




For the record

Obituaries

PAMPA FORECAST

Saturday	Sunday	Monday
		
20%		
High 95 Low 70	High 96 Low 71	High 94 Low 68
<p>Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. South-south-east wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.</p> <p>Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 95. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p> <p>Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 1 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p> <p>Sunday: Partly sunny, with a high near 96. South-southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p> <p>Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p> <p>Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. South-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.</p> <p>Monday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p>		

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Defiant Perry angry over education aid

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry and other Texas Republicans angrily called on Congress to strip a state-specific provision in a financial aid package to states, saying the measure will cost Texas schools more than \$800 million intended to spare them from layoffs.

The measure, given final approval Thursday by the U.S. Senate, requires Perry to promise Washington that Texas will maintain certain state education spending levels through 2013. Perry says the requirement is unconstitutional because the Texas Constitution prohibits him from committing future legislative spending.

“Washington is deft at placing targets on the backs of Texans, and this proposal paints a target on our school teachers and school children,” Perry said. “It is appalling to think other elected officials in Congress, especially Texas’ Democratic congressional delegation, would forsake the interests of Texas school children for partisan politics. I urge the House to make sure this measure

does not ultimately pass.”

The House is scheduled to take up the measure again next week, but changes are not expected. Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said Thursday that he’ll file a lawsuit against the federal government if the language is not removed.

“We’re going to file a suit and I will be pushing. I’d be delighted to be a named plaintiff,” Dewhurst said shortly after a meeting with members of Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott’s staff.

Democrats say that it is not unconstitutional and that schools could get the money if Perry would sign off on it.

“There is no constitutional limitation on doing right by our Texas school children,” said U.S. Rep. Lloyd Doggett, the Austin Democrat who originally crafted the amendment. “The only obligation that this amendment places on Texas is not to penalize our local school districts for receiving federal moneys intended solely for education.”

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80s brought the facility to 49,021 square feet.

“Our goal is to expand fitness, convenience and entertainment options for members and guests of all ages,” Allen said. “We are proud to host PHS swimming and tennis teams’ practices and hope to increase the involvement of youth and the community.”

“The Pampa Youth & Community Center really has something for everyone,” said Dr. Jay Johnson, board president. “Most people know we offer a variety of cardio and weight training equipment and one of Pampa’s only indoor walking/jogging tracks. But many may not be as aware of our junior Olympic-size swimming pool or our newly refurbished racquetball, basketball or tennis courts. The fact that we can offer all of this under one roof really makes it something the whole family can enjoy.”

The center’s manager is Lee Garcia.

Members of the original center board of directors included: Dr. Joe Donaldson, president; Fred J. Neslage, vice president; Bill W. Waters, secretary; Floyd F. Watson, treasurer; Inez Carter, Richard W. Crews; Dr. Richard Falkenstein; Joe Fischer; John Gikas; H.C. Grady, Jr., W. Eugene Hollar; R. H. Jordan; Ed Myatt; Aaron Sturgeon; Joe Tooley; Dr. J. B. Veale, Jr. and E.O. Wedgeworth.

JAMES “JIM” HOLCOMB, 86

James “Jim” Holcomb, 86, died August 4, 2010 in Pampa.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, August 7, 2010, at Memory Gardens Cemetery, with Dr. Edwin Cooley, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Cordell, Okla., and Nancy Ruff, commissioned lay pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating. Military honors are courtesy of U. S. Army, Fort Hood, and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors. A reception will be held after the services from 11 a.m. until 12 noon at First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Holcomb was born January 11, 1924 in Campbell. He married Dorothy Dusapin on February 27, 1953 in Billings, Mont. She preceded him in death on July 23, 2000. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during World War II with the Corps of Engineers in the Philippines. Jim moved to Pampa in 1961 and worked for Thurmond-McGlothlin until 1969. That same year, he formed Pantechs Laboratories which he operated for many years. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church. Jim enjoyed gardening, working in the yard, and especially spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include a son, Steve Holcomb of Lubbock; two daughters, Marci Kissock and husband Brian of San Diego, Calif., and Lynne Moore and husband Cody



Holcomb

of Pampa; three grandsons, Ryan Holcomb of Midland, and David Moore and Jordan Moore, both of Pampa; a granddaughter, Stephanie Stanford of Lubbock; a great-granddaughter, Alexandra Holcomb of Midland; two great-grandsons, Austin Holcomb of Midland and Graham Stanford of Lubbock; a brother, Kenneth Holcomb and wife Irene of Trinity. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, a sister and two brothers.

Memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church Book of Remembrance, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065, or American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312.

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

Gaylord Eugene Stone, 83

Gaylord Eugene Stone, 83, of Amarillo died on Thursday, August 5, 2010.

A celebration of life service will be held later this month. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2800 Paramount Blvd.

Mr. Stone was born on October 14, 1926 in Jenks, Okla. to L.O. and Hallie Stone. He served in the U.S. Army during WWII and had retired from ARCO Oil & Gas.

Survivors include his wife, Wanda Stone of the home; two sons, Mark Stone of Amarillo and Mike Stone of Riverport, Wyo.; a daughter, Judy Stone of Austin; a brother, Owen Stone of Sheridan, Wyo.; a sister, Irene Poland of White Deer; six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to Odyssey Hospice, 6900 West I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

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

Officers said there were 14 traffic-related calls.

Animal control officials reported nine animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department reported one medical call and the Pampa Police Department reported one medical call.

Wednesday, Aug. 4
Officers perform welfare checks in the 400 block of North Red Deer Creek and in the 700 block of North Francis.

An assault was reported in the 500 block of North Yeager.

A structure fire was reported at Lincoln and Dwight.

A fraud was reported to police.

An alarm was reported in the 2800 block of West Kentucky.

Power lines were reported down at Hobart and Kentucky.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1800 block of North Zimmers.

A fire investigation was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks.

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

A fire investigation was launched at Hobart and Kentucky.

Power lines were reported down in the 1800 block of West Harvester.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 800 block of East Foster.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight.

Thursday, Aug. 5
A suspicious person was reported in the 400 block of East Tyng.

An alarm was reported in the 800 block of West Kingsmill and in the 1500 block of North Banks.

A suspicious person was reported at Pennsylvania and Russell.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of South Hobart.

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

Officers said there were five traffic-related calls and two accidents.

Animal control officials reported 17 animal-related calls.

Pampa EMS reported six ambulance calls. The Pampa Fire Department responded to four calls, one accident and one vehicle fire.

Lefors VFD responded to

one grass fire.

Thursday, Aug. 5
Officers provided an escort in the 900 block of E. 23rd.

An information call was received in the 1800 block of W. Alcock.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of S. Hughes.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

A runaway was reported in the 2100 block of N. Hobart.

A welfare check was conducted in the 1000 block of Buckler Ave.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the 400 block of Crawford.

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

Officers provided an agency assist at Barnes and Frederic.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of N. Wells.

Officers conducted a follow-up investigation in the

800 block of N. Wells.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of E. 17th.

Theft was reported in the 200 block of W. Kingsmill.

An information call was reported in the 1000 block of N. Frost.

A violation of city ordinance was reported in the 2000 block of N. Williston.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of E. Scott.

Officers conducted a welfare check in the 800 block of N. Christy.

A threat was reported in the 500 block of N. Doyle.

An assault was reported in the 100 block of W. Foster.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of N. Duncan.

An assault was reported in the 1300 block of N. Coffee.

Friday, Aug. 6
A suspicious person was reported in the 2200 block of N. Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported in the 100 block of W. Brown.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of E. Fisher.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of N. Hobart.

LAST MINUTE ADS

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1019 SIERRA Garage Sale. Clothes, shoes-all sizes, misc. Fri. 8-?

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Kagan confirmed to high court

WASHINGTON — The Senate confirmed Elena Kagan Thursday as the Supreme Court's 112th justice and the fourth woman in its history, granting a lifetime term to a lawyer and academic with a reputation for brilliance, a dry sense of humor and a liberal bent.

The vote was 63-37 for President Barack Obama's nominee to succeed retired Justice John Paul Stevens.

Five Republicans joined all but one Democrat and the Senate's two independents to support Kagan. In a rarely practiced ritual reserved for the most historic votes, senators sat at their desks and stood to cast their votes with "ayes" and "nays."

Kagan watched the vote with her Justice Department colleagues in the solicitor general's conference room, the White House said.

Obama, traveling in Chicago, said her confirmation was an affirmation of her character and judicial temperament, and called the addition of another woman to the court a sign of progress for the country.

tuition and fees."

Auvenshine expressed concern about the rising costs of attending major universities, but noted that it made community colleges like Clarendon College more attractive and vital for students of limited means.

He also noted that local funding becomes ever more important.

"However, you (Gray County residents) have the best deal in the world in that the five cent tax can never be raised," he said. "You've got a first class college that will continue to grow, you pay 5 cents (per \$100 valuation) and it will never go over that. In Clarendon we are pretty well maxed at 23 cents...."

"We get about \$400,000 worth of taxes from Donnelly County and that barely pays our utility bill. There is

no industry there, so there is no hope with doing anything with taxes.... We get about \$800,000 from Gray County."

"The future of Clarendon College is Gray County."

Auvenshine said that every building on the Clarendon campus has somebody's name on it by virtue of the donation which helped construct that particular building.

"I expect that to happen (in Pampa) once the people know that this is their college," he said.

"It is the only college they are ever going to get, because there hasn't been a community college started since the '70s," he added. "The state pretty well put a moratorium on any new community colleges."

"There are 50 of us in Texas and

95 percent of the population of the state of Texas lives within commuting distance — that's 30 miles — of a community college.

"The state is not going to put any more money in a new college when they have trouble funding the ones they already have."

"So what is the change of Gray County getting it's own college? Zilch. We are it. Once the citizens of Gray County realize that this is their college, they will start investing in their college. We just bought 50 acres of land last year and we made a commitment that we are going to take care of Gray County."

The president said construction on the new buildings at the Pampa campus are on track and should be completed by the Jan. 1 deadline.

Officer resigns after taped stop

LUFKIN (AP) — A Diboll police officer resigned following a videotaped traffic stop in which he is heard and seen berating a driver who was rushing his 73-year-old passenger to a hospital.

Officer Grant Jones stopped a pickup truck driven by 75-year-old Tracey Lott July 27 in Lufkin, about 10 miles from Diboll, KTRE-TV reported. Lott was driving Johnny Hodge of Seven Oaks to the hospital with his hazardous lights flashing when he was stopped near an intersection.

Videotape from a patrol car dashboard camera, obtained in an open records request by KTRE, shows Jones with his gun drawn, breaking the driver's side window and hauling out Lott.

Hodge can be heard saying "I have a doctor waiting on me."

Jones replies, "it don't make no difference," and also says "just because you got a medical problem, don't think you can come out here on the highway and do whatever you want to do. When you get to the hospital you're going to have a pair of handcuffs waiting on you."

BP might come back someday

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP PLC said Friday it might someday drill again into the same lucrative undersea pocket of oil that spilled millions of gallons of crude, wrecked livelihoods and fouled beaches along the Gulf of Mexico.

"There's lots of oil and gas here," Chief Operating Officer Doug Suttles said at a news briefing. "We're going to have to think about what to do with that at some point."

The vast oil reservoir beneath the blown well is still believed to hold nearly \$4 billion worth of crude. With the company and its partners facing tens of billions of dollars in liabilities, the incentive to exploit the wells and the reservoir could grow.

New sentencing for killer

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court says a Houston man on death row for raping and killing an 11-year-old boy more than two decades ago is entitled to a new sentencing trial but has refused to throw out his capital murder conviction.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling late Thursday came in the case of Warren Darrell Rivers. The 43-year-old construction worker was condemned for the May 1987 slaying of 11-year-old Carl Nance Jr.

Evidence showed the boy was lured into an abandoned house, assaulted, beaten, sexually mutilated and fatally stabbed.

Prosecutors had appealed a lower court's order granting him a new sentencing trial because of jury instruction problems. Rivers' lawyers had appealed the lower court's rejection of an entirely new trial because of jury selection issues.

Ex-Texas trooper faces charges

TEXARKANA, Ark. (AP) — A former Texas state trooper who is a registered sex offender has pleaded not guilty to a variety of charges in southwest Arkansas, including sexual indecency with a child.

Travis McRae, 45, entered the plea Thursday in Miller County Circuit Court in Texarkana.

He's charged in connection with a string of crimes on May 14, including one where he awoke a sleeping 14-year-old girl and molested her, that ended after a chase across three counties involving six law enforcement agencies. He was arrested in Clark County, where he was found hiding in a pond.

He is being held in the Miller County jail on \$500,000 bail.

McRae allegedly burglarized two homes and broke into another. The charges against him also include two counts of residential burglary, theft of property and breaking or entering.

One dead in Dallas shooting

DALLAS (AP) — Dallas police arrested a suspect after a shooting death in which the attacker allegedly mentioned "the wrath of God" before firing.

Sr. Cpl. Kevin Janse on Friday identified the victim of the overnight killing as 44-year-old Darron Douglas Scourton.

Janse says Scourton and 31-year-old Eddric Williams lived at the same apartment complex. The shooting happened in the parking lot.

Janse says a cousin of the victim was with him and said the suspect approached them and began talking about the "wrath of God," then shot Scourton several times. Police did not elaborate.

Police say Williams was still holding the pistol when officers arrived. He was disarmed, then booked on a murder charge. No bond was immediately set. Electronic jail records did not list an attorney for Williams.

Apology for lemonade shutdown

PORTLAND, Ore. — A county official in Oregon has apologized after a 7-year-old's business venture was soured because health inspectors shut down her lemonade stand.

Multnomah County Chairman Jeff Cogen, the county's top elected official, said Thursday that running a lemonade stand is a "classic iconic American kid thing to do."

He says he called Julie Murphy's mother, Maria Fife, to offer his apology and says she appreciated it.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been writing to an inmate from the Florida prison system for about two years. It has slowly developed into more than a friendship. "Mike" is a born-again Christian, as am I. He doesn't get out until 2013 at the earliest, so we have plenty of time to see where this goes.

Am I wrong for considering someone who is in prison? Mike has made mistakes, nothing violent, and has turned his life around. If he does become part of my life, how do I introduce him to my family so they may better accept him?

Abby, I'm 54. I lost my husband seven years ago. It is nice to have someone in my life again. We have talked on the phone, and it feels like we have known each other our whole lives. Am I crazy? — SMITTEN IN NEW YORK

DEAR SMITTEN: Crazy? No. Gullible? Possibly. Please forgive me if I seem cynical, but more than one devout, vulnerable, lonely woman has been taken advantage of by an inmate with whom she corresponded. That's why, before allowing yourself to become more emotionally involved, you should contact the warden of the prison and verify that what "Mike" has been telling you is the gospel truth. If it is -- fine. If it's not, for your own sake, end the correspondence immediately.

P.S. As to how to introduce him to your family, if it comes to that, be completely honest and tell them he's your pen pal. If you're not, they'll find out eventually anyway.

DEAR ABBY: I am a vegan who is constantly pestered by uninformed comments like, "You're not getting the proper nutrition," or "That looks disgusting," or "You should just give it up." I wouldn't dream of making such rude comments to others about their diet. What one eats is his or her own business.

My husband — an omnivore — and I have decided to raise our child vegan. He can choose whatever diet he prefers when he is older and educated about them. We work

with a pediatric nutritionist to ensure that our son gets all the nutrients he needs. We make him pureed fresh vegetables, fruits, grains and more for almost every meal.

We are now getting comments from family and friends who feel we're practically abusing our son. I believe people make these comments because they are ignorant about this lifestyle. I have asked them to stop, but they continue. What can I do to stop the unwarranted harassment? — SICK OF THE COMMENTS IN BALTIMORE

DEAR SICK: Is your child's pediatrician aware of the diet you have him on? Is your pediatric nutritionist a member of the American Dietetic Association? Have you told the individuals making these comments that you are working with a professional to be sure your little one is getting everything he needs? If the answer to my questions is yes and the questioners persist, refer them to your nutritionist for reassurance.

DEAR ABBY: How do you mend a broken heart? — TEARS ON MY PILLOW

DEAR TEARS: By staying busy. By avoiding the "old reminders," which tend to make you moody and broody. By putting away or getting rid of the photographs, cards and gifts that make you sad -- unless you enjoy punishing yourself. And by staying in the present.

Sudoku

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

1	2	9	3	4	7	6	8	5
7	4	6	8	1	5	3	2	9
8	5	3	9	6	2	1	4	7
9	3	7	2	8	4	5	6	1
4	6	1	7	5	3	8	9	2
2	8	5	1	9	6	4	7	3
6	7	2	5	3	8	9	1	4
3	1	8	4	7	9	2	5	6
5	9	4	6	2	1	7	3	8

Level: Intermediate

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Viewpoints

Today in History

Today is Friday, Aug. 6, the 218th day of 2010. There are 147 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 6, 1945, during World War II, the United States dropped an atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan, resulting in an estimated 140,000 deaths in the first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare.

On this date:

In 1806, the Holy Roman Empire went out of existence as Emperor Francis II abdicated.

In 1809, one of the leading literary figures of the Victorian era, poet Alfred, Lord Tennyson, was born in Somersby, Lincolnshire, England.

In 1859, the Australian passenger ship SS Admella, en route from Port Adelaide to Melbourne, struck a reef off South Australia and broke apart; of the 113 people on board, only 24 survived.

In 1890, convicted murderer William Kemmler became the first person to be executed in the electric chair as he was put to death at Auburn State Prison in New York.

In 1926, Gertrude Ederle of New York became the first woman to swim the English Channel, arriving in Kingsdown, England, from France in 14 1/2 hours.

In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act.

In 1986, William J. Schroeder (SHRAY'-dur) died after living 620 days with the Jarvik 7 artificial heart.

Ten years ago: Workers at Verizon Communications went on an 18-day strike over working conditions and union representation.

Five years ago: Anti-war activist Cindy Sheehan, whose soldier son, Casey, was killed in Iraq, began a weeks-long protest outside President George W. Bush's Texas ranch.

One year ago: Sonia Sotomayor was confirmed as the first Hispanic Supreme Court justice by a Senate vote of 68-31. John Hughes, 59, Hollywood's youth movie director of the 1980s and '90s, died in New York City.

Today's Birthdays: Actress-singer Abbey Lincoln is 80. Jazz musician Charlie Haden is 73. Actor-director Peter Onorati is 72. Actor Michael Anderson Jr. is 67. Actor Dorian Harewood is 60. Actress Catherine Hicks is 59. Rock singer Pat MacDonald (Timbuk 3) is 58. Country musician Mark DuFresne (Confederate Railroad) is 57. Actress Stephanie Kramer is 54. Actress Faith Prince is 53. Rhythm-and-blues singer Randy DeBarge is 52. Country singers Patsy and Peggy Lynn are 46. Basketball Hall of Famer David Robinson is 45. Actor Jeremy Ratchford is 45. Country singer Lisa Stewart is 42. Movie writer-director M. Night Shyamalan is 40. Actress Merrin Dungey is 39. Singer Geri Halliwell is 38. Actor Jason O'Mara is 38. Singer-actor David Campbell is 37. Actress Vera Farmiga is 37. Actress Soleil Moon Frye is 34. Rock singer Travis McCoy is 29. Rock musician Eric Roberts is 26.

Thought for Today: "A successful lie is doubly a lie; an error which has to be corrected is a heavier burden than the truth." - Dag Hammarskjold, U.N. Secretary-General (1905-1961)



Of glass houses, old friends, and cool cats

People who live in glass
Pampa Glass has recently been purchased by Kevin and Alissha Jefferis. It will become the showroom for Rasco Construction, as well. They have great plans for the site, located at 1432 N. Banks. Watch for a grand opening!

A welcome Bill
An old (and I do mean old!) former Pampan came by the Chamber the other day. I heard a man at the front desk and was surprised—astounded is not too strong a word—to see Bill Tarpley.

He came into my office and we had a long visit—he told me a lot about the Pampa of his youth, including a story or two about M. K. Brown. He got a kick out of our aerial photos of Pampa in the 1940s. Come by any time, Bill.

(Bill and my mother were cousins, so he is accustomed to my insults.)

Here's lookin' at you, kid
Broome Optical is offering a Back-to-School special: an eye exam for your child for only \$40!

Nifty Fifty
There has been a lot of activity at the Pampa Youth and Community Center. It's getting a facelift for its birthday, and you're invited to the party! On Saturday, the PYCC—helping Pampa stay fit and fun for 50 years—will hold an Open House from 10 am until 2 pm, with hot dogs and soft drinks, as well as door prizes (which include membership passes). The Center is a great facility, but the name is somewhat misleading. Where it once focused

Chamber Music



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on youth, it now functions as a full-service gym with a swimming pool; racquetball, tennis, and basketball courts; a walking track; fitness machines; weights; hot tubs and more. A great value!

Thank you...
One of the tireless volunteer workers for the Chamber—and for the community as a whole—is Christy Robinson, who, with her husband Ed, runs Hamburger Station and R & R Catering.

Christy may be best known for her work with Relay for Life, but she works with a number of groups around town. She has recently been stuffing goodie bags for visitors and newcomers, including the Tri-State Senior golfers, the Cal Ripken baseball players, and new PISD employees.

Thanks Christy!
...Thank you very much
Thanks also to all of the businesses who contributed advertising items to go in these bags. It is a good reflection on Pampa for visitors, and it helps newcomers know where they

can get goods and services.
And thanks also to those who advertised in the new *Destination: Pampa* guide, produced and distributed by the Pampa News. This guide is an indispensable resource for the Chamber of Commerce, as we distribute them throughout the year to visitors, new residents, and prospective residents.

Jammin'
The first Friday of the month (that's this Friday) is Jam Night at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center in the old Harris Drug building on South Cuyler. Come to play or come to listen. Music starts at 6:30 pm.

Farewell and good wishes
Scott Rankin of Carmichael-Whitley has taken a position with Amarillo College as an instructor in mortuary science. Our lips are sealed regarding which one of his co-workers said "Those who can't, teach."
Just kidding, Scott, we wish you well.

Cool 'cats'
July 23 was "Pampa Day" at the TEXAS musical in Palo Duro Canyon. Several people from our city attended, including Goldcoats Benny and Kerrick Horton, Pat and Carmella Montoya, Ken and Stephane Rheams, Bob and Johnnie Marx, Loyd and Thelma Waters. Unfortunately, when the group was recognized, they were announced as the Top O' Texas Gold cats!

Joe Weaver is the Executive Director of the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

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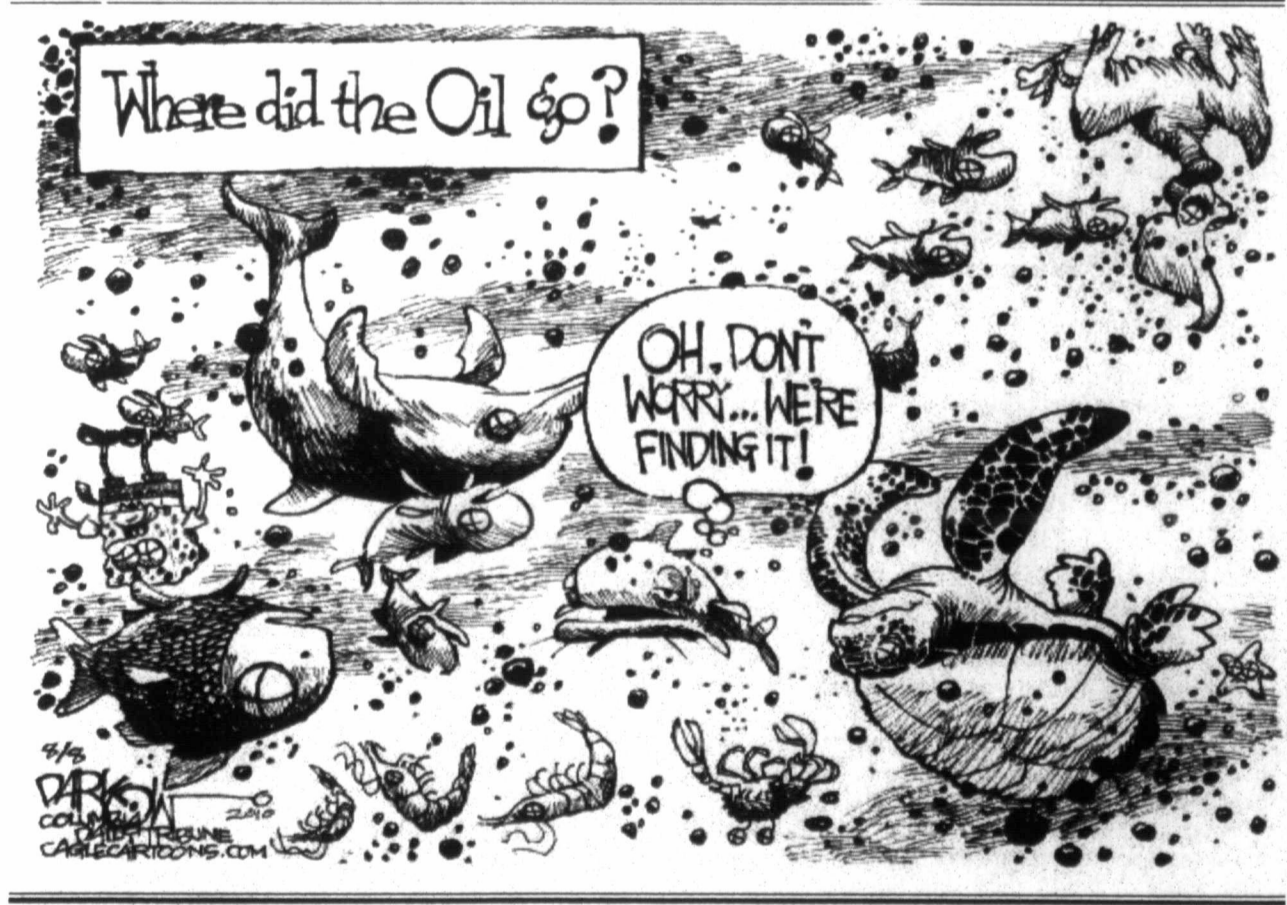
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Worship

Are you building on the Rock?

Aloha in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As I sit at the computer, I am sitting in a secluded area of a place that some people call Maui. Vicki and I have been blessed to be able to have some time away in this place that I have grown to love. Each time we come I feel that surely this is about as close to heaven that one can get while walking this terrestrial plane.

As we began our second day here, I got an early start to the day and, after my second breakfast, we headed to the beach. I am always amazed at the number of people that go to the beach early each day. Some of the people we saw on our last trip are still here and enjoying the opportunity of spending time in the ocean each day.

But today I saw something that is really normal for the beach, yet it made me pause and do some thinking. I saw a father and son playing on the beach. They were building a sandcastle. I saw the father directing the son on how to keep the water and sand ratio right so the sand would pack tighter. They worked quite a while, then headed out into the ocean to play.

They had done a really good job of packing the sand and digging out trenches that would allow the water to circle the castle. They would come back by every little bit and see how the castle was doing. Since we were just watching all that the people as they went by, we kept an eye on them as well. They left about 9:00 and the castle stood in its place.

After they left, Vicki and I stayed for another 45 minutes or so. Before I left, I looked at the sand castle one last time — it was gone. The waves had come in and eventually washed the castle away. I thought about that Dad working with his son to build it. They worked diligently to make sure that it was well built and the dad even showed the son ways to build up the walls and make the castle itself.

It was at this point that I had a thought. How often do we spend time and effort working to build things in our lives that are gone in just a short time? Jesus cautioned us in His teachings to be aware of how we build and upon what foundation that we do the building. I thought about His teaching and how it surely applied in this situation.

In Matthew 7:24-27, Jesus said, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock. Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. The rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and it fell—and great was its fall."



PAUL NACHTIGALL

the good word

As I considered this man and his son; the sand castle and the waves; my son and myself, I thought about the life that I live and where I am actually building my life. Yes, as a pastor, I am hopeful that my son (and daughters and grandchildren) are seeing a man build his life on the rock. It is my prayer that they will be able to see Christ in me.

Yet, I wonder if there are not times I am teaching them to build on the sands of this world. I made sure my children received an education, taught them how to work, and take responsibility for the things they did. But have I shown them that the things of this world will one day be washed away by the waves of eternity?

It is my desire for them to reach goals they have set in life, but I want those goals to be set on the Rock. I want them to build lives that will have significance that goes beyond the realm of time. I want them to build lives that will honor the Lord Jesus Christ. I took them to church and was blessed to have a part in leading all five to know Jesus as their Savior. Yet I wonder.

I wonder how many times we as Christians seek to build lives that are deemed successful in the eyes of this world, but in truth are built on the sands of this temporal realm. When the waves of eternity begin to wash over our mortal selves, they are soon gone leaving nothing behind but that which is eternal. It is important that we build our lives upon that which will not be washed away as we walk away from this life.

Jesus said to build our houses on the rock so that when the storms of life come they will be able to stand in the storm. When we build on the sand the storms of life come and we are unable to keep our lives from falling. It is my hope and prayer that each person will build their lives upon the Lord Jesus Christ so that the when that last great storm of life comes each will have built a house that will stand for eternity.

I don't know whether that man was a Christian. I don't know whether that boy had been saved. I do know that their 'sand castle' was washed away by the waves of the ocean. It is my prayer that they have 'a house', not made with hands, eternal in the heavens' (2 Cor. 5:1b) that the waves of this world can never wash away. I also hope you have that house as well. Are you building on the Rock?

Paul Nachtigall is the head pastor of Highland Baptist Church.

CHURCH SPOTLIGHT

Summer winding down at CBC

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Central Baptist Church is currently planning activities for the second half of the year but participated in several outreaches over the summer.

Pastor Norman Rushing said the church is winding down their summer activities and is planning for the rest of the year.

"We're in the discussion stage right now," Rushing said.

The youth ministry had a busy summer highlighted by their mission trip to Nashville, Tenn.

"They went with World Changers and did some rebuilding in the areas affected by the flood in Nashville," Rushing said. "They worked with other kids and put up sheet rock and other things."

The youth ministry also went to a camp in Colorado and went water rafting a couple weeks ago. In a weekend

in October the youth ministry is doing a disciple now program.

"The kids spend time in different church members homes and have a bible study," Rushing said. "They play games in the church, have a concert and someone speaks to them."

In July, the church held VBS and had 250 enrolled in bible school. The adults that helped in VBS raised money to send medical and other supplies to Africa. Rushing said the church tries to be involved in as many outreaches as possible.

"We try to stay busy but not overwhelming," Rushing said. "We want our members to have family time which is important as well."

Rushing began a sermon series in April titled "Keeping Cool in a Volatile World." The last three weeks Rushing has been preaching about what is the purpose of the church in a volatile world and what its supposed to do.

CORRECTION

Mark Lance was misidentified in last week's "The Good Word" as the minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of God. He is the minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ. *The Pampa News* apologizes for the error.

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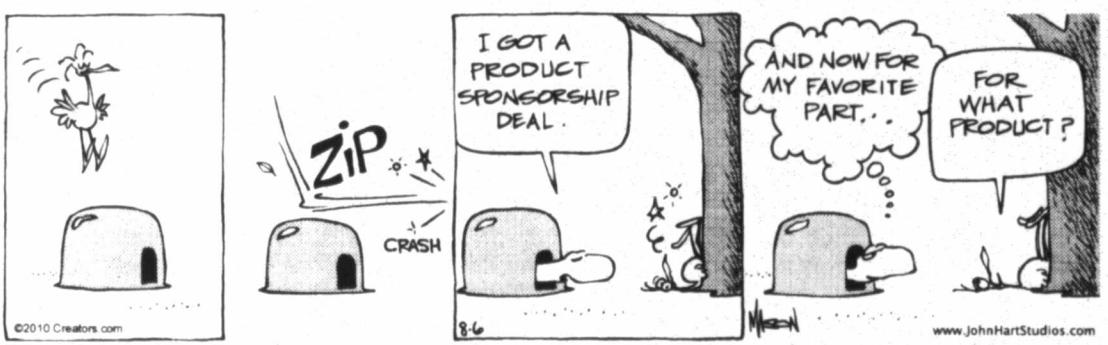
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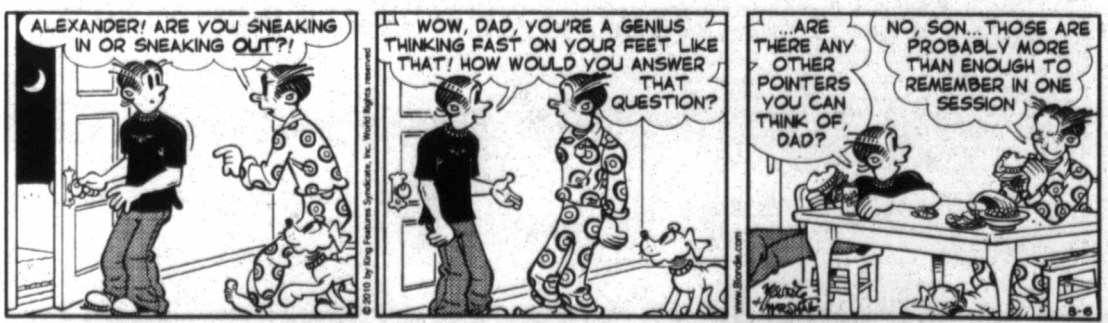
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Sports

Lady Harvesters improve chemistry after first week

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After a week of two-a-days and extra conditioning activities like running stairs, The Pampa Lady Harvesters volleyball team has improved their team chemistry and is set for their scrimmage Saturday at Bushland.

Senior Taryn Eubank said the team has progressed well and is ready for Saturday. "We are coming together as a team," Eubank said. "I think we have good shot in Saturday's scrimmage."

Head coach Libby Garza said the team's chemistry is what they have improved the most.

"(Chemistry) was what was needed to improve the most," Garza said. "There is no question in my mind that these girls are very talented volleyball players. It is just get everyone on the same page and focus on that big goal together."

Junior Alanna Stephens said the team

has definitely gotten better as two-a-days have rolled on.

"We were kind of out of it in the first days," Stephens said. "We got better and came together as a team better."

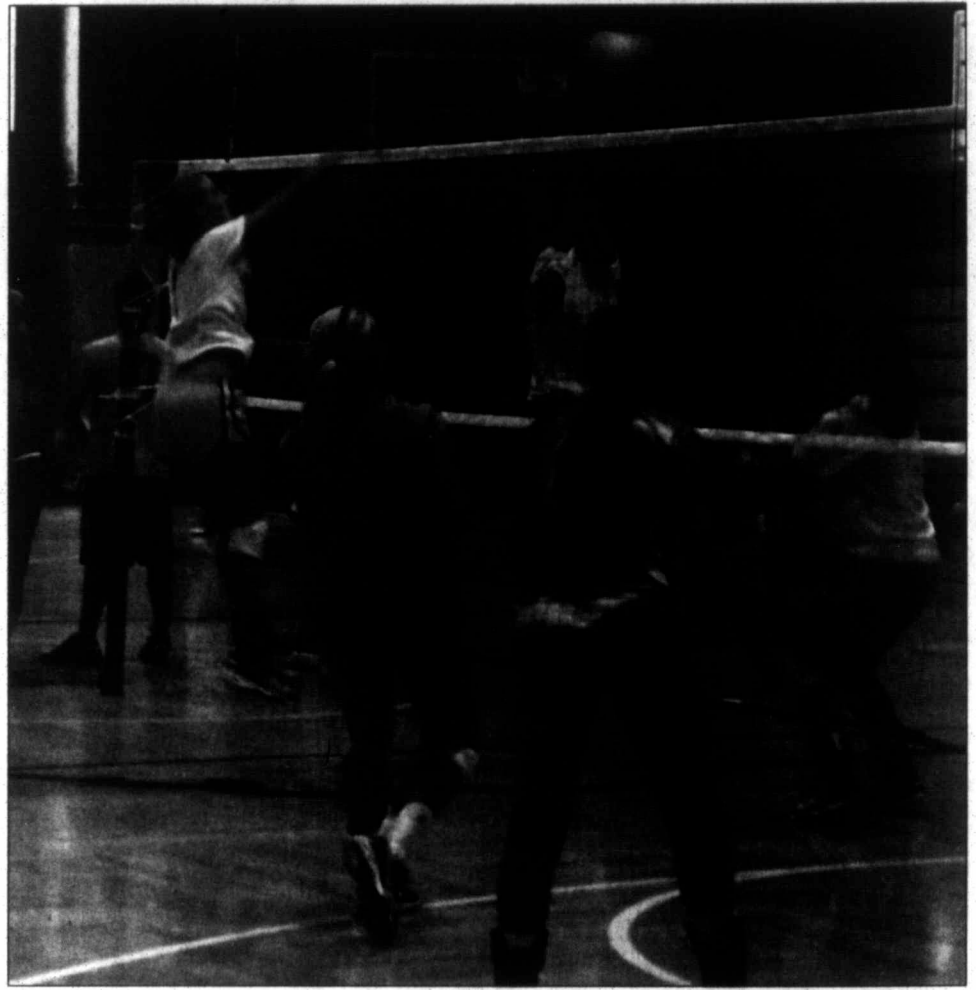
Eubank said she is looking forward to Saturday's scrimmage because they have played close with them in previous years.

"We really want to beat them," Eubank said. "We've always had really close matches with them and we want to come out on top this time."

Garza said this matchup will help see where the team is and what they need to work on.

"It's going to help us getting to play someone other than ourselves," Garza said. "It will be nice to see another team and see how we compare. It will be a good starting point for us to see what our strengths are and what are weaknesses are."

Pampa opens the regular season at Plainview 4 p.m. Monday.



Kailyn Troxell powers a ball over Stephanie Allen's head in practice Thursday. Pampa scrimmages at Bushland on Saturday and opens the season Monday. staff photo by Andrew Glover

PHS football works on both sides of ball in first practices

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For four days, the Pampa Harvesters football team has practiced in the heat and rain in eight practices. Despite the differences in the weather, both sides of the ball have seen significant improvement.

Senior Trent Carter said the first week has progressed well because they know what they are doing.

"We just need to sharpen up our skills," Carter said. "We have everything we need to know for the season already in play we just need to polish it."

Carter, the starting running back, said the running game has progressed nicely in large part to the offensive line.

"The line is getting push," Carter said. "They are getting a lot of push and the running backs are learning to read their blocks when they need to. It's gone a lot better than it was last year."

Offensive coordinator Casey Alexander said they are putting more emphasis on the running game this season.

"We've stressed our running game a lot and our perimeter blocking," Alexander said. "I think

that's something that's really come along."

Alexander said starting quarterback Reid Miller has developed well in the offseason and in the first four days of practice.

"He has a good work ethic," Alexander said. "He has tons of athletic ability and he's a kid that you don't have to worry about doing the wrong thing. When you get a kid like that, it's pretty easy to get him progressed."

Carter said the defense has progressed well in practice.

"It's hard working off the scout team," Carter said. "From what we get, we are taking it the best we can."

The Harvesters have their first scrimmage against Bushland August 14 at Harvester Field. Carter said the team needs to improve their tackling since they haven't got to yet.

"We can't over-pursue the ball," Carter said. "If we can stop the other team, they ain't stopping us."

Alexander said they are looking at the big picture as a team and the scrimmage against Bushland will show how they have progressed.

"We're looking at where we want to be first game, district," Alexander said.

"So we want to work our stuff and continue to progress on what we got on so far and get better at what we are doing."



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Garrett Ericson keeps his balance along the sideline after making a catch in practice Thursday.



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