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## Evening accident leaves Pampa man dead

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A tragic accident left a vehicle in a pasture and claimed the life of a young Pampa man yesterday evening.

Tyler Brant Hucks, 20, was pronounced dead at Pampa Regional Medical Center after the 2000 Jeep Wrangler he was driving was recovered in a pasture on the east side of the city.

At approximately 7:04 p.m., Pampa Police, EMS and fire personnel responded to the intersection of N. Red Deer and E. Harvester on a one-car wreck. When they arrived on scene, officers found the Jeep lying on its driver side near the roadway.

The police report indicates that the Jeep was westbound in the 1400 block of E. Harvester when the driver lost control and

jumped the curb, impacting a barbed wire fence and flipping once before finally coming to rest.

Officers were able to determine that Hucks was the Jeep's only occupant. He was not wearing a seatbelt and was partially ejected from the vehicle.

Pampa Fire and EMS personnel removed him from the vehicle, after which he was transported to PRMC.

The investigation is ongoing as, according to Pampa Police Officer Stormy McCullar, an official cause for the accident has not yet been definitively determined.

"We're still looking," said McCullar. "We're not sure what it is yet. It could have been numerous reasons."

McCullar confirmed that drugs and alcohol are not believed to be involved.

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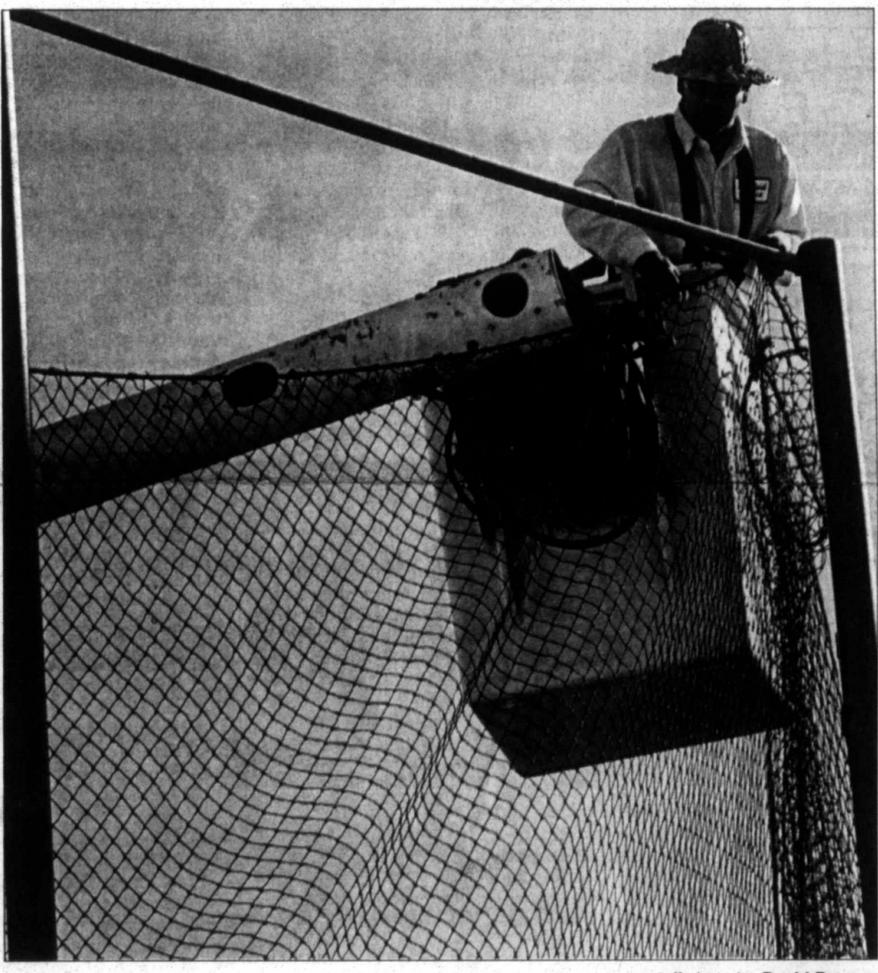
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## NET GAIN



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**Héctor Sanchez** of A&T Yard Service stretches netting up behind home plate today at the Pampa High School baseball field. The field has been undergoing renovations this summer with a new sprinkler system in the outfield and a new brick wall behind home plate.

## One free on bond after Sat. arrest

**DAVID BOWSER**  
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A 20-year-old man was free on bonds totaling \$27,500 today after being arrested early Saturday in a drug raid.

Dante Allan Wilbon was arrested in the early morning hours of Saturday as Pampa Police Department officers and Gray County deputies swooped down in the 800 block of North West looking for drugs.

About a dozen law enforcement officers raided the residence at 820 N. West about 30 minutes after midnight Friday.

Wilbon was charged with possession of marijuana under two ounces, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver in the amount of four grams or more but less than 200 grams, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver less than 28 grams and four counts of possession of a controlled substance under 28 grams.

Pampa Police Officer Stormy McCullar said a narcotics search warrant was executed in the 800 block of North West as part of a joint investigation by the Pampa Police Department and the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

About \$800 in U.S. currency was confiscated, along with suspected narcotics valued on the street at about \$6,000.

McCullar said the investigation is continuing.

## Fowl discourse: Prairie chicken on county's radar

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The lesser prairie chicken was back on the radar screen this week.

The small bird with dwindling numbers was the topic of concern for the Gray County Commission Monday during their first meeting of the month.

As electric power providers plan their electric lines from panhandle wind farms to customers downstate, Gray County Judge Richard Peet said Monday that he hopes to head off potential problems by proposing an alternative route for those lines.

Cross Texas Transmission is proposing running power lines through Gray County, but county officials say those lines will cut directly through critical habitat of the lesser prairie chicken as outlined by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department studies.

Judge Peet, through a resolution approved Monday by the Gray County Commission, is proposing an alternate route for the power lines that would skirt the western edge of the prairie chicken's domain.

The alternative route, Peet said, would help protect prairie chicken habitat and not delay the construction of the power lines that could be a key economic factor in developing wind-generated electric power in the area.

In other business:  
• The commission approved transferring a hangar lease at Perry Lefors Airfield from RDS Aviation to Sidney Mauldin, approved a cost share agreement with the U.S. Forest Service for work at Lake McClellan and sale of a tractor, dump truck, van, trailer and other material as county surplus material.

• The commission approved a plan to provide flu shots to county employees and dependents covered

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The lesser prairie chicken continues to be a point of discussion, this time at the Gray County Commission.

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## Obituaries

### Juanita Minnick Wagner, 79

Juanita Minnick Wagner, 79, died August 2, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at Fairview Cemetery with Rev. Norman Rushing, pastor of Central Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Wagner was born April 6, 1931 in Fargo, Okla. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1933. She



Wagner

married Keith Wagner on August 10, 1949. Juanita was a member of Central Baptist Church. She enjoyed being with her grandchildren, fishing and vacationing, and she was a loving caretaker. She has joined her daughter, Lorinda Wagner, who died in 1961, and her husband, Keith, who died on December 26, 1999, in heaven. She was also preceded in death by a brother, Dewain Minnick.

Survivors include companion, George Newman of Pampa; a son, Randy Wagner and wife Tammy of Pampa; sister, Deloris Morris of Pampa; two brothers, Don Minnick and wife Lois, and Junior Minnick and wife Polly, all of Pampa; a granddaughter, Jamie Craig and husband Cody of Claude; a grandson, Tyler Baggett of Claude; two great-grandchildren, Jordyn Craig and Hayden Craig, both of Claude.

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### PAMPA FORECAST

| Wednesday         | Thursday          | Friday            |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                   |                   |                   |
| High 99<br>Low 69 | High 94<br>Low 67 | High 95<br>Low 70 |

**Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

**Wednesday:** Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 99. Southwest wind around 10 mph.

**Wednesday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. Southeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming north. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Thursday Night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. East southeast wind around 10 mph.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy, with a high near 95. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

**Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind around 10 mph.

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## Calderon: New stage of Mexico drug war

MEXICO CITY (AP) — President Felipe Calderon said Monday that Mexico is facing a new stage in its war with drug cartels as gangs escalate their attacks on the government and civilians, including journalists.

Speaking at a meeting with representatives of business and civic groups, Calderon said organized crime groups have demonstrated they have no "limits or moral scruples" and are trying to instill fear in officials and civilians alike.

"We face a new stage in insecurity," he said, noting this year's assassination of a gubernatorial candidate in a border state and the recent kidnappings of journalists. "We have witnessed an escalation of violent crime in our country."

Calderon acknowledged there is criticism of how the government has pursued the crackdown on drug cartels that he ordered upon taking office in December 2006, and he called on citizens to make suggestions for altering and improving its strategy.

"My government has been and will be willing to revise it, to strengthen it, to refine it," he said.

Ernesto Lopez Portillo, director of the Institute for Security and Democracy, complained to the president that the results of the crackdown don't seem consistent with all the resources poured into fighting crime.

"We are at the stage of having more resources and not having better results," he said.

Despite successes such as last week's killing by soldiers of Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel, one of the top leaders of Sinaloa cartel, many Mexicans are growing worried over the violence tied to the drug trade. Nearly 25,000 people have been killed in drug-related violence since Calderon became president, many of them in fighting among the cartels.

On Saturday, police in northern Mexico rescued two kidnapped television news cameramen whose abductors had demanded their media outlets broadcast cartel messages. Two other journalists abducted at the same time as the cameramen were released in the week.

## EMERGENCY SERVICES

Continued from Mon.

### Police Department

An agency assist was reported in the 600 block of N. Dwight.

A welfare check was conducted in the 500 block of N. Frost.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 100 block of W. 30th.

A welfare check was conducted in the 700 block of E. Francis.

A burglary was reported in the 500 block of E. Kingsmill.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hobart.

An information call was received in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of S. Wells.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 200 block of S. Miami.

Officers responded to a civil matter in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers responded to a civil matter in the 1200 block of Duncan.

Found property was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block of N. Duncan.

An assault was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An attempt to serve was reported in the 1200 block of S. Christy.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of N. Sunset Dr.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of S. Gillespie.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of E. Murphy.

An agency assist was provided in the 200 block of N. Russell.

Criminal trespass was

reported in the 2200 block of N. Christine.

A civil matter was reported in the 1200 block of N. Duncan.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 2300 block of N. Primrose Ln.

Monday, August 2

Police conducted a follow-up investigation at One Medical Plaza.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1100 block of N. Terry Rd.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation in the 500 block of N. Powell.

Police conducted a follow-up investigation at One Medical Plaza.

A suspicious person was reported at Craven and Barnes.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of Hobart.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of W. Wilks.

### Sheriff's Office

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

**Thursday, July 29**  
Timothy Frank Davis, 38, was arrested by deputies on charges of evading arrest, no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

**Friday, July 30**  
Joe Dale Hays, 23, was arrested by police on three capias pro fine warrants.

Thomas Dale Jedele, 27, was arrested by police on four capias pro fine warrants.

Christopher Eugene Jackson, 38, was arrested by police on a blue warrant.

Zackory Ryan Wyantt, 25, of Amarillo, was arrested by police on

charges of theft by check out of Randall County.

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the arrests over the weekend.

**Friday, July 30**  
Daniel Elliot Stover, 23, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender on charges of possession of a controlled substance and theft of property.

Anthony Martinez, 37, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft by check.

Dante Wilbon, 20, was arrested by police on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (methamphetamine).

possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver (hydrocodone), possession of a controlled substance (boldenone-steroids), possession of controlled substance (testosterone) and possession of a controlled substance (alprazolam-xanax).

**Saturday, July 31**  
Monty Kent Danner, 44, was arrested by deputies on two charges of theft by check out of Hansford Co., theft by check out of Moore Co. and contempt of court - Randall Co.

John Michael Ware, 44, of Friendswood, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of driving while under the influence, third time or more.

Pete Vargas Perez, 31, was arrested by deputies on charges of theft of property and failure to make full restitution.

Toby Lee Malena, 26, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies of charges of theft of property and un-

authorized use of a motor vehicle out of Carson Co.

Ricky Lynn Bintz, 27, of Lubbock, was arrested by deputies on bond surrender relating to charges of driving while under the influence.

Robert Lindsey Curtis, 59, was arrested by police on charges of violation of parole in connection with driving while under the influence, third time or more.

Bruce John Raines, 61, was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Jacob Coronado, 18, was arrested by police on charges of public intoxication.

**Sunday, August 1**  
Leobardo Gutierrez Madrid, 34, was arrested by police on charges of driving while under the influence.

Heath Dwayne Kuhlmanek, 26, was arrested by police on charges of running a red light and failure to appear.

Amanda Nicole Barnes, 29, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of driving while under the influence with a child under 15 years old.

Ira Don Hicks, 40, was arrested by deputies on charges of public intoxication.

**Monday, August 2**  
Jimmie Wayne Mayberry, 38, was arrested by Department of Public Safety Troopers on charges of driving while under the influence.

Seth Allan Crowl, 23, was arrested by police on warrants in connection with assault causing bodily injury, and a warrant out of county - possession of marijuana - less than 2 oz.

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# AFTERNOONRUSH Two free on bond after weekend arrests

## More minority teachers needed

DALLAS (AP) — Experts say a lack of black and Hispanic teachers could hinder the achievement of minorities as their enrollment rises in Texas.

The Dallas Morning News reported Tuesday that black and Hispanic students did better on state tests with teachers of their own races.

A study by the Educational Resources Information Center shows one of the reasons is that minority teachers better understand cultural differences and can "break down the students' stereotypes."

The state projects that minority students will make up around 62 percent of the student body in the 2011-12 school year, up more than 10 percent from a decade ago.

## Xcel to customers: Save power

CLOVIS, N.M. (AP) — Xcel Energy wants its customers in New Mexico and Texas to conserve energy Tuesday because of expected high electric demands and limits on its generating capacity.

The Amarillo-based utility is asking customers to limit electric use through 7 p.m. to reduce the strain on the power grid.

Xcel says it should produce enough power to meet demand, but reserve margins could tighten as people use their air conditioners in the afternoon.

Xcel suggests customers turn off lights, computers and appliances that aren't essential and set thermostats to 78 degrees or higher if at home and at 85 if they leave the house.

The utility also recommends using major appliances and equipment after 7 p.m., when electricity demand is lower.

## NASA delays space station repairs

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA has put off a major repair job at the International Space Station until Friday.

NASA says it needs more time to prepare before sending two astronauts on a spacewalk to replace a broken pump on the station's cooling system. The pump failed over the weekend and knocked out half of the space station's cooling system, which keeps electronic equipment from overheating.

Managers had been hoping to do the first spacewalk on Thursday but decided workers on the ground needed more time to work on the repair plan. A second spacewalk will be conducted a few days later to complete the repairs.

NASA officials say the six astronauts at the space station are safe and the outpost is stable.

## Nina replica springs leak

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — It's a good thing this Nina didn't make the original voyage to the New World.

A replica of one of the ships used by explorer Christopher Columbus sprung a leak two days before Corpus Christi planned to turn it over to a nonprofit group.

The Corpus Christi Caller-Times reported Tuesday that the city could face a \$6,000 repair bill. A temporary patch was applied, using roofing adhesive.

Marina officials aren't sure what damaged the Nina. Superintendent Peter Davidson says he checked the hull and does not believe it is rotting.

The Nina replica will go into dry dock this week.

The vessel is one of three of ships built in the late 1980s by Spain to mark the 500th anniversary of the explorer's voyage. The ships have been permanently docked in Corpus Christi since a 1992 tour.

## Giant Alamo banner on the way?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A banner about the Battle of the Alamo could soon grace the side of a towering building in San Antonio.

A proposal for a 13-story banner heralding the 175th anniversary of the battle is scheduled to go before the city's Historic and Design Review Commission on Wednesday.

The San Antonio Express-News reports the banner would hang from a windowless back wall of the Emily Morgan Hotel near the Alamo.

The city's Office of Historic Preservation recommends approval of the banner, from early October to April 2011 to coincide with the anniversary of the Texas Revolution.

The Battle of the Alamo was March 6, 1836. Texas the following month won its independence from Mexico at the Battle of San Jacinto.

## Busted pipe leads to dry days

WEATHERFORD (AP) — A busted pipeline in Weatherford could limit water supplies to the city of nearly 28,000 until mid-August.

Fire Department Chief George Teague says crews worked Tuesday to put a temporary pipe above ground. Teague, who's also emergency management coordinator in the city 25 miles west of Fort Worth, told The Associated Press that Weatherford could be on limited water supplies for up to two weeks.

A statement issued shortly after 7 a.m. Tuesday said there has been some success with the temporary reroute of the distribution system at the water plant.

A boil water notice is in effect, after the pipeline problem was discovered early Monday.

Tankers hauling water were supplying the Parker County Jail, with about 400 inmates, and Weatherford Regional Medical Center.

## Tokyo misplacing centenarians

TOKYO — Japanese authorities admitted Tuesday they'd lost track of a 113-year-old woman listed as Tokyo's oldest, days after police searched the home of the city's official oldest man — only to find his long-dead, mummified body.

Officials launched a search this week for Fusa Furuya, born in July 1897 and listed as Tokyo's oldest citizen, after it emerged her whereabouts are unknown.

Several other celebrated centenarians are also unaccounted for due to poor record-keeping and follow-up in a country that prides itself in its number of long-lived citizens but also frets about an unraveling of traditional family ties.

Officials updating their records ahead of a holiday next month honoring the elderly found that Furuya does not live at the address where she is registered, said Hiroshi Sugimoto, an official in Tokyo's Suginami ward.

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A Pampa man was free on \$1,500 bond today after being arrested Gray County deputies on drug charges.

Bruce John Raines, 61, was arrested Saturday after a traffic stop.

Deputies stopped Raines about 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the 1200 block of Gwendolyn for having an expired registration.

After receiving permission to search Raines' vehicle, deputies said they found a bag of a crystal substance.

Raines was charged with possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance. Bond was set

by Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.

In regards to an unrelated incident, an Amarillo man remained in Gray County jail today in lieu of bonds totaling \$20,000.

Toby Lee Malena, 26, of Amarillo, was in Gray County jail today on a warrant out of Carson County charging him with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and on theft charges.

Malena was arrested along with Pete Vargas Perez, 31, of Pampa, after Gray County deputies discovered the pair Saturday morning at C.L. Davis Well Service at U.S. Highway 60 and Gray County Road 5.

Perez was released on \$5,000 bond

after being charged with theft of property.

Gray County Sheriff's Lt. Joe B. Hoard said deputies were dispatched to the well service company Saturday morning after being called about a theft in progress.

Hoard said deputies found two men there who said they had permission to remove some items, but when deputies checked, the owner of the business said he had not given anybody permission to take anything.

Malena and Perez were booked into Gray County jail about 11 a.m. Saturday.

Bonds were set by Gray County Justice of the Peace Joe Martinez.

## County

under the county's health insurance program and making the shots available to others for a \$20 per person fee.

• Sheriff and Constable fees will remain the same for 2011, according to the commission.

• County commissioners also approved a resolution for the county to join the Texas Department of Transportation in replacing a bridge on Boydston Road. The county's portion of the \$500,000 project will be about \$50,000 and would be providing equipment and labor.

Commissioner John Mark Baggerly said no cash funds would be involved. He said that the work provided by the county would have to be done anyway.

• The commission also approved bids on 17 tax properties in Gray County.

They include a \$1,700 bid by Jack C. Nix in rural Gray County, a \$2,000 bid for 1128 S. Dwight by Gabriel Hernandez, a \$300 bid on 833 Bradley by Ruben C. Lerma, a \$1,010 bid on 1045 South Dwight by Susie and Kenneth Hamon, a \$300 bid on 328 Tignor by Jose T. Cervantes, a \$350 bid on 338 Tignor by Herminia Medina, a \$1,050 bid on 1140 and 1146 Wilcox by Robert E. Wright, a \$450 bid on 1305 Kingsmill by

Herminia Medina, a \$300 bid on 425 East Browning by the Delbert Johnson Family Trust, a \$333 bid on 401 and 405 Ballard by Jimmy Ray George, a \$300 bid on 528 Crawford by Donny Wilbon, a \$302 bid by Rick Rivera on 826 Brunow, a \$6,025 bid on 608 North Wells by Susan Alice Kane, a \$300 bid on 825 Frederic by Victoria Alonzo, a \$400 bid on 1021 S. Nelson by Herminia Medina, a \$501 bid on 328 N. Sumner by The Winston Companies and a \$451 bid on 930 South Banks by Michael Chester.

The bids still have to be approved by other taxing entities in Gray County.

• The Gray County Commission also worked on the county budget for the next fiscal year, but Judge Peet noted that little could be set until the county receives the rates as set by the appraisal district next week.

The Gray County Appraisal District has indicated that the total appraised value in the county for tax purposes is \$1,830,832,277.

The total taxable value (total appraised value less exemptions and special values) is \$1,512,342,204 for the county and \$1,502,866,063 for the roads.

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on your May 29 reply to "Helping or Cheating?" the young lady who has been helping her boyfriend with his homework. I can see where someone might find this a problem.

I retired a few years ago after 35 years as an educator and still substitute teach three to five days a week. I feel I can speak for many teachers on this matter: For years, teachers have used a method called "peer tutoring" in and out of the classroom. From the information given, what that girl is doing sounds like textbook tutoring.

Personally, I feel it's far better to have help and see a word spelled correctly, a sentence constructed properly or a math problem worked correctly, than to have the mistake reinforced. In most cases, homework is just for practice, and "Rory" should have ample opportunity in class to show the teacher what he can do on his own. — 35 YEARS AND COUNTING

DEAR COUNTING: Thank you for your input as an educator. I tried to reach the young woman who wrote that letter so I could ask if her boyfriend's test results had improved as a result of her efforts, but was unable to make contact.

Frankly, I was surprised at the amount of mail her letter generated from teachers, one of whom informed me that "most teachers don't check homework for accuracy, just that the homework was completed." Could this be part of what has gone wrong with our educational system -- that teachers have become so overwhelmed by the size of their classes

that they can no longer give their students the individual attention they need? If so, how sad for all of us. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I used to teach at the university level. For 20 years I watched this happen. Never once was it the boyfriend "helping" the girlfriend. If we got two essays on the same topic, it was always the girlfriend who had written it, while the boyfriend who "studied with her" or "used it as a model" ended up handing in a distorted version of the same paper -- same quotes, same structure, reworded sentences. The boyfriends were slacking off; their girlfriends were doing the work.

I have talked about this with other professors; only one could cite a single exception to this rule. Thank you for telling that young woman to stop doing his homework and please, Abby, let your readers know the issue is systemic. — EX-PROF. IN IDAHO

DEAR ABBY: There is a very fine line between good tutoring, poor tutoring and cheating. The best indicator is how the young man does on his exams. If he has significantly improved on his ability to do the problems in a test situation, then I lean toward the idea that

good tutoring was done and suggest the students continue the process. If there has been no improvement, he should go to the teacher for extra help.

Math is an extremely difficult subject for many people. However, when a student gets F's on

ing to me gets A's and B's from then on, I suspect some learning has occurred. The teacher should review the tests the boyfriend takes and either tell the sister to go fly a kite or change methods — depending on the scores. — TUTOR IN RENO, NEV.

### Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 3, the 215th day of 2010. There are 150 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 3, 1492, Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, on a voyage that took him to the present-day Americas.

### On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr went on trial before a federal court in Richmond, Va., charged with treason. (He was acquitted less than a month later.)

In 1914, Germany declared war on France at the onset of World War I.

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge was sworn in as the 30th president of the United States following the death of Warren G. Harding.

In 1943, Gen. George S. Patton slapped a private at an army hospital in Sicily, accusing him of cowardice. (Patton was later ordered by Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower to apologize for this and a second, similar episode.)

In 1949, the National Basketball Association was formed as a merger of the Basketball Association of America and the National Basketball League.

In 1958, the nuclear-powered submarine USS Nautilus became the first vessel to cross the North Pole underwater.

In 1980, closing ceremonies were held in Moscow for the Summer Olympic Games, which had been boycotted by dozens of countries, including the United States.

In 1981, U.S. air traffic controllers went on strike, despite a warning from President Ronald Reagan they would be fired, which they were.

In 1994, Arkansas carried out the nation's first triple execution in 32 years.

**Ten years ago:** George W. Bush accepted the Republican presidential nomination at the party's convention in Philadelphia, presenting himself as an outsider who would return "civility and respect" to Washington politics.

**Five years ago:** Fourteen Marines from a Reserve unit in Ohio were killed in a roadside bombing in Iraq.

**Today's Birthdays:** Author P.D. James is 90. Broadway composer Richard Adler is 89. Singer Gordon Stoker (The Jordanaires) is 86. Singer Tony Bennett is 84. Actor Martin Sheen is 70. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer Lance Alworth is 70. Lifestyle guru Martha Stewart is 69. Singer Beverly Lee (The Shirelles) is 69. Movie director John Landis is 60. Actor Jay North ("Dennis the Menace") is 59. Rock singer-musician Ed Roland (Collective Soul) is 47. Actor Isaiah Washington is 47. Rock musician Stephen Carpenter (Deftones) is 40. Hip-hop artist Spinderella (Salt-N-Pepa) is 39. NFL quarterback Tom Brady is 33. Actress Evangeline Lilly (TV: "Lost") is 31.

**Thought for Today:** "It takes a great deal of history to produce a little literature." - Henry James, American author (1843-1916)



## Roadrunners and pie off the beaten path

The sign read "Medicine Mound - 9" and pointed off the highway to a couple of low hills on an otherwise flat plain just south of Quanah.

Sue and I were on the home stretch of what started out to be some time off spent in downtown Oklahoma City and on the banks of Lake Eufaula, but turned into a tour of southern Oklahoma northern Texas.

Like all travelers, the thought of a night back in our own bed was foremost in our thoughts, but "Medicine Mound" was just too intriguing and we made yet another detour to check it out.

We expected to see an historical marker at the base of one of those hills, but the blacktop made several curves around them and led off into the open spaces.

Through the wonders of iPhone and Google, we learned that Medicine Mound referred to a defunct community that had been resurrected by the locals through a museum on the site. We continued past the hills until we came upon two solitary buildings constructed of what seemed to be granite cannonballs and mortar, surrounded by prickly pear cacti, mesquite and a whole lot of open space.

A sign on the building read "Hicks & Cobb Gen. Merchandise Store."

The door was open, but before we could venture inside a pleasant woman appeared and introduced herself as Jeanene Stermer, a volunteer. Jeanene, like so many people we have talked with in the Panhandle, lives on a nearby ranch and had left the area in her youth, but found herself inexplicably drawn back.

She is now part of the effort to preserve the history of Medicine Mound.

"You're welcome to come inside and look around," she offered. "Sorry I'm so dirty - I'm going through some old magazines we hope to sell."

Jeanene took us from the

blazing sunlight into the cool dark interior where photos of local families from the past decades lined the walls and every nook and cranny was filled with artifacts of a way of life now gone.

We've since learned that Medicine Mound is pretty well known in the area. You can find numerous Web sites (it also has its own Facebook and MySpace pages) for the history, but the bare-bones story is that Native Americans were already using



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the dolomite hills "for their healing properties" when Anglos arrived in the area in the mid-1800s.

Medicine Mound was platted in 1908 and was fully established by 1911.

The Hicks and Cobb store opened in 1927 - a wooden structure that was destroyed with the rest of the town in a 1933 fire. The current stone structure was built after the fire.

Lon L. Cobb died in 1942 and Ira Lee Hicks died in 1966. After that, the building became a meeting place and a museum. The town had a peak population of 500 and some 22 businesses.

Like many museums in small-town America, Medicine Mound Museum is obviously a labor of love. It would be a long day-trip from Pampa, but it is one of those wonderful, surprising corners of Texas that are worthwhile for anyone interested in history.

Before we left Jeanene told us about a marker down the road showing the town cemetery, told us about a spot a few miles from the museum where Cynthia Ann Parker (Comanche Chief Quanah Parker's mother) had been "recaptured," and had drawn us a map showing a backroads route to Copper Breaks State Park. She also recommended the pie at a little café in Quanah called K&R Kitchens.

We said our good-byes, signed the guestbook, took her advice and followed the back roads.

Along the dusty (really dusty) roadway, I managed to take a photo of a roadrunner in a tree with a tarantula spider in its mouth. For a Missouri kid, that's a good day.

Besides, I'm with Jeanene - the test of any good restaurant is how it does coconut cream pie.

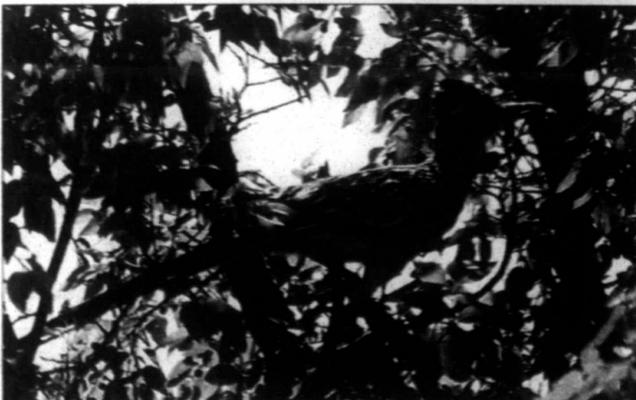
We stopped. It was delicious.



**TOP: The Medicine Mound Museum** was built with granite stones.

**RIGHT: Museum volunteer Jeanene Stermer** gives us a tour.

**BOTTOM: A hungry roadrunner** finds a tasty treat by the road - an unfortunate tarantula.



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# Sports

## Volleyball team enters 2010 with sense of urgency

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team had a players' meeting on Sunday, a sign that the season was about to start. The Lady Harvesters are eager to start 2010 after nearly missing the playoffs the previous two seasons.

Head Coach Libby Garza said it feels good to be back in the gym and this group of girls is very special.

"They have the potential to go very far," Garza said. "It's just a matter of if they are going to take it and run with it."

Senior Taryn Eubank said it's exciting to be back.

"We have a lot of work to do," Eubank said. "That's what two-a-days are for."

Garza said the team had a great

offseason in the spring and will be tough to beat in the fall if they play that way.

"I got them about one day a week," Garza said. "Every day that we were in there, we were working on team situations and we were looking good. We were all in shape. We were all in the gym together. We all worked fast. They were packing nails, they were executing well."

Eubank said they did a lot of weight training and work on the fundamentals and that their camp a week and a half before the season went well.

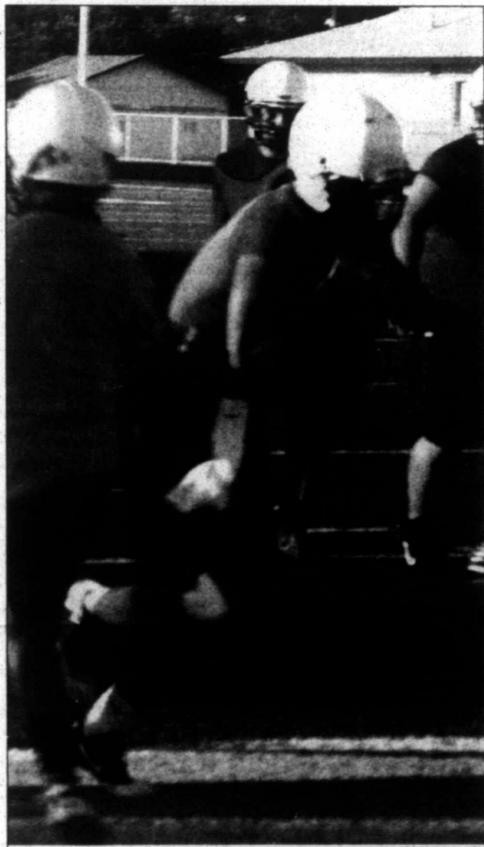
"It gave us a head start to two-a-days," Eubank said.

The Lady Harvesters had a two day camp July 22 and 23 with Garza's former college teammate Alyssa Bromwell. Pampa scrimmages at Bushland Saturday.



**Kailyn Troxell attacks a ball during practice Monday.** The volleyball team started two-a-days Monday and have their first scrimmage Saturday at Bushland

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**Reid Miller runs into the end zone for a touchdown during a team scrimmage during Monday's practice at Harvester Field.**

## Football team ready for 2010

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After a successful winter offseason, and some players playing 7-on-7 during the summer, The Pampa Harvesters are ready to start the 2010 season.

Senior running back and linebacker Trent Carter said it's good to be back and everyone is ready to play.

"We all worked hard and have a good attitude," Carter said. "Everyone wanted to be here. We didn't have to force anyone to be here."

Junior quarterback Reid Miller said the first practice went well and got off to a good start.

"It was a little sloppy, but it's the first day," Miller said. "The second practice started the same way (as the first). We had a little lapse at the end but we finished strong."

Head coach Heath Parker said he saw plenty of positive things for the first day of practice.

"I'm pleased with the conditioning level our kids showed up with," Parker said. "They had a great winter and the majority of our kids continued that all summer long. So, we are able to start off with getting a number of quality

reps at a good speed."

Parker said they are a tremendously stronger football team than they were last year.

"We are in a lot better shape than we were at this time last year," Parker said. "More than that, I think the buying in of this group of kids, starting with our seniors, is really high and they want to do well."

Senior wide receiver Garrett Ericson said they got a lot of conditioning in during the offseason and summer.

"In the weight room we hit it hard and knew what we were supposed to do in there," Ericson said. "We were able to build up strength-wise and condition well so when it comes time to be out on the turf we aren't having to work on that."

The offensive skill players played in 7-on-7 during the summer. Ericson said it helped them work on the plays they're going to run in the season.

"In the passing game it gets us one step closer to running those plays on Friday night," Ericson said. "It's just extra practice for us that some times aren't lucky to get."

The Harvesters first scrimmage is August 14 against Bushland.

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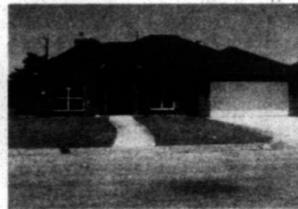
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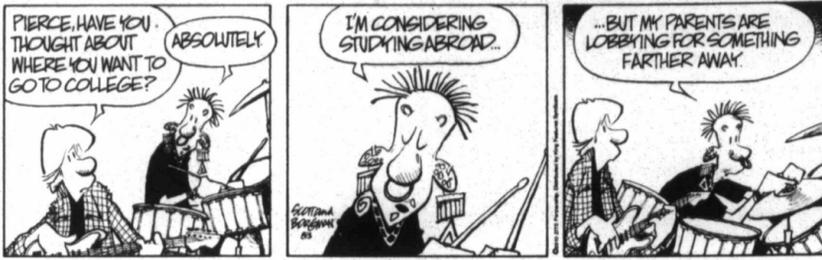


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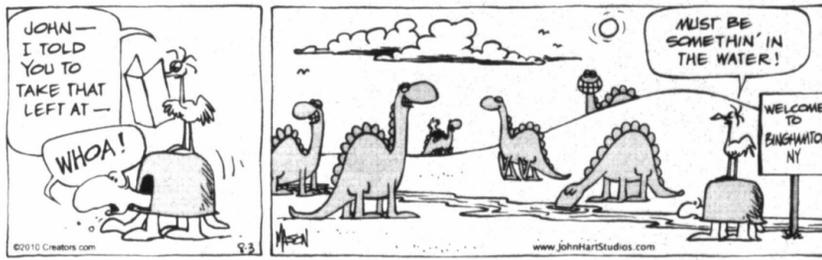
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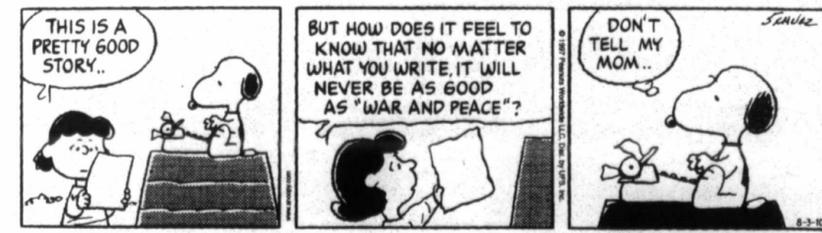
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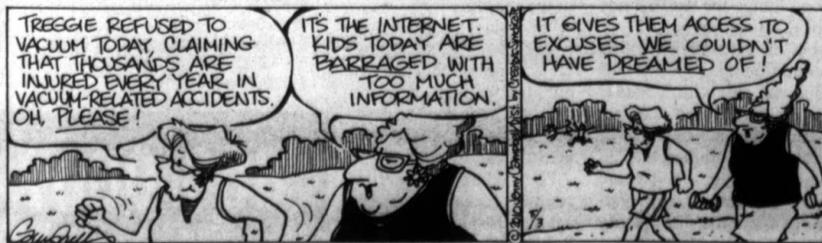
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  - 5 Left over
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  - 12 Macho fellows
  - 13 Dis-obedience
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  - 16 Fancy vase
  - 17 Singer Reed
  - 18 Middy break
  - 20 Electrician's concern
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  - 25 Emporium
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**Daily Horoscope**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010: Happy birthday! You will want to create more security through a higher profile than in the past. You will make your imprint on your community as well as your professional associates. Through networking, you greet unusual success and happiness. Be open to friendship and creating much more of what you want. If you are single, if and only if you decide to change that status will someone float into your life. Attached Leos find they are a strong force in making the bond work. Stay on the high road. GEMINI points to the correct path.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) \*\*\*\* Don't lose track of what is happening within your immediate surroundings in the a.m. Choose to say little, knowing you will have an opportunity later. A change in attitude from others could prevent any comments. Tonight: Midweek, break with friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 21) \*\*\* Others might not get your intent. Perhaps you exhibit a lack of clarity. Right now you are honoring a different drummer. Others might be taken aback by this new personality trait. You might wonder if you have an alternative. Tonight: Your treat.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 20) \*\*\*\* For the moment, ignore what goes on in the a.m. You will have a radical change of perspective by the afternoon. Remain sure of yourself when dealing with others in the afternoon. You

also could be more realistic. Tonight: Others seek you out, pronto.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Emphasize what is. If you get caught up in what you would like, you might experience a total backfire. A meeting could prove to be more significant than you anticipated. Remember, you don't need to make a decision quickly. Tonight: Do your thing.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Perhaps because you have such a Lioness and dignified approach is why people naturally defer to you. Take action and do what you feel is needed. You sense the tides as they turn in your favor later. Tonight: Midweek break.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\* Others test their limits. Whether they are conscious of it or not, it makes no difference, as the experience is the same for you. Keep breaking patterns, and detach from your traditional response. A chance to take the lead in an important endeavor happens — finally. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Recognize what is going on behind the scenes through discussions with a key player. Don't act on your knowledge just yet. New information will be forthcoming, adding yet another slant to the situation. Tonight: Let your imagination go.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Like it or not, others continue to be dominant. This could feel like a problem if you let it. Remember, this is a passage, and you can change the dynamics in a New York minute. Feel better now? Tonight: Dinner for two.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Getting past a confusing matter

this morning happens, even if you can't find the path. The unexpected occurs, opening up several dynamic possibilities. Opt to have people around you, as you enjoy them so much. Tonight: Acting like it is Friday night?

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Your greatest push needs to be in the morning, when all creative wheels seem to be on "go." On the other hand, you might not even make it to work, as you could get distracted. Know that by the afternoon you could have way too much to do. Tonight: Clear out a project or run an errand or two.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You might want to avoid dealing with family but find it impossible. On the other hand, you might want to hide out this morning and not be seen at the office. By the afternoon, you can have a much more upbeat perspective. Tonight: Let your hair down.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Play the cynic, but listen well. Much information heads in your direction. How you understand what is happening affects nearly every other aspect of your life. Smile and remain upbeat. Tonight: Do some tough thinking.

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# Sports

## HOF caps ultimate goal for Dallas' Smith

IRVING (AP) — The story is true. As a rookie, Emmitt Smith really did tell Michael Irvin that he was going to become the NFL's all-time leading rusher.

But let the record also show that Smith was setting a goal, not making a prediction.

"The conversation started with Michael asking me, 'What did I want to do in this league?'" Smith recalled.

Smith always liked a good challenge.

Told he was too small and too slow all the way back in high school, all he did was set national records. Then he went to the University of Florida — as a backup. His first start came on the road against a ranked Alabama team and all he did was set the school's single-game rushing record.

His lack of size and speed was supposed to catch up to him in the NFL, or at least keep him from dominating. That's why 16 players were chosen before him in the 1990 draft. When the Dallas Cowboys took him, they weren't sure he was the perfect complement to Troy Aikman and Irvin; they just hoped so because the defensive guy they really wanted already was taken.

The 5-foot-9½ Smith indeed was the perfect fit. And his desire, drive and durability turned him into the most productive running back in NFL history.

On Saturday night, Smith will do the only things left in his career: slip on the gold blazer and unveil the bust signifying his spot in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

His speech is already written and it's big on thank yous to the people who've meant the most in his life and his career. As much as others helped shape him, Smith takes great pride in having made the most of his abilities and his circumstances.

"I was motivated by one thing and one thing only: winning games," Smith said. "I wanted to win. And I wanted to win very bad."

Calling Smith the most productive running back is not the same as calling him the greatest. He certainly belongs in that conversation, too.

But think about the difference between those distinctions. Would you rather have a dazzler or a producer?

Although he didn't bulldoze like Earl Campbell, blaze like Eric Dickerson or leave defenders grasping air like Barry Sanders, Smith churned out the most career yards rushing (18,355) and most touchdowns rushing (164).

Yes, he also had the most carries (4,409), but longevity is a badge of honor in the NFL, especially for a guy defenses spent all week plotting to crunch the 20 to 25 times per game he had the ball. Smith made it through 15 seasons (13 in Dallas, two in Arizona), plus another 17 postseason games. He missed only a few games because of injury during his prime years.

"I don't remember a practice that he ever missed because of flu or sickness," said Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who will present Smith for induction.

Smith won four rushing titles, matching Sanders, Dickerson and O.J. Simpson for the most during the Super Bowl era. And that's not even the impressive part. Smith was the first rushing champion to win a Super Bowl the same season, and he did it three times.

He was the first NFL MVP from the Cowboys

and is still the only one. He also won the Super Bowl MVP that season. That sweep has been done before and since, but he's the only non-quarterback to do it.

At the risk of getting too

stat-oriented, there are a few more that help put his career in perspective.

Smith gained at least 100 yards in 78 games. That's nearly five full season's worth. (He had seven more in the postseason.)

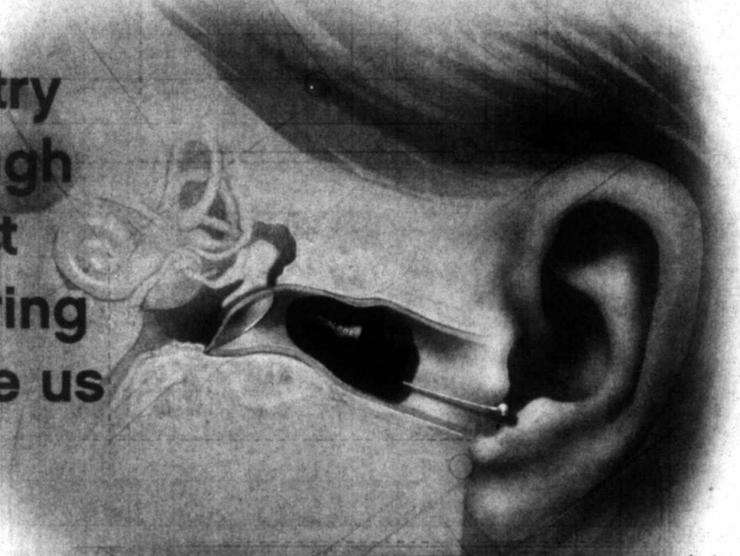
He had 11 seasons of at least 1,000 yards, one more than Walter Payton, Sanders or Curtis Martin, and they were all in a row. Smith also came within 63 yards the seasons before and after the streak.

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