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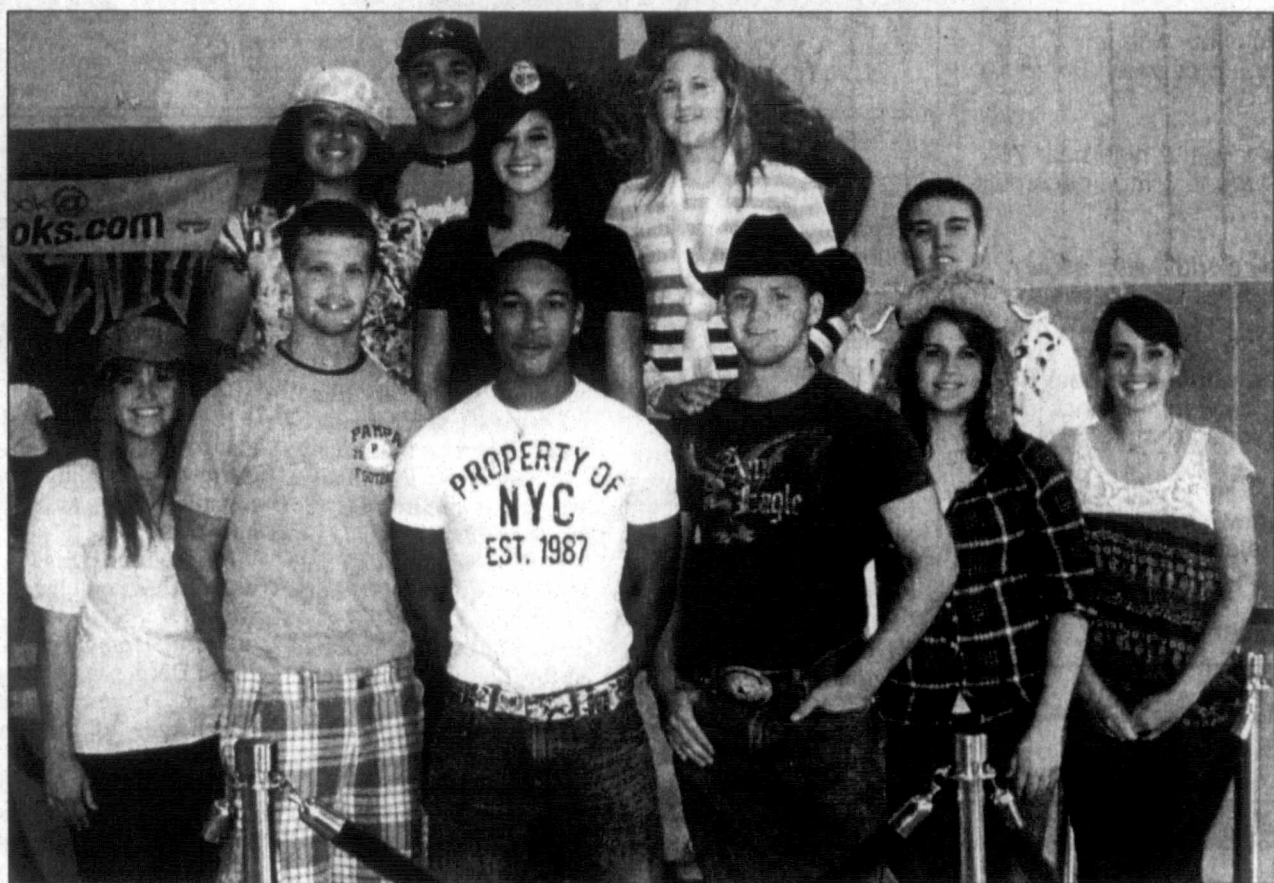
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## Homecoming celebrations



### Royal court

The crowning of the Homecoming Queen and King will take place before the football game, at about 7:05 p.m. Friday at Harvester Field.

The homecoming queen nominees are: Ashley Facio, Laura McGrath, Gabi Powell, Sammie Pearson, Carlyn Teichmann, and Ashley Williams.

The homecoming King nominees are: Rylan Clark, Craig Conner, Braden Hunt, Ryan Jimenez, Robert Douglas, and Luke Watson (not pictured).

The election for King and Queen will be held today. The Homecoming Parade will begin at 4 p.m. this afternoon.

Festivities Friday include a reception for Harvester Hall of Fame inductees at 10 a.m., A reception for veterans at 1:30 p.m. in the library and the Home coming Pep Rally at 2:30 p.m. The Homecoming dance will follow the game at about 10 p.m.



### Twins Day

The Pampa High School staff has the homecoming spirit. Pampa High School secretary and cheerleader coach Sandee Stokes and Nurse JJ Slaten go all out for "Twins Day" during Homecoming week at Pampa High School.

## Vet who gathered, buried burned flag remnants dies

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Dan Walker, an Army war veteran who was honored for gathering and burying a U.S. flag that was burned in protest during the 1984 Republican National Convention in Dallas, has died. He was 81.

Walker, who was captured by TV cameras carefully retrieving the flag remnants so they could be buried properly, died Wednesday of prostate cancer at his Fort Worth home. A spokeswoman at Greenwood Funeral Home confirmed his death.

Walker told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram after the incident that he felt compelled to act after seeing someone try to stomp out the fire.

"I didn't want someone sweeping it up with

a broom and putting it in an ashcan," said Walker, a veteran of World War II and the Korean War.

The man who burned the flag was convicted under a Texas law banning desecration of the flag. That conviction was thrown out in 1989 by the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled that flag burning was a constitutionally protected free speech.

Walker's son, Rusty Walker, recalled being shocked but not surprised when he turned on the national news the night of the flag burning and saw his father.

"He was a West Point graduate, and when he saw them burning the flag, he couldn't stand it," he said.

Walker disposed of the

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## NRCS announces sign-up for conservation program

Natural Resources Conservation Service state conservationist for Texas, Don Gohmert, announced a sign-up beginning on Aug. 10, 2009, for the new Conservation Stewardship Program to assist agricultural and forestry producers. CSP is a new program authorized in the 2008 Farm Bill.

"Farmers and ranchers actively engaged in conservation land stewardship have the opportunity to earn conservation rewards through CSP," Gohmert said. "This program gives conservation-minded producers the ability to apply and build on their current stewardship efforts."

CSP is a five-year program which offers continuous sign-up, but all eligible applicants who sign up between Aug. 10 and Sept. 30, 2009, will be ranked as a group in October and November. A second ranking of subsequent applications will likely take place again in January or February.

CSP replaced a program authorized in the 2002 Farm Bill, the Conservation Security Program which was only offered on a watershed-specific basis.

The new CSP is now available to land-owners statewide.

Gohmert noted only top stewards will be awarded contracts for CSP and receive funding.

NRCS encourages farmers and ranchers actively involved in conserving their natural resources to apply for CSP in order to maintain existing conservation activities and implement additional enhancements or practices on their land.

"CSP is for the best of the best stewards," Gohmert said. "We have many land stewards in Texas that are worthy of this recognition, and I encourage them to apply."

Lands eligible for CSP include cropland, grassland, pastureland, and private nonindustrial forestland, a new land use for the program. Agricultural land under the jurisdiction of an Indian tribe is expressly eligible as well.

The CSP application process begins with a self-screening checklist. Interested producers can obtain additional information from the NRCS website at [www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new\\_csp/csp.html](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/new_csp/csp.html).

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## PAMPA FORECAST

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High 75 Low 54	High 76 Low 57	High 83 Low 58

**Tonight:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 56. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10%.

**Friday:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 75. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Mostly cloudy, with a low around 54. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 76. West northwest wind around 5 mph becoming south.

**Saturday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Sunday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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## AMR boosts its cash coffers and shifts routes

ATLANTA (AP) — American Airlines' parent company is making a potentially risky move in taking on significant new debt at a time when revenues are being hammered, but the \$2.9 billion in fresh financing and flight schedule changes announced Thursday should quiet concerns — for now — that it is in danger of a cash crunch and a bankruptcy filing.

Passengers will see big changes from the nation's second-largest airline, including increased flying in Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, Dallas-Fort Worth and Miami, but fewer flights in Raleigh/Durham, N.C. and St. Louis, where American is giving up major ground to Southwest Airlines.

AMR Corp. said the extra funding it has received includes \$1 billion in cash from an advance sale of frequent flyer miles to Citigroup. The company is treating that money as a loan.

The Fort Worth, Texas, company said it also has received \$1.6 billion in sale-leaseback financing commitments from GE Capital Aviation Services, a unit of General Electric Co., and \$280 million in cash in a loan from GE Capital Aviation Services secured by aircraft.

Of the \$1.3 billion in new liquidity, all but \$55 million will be included in the third quarter 2009 cash

## 200 pounds of pot recovered at Arizona border crossing

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — An El Paso, Texas, man has been arrested after he allegedly tried to smuggle 200 pounds of marijuana through the Douglas port of entry Wednesday evening.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers stopped a 2002 Chevrolet pickup truck that was carrying new furniture.

and short-term investment balance.

The transactions will increase the company's cash balance to roughly \$3.7 billion by the end of the third quarter, which is Sept. 30. AMR had \$14 billion in total debt at the end of the second quarter. It's unclear how much that figure will increase at the end of the third quarter. And AMR has \$1.3 billion in debt maturities in 2010.

"The announcement today from our perspective takes the liquidity question off the table," Virasb Vahidi, American Airlines' senior vice president of planning, said in an interview.

Analysts generally agreed.

Standard & Poor's reiterated its "Hold" opinion on AMR shares.

The larger question that looms is what will happen in the future. Overall demand for air travel has shown some improvement in recent months, but yields are down because passengers are paying less for their tickets and are not flying as much in premium seats.

AMR said it will strengthen its flight network by increasing capacity in four hubs cities. Those cities, and Los Angeles, are key parts of the company's plan to benefit from closer cooperation with British Airways, Iberia and other partners.

Agents searched the vehicle with a team of drug-sniffing dogs and found the pot concealed inside the furniture.

Federal authorities said the 20-year-old driver was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for questioning. The truck and the marijuana were seized.

## 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.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Deborah of Tulsa, husbands, Glen Mayben and

Dert Boyd, and grandsons, Ridlard and Willie.

Survivors include daughters, Betty Cockrell, Debra Alexander, sons, Bobby Gilbert Jr., Rick Harp, Chris Gilbert, Denny Boyd, David Boyd, two brothers, Bobby Gilbert and Neal Gilbert; two sisters, Joyce Morrisand Shirley Flowers; grandchildren Deborah Gail, Ussalou, Clint, Angie,

Brijit, Aimee, Kayla, Dennis, Gia, Tori, Dante, and great-grandchildren Kimberly, Kacie, Angel, Benjamin, Hailey, Matthew, Tieman, Michael,

Victoria Jake, Alden, and DeStini.

Mary's "Goodbye Party" will be held in Lefors on Sept. 19, 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.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

There were 17 traffic-related stops.

There were 16 animal-related calls.

Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Two backpacks were reported stolen in the 1400 block of North Dogwood.

A CD player and a check-book was reported stolen in the 1100 block of Terrace.

Damage to a door was reported in the 400 block of West Foster.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

A garage door was spray painted in the 1100 block of North Mary Ellen.

A violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 700 block of North Banks.

A medical emergency was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes.

Fraud was reported in the 800 block of North Christy.

An alarm was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A door was damaged at a house in the 800 block of South Somerville.

A woman was arrested on charges of public intoxication and evading arrest at Wilks and Faulkner.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of North Frost.

A suspicious person was reported in the 500 block

of East Francis.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of North Ward.

A medical emergency was reported in the 500 block of North Perry.

Police performed a welfare check in the 2300 block of North Mary Ellen.

Officers assisted a motorist at Hobart and Kentucky.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 400 block of Hughes.

A 911 hang-up call was reported in the 900 block of Varnon.

An alarm was reported in the 2700 block of North Duncan.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Harassment was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 600 block of East Crawford.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1800 block of North Evergreen.

A medical emergency was reported in the 700 block of South Barnes.

Thursday, Sept. 17.

A suspicious person was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Two people were arrested on drug charges in the 300 block of North Roberta.

A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of North Red Deer Street.

### SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrested during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 16.

Teri Lynn Furgerson, 35, of Lefors, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of evading arrest, resisting arrests and public intoxication.

Aaron Lee Hink, 20, was arrested on charges of arrest.

Misty Humphrey Lee, 34, of Borger, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft over \$50 but under \$500.

Chrystal Nicole Beagle, 28, of Borger, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of theft over \$50 but under \$500 and driving left of the center lane.

Virginia Carol Trusty, 38, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.

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Lee Bret Dillman, 49, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of marijuana.

Carrie Sue Earhart, 37, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of possession of marijuana, possession of dangerous drugs and criminal mischief.

Steven Ray Crawford, 31, was arrested by Gray County deputies on

charges out of Comanche County of driving without a driver's license, failure to appear and having an expired registration.

Adam Scogin, 39, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving without a license and having an opening container of alcohol in the vehicle.

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### AMBULANCE

reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 16.

10:22 a.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Barnes and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:50 p.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Perry and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:08 p.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:54 p.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Barnes and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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12:57 a.m. — A Mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Aspen and transported one person to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

## Housing, jobless data point to a recovery

WASHINGTON (AP) — Housing construction rose in August and the number of newly laid-off workers seeking unemployment aid fell unexpectedly last week, adding to signs the recession has ended.

Still, the reports suggested a slow and fragile economic recovery. In part, that's because the increased housing starts were due solely to a surge in construction of apartment buildings — while the much larger single-family homes sector fell for the first time in six months. And jobless claims remain far above the levels associated with a healthy economy.

Even as the housing industry begins to recover from its worst downturn in decades, a glut of unsold homes and record levels of home foreclosures are weighing on the industry.

Construction of multifamily homes and apartments rose 1.5 percent to an annual rate of 598,000 units, the highest level since November, the Commerce Department said Thursday. That was slightly lower than the 600,000-unit pace economists had expected. And it remains more than 70 percent below the peak rate hit in 2006.

The tentative improvements in housing are most likely a rebound "from unsustainably weak results ... reinforced by a temporary boost to demand" from the \$8,000 first-time homebuyer tax credit that ends Dec. 1, Joshua Shapiro, chief economist at MFR Inc., wrote in a note

to clients. "Gains from here on will probably be much more difficult to achieve," due to high unemployment, tight credit and a large number of new and existing homes already on the market, he said.

Applications for building permits, a gauge of future activity, rose a 2.7 percent in August to an annual rate of 579,000 units, slightly below the 580,000 level that had been forecast. Permits for single-family homes dipped 0.2 percent but rose for multifamily units by 15.8 percent.

The 1.5 percent rise in housing starts followed a small 0.2 percent dip in July. The August strength reflected a 25.3 percent surge in construction of multifamily units, a volatile sector that had fallen 15.2 percent in July.

The single-family sector dipped 3 percent last month to an annual rate of 479,000 units, the first setback following five straight monthly gains.

Meanwhile, initial claims for unemployment benefits dropped last week to a seasonally adjusted 545,000 from an upwardly revised 557,000 the previous week, the Labor Department said Thursday. Wall Street economists expected claims to rise by 5,000, according to Thomson Reuters.

The decline was the third in the past four weeks. The four-week average, which smooths out fluctuations, dropped 8,750 to 563,000. When federal extended benefits are included, 9.01

million people received unemployment insurance in the week ending Aug. 29. That's down from 9.16 million the previous week. Congress has added up to 53 weeks of extended benefits on top of the 26 weeks provided by the states.

Some economists said the overall housing construction gain was an encouraging sign that the worst is over for that troubled market.

Builders have been ramping up because buyers want to take advantage of the new federal tax credit for first-time homebuyers. The National Association

of Home Builders said this week that its housing market index rose in September, reflecting growing optimism in the industry about rising home sales. The trade association said its index rose one point to 19, the highest reading since April 2008.

Thursday's reports come a day after the Federal Reserve said production by the nation's factories, mines and utilities increased for the second straight month in August, the latest sign the economy is recovering.

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## ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Community Christian School's Yearly Ice Cream Social was held recently, where new families get to know each other and we all enjoy so ice cream! submitted photo

## Tomball man contracts brucellosis from feral hogs

HOUSTON (AP) — James Belcher developed symptoms that turned out to have nothing to do with swine flu but everything to do with hogs.

Doctors earlier this year diagnosed the 76-year-old Tomball resident with brucellosis.

"It has been a nightmare," said Belcher, who picked up the disease from feral hogs that have rooted through parts of his property in Cherokee County.

Belcher's brucellosis was traced to him cleaning a feral hog in March. Belcher and his son butchered one of the many feral hogs they had shot or trapped.

"People need to know that they should be cau-

tious when they handle those pigs, and always wear gloves," he said. "I wouldn't want what's happened to me to happen to anybody."

Belcher faces months of more treatment for the disease, which is caused by a bacteria linked to feral hogs. An estimated 2 million of the wild creatures roam Texas.

The Houston Chronicle reported Thursday that about 10 percent of Texas feral hogs test positive for brucellosis bacteria, but the rate in eastern parts of the state has been known to be higher. The disease can cause pregnant animals to prematurely abort their young.

In humans, brucellosis

can cause flu-like symptoms such as fever, chills, aching muscles, intense joint pain, nausea and fatigue. Human fatalities are rare.

Belcher was diagnosed with brucellosis following surgery for an aortic aneurysm.

"The pain was incredible," he said. "That first week, I honestly can say I didn't care if I lived or died it was that bad."

A physician with experience dealing in brucellosis in South America helped diagnose Belcher, offering antibiotics in a treatment process he continues today.

"I never used gloves when I cleaned hogs," Belcher said. "I sure wish I had, now."

## Borger women arrested here on theft charges

BY DAVID BOWSER  
dbowser@thepampanews.com

Two Borger women were in Gray County jail today on theft charges after being stopped by deputies on traffic charges.

Misty Humphrey Lee, 34 of Borger, and Chrystal Nicole Beagle, 28, of Borger, were in Gray County jail today on charges of theft over \$50 but under \$500 after being stopped by deputies Wednesday afternoon west of Pampa.

Lee and Beagle were both being held in lieu of \$1,000 bond on the theft charge.

Beagle was fined \$200 on the traffic charge.

Gray County Deputies Steven White and Rhett Rollins pulled the two

women over on Texas Highway 152 about 3:30 p.m. Wednesday. White said the women began acting suspicious as the deputies passed them.

The back seat of the car was piled with clothing that still had the store tags on them, White said.

The deputies got permission to search the car and found about \$300 in clothing and merchandise from the Dollar Store, Dollar Tree and Wal-Mart.

The women subsequently were charged with theft. Beagle, the driver of the car, was also charged with driving left of the center line.

The merchandise was returned to the stores Wednesday afternoon before they had even noticed it missing.

## Flag

ashes according to flag care guidelines and buried them in his backyard. He was later presented with the U.S. Army's highest civilian award and received a letter from President Ronald Reagan.

His pastor said Walker didn't like all the attention.

"My sense is he saw what was happening and reacted instinctively," said the Rev. Ken Horton, senior pastor of McKinney Memorial Bible Church, where Walker was a member.

"He had a great love of country and was a man of honor who thought it was his responsibility to protect that flag, or at least rescue

it," Horton said. "I think he was a little bashful about the publicity, but at the same time he was happy that he was at a place where he could do what he thought was right."

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## Dallas youth's motivational speech a hit

DALLAS (AP) — Dalton Sherman is an 11-year-old motivational speaker, a talking testament to the difference a teacher's belief can make in a student's success.

Last year Dalton gave an inspirational back-to-school speech that brought some 20,000 Dallas schoolteachers to their feet in thunderous applause and the video was posted on YouTube. Now Dalton is a celebrity of sorts.

He's been on Oprah Winfrey's and Ellen DeGeneres' talk shows. He's hobnobbed with Donald Trump, poet Maya Angelou and U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and on Friday, Jenna Bush Hager will interview him on NBC's "Today" show in her broadcasting debut.

"It just keeps going and growing," said Dallas schools spokesman Jon Dahlander. "The power of YouTube strikes again for Dalton Sherman. It couldn't happen to a nicer family or a greater kid."

Two years ago Dalton's way with words sometimes proved too disruptive for the classroom. His teacher at the time Irene Redmond, encouraged him to find other avenues for his talent. The speech that's garnered him so much attention in some ways is a tribute to Redmond's belief in his ability to succeed in life.

Friends and family say Dalton's growing fame hasn't gone to his head. He is still the same kid who loves shooting hoops, horsing around with his siblings, scrambling eggs for his family at breakfast and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys.

He's a straight-A, sixth-grader at a Dallas magnet school and has had a difficult time keeping a low profile. In his second week at Dallas Environmental Science Academy, the "Today" show's cameras followed him around.

This summer, a Fort Worth-based international theater group called Kids Who Care, turned Dalton's "Believe in Me," speech into a musical in which he recently starred.

One of his largest pre-

sentations came in June, when he spoke to about 24,000 people at a global training conference in Charlotte, N.C., for ACN Inc., a direct-marketing company.

"He was incredible," said Lisa Krass, who directs events for ACN. "He had everyone sitting on the edge of their seat just waiting to see what he was going to say next."

"He had many in tears, and others just in awe over how dynamic a young man he was."

Dalton admits he doesn't really know why his speech, which is tailored to suit his audience, has resonated with so many. He's just enjoying the ride.

"It's fun to speak in different places," Dalton said, excitedly rattling off what he's seen in Chicago, San Francisco, Lubbock, Louisville, Ky., and other cities where he's spoken.

The 4-foot-9 kid with a big smile wants to be a broadcast news reporter when he grows up.

He doesn't get scared

when he steps before large crowds because he prays with his father before each speech.

"That builds my confidence. We pray for God to help me," Dalton said.

Dalton's dad, Carlos Sherman, said his son is "a typical kid, but when he's speaking, he has a different anointing."

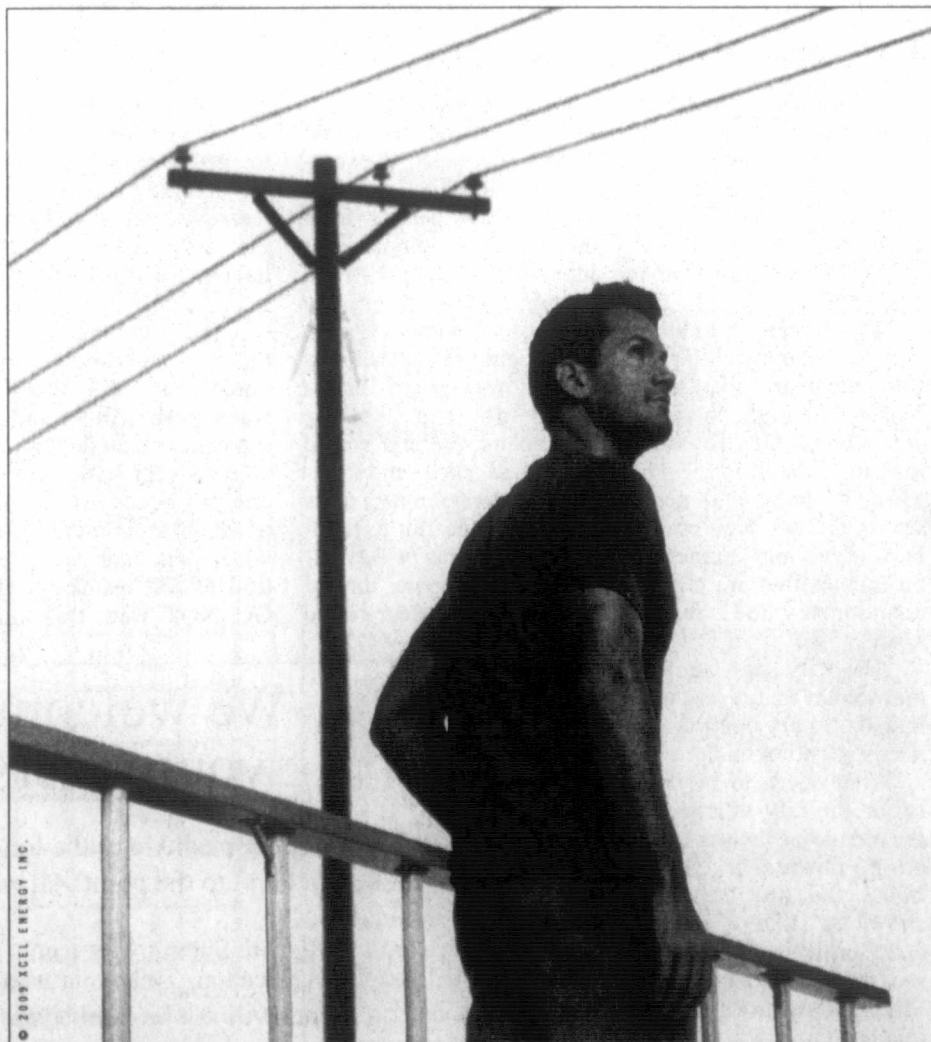
"It's a ministry in a lot of ways. It's nothing that could have been orchestrated," he said. "That's when you know a divine hand is in it."

His dad, a Verizon customer service representative, said Dalton has loved to talk ever since he was a tyke.

But there were times when his gift of gab got him into trouble in the classroom.

That all changed when the teacher, Redmond, encouraged her fourth-grader to enter an oration contest about Martin Luther King Jr.

At age 9, Dalton won the \$1,000 first-place prize for that speech and



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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2009. There are 105 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:**  
On Sept. 17, 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

**On this date:**  
In 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.  
In 1862, in the bloodiest battle day in U.S. history, Union forces fought Confederate invaders in the Civil War Battle of Antietam at Sharpsburg, Md.  
In 1909, the first trolley crossed New York City's recently opened Queensboro Bridge in a test run. (Regular service began Oct. 4; the trolley was shut down in 1957.)

**'One of these days is none of these days.'**

— Anonymous

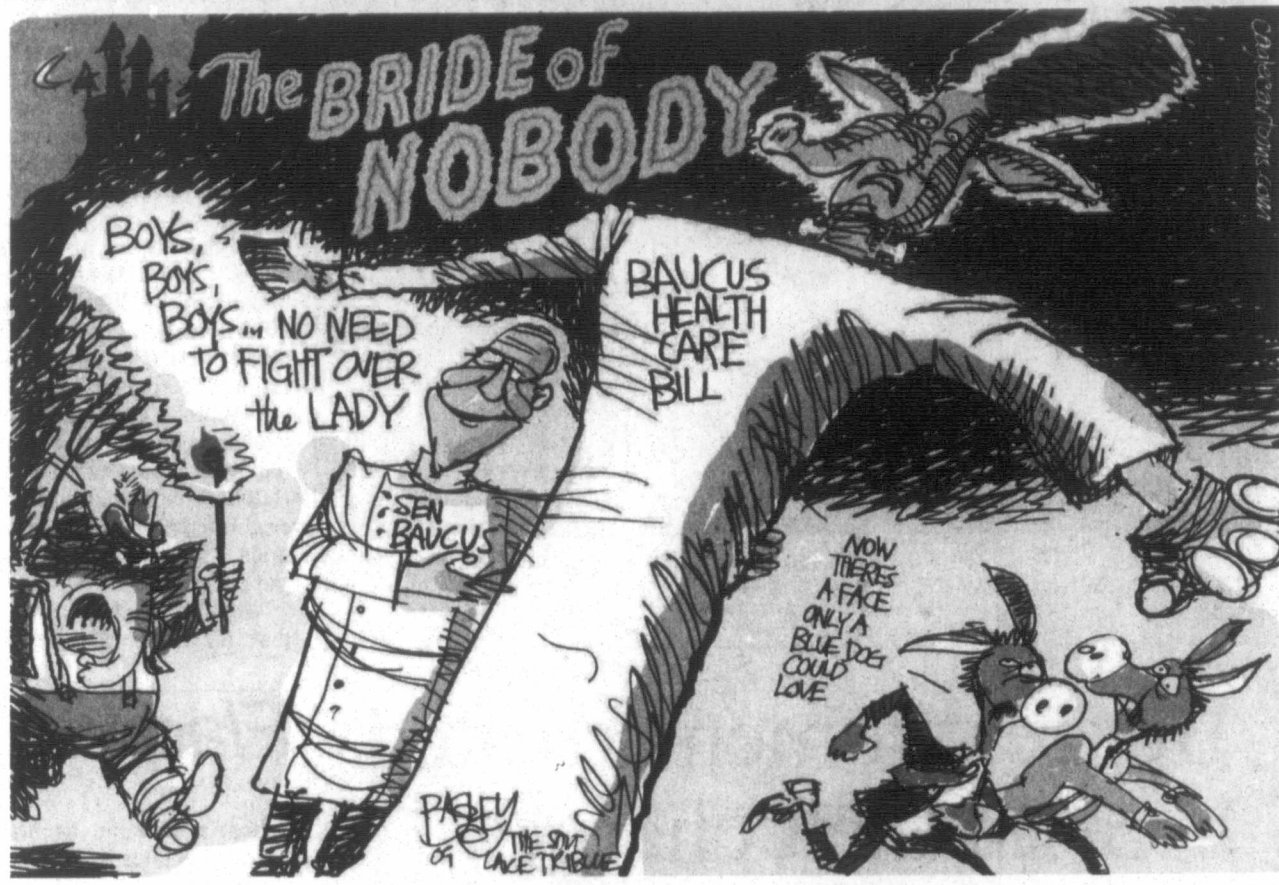
In 1920, the American Professional Football Association — a precursor of the NFL — was formed in Canton, Ohio.  
In 1949, more than 120 people died when fire gutted the Canadian passenger steamship SS Noronic at a pier in Toronto.  
In 1959, Soviet leader Nikita

Khrushchev traveled by train from Washington, D.C., to New York City, where he received a low-key welcome from New Yorkers. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles.

In 1978, after meeting at Camp David, Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat signed a framework for a peace treaty.

Five years ago: San Francisco's Barry Bonds hit the 700th home run of his career, joining Babe Ruth (714) and Hank Aaron (755) as the only players to reach the milestone.

**Today's Birthdays:** Pro Football Hall of Famer George Blanda is 82. Actor David Huddleston is 79. Sen. Charles E. Grassley, R-Iowa, is 76. Retired Supreme Court Justice David H. Souter is 70. Singer LaMonte McLemore (The Fifth Dimension) is 70. Retired Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni is 66. Los Angeles Lakers coach Phil Jackson is 64. Singer Fee Waybill is 59. Actress Cassandra Peterson ("Elvira, Mistress of the Dark") is 58. Comedian Rita Rudner is 56. Muppeteer Kevin Clash is 49. Movie director Baz Luhrmann is 47. Singer BeBe Winans is 47. Actor Kyle Chandler is 44. Director-producer Bryan Singer ("X-Men") is 44. Rapper Doug E. Fresh is 43. Actor Malik Yoba is 42. Rock musician Keith Flint (Prodigy) is 40. Actor Matthew Settle is 40. New Orleans Saints quarterback Mark Brunell is 39. Rock singer Anastacia is 36. R&B singer Marcus Sanders (Hi-Five) is 36. Actress-singer Nona Gaye is 35. Singer-actor Constantine Maroulis is 34. NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson is 34. Pop singer Maile Misajon (Eden's Crush) is 33. Country singer-songwriter Stephen Cochran is 30. Rock musician Chuck Comeau (Simple Plan) is 30. Country singer Desi Waddins (3 of Hearts) is 26. Rock musician Jon Walker is 24.



## Opinion from across Texas

### San Antonio Express-News on answers from the Texas Department of Transportation:

At first glance, it seems like a joke.

The Texas Department of Transportation compiles a list of the 100 most congested road sections in the state, and what is widely believed to be the most congested road section in Bexar County doesn't even make the list: U.S. 281 from Loop 1604 to the Comal County line.

Eight roadways in Bexar County did make the list, including multiple segments of Interstate 35 and Interstate 10. The worst-ranked section locally — 10th on the statewide list — is a portion of Interstate 35 from U.S. 90 West to the Southwest Side to U.S. 281 north of downtown.

A TxDOT explanation of the congestion on this stretch of Interstate 35 notes: "A trip that takes 20 minutes in free-flow conditions will take approximately 33 minutes during rush hour."

While that may be bad, many commuters can attest that the rush-hour congestion on U.S. 281 north of Loop 1604 is much worse. So how is it possible that TxDOT failed to place it on the list?

The TxDOT methodology describes a multi-step process of compiling a statewide database of major roadways, review by "transportation staff familiar with the local road network" and the calculation of congestion measures by

the Texas Transportation Institute.

Perhaps the initial database was deeply flawed and failed to identify U.S. 281 north of Loop 1604 for congestion problems. Even if this were the case, TxDOT experts who have familiarity with Bexar County roadways should have caught this glaring error as part of their review.

Either way, TxDOT — not the Texas Transportation Institute — flubbed the process. And the result is much worse than a joke.

Highway funds will naturally flow to the worst congested roadways in the state. Assuming the legal and environmental hurdles for construction on U.S. 281 are ever surpassed, it's not even on the list of priority projects.

Local leaders should be outraged at the TxDOT report. Bexar County residents who suffer through bumper-to-bumper commutes on U.S. 281 deserve to know whether something more than incompetence on the part of the state's transportation authorities is to blame.

### Odessa American on President Barack Obama's speech on health care:

President Obama delivered a robust and even rousing speech in favor of what is still a rather generalized plan for increasing health care coverage by increasing government involvement in medical care — involvement that to date has tended to increase costs.

To his credit, he included

the idea of medical malpractice reform, or tort reform in his proposal, and offered a good deal more detail as to what he wants in a plan, rather than general principles for Congress to put legislative flesh on. Whether it will get something done that he can sign and call satisfactory reform is difficult to tell.

The headline is that he says he supports a "non-profit public option," apparently a government insurance plan that will be available to those who can't afford insurance even with reform. He says it will not be subsidized by taxpayers but will survive on premiums.

It seems unlikely that a government program that turned out not to be sustainable on premiums would not eventually be subsidized, however. That is what concerns people who fear that eventually a government program would enjoy unfair advantages (starting with being tax-free) when competing against private plans.

Perhaps the most constructive suggestion he made — although again some details were lacking — was the idea of an insurance exchange through which individuals and small businesses would be able to pool their buying power to negotiate lower insurance rates. He was not clear about whether this would be a national, regional or state-based exchange, who would set it up, or who would make the rules.

If it was set up to operate across state lines, an exchange might be the

functional equivalent of allowing people to buy health insurance across state lines. But it would be simpler just to allow people to buy health insurance across state lines, which would increase competition and not involve all the administrative expenses of an exchange.

The president's promise to pay for his new spending through eliminating waste, fraud and abuse from the current system was also unconvincing. Numerous efforts to do so have been made over the years, and none has been especially effective because they didn't change the incentives — for providers and patients alike — to overconsume health care because somebody else is supposedly paying for it.

There was also a subtle shift in the promise he has repeatedly made that nobody who is satisfied with their current health care plan and doctor will see any substantial changes. "Nothing in this plan will require you or your employer to change the coverage or doctor." But that doesn't rule out shifting incentives, perhaps through the public option, so that many employers will simply drop coverage without it being "required."

President Obama tossed a few bones to critics of the plans passed through various committees. But tort reform will be resisted in Congress and the current status — the House won't pass a plan without a public option and the Senate won't pass a plan with one — is unlikely to change.

## Letters to the editor

I would like to state my opinion on the proposed water park in Pampa Texas.

I think spending four million dollars on an attraction that will only be open 3-4 months a year is absurd!!!!

The streets in Pampa are in horrible condition, there are abandoned buildings (both business and homes) all over town that need attention. The town is trashy and many streets are not even paved. Downtown has numerous businesses that are closed, abandoned and falling apart.

The city has an animal shelter that is less than humane in my opinion and needs attention badly.

What needs to be done is for the city to remodel the old movie theater located in downtown Pampa. Make the old theater a showcase like Canadian and Borger have done and start to breathe some new life into downtown Pampa, maybe they would start

something and other people and businesses would follow the city's example. A nice movie theater would draw people from all the area communities into Pampa and they would spend additional money buying consumer goods, eating out, etc. The area small towns go to Pampa to buy groceries, gasoline, car repairs, etc and would support a nice entertainment center such as a class movie theater, not to mention the citizens of Pampa.

A nice movie theater would be open year round

and all ages could enjoy it, not just kids that want to go swimming during the summer. Imagine the teenagers in Pampa and the area towns actually having some place nice to go???????

I think the members of the city commission who voted for this monster water park will be out of job come next election.

I also think that someone had better listen to the residents around the "new" water park and pay attention to the residents who DO NOT want this thing

located in their neighborhood.

Sure makes you wonder just who owns the land where the water park is going to be built, doesn't it?

I also cannot believe that the Pampa Economic Development people can just tell the city commission to either do it the way we say or we will not play, I thought the PEDC was supposed to help the city, not boss them around.

Gary Noblett  
Miami Texas

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# Sports

## 7th and 8th grade football team lose to Westover

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The Pampa Junior High 7th and 8th grade football teams lost to Westover Junior High Tuesday at Harvester Field.

The B team lost 24-6 and got off to a bad start with Westover returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. Coach Jim Gill said the team settled down after that play.

"Blake Caldwell had several tackles behind the line of scrimmage," Gill said. Kyle Gant had a big hit in the second quarter of play. Brandon Stokes led the team at quarterback for Pampa Junior High School.

Adrian Elam scored the team's only touchdown in the third and had several long runs. Stokes drove the team downfield for a chance at a second score but the drive stalled.

The A team lost 28-0 to Westover. The first points of the game were scored on a punt return by Westover. Freddy Jackson stopped Westover from getting the two-point conversion with a tackle in the backfield. Westover led 12-0 at half-time.

Daymon Villegas led the team in offense with several long gains running the football. Larry Ragan, Cager Osborne and Jackson were the team leaders on

defense. Gill said his team gave Westover a challenge and was pleased with how they carried themselves on the field.

"Westover had to play their best game to come out with the 28-0 win," Gill said. Pampa played hard and the boys showed great class and sportsmanship."

The 7th grade B team lost 44-0. Coach Clint Allen said Michael Stovall ran the ball well. The 7th grade A team lost 36-0. Allen said Christian Vizcaino ran the ball well.

## 7th grade v-ball competes in Perryton tourney

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The 7th grade volleyball teams competed in a tournament last weekend at Perryton.

The A team defeated Borger (25-14 and 25-20) and Perryton (25-14 and 25-17). Dalhart defeated Pampa (25-22, 14-25 and 13-15) and the A team lost to Dumas (15-25 and 20-25).

Coach Kristi Petty said the A team improved on

offense. Brittney Green, Taylor Eubank, Caragan Niccum and Allison Noble led the team in hitting combining for 50 hits at their opponents.

Kindle Hunt and Kelsey Henry were the best setters. Niccum, Eubank, Kristin Hood, Noble, Green and Hunt led the team in serving. Yesenia Soria and Kylie Kreider helped the team defensively.

The B team won their first game of the season

against Dalhart (22-25, 25-13, and 15-13). Petty said the team improved as the tournament went on.

The leading servers were MaKenzie Parks, Genevieve Zavala, Aubrey Grubitz and Tori Robles. Tristen Morgan, Cheyenne Williams and Lexi Hernandez were the leading hitters. Elizabeth Gill, Zavala and Grubitz led the team in defense. Coach Janice Miner said Jaycee Devoll and Robles were great team leaders.



## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 58-year-old woman who has just been dumped by my 55-year-old boyfriend for a younger woman. She is 18, and if that isn't bad enough -- she's my daughter. They are now living together.

For more than a year we functioned as a family. We had regular game nights and took a family vacation together. Because of their betrayal, I have lost my daughter, my boyfriend, the two people I thought were also my best friends, and my family all at the same time. I don't know anyone who has had this happen to them, but unfortunately there must be some out there.

How do I go on? How do I maintain a relationship with my daughter when she is living with my ex-boyfriend? How do I accept what has happened without approving of it? There is so much wrong with this I'm at a loss for rules or tools to handle it. -- IN CRUSHING PAIN IN OREGON

DEAR IN CRUSHING PAIN: There ARE no "rules." And it does occasionally happen -- most famously with Mia Farrow, her adopted daughter and her longtime boyfriend Woody Allen. But I believe Ms. Farrow cut off all contact with both of them.

But enough about her. You are going to have to figure out what will work best for you. Your first step should be to seek spiritual support. Sometimes, with time, comes acceptance. But right now, it is crucial that you take care of yourself.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 19 and finally getting my life

together. I have already experienced a lot emotionally and physically. I have recently started on the path to sobriety, but there are two problems. In the city where I live there is nothing to do after 10 p.m. if you're not a drunk. My friends from childhood not only do not support me but tell me I should just have a drink.

I know you should keep yourself surrounded by people who will lift you up, but these people have been my close companions for many years, and I don't think I can dismiss them that easily. Please help me. I like how my life is right now, and I need to know how to stay focused. -- DRUNK OR SOBER? IN NEW YORK

DEAR D. OR S.?: If you want to hang onto your sobriety, you are going to have to fight for it. You got off on a wrong path very early, and so did your childhood friends. But now you have an opportunity to make new ones -- the members of your sobriety program. The more time you spend with them, the less time you will have to allow yourself to be seduced into falling off the wagon.

If you're strong enough to do this, you can be a role model for some of your old drinking buddies, and some may decide to join you. But if they don't, you will have made new friends who have also made positive changes in their lives -- and that's not a bad consolation prize.

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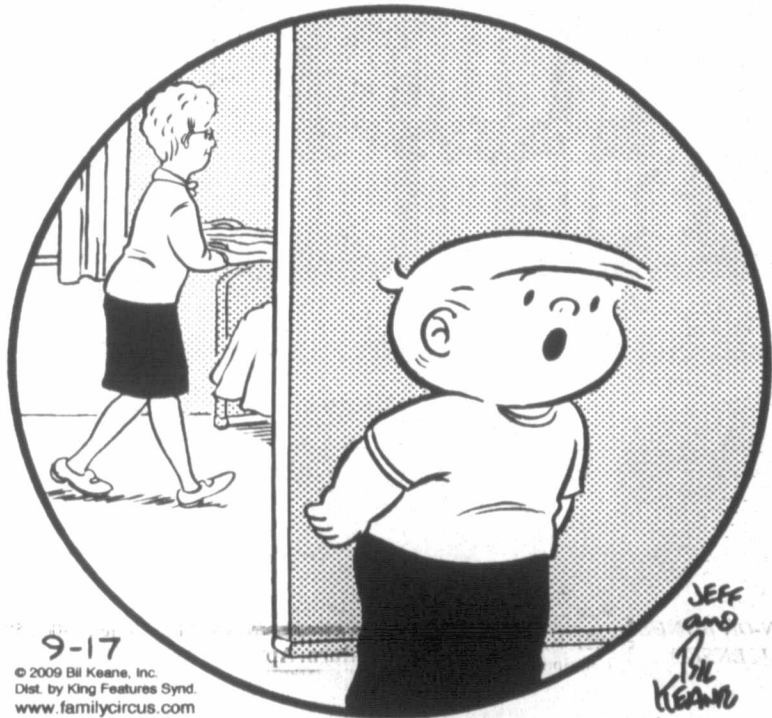
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By Bil Keane



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Daily Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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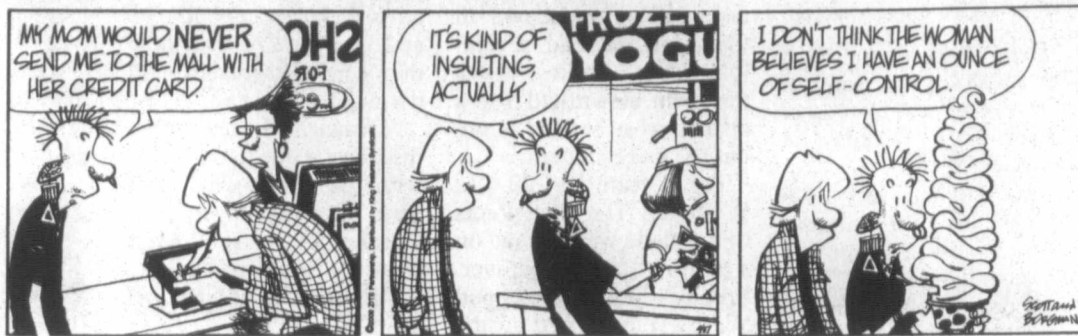
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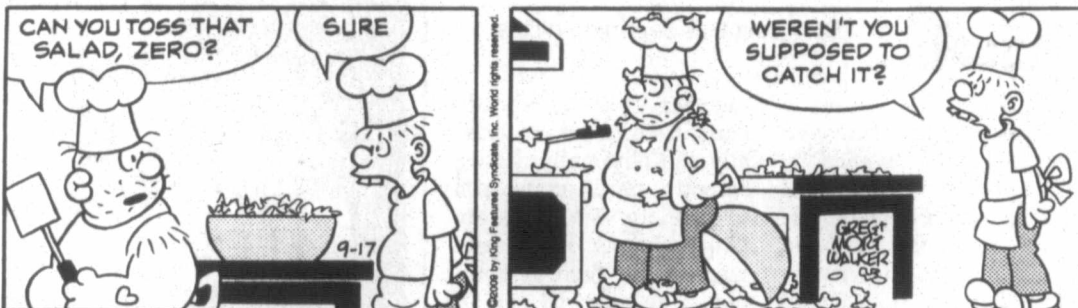
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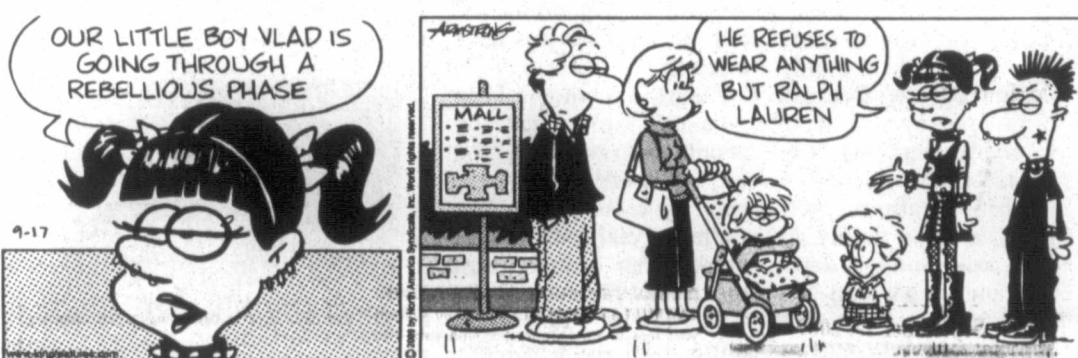
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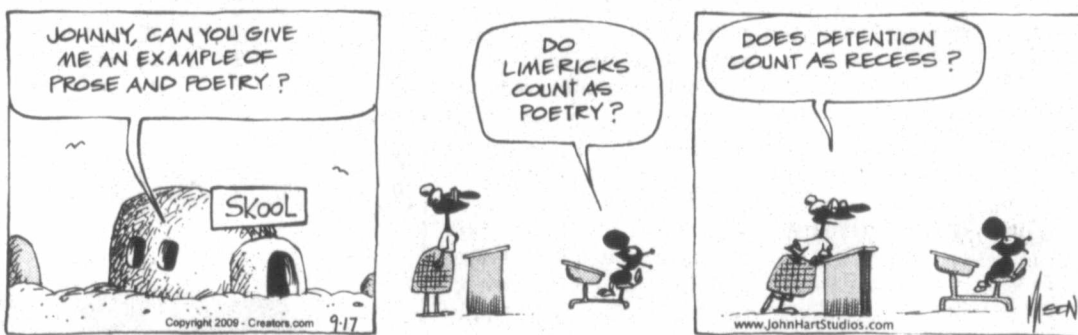
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**BY JACQUELINE BIGAR** Daily Horoscope

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Friday, Sept. 18, 2009:  
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**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Defer to others, even if this attitude could add a considerable amount of chaos. A new beginning appears to be possible if you desire involving a friendship or key relationship. Don't allow yourself to be pulled into a power play. Taurus: Sort through your options. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
\*\*\* You could be surprised by what heads down your path, encouraging an adjustment. A new beginning involving romance and/or a child appears to be looming. Don't take on too much. Tonight: Put your feet up.  
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Your creativity surges, and your imagination goes haywire. A startling revelation or occurrence is the trigger. Does the muse make any difference? A partner could balk, especially if he or she is concerned with the status quo. Tonight: Entertain from home.  
CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Know that nothing is written in stone. If you want to patch up a misunderstanding or make a resolution about your communication, the time is now. Pressure builds around a key friendship. What do you want here? Tonight: Head home.  
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
\*\*\* Be more conscious of your spending. You could create a problem where there really isn't one. A partner could become quite reactive. So take upset in stride. Just don't nix a new technique or more modern technology. Tonight: Hang out with your friends.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
\*\*\*\*\* Toss yourself into the mix, even if you are a bit upset. The fastest way to let go of emotional upset is through distraction. Whatever you do, do it 100 percent. With detachment and perspective, a solid decision becomes possible. You have a new beginning. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct 22)  
\*\*\* Know that you are better off not being a major player in today's happenings. Take a back seat and watch. You make an important decision or promise to yourself. Keep it. As the workweek comes to a close, you feel renewed. Tonight: You are unstoppable.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Zero in on what you deem to be important. Understand what is happening around you. Perhaps you cannot change a friend's mind, but you can be supportive to all involved. You see a new beginning with a friend. Tonight: Make it an early night.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
\*\*\*\*\* Recognize that you will have a lot to do in order to clear out and be free by the evening. You make a decision that, if kept, could be very powerful. Be sensitive to various factions around you. Tonight: Hang with your pals.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
\*\*\*\*\* Read between the lines with someone you care a lot about. Decide to trigger less and detach more. Understanding others and what they are experiencing could aid your interpersonal relationships. A last-minute request tosses you into the limelight. Tonight: A must appearance.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
\*\*\*\*\* You and a partner make a decision. You could be overwhelmed by everything that is happening. This person reveals a side that, up till now, you have not seen. Under the circumstances, you might need to revise your thinking about a situation. Tonight: Let your imagination soar. Then choose.  
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
\*\*\*\*\* Others command a lot of attention and want what they want. If you don't feel comfortable with the company of another person, a talk might be needed. What is decided here can be a new beginning between you. Tonight: Dinner for two!

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# Sports

## Homecoming: Pampa vs. Perryton

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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Homecoming is when the high school alumni return to see their former high school and reunite with fellow alumnus. Coach Neal Hugg returns to Harvester Field Friday night, but wearing the colors of the opponent as his Perryton Rangers face the Harvesters.

Hugg was a former defensive coach at Pampa from 1995-1997 and is very familiar with their coaching staff.

"They have some very good coaches and I have great respect for Coach Lewis, Both coach Smith's (Tad and Del), Coach Doughty, and Coach Parker to name a few," Hugg said.

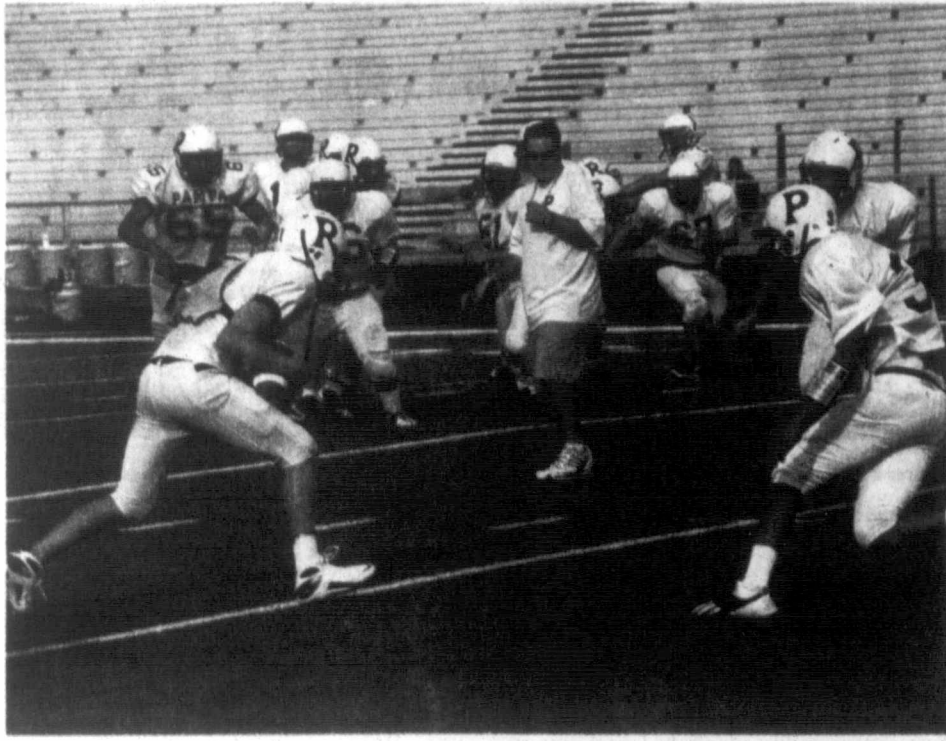
The Perryton Rangers enter the game winning two of their first three games. They beat Dumas 27-21 in their first game and Randall 31-24 last week, both opponents are in Pampa's district. The Rangers only loss was 48-21 to Bushland, who was a bi-district finalist in the 2A state playoffs in their second game of the season. Hugg said he feels good about his team entering this game.

"We know Pampa will be a tough opponent for us but we are looking forward to the challenge," Hugg said.

Pampa Head Coach Heath Parker said Perryton is a good team and played strong in their victories.

"The scores were pretty close in both games," Parker said. "But when you watch the tape they really dominated Randall from beginning to end. Randall made a second half comeback and got within seven."

Parker said his team



Braden Hunt (31) catches a pass in practice. The Harvesters host the Perryton Rangers for their homecoming game at 7:30 p.m. Friday night at Harvester Field.

had their best practice on Wednesday and are starting to show leadership.

"I feel like our defense is growing up a lot. I'm looking for much improvement Friday night out of those guys," Parker said. "I feel like our team is starting to provide more leadership from within. We voted on captains this week and elected captains for the rest of the year."

Hugg said his team will be on the lookout for Pampa's passing game.

"We feel like they are very good on offense and have an excellent quarterback that throws the ball well," Hugg said. "They have very good size and have put lots of points up this year."

Hugg said Pampa's defense is similar to what they ran when he was a coach with the Harvesters.

"It looks like their defense is showing signs of going back to the days when I coached there running a 4-3 defense," Hugg said. "We played great defense in those years and took lots of pride in that."

Parker said Perryton's biggest strength is the passion they play the game with.

"They play really hard," Pampa's head coach said. "Every time I've watched them they look like they are playing harder than their opponent."

Parker said Perryton is good at running to the outside and faking the run.

"Offensively they run the ball off tackle better than anything else," Parker said. "But they really try and get you off guard with loading up to stop the running game. They got a nice play action and bootleg game to

staff photo by Andrew Glover

go with it."

Hugg said his team will beat the Harvesters if they execute well on offense and limit Pampa's possessions.

"Hopefully our defense can slow down their offense somewhat and prevent the big play," Hugg said.

Parker said his team will have to make the most of their opportunity to beat the Rangers.

"Our chances are slipping away to continue to improve upon the things we've highlighted as a staff that we need to improve on," Parker said. "Continue growing our strengths and get our self in shape to be a good football team in October (district play)."

## Pampa better than their record shows

BY ANDREW GLOVER  
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If you look at the bare facts of the 2009 Pampa Harvester football season, the team is 0-3. Yes, they have allowed over 40 points in all three games. But, not so fast my friend. The yellow lights on the scoreboard and the black newsprint in my articles does not tell the whole story about this team. The Harvesters are improving as the season goes on, even if it doesn't show up in the win column.

Last Friday, against Big Spring, Pampa showed signs that they can be a good football team. Trailing by 21 at the beginning of the fourth quarter, this team rallied and made a game of it by getting within seven. Now, I know they didn't end up completing the comeback, but they won several statistical categories.

Pampa had more first downs, rushing yards, and had fewer turnovers and penalties. For the first time this season, Pampa outrushed their opponent and had no turnovers. Which both of those stats are major keys to winning a football game. If the Harvesters are able to run the ball well, they will bring defenders closer to the line of

scrimmage, allowing Alex Clendening to nail opposing defenses with the pass. Also they can control the clock and give their opponent less possessions. Not allowing any turnovers limits the opponents chances and increases Pampa's chances of winning.

Furthermore, Pampa has a strong core of receivers and any of them are capable of a breakout game. Michael Fisher and Corbin Clifton led the team against Borger. Garrett Ericson and Braden Hunt led the team against Big Spring.

Secondly, the defense has showed improvement. Again it's something that hasn't showed on the scoreboard, but the team is improving every week. Last week against Big Spring they shut down a running back that has a scholarship from the University of Tulsa. The defense was in position to make a play majority of the time.

Even though they still haven't won a game, we have a very good chance in our district. Canyon and Caprock are the only teams in their district that have won games. The other three teams have the same record as Pampa. Four teams make the playoffs. So if Pampa can start winning games they will com-



Andrew Glover

pete for a playoff spot.

Last but not least, this team has led by a great coach in Heath Parker. Our coach is very driven and motivated, and that's something that rubs off on his players.

So the key for Pampa offensively is have a strong running game and limit mistakes.

Defensively the Harvesters need to contain their opponent, and make some stops to give their offense a chance to pull away with a victory.

I made my prediction for this game last Friday after the clock hit 0:00 in the fourth.

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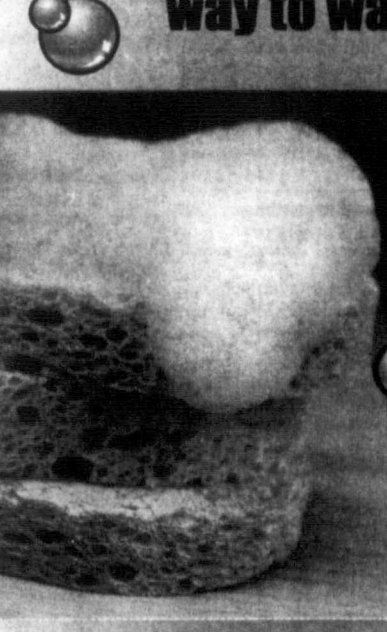
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