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County at odds with officials over power lines

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In a marathon session, the Gray County Commissioners Court proposed taking on state and federal officials over electric lines and endangered species.

Gray County Commissioners spent much of their first meeting in September discussing the proposed high power electric lines that are to be built from the Texas Panhandle to markets downstate.

While the commission had earlier this year endorsed a route that would take the transmission lines around habitat of the lesser prairie chicken in Gray County, the Public Utilities Commission staff has endorsed another route that would split the small bird's habitat.

The lesser prairie chicken is a candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act.

The Gray County Commission in their Wednesday meeting were

told that the lesser prairie chicken has been moved up to second on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's list of animals to be considered endangered or threatened.

At the same time, the Texas Public Utilities Commission appears to be ready to approve later this month a route for power lines to be built by Cross Texas Transmission Company.

Citing state and federal rules that mandate working with local county government in such projects,

the county commission went on record saying they were not sufficiently consulted about the issue.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that the state needed to sit down at the table and talk to the county commission concerning the issue.

"That has not been done," Peet said.

Since the lesser prairie chicken is not a threatened or endangered species, the commission **COUNTY** cont. on page 3

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Bailey Dixon (from left), Riley Coble and Jessie Dixon model this year's Chautauqua Fun Run/Walk and 5K t-shirts. This year's event is on Monday, with registration beginning at 7 a.m.

Chautauqua run/walk, 5K on Monday

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Terry Barnes of the Pampa Regional Medical Center isn't exactly sure when the annual Chautauqua Fun Run/Walk and 5K, which the PRMC sponsors every year, first got started.

What he is sure of is the long-standing tradition that the event has become in the Pampa community.

"This is the 19th year that I've been a part of it," said Barnes. "When I got here, I found t-shirts from 1990 and '91, so I'm thinking it probably started around then."

"It's just something that we (at the Pampa Regional Medical Center) have been proud to be a part of all these years. We're very proud that we're the opening act to Chautauqua, and we're very appreciative that the Pampa

PRMC's Chautauqua Fun Run/Walk and 5K

When: Monday, registration begins at 7 a.m.

Where: Races start at Georgia and Mary Ellen

Why: All proceeds go towards Pampa United Way

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NRCS, Conservation District to hold work group meeting

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The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District invite the public and any agencies with an interest in conservation issues to participate in a local work group meeting next Thursday.

The meeting, which will be at 7 p.m. at the Gray County Annex at 12125 E. Frederic (Hwy. 60), will be chiefly for gathering input from local agencies, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have an interest in natural resource concerns and needs in Gray County.

The feedback received during the meeting will allow the local work group to make recommendations on resource concerns to be addressed, eligible practices, and ranking for county based funding.

These recommendations will then be used in implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and other conservation programs offered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

John Wimberley, Pampa's district conservationist for the NRCS, said that public input from the work group will go a long way towards prioritizing where local spending will go.

"We want input on what the people out there think is most important for the area,

whether it's things like water quality, soil quality, erosion, water quantity — things like that... Input from everybody is welcome."

The 2008 Farm Bill stipulates that conservation programs must continue to be locally led. Through stakeholder meetings, the public is given an opportunity to help local conservation leaders set program priorities. These meetings are open to the public.

For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Pampa at 806-665-1751 ext. 3. NRCS office locations and program information can be found on the Texas NRCS Web site at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

People with disabilities who require special **NRCS** cont. on page 5

Jail raises to be nixed by new hires?

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Proposed raises for Gray County Sheriff's Department personnel may be eaten up by salaries for new employees that are being required by the state.

Sheriff Don Copeland told the Gray County Commission Wednesday that the Texas Commission on Jail Standards is requiring him to hire six additional jailers at an estimated annual cost of \$170,000.

Following a recent staffing analysis by the state commission, they recommended a total 24 positions for the jail.

Those positions include an administrator, an assistant administrator, shift supervisors for three shifts, a central control officer for each of three shifts, two floor officers per shift, an inmate services officer and a kitchen officer plus relief employees.

The commission on jail standards noted that their rules require one officer for each 48 inmates, but since Gray County jail has two floors, they require that two floor officers be present at all times on the upper floor of cells and at least one needs to be downstairs. If more than 10 inmates are being held downstairs, then the state requires two jailers.

Copeland explained that while booking facilities and holding cells are on the first floor, the second floor is where the majority of the inmates are housed.

In addition, jailers are required **JAIL** cont. on page 5



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For the record

Obituaries

Donna L. Shipman, 63

Donna L. Shipman, 63, died September 1, 2010, in Pampa.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Shipman was born October 10, 1946, in Los Angeles, Calif. She married Dewey "Lane" Shipman on October 1, 1966, in Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death on October 17, 2003. She had been a resident of Pampa for 34 years, moving from Amarillo. She was a member




of Zion Lutheran Church. Donna was a homemaker and a loving mother, grandmother and wife.

Survivors include two sons, Eric Shipman and James Shipman, both of Pampa; a sister, Jamee McCarty of Pampa; two grandchildren, Ashley Shipman of Odessa and Laney Shipman of Pampa. Donna was preceded in death by her parents, James and Angie Freeman.

Memorials may be made to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan, Pampa, TX 79065.

Sign the online register at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

PAMPA FORECAST

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		
High 79 Low 53	High 86 Low 61	High 91 Low 65

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. Windy, with a northeast wind 20 to 25 mph decreasing to between 10 and 15 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 79. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 53. South southeast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 86. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Saturday Night: Clear, with a low around 61. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Sunny, with a high near 91. Windy, with a south southwest wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Pampa EMS

EMS had 4 city calls on Wednesday, September 1.

Police Department

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

Officers reported 13 traffic-related calls and two accidents.

Animal Control officials reported six animal-related calls.

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

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Christine.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Fir.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee.

Officers had escort duty in the 4000 block of North

Bad Cattle Company Lane.

A power line was reported down in the 2300 block of North Comanche Trail.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 1100 block of South Dwight and in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Fraud was reported in the 300 block of South Cuyler.

A fire investigation was launched in the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Fraud was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Banks.

Phone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of North Dwight.

Officers attempted to serve legal papers in the 1100 block of South Christy and in the 1100 block of South Faulkner.

Fraud was reported in the 2000 block of North Hamilton.

Criminal mischief was

reported in the 1800 block of North Fir.

Phone harassment was reported in the 1900 block of North Dwight.

A threat was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 900 block of South Banks.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Wells.

A missing person was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville, in the 500 block of North Hazel and in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of North Summer.

A theft was reported to police.

Officers assisted another agency at Wilks and Faulkner.

Thursday, Sept. 2
A suspicious person was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1300 block

of North Russell.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville.

A suspicious person was reported in the 200 block of North Russell.

An alarm was reported in the 1100 block of East 16th.

A suspicious person was reported at Christie and Louisiana.

Sheriff's Office

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

Wednesday, Sept. 1
Earl Frederick Schriber, 30, of Grove, Okla., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance.

Gage Dane Zeek, 19, of Lefors, was arrested by deputies on charges of criminal trespass.

Thursday, Sept. 2
Jose Angel Retana, 22, was arrested by police on charges of criminal mischief and criminal trespass.

Risks remain with Gulf well cap coming off

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The cap that ended BP's three-month oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico was set to come off Thursday as a prelude to raising a massive, failed piece of equipment and preparing for a final seal on the broken sea-floor well.

Engineers and the government were not expecting crude to break out again when the cap is lifted, but the government wasn't offering any guarantees and oil collection vessels were set to be on standby on the surface just in case.

The cap is an elongated metal cylinder that was placed on top of the failed blowout preventer to finally stop the flow of oil and gas July 15. With the cap gone, the old blowout preventer can be removed and a new one put in place before engineers try to seal the well for good deep underground.

Once the cap and blowout preventer are removed, a lot will be riding on the stability of a plug that was created when mud and cement were pumped down into the well from the top. Essentially, the pressure exerted downward served to counter the pressure coming up.

But Rice University engineering professor George Hirasaki said there is still uncertainty about whether the cement settled everywhere it needed to in order to keep oil and gas from finding its way up.

"Just because it didn't flow when they tested it doesn't mean the cement displaced all of the oil and gas," Hirasaki said.

That's why many people have felt that finishing a relief well and pumping mud and cement in through the bottom would be the ultimate solution to the crisis, said Hirasaki, who was involved in the oil containment effort in the Bay Marchand field

off Louisiana after a rig burned in the early 1970s.

The government still plans on ordering BP PLC, the majority owner of the well, to do the so-called bottom kill operation. But it believes the wisest course is to put on a new blowout preventer first to deal with any pressure that is caused when the relief well intersects the blown-out well.

Another potential risk: What happens if the crane attached to the blowout preventer accidentally drops the 50-foot, 300-ton device onto the wellhead?

That might not, in and of itself, cause more oil to spew, as long as the plug held, but it would make it difficult to continue the operation, Hirasaki said.

"It would crush everything," he said. "It would be hard to place another blowout preventer on top of it. Right now the wellhead condition is in good condition. But if you dropped it everything could be opened up."

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the government's point man on the oil spill response, told reporters Wednesday during a visit to BP's U.S. offices in Houston that engineers believe the crane will be able to handle the weight of the blowout preventer and some fragile pipe that is believed to be lodged inside.

But if the crane were to swing like a pendulum, that could cause problems, which is why officials have been waiting for rough seas at the site to calm down before continuing with the removal of the blowout preventer. They don't believe the surface conditions will cause problems with removing the cap which is why they feel comfortable going forward with that around midday Thursday.

LAST MINUTE ADS

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Feds sued over prairie chicken

DENVER (AP) — A conservation group is suing to try to win federal protection for the lesser prairie chicken, a bird about the same size as domestic chickens found in the grasslands of Colorado and neighboring states.

A lawsuit filed by WildEarth Guardians Wednesday in federal court in Denver is challenging the Interior Department's decision last year that the bird's listing on the endangered species list is warranted but is a lower priority than other species. The group says the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office responsible for the region where the prairie chicken is found hasn't listed any species since 2005.

Besides Colorado, the birds are found in grasslands in parts of Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Kansas. Biologists estimate there are about 40,000 breeding birds left.

Second rebate program approved

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans frustrated by not being able to get through by phone or online to take part in an April energy-efficient appliance rebate program will have another chance.

State officials have announced a winter 2010 offering using unclaimed rebate funds. The initial offer involved more than \$20 million in federal stimulus funds.

Comptroller's spokesman Allen Spelce (spels) says about \$10 million was left over from the original program after all rebates were paid.

A listing Thursday on a website affiliated with the state comptroller's office, which administers the program, says additional details will be announced later.

Global warming critic reverses

COPENHAGEN (AP) — Bjorn Lomborg, author of the influential tract "The Skeptical Environmentalist," has reversed course on the urgency of global warming, and is now calling for action on "a challenge humanity must confront."

Lomborg, a Danish academic, had previously downplayed the risk of acute climate change. He was a vocal critic of a global U.N. treaty to cut carbon emissions that the United States refused to ratify.

His essential argument was: Yes, global warming is real and human behavior is the main reason for it, but the world has far more important things to worry about.

However, in a book to be published this year, Lomborg calls global warming "undoubtedly one of the chief concerns facing the world today" and calls for the world's governments to invest tens of billions of dollars annually to fight climate change.

Gulf oil platform explodes

GRAND ISLE, La. (AP) — An offshore petroleum platform exploded and was burning Thursday in the Gulf of Mexico about 80 miles off the Louisiana coast, west of the site where BP's undersea well spilled after a rig explosion.

The Coast Guard says no one was killed in the blast, which was reported by a commercial helicopter flying over the area Thursday morning. All 13 people aboard the rig have been accounted for, with one injury. The extent of the injury was not known.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Cheri Ben-Iesau said some of those from the rig were spotted in emergency flotation devices.

Seven Coast Guard helicopters, two airplanes and three cutters were dispatched to the scene from New Orleans, Houston and Mobile, Ala., Ben-Iesau said. She said authorities do not know whether oil was leaking from the site.

The Department of Homeland Security said the platform was in about 2,500 feet of water and owned by Mariner Energy of Houston. DHS said it was not producing oil and gas.

White unveils border plan

HOUSTON (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White has released his plan to secure the U.S.-Mexico border with 1,000 new local law enforcement officers and 250 state troopers.

White, speaking to reporters Thursday, says Republican incumbent Rick Perry has been a failure on the issue over his 10 years in office.

White's plan calls for the new positions to be paid with federal grants, additional state money and forfeiture dollars from drug seizures. White also promises to use state money more effectively, establish formal partnerships with local and federal law agencies and "revamp" the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The former Houston mayor also says he would help local law enforcement adopt a federal program called Secure Communities, which he used in Houston to identify criminal illegal immigrants and get them turned over to federal authorities.

ATF agent shot during sweep

DALLAS (AP) — A Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman says an agent who was shot during a warrant sweep on suspected gang members has injuries that aren't life-threatening.

Tom Crowley says the agent was taken to Parkland Memorial Hospital on Thursday. He says the agent was shot at least once at the doorway of the home where the warrant was being served. He declined to name the agent.

Crowley says a 29-year-old man was taken into custody. He says he expects charges to be filed by the U.S. Attorney's office after an investigation.

The agent was working with a team that included the ATF, Dallas police and the federal Drug Enforcement Administration. They were serving federal narcotics and weapons warrants on suspected gang members in south-east Dallas.

11 indicted in corruption case

EL PASO (AP) — Several people, including a West Texas mayor and the El Paso County district clerk, have surrendered after being indicted in an ongoing widespread public corruption case.

Socorro Mayor Willie Gandara Sr. and District Clerk Gilbert Sanchez on Thursday morning turned themselves in at the El Paso FBI office.

Federal authorities say several other people, including former El Paso County Judge Luther Jones, also turned themselves.

The Associated Press reports 11 people have been charged in the indictment, which has not been made public.

FBI officials and federal prosecutors are expected to discuss the indictment Thursday afternoon.

noted that the whooping crane is and uses the central flyway that includes Gray County. As such, the commissioners indicated that they were worried about the ramifications of decisions that might be made by the state's Public Utility Commission concerning power line right-of-ways.

In addition, county commissioner sent a letter to Dr. Benjamin Tuggle, regional director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Albuquerque, requesting a meeting before the Public Utility Commission finalizes route plans on Sept. 15.

The county commission said in their letter to Tuggle that Cross Texas Transmission does not appear to have complied with the National Environmental Policy Act requirements concerning endangered species.

The commission also denied a request by Cross Texas Transmission to do soil sampling in or near the proposed right-of-way. They said such sampling should be done on private property where the line is to be built and that the company should negotiate with the landowners for the sampling actions.

A representative of Cross Texas Transmission, however, told the commission that they couldn't negotiate with the landowners until after the Public Utility Commission had officially chosen a route.

In other business: • Commissioners awarded bids for surplus property.

Gerald Johnson made the winning bid of \$4,500 for a John Deere tractor.

Durward Dunlap made winning bid of \$5,600 on a belly dump.

Rocky Thomas had the winning bid of \$300 on a dump truck.

M.D. Frind had the winning bid of \$150 on a tar box.

Phillip McCullough had the winning bids of \$650 on a box van and \$340 on a winch.

A bid of \$7,250 for another John Deere tractor was rejected.

"It's worth more than that," said Precinct 3 Commissioner John Mark Baggerman.

The commission also awarded a security camera bid of \$32,319 to Guardian Security Solutions. The security camera system would tie into the company's system at the Gray County jail across the street from the courthouse.

Daniel Silva, the county's IT provider, was charged with putting together an estimate for tying the systems together.

The commission also passed a resolution supporting and recognizing the locally governed Community Center for Mental Health Mental Retardation.

Commissioners heard from the McLean Volunteer Ambulance Service concerning a request for funds. The commission asked Gray County Auditor Elaine Morris to meet with the ambulance board.

They also heard from a number of citizens concerning the importance of a new Perry Lefors Airport Terminal.

The commission approved giving the county judge the authority to sign an agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation concerning the construction of a new terminal.

Judge Peet also announced to the commission that the state had approved \$500,000 for a new helipad for the LifeStar helicopter stationed in Pampa and that the remaining \$52,000 had been raised by donations. There would be no expense to the county.

Commissioners will meet again Tuesday, Sept. 7, to discuss a final county budget before holding a public hearing on it.

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Today in History

Today is Thursday, Sept. 2, the 245th day of 2010. There are 120 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 2, 1945, Japan formally surrendered in ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay, ending World War II.

On this date:

In 1666, the Great Fire of London broke out.
In 1789, the United States Treasury Department was established.

In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's forces occupied Atlanta.

In 1901, Vice President Theodore Roosevelt offered the advice, "Speak softly and carry a big stick" in a speech at the Minnesota State Fair.

In 1930, the first non-stop airplane flight from Europe to the U.S. was completed in 37 hours as Capt. Dieudonne Costes and Maurice Bellonte of France arrived in Valley Stream, N.Y., aboard their Breguet 19 biplane, which bore the symbol of a large question mark.

In 1935, a Labor Day hurricane slammed into the Florida Keys, claiming more than 400 lives.

In 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared Vietnam an independent republic. (Ho died on this date in 1969.)

In 1969, in what some regard as the birth of the Internet, two connected computers at the University of California, Los Angeles, passed test data through a 15-foot cable. The first automatic teller machine (ATM) using magnetic-stripped cards, called a "Docuteller," opened at a Chemical Bank branch in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

In 1998, a Swissair MD-11 jetliner crashed off Nova Scotia, killing all 229 people aboard.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of thousands of North Koreans welcomed home 63 former spies and guerrillas released by South Korea.

Five years ago: A National Guard convoy packed with food, water and medicine rolled into New Orleans four days after Hurricane Katrina. Scorched by criticism about sluggish federal help, President George W. Bush toured the Gulf Coast and met with state and local officials, including New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin. During a live TV benefit concert, rapper Kanye West went off-script to sharply criticize Bush, saying he "doesn't care about black people." The Labor Department reported the August unemployment rate was 4.9 percent, a four-year low. Machinists at Boeing Co. went on a nearly month-long strike.

One year ago: Pfizer agreed to pay a record \$2.3 billion settlement for illegal drug promotion. A Taliban suicide bomber attacked officials leaving a mosque in Afghanistan, killing the country's deputy intelligence chief and 23 others. Gunmen killed 17 people at a drug rehabilitation center in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. A magnitude-7.0 earthquake rocked Indonesia, killing dozens of people.

Thought for Today: "If I accept you as you are, I will make you worse; however if I treat you as though you are what you are capable of becoming, I help you become that." - Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, German poet, dramatist and author (1749-1832).

CHANGE!



Doubts over NY mosque leader grow

The New York mosque controversy focuses excessively on its proximity to the September 11 massacre site. The Park 51 Islamic center would stand 560 feet from there. Would moving it 5,600 feet away calm this storm?

Far more important is what would happen inside this mosque. That should determine if it should be even closer to Ground Zero, or if it even should open anywhere in America.

Imagine if the mosque's imam said this:

— "Our mosque will be the world headquarters of a new Islam that will do for our faith what the Protestant Reformation did for Christianity."

— "We will pray every day to save the souls of the 2,752 innocents slaughtered at the World Trade Center in the name of a militant Islam that we wholeheartedly reject."

— "We will pray every day for the rapid defeat of al-Qaeda, Hamas, Hezbollah and other Islamic-extremist terrorists."

— "We invite Jews, Christians, non-believers and everyone else to join our efforts. And we humbly ask to do this adjacent to where radical Islam committed its greatest modern atrocity."

If this mosque's imam so preached, many and perhaps most Americans would agree that his antidote to al-Qaeda's poison should stand 56 feet from the scene of its most heinous crime.

Instead, doubts grow about the moderation of Imam Feisal Abdul Rauf's voice.

— He refuses to call Hamas terrorists.

— Rauf said in 2005 that "the United States has more Muslim blood on its hands than al-Qaeda



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has on its hands of innocent non-Muslims."

Most worrisome, Rauf embraces Sharia, the fundamentalist Islamic Law responsible for too much of world's totalitarian barbarism.

"What Muslims want is a judiciary that ensures that the laws are not in conflict with the Quran and the Hadith," Rauf wrote in an April 24, 2009 Huffington Post essay titled, "What Sharia Law Is All About." Rauf also wants to secure "religious communities more leeway to judge among themselves, according to their laws."

Sharia relies on the Koran, Hadith, and other Islamic texts to punish offenders, too often with sentences that stink of the 7th Century A.D.

A Saudi Sharia court is seeking a hospital to enforce its penalty against one man who paralyzed another in an assault with a meat cleaver. Under Sharia's "eye-for-an-eye" principal, a Saudi judge wants to paralyze the attacker by severing his spinal cord. To their credit, Saudi doctors have refused to cooperate in this carnage.

Under Iran's Islamic Law, The Guardian reports, 12 women and three men face death by stoning for adultery. After international criticism, Iranian jurists recently announced that several of these individuals instead would be hanged.

Since Sharia was implemented in northern Nigeria in 2000, at least 12 people have received death

sentences for homosexuality and adultery. Most, however, have been commuted to mere jail time.

Since January, women in West Aceh, Indonesia must wear long skirts. Police enforce this rule, sometimes by cutting pants that women are caught wearing. As local regent Ramli Mansur explained in the Aug. 18 Jakarta Globe: "When women don't dress according to Sharia law, they're asking to get raped."

"Muslim jurists are unanimous that apostates must be punished," the Muslim Brotherhood's spiritual leader, Qatari Sheik Yusuf al-Qaradawi, declared about Islamic converts to other faiths. "Apostates must be executed."

Does Imam Rauf embrace such brutality? Who knows? But the fact that he wants the U.S. to be "Sharia compliant" rather than Sharia-free should worry every liberty-loving American.

While America battles militant Islam, should a pro-Sharia mosque be allowed on our soil? The First Amendment may permit Sharia advocacy, much as counseling Marxism-Leninism remained legal, even as Americans shivered through the Cold War.

Nevertheless, there is no excuse for leaders like Gotham's Mayor Michael Bloomberg and President Obama to applaud a mosque that would enshrine the grotesque and deadly doctrine of Sharia. Even 100 miles away, such a facility would not be far enough from Ground Zero.

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Mexico: Second migrant survived massacre **NRCS**

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — A second migrant survived the massacre of 72 Central and South Americans near the border with the U.S., Mexican authorities confirmed Wednesday, and they said he has given information that helped their investigation.

Authorities had kept secret the information about the other survivor, a Honduran, to protect him, said a spokesman for the Attorney General's Office, Ricardo Najera.

As of Tuesday, the only survivor known publicly was Luis Freddy Lala Pomavilla, an 18-year-old Ecuadorean who escaped and alerted Mexican marines. They found the bodies Aug. 24 on a ranch in Tamaulipas state just about 100 miles (161 kilometers) from the Texas border.

But Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa said Tuesday

that Lala told authorities there was another survivor. Lala returned to his country over the weekend and is in a witness protection program.

Lala, who was wounded in the neck, told Mexican investigators the migrants were detained by people who identified themselves as Zetas, a drug gang that dominates parts of Tamaulipas. The victims in what could be Mexico's biggest drug-related massacre were apprehended while crossing some of the country's most dangerous territory on the way to the U.S.

Authorities suspect the Zetas drug gang killed the migrants after they refused to smuggle drugs.

Najera said the second survivor was uninjured, is in the custody of authorities and has offered "important information" about the massacre. Najera did not say how the witness escaped the massacre or where he is.

accommodations and/or alternative means for communication of program information (Braille, large print, audiotape, etc.) associated with this meeting should contact Shonda Meadows at 806-665-1751 ext. 3.

Jail

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to physically see each prisoner at least once an hour around the clock.

"The legislature has so empowered the jail commission," Copeland said, "that everything they say and do is the law."

He said that to make matters worse jail standards will probably change next year and require more duties for jailers.

Copeland said he will send several deputies to school

later this month to get their certification as jailers.

He said the average population of the jail has risen from 55 last year to 65 this year. As of Wednesday, there were 67 inmates in the Gray County jail.

"We're short-handed," Copeland said.

Chief Deputy Carey Rushing said about two-thirds of the inmates were being held in connection with felonies.

"Next year," Rushing said, "it will be worse."

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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200 N. Ballard

There will be a presentation of the proposed Lifetime Recovery Centers of America Project regarding the vacated Junior High School Campus at 23rd & Charles. A "question and answer" session will follow the presentation. We hope this event will help raise awareness and provide information for families, friends and the entire community.

Communities Helping Communities

Lifetime Recovery Centers of America is also sponsoring the 1st annual "Communities Helping Communities" event in the observance of Recovery Month. Local Churches, Booster Clubs and Community Organizations are invited to join in with the sale of crafts, live music, food, cook-offs and fun for the kids on that day.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989.

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2011 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

- The total amount of the proposed budget is \$714,701.
- The total decrease over the current year's budget is - \$10,719 or 1.4998% decrease.
- The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 10 (full-time employees).
- The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 10 (full-time employees).
- The change in the proposed budget is due to cost savings in normal operation expenses.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns and Water District served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

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"I'm not checking for that tomcat next door. Do you or do you not want out?"

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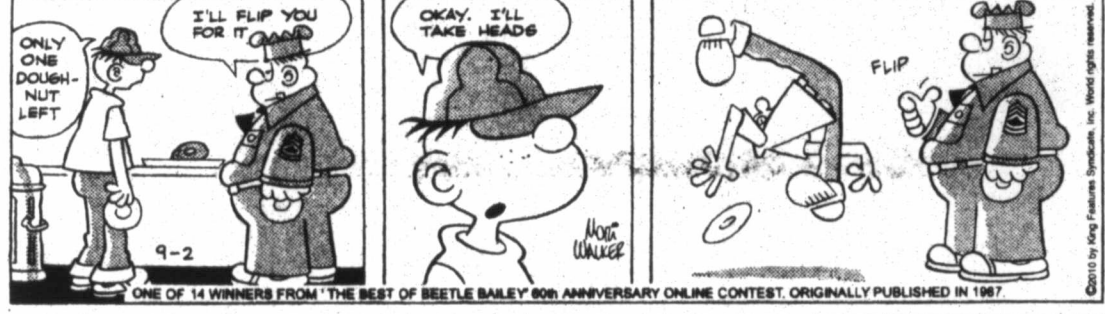
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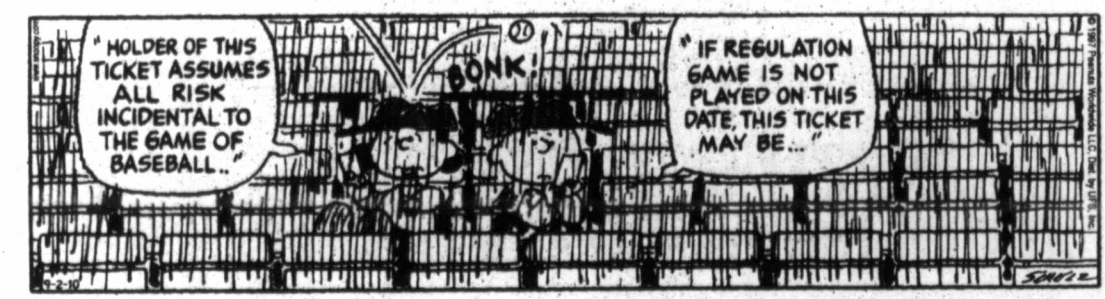
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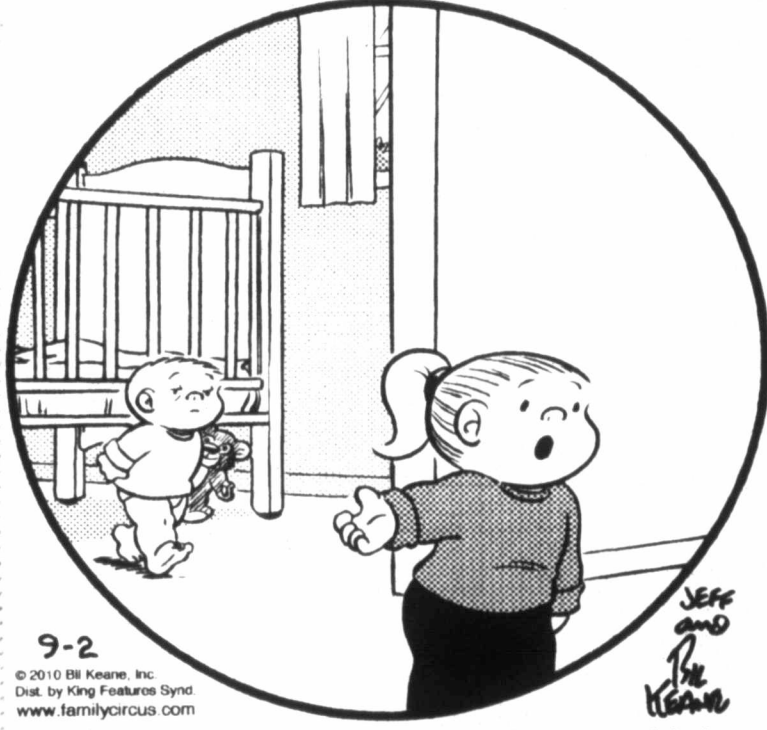


Flo & Friends



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



"Mommy, PJ wandered out of his nap again."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 26 Atlantic catch
 - 27 Methuselah's father
 - 30 Aids in crime
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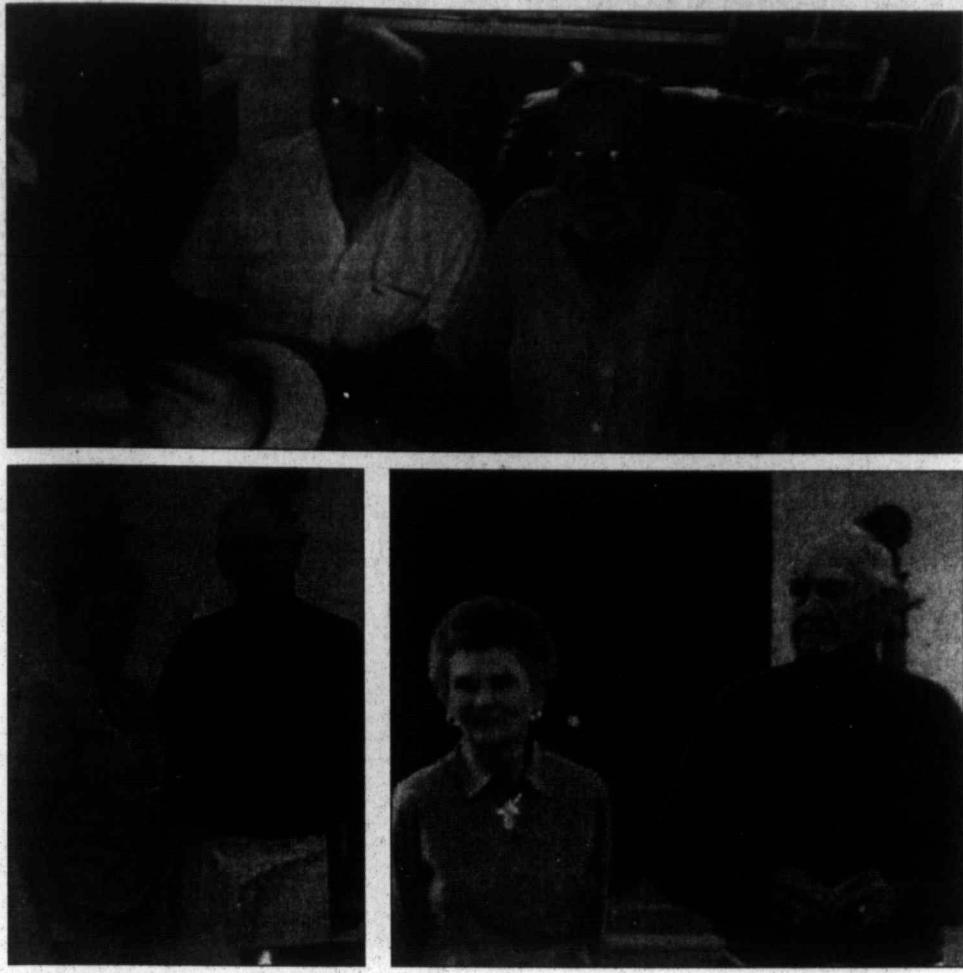
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Shelby Cogdell (top, shown with Andy Epps), **Billy Neal** (bottom right, with Colleen Neal) and **Kenneth Crawfords** (bottom left, with Betty Crawford) were presented with their 50-year pins by Masonic Lodge #966 this past Thursday. Another member, **Gerald Wyche** (not pictured), also received his pin.

MidEast peace talks begin again

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israeli and Palestinian leaders sat down for their first direct peace talks in two years on Thursday, pledging to overcome deep skepticism and disappointment with past U.S.-brokered attempts to resolve the long-running conflict.

Formally opening the negotiations after a day of discussions with President Barack Obama at the White House, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton implored Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas to make the difficult compromises needed to forge an agreement.

"I know the decision to sit at this table was not easy," said Clinton, who with U.S. special Mideast envoy George Mitchell has been working to relaunch talks stalled for 20 months. "We understand the suspicion and skepticism that so many feel borne out of years of conflict and frustrated hopes."

"But, by being here today, you each have taken an important step toward freeing your peoples from the shackles of a history we cannot change and moving toward a future of peace and dignity that only you can create," she said.

Flanked by Abbas and Netanyahu at the head of a U-shaped table in the State Department's ornate Benjamin Franklin room, Clinton said the Obama administration was committed to forging a settlement in a year's time. She stressed, though, that the heavy lifting must be done by Netanyahu and Abbas with support from the international community, particularly the Arab and Israeli publics.

"We will be an active and sustained partner," she said. "But we cannot and we will not impose a solution. Only you can make the decisions necessary to reach an agreement and secure a peaceful future for the Israeli and Palestinian people."

Netanyahu and Abbas vowed to work through the region's deeply ingrained mutual hostility and suspicion.

"I see in you a partner for peace," Netanyahu told Abbas. "Together we can lead our people to a historic future that can put an end to claims and to conflict. Now this will not be easy. A true peace, a lasting peace would be achieved only with mutual and painful concessions from both sides."

Abbas called on Israel to end Jewish settlements in the West Bank and other areas that the Palestinians want to be part off their own state. Netanyahu insisted that any agreement must assure Israel's security as a Jewish state.

"We do know how hard are the hurdles and obstacles we face during these negotiations — negotiations that within a year should result in an agreement that will bring peace," Abbas said.

Thursday's negotiations are the first since the last effort broke down in December 2008. A spate of violence this week in the West Bank and concerns about Israeli settlement activity have cast low expectations.

U.S. officials have said success may only be measured by an agreement to hold a second round of negotiations. Officials say they are hoping to arrange that meeting for Sept. 15 in the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheik.

Races

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Fine Arts Association lets us be a part of such a high profile community event."

Registration for the event begins on Monday at 7 a.m., with the race starting at 8 a.m. The Fun Run/Walk entry fee is \$5, with the 5K entry fee at \$10. All participants will receive a t-shirt.

All proceeds will be donated to the Pampa United Way. Barnes said that the race serves as a sort of kickoff event for the hospital's internal United Way campaign, making it a doubly big event for PRMC.

The run/walk and race will both begin at the corner of Georgia and Mary Ellen (the northwest corner of Central Park), with the 5K route extending past the fun run distance to go, according to Barnes, a perfect 3.2 miles.

"I've done it on Google maps, I've done it on Yahoo maps, and I've done it in my car," said Barnes with a chuckle. "It's exactly 3.2 miles, which is 5K."

About the only thing he hasn't done to measure the distance, Barnes joked, is run the 5K in person.

"I tell people that I run it every year," said Barnes, "but that's purely from an administrative standpoint."

NOTICE

Gray County Indigent Health Care will use the following rules to comply with its responsibility under the Indigent Health Care and Treatment Act.

Application can be requested at 205 N. Russell, Pampa. Assistance in completing the application will be provided if needed. Contact Sandra Martin for assistance.

Gray County Indigent Health Care will use rules and procedures found in the County Indigent Health Care Program Handbook published by the Texas Department of Health. In summary, these rules are:

1. Application forms must be completely filled out, signed and dated.
2. Verification of income is required. Verification of residence, household composition, and resources is required, if questionable.
3. Maximum countable income cannot exceed:

Family Size	Minimum Income Standards		Maximum Income Standards	
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2	\$255	\$608		
3	\$321	\$763		
4	\$386	\$919		
5	\$452	\$1,075		
6	\$517	\$1,231		
7	\$583	\$1,387		
8	\$648	\$1,543		
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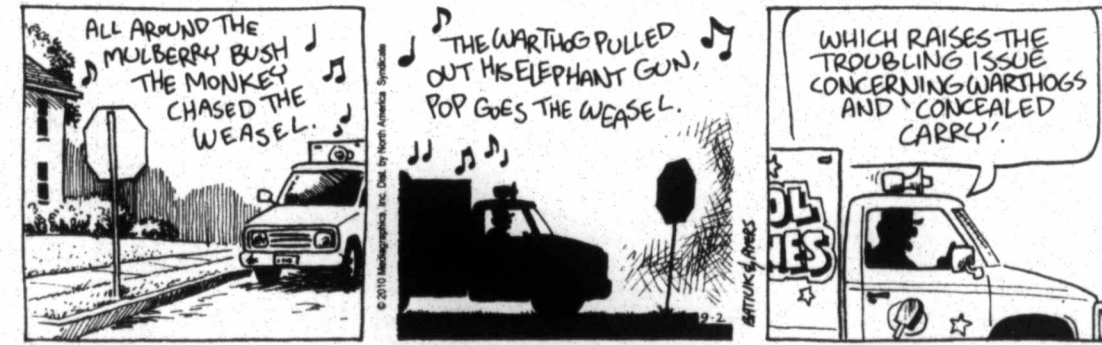
4. Total countable resources and assets cannot exceed \$2,000 or \$3,000 if the household contains a relative who is aged or disabled. The value of a car greater than \$4,650 is counted against the \$2,000 limit. Personal possessions and homestead are exempt assets.
5. Eligible persons must be a resident of Gray County.
6. Applicants must provide all information and documentation that is requested.
7. Applicants must apply for any other program for which they are potentially eligible. The county program is payer of last resort.
8. Applicants have the right to appeal denials.

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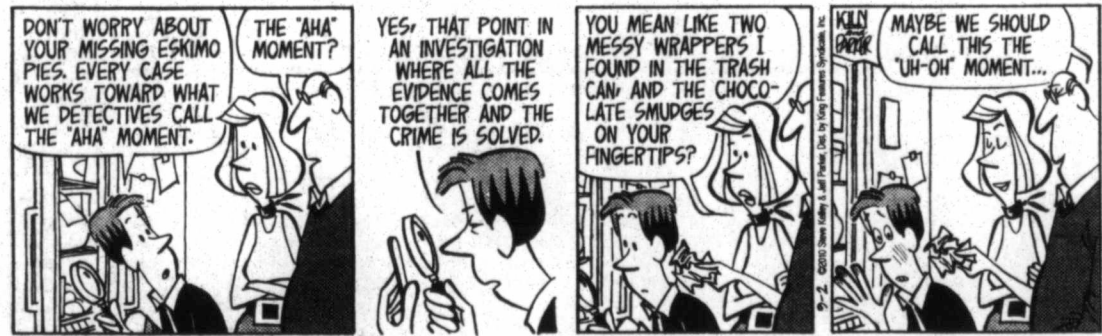
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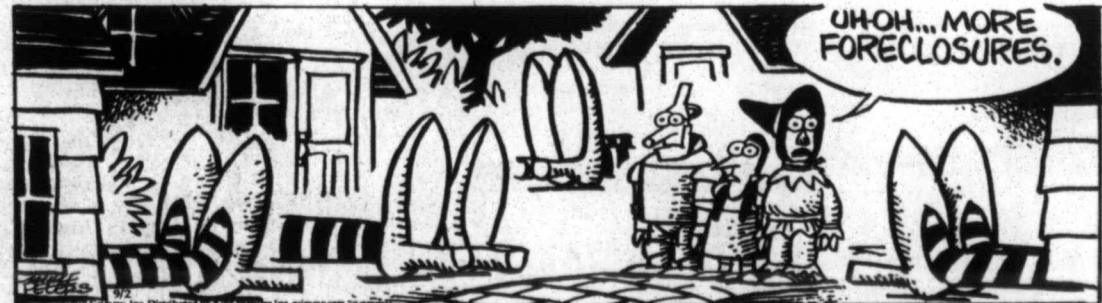
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Daily Horoscope: HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 3, 2010. This year, you will succeed beyond your expectations...

Daily Horoscope: SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). A conversation needs to be had, with your intensity and caring. Don't allow others to distract you...

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Amidst backlash, vulnerable Democrats fight to stay in office

McGREGOR (AP) — Rep. Chet Edwards, an imperiled Democrat deep in the heart of Republican territory, finds exiting American Legion Post No. 273 slow going. Supporters and well-wishers keep stopping him.

The wife of a World War II veteran hugs him. Several men line up to shake his hand. Another woman talks to him for about 10 minutes, thanking him for his work on military issues, bringing jobs to this farm and ranching town of about 4,700 and, in her words, thinking for himself.

"You've done a good job," said Donna Smith, 50, an office manager and a Republican who says she will vote for Edwards again this year. Later, she said Edwards "has proven himself and shown that he can get things done."

"I hope people will look at him and his record," Smith said, "and not just believe what's being said about him."

Edwards is in the fight of his 20-year congressional career, struggling to hold onto one of the nation's most conservative districts represented by a Democrat. Stretching for 170 miles, the central Texas district includes former President George W. Bush's ranch in Crawford; Baylor, the world's largest Baptist university, now headed by Clinton special prosecutor Kenneth Starr; and the city of Waco.

"I'm used to being a target," Edwards told The Associated Press. "This year there's clearly an anti-Washington environment, and I share those frustrations.

I'm sickened by the hyperpartisanship. But I'm working hard at the grass-roots level, letting my independent voting record speak for itself. That's who I am, and that's who I always will be."

Edwards consistently makes the list of the most vulnerable Democrats; he hails from a district that gave Republican John McCain a whopping 67 percent of the presidential vote in 2008. Republicans again have set their sights on capturing the seat, counting on voter anger and frustration with a slow-moving economic recovery and slumping approval numbers for President Barack Obama to lift GOP candidates.

Edwards is among dozens of Democrats who have bucked their party on some elements of Obama's agenda — the stimulus package, health care overhaul or the climate change bill. Edwards' lengthy tenure — he was elected in 1990 — and his work as chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on military construction and veterans affairs has translated into federal money for his district. But in a year of voter discontent with soaring deficits, the effort is more of a liability than a strength.

As the campaign becomes increasingly toxic for Democrats, none of it may matter.

Some of the most senior Democrats in conservative districts are facing what could be their most difficult races: Missouri's 17-term Rep. Ike Skelton, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, and South Carolina's 14-term Rep. John

Spratt, chairman of the House Budget Committee.

Even Democrats who, like Edwards, voted against the health care and climate change bills are locked in tough races

because they are being linked to Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Georgia Rep. Jim Marshall and South Dakota Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin join Edwards on the list.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips



DEAR ABBY: My son "Clay" has been married seven years. There are times I like to discuss things of a personal nature with him having to do with our family, and I have asked him not to mention our talks with his wife. These discussions have nothing to do with her.

The problem is whatever he tells her, she repeats to her whole family. I do not want our personal problems and other matters to be known by everyone.

My other son has no trouble keeping our talks just between us, but Clay says he and his wife have "no secrets" from each other. Abby, is it OK to ask a married son or daughter not to divulge things to a spouse that have nothing to do with her or him? — CONFIDENTIALLY IN ST. LOUIS

DEAR CONFIDENTIALLY: It's OK to ask; it's also OK to say no. When Clay married his wife, she became part of your family. Now that you know your son keeps no secrets from his wife, and that she leaks like a sieve, the better part of wisdom would be to stop confiding in him. Don't you think?

DEAR ABBY: As a therapist and regular reader, I was surprised and dismayed by your advice to "Hubby in Purr-gatory" (June 30). Apparently, "Hubby" has grown annoyed with his wife's preoccupation with her two cats.

Whatever blocks to closeness have been created for this couple are not likely to be removed by his demanding affection and threatening infidelity — even in jest. (Re: your comment, "He may adopt a 'kitten' of his own.") People turn to excessive engagement with animals

because animals provide warmth in easy, reliable ways. Spouses would often do well to watch what animals give and offer the same things — especially uncritical pleasure in each other's company.

At the least, you could have suggested "Hubby" open a dialogue with his wife about why she chooses the cats' company and what he can do to be equally appealing. — JULIE IN RICHMOND, VA., CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

DEAR JULIE: I'm sorry you were dismayed. If you read "Hubby's" letter again you will see that he tried "opening a dialogue" with his wife and got nowhere. She has infantilized the cats, which she calls her "babies," to assuage her anxiety after her sons moved out.

While some readers assumed I was "advising" the husband to "adopt a 'kitten' of his own," what I was trying to convey was that when a spouse (of either sex, by the way) feels ignored, unappreciated, unloved or unimportant, it is not uncommon for him or her to seek validation elsewhere. In other words, I called it as I saw it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl. I recently had open heart surgery and my doctor did a really bad job at the "stitching up." My scar is oversized and crooked.

People look at me all the time and ask me about it. I hate wearing certain shirts because of it. Why can't people realize this scar saved my life and stop staring at it? Please, I need some advice. — SCARRED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR SCARRED: People look at your scar

because it is different. They do not mean to stare or make you uncomfortable. A way to take control of the situation would be, when you see someone looking at your chest, to say, "I had open heart surgery. This scar saved my life." If you are asked about it, answer any questions honestly. That will take the mystery out of it — and word will get around.

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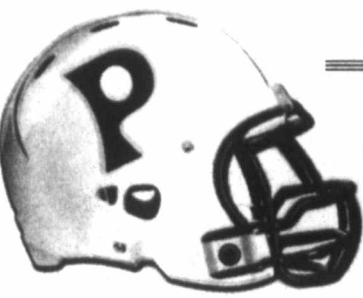
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6. Ceiling of Pampa Post Office
7. Eagle on Side of Sears
8. Walmart Sign
9. Pampa High School (Duncan)
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Sports

THURSDAY

PAMPA
Harvesters



LUBBOCK ESTACADO
Matadors

Hurting Harvesters look to rebound against Estacado

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On Friday night when the Pampa Harvesters take the field against the Lubbock Estacado Matadors, they will be without linebacker Trent Carter, center Reid Bradley and quarterback Reid Miller.

The Harvesters No. 1 wide receiver, senior Garrett Ericson, will be behind center, but Pampa is ready for their matchup with the Matadors 7:30 p.m. at Harvester Field.

Ericson said practice has been tough but is looking forward to seeing the new players play.

"We got some guys that are dinged up and injured," Ericson said. "We're pulling through. The guys that are going to play are getting more reps and we got plenty of guys that haven't played this year and we're going to see if they can pull their weight."

Ericson will be playing quarterback for the first time since his freshman season on the junior varsity. The senior wide receiver said practice has gone well but wants to be back at receiver.

"I've just been able to take snaps," Ericson said. "Trevor (Smith) is a great center and we still have some great receivers, so I think we will be alright."

Offensive coordinator Casey Alexander said the offense has done well and it gives them a chance to see new players.

"It's been good," Alexander said. "We've had some guys step up and increase their concentration and take advantage of the opportunity they're given. In the long run we will be a better team because we've develop more players."

Lubbock Estacado Head Coach Danny Servance said Pampa has a good team and they are not changing their game plan because of Pampa's injuries.

"I think Coach (Heath) Parker does a great job," Servance said. "There was tough breaks last week. Game was closer than score reflects. No change in game

plan. We want to control clock, eliminate mistakes, execute and get turnovers. We will prepare like all players are healthy."

Junior Devin Coleman said it's been tough playing in Carter's role on defense.

"You have to know your plays," Coleman said. "Be able to execute them on Friday night."

Like last week the Harvesters will be dealing with a running quarterback in Deverick Stubblefield. Coleman said the key for the defense is containment.

"He's pretty good," Coleman said. "We need to watch out for his jukes and do what coach taught us."

Alexander said Estacado's speed will challenge them on offense.

"We're definitely going to have to run at them," Alexander said. "We can't out run them."

Servance said the challenge will be watching out for Pampa's misdirection.

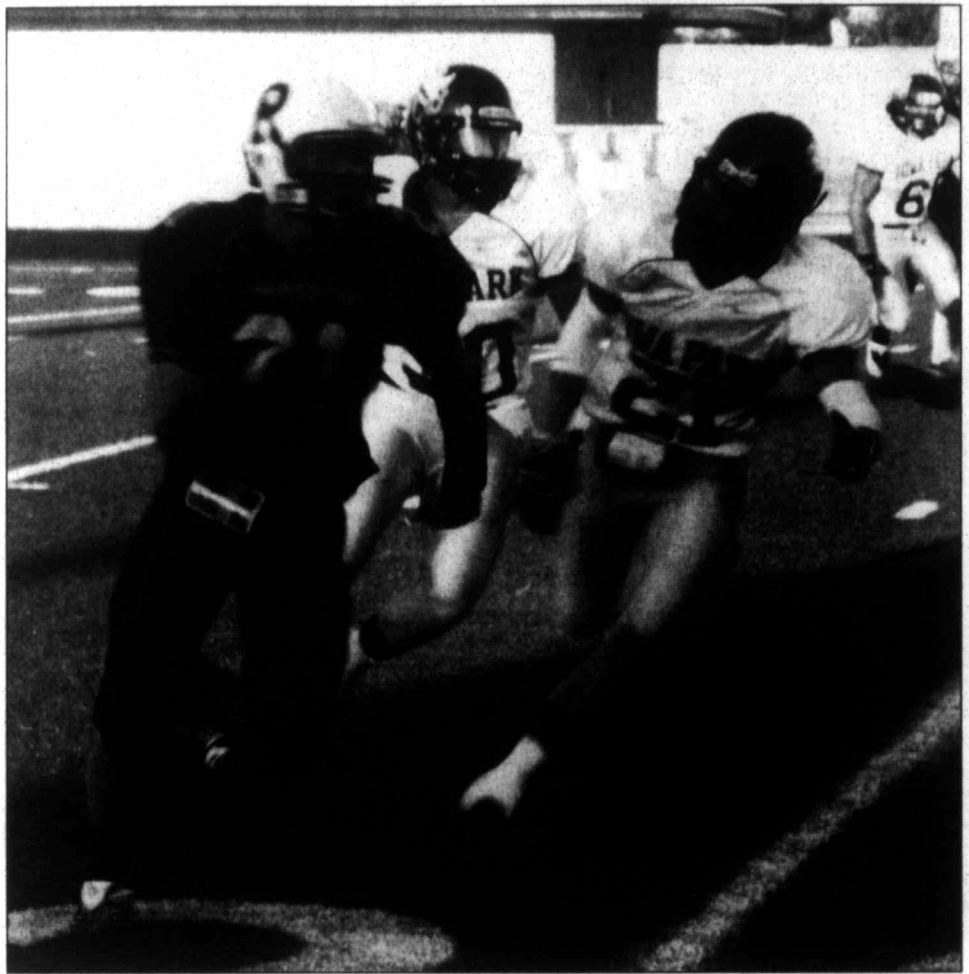
"Offensively they do a great job w/ misdirection and formationing your defense," Servance said. "Executes pistol offense, which makes it difficult to defend run and pass."

The Matadors beat Pampa 41-14 last year in Lubbock. The Harvesters beat them 35-14 in 2008 in Pampa, which is the Harvesters last win at home.

Keep an eye on:
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Devin Coleman



Coleman will be playing in Trent Carter's position in the starting lineup, so he will have to lead the defense Friday against a very fast Lubbock Estacado offense. Coleman will have to keep an eye on running quarterback Deverick Stubblefield.



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Trace Carter tries to run past an Iowa Park defender on one of the opening plays of last Friday's game. Pampa will look for the running game to move them downfield tomorrow night against Estacado.

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AREA ROUNDUP

Miami Warriors (1-0) vs. Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots (0-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Amarillo

The Miami Warriors will try to keep the Amarillo San Jacinto Patriots tricks to minimum when they play 7:30 p.m. Friday at Amarillo. Head coach Jack Graves said the Patriots have good kids and like to run trickery on offense.

"They have different wrinkles in their offense," Graves said. "They do toss backs and reverses. They are athletic and have speed."

Graves said he's excited about this matchup because it will help them later in the season.

"I want to see how our defense handles what is being thrown at them," Graves said. "We didn't play particular well last week on defense and will have to be disciplined this week."

Amarillo San Jacinto lost 52-6 against Kress last week. Graves said they will see a different team this week.

"I think they kind of got discouraged last week," Graves said. "Watching them at the scrimmage (two weeks ago) they got potential. I think it's going to be a good game."

Graves said the keys are to execute on offense and just have fun.

"We were too serious last week," Graves said.

McLean Tigers (0-1) vs. Motley County Matadors (0-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at Matador

Last season when the Tigers and Matadors met, the Matadors won an offensive shootout 69-48. This season the Tigers are looking to be on the other end as they travel to Matador 7:30 p.m. Friday.

Head coach David Jurado said it will be a test for his team as they go against a state semifinalist.

"They are going to be good," Jurado said. "They lost to Ira last week, who is ranked in the top five of Division I. They looked good and have most of their players back."

Motley County lost 77-22 last week against Ira. Jurado said the key for his team is to move the ball offensively.

"We want to grind it out and pick up first downs," Jurado said. "More importantly we want to finish drives and avoid miscues in the red zone."

Jurado said the Matadors challenge will be not overlooking them and adjusting without one of their linemen.

"We're 40-point underdogs and getting overlooked," Jurado said. "They lost one of their big linemen so they will have to adjust."

White Deer Bucks (1-0) vs. Panhandle Panthers (0-1), 7:30 p.m. Friday at White Deer

The White Deer Bucks have an early rivalry matchup when they play the Panhandle Panthers 7:30 p.m. Friday in White Deer.

Last season the Bucks lost 36-28 in Panhandle. Head coach Wade Wilson anticipates another competitive game.

"White Deer is always competitive when they play Panhandle," Wilson said. "It's a mental rivalry."

Wilson said his team needs to improve the passing game and cut down on mistakes.

"We had 6 fumbles last Friday night and one was returned for a Dimmitt touchdown," Wilson said. "We can't give anything like that to Panhandle and expect a win."

Wilson said Panhandle's strength is their offensive and defensive line.

"They have some good experience returning there," Wilson said.

Panhandle lost 37-14 to Springlake Earth last Friday in Amarillo.

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