  
ig child  
please  
/www.  
rector  
nation/

er van  
ssenger  
ansport  
engers,  
r. This  
d-party  
provid-  
ing cli-  
ontract  
rgency  
ration.  
provid-  
om the  
quire-

e will  
dress.  
city  
isions.

# Comics

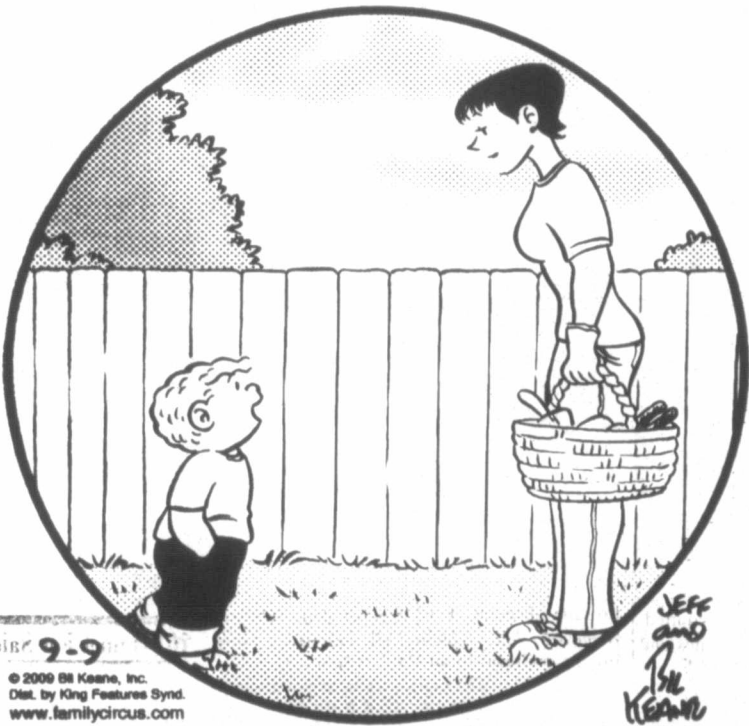
Marmaduke



"It's bumper to bumper, so don't give me that 'burn rubber!' look."

## THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Are the WEEDS greener on the other side of the fence, too?"

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## B.C.



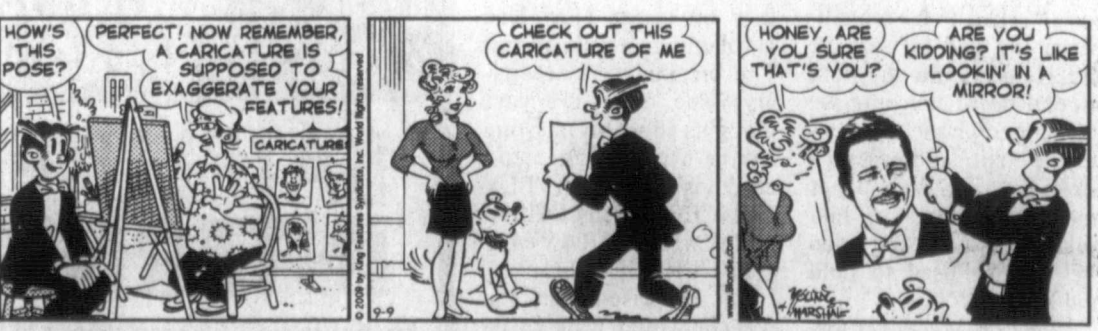
## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Blondie



## Flo & Friends



## Daily Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS 41 Wagers

- 1 Bar mixer
- 5 Like some statues
- 9 Brother of Groucho
- 11 Sub system
- 12 Black bird
- 13 Magazine unit
- 14 Before, to bards
- 15 Ship sound
- 17 Devastated by fighting
- 19 Went ahead
- 20 Got up
- 21 Kingsley or Stiller
- 22 Note taker
- 24 "— Kapital"
- 26 Perch
- 29 Soak up
- 30 Baby snack
- 32 Cinema snack
- 34 "For shame!"
- 35 Dome-shaped home
- 36 Martini garnish
- 38 Attach, in a way
- 39 Dwindled
- 40 Gusto

A	R	O	U	S	E	D	U	P	E
B	E	A	N	E	D	O	M	A	N
S	P	R	I	N	G	B	O	A	R
		T	O	Y	E	D			
S	P	A	R	V	A	S	T		
P	E	A	S	F	E	D	O	R	A
I	A	N	A	L	L	P	O	P	
G	L	I	T	Z	Y	C	U	T	E
S	C	O	T	R	A	P	S		
		P	E	C	A	N			
S	W	I	T	C	H	B	O	A	R
R	A	C	E	I	B	E	R	I	A
O	X	E	N	P	I	S	T	O	N

Yesterday's answer

NEW CROSSWORD BOOK! Send \$4.75 (check/m.o.) to Thomas Joseph Book 1, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9				10			
12					13		
14			15	16			
17		18				19	
	20					21	
		22			23		
	24	25		26		27	28
29			30				31
32			33				34
35				36	37		
38				39			
40						41	

T  
3 Pers  
\*ADO  
Graphi  
Event  
be ad  
Mom. I  
1-8  
5 Spec  
ADVE  
terial  
the  
MUST  
throug  
News  
10 Lo  
FOUN  
St. sm  
to des  
662-16  
F  
FOUN  
Chatau  
scribe,  
669-25  
13 Bu  
GREA  
portuni  
Convie  
1875, 8  
HAP  
10, 2  
This  
imm  
ally,  
beca  
effici  
You  
feeli  
Octo  
grou  
ish't  
son  
ward  
disc  
bond  
GEN  
The  
Have  
3-Av  
ARI  
★  
or d  
again  
that  
more  
out  
Toni  
TAU  
★  
that  
surpr  
knov  
sessi  
might  
Toni  
GEN  
★  
morr  
in a  
sens  
anyo  
FORE  
Homes  
bids op  
tion.co  
35001  
Chevy  
2000  
1-800-5  
BU  
ALL C  
Your o  
All for  
DOLL  
discou  
worlds  
3064,  
DELIV  
prints  
sess a  
to have  
the tru  
able. I  
fill out  
Divisi  
SAWM  
your li  
Norwo  
also av  
inform  
NOTK  
contac  
E



# Sports

## Pampa JH kicks off 2009 football season

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
aglover@thepampanews.com

The Pampa 7th and 8th grade teams opened the 2009 season with a scrimmage against Plainview Tuesday night.

The 7th grade A and B teams scrimmaged at Harvester Field and the 8th grade A and B teams scrimmaged at Plainview. Each team scrimmaged for about an hour and a half.

The teams switched between playing offense and defense against Plainview, starting each possession at their own 30. First and second team players alternated possessions.

Offensively, the coaches focused a lot on the running game. But the team worked on all the basics of the game. Even where to line up at the line of scrimmage and how to sit on the sideline.

The 7th grade teams will be coached by Clint Allen and the 8th grade teams will be led by Jim Gill.

Coach Gill was extremely pleased with how the

eight graders performed last night.

"Daymon Villegas had a 70-yard run. Brandon Stokes and Cory Ponce hooked up for several passes," Gill said. "We were able to move the ball around very well, running our offense."

Defensively, Gill liked how his players got in the backfield.

"Several players record tackles for loss and sacks including Adrian Elam, Kody Maddox, Zach Stevenson, and Ryan Powell," the eighth grade coach said. "We recovered several fumbles."

Gill said he was mostly impressed with his team's character during the scrimmage.

"The boys showed themselves Harvesters in every meaning of the word," Gill said.

Pampa Junior High will play their opening game Tuesday against Westover. The 8th grade teams will be home and the 7th grade teams will be at Westover.



staff photo by Andrew Glover

A Pampa Junior High defender tries to bring down Plainview's ball handler in the 7th grade B team scrimmage, Tuesday at Harvester Field.

### Freshman v-ball downs Perryton

The freshman Lady Harvesters defeated the Perryton Rangerettes (15-25, 25-21, 25-15) Saturday in Perryton.

Freshman coach Deanna Polasek said her team got off to a slow start but picked it up.

"We played well together," Polasek said. "We had good serving and passing."

The freshman open district play at Randall. Polasek said she is looking forward to starting district.

"I'm excited about this team and what they will do in district," Polasek said.

The freshman team is 3-5.

### Dillas repeat as ULB champions

The Amarillo Dillas, after finishing in third place in the regular season, have topped the San Angelo Colts three games to two in the final play-off round to successfully defend their United League Baseball championship.

The Dillas defeated the Colts 7-3 Tuesday night in San Angelo to take and defend their title.

In the championship series, the Dillas first downed the Colts 8-2, but the Colts lambasted the Dillas in the second game by a 12-4 margin.

The Dillas rebound-

ed to take the third game, played at San Angelo, by 4-3. The Colts won the fourth game 10-8, when Nick Mahin, with two outs and behind with two strikes in the bottom of the ninth inning, hit a three-run home run over the left field fence.

The Dillas, two and a half games behind San Angelo with a 44-35 record in the regular season, sidelined the second place Edinburg Roadrunners (46-34) in the league's first round of the playoffs.

The Roadrunners won the first game, 6-2, then the

Dillas took 14-2 and 12-11 (in 10 innings) wins to get into the final round.

The Colts, 48-32 in the regular season, defeated the Coastal Bend Thunder 3-0 and 4-2 to get into the title round.

The Rio Grande Valley WhiteWings just missed making the playoffs, finishing with a 39-41 record. The Laredo Broncos were last with a 23-57 mark.

### OU drops 10 spots in the AP poll

NEW YORK (AP) — BYU barged into the top 10 of The Associated Press college football poll, making the biggest jump of any team from the preseason rankings after scoring the biggest upset of the opening weekend of the regular season.

The Cougars jumped 11 spots to No. 9 in the Top 25 released Tuesday, three days after they stunned Oklahoma 14-13 as three-touchdown underdogs.

Cougars quarterback Max Hall said the victory has energized Provo, Utah, and the BYU campus.

"For the first time there were people at the airport to greet the team. About 2,000 people were out there when we got back," he said. "The overall atmosphere has been really cool and we're enjoying it."

Florida was still an overwhelming No. 1, receiving 56 of 60 first-place votes, two less than last week. Texas held steady at No. 2, with two first-place votes.

USC will be No. 3 when it visits No. 8 Ohio State on Saturday in one of the biggest nonconference games of the season. The Trojans moved up a spot this week and the Buckeyes fell after narrowly escaping with a 31-27 victory against Navy.

No. 4 Alabama moved up one spot after its 34-24 victory against Virginia Tech and persuaded two voters to pick them as the top-ranked team in the country.

No. 5 Oklahoma State moved up four spots after an impressive 24-10 victory against Georgia. The Cowboys have their best ranking since October 1985. The loss dropped the Bulldogs eight spots to No. 21.

No. 6 Mississippi, No. 7 Penn State and No. 10 California round out the top 10.

Oklahoma dropped 10 spots to No. 13 after losing, but all things considered the Sooners are probably feeling much better about their long-term outlook now than they were Saturday night at Dallas Cowboys Stadium.

Oklahoma lost Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford to a shoulder injury late in the first half against BYU. He is expected to miss two to four weeks, but will not need surgery and could be back

by the time the Sooners play their next big game — against Miami on Oct. 3.

BYU is no stranger to the top 10. The Cougars were ranked as high as eighth last season. But BYU stumbled in its biggest games, suffering lopsided losses to Mountain West Conference rivals TCU and Utah, then losing to Arizona in the Las Vegas Bowl.

Oregon and Iowa also fell out. Moving into the Top 25 were Miami, Cincinnati and Missouri.

**Roberta's FLOWERS**

would like to welcome

**Designers:**

**Richelle Norris**  
(formerly of Pampa Flowers)

**Irene Cortez**  
(formerly of Brandon's Flowers)

**Apprentice:**

**Laura McGrath**

*We're so happy you were led by God to work with us!*

217 N. Ballard • 669-3309

Se habla Español

DO YOU HAVE **concerns**  
**about falling?**



**A MATTER OF BALANCE**

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

Many older adults experience concerns about falling and restrict their activities. A MATTER OF BALANCE is an award-winning program designed to manage falls and increase activity levels.

This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

**YOU WILL LEARN TO:**

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns



PAMPA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Classroom  
September 11 – October 30  
Every Friday  
10:00 a.m. to Noon

Classes are 2 hours per week for 8 weeks. Class size is limited to 12 participants.

Program is FREE

To reserve your spot or for more information please call  
Jennifer Black  
806-664-2214

**CroisSONIC BLT & TOTS**

**\$2.99**

**Available at all Sonic Drive-Ins Limited Time Only!**

A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns About Falls Volunteer Lay Leader Model © 2006 This program is based on Fear of Falling: A Matter of Balance. Copyright © 1995 Trustees of Boston University. All right reserved. Used and adapted by permission of Boston University.

A Matter of Balance Lay Leader Model Recognized for Innovation and Quality in Healthcare and Aging, 2006, American Society on Aging. A matter of Balance Lay Leader Model was developed by a grant from the Administration on Aging (#90AM2780).