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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.

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

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 Garcia was also booked for 6 outstanding warrants from the Pampa Municipal Court.





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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 busineses will also be part of the event. For more information, call 898-0247 or 662-7535.

Prayer breakfast set for Friday

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."

Rev. Kenny Rigoulot, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in

The Pampa Chamber of 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.

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

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.

Public's help sought in locating biting

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

The family described the animal as a female Boxermix, 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





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 Rustiers Too will be serving scrambled eggs, bacon, saus hash browns with blacuits & gravy



For the record

Dbituaries

Mary Lou Boyd, 73,

of Strong, Arkansas died

Monday, Aug. 31, 2009, of

Born March 19, 1936,

in Gurdon, Arkansas, she

was the daughter of James

and Velma Gilbert. Mary

was a long-time resident of

Preceded in death by her

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,

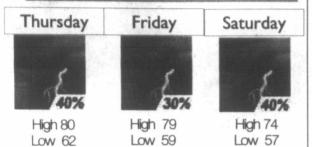
1938. They made their

daughter Deborah of Tulsa,

natural causes.

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PAMPA FORECAST



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.

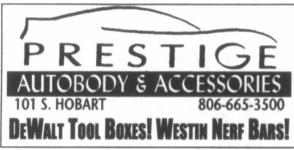
Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 79. South southeast wind between 5 and 10

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

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.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

PAMPA PD

p.m. Saturday, September

5 to 7 a.m. Tuesday,

Animal Control Officers

Pampa Police Officers

responded to 14 calls or

made 26 traffic stops, had

eight ongoing investiga-

tions, and responded to

nine requests for informa-

reported in the 400 block

of N. Purviance Street. A

child custody matter turned

into assault with minor

injuries no medical atten-

reported in One Medical

Public intoxication was

An animal complaint

Disorderly conduct was

An animal complaint

A suspicious person was

Criminal mischief was

A traffic complaint was

Disorderly conduct was

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A suspicious person was

reported in the 400 block

of S. Starkweather Street.

for possession of marijuana

reported in the 1600 block

of N. Hobart Street. Ryan

A suspicious person was

reported in the 200 block

of W. Craven Avenue.

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taken in the 1300 block of

was taken in the 1400

block of N. Hobart Street.

reported in One Medical

was taken in the 1400 block

reported in the 800 block

of N. Williston Street.

of E. Murphy Avenue.

N. Hobart Street.

Disorderly

tion needed.

A civil matter was

Police

The Pampa

Monday

According to Gray County Sheriff Officials, Department responded to the following people were the following calls during booked into Gray County the period between 1:09 Jail during the period between 7 a.m. Friday, September 4 and 7 a.m. September 8. 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, surrender-assault bond 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 reported in the 1500 block booked Friday on a charge of N. Russell Street. of possession of marijuana less than 20 ounces.

Leopoldo Marcos Santiago, 20, of Pampa, was was reported in the One booked Sunday on charges Medical Plaza. of DUI-Minor, No DL, failure to maintain speed.

- Rongel Juvenal Campano, 39, of Pampa, reported in the 1000 block TX was booked Sunday on of N. Duncan Street. a charge of public intoxica-

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

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, play-

ing dominoes and spend-

ing time with her family.

Mary was a member of

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, the Skellytown Church of Tommy Cowart of Dierks,

the 1000 block of S. Wells

A runaway was report-

Street.

Doucette Street.

estimated \$10.

Hobart Street.

tents stolen.

report.

of N. Coffee Street.

Lost property

reported in the 200 block

of E Tuke Street. A billfold

was found containing an

in the 900 block of N.

An alarm was reported

A traffic complaint was

Burglary of a motor

reported in the 700 block

Street. Wallet with con-

reported in the 1100 block

in the 200 block of W.

located at the time of this

was reported in the 2100

in the intersection of 23rd

and Perryton Parkway.

block of N. Coffee.

Domestic disturbance

An accident was reported

An alarm was report-

of N. Russell Street.

A 911 hangup was

A runaway was reported

of N. Russell Street.

Fund.

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.

Center, 103 North Court

Joyce Morris and Shirley Braswell, 91 Frances C.

Mary Lou Boyd, 73

husbands Glen Mayben Flowers; grandchildren

include

Deborah Gail, LissaLou,

Clint, Angie, Brijit, Aimee,

Kayla, Dennis, Gia, Tori,

Dante, and great-grand-

children Kimberly, Kacie,

Angel, Benjamin, Hailey,

Mary's "Goodbye Party"

will be held in Lefors on

Sept. 9, 2009. Guests will

meet at the Community

Wheels garage sale. She

drove the Cabot van for

kidney dialysis to Amarillo

weekly. She loved all

animals and the compa-

ny of friends and family.

Frances was preceded in

death by her mother, Lillie,

We would like to sin-

and her husband, Leo.

Matthew and Tiernan.

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

and Deri Boyd, and grand-

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,

sons Richard and Willie.

Survivors

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

Survivors include one

St. Anne Nursing Home for the love and care that Frances received for the last five years. In lieu of flowers, dona-

tions should be left to the charities that were close to Frances' heart: Meals on Wheels of Pampa and the Animal Control Building

cerely thank the staff of Cowart Veale, 98 Mary Thomas (

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

with Carmichael-Whatley 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

son, Max Cowart and wife Lucille of Umpire,

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

Sign the on-line register at www.carmichael-what-

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Willis was arrested for possession of marijuana.

A suspicious person was reported in the Starkweather and Browning intersection. An accident was report-

ed in the Malone/Barnes intersection.

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

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. Navaio 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 windsheild and side window of a vehicle was busted out. Estimated cost of damage

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

Domestic Disturbance

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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

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Chestnut Drive. An alarm was reported

in the 2500 block of N. ed in the 700 block of N. Christine Street. A runaway was reported in the 600 block of W. A suspicious person was

Buckler Avenue. reported in the 2100 block Domestic Disturbance was reported in the 1800 was 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 vehicle was reported in the reported in the 600 block 200 block of N. Nelson of E. Frederic Avenue.

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

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

A civil matter was Kingsmill Avenue. The reported in the 2500 block juvenile had not been of N. Rosewood Lane.

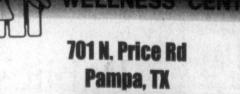
A suspicious person was reported in the Gwendolyn/ Dwight intersection.

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

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of E. Frederic

ed in the 2300 block of

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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.

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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

in the Rodeo Parade last month. Guest night was attended by 12 prospective members. Members were reminded

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

to clip coupons for Service

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 13th 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 13th 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

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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 decided whether or not to start taking the Rabies vaccine if the animal cannot be found and tested.

Carson, Donley, Gray,

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

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,

Barth begins clinical rotation in Pampa

Jessica Barth, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Physician Assistant student, has begun her sixweek 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.

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

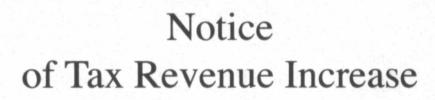
Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 PM September 22, 2009 in the Board Room at Carver Center 321 W. Albert

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).

8144-238 (808)

D-54 Sept. 9 and 15, 2009



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.

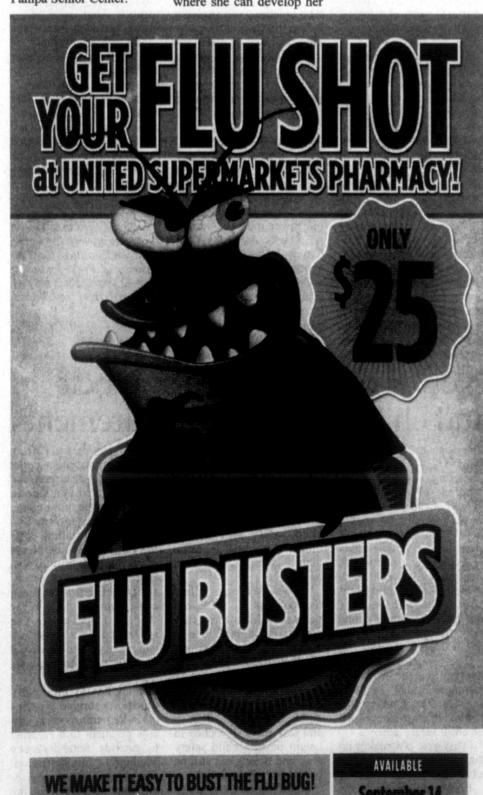
The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.44672 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$6,966,923.

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



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.

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 Flooden 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.

1894 - Sun Yat-

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1921 - Constitution

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1943 - A day after the Italians surrender, Allied

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Today's Birthdays:



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 nitpicking 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

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

"So don't let us down Äî 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

There 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.

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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.

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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 bet-

Sarah Doucette

would try to achieve them. New laws strengthen seat belt and child safety seat requirements

61) amends the existing

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.)

seat.

Buckle children into the appropriate child safety

A new law (Senate Bill

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 effec-

tive 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.

HB 537 also prohibits a

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.

* 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.)

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New normal for home sales: Buyers have the power

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, fixedrate 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.

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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. bank statements, tax 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

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 inspec-

> **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

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 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

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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-

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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."



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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 good-

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

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.



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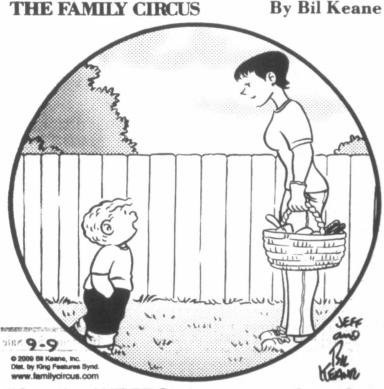
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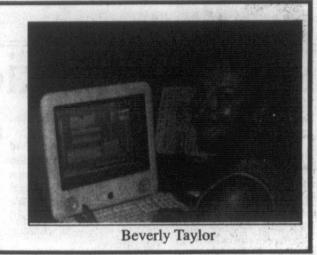
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feelings and attitudes on your part after

October. You often take the lead in

groups. If you are single, meeting people

isn't the issue, but meeting the right per-

son could be. Opportunities come for-

ward in 2010. If you are attached, you'll

discover the power of working on the

bond and not allowing life to interfere.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** If you find a situation confusing

or difficult to resolve in the a.m., try

again in the afternoon. You could find

that at that point people can hear you

more clearly. Ideas are exchanged with-

out "I am right" type of thinking.

*** Use the morning for any matter

that is close to your heart. You could be

surprised by what you hear, but you now

know your direction. A brainstorming

session about a new idea or potential trip

might be fun. Be aware of the costs.

**** You could be sluggish this

morning. Use this time to get your ducks

in a row. You'll want to act when you

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commitment. Others clearly enjoy your

** Get as much done as possible in

the morning, when success seems to fol-

low you. In the afternoon, you could

learn a lot more through the power of

observation than through asking.

** * * If you are overwhelmed, how

about letting go of one project or dele-

gating it? Is this one project worth the

feelings you have? Your immediate circle

has suggestions as well. They don't like

seeing you when you feel this way.

Accept your limitations. Tonight: Around

*** Keep reaching past your imme-

diate thinking. Everyone restricts his or

her thinking; why would you be any dif-

ferent? In order to start seeing more

options, detach first. When one is vested,

it is more difficult. Be ready for unex-

pected demands from a boss or older

**** Someone keeps interfering

with your morning, if not in reality, then

in your thoughts. You could be surprised

life. Take off in the afternoon, or escape

into your mind or on the computer.

*** Invest more in several people

who you enjoy working with. They

might have very different ideas, but

together you each become stronger. You

also make sense to each other. Don't

underestimate the importance of a per-

sonal issue. Tonight: Go with a sugges-

Tonight: Anything becomes possible.

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the impact this person has on your

friend. Tonight: Could be late.

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relax and do what you must. Others come

to you wanting feedback. On some level

a person might be trying to engage you in

a power play. Walk away. Tonight: Just

*** Focus your creativity, and you'll

get much more out of any interaction or

issue. Others don't understand why you

succeed so far beyond their level of

expectation. You have an unusual mix of

creativity, pragmatism and efficiency.

*** Though you are slow to start.

you probably will be the first to the fin-

ish line. You have many good ideas,

which others receive with openness. A

surprise charges you with much needed

energy. Tonight: Start acting like it is the

*** Use the morning to the max.

Others appear to be more favorably dis-

posed in the a.m. You could wonder

where a project ends and begins. It really

does seem endless. Ask someone to give

you feedback. Call it an early day if pos-

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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 hetween 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, Maddox, Kody 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 scrim-

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

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.

team and what they will do in district," Polasek said. The freshman team is 3-5.

"I'm excited about this

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 playoff 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-

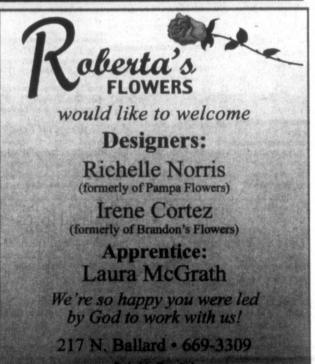
ed to take the third game, played at San Angelo, by 4-3. The Colts won the fourth game 10-8, when Nick Mahin, with two outs and behind with two strikes in the bottom of the ninth inning, hit a three-run home run over the left field

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 threetouchdown 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 topranked 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.

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

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by the time the Sooner 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.

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