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## Pampa's Top O' Texas Rodeo turns 65

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
 emailaddress@thepampanews.com  
 There's a big birthday to celebrate this year in Pampa. Pampa's 65th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo kicks off today at 8 a.m. with this year's Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas horsemanship event, and it will continue

through this weekend before concluding with a dance on Saturday night at 9 p.m.  
 "We follow the same traditions year after year," said Cindy Kempf, Top O' Texas Rodeo Office Manager. "We will serve birthday cake with barbecue this year, and have a mounted shooting exhibition from the Texas

Panhandle Mounted Shooters." The performance and meal will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday.  
 Kempf said that the rodeo reaching its 65th anniversary is no small feat.  
 "We feel privileged (to reach 65), because we can't do it without

**65th annual Top O' Texas Rodeo**  
**When:** Events begin today Miss Rodeo Top O' Texas Horsemanship at 8 a.m. (full schedule inside)  
**Where:** Rodeo Grounds

## IT TAKES A VILLAGE



staff photo by Mollie Bryant  
**Nikki Routh** leads a children's summer program at Hampton Village. The program is one of many current and planned programs the housing development hosts for its residents.

## Hampton Village full, adding programs

**MOLLIE BRYANT**  
 mbryant@thepampanews.com  
 Hampton Village is more than a housing development. The non-profit, low income housing project, which opened in January with 76 units, aspires to be a community where its residents can thrive in a safe environment.  
 Eight months after opening its gates, the development has

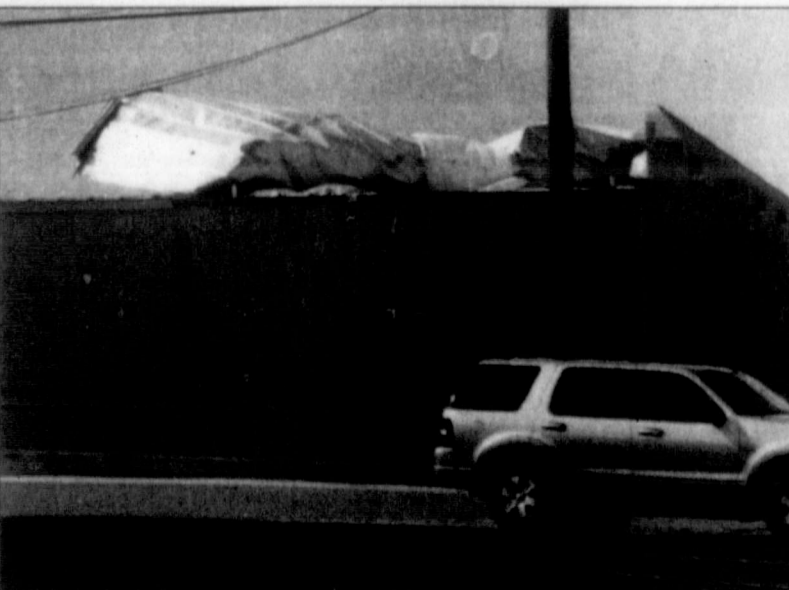
reached almost complete occupancy, with only one home currently available for move-in. The community also boasts programs and educational opportunities for children, adults, and seniors.  
 "We're at 97 percent occupancy right now," said Nancy Dunlap, who has served as property manager with Hampton Village since its opening. She explained that as a low income,

tax credit property, a family's qualifications for move-in is determined by the number of people in the household and their maximum income level.  
 "Most (Hampton Village residents) have never had a brand new home, and (here) they have that opportunity to move into a brand new home in a gated community, a place that's safe for their children,"

## Force of Tuesday storm visible around Pampa

**ARNIE AURELLANO**  
 editor@thepampanews.com  
 If you're not going to show very often, make it count when you do.  
 That, apparently, was Mother Nature's line of thinking on Tuesday evening, when a rare storm roared through Pampa, bringing forceful winds and a torrential downpour over just about an hour.  
 Then, just like that, it was gone.  
 "(The rain) lasted right about at an hour," said Darrell Sehorn, who keeps local rain statistics for the National Weather Service.

"The bulk of that probably fell in probably 30 minutes... But we definitely got quite a bit. The entire city got watered."  
 Sehorn said that he measured 1.32 inches of rain for the duration of the storm, though he added that reports from all over the city ranged from three-quarters of an inch to an inch and a half. The Mesonet, an automated weather station about two miles east of Pampa under the auspices of Texas Tech, measured .47 inches of rain.  
 While all the water that the storm deposited in Pampa was all but gone by Wednesday after-



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**The old Albertson's building** at the Coronado Center was one of several local buildings that sustained damage after Tuesday evening's thunderstorm. The National Weather Service measured local winds at 66 mph.




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### PAMPA FORECAST

Today	Friday	Saturday
 20%	 20%	 20%
High 90 Low 69	High 96 Low 69	High 89 Low 68

**Today:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. North northeast wind 10 to 15 mph becoming southeast. Winds could gust as high as 20 mph.

**Tonight:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 96. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

**Friday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 69. South wind 10 to 15 mph becoming east.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 89. East northeast wind around 10 mph.

**Saturday Night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

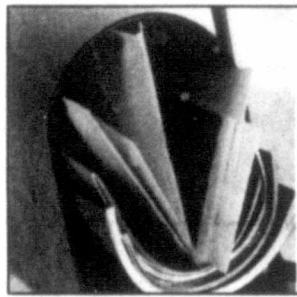
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## Obituaries

### David F. Keahey, 65

AMARILLO—David F. Keahey, 65, died August 10, 2011, in Amarillo.

The family will receive friends at the home located at 8627 Addison, Amarillo, and from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, August 12, 2011, at St. Stephen's United Methodist Church West Campus, 4415 Wesley, Amarillo.

Burial will follow at Edith Ford Memorial Cemetery in Canadian.

David was born on July 22, 1946, in Mobeetie, to Francis and Neola Keahey. He attended schools in Canadian. David enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1964, serving in the Vietnam War. There he served as the crew chief of the C-132. He was honorably discharged in 1967. David attended many veteran groups at the VA and the Veteran's Center. He managed various body shops for over 40 years before becoming an insurance adjuster for Ethridge Claim Service Center in Pampa. He married Wana Moore on June 28, 1996, in Amarillo. David loved his family immensely and had an incredible passion for all types of automobiles. He was a member of St. Stephen's United Methodist West Campus for the last three years.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, George Keahey.

Survivors include his wife, Wana Keahey of the home; son, Bobby Payne and wife Kenna of Amarillo; three daughters, Stephanie Silman and husband Keith of Amarillo, Valerie Turner and husband Art of Pampa and Lawana Pulliam and husband Lynn of Amarillo; nine grandchildren, Ashley and Tyler Holley of Amarillo, Trevor and Austin Turner of Pampa, Stephen and Clara Pulliam of Amarillo and Kennadi, Kensleigh and Landry Payne of Amarillo; two step-grandchildren, Evan and Atlee Skaggs of Amarillo; sister, Janet Johnston of Phoenix, Ariz.;



Keahey

special uncle, Arthur "Sonny" Verkler and many other extended family members.

The family suggests memorial contributions to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 I-40 West, STE 150, Amarillo TX 79106

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### Linda Jernigan Bridgeman, 59

Linda Jernigan Bridgeman, 59, died August 9, 2011, in Amarillo.

Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors

Mrs. Bridgeman was born February 9, 1952, in Pampa and graduated from Lefors High School in 1970. She married Bill Bridgeman on November 21, 1970, in Lefors. She was a member of Central Baptist Church. Linda was a loving, caring and devoted mother and grandmother.

Survivors include three daughters, Vonnie Bridgeman of Pampa, Chel Smith and husband Mikel Walser of Amarillo, and April Brister and husband Beryle of Newark; two brothers, John Arthur Jernigan of Massachusetts and Jim Jernigan of Lefors; sister-in-law, Jo Jernigan of Pampa; sister, Oweda Nordby and husband Gary of Washington; two stepbrothers, Jack Rose of McLean and Eddie Rose of Palestine; step-daughter, Brandy Hayes and husband Mike of Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren. Linda was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Billy Jernigan, Keith Jernigan and Joe Jernigan; and two sisters, Joyce Collins and Clarice Clarey.

Memorials may be made to Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Bridgeman

### Hampton

said Dunlap. "Plus, they have after school programs for their kids."

That's where Mandy Collier steps in. Collier has been working with kids for six years, both at Child Protective Services and the Children's Home of Lubbock. She has been the community coordinator at Hampton Villages since May, and has spent the past season organizing a summer program for children residing in the development.

"I think it went really well

with it being our first year," said Collier. "We had a lot of fun this year."

Kids in the summer program at Hampton Village spend every day from 10 to 2 participating in activities, some of them educational, like first aid training. The High Plains Food Bank provides a meal each day through its Kids' Cafe program. During Science Week, the kids built a model of a volcano, mixed bubbles, and worked on other projects. Kids participated in a field day that included events like a three-legged race. They also went on field trips to the fire station, police department and public library.

"The public library was

awesome. They had a summer program at the beginning of the summer, and it was Tuesday's and Thursday's. We'd go down there and spend half the day, then have some outdoor fun at the park before it got really hot," said Collier.

"Once it got really hot, I started planning more indoor crafts, activities and games. I try to keep them active, and try to keep them going, so they're not just sitting around and watching TV," she said.

The summer program, which ends this Friday, will be replaced by an after school program when classes start on August 23.

"When they get off the bus, they can come here, and

they'll have a snack. They'll have homework time, and then we'll do a craft or an activity," said Collier.

Collier also has plans in the works for adult and senior programs, including classes in computer training, nutrition, parenting, and financial training.

In addition to these opportunities, Hampton Villages plans to host an annual Halloween party and meals for residents on Thanksgiving and Christmas. Collier also has other ideas for the holiday season.

"I'm going to try to get donations for bicycles for the kids here, because the majority of our families are just trying to get on their feet," she said.

The housing community has even offered a hand to its residents when it comes to health care. "We had a dentist that came out and did oral exams for everyone that wanted to participate," said Dunlap. She said that they plan to offer residents a physical examination in the near future.

"I know that New Life Housing Foundation, who owns this property, is really invested in trying to bring services to the residents here, and they're really wanting to better lives and help people reach their goals, and help the kids along, too," said Collier. "Because they need that extra friend in their life that they can come to and ask for homework help or a hug."

Dunlap has been happy to have the opportunity to be a part of the Hampton Villages team.

"I just feel like it's my blessing to be able to help others, because a lot of the ones that move in here need help, and it's nice to be able to get them into a nice home and put a smile on their face," she said. "Helping your fellow man is one of the greatest gifts you can have."

Hampton Villages has received much support from the community, including the Pampa Economic Development Corporation, which provided the project with a loan to get going. Volunteers from First Baptist Church and Cornerstone Baptist Church have also been active with the summer program.

The housing community is currently accepting book and DVD donations for the children's program, and is looking for volunteers to help with the after school program, as well as adult and senior programs.

Anyone who wants to contribute or volunteer can contact Collier at 806-440-0054.

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## AFTERNOON RUSH *City*

### iPad trumps oil

NEW YORK (AP) - Investors seem to think you want an iPad more than oil. Apple Inc. became the most valuable company in the United States, surpassing Exxon Mobil on Wednesday. Apple briefly flirted with the top spot on Tuesday afternoon before settling back slightly below the oil giant. Wednesday marks the first time that Apple managed to stay No. 1 after the stock market closed. Exxon had been the most valuable company since 2005, and Apple only took No. 2 in May 2010 when it surpassed Microsoft Corp.

### Harbor Bridge could cost \$800M

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) - State engineers who a decade ago decided that Corpus Christi needs a new Harbor Bridge have determined the cost could reach \$800 million. DOT engineers told a public meeting Tuesday night that the bridge, built in 1959, needs to be replaced with a taller, more saltwater-resistant span. District engineer John Casey says the current 138-foot clearance above the water line keeps larger ships out of the channel.

next few years, particularly with nearby cities transferring their solid waste to the Pampa landfill, and has increased the rates to reflect this future need.

In other business: • Andy Epps presented the budget for the Freedom Museum, which is about \$3,000 short this year, despite receiving \$21,000 in donations. Last year, the museum broke even. • Gary Sutherland presented the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's (PEDC) budget, which shows a projected deficit of about \$800,000. Sutherland described this number as the projected operating cost of the Pampa Energy Center, formerly the Celanese facility.

The PEDC plans to lease or sell the manufacturing center, which would offset costs for maintaining this manufacturing facility. • The commission authorized the City Manager to begin another contract with David Teichmann, who has

worked at the Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course for 21 years. His contract with the city will last three years. • The commission also voted to allow City Manager Richard Morris to work out a new lease

agreement with ProPetro. The company plans to return to the property on North Price Road in 2012. (Editor's Note: A report of Tuesday's City Budget meeting will run in tomorrow's edition of The Pampa News.)

### Rodeo

our sponsors and the people of Pampa and surrounding areas who attend," said Kempf.

Kempf said that she's looking forward to each part of the rodeo this weekend.

"I love it all," she said. "The most satisfying thing is seeing everything come together that you've spend the last year working on — because as soon as the rodeo ends, we're on to planning the next one."

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### TOP O' TEXAS RODEO SCHEDULE

<b>TODAY</b>	
8:00 a.m.	Queen Horsemanship — Arena
Noon	Queen Luncheon — Americinn Event Center
5:30 p.m.	Free barbecue and birthday cake for all ticket holders; Mounted Shooting Exhibition by The Texas Panhandle Mounted Shooters during barbecue
7:00 p.m.	First performance of Top O' Texas Rodeo; slack following
<b>FRIDAY</b>	
9 a.m.	Slack
7:00 p.m.	Second performance of Top O' Texas Rodeo; "Family Night": Buy one adult ticket, get a child ticket free; buy one senior ticket, get one senior ticket free
9:00 p.m.	Dance to The Buster Bledsoe Band — Dance Pavilion
<b>SATURDAY</b>	
10:00 a.m.	Rodeo Parade — Downtown Pampa
2:00 p.m.	Coloring Contest Winners Announced — Fenton Dodge
3:00 p.m.	Clown and Little Princess Contests — Fenton Dodge
7:00 p.m.	Final performance of Top O' Texas Rodeo
9:00 p.m.	Dance to The Buster Bledsoe Band — Dance Pavilion
<b>Special Nightly Attractions</b>	
Money Drop — Ages 6 & Under	
Calf Scramble — Ages 12 & Under	
Mutton Bustin' — Ages 7 & Under; Must have been entered in Kid Pony Show to participate	
\$250 Giveaway — Thursday Night & Friday Night	
Branson, MO Trip Giveaway — Saturday Night	

### Storm

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noon, the aftermath of the winds that accompanied the rain was still readily apparent. With winds blowing as fast as 66 mph (recorded by the National Weather Service at Perry Lefors Airport), several trees were knocked down and many local buildings exhibited wind damage. Perhaps most apparent was the roof of the old Albertson's building at the Coronado Center, which was peeled backwards toward the center of the building.

The thunderstorm also dealt extensive damage to electricity facilities in the Pampa area, according to Wes Reeves of Xcel Energy. Reeves estimated around 50 downed poles, 10 of which he identified as transmission structures (which bring power from generation stations to communities, as opposed to distribution lines that bring power from substations to homes and businesses).

Reeves said that the damage was concentrated east and south of Pampa and left 5,000 people without power on Tuesday evening. By Wednesday morning, that number had been reduced to about 250 through rerouting power from different sources. The company called in extra help from Dumas, Amarillo, Plainview, Hereford and Clovis to help repair the remaining damage.

The NWS sent a team to Pampa on Wednesday to survey the weather damage; results of the survey were not yet available as of press time.

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# Viewpoints

## Today in History

Today is Thursday, Aug. 11, the 223rd day of 2011. There are 142 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 11, 1934, the first federal prisoners arrived at Alcatraz Island (a former military prison) in San Francisco Bay.

### On this date:

In 1810, a major earthquake shook the island of St. Michael in the Azores.

In 1860, the nation's first successful silver mill began operation near Virginia City, Nev.

In 1909, the steamship SS Arapahoe became the first ship in North America to issue an S.O.S. distress signal, off North Carolina's Cape Hatteras.

In 1949, President Harry S. Truman nominated General Omar N. Bradley to become the first chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

In 1952, Hussein bin Talal was proclaimed King of Jordan, beginning a reign lasting nearly 47 years.

In 1954, a formal peace took hold in Indochina, ending more than seven years of fighting between the French and Communist Viet Minh.

In 1962, the Soviet Union launched cosmonaut Andrian Nikolayev on a 94-hour flight.

In 1965, rioting and looting that claimed 34 lives broke out in the predominantly black Watts section of Los Angeles.

In 1975, the United States vetoed the proposed admission of North and South Vietnam to the United Nations, following the Security Council's refusal to consider South Korea's application.

In 1991, Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon released two Western captives - Edward Tracy, an American held nearly five years, and Jerome Leyraud, a Frenchman who'd been abducted by a rival group three days earlier.

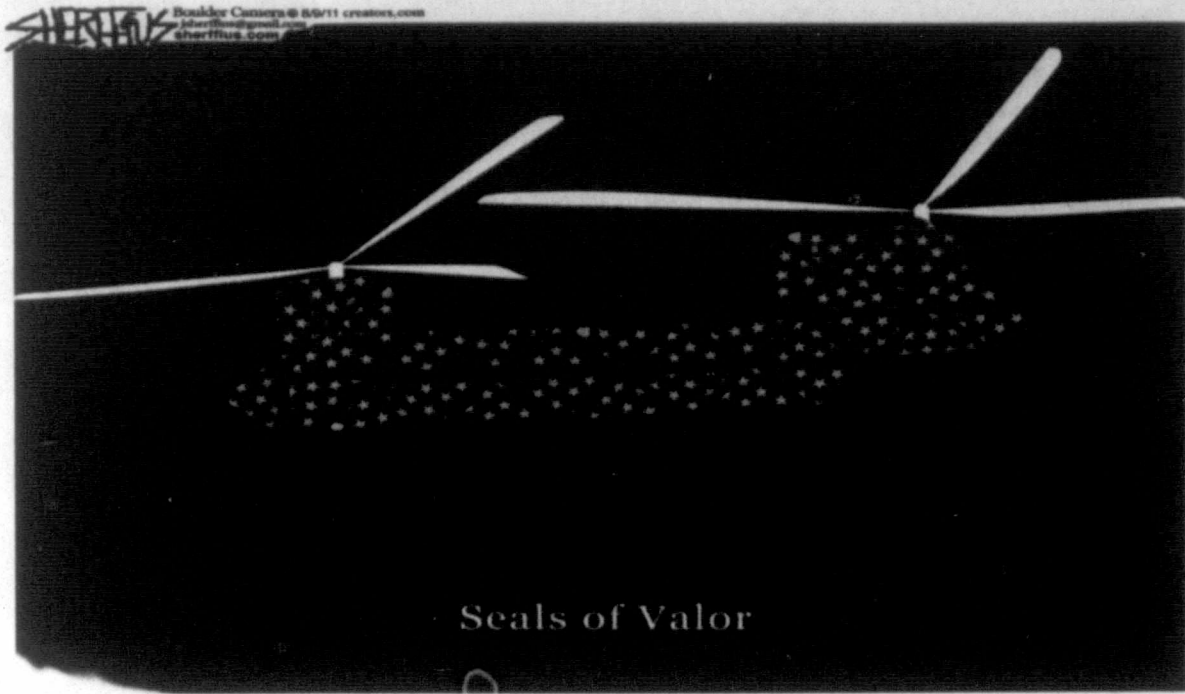
**Ten years ago:** In his weekly radio address, President George W. Bush said his decision to restrict but not forbid federal financing of embryonic stem cell research placed him at the crossroads between protecting and enhancing human life.

**Five years ago:** The U.N. Security Council adopted a resolution calling for a cease-fire between Israel and Hezbollah. BP PLC announced it would keep one side of the Prudhoe Bay oil field open as it replaced corroded pipes, averting a larger crimp in the nation's oil supply.

**One year ago:** In Baton Rouge, La., police and FBI agents captured Michael Francis Mara, suspected of being the so-called "Granddad Bandit" who'd held up two dozen banks in 13 states for about two years. (Mara later pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.)

**Today's Birthdays:** Actress Arlene Dahl is 83. Songwriter-producer Kenny Gamble is 68. Rock musician Jim Kale (Guess Who) is 68. Country singer John Conlee is 65. Singer Eric Carmen is 62. Computer scientist and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak is 61. Wrestler-actor Hulk Hogan is 58. Singer Joe Jackson is 57. Playwright David Henry Hwang is 54. Actor Miguel A. Nunez Jr. is 47. Actress Viola Davis is 46. Actor Duane Martin is 46. Actor-host Joe Rogan is 44. Rhythm-and-blues musician Chris Dave is 43. Actress Anna Gunn is 43. Actress Ashley Jensen is 43. Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton is 43. Hip-hop artist Ali Shaheed Muhammad is 41. Actor Will Friedle is 35. Actor Chris Hemsworth is 28. Singer J-Boog is 26. Rapper Asher Roth is 26. Actress Alyson Stoner is 18.

**Thought for Today:** "Journalism is literature in a hurry." — British poet (1822-1888)



Seals of Valor

## Chart-based trading behind big market swings

DAVID K. RANDALL  
Analysis - AP Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) - Support levels. Moving averages. Breakouts.

That strange language is being spoken more forcefully on Wall Street these days. It is the language of technical trading, which is helping to drive recent wild gyrations in stock prices.

Within hours, stock prices have been leaping and falling in 300 and 400 point bursts.

Technical traders all but ignore fundamentals, such as corporate profits or expected growth rates. Instead they rely on stock-chart analyses that signal when to buy or sell the entire U.S. stock market.

In the absence of clear signs about the economy's direction, more of Wall Street is turning to technical trading and magnifying volatility. It's further magnified by computers programmed to analyze charts and execute trades without any human intervention.

"You have to have some idea of earnings and multiples for fundamental analysis," said James Masserio, the head of equity derivative trading at Credit Suisse. "But now there is essentially no clarity on future earnings for the next 6 to 12 months."

When traders can't forecast the future, they turn to what has happened in the past. "Technical analysis at its heart is just a graphical representation of human emotion and psychology," said Richard Ross, a global technical strategist at Auerbach Grayson, a New York-based broker. He says that price charts show that markets - and investors - follow reliable patterns.

Technical trading is based on the idea that price history alone tells an investor all that he or she needs to know. Alternatively called chartists or technicians in the language of Wall Street, most investors who make decisions based on these strategies focus on the point level of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, a broad index that represents about three-fourths of the total value of the U.S. stock market. Traders who want to buy or sell the S&P

index during a trading day often use exchange-traded funds, which are essentially mutual funds that trade all day like a stock.

State Street's S&P 500 fund, for example, is one of the world's largest exchange traded funds with \$76 billion in assets. Its daily trading volume has doubled over the last five days to 519 million shares exchanged, a sign that more traders are using it to track the S&P 500 index.

When evaluating when to buy or sell, chartists turn to a toolbox of over 700 different indicators. Among the most popular are noting the moving average of the S&P 500 index over the last 200 days and pinpointing the levels where it seemed to stumble before moving higher or lower. A recent low is called a support level, and a recent high is called a resistance level.

Chartists think that it's a clear sign that the stock market is headed for additional losses when the S&P 500 index breaks past one of its recent lows. That happened last Thursday, when the index fell below 1,257. The S&P index had nearly touched this level - its closing price on December 31 of last year - during a sell-off in June. Passing through this so-called support level signaled for many that the market had lost its upward momentum. The index closed at 1,200 that day for a loss of 4.8 percent.

Because technical trading strategies are built into many of Wall Street's automatic computer trading programs, they can be self-fulfilling. During Monday's sell-off, for example, the S&P index broke through a so-called support level of 1,172 shortly after 11 am Eastern. That triggered a second wave of selling that took the market down to another support level of 1,138 by 2 pm. The market then briefly hovered around this range, before finally closing 6.6 percent lower for the day at 1,119.

"The market was trading on technicals until the end, when panic took over and people wanted out and wanted out now," said J.J. Kimahan, chief derivatives strategist at T.D. Ameritrade.

Kimahan thinks that the technical

trading will account for the majority of the stock market's ups and downs for the next few weeks. Traders will go back to looking at corporate fundamentals when they know what to expect from big picture issues like the European debt crisis and the direction of the U.S. economy, he said.

Some on Wall Street scoff at the ability of people - or computers - that employ technical trading to be successful for very long.

Joe Davis, the chief economist and head of investment strategy at asset manager Vanguard Group, thinks that chartists have a mixed record. He thinks that investors should focus instead on data like price to earnings ratios, a measure that shows how much investors are paying for a dollar in corporate profits. "The only thing that matters over a long period of time is the price that once pays for growth," he said.

But chartists say that they are doing the average investor a favor. Charles Dow, the founder of Dow Jones and Company, is credited as the inventor of technical analysis. In the late 1800s, Dow said that technical trading strategies allowed small investors to compete with institutional investors even if they didn't have access to the same information. A stock's price behavior in the past could show whether a move up or down past a certain level would lead to a long-lasting change in its momentum, he said.

Ross, the global technical strategist, said that following the rules of technical trading would have saved investors a lot of money in the 2008 financial crisis. In what many technical traders considered a sell sign, the S&P 500 fell below its 200-day moving average of 1,324 the week of June 27, 2008. The S&P index remained near 1,300 at the start of September before it tumbled to 840 in October. It fell to a low of 683 in March 2009 before the start of the current bull market.

"Fundamentals have let investors down again and again," Ross said. "Technical analysis doesn't always work. But at the end of the day, you can't deny charts."

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# A trend that needs to end

## Dog Talk with Uncle Matty

**MATTHEW "UNCLE MATTY" MARGOLIS**  
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In Shakespeare's day, something was rotten in the state of Denmark. Nowadays, something's rotten in the United States. That something in two words: disposable animals.

One of the saddest aspects of our citizenry is this sticky notion that animals are disposable. One of the ways that plays out is in the ongoing practice of dumping dogs of a certain age at the local shelter.

For most of us, this is unimaginable. But for too many others, it's ridiculously justifiable:

- He's sick, and I can't afford to take him to the vet.
- He's high-maintenance.
- He's not as fast, not as much fun.
- He's not as cute as he was as a puppy.
- And on and on.

Forgive the pun, but that dog don't hunt.

Older dogs make fantastic companion animals. They are typically more relaxed, more content, less rambunctious and far less inclined to cause trouble than their puppy counterparts. For many, this calm, cool and collected older dog is the reward of enduring puppyhood, with its housebreaking, teething, nipping and chewing challenges.

No one is more aware of this fact than shelter workers. And I happen to reside in a county that hosts some of the best.

The citizens of El Dorado (Calif.) County are blessed with an outstanding animal welfare organization: PAWED. People for Animal Welfare in El Dorado (of which my wife and I are members) is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization

dedicated to saving and improving the lives of companion animals. Boy, do they see it all.

In addition to senior dumping, they see people go on vacation and leave their dog alone in the yard. Many of these dogs try to escape (who could blame them?), and when they do, PAWED picks them up and houses and cares for them.

They witness the consequences of "breed trends." Paris Hilton gets a Chihuahua; everyone wants a Chihuahua. Puppy mills and breeders start pumping out Chihuahuas. Next thing you know, shelters are full of unwanted Chihuahuas. The thing about trends is they always come to an end.

Who pays the price? The animals, organizations like PAWED and the people who want to adopt from them.

When a shelter is operating at beyond capacity — and almost all are these days — it is forced to raise adoption fees to cover costs. Higher fees, in turn, keep people from adopting. It's a sickening cycle that demonstrates the high cost of careless behavior.

One way to stop or at least slow the cycle is for animal lovers who want to support the good work of their local shelters to make a donation to that shelter to subsidize adoption fees. Low adoption fees are key to keeping shelters an attractive alternative to buying from breeders, brokers and pet stores.

This year more than any other, I'd encourage animal lovers to consider giving the gift of a donation to their local shelter to all their animal-loving friends and family members.

If it's true that all good things come to an end, why not all bad things? It's high time this trend of disposing of our companion animals goes for good.

Woof!

*Dog trainer Matthew "Uncle Matty" Margolis is co-author of 18 books about dogs, a behaviorist, a popular radio and television guest, and host of the PBS series "WOOF! It's a Dog's Life!"*

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR READERS:** I published a letter (June 6) in which a reader, "Alison in Ashland, Ore.," asked you to name your heroes. She asked that they not be celebrities or family members. A tsunami of emails descended upon me — many of them moving, thought-provoking and inspiring. I'm sorry that space limitations prevent me from printing more of them — but I thank you ALL for your submissions. Read on:

**DEAR ABBY:** Captain C.B. "Sully" Sullenberger! A humble man, under intense pressure, who saved the lives of his entire U.S. Airways Flight 1549 on Jan. 15, 2009. After landing his Airbus in the Hudson River, he refused to leave his ship until all passengers and crew had disembarked. THAT is a true hero, someone going about his daily routine and doing something extraordinary. — PAMELA F., SLINGERLANDS, N.Y.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'm nominating two people: Stephen Hawking, who has overcome disastrous physical and medical problems to become the world's most prominent physicist, and Gustavo Dudamel, who has brought intense life to the L.A. Philharmonic and the renewal of symphonic music in general, having lifted to new heights Venezuela's "The Program," which gives all students in that country the opportunity to make music. — NANCY E., OAK RIDGE, TENN.

**DEAR ABBY:** My personal hero is Rosa Parks. I grew up in a racist household and was even beaten for disagreeing. But the courage it took for Rosa to sit down and refuse to get up moved mountains for me. I thank her with all my heart. — KENDRA IN HAIKU, HAWAII

**DEAR ABBY:** My definition of hero has long been the man who stood in front of tanks in Tianan-

men Square. As a teenager I watched in awe at his strength of character and heart. In that moment he showed us what the world could be if we, too, chose to stand up. — EMILY F., SAN JOSE, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** It's Miep Gies, one of the women who helped hide Anne Frank and her family. She didn't hesitate before saying "of course!" when asked for help, and when asked years after WWII, she said she would do it again in a heartbeat because it was the right thing to do.

As an LGBT and AIDS activist, I'm often asked why I do what I do if it doesn't affect me directly. I do it because it's the right thing. To me, if more people thought like Mrs. Gies, this world would be a much better place to live, so I try to remember her in everything I do. — ALESS P., DARTMOUTH, NOVA SCOTIA

**DEAR ABBY:** My hero is Cesar Chavez. Before he came along, workers didn't even have a place to relieve themselves while working the fields under all weather conditions. He sacrificed his own health and his life to help their plight.

I read in our local newspaper where somebody referred to him as an illegal alien, although he was born in Arizona and served in the U.S. Navy. If that doesn't make someone an American, nothing will. — ARTHUR IN BARSTOW, CALIF.

**DEAR ABBY:** I nominate Florence Nightingale. Despite familial and societal objections to her work, she made nursing care a respected, effectual profession that continues to benefit humankind. Women of her generation were seen as inferior, capable only of servitude; she showed nurses' work to be much more than a harmless presence among the suffering. Now THAT's a positive role model for our youth to

emulate. — STEPHANIE L., R.N. IN CONNECTICUT

**DEAR ABBY:** Who are my heroes? My vote goes to the Navy SEALs who killed Bin Laden! — MARILYN W., KNOXVILLE, TENN.

**READERS:** Stay tuned. I'll print more of your submissions tomorrow.

## PET OF THE WEEK

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Attend the Grand Opening of Pampa KwikWash's Self Serve Dogwash at 1524 Hobart on Saturday, August 13 proceeds from all dogs washed will be donated to PAWS

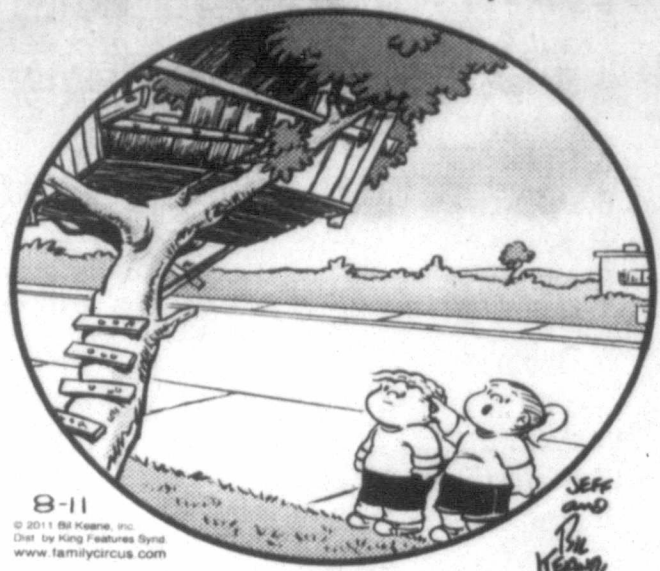
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If you're looking for a "forever friend," call or visit us today! The Shelter is open to the public Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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## THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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"Treehouses would be better if they weren't up in trees."

### Non Sequitur



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### Nest Heads



## daily horoscope

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 11, 2011:

This year, you take your time. If you do not completely think through a problem, you might have to do a repeat otherwise. The advantage of being methodical and reflective starts to become clear, especially in your day-to-day life. No matter what your status, pent-up emotions could be a problem, causing you to act out or experience physical problems. If you are single, you could meet someone quite unique who you decide to get to know better. If you are attached, the two of you need to make more space to be your individual selves. AQUARIUS can be challenging.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
★★★ Figuring out what to do with some fallout from a situation could consume more time than you desire. You have a way or style that demands a lot of time and attention. Focus on some of your work or errands to clear your head. Tonight: In the crowds.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
★★★★ Support yourself in detaching from a hot and possibly triggering situation. You cannot find resolution dealing with the other parties involved. A changing attitude could help you bypass a problem in the future. Tonight: Only what you must do.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
★★★ You might have had enough of the roller-coaster ride and want to step down. The issue is slowing it down enough to hop off. Once you are on the other side, you won't want to return. Look at the big picture, and a situation actually might become comical. Tonight: Treat your mind to some candy!

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
★★★★ You cannot push someone any further. Don't try, unless you like anger and uproar. Let the upset settle, and everyone will sort out his or her role. At that point, you might have another perspective. Tonight: Visit with a loved one.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
★★★★ You might want to rethink a personal matter more carefully. Evaluate a changing situation more openly. Consider what is happening within a relationship or

friendship once you cool down from a setback. Tonight: Out and about.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
★★★★ Much that occurs is related to yesterday. If you can detach, you will get a stronger grasp on what is going on. Laughter replaces other feelings once you distance yourself and see what is happening. Funnel any unrest into a project. Tonight: Working as late as need be.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
★★★★ You are coming from a tense situation. You might need to relax a little before you take on another project. Schedule a late meeting. Realize what is happening between you and another person. Don't worry so much. Tonight: Get into the weekend spirit.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
★★★★ Speak your mind as always, but your tone as well as your body language could reinforce your statements, or sabotage them. Do you know which one is more likely? Perhaps you are seeing more of one type of response than another. Tonight: Head home.

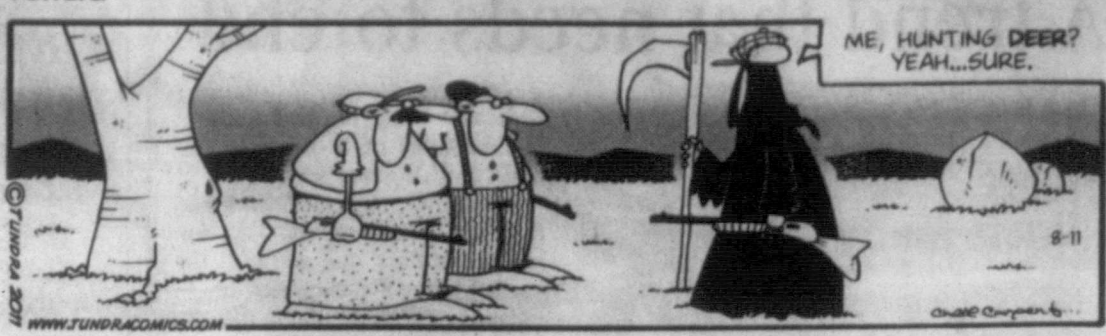
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
★★★★ Curb spending, as you might be seeing a heavy expense down the line. A little moderation goes a long way. How you curb a partner's spending might look like separate bank accounts. Your energy surges at the end of the day. Tonight: Hang out.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
★★★★ You might need to do something very different from what you originally intended. Others seem very awry, encouraging you to walk in a different direction. Give others space. Tonight: Your treat.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
★★★★ Know when to move out of the line of fire. You might not like what you see and would rather not participate. That decision in itself speaks volumes. Make plans for late today; a meeting needs to be postponed until then if possible. Tonight: Beam in whatever you want.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
★★★★ Someone might be kicking hard in your personal life. You could feel very uncomfortable. Detaching might serve to cool some of the passion and anger. Don't think you won't have to deal with this issue. Center on what you want. Tonight: Disappear.

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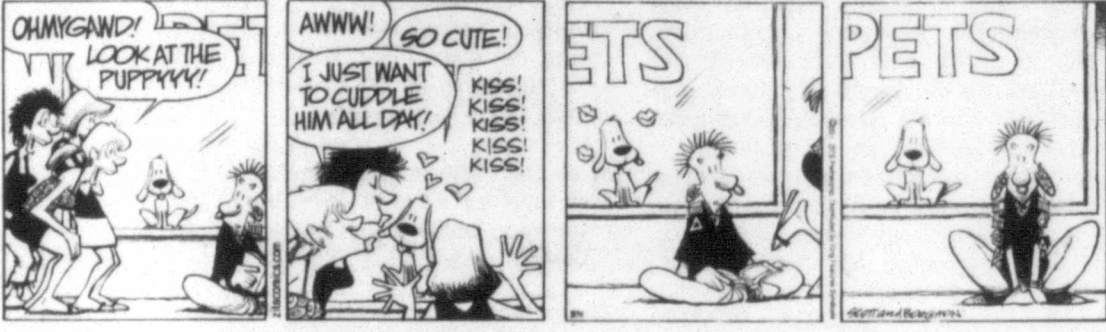
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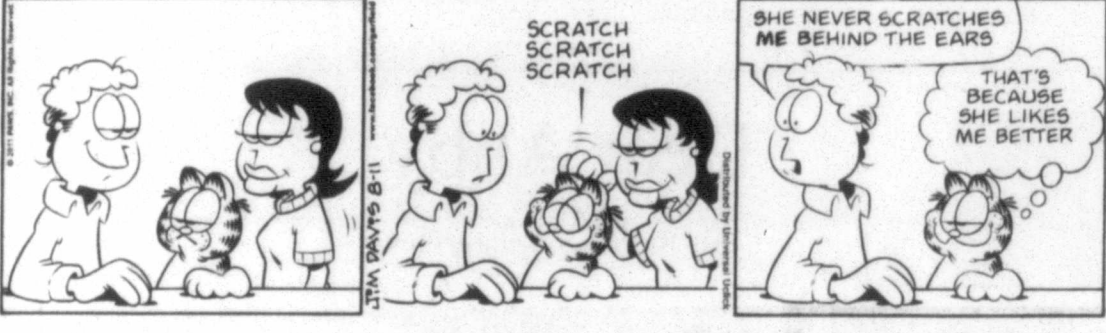
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## Harvesters gauge two-a-day progress vs. Bushland

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For the past week and a half, the Pampa Harvesters have been scrimmaging against each other during two-a-days. Saturday in Bushland, the Harvesters will see their progress as they scrimmage the Falcons at 11 a.m.

The two teams met in the first week of scrimmages last year at Harvester Field. However, both teams have changed significantly since then. The Falcons return one starter on offense and three on defense. The Harvesters return four offensive starters and six defensive starters. Pampa offensive coordinator Casey Alexander said his offensive players are working together well.

"They are getting the formations down," Alexander said. "They are progressing nicely."

Senior linebacker Devin Coleman said the scrimmage will be an indicator of how the defense measures up.

"We just have to pay attention to Coach (Stacey) Alexander and we will be A-OK," Coleman said.

Senior offensive lineman Trevor Smith said Saturday's scrimmage will be a good experience for them.

"It will show us what we've learned already," Smith said.

"Our plays, our tempo, our effort, just to see how this year is going to look for us with our changed offense."

Casey said it's good to for the team to test itself against tough competition like

Bushland.

"Bushland is a strong program with a lot of pride," Alexander said. "Getting measured and performing against stiff competition really helps to see where you are at."

Casey said the offense is doing well at learning the formations.

"We have some new formations and more running schemes," Alexander said. "We have been executing well."

Coleman said the defense specifically the linebackers need to work on their reads.

"We have to react to what the play is telling us," Coleman said.

Alexander said the team needs to avoid giving in to the body.

"We can't let ourselves be fatigued," Alexander said. "We can't let the monotony of going against each other wear us down. We have to continue to improve, execute and play fast."

The Falcons finished 7-4 last season and competed in the bi-district round. The Harvesters seek to improve on a 3-7 season and return to the playoffs for a third consecutive season.



Alexander



Coleman

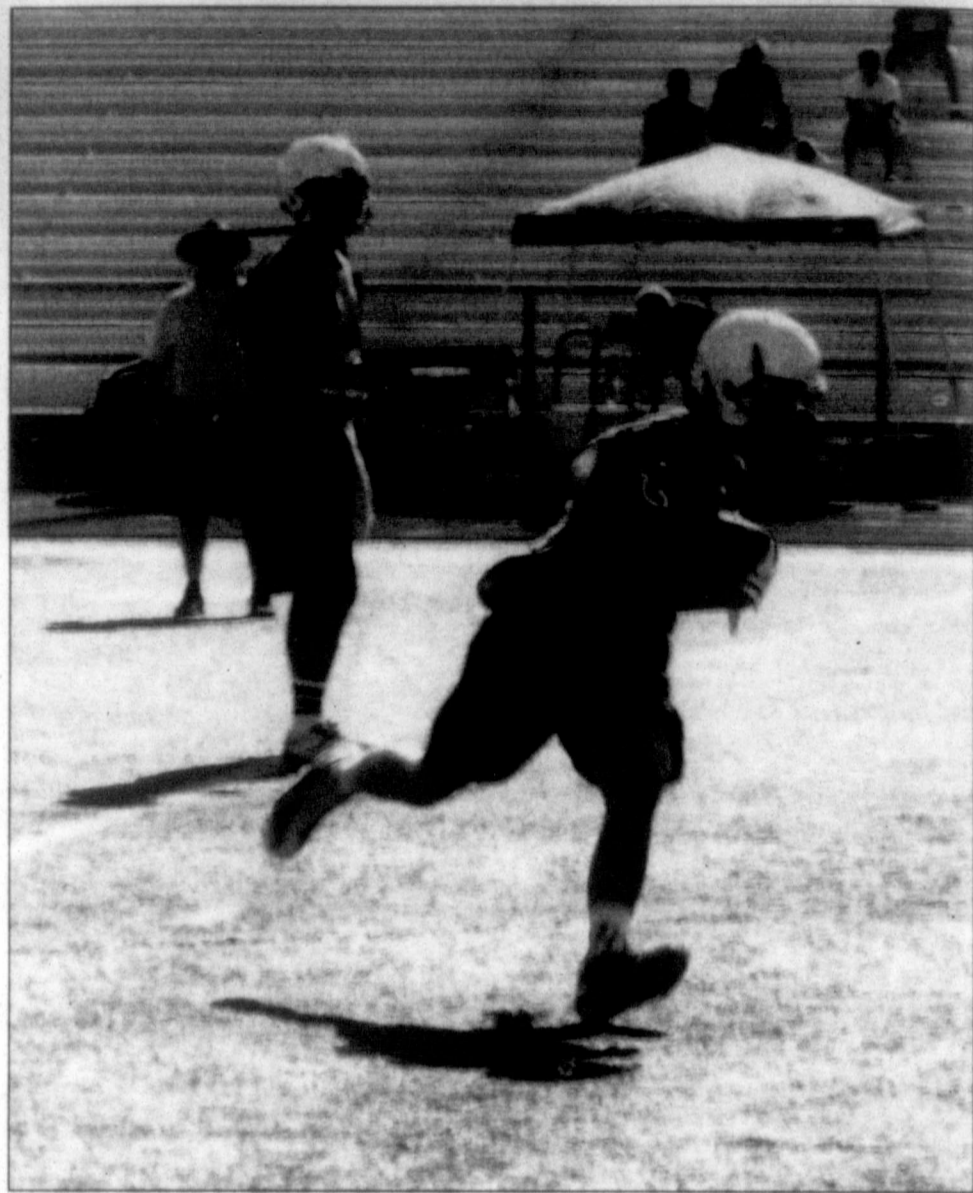


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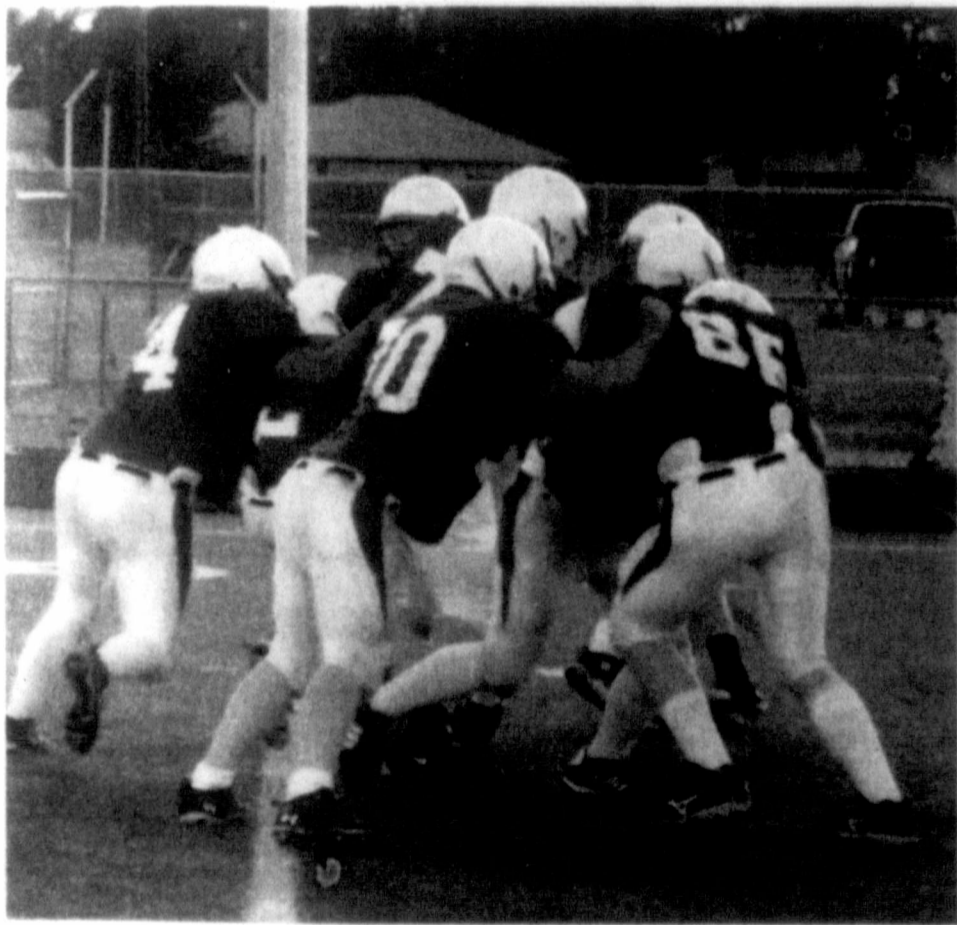
**RB Samuel Smith**

In his first season on varsity, Smith will get to see how well he can rush through opponents and get to the outside. Look for Smith to add balance to the Harvesters' offensive attack.



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Tyler Powell looks for a hole in practice. The running game looks to be a bigger part of Pampa's offense this season.



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Senior Trevor Smith blocks Josh Owen in practice on Monday at Harvester Field. Smith said Saturday's scrimmage will test how well the team knows the fundamentals.

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