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State Rep. Warren Chisum, School Board President Derrell DeLoach, PHS Principal Tanya Larkin join Dona Cornutt, Lee Porter and Don Lane in cutting the ribbon at Pampa High School Thursday night.

### PISD celebrates \$18 million renovation, expansion project

BY DAVID BOWSER

dbowser@thepampanews.com This year sees a new chap-

ter being added to the history of Pampa High School, Derrell DeLoach said.

The school board president said at Thursday night's dedication of the renovated and expanded Pampa High that the district can establish a new tradition of academic excellence and continue the tradition of the past.

DeLoach said there are many people who have brought the

new facility to fruition. "I want you to know that four years ago whenever our board realized the enormity of the problems before us," DeLoach said, "we appointed a group of citi-

Pampa attorney Don Lane was the chairman of the committee that brought the new construction to fruition.

Lane was extremely instrumental in bring the new Pampa High School to reality, DeLoach said.

He said that this building will stand as testimony to Lane's hard work and sacrifice.

DeLoach said there were many others involved in the committee that brought the renovated school to a reality.

"People like Bill Berry," DeLoach said. "People like Doug Carmichael, Doug Ware, Dora Cornutt, Rep. (Warren) Chisum.

come up with a solution to this their time, their input, their wis- "This community owes him a dom, for their knowledge."

DeLoach said their work and the work of others resulted in an \$18 million updated facility. It will afford every student a

major educational opportunity. "That's what this is all about,"

DeLoach said. There are eight new science labs and major technology upgrades, he said. There's a new

"I'm proud of what we've done to accomplish here in the community today," DeLoach said.

He said one of the people responsible for this project is Lee

"There's no one I respect more

zens in the community to help us I would like to thank them for than Lee Porter," DeLoach said.

The school board president said he is proud of the relationship that the board has been able to forge with the community.

"I hope that we can continue to forge a relationship that will guarantee continued academic excellence," he said.

Lane said that he has driven by during the renovation of the high school and watched it progress.

He said it would not have been possible without the taxpayers going to the polls and voted yes on the bond issue.

Praised the board of trustees and administration for their PISD cont. on page 3

#### Texas second in nation on student loan defaults

DALLAS (AP) - The slumping economy led Texas to finish second in the nation for the rate of federal student loan defaults at 9.3 percent.

"There's no question in our minds that the recession has had an impact," said George Torres, an assistant vice president for Texas Guaranteed Student

Loan Corp. The U.S. Department of Education put the national default rate at 6.7 percent, up from 5.2 percent the previous fiscal year. Arizona had a borrower default rate of 9.8 percent.

The figures are for students whose first loan repayments were due between Oct. 1, 2006, and

Sept. 30, 2007, and who defaulted prior to Sept. 30, 2008.

U.S. Secretary Education Arne Duncan, in response to figures released Monday, said the economic downturn "likely had a significant impact on the borrowers captured in these rates."

The department says schools with excessive default rates may lose eligibility from one or more federal student aid pro-

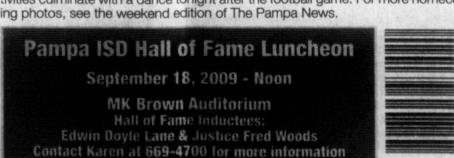
The Dallas Morning News reported Friday that the Texas default rate, over the latest three reporting periods, climbed from 5.8 percent, to 7.1 percent, then LOANS cont. on page 3

HOMECOMING PARADE



staff photo by David Bowser The PHS band performs during the Homecoming parade Thursday afternoon. Festivities culminate with a dance tonight after the football game. For more homecom-

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#### PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday



Sunday



Low 58 Low 63 Low 51

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 10

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 58. South wind around 10 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 86. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 72. Windy, with a north northwest wind 15 to 20 mph increasing to between 30 and 35 mph. Winds could gust as high as 50 mph.

Monday Night: A slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 51. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

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#### Unemployment hits 22-year high at 8 percent

rate rose to 8 percent for bust that ravaged the Texas the first time in 22 years.

The Texas Workforce Commission said Friday the jobless rate for August was up from 7.9 percent in July. The state also lost 62,200 nonagricultural jobs last month.

The state's unemployment rate last hit 8 per-

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — cent in November 1987, The Texas unemployment the dying days of an oil economy.

Texas was still tracking well below the national unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.

Leisure, construction and manufacturing were the hardest-hit industries last month, losing a combined 35,500 jobs.

#### Oprah Winfrey show will air from state fair

DALLAS (AP) — Oprah Winfrey is heading to the State Fair of Texas.

Winfrey plans to tape her talk show on Monday, Oct. 12, from the expo in Dallas.

Spokeswoman Angela De Paul had no information Friday on when the episode of "The Oprah Winfrey Show" would air or where it would be taped at the fairgrounds.

De Paul said the show "will highlight the Texas state fair" and "we're

excited to be coming." She told The Associated Press that further details would be released later.

Winfrey on Friday was in New York City for her Chicago-based show's scheduled live broadcast from Central Park.

The State Fair of Texas, with amusement rides, football games at the Cotton Bowl and offbeat foods such as deep fried butter, runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 18.

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#### Obituaries There are no obituaries today

### **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

#### SHERIFF

The following people were booked into the Gray County Jail from 7 a.m. Thursday until 7 a.m. this morning

Rodney Demon Harris, 40, of Pampa was booked on a warrant out of Hake county for non-payment of child support.

Loveita Loftis Young, 52, of Pampa, was charged with assault with intent to commit bodily injury, family violence.

Daniel B Armijo, 20 of Grants, NM, was booked for DWI, accident invlolving damge to ah vehicle.

Carlos Valdenegros, 23, of Grants, NM was booked for evading arrest

Lorena Rodrigueuz, 36, of Pampa, was arrested for public intixication.

Kristy Colynn Sinyard, 23, of Pampa, was booked on a charge of assault eith intent to commit bodily

Wesley Gene Franklin, 28, of Pampa, capias pro fine, no valid driver's license.

Jonathon Frank Athey, 25, of Pampa, capias pro fine for expired motor vehicle inspection, capias pro fine, failure to maintain financial responsibility.

#### PAMPA PD

The Pampa Police Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, September 17 to 7 a.m. Friday, September

Animal Control Officers responded to 14 calls or stops.

Pampa Police Officers made eight traffic stops, had six follow-up investigations, and responded to four requests for informa-

An assault was reported in the 100 block of E. Harvester.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Dean Drive. Criminal Mischief was

reported in the 700 block of Mora Ave. A motorist assist was conducted in the 2600

block of Hobart street. A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block

of E Frederic Ave. A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2200 block of N Dogwood Lane.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1100 of E. Kingsmill Ave. Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of S. Nelson. A suspicious person was

reported in the 1200 block

of N Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of N Banks.

A welfare check was conducted in the 100 block of S Huff Rd.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of Montagu.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1200 block of N. Faulkner. A suspicious person was

of E. Frederic. A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block

reported in the 200 block

of Varnon Dr. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1500 block

of N Sumner, one person arrested. Criminal trespass was

reported in the 300 block of S Miami St. Disorderly conduct was

reported in the 100 block of N Sumner. A suspicious person was

reported in the 2600 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 900 block of Varnon Dr.

#### **AMBULANCE**

Guardian EMS responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Thursday, September 17 to 7 a.m. Friday, September 18.

Thursday 7:08 a.m.—An MICU unit responded to the 8200 block of county road five, transported one patient to Pampa Regional Medical

Center. 9:57 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to highway

60 east 2, no transport. 4:42 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Hobart, no patient.

7:24 p.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 400 block of Wells, no patient.

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12:48 a.m.— An MICU unit responded to the 600 block of Reid, transported one patient to PRMC.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept.

This year, you open doors to new vistas and expose yourself to new potential. Be willing to experience your power and talents to the fullest. Your immediate social and professional networks could push you in a new direction. Ask yourself why you are resisting. In time you'll discover the full implications of your "no's." If you are single, you are likely to meet someone through your immediate circle, most likely in 2010. If you are attached, you'll relate to your sweetie on a far deeper level once you understand a natural resistance and communicate it. LIBRA knows how to spend money!

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Defer to others, yet be aware of building frustration and anger. You might question how to handle your frustration on a personal level. Discover ways of expressing your distress before it becomes more than hurt. Tonight: Listen to suggestions

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★ Easy works. Share a favorite pastime with a child or roommate. Investigate ways of handling a touchy neighbor or a challenging sibling. Still, words might be exchanged. Tonight: Easy does it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Listen to your sixth sense. Creativity bubbles forth for artists, and romance abounds for lovers. Kids become an endless source of delight. Be aware of the costs of a risk before diving in. Tonight: As only you can, paint the town red.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\* You could cause yourself a problem with misdirected anger and frustration. A person you generally look up to presents another perspective. You could lose your temper out of the blue. Stop. What is really going on here? Tonight: A must appearance. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Defer to others knowing full

well you are in control. Sitting on your feelings could lead to anger. Be smart; express yourself before you explode. Use yoga or some other technique to handle your intensity. Tonight: Favorite people help you create a great time. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

★★★★ A purchase could cause some friction in plans, whether it is the time or the funds needed to attain this acquisition. A friend could become recalcitrant, as this person wants more of your time and attention. Tonight: Keep your budget in mind.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* If you can mobilize your anger and use the emotion positively, you'll cover some intense ground. You have given a certain person a sense of authority. You allowed someone to have this power. What have you been missing? Know that you are going to find out. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Stretch your mind and be willing to look beyond the obvious with a problem. At this point, relax, center and detach. Take a drive in the country or go see a movie. In a different setting, much could come forward. Tonight: Keep your own counsel.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Zero in on what you want, using another person's assertive energy to help you down a key path. Some processing could be involved with helping someone with his or her anger, pointing to the door or a transformation. This person must take action, not you. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\* Know that others seek you out for various reasons, and though you might not choose to be involved in certain matters, the issues grab your attention. As a sign that likes to consider itself an authority, this attitude is not surprising. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\* Take off for a day trip, even if it is spontaneous. Nothing replaces the feeling of getting the heck out of Dodge. Worry less about the details of your life, and look more to the dynamics of living. Escape can be good. Tonight: Deal with frustration in a new, detached manner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* One-on-one relating opens doors to new connections with those close to your heart. Not all interactions cover the dimension of possibilities that lie between you and another person. Get together for an old-fashioned date, and leave behind all recent issues. Be new to each other. Tonight: Togetherness is the

**BORN TODAY** 

Baseball pitcher Jim Abbott (1967), Sioux activist Benjamin Reifel (1906), manufacturer, social reformer George Cadbury (1839)

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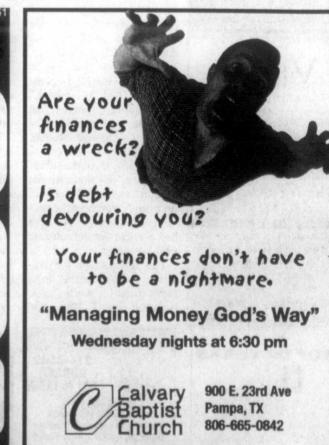
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#### UT Arlington may stamp PISD out smoking campuswide

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The University of Texas at Arlington is considering banning smoking and tobacco campuswide and would become the first four-year college in north-

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ern Texas to do so.

A 15-member committee that includes leading school administrators recommended the ban in an announcement made Wednesday.

Committee chairwoman and UT-Arlington human resources Vice President Jean Hood says the overall goal is to have a healthy workplace.

The ban would not take effect until August 2011. But nothing's final until public input is received Oct. 19 and until university President James Spaniolo has made a final decision.

Until then the campus has planned an anti-tobacco education and support campaign, starting Oct. 1.

Tarrant County College and the UNT Health Science Center in Fort Worth have similar bans.

"If it hadn't been for their intestinal fortitude to put this challenge before the public," Lane said, "it would not have come to

Lane headed a committee of more than 60 volunteers who worked to get the bond issue passed.

"This is a very special day in the life of our school system," Porter said.

The project was the work of a lot of people, he said. "The planning stage took

over a year," Porter said. He credited Lane and his committee with the passage of the bond issue.

"We really do appreciate the taxpayers," Porter said. He said he would like

to thank Randy Stephenson and Carol Fields with the school district for the work they put in on seeing the job was completed.

"This is an institution of learning," Porter said. "We are proud of our students and we are proud of our facility."

Samantha Pearson, student body president, said she excited about the new facility.

work to get to this point," Pearson said

"It has taken a lot of hard

She, too, thanks Randy Stephenson for his work in

cont. from page 1 overseeing the construction

of the high school. Pearson also thanked the board of trustees for under-

taking the project. She said she would like

to thank the community for supporting the project. Pampa High Principal

Tanya Larkin told the assembled crowd Thursday evening that the students are taking care of the facil-

"I am so proud to be a part of this," Larkin said. "Our students are proud of everything.'

#### Answer to yesterday's puzzle: 6 5 4 7 2 8 3 1 9 4 5 1 7 2 6 2 7 1 6 9 3 8 4 5 9 6 7 5 3 4 2 8 1 8 1 7 6 4 9 3 3 2 8 9 6 5 7 1 9 2 8 6 7 5 3 4 6 9 4 5 1 7 5 3 1 2 9 6 8 8 5 5 9 3 9 8 2 3 9

### Loans

the 9.3 percent.

Those who attended forprofit schools are most likely default on loans. In Texas, the latest rates are 16.5 percent at for-profit colleges, 7.7 percent at public colleges and 4.9 percent at private, nonprofit schools.

One reason for the higher default rate for Texas was the state has a greater share of low-income students, who could have more troucont. from page 1

ble repaying loans. Texans also have to rely more on federal loans because the state offers relatively less aid, according to Torres.

The Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. has several programs to help people repay loans and avoid default, said Torres, urging borrowers to seek more information.

"It's everyone's responsibility," Torres said.

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### Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I recently met a woman at a "Mommy and Me" class. We hit it off immediately and started making plans for play dates, etc. During one class we started talking about our husbands, and I realized that her husband is someone I had a casual relationship

with 10 years ago.

I have avoided getting together with her ever since because I don't know if it is appropriate to tell her how well I know her husband. I have not had any contact with him, and I don't know how he would feel about my friendship with his wife. If we are to be friends, I feel I must be honest with her. I'd appreciate your advice. -- FEELING AWKWARD IN MASSACHUSETTS

FEELING DEAR AWKWARD: If the situation were reversed, how would you feel about it? Would you feel OK with it if she had rejected your husband? If he rejected her, would you care to reintroduce someone who might be considered a "woman scorned"? Or are you all sophisticated enough to laugh it off and let bygones be bygones? If the answer to that last question is yes, then level with her. If not, then don't go there.

DEAR ABBY: "Mary" and I worked in the same department for 20 years. We would occasionally socialize outside of work along with our husbands. They eventually divorced, but I stayed friends with Mary. She remarried, transferred out of my department a few years ago, and we now see each other only at workrelated functions.

I recently heard that her ex had passed away suddenly. I don't know whether I should send her a condolence card, call her or not mention anything until we bump into each other again. What is the proper proce-

dure for acknowledging -- or not -- the death of an exspouse? -- ROCHELLE IN HAMILTON, N.Y.

DEAR ROCHELLE: If Mary's first marriage ended in a bitter divorce, drop her a line and let her know what you heard. She may not have heard the news. If the divorce was a friendly one, then give her a call and offer condolences. Not only would it be a gesture of support, but also an opportunity for the two of you to catch

DEAR ABBY: My friend, "Jane," who lives in California, is going through a painful divorce. She has recently become obsessed with a celebrity and, through fan chat rooms, found out where he hangs out, goes shopping, etc.

She is now attending his church. She has spoken to him casually twice and says she "knows" they are meant to be together.

I know Jane isn't violent, and I'm sure she would do him no harm, but when I mentioned counseling she accused me of being "jeal-

Abby, we're not teenagers. Jane is a 43-year-old woman. Mutual friends tell me I should let her have her fun. Am I right to be concerned? - FRIEND OF A STALKER

DEAR FRIEND: Yes, to a degree, because your friend may be setting herself up for another disappointment. Sought-after celebrities develop an instinct for detecting obsessed fans who try to worm their way into their lives.

Right now, Jane's behavior is on the outer perimeters of normal. But if it escalates, contact the clergyperson of the church and let him or her or she can take action or the celebrity can be notified.

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# Viewpoints

#### Letters to the editor

To the editor,

My husband and I would like to find the petition to move the Water Park to another location so we could sign it. A residential neighborhood is no place for anything like a Water Park due to the noise, trash and traffic

You would also think this would hurt the youth center's business.

Most of the people on

our street are retired and slay at home all day.

I know the church across the street from the Inez Carter Park is also upset over this. I have an even better idea; why not put the Water Park at the soccer field across the from the Mayor's church?

Judy Riley Pampa

#### We welcome your letters

To insure publication, please adhere to the following

·Letters should be brief and to the point. All correspondence will edited for length and clarity

•All letters must be signed. Submit your name, address and telephone number with the letter for verification. Only your name and city will be published.

•Defamatory comments will not be published. • E-mail submissions are welcome.

Today is Friday, September 18, the 261st day of 2009. There are 104 days left in the year

Highlights in history on this date:

1544 - Sweden's King Gustavus I forms alliance with France to counter Denmark's alliance with the Holy Roman Empire.

George Washington lays the U.S. Capitol Building's cornerstone in Washington D.C.

1810 - Chile declares its independence from Spain. 1850 - U.S. Congress passes the Fugitive Slave

Act, which allows slave owners to reclaim slaves who escaped to other

1851 - The New York Times newspaper publishes its first issue.

1860 - Italian troops

'If you are patient in a moment of anger, you will escape a hundred days of sorrow."

Chinese proverb

under Count Camillo Cavour defeat Papal forces at Castelfidardo

1898 - A British expedition trying to establish a north-south corridor the length of Africa reaches the fort of Fashoda in the Sudan, only to find it occupied by the French. The standoff brings the countries to the brink of

1913 - Bulgaria and Turkey sign a treaty settling their frontiers in Thrace.

1916 - Greek army surrenders to Germans at Kavalla, Greece, in World War I: Russian offensive under Alexei Brusilov is checked by Germans.

1927 - The Columbia Phonograph Broadcasting System — later CBS – debuts in the United States with a network of 16 radio

stations. 1931 - Japan begins siege of Mukden, using bomber seaplanes, and occupies strategic points

in Manchuria. 1932 - King Ibn Saud unifies the dual kingdom of the Hejaz and Najd under the name Kingdom

of Saudi Arabia. 1947 - The U.S. National Security Act, unifying the Navy, Army and newly formed Air Force goes into

effect.

1948 Indonesian Communists set up Sovietstyle government in Java but are forced to withdraw.

1955 - At least 166 persons are killed, 100 missing and 1,000 injured due to destructive winds and

Today in History floods in the central and

northern Gulf Coast area of

Mexico where Hurricane

Hilda struck. 1961 - Swedish U.N. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold, is killed in air crash in northern Rhodesia - now Zambia — while on a peace mission to Congo.

1967 - United States announces it will build anti-missile network to counter any attack by China; explosives planted by Communist terrorists destroy Taiwan's embassy

1973 - East Germany, West Germany and the Bahamas are admitted to United Nations.

1975 - Newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst is captured by the FBI in San Francisco, 19 months after being kidnapped by the Symbionese Liberation Army and then becoming one of its members.

1993 - A United Nations investigation finds Liberian army troops responsible for shooting, bludgeoning and mutilating more than 400 refugees, most of whom were women and children.

1994 - U.S. President Bill Clinton announces Haiti's strongman Raoul Cedras has agreed to leave power by Oct. 15 and permit U.S. troops to enter the

1996 - In Lagos, Nigeria, anti-riot police clash with thousands of Muslims and 10 people are killed.

1997 - In Cairo, Muslim extremists open fire on a tourist bus outside a museum, killing 10 people, mostly German tourists; media mogul Ted Turner pledges \$1 billion to the United Nations.

2001 - Letters postmarked in Trenton, New Jersey, that test positive for anthrax are sent to the New York Post and the U.S. NBC broadcasting network anchor Tom Brokaw.

2005 - Afghans choose a legislature for the first time in decades, embracing their newly recovered democratic rights and braving threats of Taliban attacks to cast votes in schools, tents and mosques.

Today's Birthdays:

Samuel Johnson, English poet-critic (1709-1784); Jean-Bernard-Leon Foucault, French scientist (1819-1868); Greta Garbo, Swedishborn actress (1905-1990); Agnes Demille, U.S. dancer/choreographer (1905-1993); Kwame Nkrumah, Ghanaian statesman (1909-1972); Robert Blake, U.S. actor (1933--); Dee Dee Ramone, U.S. rock musi-

cian (1952-2002).

#### NEWS ITEM: NASA TO GIVE AWAY SHUTTLE PROGRAM ARTIFACTS.



### Re: Aquatic Park

CLAY RICE **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** PAMPA EDC

We at the Pampa EDC would like to take this opportunity to explain our position on the Family Aquatic Center and why we have taken the stance that we have. That stance being a requirement for the facility to be located at Inez Carter Park verses the current city pool site which we felt did not meet economic development cri-

The Inez Carter Park site is just one of numerous sites presented to and discussed with the Pampa EDC Board of Directors by Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes at our scheduled Board meetings. This site was chosen after it was determined that for one reason or another, the other locations were not feasible.

The other locations included property in the vicinity of the new junior high school site, West 23rd St, Horace Mann School site, the former Sam Houston Elementary location, and Recreation Park.

First, we have nothing

but the highest respect for our Mayor, City Commissioners, and city staff. In our opinion, each and every one of them have only the greatest love and concern for this community and the desire for the continued improvement of Pampa. We greatly appreciate Mr. Stokes for all that he does for this community in his position and also for the diligent hard work that he has put in on the aquatic

park project. Please note that the Pampa EDC is a Title B (previously 4B) Economic Development Corporation. We have a responsibility and are mandated to view each project from economic development, and community development perspectives. With this in mind, we agree that the Family Aquatic Center is a good project for the citizens

of Pampa and that is why when the City came to us requesting financial assistance we agreed to grant a portion of the EDC's funds to them for this project. The Pampa EDC believes that the Family Aquatic Center has the potential to draw significant numbers of people not only locally but from surrounding communities as well.

When the project was first brought to us, there was no pre-determined location or design; therefore, we agreed to help fund the facility with two stipulations.

Those stipulations were that we approve the site and design as we felt that this would be our responsibility as an EDC that is pledging tax payer funds, which is true of any project that we undertake or participate in. Regarding the location, our goal and we believe our obligation, has been to try to help maximize the potential of this excellent marketing tool for Pampa by creating a synergistic effect through site selection near the Pampa Youth and Community Center and close proximity to restaurants and retail businesses in the Coronado Shopping Center and also on or near Hobart Street.

All in all we believe that by locating the Family Aquatic Center at Inez Carter Park, the community gets the benefit of a great recreational facility that is completely brand new with a potentially long life span of decades, still convenient for most of the citizens of Pampa, and creates more opportunities for our local businesses. Bear in mind that additional revenue to the city through added sales tax dollars provides funds to maintain the many wonderful assets that we have in Pampa. In addition, it makes us

more competitive with

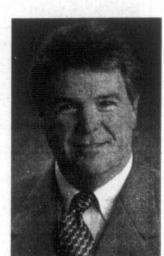
other communities when we are recruiting prospects for business and industry. It appears to us that this creates a win, win situation for all. Furthermore, we recognize that the global, national and local economies will not remain in a slump forever. Labor and material prices are currently down which provides the potential to get more bang for the buck so to speak.

We would like to address several other issues pertinent to the new aquatic facility.

The professional design and development will create a park that will be more appealing than ever with multiple aquatic activities and equipment available.

There will also be a wonderfully equipped playground for all to enjoy free of charge year round. Add in beautiful landscaping to the project and the entire property will take on a vibrant aura and energy not seen previously.

Trash will not be a problem because one of the responsibilities of the life-



Clay Rice

guards currently and in the future is to make sure that all trash is cleaned up during the day. As there has always been at the current pool, there will be an adult

manager on site as well. We truly believe that when this project is complete, the community will take great pride in the new Family Aquatic Center.

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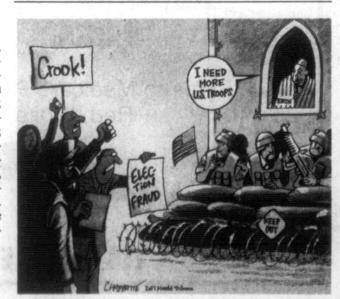
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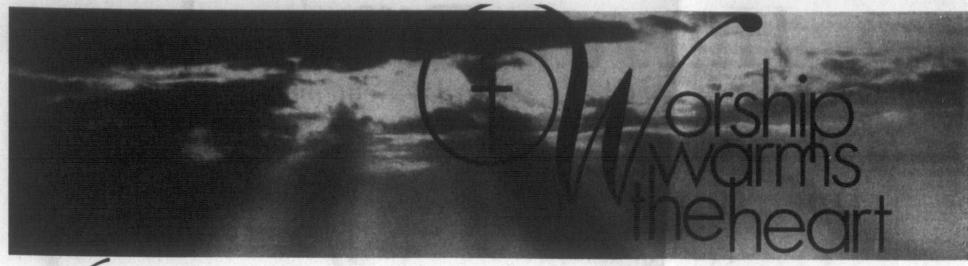
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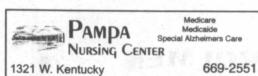
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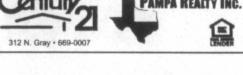
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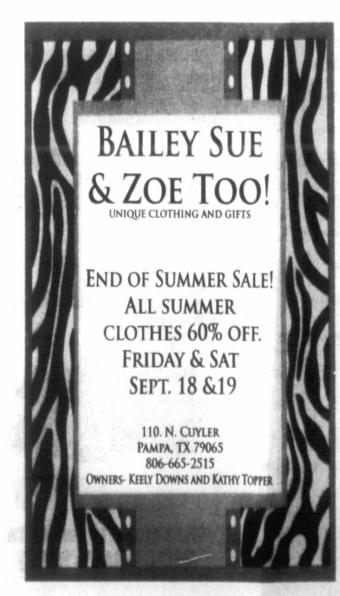
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# Sports Baseball team selling bricks to upgrade field

BY ANDREW GLOVER aglover@thepampanews.com

Pampa Head Baseball Coach Kaleb Snelgrooes was watching a major league baseball game and noticed the home team had a brick backstop and thought that was something Pampa's field should have.

"I thought of a deal we could get a brick backstop and get the public involved and put it on the spectator side and help pay for it," Snelgrooes said. "With all the alumni and great teams we've had come through here, It would be a pretty easy sell."

The Pampa baseball team is selling engraved bricks to help pay for a brick backstop that will be installed in June.

There are three options on bricks people can buy. They can purchase a 12 x 12 bricks for \$1,000, a 4 by 8 brick with 3 lines of text or a 4 by 8 brick with three lines of text and a logo, both costing \$50. The bricks can made in honor of, in memory of someone, or whatever the buyer wants.

The team is only selling 16, 12 by 12 bricks and already sold 11. Snelgrooes said he is pleased with how the community is backing the project.

"We're not putting this in until June and the commu-nity is already behind it," Snelgrooes said. "They're in full arms ready to go."

The head baseball coach said they are targeting businesses to buy the 12 by 12 bricks.

"We're talking to these companies around town." Snelgrooes said. "We're telling them it's a thousand dollars for a big brick that will be there forever.'

The team has a table set up at home varsity football games and have a lot of people have shown interest in the fundraiser.

"At football games Judy and Huey (Green) both have been setting a table up and passing out flyers," Snelgrooes said. "Every football game they have been running out of flyers and having people continously stop by and talk to them.

Huey Green is the organizer of this project and has been helping the team. The head baseball coach said his players will be more involved in the project when the season starts.

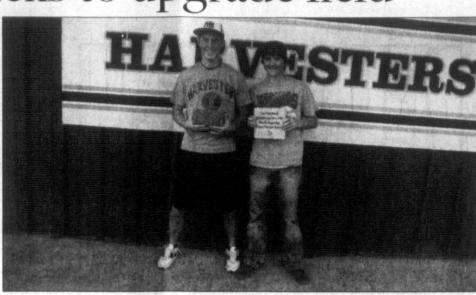
"Right now players aren't involved as they will be," Snelgrooes said. "When the season comes around we are going to have a deal where we're going to ask each kid sells x amount of

five, it's going to be our fundraiser.

Snelgrooes said having a brick backstop will upgrade the baseball facilities and show the community support.

"We have a very nice field," Snelgroees said. "So it will dress it up. The community will be behind it and will see their name in a brick."

People who are interested in buying a brick can contact Coach Snelgrooes at (806) 688-9601 or Huey Green (806)-664-2144. Checks are payable to the Pampa High School Baseball Booster Club.



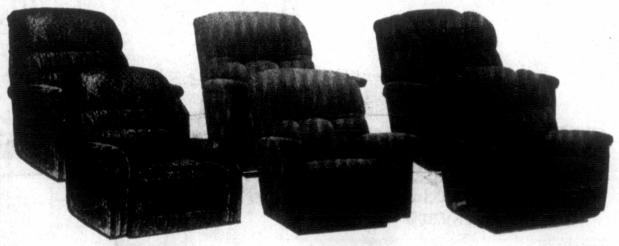
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Mitchell Killgo and Brent Green model two bricks that the baseball team is selling.

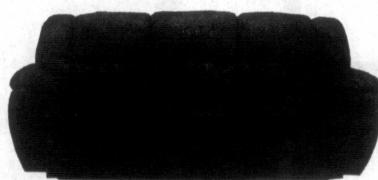
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So much of Texas' 2008 season — of what it was and what it wouldn't be can be wrapped up in one second.

One second was all that remained when Texas Tech's Michael Crabtree scooted into the end zone to beat the then-No. 1 Longhorns 39-33. That one second ultimately stood between Texas getting a chance to play for the Big 12 title and, perhaps, a

national title. Ten months later, with the now-No. 2 Longhorns (2-0) and Red Raiders (2-0) set to clash again Saturday night, all conversation goes back to one audacious throw and catch, fans rushing the field (twice) and the one second that was left on the clock as the Longhorns stood in stunned silence.

"One second better," Texas quarterback Colt McCoy said. "We've got to finish the game."

Crabtree's catch was the signature play of the 2008 season. The 2009 Longhorns insist revenge isn't their motivation this week. It's a new season and a new team.

"That's one of the greatest plays that's ever happened. It's on like every commercial," McCoy said. "Put it in the past ... I've never been a revenge-type

Oh, but it may the only thing that matters for about 101,000 Texas fans at Royal-Memorial Stadium. Up in Lubbock, Red Raiders fans were at a fever pitch from the opening kick to their victory party.

"I expect our fans," Texas coach Mack Brown said, "to be the best they've ever been."

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach seemed unconcerned about the reception that awaits

Always the contrarian, Leach suggested Texas is more likely to be looking ahead to upcoming games against ranked opponents Oklahoma and Oklahoma State than worried about his unranked Red Raiders.

"I imagine we're probably another game to them," Leach said.

Texas and Texas Tech were originally scheduled

traditional time slot for an intense Big 12 South rivalry game. But after last year's nail-biter and with a television schedule needing a big game this weekend, ABC asked it be moved to a prime-time slot this week. History suggests the

change will not help Texas Tech. The Red Raiders' spread

offense requires extreme precision between the quarterback and receivers, and Leach usually has more time to get it in gear for games like this.

Things haven't turned out well when he didn't. Since 2000, the Red Raiders have lost all four games played against ranked teams in August and September.

And this time, they face Texas with a new quarterback, junior Taylor Potts. Potts has looked good so

far. His 861 yards passing leads the nation and he threw for seven touchdowns last week in a 55-10 win over Rice. Still, Saturday night will be his first start on the road.

Leach was either protecting his quarterback or just teasing the media when he didn't make Potts available to talk with reporters this week. Texas expects him to be latest great gunslinger in Leach's plug-'n-play offense.

"They had seven touchdown passes last week and that's nearly unheard of," Brown said. "Tech gets the credit for coaching on offense, I've never felt like their kids get credit for being really good players."

For McCoy, last season's loss stalled his Heisman Trophy campaign and he finished runner-up to Oklahoma's Sam Bradford.

With Bradford out with a shoulder injury, the Heisman could come down to a two-man race between McCoy and Florida's Tim Tebow, the 2007 winner. A big game in front of a revved-up home crowd with a national television audience could be a big boost.

his first two games, passing for 654 yards and five touchdowns with two inter-

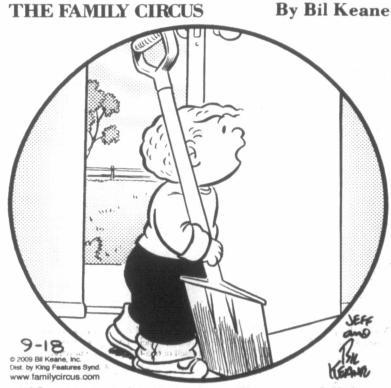
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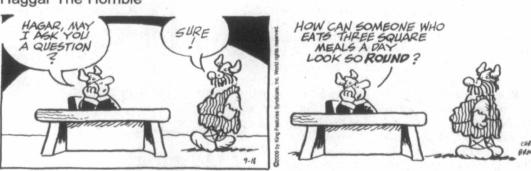
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## Around town

### Planning for Altrusa style show in full swing

Members of Altrusa International Inc. of Pampa are busy planning the club's annual Style Show/Brunch fund-raiser which is set for 10:30 a.m. October 3, in the Heritage Room of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

This year's show will follow a holiday theme, "It's Holiday Time", which will be carried out in decorations and fashions.

Models will be showing fall and holiday fashions from local and area stores including Bealls, Carousel Expressions, V.J.'s Fashions, Bailey Sue and Zoe, Too, Taylor's Tans, all local businesses, and Buttons and Bows from Panhandle, and Texas Trio from Amarillo.

Musical entertainment and door prizes including a \$100 gift certificate from The Christmas Shop will be provided.

The style show is a major fund-raiser for the club and funds various community service projects including Children's Shopping Tour, Pampa Senior Citizens, Tralee Crisis Center, Sheltered Workshop, Vocational and College Scholarships, Pampa High School Career Clinic, Schneider House, Travis Reading, and a literacy project for "Make a Difference

In addition to the projects listed above, Altrusa members volunteer for Meals on Wheels, Celebration of Lights, and Salvation Army projects.

Tickets may be purchased from any Altrusa member or will be available at the door for \$12.00 each. (\$10 tax deductible.) For more information, call 665-2826.



Left to right: Mary McDaniel, Kitty Hall, Leona Willis, Eileen Kludt, Rochelle Lacy and Pat Johnson work on plans for the Altrusa Style Show set for October 3, 10:30 a.m. at M.K. Brown Auditorium - Heritage Room.



### Youngest Harvester fans

First Baptist Church held a homecoming parade for the students in its day care program Thursday, September 17. PHS Cheerleader Emilie Trocell shares her pom poms with-Kennedey Woods.

# Free prostate screening at PRMC Oct. 2

A free prostate cancer screen is scheduled from 1 - 4 p.m. Friday October 2, in Pampa Regional Medical Center - second floor.

The Screen includes a PSA Blood Test - PSA is a test which measures a substance in the blood called the Prostate Specific Antigen.

PSA blood levels increase in cases of prostate cancer and other prostate diseases.

The also includes a Digital Exam performed by Dr. Grabato. This examination is done by a doctor who will use a gloved finger to examine inside the rectal area to detect any hard lumps or growths in the prostate.

Dr. Grabato recommends an annual digital rectal exam and prostate-specific antigen test for men 50 and over, and men with a family history of prostate cancer.

If either is abnormal, further evaluation should be considered.

The event is cosponsored by Dr. René Grabato and Pampa Regional Medical Center.

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