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 Coffee, 64, teacher.  
 William F. 'Bill' Hawkins,  
 78, businessman.  
 Judy Whatley, 62,  
 homemaker.

Texas Today

**TSU target of criminal investigation**

HOUSTON (AP) — Following a state audit questioning whether \$575,000 of a \$2.7 million tobacco-prevention grant awarded to Texas Southern University was used for purposes other than educating young minorities about the dangers of smoking, the Harris County District Attorney's office has started a criminal investigation.

The results of the investigation will be presented to a grand jury, said District Attorney Chuck Rosenthal.

The findings from the state audit released last week included suspicious-looking expense reports and falsified timesheets, conflicts of interest involving a subcontractor and TSU manager, and the improper purchase of items like office furniture.

Overall, the Texas Health and Human Service's Office of the Inspector General found that TSU's oversight was lacking. So state officials rescinded the grant and required TSU to pay back \$200,000 the university already had received. And the state didn't reimburse TSU \$375,000 for which the university had billed for expenses in connection with the grant, which was funded by lawsuit settlement money the state received from tobacco companies in 1998.

**Prisoners quarantined for chicken pox**

HOUSTON (AP) — Two cellblocks at the state's Eastham prison unit have been placed under quarantine after two inmates contracted chicken pox.

The infected inmates at the unit near Huntsville, were moved to medical units at other prisons last week, and 140 other inmates are being closely monitored for signs of the viral disease, the Houston Chronicle reported in Tuesday editions.

## Proposed rule to limit aquifer depletion

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The new rules for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District sets a well production floor rate that guarantees the amount of water that can be pumped in management sub-areas.

In the depletion rule being proposed as part of the district's updated regulations, the district, which

includes all or part of nine counties, including Gray County, is divided into 15 sub-areas based on water availability and use. While the rest of the district's new rules were approved earlier this year, the depletion rule was tabled for further study.

The district's board of directors has now released the rule for public comment through Oct. 29. A final public hearing is scheduled on the depletion rule, Rule 15, on Nov. 10,

at the PGWCD offices here in White Deer.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, said the customary maximum annual production rate is one acre-foot per acre of water rights, but under the proposed depletion rule if an area has declines over 1.25 percent per year, the district's board of directors can reduce the maximum annual production rate for

that area by one-tenth of an acre-foot every two years until the depletion rate complies with the 1.25 percent figure. An area cannot be restricted below the production floor rate for the area.

The guaranteed floor rates range from one tenth to one half an acre-foot of water per land-acre over the 15 sub-areas.

"The floor rate is the volume of

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## Cheney, Edwards prepare to debate

CLEVELAND (AP) — The White House said Vice President Dick Cheney faces a "master litigator" when he debates Sen. John Edwards Tuesday night, a backhanded compliment issued as the Republican administration defended itself against criticism that it has not acknowledged errors in waging war in Iraq.

Edwards is expected to brush aside criticism of his 20-year career as a trial lawyer while bringing up the H-word — Halliburton — and questioning whether voters still want Cheney-style leadership when they debate at Case Western Reserve University. Cheney likely will repeat his campaign's assertion that the Democrats cannot effectively protect the country.

Their only face-to-face meeting before Election Day is as much about campaign momentum as it is presenting opposing views of Iraq, national security and domestic issues.

Debating President Bush last week provided a boost for Sen. John Kerry, who told supporters in Tipton, Iowa, on Tuesday that he agreed with former Iraq administrator L. Paul Bremer's remark that the United States "paid a big price" for not plac-

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Pampa News Photo by DAVID BOWSER

Slim Randles, former Pampa News editor, signs his book, a biography of author and screenwriter Max Evans, for Murlene Riley during a stop on a University of New Mexico Press book tour in Des Moines, N.M., the town that served as a location for many of Evans books and stories.

## Former 'News' editor authors book

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

RATON, N.M. — Slim Randles is a California native who became a New Mexico author by way of Pampa.

Kicking back in the home of a friend here, Randles relaxes after a weekend tour of Clayton, Des Moines and Raton, N. M., autographing his new book "Of Max Evans: The First Thousand Years," a biography of novelist, cowboy, miner and artist Max Evans.

The book tour, planned by the University of New Mexico Press, which published the biography this fall, was across the Hi Lo Country where Evans ranched, played and fought before and after World War II. It was there in an area extending roughly from Taos east across the Texas Panhandle that was the setting for many of Evans novels, including two, "The Rounders" and "Hi Lo Country," that have been made into movies.

"Writing was always easy for me,"

said Randles, who was born and reared in the Los Angeles area.

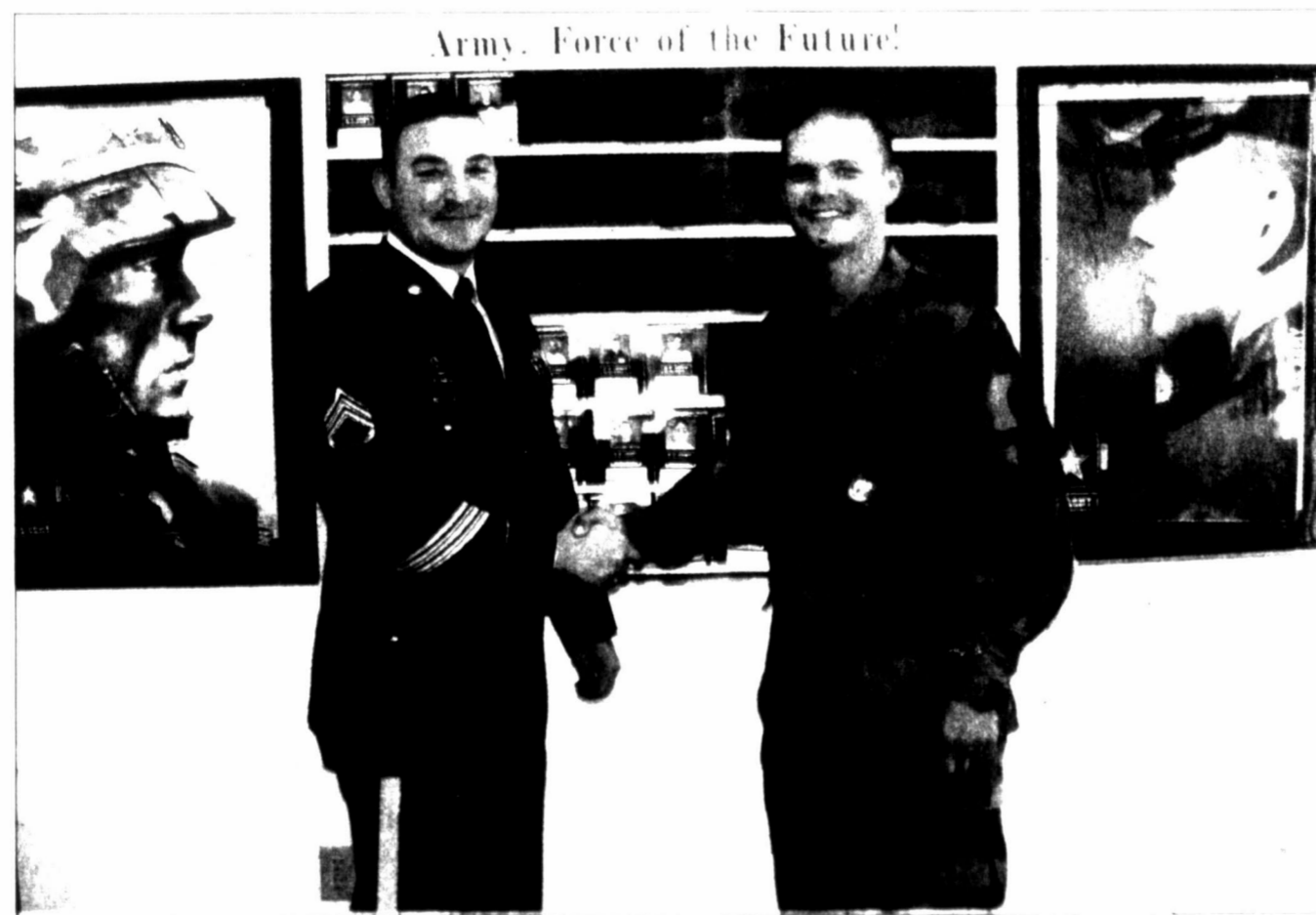
While he was in college, Randles wrote a couple of magazine articles.

"I got paid \$25 for half an hour's work," Randles said. "I thought that's \$50 an hour."

He said he drove up to Lake Tahoe and got a job at the newspaper there in 1964 for \$50 a week.

"It took me 35 years to get out of that racket," he said.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## 40 years of all volunteers

Staff Sgt. Shawn Miller, left, welcomes Pvt. E2 Matthew Dyer to the U.S. Army's Pampa Recruiting Office for a visit. Pvt. Dyer, of Pampa, joined the Army in January and is stationed at Fort Sill, Okla. He was in Pampa last Friday for a weekend visit with family. Staff Sgt. Miller is in dress uniform because Friday, Oct. 1 marked the U.S. Army Recruiting Command's 40th anniversary. For more information, visit the Army website, goarmy.com, or contact Staff Sgt. Miller at the Pampa office, across the breezeway south of Dunlap's in Coronado Center, at 665-1439, 665-1470 or cell phone number 877-394-4977.

## Pioneering astronaut dies at 77

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gordon Cooper was the last astronaut to take flight during NASA's pioneering Mercury program, but he achieved many key firsts as he piloted Faith 7 capsule in May of 1963.

As he circled the globe 22 times in 34 hours and 20 minutes, Cooper became the first astronaut in a space flight of more than 24 hours. He was also the first astronaut to sleep in space, and he successfully carried out a beacon experiment that made him the first man to launch a satellite in space.

Cooper, who was the youngest and perhaps cockiest member of the original seven Mercury astronauts, died Monday at his Ventura home of natural causes. He was 77.

Cooper, known as "Gordo" to his friends and colleagues, had been suffering from heart problems and showed symptoms of heart failure over the weekend, former Mercury astronaut Wally Schirra said.

"We were probably the most bonded seven men in the history of aviation and space and mankind, and to lose another one is pretty tough for us," Schirra told Associated Press Radio.

As one of the nation's first astronauts,

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## Obituaries

### William F. "Bill" Hawkins, Jr., 78

LA JUNTA, Colo. — William F. "Bill" Hawkins, Jr., 78, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in La Junta, Colo. Funeral services are to be Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at 2 p.m. at Peacock Memorial Chapel in La Junta, Colo., with Pastor Ron Skorick of the First Christian Church officiating. Interment will follow at Fairview Cemetery in La Junta. Arrangements are by Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home & Crematorium of La Junta.

Mr. Hawkins was born to William F. and Zula Hawkins in LaBelle, Mo., on April 18, 1916. The family moved to Pampa, Texas, when he was 12 years old. He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II as a Senior Chief Petty Officer and worked on radar installations in the South Pacific and at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

After the war, he returned to Pampa and owned a radio and television shop with his father and two brothers known as Hawkins Radio Lab. He retired in 1978 and moved to La Junta with his wife, Dorothy Elliott Hawkins, whom he married in 1963. They also owned a summer cabin at Creede, Colo., for many years.

Mr. Hawkins was an avid ham radio oper-

ator since the age of 14 with the call letters of W5BCK. He spent many hours talking to his "ham friends" and he especially enjoyed working Morse code. He also loved fishing and playing golf. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, in May 2002.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in-law, Toni and Clint Viergutz of La Junta and Jill and Tom Snider of Pampa; and stepsons and step-daughters-in-law, Larry and Arlene Elliott of Topeka, Kan., and Lynn and Kati Elliott of Sun City West, Ariz. He is also survived by his two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dale Hawkins and Red and Maxine Hawkins, of Pampa, and sisters and brothers-in-law, Joan Enloe of Anaheim, Calif., Mardell and George Gambelin of Pampa, and Mary and Forrest Claunch of Midwest City, Okla. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Arkansas Valley Hospice, P.O. Box 1067, La Junta, Colo., 81050, directly or through Peacock-Larsen Funeral Home and Crematorium.

### Patricia M. Harmon Coffee, 64

NORCROSS, Ga. — Patricia M. Harmon Coffee, 64, died Sept. 29, 2004, in Norcross, Ga. Graveside services are to be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at the White Deer Cemetery in White Deer, Texas, with the Rev. Jarrell Tharp officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral directors of Pampa, Texas.

Mrs. Coffee was born June 17, 1940, in Littlefield, Texas, to David and Margaret Harmon. She married Ronald D. Coffee of White Deer on July 29, 1967. They lived in Dallas until their move to Norcross, Ga., in 1986. Pat graduated from Amherst High School, McMurry University and North Texas State University. She taught elementary school for 36 years in Texas and Georgia. She was active in Simpsonwood United Methodist Church in Norcross, serv-

ing in various capacities with the church and the United Methodist Women. Her daughter, Gwendolyn, preceded her in death in 1969.

Survivors include her husband of 37 years, Ron; her son, Lance of Norcross, Ga.; her son, Kent and wife Meghan and grandson Phoenix of Atlanta, Ga.; and her daughter Emily, husband Billy and grandchildren, Scott, Ansley and Luke of Rome, Ga. Other family members are her sister Nelloyd and husband Rev. Jarrell Tharp of Powell, Wyo., and her sister Joy and husband Harvey Patterson of Amherst, Texas. Loving extended family includes three nephews and six nieces.

Memorial may be made to Amherst Public School Library, Amherst, Texas.

— Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

### Judy Whatley, 62

PLAINVIEW — Judy Whatley, 62, died Sunday, Oct. 3, 2004, in Lubbock. Services are to be at 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 7, 2004, at Bailey Ware Funeral Home chapel with Pastor Leland Lewis of First Assembly of God Church in Pampa, officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean under the direction of Bailey-Ware Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Whatley was a homemaker who loved to paint, ride horses and bowl. She was

a loving mother and grandmother and she especially loved her grandchildren.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Jeff and Tawny Whatley of Lefors and Jason and Gwen Whatley of Borger; one daughter and son-in-law, Jana and Mike Williams of Plainview; her mother, Mildred Wyatt of Rogers, Ark.; 12 grandchildren and many other family members.

Memorials may be made to Children's Network in Amarillo.



Photo by CINDY GRAVES

Susan and Kaitlyn Roberson of Lefors enjoy the new statue and garden area at the Lovett Memorial Library by reading a book.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Breezy with sunny intervals. High 65.  
 Tonight: Mostly cloudy and cool, with thunderstorms. Low 55.  
 Wednesday: Chance for a thunderstorm. High 70.  
 Wednesday night: A couple of thunderstorms possible. Low 53.  
 Thursday: Thunderstorms possible. High 72.  
 Thursday night: Mostly cloudy. Low 51.  
 Friday: An afternoon thunderstorm possible. High 70.  
 Friday night: Some clouds. Low 50.  
 Saturday: An afternoon thunderstorm possible. High 72.  
 Saturday night: Some clouds. Low 50.

### Toby Keith's bus driver wounded by gunshot on freeway

CARROLLTON, Texas (AP) — A bus driver for country singer Toby Keith was wounded when a gunshot tore into the bus on a suburban Dallas freeway.

The shooting happened just after 11 p.m. Monday on Interstate 35E northbound near the President George Bush Turnpike in Carrollton.

George Hampton, 55, was listed in good condition Tuesday at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

#### Monday, Oct. 4

Burglary of a building was reported in the 600 block of North Cuyler. A television and DVD player were taken, for an estimated loss of \$580.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member and possession of drug paraphernalia were reported in the 1300 block of North Starkweather. Minor injuries were reported.

Criminal trespass was

reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Graffiti was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Estimated amount of damage is unknown.

Domestic violence was reported in the 100 block of North Warren. No injuries were reported.

Ronda Spotts, 38, Lefors, was arrested in the 1300 block of North Hobart for driving while intoxicated.

### Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m.

today.

#### Monday, Oct. 4

9:50 a.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program for First Baptist Church Day Care, 203 N. West.

10:59 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a minor motor vehicle collision at Somerville and Hobart streets.

1:03 p.m. — Firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Community Christian School, 220 N. Ballard.

11:20 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1000 block of Duncan.

## 30 states ready to ban abortion

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thirty states are poised to make abortion illegal within a year if the Supreme Court reversed its 1973 ruling establishing a woman's legal right to an abortion, an advocacy group said Tuesday.

The Center for Reproductive Rights said some states have old laws on the books that would be triggered by the overturning of the landmark Roe v. Wade decision. Others have language in their state constitutions or strongly anti-abortion legislatures that would act quickly if the federal protection for abortion was ended and the issue reverted to the states.

"The building blocks are already in place to recriminalize abortion," said Nancy

Northup, the center's president.

The group's report comes less than a month before the presidential election, which those on both sides of the abortion issue say will be critical in determining the future of the Roe decision.

Currently, it is believed that five of the nine justices support abortion rights, but that balance could be tipped if President Bush, in a second term, nominates a new justice who reflects his anti-

abortion views. Democratic contender John Kerry is a strong supporter of abortion rights.

The center found that 18 states had pre-Roe laws totally or partially banning abortion. In some cases those laws have been blocked by a court, but could easily be revived if Roe were overturned. Alabama is one state where the abortion ban was never enjoined by the courts, and could be immediately enforced.

## Telemarketing fraud probe nets 135 arrests worldwide

WASHINGTON (AP) — An international investigation of telemarketing fraud schemes has resulted in the arrests of more than 135 people in cases involving more than 5 million victims, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced Tuesday.

The fraud cost victims an estimated \$1 billion and included such schemes as bogus lotteries, fake sweepstakes and credit cards, offers of nonexistent investments and tax fraud, prosecutors said. Some cases involved so-called "recovery rooms" in which people posing as law enforcement offi-

cials offer to help victims recover losses for a fee.

Many of those victimized are elderly. One recent study by AARP of one lottery scheme showed that victims had an average age of 74.

"These cases show how ruthless criminal telemarketers can be in victimizing members of the public, especially the most vulnerable segments of our society," Ashcroft said.

The initiative, dubbed "Operation Roaming Charge," has resulted in the arrests of about 100 people in the United States and 35 in several other countries since it began in January.

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Corn	3.80	Limited	21.54	-0.54
Soybeans	4.55	Williams	12.49	+0.09
		MCD	27.82	-0.18
		Atmos	25.50	-0.02
		Pioneer Nat	35.79	+0.56
		ICP	36.50	-0.03
		COP	86.10	+1.43
		SLB	68.33	+0.37
		Tenneco	13.44	-0.10
		CVX	54.30	+0.44
		Wal-Mart	53.24	-0.07
		OKE	26.03	-0.01
		NS Grp	19.01	+0.11

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co of Pampa

OXY	57.29	+0.92
BP PLC ADR	58.58	+1.03
Cabot Corp	38.54	-0.24
Cabot Oil Gas	46.65	+1.10
Coca Cola	43.08	-2.28
HAL	33.95	+0.08
TRI	33.95	+0.03
NOI	34.29	+0.55
KMI	63.78	+0.44
XCEL	17.50	+0.01

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Silver	6.73
West Texas Crude	49.91

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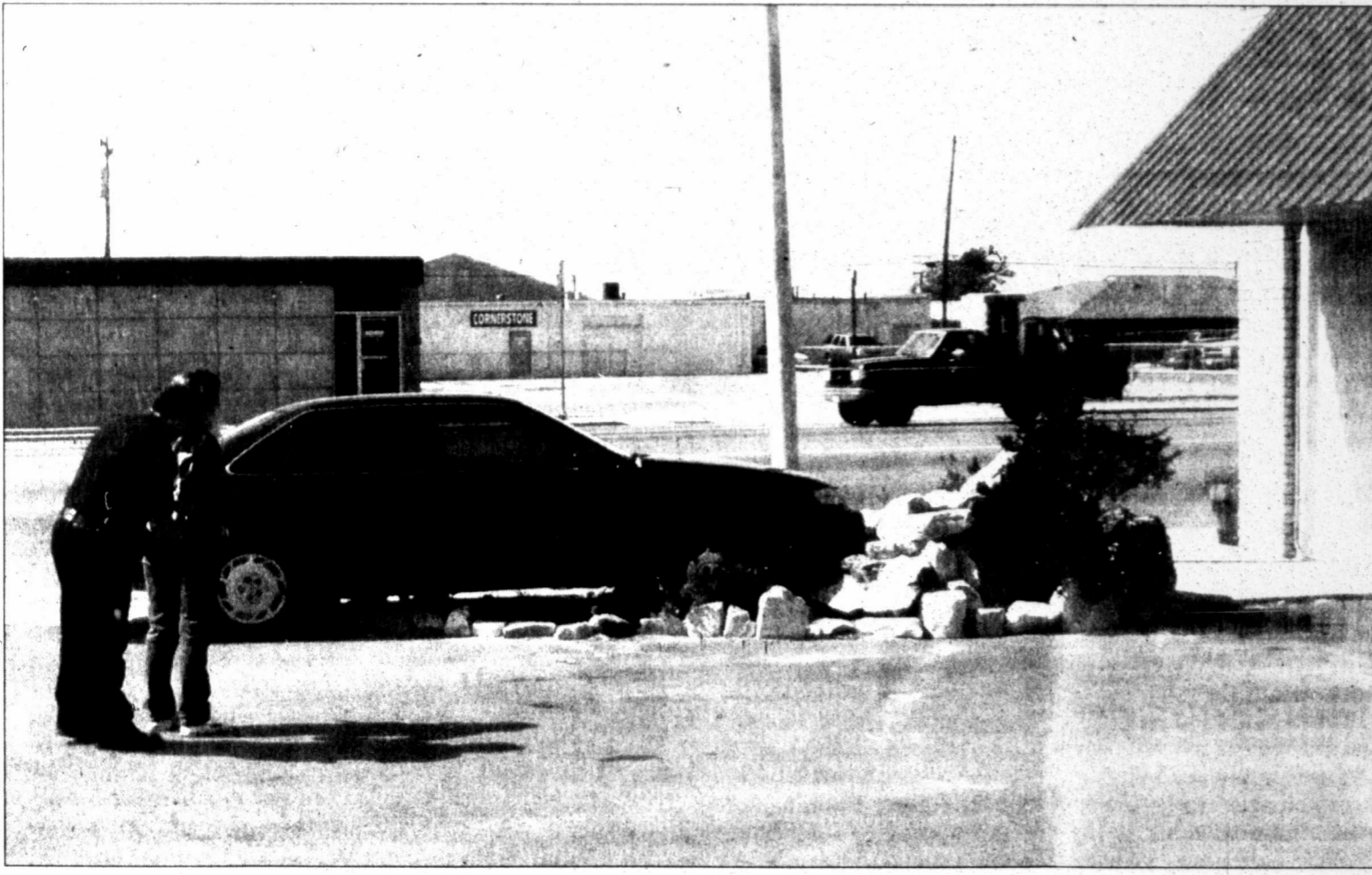
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## Ford in a fountain

Pampa Police Officer Colby Brown handcuffs Ronda Spotts, 38, of Lefors, at Quality Sales, 1300 N. Hobart, after she collided with a waterfall at 2:08 p.m. Monday. Spotts was reportedly not injured in the one-vehicle accident involving a 1994 Ford Taurus. She was charged with driving while intoxicated and booked into Gray County Jail. Spotts was free today on \$1,500 bond.

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water that can be pumped in a sub-area and still meet the District's 50-50 management standard if all sections

were producing," Williams said.

The basis for the district's conservation program, known as the 50-50 rule, is to have 50 percent of the water in storage in the aquifer at the end of a 50-year period that began in 1998.

The district board can review the floor rates no more than every 10 years.

"Production floor rates were proposed in response to well owners' requests for more certainty in the regulatory environment," Williams said.

The new proposed rule sets a 1.25 percent acceptable decline rate that is expected to limit the annual drop in the Ogallala Aquifer that stretches beneath the counties in the district and maintain the 50-50 standard, he said.

## Editor

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Along the way, he was sent to The Pampa News by Freedom Communications, the owner of the newspaper at the time. He was editor from 1981 to 1983.

Randles hired a new lifestyles editor while he was in Pampa, a girl named Dee Dee.

"She was just wonderful," Randles said. "She was a breath of fresh air."

Randles said he's made some mistakes in his life, but hiring Dee Dee Laramore was not one of them.

"That definitely was not a mistake," he said approvingly.

Randles reminisced about sending a reporter over to the jail to talk to then Sheriff Rufe Jordan. The reporter was scared to death, but survived the interview.

"I loved Louise Fletcher," he said of the former publisher of the paper.

Randles also remembered a battle with the police chief of the day over jail records.

"I had a run-in with the police chief there on with-

holding information from the paper," Randles said.

An opinion by the Texas Attorney General led the police chief to agree that maybe the jail sheets were public records.

Most of what he remembers about Pampa was the 16-hour days and lots of pressure and stress.

"You take a pretty good writer and they become a luke-warm editor," Randles said. "I was probably better than luke-warm. We rearranged things and increased circulation."

In those days, the Pampa News had six reporters.

From Pampa, Randles went to Albuquerque, where he was a columnist for 16 years.

"I left there four years ago," Randles said. "I wrote a column there, generally human interest features, three times a week for 16 years."

Now he has a syndicated newspaper column called

"Home Country," which goes out to over a thousand small town newspapers. It's small, and since it's sponsored, it's free to the newspapers.

"The newspapers like both of those things," Randles said.

He also writes a column for "New Mexico Magazine" each month.

"And I have a CD coming out," Randles said. "It's me reading some of my columns out of 'New Mexico Magazine' with music and sound effects in the background."

Randles also has a hunting guide and outfitters operation in Alaska and New Mexico.

But his passion now is writing books.

His new hit is Max Evans biography.

"He's definitely my mentor and a close friend," Randles said of Evans.

"We've spent an awful lot of time together, and he asked

me to write this book."

Even though another writer had started the project years ago, Randles said he always knew he would be the one that would eventually write Evans' biography.

"I thought, that's going to be my book, and I was not looking forward to it because I knew what it would entail," Randles said. "I knew how much work there'd be."

The book is largely anecdotal, Randles said. The difficulty was that Evans, who turned 80 a little over a month ago, is still active. Every time Randle thought he had the book finished, Evans would come up with a new anecdote.

Randles said he finally told Evans he couldn't do anything else until Randle got the manuscript finished.

It didn't work. Shooting on another of Evans' stories, "Xavier's Folly," for a movie, is scheduled to begin next spring.

## Debate

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ing enough troops in Iraq after overthrowing Saddam Hussein.

"I hope tonight Cheney acknowledges the mistakes," Kerry said. "The truth is that George Bush has made some enormous errors of judgment in going into Iraq, how he went into Iraq, what he decided to do with respect to Iraq."

White House spokesman Scott McClellan, who told reporters that Bush was looking forward to watching the debate, said Cheney would focus on differences with the Democrats on the war on terrorism and the economy.

"Sen. Edwards is someone who is a master litigator, who spent quite a bit of time suc-

cessfully arguing before juries as a personal injury trial lawyer. The vice president recognizes that going into the debate," McClellan said.

"Our opponents have a very narrow view of how to wage the war on terrorism. The president believes that this is a broad war on terrorism and that's why he has outlined a two-prong strategy for winning the war on terrorism," McClellan said.

Cheney, who prepared for the debate while at his home in Jackson, Wyo., was arriving in Cleveland at mid-afternoon Tuesday. After the debate, the vice president planned to participate in a rally in downtown Cleveland. Edwards spent the previous night in town and was meeting with supporters for a mid-day campaign event.

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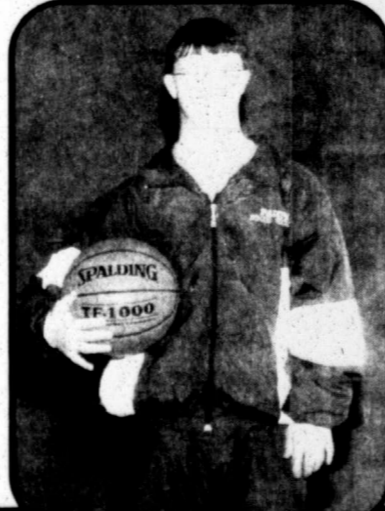
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## Cooper

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Cooper became a hero to a generation of Americans in the early 1960s as the country tried to catch the Soviet Union in the space race.

"He truly portrayed the right stuff, and he helped gain the backing and enthusiasm of the American public, so critical for the spirit of exploration," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said.

Cooper, who took a nap in the capsule while waiting for Faith 7 to launch, was the last astronaut to orbit Earth alone.

A serious glitch materialized in Faith 7's final orbits when a short-circuit left its automatic stabilization and control system without electric power. With carbon dioxide levels rising in both Cooper's suit and the cabin, he issued the classic understatement, "Things are beginning to stack up a little." He then radioed that he would pursue a manual re-entry.

Fellow Mercury program astronaut John Glenn, who was the first American to orbit the Earth, recalled that

Cooper's onboard clock also was not working properly. Cooper relied on Glenn's voice for a manual count-down for the timing of firing rockets that would ensure landing in the right spot.

"He followed my count and hit the button on 'zero.' It worked; he got back," said Glenn, a former U.S. Senator.

Cooper became the first man to make a second orbital flight two years later during the Gemini 5 mission, when he and Charles Conrad established a space endurance record by traveling more than 3.3 million miles in 190 hours, 56 minutes.

The flight proved humans could survive in a weightless state for the length of a trip to the moon and tested a new power source for future flights — fuel cells. It also let the United States take the lead in the space race by sur-

passing the Soviet Union in man-hours in orbit.

Cooper's rambunctious attitude was immortalized in Tom Wolfe's book "The Right Stuff" and the 1983 movie of the same name.

Cooper gave his signature line during a 1995 reunion of surviving Mercury astronauts. When asked who was the greatest fighter pilot he ever saw, Cooper enthusiastically answered, "You're looking at him!"

But Schirra said Cooper was not as rowdy as actor Dennis Quaid portrayed him in the movie.

"He's much less emotional and much less flyboy stuff," Schirra said. "He was a nice, steady engineer. He was more of an engineer than a test pilot, actually."

The death of Cooper came the day that privately built SpaceShipOne broke through the Earth's atmosphere for the second time in five days, capturing a \$10 million prize aimed at opening the final frontier to tourists.

*'He was a nice, steady engineer. He was more of an engineer than a test pilot, actually.'*

— Wally Schirra  
former Mercury astronaut

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# Viewpoints

## Blending two holidays can be hazardous

The holiday season is here. I can tell because, almost before Labor Day, I started seeing Halloween candy, costumes and decorations in stores, and now that it's the first week of October, shelves everywhere are stocked with Christmas decorations.

In the bloodthirsty, cut-throat world of retail sales, Christmas has become the most profitable time of the year for many stores. The result is that Labor Day, Halloween and Thanksgiving get short shrift.

In the spirit of the blended holidays we are preparing to observe, I would like to tell you a true tale that has ele-

ments of both Halloween's scariness and Christmas' gift giving. Just to get you in the mood of the season(s).

Not long after my husband and I were married, wristwatches with liquid crystal displays instead of the old-style dial faces were out on shelves in time for Christmas. These watches, at least the one I got, featured a blank smoke-colored plastic rectangular display area. To see the time, you had to push a button on the side of the watch, and the time would appear behind the smoke-colored plastic in red lighted numerals. Pretty high-tech, huh?

Well, it was the newest thing then. I refuse to admit

how much that dates me.

Anyway, I got one of these marvelous new watches for my husband one Christmas. Not long after the holiday, we watched a horror movie late one night.

I don't remember the name of this movie and have rarely seen any of the principal actors before or since. Come to think of it, that's the only time I've ever seen the movie shown, either. Kinda eerie when you think of it, isn't it? Or maybe it's just because it was your classic B movie, as they

used to call them.

Anyway, in this movie, a paleontologist discovers a couple of giant, fossilized eggs in the Egyptian desert.

They are unlike any previously discovered fossil eggs, and the paleontologist is determined to take them back to his laboratory for further examination to see what they may have contained, and to then showcase them in a museum.

Trouble and woe immediately beset the scientist and his research team, but after several disasters, they finally

get the eggs crated and loaded onto a train to begin their journey to civilization.

Thus begins the train trip from (or to) hell. Literally. For what the paleontologist and his minions discover too late is that the eggs actually contain the spirits of demons who are just waiting to be freed from their fossilized eggs to walk the world again.

The heroine of the tale, a young lady who is on the scientist's research team, allows her curiosity to overwhelm her one night on the train, and she makes her way to the boxcar containing the eggs. She opens one of the crates.

I don't remember whether

she just stares at the egg, or places her hands on it, or it cracks, or what, but somehow the demon inside the egg gets loose and takes possession of the young lady, who then takes on the personality of the demon and begins killing her fellow train passengers. When she is killed by a well-aimed shot from an armed co-worker, the demon leaves her body and moves on to the next hapless victim.

In the movie, most of the action that is really scary occurs on the train at night. You can tell where the escaped evil spirit is because its victim's eyes glow red in

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Marilyn Powers

Staff Writer



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 5, the 279th day of 2004. There are 87 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 5, 1947, President Truman delivered the first televised White House address.

### On this date:

In 1830, the 21st president of the United States, Chester Arthur, was born in Fairfield, Vt.

In 1892, the Dalton Gang, notorious for its train robberies, was practically wiped out while attempting to rob a pair of banks in Coffeyville, Kan.

In 1921, the World Series was broadcast on radio for the first time.

In 1931, Clyde Pangborn and Hugh Herndon completed the first nonstop flight across the Pacific Ocean, arriving in Washington state some 41 hours after leaving Japan.

In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called for a "quarantine" of aggressor nations.

In 1941, former Supreme Court Justice Louis D. Brandeis, the first Jewish member of the nation's highest court, died in Washington, D.C., at age 84.

In 1953, Earl Warren was sworn in as the 14th chief justice of the United States, succeeding Fred M. Vinson.

In 1962, the Beatles' first hit, "Love Me Do," was first released in the United Kingdom.

## Our readers write

### Questions to be answered

Last week's debate, Kerry got my vote. Next time it may be Bush.

These are the questions I would like answered.

Why did we go to war when it told to Bush and Powell there was no (weapons of) mass destruction. Then when they were caught knowing this, they didn't admit it.

Korea openly admitted to having mass destruction weapons. Bush did nothing.

I remember a nation being attacked by terrorists and asked for help. Bush did nothing. Why?

How about WWII? Other countries were fighting the

Germans and losing. These countries begged for help. Because Roosevelt promised not to send our boys, he sent many weapons, plans and tanks.

Japan waited until we were defenseless and attacked. We had nothing to fight back. Sure we did finally get it together and won because of our brave men.

Is this what Korea is waiting for?

I was for this war because I believed the president and he lied to us.

Our brave men and women are dying and more every month. Why?

I heard President Bush tell one mother he thanked her for her sacrifice. He

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## Election debate: Substance vs. style

President Bush's positions on the issues aired in the debate last night are so sound and John Kerry's so contradictory that the Republican could not help but win the debate. But, despite the contradictions of his positions, Kerry showed Americans that he looks and acts like a commander-in-chief and someone we could trust with power.

Of course the United States needs to have China at the table to pressure Kim Jong Il. How else are we going to get the North Koreans to give away their nuclear weapons and stop building more?

Obviously a president can't ask our troops to suffer and die for a war he calls a mistake and "the wrong war in the wrong place at the wrong time."

Dick Morris

Columnist



Clearly our allies will be fooled by a president who calls them a coalition of the "bribed and the coerced" and belittles their contributions even as their soldiers risk their lives.

Certainly a free Iraq would send a signal to Iran which is the only way we

can get the mullahs to abstain from nuclear-weapon development.

Plainly, we need bunker-busting nuclear weapons. Where do you think the WMDs are - in store windows?

Unquestionably, we need a missile defense. Why do you think North Korea is testing its missiles?

So Bush could not but win the debate. Kerry has taken such awkward and obviously wrong positions that Bush

had to emerge as last night's winner.

But Bush seemed disengaged, distracted and, at times, even bored. His performance reminded me of the style - or lack of it - that he brought to the pre-primary debates of 2000.

He seemed to convey a message of: Don't bother me, leave me alone, you don't understand and I can't bother to explain what I'm doing and why I'm doing it.

The president's closing statement was so focused and polished, so intent and energetic that the contrast

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## President's influence on economy low

About 900,000 fewer Americans have jobs today than at the beginning of President Bush's presidency.

As his presidential opponent, U.S. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts, and other critics like to point out, this President: Bush apparently will be the first since President Hoover to have had a net loss of jobs during his term in the White House.

Yet it would be unfair to blame the president for all those job losses.

President Bush took office in January 2001 just as the economy was sliding out of a boom into a recession for which he bore no responsibility, and its impact was

multiplied by the 9/11 terror attacks.

At any time, the power of a president of either party to affect the economy, though not inconsequential, is well short of commanding.

As the chairman of the Federal Reserve System, Alan Greenspan's power over the economy is at least as great as the president's.

At 5.4 percent, the national unemployment rate is higher than anyone would like, but well short of a crisis; when he ran for re-election

in 1996, President Clinton was proud of an unemployment rate that stood at 5.2 percent.

However, today's unemployment rate is much higher in a number of states that relied on manufacturing jobs and the rate remains distressingly high among minority group members almost everywhere. The unemployment rate in Texas is 5.7 percent, and this state is among those with a net increase in employment since Bush took office, about 300,000 workers.

### Texas Thoughts

Austin American-Statesman

The most followed measure of the stock market, the Dow Jones Industrial Index, stood at about 10,500 when Bush took office.

Its daily closing average collapsed in the next two years to as low as 7,673, in March 2003, but it has since come back to the 10,000 mark.

If there was a silver lining on the slow economy of the Bush presidency, it was low inflation and interest rates but Greenspan gets credit for those, which fueled a housing boom that kept a major sector of the economy healthy and some Americans

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## Optimist

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# Optimist Club relies on funds provided by local United Way

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2004 "Community Matters" fund-raising campaign.

Pampa Optimist Club is a United Way Agency serving about 500 boys and 200 girls playing baseball and softball this past summer.

The story of Kevin Hunt is the story of a Pampa boy who has done well. Hunt moved to Pampa in 1974 at the age of 5 and went through the Pampa school system.

His parents are Brad and Mary Hunt, who still live at 1113 Cinderella, where he grew up. When Hunt was 9 years old, he was selected to play baseball on an American League team in the Pampa Optimist Youth Club program. He played Optimist Little League baseball for Chase Oilfield Service for four years. Frank Sokolosky and Dave Brummett were two of his coaches then.

Hunt proved to be an excellent baseball player, making the league's all-star team when he was 11 and 12. When he was 11, his all star coach was Ronnie Haynes, the current commissioner of the Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken League.

Baseball success continued for Hunt when he played in the Optimist Babe Ruth League. He made an all-star team each of the three years he played. Gerrel Owens and Marvin Elam were his regular season coaches.

"These guys had a positive impact on my life when I was growing up," Hunt said.

"Through the Optimist baseball program, I learned the value of team work and good

sportsmanship," Hunt said. "I think you can learn a lot about life from baseball. There are ups and downs, good times and bad times. You learn you have to work hard to succeed."

Hunt graduated from Pampa High School in 1987 and then spent two years at West Texas A&M. He married Stacie Braden in 1989. They have two children, Braden, 12, and Ethan, 8.

For eight years, Hunt worked for Diamond Shamrock in the credit card department in Amarillo. In 1996, Hunt and his family moved back to Pampa where he commuted to Amarillo and later to Borger, where he had a position with the First National Bank. After three years with the Borger bank, he accepted an opportunity to become a loan officer for the National Bank of Commerce in Pampa, his current position.

"One of the things I value most about my experiences in the Optimist baseball program has been the friendships I have made," Hunt said. "For example, Clint Allen and I played against each other in Little League but played together on the all-star teams. We developed a good friendship that continues until today. We have always kept in touch."

"When we came back to Pampa, I worked for NBC and he became a teacher and coach at Pampa High School. We were both determined to give back to a community which had given so much to us," Hunt continued. "We coached T-ball together, a pitching machine team for a couple of years and in the 9-10 Cal Ripken League for two years. This year, although our sons were on different regular season teams, we had the oppor-

tunity to coach the 11-12 Cal Ripken All-Star Team together."

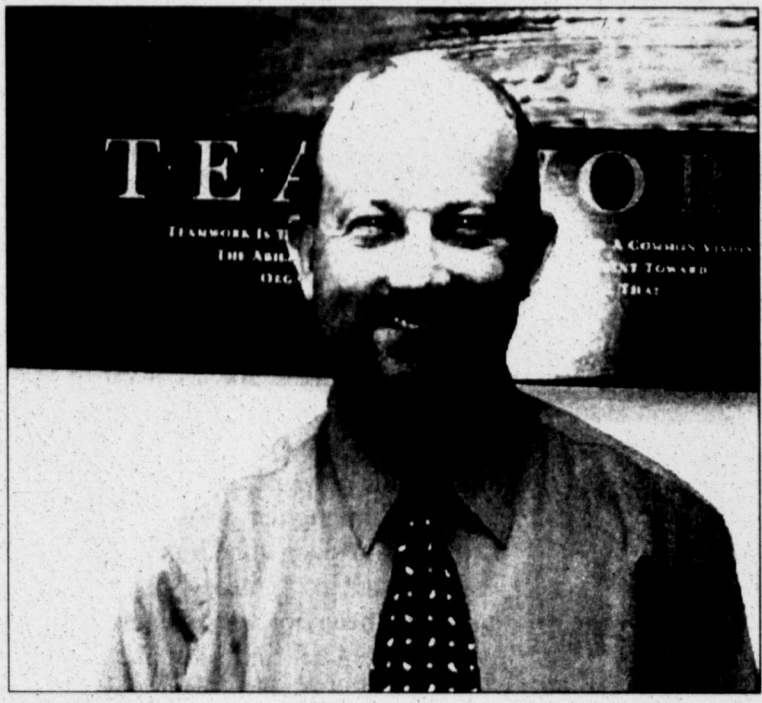
Hunt gave another example. "Shawn Clifton and I have met through coaching in the Optimist program. This has developed into a wonderful friendship between him and his wife, Lisa, and my wife and me. His son, Corbin, and my older son, Braden, are the same age. My younger son, Ethan, and his son, Cyler, are also the same age."

"Our younger sons were on Clifton Supply, a pitching machine league team this year," Hunt explained. "Shawn and I coached the Duncan, Fraser & Bridges Insurance Agency team in the 11-12 Cal Ripken League as well as the Clifton Supply team. We had the pitching machine team practice from 5 to 6 and the older boys from 6 to 7:30 p.m. We had a good time together."

Hunt provided another example. "Mike Killgo and I became acquainted when we competed against each other in baseball through the Optimist program," Hunt said. "For the last three years Huey Green and the two of us have coached the Pampa Rangers, a traveling baseball team, which competes in tournaments in Texas and Oklahoma to provide additional experience for players from Pampa."

A coach in the Optimist baseball program for the past five years, Hunt has also been a member of the board of directors of the Optimist Club for two of those years. He currently serves on the board of directors for Tralee Crisis Center and for the Pampa Chamber of Commerce.

He has been involved on the Budget



Kevin Hunt

Allocation Committee for the Pampa United Way and has been a loaned executive from NBC to the Pampa United Way for the last two years.

"I am positive about Pampa because the people of Pampa make Pampa special," said the Pampa product. "For example, when we needed money for our Optimist 11-12 Cal Ripken all star team, we were able to raise more than \$10,000 in eight days. The Optimist Club hosted a state baseball tournament here this summer and had outstanding cooperation from the entire community. This shows us what we can do as a community when we work together."

"The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency," Hunt concluded. "It uses youth sports to help develop character in future leaders for our community, state and country."

## Economy

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financially afloat. And interest rates, though still low, are starting to rise.

President Bush says his sweeping tax cuts have played a major part in bringing the economy back; economists generally agree they helped, though they debate just how big a factor they were. Congress voted last week to extend many of those tax cuts, totaling about \$146 billion. Kerry says the Bush tax cuts went too far and that, if elected, he would try to raise taxes to their old levels for households making \$200,000 a year or more.

The tax cuts also played a major role in wiping out the surplus in the federal budget and creating new deficits, \$422 billion this year alone with no immediate prospect that they will go away. The deficits are or should be worrisome because the government is moving ever closer to the days when baby boomers will retire and start claiming their Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Both Bush and Kerry have made large promises centered on cutting the deficits in half within five years or so, even while pro-

viding most Americans with new programs, benefits and tax credits aimed at boosting the economy and creating jobs and helping them afford ever-rising costs for higher education and health insurance. Over the next 10 years, Bush's spending programs and tax cuts would cost an estimated \$3 trillion (yes, trillion); Kerry's, about \$2 trillion.

Bush wants to make his tax cuts permanent and he seems to be relying on economic growth and unspecified government spending cuts to lower the deficits.

Certainly economic growth will help the job situation as well as the deficits, but growth alone won't cover \$3 trillion worth of federal largesse. Should the president be re-elected, he likely will have to postpone, cut back or renege on many of his proposals if he is to reduce the deficits.

Kerry would raise taxes on those making over \$200,000 to help fund his proposals, but unless there is a major change in the Republican-dominated Congress, it seems unlikely he could win such a tax increase to help fund his domestic programs.

He might well face somewhat the same situation President Clinton did: A deadlock between a Democratic president and a Republican Congress, resulting in lower deficits.

## Bodies found in wreckage of missing Florida family's plane

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Rescue workers Monday discovered bodies amid the wreckage of a plane belonging to a Florida family that has been missing since they fled Hurricane Ivan last month. Authorities confirmed the plane found in dense woods

about 40 miles southeast of Jackson, Miss., belonged to Kevin Bombback, of Molino, Fla. A coroner was on the scene to determine how many bodies were in the wreckage and to search for identification.

The twin-engine Cessna Skymaster took off from Atmore, Ala., and disappeared from radar early on the morning of Sept. 15 while flying over southern Mississippi.

Bombback apparently told officials at the Atmore Municipal Airport that he was getting out ahead of the storm.

## Holiday

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the dark.

This movie did not have any high-tech special effects, and not even a very good plot or well-known actors as main characters, but nevertheless, it bothered me.

We went to bed shortly after the movie was over, and I was just beginning to relax and doze, having to

some degree overcome the jumpiness which the movie had induced.

Just then, my beloved husband nudged me and whispered, "Look! What's that?"

I opened my eyes, and for a moment saw nothing in the darkness of the bedroom. Then, not six inches in front of my face, red glowing lights appeared.

"AAAAGGGHHHHH!" I yelled, simultaneously jumping straight out of bed and landing across the room in

the far corner, shaking like a leaf.

Needless to say, that was the most enjoyment my husband got out of that watch. I never did like it after that, and refused to get one of my own.

The moral of this story is: Never give anyone a Christmas gift that might come back to haunt you.

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## Debate

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between a speech he has memorized and one which he ad-libs was obvious to all who watched. If the Bush of the last two minutes was on display for the 90 minutes, the election would have been over last night.

By contrast, Kerry looked presidential, collected and, above all, strong and confident. If you'd seen the two men without knowing which was the president and which the candidate, you'd have guessed wrong. Kerry looked like the guy in charge.

The essential message for Bush is that he had better get his head back in the game and pay more attention to his performance if he doesn't want to get massacred in the second debate — which will focus on domestic policy, Kerry's strong suit.

Bush needs to undergo the same kind of transformation he went through in the 2000 primaries.

He started smirking his way through those debates, obviously resting on his lead and feeling put upon to have to debate the pigmies vying for the nomination.

But when he understood that he was facing a life-and-death challenge from John

McCain, he got it together and showed energy and determination and won the subsequent debates.

He has to realize that he is in the fight of his life and bring passion, discipline, focus and commitment to the next debates or he will lose.

Mr. President, last night you looked like it was the end of the fourth quarter, and you were running out the clock. This is a tough race, and it's going to take your focused energy to win it. Last night you looked like you were just mailing it in.

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Dick Morris is a political analyst and was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

## Letter

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prayed with her. Then it hit me.

He has over and over

thanked all of these mothers, daughters, sons, and siblings for these sacrifices. His daughters are still in the States.

Now I don't want these girls to go to Iraq, but if he believes in this as his daugh-

ters do then there is also a sacrifice.

Thank you, every one of our men and women who are serving and fighting for me who is a part of this U.S.A.

Leta Herring  
Pampa

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman, "Uneasy About My Daughter," who was concerned that her husband might be acting inappropriately with her 11-year-old daughter. She went on to describe her husband sitting on the toilet and eating his dinner every night while the girl took her bath, and also stroking the girl's backside to lull her to sleep at bedtime.

You advised "Uneasy" that her husband's behavior was inappropriate and urged her to discuss the situation with the girl's pediatrician. You said the husband might back off if he heard from the doctor that what he was doing was wrong -- and that the doctor should report the man if he refused to stop.

Abby, I think you threw gas on the fire without knowing more about that mother's concerns. Why is the husband eating his dinner while the daughter takes her bath? Does he get home late, after the rest of the family has eaten? How developed is the girl? My 11-year-old girl looks like she's 8! Is the father really rubbing the girl's bottom -- or her back? A back rub isn't inappropriate.

Eleven is a weird age. The girls aren't women, but they aren't small children either. My 11-year-old thinks nothing of jumping into the tub when I'm bathing my 3-year-old. She also does it when my husband is bathing our son.

If "Uneasy" feels the way she does, why doesn't she have her daughter take her bath earlier?

— TRUSTS MY HUSBAND IN TUCSON

DEAR TRUSTS: That's a good question. However, she wrote to me because she has a sixth sense that's telling her something is wrong. And she should listen to that sixth sense and act on it. After I printed that letter, the volume of mail I received from survivors of child sexual abuse curled my hair. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: As a child, I was

sexually abused by my father, a "pinnacle of the community." I still bear the emotional scars. What "Uneasy's" husband is doing is called "confusing touch" and is very likely a precursor to outright abuse. By confusing the daughter into thinking his behavior is OK, the father opens the door for behavior that isn't. "Uneasy" must get help for her daughter so the girl can learn how to set boundaries and define appropriate touch.

Parents have a responsibility to their children to protect them from sexual abuse by family members, friends or others.

— BEEN THERE IN PLANO, TEXAS

DEAR BEEN THERE: I was taken aback by the number of first-person testimonials I received describing similar experiences.

DEAR ABBY: I am a detective specializing in crimes against children in a central Florida sheriff's department. If the father acts this way when he is being observed, I can only imagine what goes on when the mother isn't present. The fact that the mother referred to the man as "my husband," not as the girl's father, raises more red flags.

Had this been reported to me in my jurisdiction, I believe I would have probable cause for an arrest on charges of lewd and lascivious molestation.

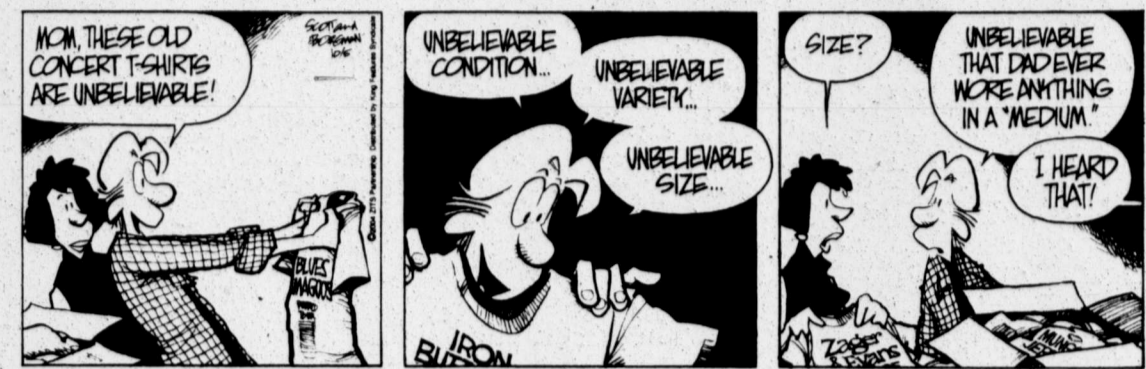
"Uneasy" should contact local law enforcement and child welfare agencies and report her husband. If she doesn't, she could be charged with failure to protect her child. — FLORIDA DETECTIVE

DEAR DETECTIVE: Several other members of law enforcement around the country offered similar sentiments. However, pediatricians are mandated to report child abuse if there is evidence -- and that is why I recommended the mother first talk to her child's physician.

## For Better Or Worse



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## Crossword Puzzle

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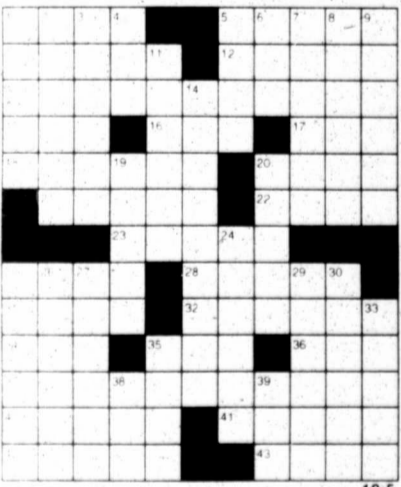
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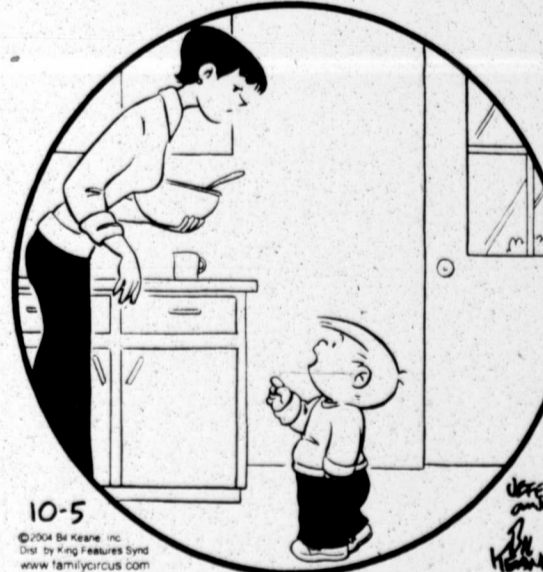


## Marmaduke



"Having a delivery company bring me a stick doesn't count as fetching."

## The Family Circus



"I don't remember being a baby, so I'll have to take your word for it, Mommy."

## Flo & Friends



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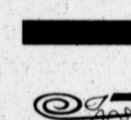


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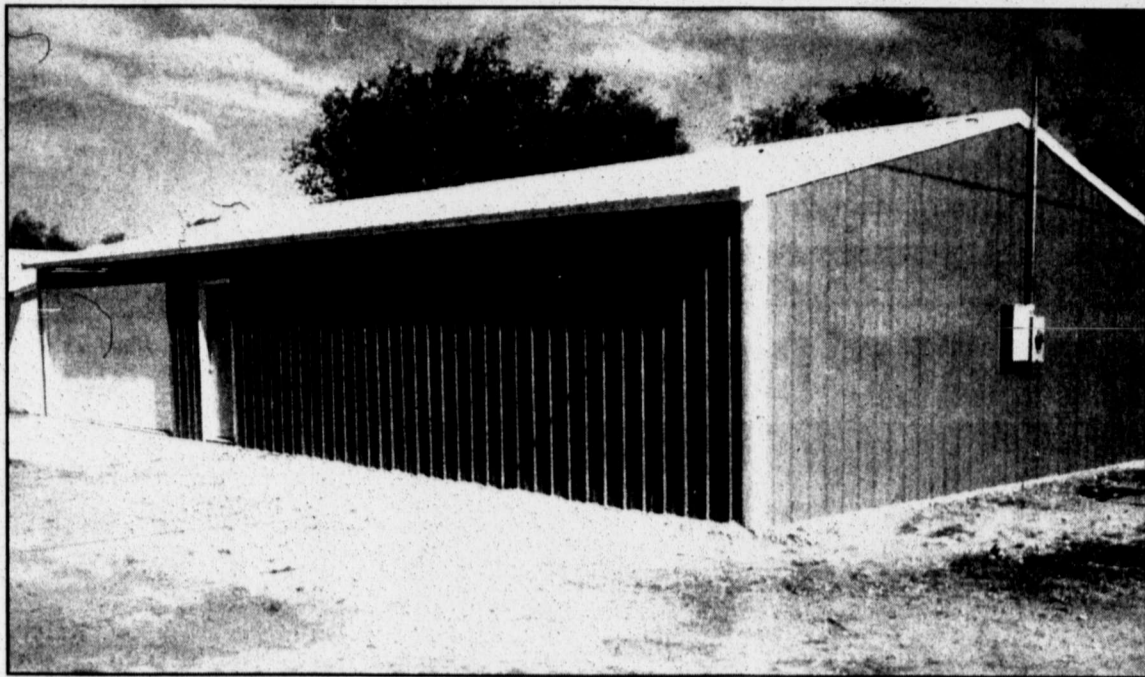
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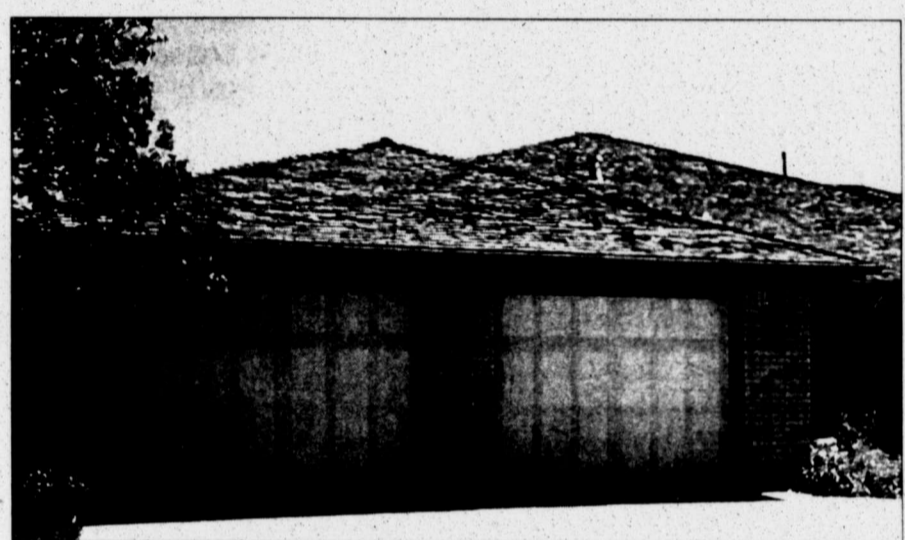
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### THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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| New England at Buffalo     | NY Giants at Green Bay       |
| Washington at Cleveland    | Indianapolis at Jacksonville |
| Oakland at Houston         | Denver at Tampa Bay          |
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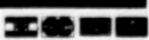
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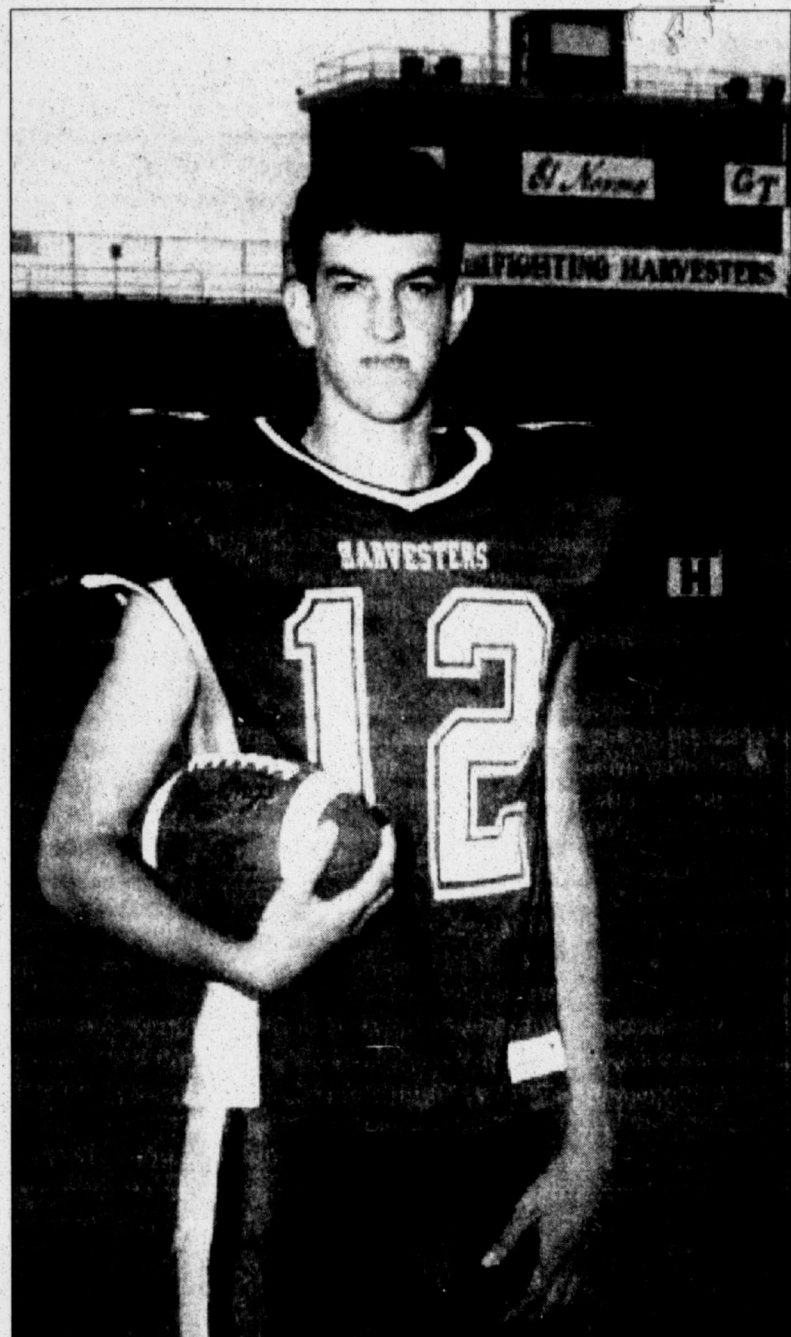
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# Sports Day

## Senior spotlight



Drew Morrison is part of the important senior leadership Coach Parker and his staff appreciates.

## Drew Morrison, QB/Rec

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Drew Morrison is part of the 'Senior Leadership' Coach Heath Parker and his staff sought at the beginning of the season. At 6'3", 163 pounds, Morrison is an easy target to spot. And if called upon, can easily spot targets as well.

Drew Morrison  
Jersey: #12  
Player Position(s)- Wide Receiver  
Player Grade-12  
Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s)- Dan & Brenda Morrison  
School Activities/Interests- FCA, Soccer.  
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

## PFL COMPETITION

# Punt, Pass & Kick

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Today's the day the Pampa Football League will hold Punt, Pass and Kick competitions at the Pampa Optimist Club baseball fields. Competition is to get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Boys and girls ages 8-15 are welcome to take part. Winners may advance to the Sectional competition this Saturday in Lubbock. Sectional winners will advance to the Championships to be held during the Eagles, Cowboys game in Dallas Nov. 15.

Keep in mind the PHS Baseball and FFA Fundraiser this Friday. The all-you-can-eat steak dinner will be at the PHS cafeteria, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Plates are \$10 for adults, children under 8, \$5. Contact Renee Brown at 665-0618, Shelly Teichman at 665-4242, Ginger Foster at 669-0955 or Randy Dunn at 665-7323 for additional information.

If you would like to submit a sports related event, please forward your information to us by fax at 669-2520, attention Sports Editor.

You can also e-mail your information and/or photos, along with a description of the activity and names, to sports@thepampa.com.

For time sensitive events and meetings, please provide your information far enough in advance to allow us time and opportunity to better serve you.

## Earnhardt Jr. penalized

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — NASCAR star Dale Earnhardt Jr. was knocked out of first place in the Nextel Cup by a slip of the tongue.

Earnhardt was docked 25 points and fined \$10,000 by NASCAR on Tuesday for cursing during a TV interview after his victory at Talladega Superspeedway.

Asked Sunday by NASCAR broadcaster NBC about the significance of his fifth victory at Talladega, Earnhardt said, "It don't mean s— right now. Daddy's won

here 10 times."

Now, instead of leading Kurt Busch by 13 points in the Nextel Cup standings, Earnhardt trails by 12 with seven races left in the season.

In February, NASCAR president Mike Helton told drivers to watch their language on-radio and television. Less than a month later, he showed he meant it: Johnny Sauter was fined and lost 25 points for swearing during a radio interview following a Busch Series race in Las Vegas.

# Pampa Harvester tennis teams take care of Dumas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa showed up in Dumas this past Saturday morning ready to play. And by the time the last match was over, Pampa had claimed a 13-6 victory.

They came out of doubles play 5-2. The girl's team showed their depth by winning five out of the six singles matches. "I was very proud of the resolve shown by our team as adversity came their way. Now I know why the Harvesters are so special," said Head Coach Josh Freeman. "They keep their heads when faced with adverse conditions. I am proud to be a part of the Harvester Tennis Tradition."

Players of the week were junior Meagan Clark and sophomore Jareth Fortenberry.

The Pampa Tennis team is now 3-1 in District 3-4A play and faces Caprock at home on this afternoon. Play begins at 4 p.m. Harvester fans are encouraged to come and support the team.

### INDIVIDUAL RESULTS:

#### Boys Doubles

Crow/Foreman (P) def. Cochran/Hallmark (D) 8-5  
Green/Davis (D) def. Robbins/Smith (P) 8-3  
Gonzales/McNeeley (P) def. Bain/Wilhem (D) 8-3

#### Girls Doubles

Vinson/Long (P) def. Lucero/Moore (D) 8-5  
Lucus/Stowers (P) def. Bernal/Photion (D) 8-5  
Acker/Clark (P) def. Bain/Wilhem (D) 8-5

#### Boys Singles

Heath Cochran (D) def. Nick Robbins (P) 7-6, 7-6  
Mitchell Crow (P) def. Keagan Bain (D) 6-3, 6-2  
Michael Foreman (P) def. Jade Green (D) 6-2, 6-4  
Josh Hallmark (D) def. Steven Smith (P) 6-7, 6-4, 6-1  
Ryan Wilhelm (D) def. Adam Gonzales (P) 6-7, 6-1, 6-1  
Jareth Fortenberry (P) def. Brandon Davis (D) 6-3, 7-6(9-7)  
Taylor Ezlner (D) def. Landon McNeeley (P) 2-6, 6-2, 6-2

#### Girls Singles

Myca Vinson (P) def. Addyson Woodrum (D) 6-1, 7-6(7-4)  
Lacie Long (P) def. Jessie Lucero (D)  
Abbi Moore (D) def. Ashlee Lucus (P) 6-2, 6-7, 6-4  
Meagan Clark (P) def. Maria Bernal (D) 6-2, 6-2  
Sammie Pereira (P) def. Marla Photion (D) 7-6, 4-6, 6-2  
Tanna Stowers (P) def. Desi Jimenez (D) 4-6, 6-0, 6-4  
April Coon (D) def. Haley Acker (P) 8-6

#### Mixed Doubles

Woodrum/Elzner (D) def. Pereira/Fortenberry (P)

#### Junior Varsity Results

Pampa 12 Dumas 4

#### Boys Doubles

Barraza/Jurado (D) def. Rodriguez/Frels (P) 8-2  
Morris/McNeeley (P) def. Vincent/DeShazo (D) 8-6  
Rodriguez/Frels (P) def. Vincent/DeShazo (D) 8-2

#### Girls Doubles

Friend/Allen (P) def. Brown/Wait (D) 8-3  
Knowles/Patterson (P) def. Allen/Lounpraweuth (D) 8-1  
Farmer/Julian (P) def. Brown/Wait (D) 9-7

#### Boys Singles

Solomon Barraza (D) def. Phillip Rodriguez (P) 8-6  
Kevin Frels (P) def. Aaron Vincent (D) 8-3  
Riley DeShazo (D) def. Tyler Moris (P) 8-3  
Rafael Jurado (D) def. Phillip Rodriguez (P) 8-5

#### Girls Singles

Shauna Friend (P) def. Chelsea Brown (D) 8-2  
Hailey Allen (P) def. Crysawn Brown (D) 8-4  
Kourtney Farmer (P) def. Jaelyn Allen (D) 8-1  
Natalie Knowles (P) def. Tracy Lounpreaueuth (D) 8-2  
Meagan Patterson (P) def. Chelsea Brown (D) 8-6  
Anna Julian (P) def. April Coon (D) 8-6

## PHS tennis, volleyball teams host Caprock tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

It's another round of important District 3-4A play for both the Lady Harvester volleyball team and the Pampa tennis team this afternoon. Both are scheduled to host their respective Caprock counterparts.

Coach Josh Freeman's tennis team will be at the mercy of mother nature as weather forecasters are calling for a strong chance of showers throughout the day and into the evening. Matches are scheduled to begin at 4 p.m. this afternoon. Freeman has his team at a healthy 3-1 in district play so far and coming off a great win over Dumas this past Saturday.

Coach Shannon Stroud's Lady Harvester volleyball team enters play this afternoon with a record of 8-18, 2-2. Pampa lost on the road Saturday to Dumas.

Caprock is 6-24, 0-4. Stroud says her club matches up well against the Lady Longhorns. When asked what

her team will need to going into tonight's meeting, Stroud said, "Coming off a tough match like this weekend we are going to have to mentally prepare ourselves for tonight."

*"If we just come out like we know how and continue throughout the whole game, we should do really well against Caprock."*

— Shannon Stroud  
Head Coach, PHS Volleyball

Stroud also noted, "If we just come out like we know how and continue throughout the whole game, we should do really well against Caprock."

Stroud says her girls have one obvious area of concern. "We are having a really tough time right now finishing games. We play with the other team until about half way through and then we start backing off. We do it to ourselves, so if we can over come this, we have a really good chance at a longer season."

The Lady Harvesters two district losses have come on the road at Hereford and Dumas. What do they need to do to become a better traveling team? "I really haven't figured out why we are not playing well out of town. I think we leave our comfort zone and feel intimidated when we step onto another gym floor," said Stroud. She added, "I have to get them mentally over that, build their confidence up. They are such great girls and I only want the best for them. I know they want to win, and I want that more than anything right now for them."

Tip-off tonight is scheduled for 6 p.m.

## A day at the track



Taking part in the the 2nd Annual Fall Fling at 4B Raceway this past Sunday, Alissa Durham, Ronnie Durham, Slade Thompson and James Shelton, above left to right, control their RC cars from atop the driver's stand. Below left, left to right, Jerel Edwards, Tyler Jones and Michael Ferry accept awards for 1/10 Gas Truck. Middle, left to right, Chris Durham, Jerel Edwards and David Reighley show off their 1/8 Sport Gas Buggy trophies. Bottom right, left to right, James Shelton, Slade Thompson and Ronnie Durham proudly display their trophies in the Monster Truck Class.



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A Newspaper Activity Page for Young People

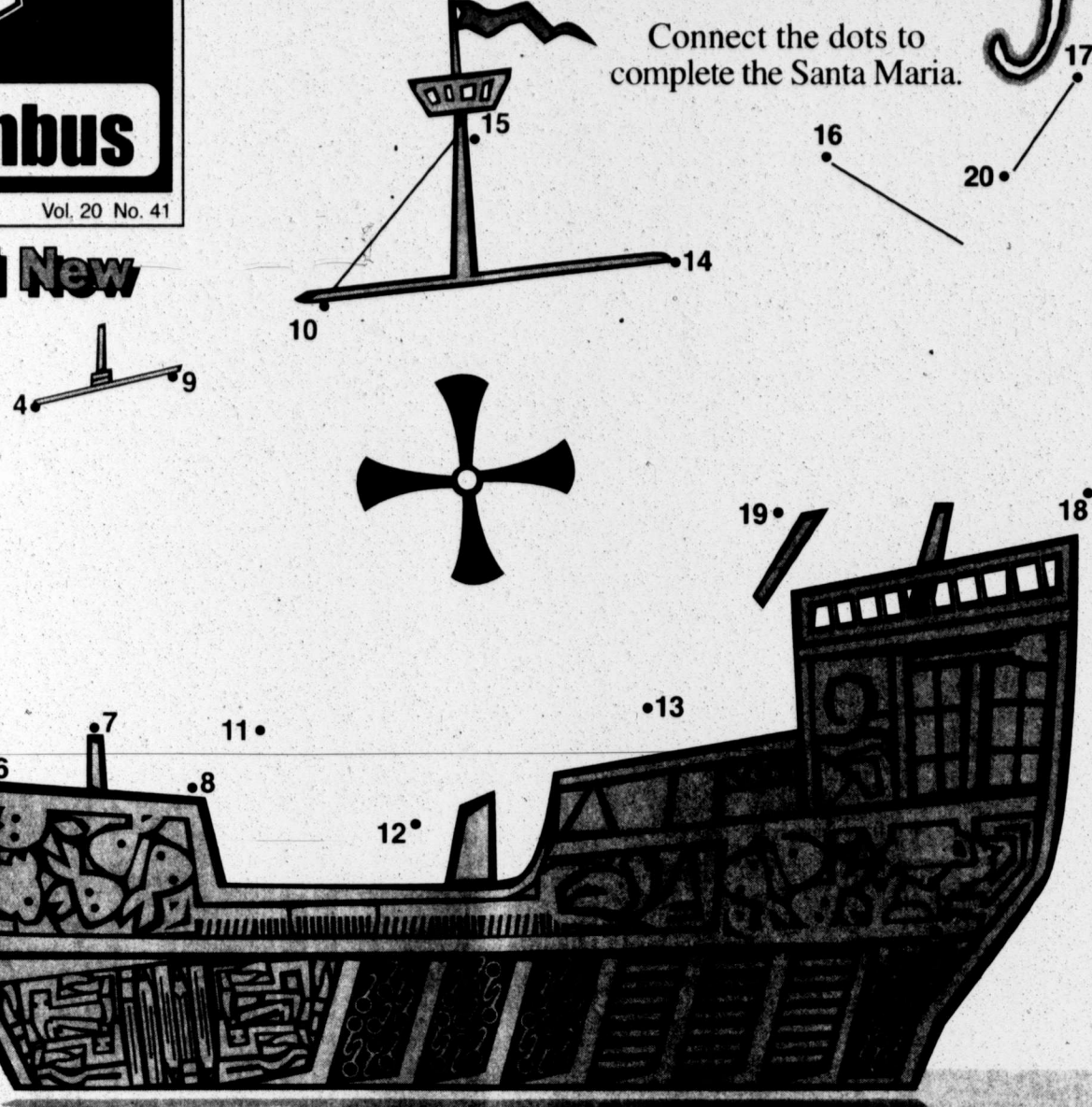


**This Week: Columbus**

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# Columbus Day

Connect the dots to complete the Santa Maria.



## Trade Made the World New

Columbus' landing changed both the European and the American continents forever. The Spanish called the Americas "the New World." But the Americas — both North and South — were not "new." They were old continents just like Europe, Asia and the others.

However, the trading between the continents that resulted from Columbus' trip made the entire world new. It brought many changes to people and places all over the world.



Columbus' sailors traded buttons and tools for Native American hammacs (hammocks). These made excellent beds on board ship.

Trading hammacs was just the beginning. Corn and potatoes were also new to the Europeans. They became important foods in both Europe and Africa.

Unfortunately, Europeans also brought new diseases to the Americas. Diseases such as smallpox, measles and the flu eventually caused the deaths of hundreds of thousands of Native Americans.

## What's hiding in the hull?

The outside or frame of a ship is called its hull. How many of these things can you find hiding in the hull of the above ship?

- comb • hammer • broom
- fish • pencil • eyeglasses

Standards Link: History/Social Science: Students describe the early explorations of the Americas and the cooperation and conflicts that existed between the Indian nations, explorers and settlers.

## Thirsty Problem

Keeping fresh water on the Nina, the Pinta and the Santa Maria was an important job. When they set out to sea, Columbus and his crew didn't know how long it would be until they would be able to get more fresh water.

How did the sailors load water onto the ships? Cut out the scrambled pictures. Do the math problem on each picture to rearrange them in order from lowest to highest to find out.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Sequence information.

**4 + 6 - 7**

Scoop out water with buckets and pour into barrels.

**2 + 3 - 1**

Enjoy fresh water on board the ship!

**12 - 4 - 6**

Row boat full of water back to the ships.

**4 + 3 - 6**

Fill lifeboat with fresh water.

**Extra! Extra!**

### Explore the Newspaper

Look through today's newspaper to find words, pictures and ads that tell the following:

- something you do well
- something you dream of doing
- something you'd like to learn about

Standards Link: Language Arts/Research: Use organizational features of newspapers to locate information.

## Trade Secrets

Look at the list of things Europeans and Americans traded. Then draw a line from each word in the list to its matching scrambled word.

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

## Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

## Weekly Writing Corner

### Welcome to America

Imagine you came to America with Christopher Columbus. Describe your impressions of this new place.

This is what I would think: "We have found new land. It is amazing and it's nothing like England. There are many more animals and more fish. There's much more lumber here than in England. But unfortunately, there are other people so we must leave."

*Joseph, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

"My black hair flows behind me as we approach the land. We see people. They wear barely any clothes. Instead of grand castles and buildings, they live in small huts the size of one room in a peasant's house. There are many trees, unlike where we come from. As our ship moves towards the land, the savages row near in their canoes. Although they looked harmless, our men were armed."

*Savannah, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade*

Christopher Columbus traveled the Seven Seas, sometimes with no water and no food. His sailors were starving. Finally he saw land—not like any other. He named it America.

*Melissa, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*

"I'm so happy. We have been on the ship for weeks and weeks without any food or water and all of a sudden we find an island! It's a beautiful island with food and water and kind people. I love the palm trees on the beach. I'm really happy. There's beautiful fruit on the trees."

*Jodie, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade*

If I were on Christopher Columbus' ship, I would be scared because we were in a big storm. What would happen if the ship tipped over? It would be too long a trip.

*Marcos, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade*

"It felt so good to get off that ship and to feel land beneath our feet. The girls were wearing skins of deer, rabbit and sheep. They were being very nice to us but we couldn't communicate with them but we are trying."

*Selena, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade*

## Write On!

### A Gift Money Can't Buy

What would be a wonderful gift that you could give each member of your family? Think of a gift that would NOT cost money.

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Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade.

## BEYOND Kid Scoop

### Explorer Times

With a partner or two, pretend that you are a reporter traveling with Christopher Columbus. Create a newspaper called Explorer Times that has all the news, views, sports, weather and ads from the voyage with Columbus. Use your local newspaper for ideas.

Standards Link: Writing Applications: Write multiple paragraph expository compositions using who, what, where, why and how.

## What kind of ship is the most valuable of all?

ANSWER: Friendship