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Grand jury indicts nine for various charges

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Nine people were indicted this month by a 31st District grand jury on charges ranging from aggravated assault to driving while intoxicated.

Mark Edwin Trevathan, 46, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, in connection with an incident from May 30, 2009.

Trevathan was convicted of driving while

intoxicated in February, 1986, in Ochiltree County and in April, 1999, in Gray County.

In addition, Trevathan was also indicted on charges of evading arrest or detention with a vehicle in connection with an October, 2008, incident in which he is accused of fleeing from a law enforcement officer who was trying to detain him.

Trevathan was free on \$15,000 bond today on the driving while intoxicated charge and \$5,000 bond on the evading arrest charge.

Jennifer Marie Brown, 26, was indicted on

charges of forgery of a financial instrument in connection with two checks made out to Brown in April, 2009. One check was for \$322.58. The other was for \$352.23.

Brown was free today on a \$5,000 bond on each charge.

Rebecca Jane Carpenter, 37, was indicted on charges of tampering or fabricating physical evidence with intent to impair and manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance greater than or equal to one gram but less than four

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Workers with Parsley's Sheet Metal & Roofing mop hot asphalt onto the Lovett Memorial Library roof, part of planned spring renovation for the building. The asphalt will be used as a surface to lay down roof plies, after which another layer of asphalt will be added, followed by a uniform layer of clean gravel to seal the roof.

Clean Pampa recycling drive gets started

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Wednesday marked the official kick-off for the Clean Pampa phone book recycling campaign.

It will run through April 24th, according to Melodie Dosch, head of the program.

Drop-off points for the phone book recycling effort are at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston; the north parking lot of M.K. Brown Auditorium, 1000 North Sumner, and Fiesta Foods, 300 East Brown.

AT&T is providing boxes for the old phone books at these locations, Dosch said today. The collected books will be taken to the Amarillo

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Wednesday fire deals structure damage to home

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A Pampa home sustained heavy damage, but no one was hurt in a fire Wednesday afternoon.

Four units and 12 firefighters of the Pampa Fire Department were called to 935 South Sumner on a structure fire shortly after 4 p.m. Wednesday.

Fire Marshal Michael Ryan said today that an electrical heater was apparently placed too close of the couch in the home's living room.

He said the living room sustained fire and heat damage. The rest of the home sustained smoke damage, Ryan said.

New sign, broader focus for Pampa's Genesis House

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Genesis House unveiled a new sign for their facility at 615 Buckler yesterday, but that's not the only recent change for the facility.

For much of the past 39 years, Genesis House has provided substance abuse programs for 13- to 17-year-olds, but this year they are moving into new territory.

"We actually moved away from our substance abuse residential license almost two years ago," said Sharon Braddock, executive director.

They still have an outpatient substance abuse program, but changes

in the state's social programs have brought Genesis House a new reality.

Their charge has broadened. Where once they focused on substance abuse, they will now be dealing with a broader array of issues.

"We just got our license," Braddock said. "We don't even have it framed and on the wall yet."

In addition to a change in programs, they have also expanded their age limits. It's now for ages eight through 17.

"If they met the criteria," she said, "they could actually stay until they were 22."

Part of those criteria involves

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Jim Honderich, president of the Genesis House board of directors (from left), Sharon Braddock, director of Genesis House, and Clovis McCary stand beside the new sign McCary made for the facility.

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High 75 Low 46	High 77 Low 50	High 78 Low 50

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 38. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 75. Wind chill values between 30 and 39 early. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 46. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 77. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. Windy, with a south wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 50. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

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Obituaries

Jean Bennett, 77

Pampa—Jean Bennett, 77, died April 7, 2010 in Pampa.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 10, 2010, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel, with Rev. Darrell Burton, chaplain of Hospice Care of the Southwest, officiating.

Burial will be at Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bennett was born September 4, 1932 in Stratford. She married Troy Bennett on February 1, 1951 in Tecumseh, Ala. He preceded her

in death on February 3, 2008. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1951 and she was a beauty operator for 10 years. Jean was a member of the Women of the Moose and was a former grand region state deputy. She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include her two daughters, Debbie Bennett Farrar and husband Larry of Southlake, and Darla Bennett Hoskins and husband Lance Scott Travis of Rockdale; two sisters, Clara Belle Linvick of Park Hill, Okla., and Peggy Coffman of Guymon, Okla.; three

brothers, Loyal Dean Rhoden of Texhoma, Okla., Buster Spradling of Mooreland, Okla., and Willis Frazier of Justin; five grandchildren, Larysa Santiago, Lezlie Linn, Aemon Layton, Jeremy Hoskins, and Alesha Hoskins; seven great-grandchildren, Nate and Zoe Santiago, Tori and Blake Linn, Jaymison King, Macy and Kenzie Hoskins. She was preceded in death by a daughter, Denise Pfitzenreuter; and a grandson, Justin King.

Memorials may be made to Hospice Care of the Southwest, 1301 S. Coulter, Suite 404,



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Denise Bennett-Pfitzenreuter, 56

Pampa—Denise Bennett-Pfitzenreuter, 56, died April 6, 2010 in Pampa.

There are no services scheduled at this time. Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Denise was born May 3, 1953 in Pampa to Troy and Jean Bennett. She graduated from Pampa High School in 1972. She

had been a resident of the Austin area since the late 1970s, returning to Pampa in 2006 to care for her parents. She married Howard Pfitzenreuter on November 20, 1994 in Austin. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Howard Pfitzenreuter of the home; a son, Aemon Layton of Pampa; two sisters, Debbie Farrar and husband Larry of

Southlake, and Darla Hoskins-Travis and husband Scott of Rockdale; a grandson, Jaymison King of Pampa; three nieces and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her father, Troy Bennett, on February 3, 2008 and a son, Justin King, on September 4, 1994. Denise's death preceded her mother's death by a day.

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EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Wednesday, April 7
Damon Michael Cox, 46, was arrested by deputies on a motion to revoke probation.

Jason Sprowls, 23, was arrested by police on charges of disorderly conduct.

John Hardy King, 59, was arrested by deputies for insufficient bond in connection with driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Angela Lynn Ramirez, 42, was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication.

James Floyd Williams, 46, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession with intent to promote child pornography.

The Gray County Sheriff's Officer reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Wednesday, April 7
Wesley Adam Snow, 25, was arrested on a fugitive warrant by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on charges of theft by check in Moore County.
Christopher Eugene

LAST MINUTE ADS

The Pampa News is not PAMPA PD

CERAMIC TILE. Keith Taylor, 874-1779 lv. msg.

HOLMES SPORTS Center will be closing at 4:30 on Friday April 9th. Please shop early! Open regular hours on Saturday.

REVIVAL WITH Sandi Ballew & Marla Jackson, Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 1733 N. Banks, Sun. 11th-Wed. 14th

Campbell, 29, of Miami, was arrested by deputies on charges of failure to appear, having a passenger that wasn't wearing a seatbelt and an assault causing bodily injury in Potter County.

Jera Blue Stephens, 28, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Tuesday, April 6
Officers attempted to serve papers in the 2200 block of North Nelson.

Lost property was reported in the 300 block of North Christy.

An alarm was reported in the 1900 block of North Fir.

Officers attempted to serve papers in the 1000 block of East Kingsmill.

A burglary was reported in the 400 block of Pitt.

Harassment was reported in the 1200 block of Carter.

An alarm was reported again in the 1900 block of North Fir.

A theft was reported in the 2200 block of North Williston.

A fire investigation was launched in the 700 block of North Gray.

Found property was reported to police.

Harassment was reported in the 300 block of South Miami.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Phone harassment was reported in the 600 block of South Reid.

Harassment was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Officers were on special assignment in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

An alarm was reported in the 120 East Foster.

An alarm was reported in the 900 block of South Barnes.

City officials shut off the water in the 2500 block of North Charles.

A threat was reported in the 200 block of South Miami.

A fire investigation was launched in the 100 block of North Houston.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of South Houston.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2100 block of North Zimmers.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of North Williston.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 200 block of Miami.

Wednesday, April 7
A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

The Pampa Police Department reported the following information during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

Officers reported five traffic-related incidents.

Animal control officers reported 12 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported three ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call. The Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, April 7
A theft was reported to police.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Found property was reported to police.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of North Marry Ellen.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 11000 block of West

McCullough.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 700 block of Prairie.

Officers provided an escort in the 600 block of North Ward.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of North Lefors.

A theft was reported in the 500 block of North Zimmers.

Officers assisted another agency in the 1800 block of North Williston.

A structure fire was reported in the 900 block of South Sumner.

Officers attempted to serve papers in the 300 block of Sunset and in the 600 block of North Russell.

Carbon Monoxide was reported in the 1800 block of North Beech.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of North Dogwood.

A burglary was reported in the 600 block of North Gray.

Officers provided an escort in the 100 block of West Kingsmill.

A suspicious person was reported at Frederic and Barnes.

A theft was reported in the 600 block of Nelson.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1400 block of Wester Somerville.

A prowler was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner.

A suspicious person was reported at Ripley and Nelson.

Thursday, April 8
A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2300 block of North Rosewood.

A missing person was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: We are seniors like "Thinking About Adopting in Las Vegas" (Feb. 2), who wants to adopt a dog. He may find it difficult to adopt one, especially since big hearts and lots of love and patience many times aren't considered "enough" today.

We were denied every dog we wanted to adopt until a volunteer at Petfinder.com advised us that considering our ages, we should adopt a senior dog. We took their advice and have been blessed with 9-year-old Benji for almost a year.

Puppies are like grandchildren — full of love, but they can leave us seniors exhausted. Senior dogs nap, are more mellow than puppies and are usually housebroken. If that man outlives his dog, he'll know he gave his precious little one a good home and lots of love. If Petfinder is in his area, they will make sure your little one is adopted into the perfect home — not just "any" home. — BENJI'S PARENTS IN WASHINGTON STATE

DEAR BENJI'S PARENTS: Thank you for supporting the adoption of older dogs. Readers provided some doggone good resources for adopting — or acting as a foster parent — for an abandoned or abused dog. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In most states people can now create a trust for their pet. They can put funds into it and, in this way, benefit their pet by naming a trustee and caretaker to assure it will be taken care of until it passes away. In the trust they can state all their wishes, as singer Dusty Springfield did in stating she wanted her dog fed only imported baby food, its bed lined

with her nightgowns and her records played when it went to sleep. — MARC S. IN CLEVELAND

DEAR ABBY: Most Humane Societies now offer a "senior for senior" discount where a qualified senior citizen can adopt a senior companion animal, usually 7 years old or older, with all the fees waived.

Please tell "Thinking" that he can find what he's looking for in companionship, and a middle-aged or older dog that would usually be passed up at the pound will get a new leash on life. — TANNA, DIAMOND BAR, CALIF.

DEAR ABBY: Many dog rescues need kind, loving foster homes for abused and abandoned animals who are awaiting adoption. It is hard to give up a dog after you have fostered and taken care of it for a while, and you do have the option of adopting it yourself, but believe me, this is definitely a worthwhile cause.

When you take in a foster, their eyes are dull. But after receiving love and attention from a caregiver, those eyes sparkle and you know you have done something wonderful. — JILLIE IN HUMBLE, TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: After practicing as a vet for 35 years, may I offer a suggestion to your readers? Wonderful older pets are put to sleep every day at shelters across the country. These pets are usually housetrained, leash-trained, calm and eager for love and attention. Puppies (and kittens), on the other hand, need constant attention, training and activity.

Visit a pet shelter, and you may find your "perfect" companion patiently waiting for your love. — KEN COHN, TUCSON, ARIZ.

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Genesis

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educational programs. Braddock said that is one of the things that the state has finally figured out.

"Kids that are 18 are not ready to be on their own," she said.

At 18, the kids used to be able to just walk away, but now the state is beginning to look at the situation and try to help them through a transitional period. She said that's really a hard time for kids.

"I'm really excited about the change," Braddock said.

Since they're licensed for both boys and girls, she said the hope is that Genesis House will be able to work with sibling groups.

"We may be able to keep them together rather than separating them," Braddock said. "It's going to be a big change for us."

She said they had to revamp their whole program to be able to work with 8-year-olds as well as 13-year-olds.

"Our license is a general residential operation," Braddock said. "Basically, what that means is we care for kids. They live here. Our goal is to meet all their needs, whatever those needs might be."

In some instances, she said, they will have kids that may be going back to their families.

"We could have kids that know they're not going to

home," she said, "and will be put up for adoption."

In that respect, it is along the lines of what Genesis House has always done, but there are differences.

"I guess the biggest differences are the ages," Braddock said, "and not all the kids will have a substance abuse problem. In the past, that was the target population. If they were here, that was an issue."

In the new program, she said, not all the kids will have that issue to deal with.

Genesis House still serves the Texas Panhandle.

"Actually," Braddock said, "we take kids from all over the state."

In many respects, the basic services of Genesis House are the same, although some of the focus has changed.

"We have actually had two licenses for many years," Braddock said, "but because our priority population was substance abusing kids, we really didn't utilize our CPS (Child Protective Services) contract that much."

Their primary focus was on substance abuse, but substance abuse funding changed dramatically for this area, she said, and Genesis House basically lost all of its funding about four years ago.

"We tried to work with that," Braddock said, "but if

you don't have revenue coming in, you're not going to stay open."

Almost two years ago, she said they did away with their residential substance abuse license and switched to an outpatient program for children who needed it.

Braddock said they tried not to tie up their beds with substance abuse cases.

"That's what going to pay our bills," she said. "The bed space."

They had 16 beds, but they had only a 16 percent occupancy rate for the last

three years.

"We decided we were going to have to make some kind of a change," Braddock said.

It was a couple of years ago that their budget from the State of Texas was cut from over \$300,000 a year to less than \$30,000.

"It wasn't that we had done anything wrong," she said.

The state had simply reallocated the funding. More of the money went to larger cities. Rural areas got cut back.

That was followed by a revamping of the state's

social service agencies.

The next year, they knew they had to do something differently.

"Fortunately," Braddock said, "we have a great board for years and years."

She credited their conservative philosophy with setting aside money on which Genesis House could operate.

"A lot of places closed," Braddock said, "but we were able to scrape along."

Services for eight to 17-year-olds, including siblings, seemed to be the best

way to go, Braddock said.

"Now, we're going to see how that works for us," she said.

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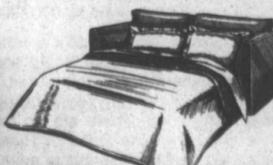
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Indictments

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grams in March, 2009.

Carpenter was free today on a \$25,000 bond on each of the two indictments.

Trevor Len Slater, 29, was indicted on charges of unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon. Slater was convicted in June, 2003, of deadly conduct in 223rd District Court. He was convicted in July, 2007, in 31st District Court of burglary of a habitation.

Slater was free today on \$10,000 bond.

Adam Scoggin, 31, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, third of more enhanced offense, in connection with an incident in September, 2009.

Scoggin was convicted of driving while intoxicated in August, 2002, in Gray County and of driving while intoxicated in May, 2006, in Ochiltree County.

Scoggin was free today on \$25,000 bond.

John Hardy King, 58, was indicted on charges of driving while intoxicated, third or more offense, in connection with an incident in September, 2009.

King was convicted of driving while intoxicated in August, 1990, in Carson County and of driving while intoxicated in April, 1996, in Gray County.

King was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$15,000 bond.

David Price Farrar, 48, was indicted on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon in connection with an incident in October, 2009. He is accused of hitting a woman with his fists and a flashlight.

Farrar was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

Dillon Thomas Downs, 33, was indicted on charges of burglary of a building in connection with an incident in April, 2009. He's accused of breaking into a building with the intent to commit theft.

Downs was free on \$10,000 bond today.

Fernando Daniel Cruz, 21, was indicted on charges of criminal mischief greater than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 in connection with an incident in July, 2009. He's accused of damaging a vehicle by hitting it with a board.

Cruz was free today on \$7,500 bond.

Recycling

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Recycling Center.

Harold Price of Frank's True Value Hardware is donating the use of a fork lift and trailer for the recycling effort.

Dosch said Clean Pampa is looking for volunteers to help with this and future projects that the organization has planned.

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Thursday, April 8, the 98th day of 2010. There are 267 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 8, 1974, Hank Aaron of the Atlanta Braves hit his 715th career home run in a game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, breaking Babe Ruth's record.

On this date:

In 1513, explorer Juan Ponce de Leon and his expedition began exploring the Florida coastline.

In 1913, the 17th Amendment to the Constitution, providing for direct popular election of United States senators (as opposed to appointment by state legislatures), was ratified.

In 1946, the League of Nations assembled in Geneva for its final session.

In 1952, President Harry S. Truman seized the steel industry to avert a nationwide strike. (The U.S. Supreme Court later ruled that Truman had overstepped his authority.)

In 1970, the Senate rejected President Richard M. Nixon's nomination of G. Harold Carswell to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In 1973, artist Pablo Picasso died at his home near Mougins, France, at age 91.

In 1988, TV evangelist Jimmy Swaggart resigned from the Assemblies of God after he was defrocked for rejecting an order from the church's national leaders to stop preaching for a year amid reports he'd consorted with a prostitute.

In 1990, Ryan White, the teenage AIDS patient whose battle for acceptance gained national attention, died in Indianapolis at age 18.

In 1994, Kurt Cobain, singer and guitarist for the grunge band Nirvana, was found dead in Seattle from an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound; he was 27.

Ten years ago: The Central Intelligence Agency confirmed that personnel action had been taken following the mistaken bombing of the Chinese embassy during the NATO war against Yugoslavia.

Five years ago: With presidents and kings looking on, hundreds of thousands of pilgrims in St. Peter's Square sang, applauded and chanted for the Catholic Church to declare John Paul II a saint as the pope was laid to rest.

One year ago: Somali pirates hijacked the U.S.-flagged Maersk Alabama; although the crew was able to retake the cargo ship, the captain was taken captive by the raiders and held aboard a lifeboat.

Today's Birthdays: Former first lady Betty Ford is 92. Actor-turned-diplomat John Gavin is 79. Former U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan is 72. Basketball Hall-of-Famer John Havlicek is 70. Former House Republican Leader Tom DeLay is 63. Baseball Hall-of-Famer Gary Carter is 56. Actor John Schneider is 50. Rock musician Izzy Stradlin is 48. Singer Julian Lennon is 47. Rapper Biz Markie is 46. Actress Robin Wright Penn is 44. Actress Patricia Arquette is 42. Actress Emma Caulfield is 37. Actress Katee Sackhoff is 30. Actor Taylor Kitsch is 29. Actor Taran Noah Smith is 26. Actress Kirsten Storms is 26.

Thought for Today: "The truth is always something that is told, not something that is known. If there were no speaking or writing, there would be no truth about anything." — Susan Sontag, American author and critic



Obama's approach to Israel troubling

On all fronts, President Barack Obama's policies in the Middle East are failing. So what is the president doing? Taking it out on America's closest ally, Israel.

The administration's top priority in the region should be to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons. That's clearly not happening.

Obama's second-biggest priority — if not his first, given the president's campaign pledges — is to get U.S. troops out of Iraq.

That plan was going along nicely until Iraq's elections — a tribute to Bush administration policy, but claimed as a success by Obama officials — produced a political deadlock that may lead to violence and extend the U.S. troop presence.

And, third, Obama wants to be the president who finally produces a two-state peace between Israel and the Palestinians. But that's not happening, either, largely because of mistakes made by the administration itself.

(Afghanistan is in South Asia, not in the Mideast, but the administration's courageous policy isn't going very well there, either, with Afghan President Hamid Karzai entertaining Iran's Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, abetting rampant corruption and accusing the United States of trying to dominate his country.)

Obama gives every indication of believing the "Arab narrative" of what blocks Middle East peace — namely, Israeli (not Palestinian) intransigence.

His animus isn't into Jimmy Carter territory yet — Carter likens Israel to apartheid South Africa — but Obama is given to outbursts of rage at Israeli "provocations," but none to those committed on the Palestinian side.

Contrast the reaction of the administration to the March 11 dedication of a square in Ramallah, interim capital of the Palestinian Authority, honoring a terrorist with the Israeli announcement March 9 of construction of 1,600 new housing units in East Jerusalem.

The square in Ramallah now honors Dalal Mughrabi, leader of a Palestinian terror squad that killed 38 Israelis aboard a bus in 1978, 13 of them children.

When Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton addressed the American Israel Public Affairs Committee on March 22, she said that



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the dedication "insults families on both sides of the conflict who have lost loved ones."

But she incorrectly blamed the action on "a Hamas-controlled municipality," when it was not authorized by that terrorist group, but by Fatah, the party of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas. She did not condemn him.

By contrast, on Obama's personal orders, the administration fired every verbal gun in its arsenal at Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the Jerusalem announcement — even though it knew he was blindsided and embarrassed by right-wingers in his own government.

It was, as the administration said, "an insult" to visiting Vice President Joseph Biden, who "condemned" it. That was a reasonable reaction. But then, on Obama's orders, Clinton upbraided Netanyahu in a 45-minute phone call publicized by the administration, and her spokesman said that Netanyahu had drawn the entire U.S.-Israeli "bilateral relationship" into question.

When Netanyahu spoke to AIPAC, he made it clear that Israel would not stop building in its capital, Jerusalem, even though it has frozen settlement activity in the West Bank. He then went to the White House — and was treated like a pariah, denied customary photographs with the president, let alone a press availability.

Also, according to reports from the Israeli side, Netanyahu's aides stayed past midnight in the White House and had to ask for food and water.

It's conceivable that Obama's approach is directed more at Netanyahu than Israel and that he hopes, as Bill Clinton did, to drive the Likud leader from office and have him replaced by a less hard-line prime minister.

But Obama's whole approach neglects some facts. During Clinton's final months in office in 2000, Israel agreed to a peace plan substantially turning the West Bank over to Palestinian rule. It was rejected by

then-Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Right-wing Prime Minister Ariel Sharon withdrew Israeli forces from Gaza in 2004 — whereupon Hamas took over the territory and began firing rockets at Israeli towns.

Before he left office in 2008, Prime Minister Ehud Olmert offered Palestinians the most generous peace plan yet, and they refused to take it.

Now, they are refusing even face-to-face negotiations with Israel. Why? Because last March, Obama and Clinton demanded total cessation of Israeli settlement activity on former Palestinian territory — whereupon that became the Palestinians' precondition for participation in peace talks, which have yet to resume.

Obama has been publicly pounding on Israel for concessions but never publicly leans on the Palestinians.

Meantime, the administration is leaning on Iran, but ineffectually. Clinton said at AIPAC that "the United States is determined to prevent Iran from acquiring nuclear weapons," and if Iran persists, "our aim is not incremental sanctions, but sanctions that will bite."

Obama said he anticipated that the U.N. Security Council would agree to sanctions within "weeks," but the truth is that China and Russia are blocking them and, if finally persuaded to impose some, will see that they are weak.

Obama should be doing what Bill Clinton did to prevent Serbia from committing genocide in Muslim Kosovo: go outside the U.N., form a European "coalition of the willing" and cut off Iran's gasoline.

Iran may have enough highly enriched uranium to test a simple Hiroshima-style bomb in 2011. It would be a huge embarrassment to Obama a year before he seeks reelection.

It would also be a dire threat to Israel, whose existence Iran has vowed to end. Israel will be sorely tempted to attack Iran to prevent its developing a bomb.

Obama surely doesn't want that. It could create chaos in oil markets and the world economy, not to mention the Mideast.

But Obama's persuasive power with Israel? It's fading fast — and it's his own fault.

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To the Editor:
 Have Pampa residents noticed the evacuation of doctors?

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Sports

Special Olympics golf scramble seeks teams for '10

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The Fourth Annual Cindy Cooper Special Olympics Golf Scramble is April 24 and Pampa Special Olympics is still looking for more teams to join.

Kathy Hammer said they have four teams from Amarillo already signed up, but want to reach last year's total.

"We had 20 teams compete last year," Hammer said.

The event is at Hidden Hills golf course in Pampa and starts at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$180 per team or \$45 per person. The price includes cart and green fees and lunch. Janet Abbe said the scramble will benefit

Pampa Special Olympics.

"This is the only fundraiser that we have and it's held annually," Abbe said. "Pampa Special Olympics has 40 athletes that compete in golf, bowling, basketball and track," Abbe said. "All coaches are volunteers. We travel all over the Panhandle and state to

compete in tournaments. The money raised from this scramble pays for all our travel, meals, equipment, uniforms, et cetera."

Abbe said teams from all over the Texas Panhandle compete in the event. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams and others given

away in drawings.

The event is named after Cindy Cooper who was head of delegation for Pampa Special Olympics for many years. Cooper passed away five years ago. Team entries are to be turned in to David Teichmann at Hidden Hills golf course by April 17.



submitted photo
Special Olympian Amy Hammer (center in white) and one of the golf teams from the left Marcus Schock, Buddy Allen, Amy's dad Bill Hammer and Jerry Stephens prepare for the 4th Annual Cindy Cooper Golf Scramble to be held April 24 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

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Hidden Hills Apr 6 golf results

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First—61	R.D. Stephens	J. Lee
J. Campbell	J. Gray	
J. McGuire	Fourth—65	B. Hammer
J. Batton	J. Gilbert	
Second—62	B. Young	
J. Mabry	D. Butler	
T. Taylor	B. Brown	
C. Ritthaler	Closest to Pin Third	
J. Osborne	shot #18: H. Malon	
Third—64	Closest to Pin #8: J.	
A. Bolton	Gilbert	

Softball District 3-4A title chase

Team	W	L	W%	W	L	T	W%
Randall	6	1	.857	14	10	0	.583
Pampa	6	1	.857	16	9	1	.635
Canyon	5	2	.714	19	8	1	.696

Upcoming games

Pampa at Palo Duro 5 p.m. Friday
Dumas at Randall 5 p.m. Friday
Caprock at Canyon 5 p.m. Friday
Randall at Caprock 1 p.m. Saturday
Canyon at Hereford 1 p.m. Saturday

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

6	9	5	7	3	4	2	8	1
1	7	2	8	5	6	4	9	3
3	4	8	1	9	2	6	5	7
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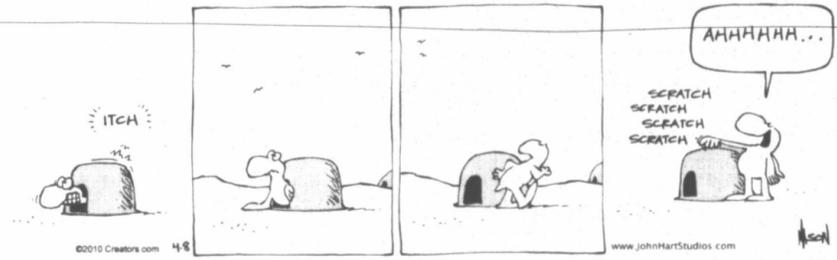
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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- 6 Adorable
- 11 Burning
- 12 Artless
- 13 Errand runner
- 14 Building addition
- 15 Composer Grieg
- 17 Tiny particle: Abbr.
- 19 Poorly
- 20 Pet perch
- 23 Each
- 25 Extinct bird
- 26 Road features
- 28 Neighbor-hood
- 29 Switch type
- 30 Used to be
- 31 Plead
- 32 Was ahead
- 33 Florence family
- 35 Pesto base
- 38 Realtor's listing
- 41 Have substance
- 42 "Do, —, ..."
- 43 Car's scars
- 44 Focused beam

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3 BR for only \$649/mo. 1/2 off 1st mo. rent. W/d hookups & on-site laundry. Caprock Apts., 665-7149.

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PICK up rental list, in the Black Box, at 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

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HOUSE for sale or rent. Can be 2 or 3 bedroom. 665-3361

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3 br, 2 b, lg. carpet, lg. lot. As is \$7,000 FIRM, needs TLC, great potential. 806-223-7272.

3/1.75/1. C h&a, fpl in gar., ceramic in kitchen & dining. OWC w down pymt. 662-7557.

3/1/1 carpet. 2 huge shade trees on west side. No owner carry. Carpeted wood floors. Motivated Seller! 1009 Farley. 663-6800.

MUST SELL 2120 N. Christy. 3 bdr., 1 3/4 ba. Lots of updates, hardwood floors, \$85,000 all offers considered. 806-470-1191

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Sports

Pampa boys golf fourth after district's opening day

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The Pampa Harvesters boys golf team finished the first day of district in fourth Tuesday at Comanche Trail Arrowhead.

Head Coach Alan Segura said the boys didn't play as well as he would have liked.

"Midway through the round we were close to the lead if not leading," Segura said. But, we did not finish the round very good. Our boys need to learn how to finish a round and forget about mistakes and not let them carry on to the next hole."

Pampa shot a 344 which was three strokes more than Dumas and 11 strokes more than second place Canyon. Randall leads with a 320. Pampa had a B team and they finished eighth with a 377.

Individually for the Harvesters, Ty Hutto led

the team with a 79, which was the fifth best individual score. Cole Buck shot an 82. Jonathan Polasek shot an 86. Logan Reagan, Brenden Burrell and Alex Clendening each shot an 88. Rylan Clark shot a 92, Joseph Mechelay shot a 94 and Travis Taylor shot a 118.

District resumes April 15 in Plainview and Segura said his team is in good shape.

"Our goal is to overtake Canyon which is 11 strokes ahead of us for second to advance to regionals," Segura said. "If that does not happen, we still have a

chance to advance two individuals. Ty Hutto shot a 79 and Cole Buck shot an 82. Both are in good shape to advance as individuals."

The top two teams and the top two individuals not on one of the top two teams advance to regionals.

Tennis team ninth in Flower Mound Tournament

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The Pampa Harvesters tennis team finished ninth out of 17 teams in the Flower Mound Tournament April 1-3.

Head Coach Sarah Corse said the team did fairly well especially with who they were playing.

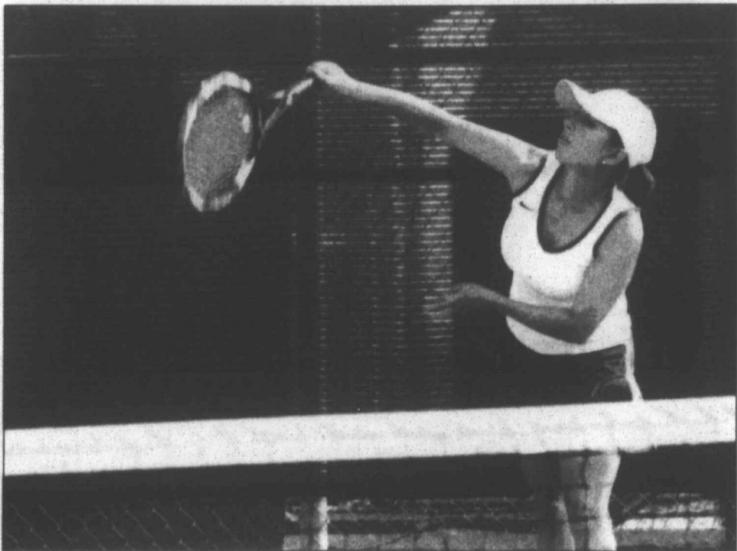
"Most of the teams were 5A along with the state 3A teams," Corse said. "All played fairly well and I am hoping the way they play will carry over to our

district tournament next Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo."

In the A draw, Sammi Finney and Myles Foreman won first in consolation and ninth overall in mixed doubles. Elizabeth Terry finished 12th in girls singles. David Moore finished sixth in boys singles. Alyssa Hoelting and Kayla Ware finished first in consolation and ninth overall in girls doubles. Logan Karbo and Nick Nelson finished 12th in boys doubles.

In the B draw, Aaron Silva and Holly Gage finished fourth in mixed doubles. Makayla Hampton finished seventh in girls singles. Garrett Coutts finished 10th in boys singles. Erin Buck and Hilary Acker finished sixth in girls doubles. Landon Karbo and Collin McClendon finished 15th in boys doubles.

The Harvesters will compete in the district tournament Monday and Tuesday in Amarillo.



Hilary Acker serves to Wichita Falls Ryder, in the fifth place match for girls doubles. Erin Buck (not pictured) was Acker's partner and they lost the match.



Erin Buck makes a perfect volley while playing Wichita Falls Ryder with doubles partner Hilary Acker (not pictured) in Flower Mound. The pair finished sixth.

SERVING IT UP IN 2010



Pampa Junior High's Brandon Gage returns a ball in his doubles match against Dumas March 27.

Slot car racing

There were two races on March 27 at the Coronado Center that ended with the following results:

First Race:
First Place went to Nathan Reed of Borger.
Second Place went to Nick Rodriguez of Pampa.
Third Place went to Eddie

Stuedgen of Borger.
Fourth Place went to Nate Stillwagon of Pampa.
Second Race:
First Place went to Rhett Harden of Pampa.
Second Place went to James Agnmore of Pampa.
Third Place went to John Ashmore of Pampa.

Come out and support the baseball team 5 p.m. Friday against No. 5 Randall!!

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Pampa Country Club April 1 and 3 golf results

April 1 Thursday Night Scramble

Tee #1A - 29 - First Place	Scott White Cole Buck Chuck White Connie Manzanares	Tee #9A - 32 Jackie Curtis Gene James Joe Manzanares
Tee #2A - 30 - Third Place	Steve Williams Greg Logan Marc Reed Dennis Holman	First Place winnings were \$25.00 each. Second Place winnings were \$17.50 each. Third Place winnings were \$12.50 each.
Tee #3A - 29 - Second	Dee Joiner	

April 3 Kickoff Scramble

Tee #1A - 63	Bob Cook Dennis Holman Jim McGuire	Tee #16A - 65 Steve Williams Brett Bromwell Lee Myers
Tee #12A - 61 - Second Place	Jimbo Mckissick Howard Reed Sheila McFatridge	Tee #17A - 63 Greg Logan Gene Hall Bob Marx Johnie Marx
Tee #1B - 61 - First Place	Joe Manzanares Jodie Myers	Tee #18A - 66 Chris Roden Gavin Porter Joel Ferland Tyson Curtis
Tee #9A - 63 - Third Place	Joe Manzanares Jodie Myers	First Place winnings are \$62.50 each. Second Place winnings are \$45.00 each. Third Place winnings are \$30.00 each. Fourth Place winnings are \$20.00 each.
Tee #10A - 63 - Fourth Place	John Allen Cullen Allen	
Tee #11A - 66	David McGill Billy Crain Bruce Norris Peggy McGuire	