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Smith, LRCA hold public information forum

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A group of concerned Pampa citizens filled the Chamber of Commerce's M.K. Brown Room yesterday evening during an informational hearing held by David Smith and the Lifetime Recovery Centers of America, the group aiming to buy the old Pampa Junior High School property and convert it into a drug and alcohol rehab facility.

community members in support of the project, including, among others, Mayor Lonny Robbins, Pampa Economic Development Corporation Executive Director Clay Rice, and Pastor Kyle Ohsfeldt of Grace Baptist Church.

Smith answered questions from the crowd regarding many aspects of the rehab center project, from its construction to its projected staffing and security.

"It will take about a year and a

Smith was joined by a panel of half to reconstruct the facility, and quite a bit of money and quite a bit of effort," said Smith. "There will be 50 to 100 workers out there working to reconstruct that facility to make it comply for the state and also to make it presentable."

Smith added that the rehab facility will be "about 75 percent high end" customers, most of whom will come in from out of town, with the other 25 percent labeled as "low end" clients.

"All that really means is that

they struggle with the ability to pay," Smith said. "The high end people will be used to scholarship the low end people. Our real hope is that those people will come from this community.

All people admitted to the facility, Smith continued, will be subject to a rigorous screening process, in keeping with many other facilities of this kind nationwide. The facility will be fenced in and will have the capacity to house FORUM cont. on page 6

MONEY MATTERS



Gray County Judge Richard Peet listens to Commissioner Joe Wheeley during budget discussions at the Gray County Commissioners Court.

County sets budget for new fiscal year

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The Gray County Commission

set their budget for the 2010-2011 fiscal year at \$12,239,678 and the tax rate at 0.487134 per \$100 valuation.

Meeting Tuesday, the commissioners court shaved about \$300,000 off proposed expenditures from last week's deliberations.

Commissioner James Hefley withdrew a request for a new

motor grader. He said he had initially proposed it on this year's budget as a cost saving measure because of an expected price increase next year.

Commissioners Joe Wheeley and Gary Willoughby dropped their requests for new county pickups. Commissioner John Mark Baggerman deleted one mower from his wish list.

Next year's budget is up from last year's budget. The 2009-2010 budget was \$11,432446.

The tax rate is up slightly

from the previous year. Last year, it was 0.48103.

staff photo by David Bowser

In an effort to cut expenditures, the commission voted to give only \$20,000 to the McLean Ambulance Service and asked the ambulance service to approach the McLean Independent School district and the nursing home in McLean to chip in some \$7,000 that had been requested from the

The county commission also COUNTY cont. on page 3

State denies water park funding help

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The State of Texas has denied Pampa's request for help in funding the new aquatic park and other outdoor recreational facili-



Stokes

Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes told the Pampa City Commission at this week's special meeting that the Texas Parks and Wildlife had approved

only a few projects around the state because of budget cuts. Pampa's request was not among those approved.

The city had requested \$500,000 from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department through their Outdoor Recreation Grant program for the new aquatic park and \$75,000 through their Small Community Grant Funding program for Recreation Park.

"We were not successful in getting either one of those," Stokes said.

He said, however, that the aquatic park's construction was on schedule. Initial earthwork at the site had been completed and electrical and lighting procedures were underway on the aquatic park. He said the underground

plumbing is being installed. Stokes said the city is ready to begin on the pump house at the park.

"We are still on schedule as of right now," he said.

The aquatic park is scheduled to be completed in May, 2011, in time for the next summer recreation season, Stokes said.

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No speakers at hearing for new city tax rate, budget

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The City of Pampa had public hearings on increased taxes and the proposed operating budget for next year, but nobody came.

The Pampa City Commission had two public hearings Tuesday afternoon at City Hall on the proposed taxes to be raised and on the proposed operating budget for the next fiscal year. No one showed up at the hearings to testify or to challenge them.

The city is proposing to increase the total tax revenues by 8.49 percent by increasing the tax rate of \$0.62693 per \$100 valuation. That translates to an increase of \$299.06 on the average home in Pampa, city officials said.

The proposed operating budget, the General Fund, is \$11,470,868.

In other business:

 The commission passed on second and final reading rate changes for water, sewer, solid waste disposal, fees at the city landfill, a negotiated settlement on an Atmos natural gas rate review filing, to provide support to the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for this fiscal year for the Gray Pampa Community Fund and money to a sinking fund to pay interest and principal due on the city's indebtedness, and adopting the city's annual budget for 2010-2011 fiscal year.

· They also approved on first reading an amendment for this fiscal year concerning city animal donations.

 The City Commission approved on first reading a resolution approving a grant of \$25,000 by the Pampa Economic Development Corporation for the installation of eight surveillance cameras in city parks.

City Engineer Donny Hooper told the commission that he did not have an exact figure yet, but had been assured that it would be less then \$40,000. The PEDC had agreed to fund

\$25,000 of the amount. · Commissioners also authorized the 4-H. Club to use the west half of the Hereford Breeders Barn next to Clyde Carruth Pavilion

for six months. Gray County Agent Brandon McGinty told

the commission that while the school system CITY cont. on page 3

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Sidney "Sid" Been, 57

Obituaries

Sidney "Sid" Been, 57,

died Monday, Sept. 6,

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Pampa Forecast



Low 63

Friday



Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south southwest.

Low 58

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Sunny, with a high near 90. West southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: Clear, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west southwest.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 83. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around Southeast wind around 10 mph.

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2010, in Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 9, 2010, in Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Alvin Smith, his nephew of Fort Worth, of-Entombment will be at

Been

ments are by Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Mr. Been was born Feb. 15, 1953, in Pampa where he was a lifelong resident. He served in the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War. Sid received his associate degree from Frank Phillips College in Borger. He married Debbie Byrne on Aug. 25, 1970, in Pampa. He worked in the oilfield for about 30 years and then became a pipefitter for five years. Sid was a member of Pipefitters Local #344 in Oklahoma City. He was a former member of Central Church of Christ and was a member of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966.

Survivors include his wife, Debbie Been of the home; four daughters, Leigh 'Lonnie Olinsky of The Colony, Tina Tibbets and husband Jarred of Pampa, and Rhonda Been and Val Kirkland, both of Amarillo: a sister. Christine Smith of White Deer; four brothers, Gwen Been of Harrah, Okla., Don Been of Laurel, Miss., Dwight Been of Houston, and Gerald Been of Moore, Okla.; seven grandchildren, Lauren Jacoby and Taylor Bolton, both of Pampa; Alex and Samantha Olinsky of The Colony; Jazzy Kirkland of Amarillo; and Sheldon and Ashlynn Tibbets, both of Mendenhall, Miss. Sid was preceded in death by his parents, Zerold Been and Helen Malone, and by a brother, Rodney Been.

Memorials may be made to Interim Health Care, 2217 Perryton Parkway, Pampa, TX 79065.

Hoyt J. "Jimmy" Daniel, 65

Hoyt J. "Jimmy" Daniel, 65, died September 4, 2010, in Pampa.

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

Mr. Daniel was born April 19, 1945, in El Paso. He married Victoria Carp in Amarillo. Jimmy was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War. He has been a resident of Pampa since 2008, moving from Vernon. Jimmy worked for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad in the maintenance and way division, retiring in 2002 after 25 years of service. Jimmy was a member of the Temple B'Nai Israel in Amarillo. He was preceded in death by his father, Cecil M. Daniel, and a son David M.

Survivors include his wife, Victoria Daniel of the home; two daughters, Teresa Hatfield of Pampa and Dawn Lindop of Washington; one son, Aaron Daniel of Pampa; his mother, Delores Daniel of Carlsbad, N.M.; three brothers, Johnny Daniel and Wayne Daniel both of El Paso and C.M. Daniel, Jr. of Carlsbad, N.M.; one sister, Linda Holguin of El Paso; 16 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Sheriff's Office

The Gray County reported the following arrests over the Labor Day Weekend.

Friday, Sept. 3

Larry Lee Jackson, 26, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors Marshall on charges of criminal mischief, over \$50 and under

Guadalupe Elizabeth Galvan, 28, was arrested by deputies on charges out of another county concerning fraudulent use or possession of ID information.

Jacob Crawford Harlan, 24, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of parole in connection with driving while intoxicated.

Haili Ann Kotara, 20, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of a minor driving while under the influence.

Saturday, Sept. 4 Lourdes Perez, 32, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of assault causing bodily injury and capias pro fine warrant in connection with public intoxication

Antonio Josue Acosta, 19, was arrested by Department of Safety Troopers on six capias pro fine warrants.

Phillip Daniel Fought, 30, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of failure to drive in a single lane and no driver's license.

Kevin Wayne Young, 49, was arrested by officers on charges of theft of property over \$1500 and under \$20,000 out of Potter County.

Sunday, Sept. 5

Martin Junior Avila, 19, was arrested by officers on charges of minor in consumption.

Nicholas James Dudley, 20, was arrest by officers on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Michael Ray Newsom, 32, of Shawnee, Okla., was arrested by officers on charges of public intoxication.

Angel May Bishop, 25, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on capias pro fine warrants on charges of no driver's license and failure to appear.

Monday, Sept. 6 Vicky Lyn Middleton,

25, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kristi Gayle Maddox, 34, was arrested by deputies on charges of motion to revoke parole - driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Anthony Michael Smith, 26, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was arrested by deputies on charges of possession of marijuana, less than 2 oz.

John Allen Jeffries, 19, of Amarillo, was arrested by deputies on charges of violating a protective or-

Tuesday, Sept. 7 Almendria Hernandez, 19, was arrested by officers on charges of assault causing bodily injury and family violence.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 7 Courtney

Michelle Echols, 25, was arrested by deputies on charges

of theft of property by check, greater than \$20 but less than \$500.

Pete Vargas Perez, 32, was arrested by deputies on charges of non-payment of court costs, failure to stop at a red light, no liability insurance and a theft charge out of another county.

Charles Dennis, 19, was arrested by deputies on charges of violation of driver's license restrictions.

Wednesday, Sept. 8 Juan Reynaldo Flores, 53, was arrested by police on bad check charges.

Police Department

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

Officers reported 21 traffic-related calls and four accidents.

Animal Control officials reported 17 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported seven medical calls. Tuesday, Sept. 7

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of Cinderella.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 600 block of North Doucette.

Found property was reported in the 1000 block of North Mary Ellen.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1200 block of South Faulkner.

An alarm was reported in the 2200 block of North

Perryton Parkway. An open door was re-

ported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 800 block of North Gray. An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1900

the

block of North Christine. Officers performed a welfare check in the 700 block of East Scott.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1400 block of South Doyle.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 2500 block of North Christine.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 200 block of South Tignor.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of South Faulkner.

Harassment was reported in the 2400 block of North Evergreen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1000 block of West Harvester.

An abandoned vehicle was reported to police.

A theft was reported in the 1300 block of North

Water was shut off by city officials in the 1900

block of North Christine. Disorderly conduct was reported in the 1100 block

of South Huff. A burglary was reported in the 1400 block of North

Charles. An assault was reported in the 1300 block of North

Coffee. Wednesday, Sept. 8 A suspicious vehicle

was reported in the 1600 block of East U.S. Highway 60. A suspicious vehicle

was reported in the 1500 block of North Hobart. An assault was reported

in the 100 block of West A burglary was reported

in the 700 block of Hazel.

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Flooding prompts shelter seekers

AUSTIN (AP) — The American Red Cross says flooding from the remnants of Tropical Storm Hermine has prompted dozens to seek shelter in central Texas.

Red Cross of Central Texas CEO Marty McKellips said Wednesday that about 40 people have sought shelters in Georgetown, Round Rock and Florence, just north of Austin. He said at least 20 more were expected to arrive later in the day.

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Flood warnings have been posted throughout central and north Texas after the remnants of the storm dumped several inches of rain across a large swath of the state.

Authorities say they are searching for possible victims after two mobile homes and a house in central Texas were

White promises budget updates

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Bill White is accusing incumbent Republican Rick Perry of hiding from an anticipated \$18 billion state budget deficit. He says when he's governor, he'll provide monthly updates of the state's financial condition.

White says effective management means the state's chief executive has good estimates of money coming in and going out but said Wednesday that's "different from the approach taken" by Perry.

He says Perry refuses to make public the estimates of state revenues and expenses, a practice he insists is common in business and something he did while mayor of Houston. Perry said Tuesday the state comptroller would pro-

vide a revenue estimate "at the appropriate time."

White says Perry's tactics "may be a way to run an efficient campaign" but not efficient government.

Woman accused of embezzlement

AUSTIN (AP) — Travis County prosecutors say they are trying to extradite from Venezuela a woman accused of stealing nearly \$450,000 from two Austin nonprofits and a church.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that authorities believe 51-year-old Louanne Aponte fled to South America in February to avoid prosecution over charges of taking more than \$300,000 from Family Connections. She was executive director for six years at the now-defunct nonprofit that specialized in child care year.

Aponte also is accused of draining more than \$130,000 from the Texas Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, where she was treasurer for a decade. Authorities say she also took more than \$8,000 from her

Aponte didn't respond to e-mail messages from the

Man guns down wife, killed by son

MANVEL (AP) — Authorities say a Houston-area man who broke into his former home and fatally shot his estranged wife was gunned down by his son.

Brazoria County sheriff's investigator Jeff Dandeneau said an ongoing divorce was a factors in the deaths Saturday of 70-year-old Karla J. Boone and 63-year-old Stanley R. Boone.

Dandeneau tells the Houston Chronicle that Stanley at the public hearing they Boone apparently broke into the home before dawn, and held on the 2010-2011 gunfire was exchanged. He says the son had a minor flesh proposed budget. wound and was treated and released from a hospital.

No charges have been filed against the son. Stanley Boone brought divorce proceedings against his wife in 2009 after more than 30 years of marriage. A judge had issued a restraining order barring them from contacting

Texas lessens food stamp backlog

AUSTIN (AP) — A key state official says Texas has significantly eased the backlog of food stamp applications with the help of hundreds of new workers.

Health and Human Services Executive Commissioner Tom Suehs says the speed and accuracy of processing those applications has also improved.

But he was expected to tell state lawmakers Wednesday that he needs more workers and additional resources to maintain that progress given the anticipated increase in

The Austin American-Statesman reported Wednesday that most families were now waiting less than 30 days for food stamps after they often waited months just a year

In the past year, the commission has added 864 workers to determine eligibility and enroll Texans for food stamps and Medicaid.

Water main break slows shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A water main break at NASA's spaceport has launch preparations on hold for the next-to-last shuttle flight.

Space shuttle Discovery was supposed to be moved Wednesday from the hangar to the giant Vehicle Assembly Building at Kennedy Space Center in Florida. That's where the fuel tank and booster rockets are attached to a

But the water main break forced NASA to close the space center to most personnel. And Discovery's short trip from one building to another was delayed until at least Thursday.

Discovery is supposed to blast off Nov. 1 with supplies for the International Space Station. NASA says Wednesday's trouble will not affect the launch date. Endeavour will follow in February to close out the shuttle program.

'Low pants, no chance'

BATON ROUGE, La. - A Baton Rouge Metro Council member wants the parish to support a public awareness campaign against men who wear their pants so low that their boxer shorts show. Councilwoman C. Denise Marcelle has a slogan for the campaign: "Low pants, no chance."

"I hate to see it and I see so much of it in my district," Marcelle said. "It's disrespectful to the elderly, to young kids and to women.'

Her resolution, on the agenda for discussion Wednesday, says wearing saggy pants creates negative stereotypes and that "those who wear saggy pants are hurting their chances of becoming employable, educated and produc-

Marcelle said she'd like to pass a law allowing police to cite and fine people for wearing saggy pants.

AFTERNOONRUSH Obama to pitch trio of economic plans

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Barack Obama is voicing unwavering opposition to extending Bush-era tax breaks for the nation's wealthiest families even for a year or two, drawing a sharp contrast with Republicans eight weeks before the November elections.

The president was to outline his stand Wednesday in a speech in Cleveland, where he also will propose a package of infrastructure investments and business tax incentives that the White House says will put the economy on a path toward long-term growth while allowing for some immediate job creation.

The Bush tax cuts, the most sweeping in a generation, are due to expire in January, setting up a big fight in Congress over what to do about them. Republicans and some Democrats want them to remain in place for a year or two or to make them permanent. Obama wants to make the tax cuts permanent for middle- and

low-income families while allowing them to expire for individuals making more than \$200,000 and married couples making more than \$250,000.

The White House sees the issue as an opportunity to appeal to middleclass voters and independents who were crucial to Obama's election. In his speech, Obama will argue that the tax cuts for the wealthy would add \$700 billion to the deficit, a sum the country can't afford as the economy struggles to recover.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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He said the park was being done in blue, orange and tan with Harvester Green and Gold trim.

Stokes said he would have some change orders concerning the park's sanitation system for the commission to consider at their next meeting.

He said they hadn't expected the state to come forth with new sanitation rules for another year or two, but they have just released them.

County

additional funds for the Lefors Volunteer Fire Department, which runs the ambulance service in Lefors.

Proportionately, would match the amount increased for McLean.

Commissioners also approved a \$100 per month cost of living increase for county employees and elected officials, except for commissioners, for next year. County employees received no raises last

also approved They the district judges' decision to increase the salaries of the county auditor, assistant auditor and court reporters by seven percent, since they too received no cost of living raises last year.

The commission amended the county's health plan to allow the inclusion of employees' children until age 26 to bring it into compatibility with federal law.

No one appeared before the commission to speak

Gray County ranchers L.H. Webb and David Hall appeared before the commission to announce that they were holding a public meeting next week to address the Lesser Prairie Chicken issue.

Last week, the commission passed a resolution that in effect would mean that representatives of the Texas Public Utility Commission would need to appear before the commissioners court to discuss routing proposed power lines that would carry electricity generated by wind farms downstate around what the federal government says is critical habitat for the small ground-dwelling bird. The commission had ear-

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had built a new barn for FFA students and that 4-H students would be able to use pens in the barn that weren't occupied, the 4-H students needed access to extra pens for small animals for livestock shows.

· The commission also authorized City Manager Richard Morris to renew the City of Borger's use of the Pampa landfill at a rate of \$33 per ton through September, 2012; \$34.50 per ton from October, 2012, through September, 2014, and after October, 2014, at a rate of \$36 per ton.

 Morris was also authorized to sign a lease renewal agreement with the Texas Railroad Commission for their third floor offices in city hall. The new lease will be from Jan. 1, 2011, to Dec. 31, 2015, and will increase two percent each year after the first year.

The lease will begin at \$870.53 per month, or \$3.04 for 3,438 square feet of office space.

cont. from page 1 3 approved some \$13,00 in lier proposed a different route to the PUC staff, but the staff has recommended a route that would cut 3 through the habitat. Area ranchers fear that the PUC staff recommendation will hasten the listing of the Lesser Prairie Chicken on the 3 Endangered Species list. Commissioner Elect

> he was told accept the inevitable. Gray County Judge Richard Peet told the commission that he was trying to set up a meeting with Sen. Duncan, Texas Rep. Warren Chisum, Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland and the head of the Texas Jail concern-Commission ing the jail commission's recent requirement for Gray County to add six new jailers to the sheriff's payroll.

Jeff Haley told the com-

mission that in talking

to Texas Sen. Robert

Duncan's office in Austin,



Notice

of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on August 26, 2010 and September 7, 2010 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Pampa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 8.49 percent.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.626930 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$2,953,981.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.626930 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,176,864.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.626930 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,216,221.

The Pampa City Commission of City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 21, 2010 at City Hall, 200 W. Foster, City Commission Chambers, Pampa, TX 79065 at 4:00 pm.

Aug. 27, Sept. 8, 2010

Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 2010. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, D-La., "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was shot and mortally wounded inside the State Capitol in Baton Rouge; he died two days later at age 42. The assailant was identified as Dr. Carl Weiss, who was gunned down by Long's bodyguards.

On this date:

In 1504, Michelangelo's towering marble statue of David was unveiled to the public in Florence, Italy. In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance," written by Francis Bellamy, appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed an estimated 8,000 people.

In 1930, Scotch cellophane tape made its debut as a sample of the tape was shipped to a Chicago firm which specialized in wrapping bakery goods in cellophane.

In 1941, the 900-day Siege of Leningrad by German forces began during World War II.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 49 nations in San Francisco.

In 1960, American runner Wilma Rudolph won the third of her three gold medals at the Rome Olympics as she and teammates Barbara Jones, Martha Hudson and Lucinda Williams prevailed in the women's 4 x 100-meter relay.

In 1974, President Gerald R. Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Richard Nixon

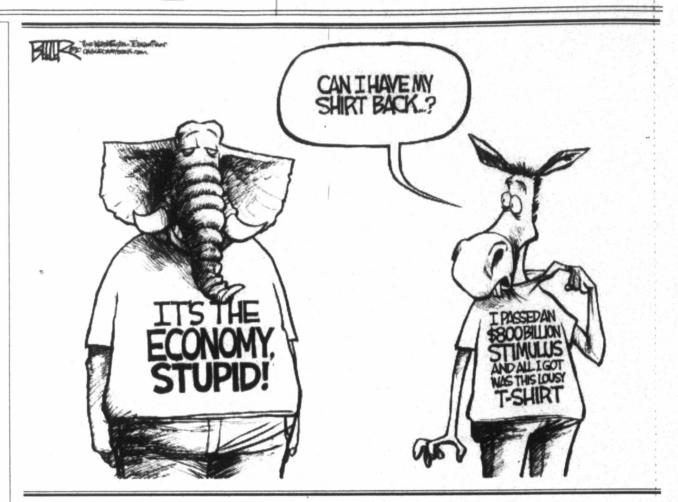
In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed into a ravine as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: World leaders ended the United Nations Millennium Summit with a pledge to solve humankind's problems, including poverty, war, AIDS, pollution and human rights abuses.

Five years ago: Congress hastened to provide an additional \$51.8 billion for relief and recovery from Hurricane Katrina; President George W. Bush pledged to make it "easy and simple as possible" for uncounted, uprooted storm victims to collect food stamps and other government benefits. Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened into a hurricane as it stalled 70 miles off the northeast Florida coast. (Ophelia ended up brushing the North Carolina Outer Banks.)

One year ago: In a nationally broadcast pep talk from Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., President Barack Obama challenged the nation's students to take pride in their education. Justice Sonia Sotomayor ceremonially took her seat at the Supreme Court in front of a packed courtroom that included President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden. A U.N.-backed commission said it had found "convincing evidence" of fraud in Afghanistan's presidential election.

Thought for Today: "Fools act on imagination without knowledge, pedants act on knowledge without imagination." - Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician (1861-1947).



New classes to start soon at Clarendon

The fall semester at Clarendon College is in full swing. The Pampa Center is bustling with more students than ever this semester. We are very happy to see all of our returning students come back, and very happy to welcome all of the new students! I would just like to remind every student, whether you're new, returning, or a potential student who "might have thought about coming but just didn't make it this semester": Coming to college is no sweat when you have a college and a supportive staff like we do here in Pampa.

We are happy and ready to offer all of our services and support to helping you achieve your goals in education. If you have the desire to change positions in your current field, change fields all together, learn a new and marketable skill, or just get a degree; we are your college!

We are proud to announce that registration has begun for our first EMT Basic course. This program is new and exciting and will help train people to care for others in critical moments that can save lives! Classes start on Sept. 21. For more information, contact Christy Brooks, 806-665-8801.

Along those same lines, the Pampa



Center is working hard to offer

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806-665-8801.

We also have several events scheduled for the start of the semester. College Night at the Tri-State Fair will be Thursday, September 23. Any of our students can get in free by showing your Clarendon College ID card at the gate. You will get free admission to the fair, rodeo, and concert by "The Band Perry" that night.

Clarendon College will be hosting a speaker in honor of Constitution Day on Friday, September 17. The Honorable Brian Quinn, Chief Justice of the 7th District Court of Appeals, will be speaking. The event will begin at 10 a.m. in the Harned Sisters Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the Clarendon College campus in Clarendon.

This event is open to the public and we hope all will come.

For more information about any aspect of Clarendon College Pampa Center please feel free to call or come by the campus at 1601 W. Kentucky any time.

David Hall is a counselor and advisor at Clarendon College Pampa Center.



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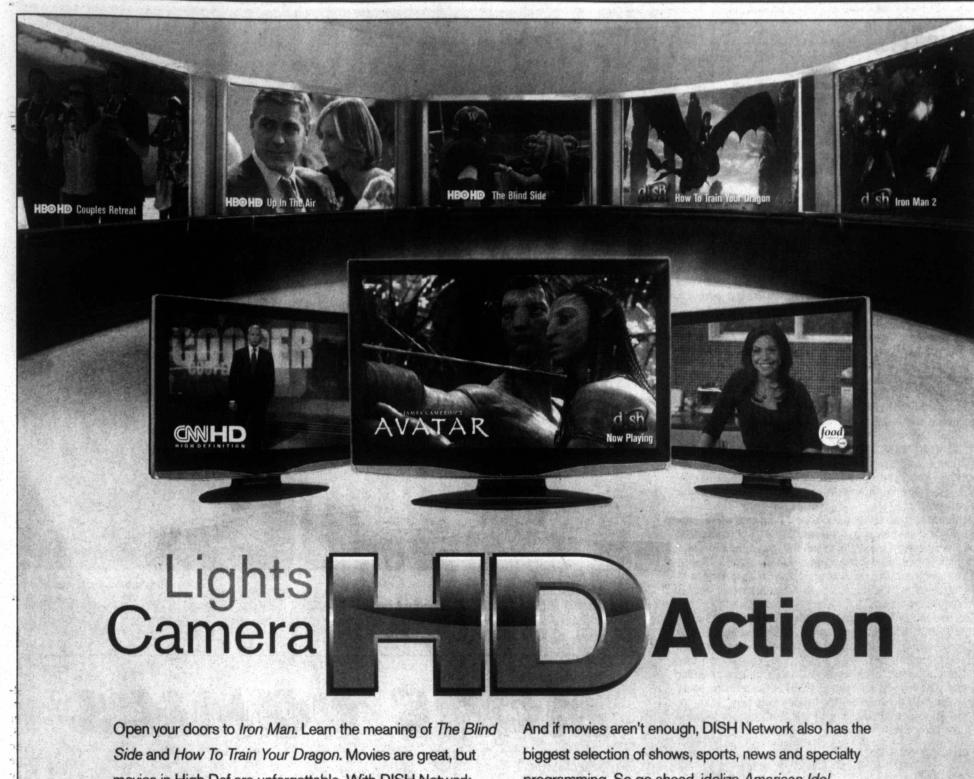
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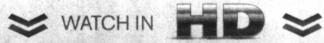


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512 patients at one time, with a ratio of eight clients to one professional counselor. Smith added that the ratio also extends to eight clients to one administrative staff member, one tech, and one all-purpose maintenance worker (such as custodians and groundskeepers).

The financial backing for the project is coming directly from the Smith family as well as from private investors, Smith said. No requests have been made to the city or the PEDC for additional funds.

Several Pampa residents who attended the meeting voiced their support for Smith's project, applauding Smith for his vision and decrying security fears about the proposed center.

"I've worked in facilities that dealt with these issues," said Donna Shook. "They were all in communities... There was never any crime committed by the people in our programs.

"These were not slum neighborhoods... These were areas like 23rd Street. I never felt fear. If there was a problem, there was always someone on staff to deal with that... I see nothing negative."

However, a sizeable contingent of the crowd was decidedly against the facility's construction at the site of the old junior high. Many residents in the vicinity remained concerned about the perceived safety risk to the neighborhood and the city

"I want to thank David for his initiative to help those who can't help themselves," said Harold Comer. "I also recognize the benefits to the city and to the school... but I think not enough attention has been paid to the public safety issue

"I'm not talking about the doctors, the lawyers, the ones who have every incentive in the world to become drugfree," continued Comer. "I'm talking about the individual who's here because he has to be... Say he leaves after the 90-day program. Where's he going? Nowhere. He's staying here, and he's going to become a problem for our law enforcement officers.

Despite the outcry, Smith said this morning that he saw ample community support for his goals and said that he will continue to try to convince the naysayers of the benefits of the rehab facility

"There's going to be fear, and that's understandable," he said. "But the bottom line is that I believe this is something that will be good for the community here.

"My hope is that people will see that, and I think that, in time, they will.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am a 46-year-old man who has been divorced for six months. I recently moved down to South Florida for a new job. I am trying out the dating scene, but it has been difficult because I was married for 10 years.

Abby, it's hard to find decent, intelligent women down here. All the women I have dated so far have had breast implants. These not only look strange, but also feel uncomfortable during intimate moments. These women get a lot of looks from other men who gawk at their chests when we're together.

Would it be wrong of me to ask a woman, say within the first few dates, if her breasts are real? I don't care if they're big or small, I just want them real. — NEEDS A REAL WOMAN IN FLORIDA

DEAR NEEDS A REAL WOMAN: I do not recommend asking women you have just met if their breasts are "real." It could lead to a punch in the nose. I am recommending you visit some dating sites and, in the area where you are asked to list "interests," you state "intelligent women who have not had plastic surgery." I'm sure you'll find many. Of course, whether you have what THEY'RE looking for remains to be seen.

P.S. One final thought: If a boob job (forgive the vernacular) has been successful, it is difficult if not impossible to detect. I have this on good author-

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been married for two months and together for two years. While we were dating, I learned that "Mario" cheated on me during our first year of dating. When I confronted him, he told me he didn't know why, but that he loved me with all his heart. A few months later, he asked me to marry him and I accepted.

A few days ago I discovered that not only did he cheat on me with several women, but also with several men. Mario says he didn't know how to tell me about his past because it was "disgusting" to him so he blocked it out of his mind.

Had he told me all this before we married, I would not have gone through with it. I am now totally confused about his sexuality. Mario says it was "just a phase" -- it was in the past. He says he's a changed man and he wants to be with me. I don't know what to believe anymore because all he does is lie to me. Please help me.

BROKENHEARTED AND CONFUSED IN TEXAS

BROKENHEARTED: The first thing you need to do is get checked for STDs and HIV, because you may have been exposed to some of them during the "phase" your husband "blocked out of his mind." Whether Mario admits it or not, he is bisexual. Next, go online to www.StraightSpouse. org and you will find the help and support you are looking for.

Because you can't trust your husband to be honest, you will have to take care of yourself now. Please don't put it off because your emotional and physical health could depend upon it. On the plus side, be thankful there are not children involved. A man who always lies isn't just a poor husband; he would make an even worse role

model. TO MY JEWISH READERS: At sundown, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, starts, the beginning of our time of solemn introspection. "Leshana tova tikatevu" - may each of you be inscribed in the Book

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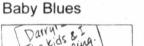
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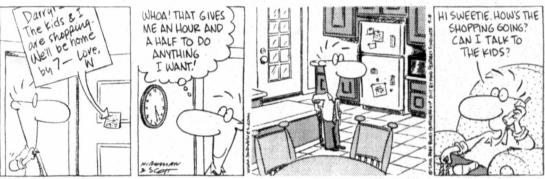


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The proposed facility for David Smith's Lifetime Recovery Centers of America drug and alcohol rehab center will feature separate wings for male and female dormitories, a garden, a lake and numerous trees and shrubbery designed to obscure a security fence.







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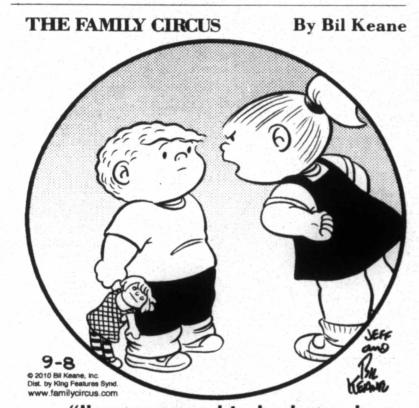
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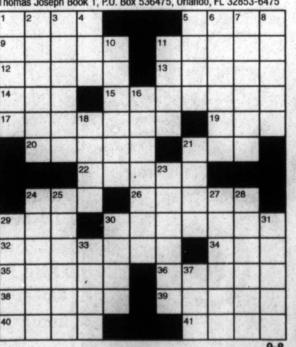
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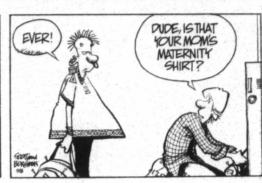




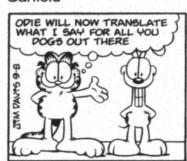
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most appropriate manner in which to use

this unusual energy? You will want to

take a strong stand with finances, and not

take unusual risks in this realm. Your

professional status could be enhanced

with perhaps a seminar or an image

and/or resume change. Be open. If you

are single, romance always is on the

horizon. Will it be with the same person?

If you are attached, avoid getting into

hassles over little issues. You could have

an unusually intense and romantic year.

LIBRA encourages you to enjoy life

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll

*** You might wake up on the

wrong side of the bed, but by late morn-

ing, you will have regained your sea legs.

Pressure builds around your performance

and direction. Fatigue floats through

midday. If you cannot take a power nap,

opt for a brisk walk. Tonight: Go with

**★ Weigh the pros and cons of a risk. If you keep thinking, you might not be all

that happy about the option. A boss or

older relative adds some confusion into

the mix. Your sense of organization

comes out. Tonight: Choose something

**** You might have a difficult

time getting started, but once you get

going, you renew. A partner could be

testy and difficult. Don't go into open

4-Positive;

5-Dynamic;

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

another person's ideas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

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thinking, and bypass others' resistances.

★★★ You might have a lot going on this

morning. Your instinct might be to play

the recluse, despite the impact. Pressure

builds on the home front. Deal with

issues directly with the party involved.

You cannot keep a secret much longer!

*** Be aware of the costs of doing

something differently. You might change

your mind, as a mini-revolution rises

around you. A stern approach might be

necessary. Others inspire a change of

pace and perhaps a more cerebral

*** After recent events, wind down

and look at the costs of behaving in a cer-

tain manner. You could be very tired and

drawn from a financial problem. Get past

rigid thinking, and you'll find an answer.

*** You could rain on your own

parade of you're not careful. You are

hardest on yourself. Turmoil appears

where you least want it. Let it go rather

than worry. It might transform itself.

Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit

** Take a backseat, knowing other

people can handle any problem that

might turn up. Avoid spending too much

time alone, as you could become

depressed. You need the company of a

trusted friend. Tonight: Get some extra R

**** Emphasize the positives of a

friendship. This person could be older or

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Tonight: Stop and meet a friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

pproach. Tonight: Hang with others.

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*** Take a stand with a boss who

could be tough, rigid and somehow lim-

iting. Be ready for a strong discussion.

Though you might be irritated, you gain

an understanding of why this person has

made the choices that he or she has

made. Tonight: Working to the wee

*** * Sometimes you limit your per-

spective and view without intending to

What could be a near argument might

open up new ideas and allow you to gain

a better perspective. Remember to ask others to play devil's advocate some-

times. Tonight: The world can be your

*** Pace yourself and understand

what is happening behind the scenes.

How you handle a difficult meeting or

associate might be more important than

you realize. Your instincts guide you

within an agreement and a partnership.

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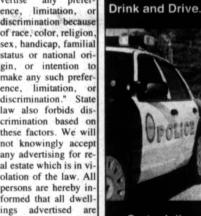
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Sports

Lady Harvesters clip former district rival Lady Eagles

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The Pampa Lady Harvesters again faced a tough 4A opponent in the Canyon Eagles. Just like previous matches against formidable opponents, Pampa won the first game 25-17 but dropped the second 25-20. However, this time the Lady Harvesters won the final two games to take the match in four and ended their losing streak at four.

Head Coach Libby Garza said this was a

big win for her team.

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"I think this is going to help us," Garza said. "I really feel that today we started over. From here on out, hopefully we can build on how we played today and keep going from here.'

Junior Delaney Clendening said their passing was better tonight then in previous games.

"Our passing was ten times better," Clendening said. "Kailyn (Troxell) executed well.

The first game was very competitive as neither team really gained an edge. Midway through the match Pampa pulled out to a 6 point lead at 18-12, prompting a timeout from Canyon's coach. The Lady Eagles didn't get closer than three and the Lady Harvesters won by eight.

In the second game, Canyon took control early. With the score 4-3 in favor of Canyon, the Lady Eagles went on a 7-1 run to expand their lead to 11-4. Pampa got as close as far towards the later part of the match, but the Lady Eagles pulled out a five-point win.

The third game was a back and forth battle. The Lady Harvesters jumped out to an 8-2 lead. Canyon outscored them 10-5 and got within one about halfway

through the match. Both teams exchanged points until the end of the game. With the score 16-15 in favor of Pampa, the Lady Harvesters outscored Canyon 9-5 to move within a game of taking the match.

In the final game, Pampa took control early and never relinquished. Trailing 3-2, the Lady Harvesters went on a 6-1 run and took an 8-4 lead. The Lady Eagles didn't get closer than four points the rest of the game as Pampa would finish with a ninepoint victory.

Senior Taryn Eubank said they just went back to basics after losing the second

"Make a good set and get a good hit," Eubank said. "We regrouped and reassured each other that we can do this."

The Lady Harvesters (13-9) play in a tournament at River Road Friday and Saturday. All three of Pampa's district opponents and some 2A schools will be competing. Junior Kirsten Kuhn said she is confident that this win will carry over.

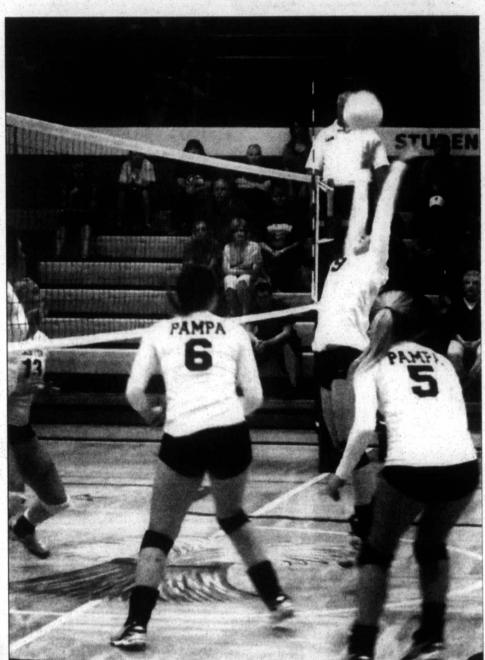
"We just have to keep the intensity," Kuhn said. "We just have to keep encouraging one another."

Garza agreed and said they have to be intense in practice this week.

"When they are in the gym, their goal everyday is to leave better than they came in," Garza said. "If they didn't, they failed. I think that they are hungry and think that they are ready. Sometimes it takes a little love to get them believing in themselves."

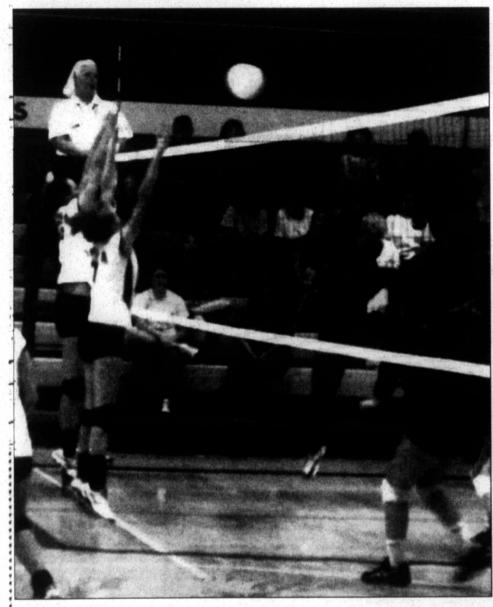
The junior varsity was swept by the Lady Eagles (10-25, 20-25). Coach Braydon Barker said they came out flat in the first

"We could just never recover," Barker said. "We played better in the second game but could never get over the hump."



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Taryn Eubank tries to slap a ball over the net in Pampa's match with Canyon Tuesday at McNeely Field House. Pampa won in four games and ended their four-game home losing streak. The Lady Harvesters play in the River Road Tournament Friday and Saturday.



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Dakota Watson (left) and Madison Joyce (right) prepare to block a Canyon attack in the first game for the junior varsity. The JV lost in two games...

Quick Summary

Pampa 3, Canyon 1

Scores: 25-17, 20-25, 25-20, 25-16

It was over when: Pampa took a 12-5 lead in the fourth game and maintained that margin throughout the game.

Game ball go to: Kailyn Troxell. Troxell had 17 kills and three blocks and led the team in both categories.

36 in the final two games.

Stat of the game: Pampa outscored Canyon 30					
Teams	1	2	3	4	Final
Canyon	17	25	20	16	1
Pampa	25	20	25	25	3

Lady Harvesters Statistical Leaders

- Kills-Kailyn Troxell 17, Ramie Hutto 11
- Digs-Kirsten Kuhn 62, Delaney Clendening 31
- Aces-Alanna Stephens 5
- Blocks-Kailyn Troxell 3, Stephanie Allen 2.

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Pirates battle improved Longhorns squad, seek 3-0

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Last year, when the Lefors Pirates played the Lazbuddie Longhorns, the Pirates almost reached the 45-point mercy rule in the first quarter.

This season, the Longhorns (0-2) have a new coach and should be an improved team as Lefors (2-0) seeks a 3-0 start 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Silverton.

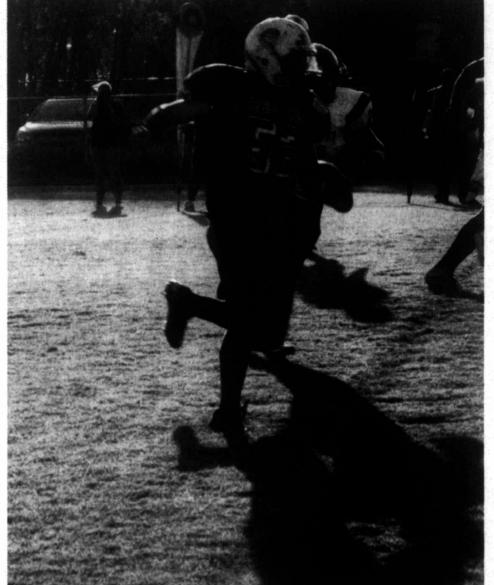
Head coach Joey Czubinski watched Lazbuddie play Hart on Friday and was impressed by their quarterback.

"He can throw it 35 to 40 yards on a line," Czubinski said. "They have

a new coach that's implementing a new system. They will be running the spread, which is what we ran the last three years. The key for us defensively is our spacing and breaking down angles."

Offensively, Czubinski said they just have to not make mistakes.

"Most of the first half last week was great," Czubinski said. "We were moving the ball and making plays. We could have made more. Only two guys on this team played any offense last season. They are getting on the same page more consistently. We will improve with more repetitions."



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Matchup Summary

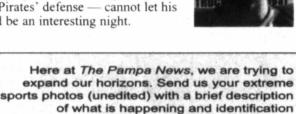
Lefors Pirates (2-0) vs. Lazbuddie Longhorns (0-2) 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Silverton

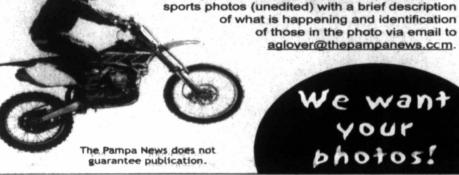
Last Week: Lefors beat Ft. Elliott 27-20; Lazbuddie lost to Hart 64-19.

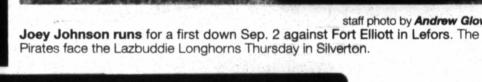
Previous matchup: Lefors beat Lazbuddie 56-8 in 2009

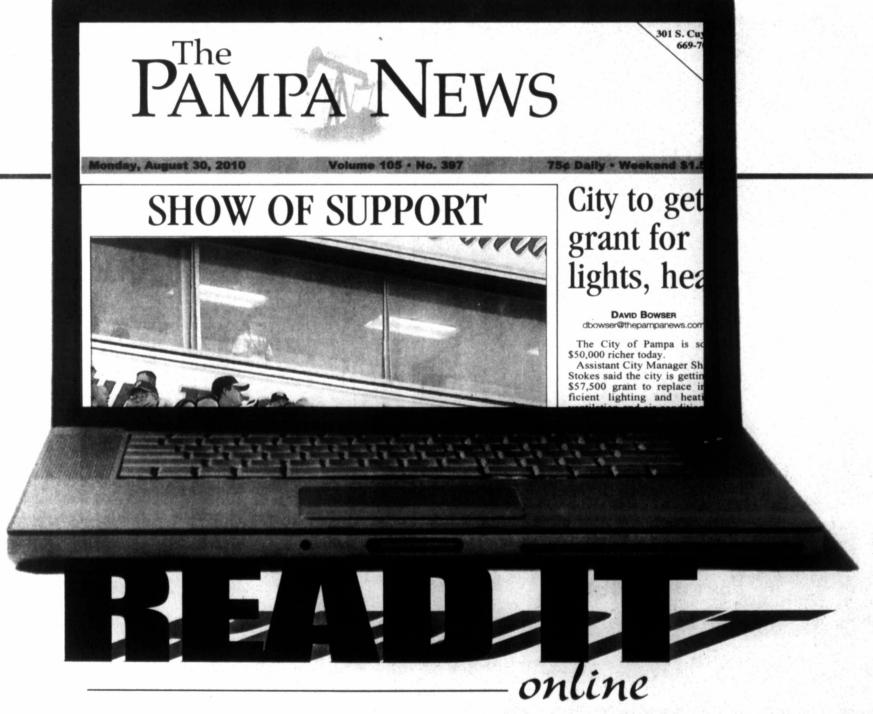
Keep an eye on: DB Lane Stegall, So.

Facing a spread offense, the key will be for Lefors' defenders to stay on their man while keeping an eye on the quarterback. Stegall — and the rest of the Pirates' defense — cannot let his man get past them, or it could be an interesting night.









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