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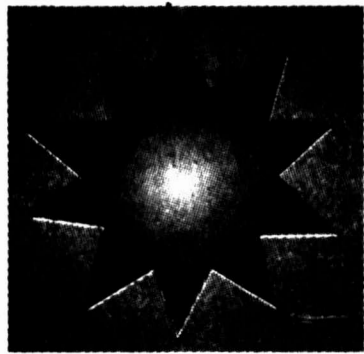
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PAMPA — Clarendon College will offer partial GED testing beginning with check-in at 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 3 at its Pampa campus and Dec. 1 at its main campus in Clarendon. Testing will get under way at 8 a.m. Cost per partial test is \$12. Payment is due at time of testing and should be in the form of a check or money order. Test-takers should also bring picture identification and two No. 2 pencils. To register or for more information, call (806) 665-8801 (Pampa) or (806) 874-3571 (Clarendon).

**Prison gang member gets death sentence**

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A 19-year-old prison gang member has been sentenced to lethal injection for his role in a triple homicide in which the victims' bodies were discovered burning in a remote area of Frio County.

After deliberating for three hours, jurors on Thursday recommended capital punishment for Miguel "Fat Boy" Paredes, a member of the Hermanos Pistoleros Latinos prison gang.

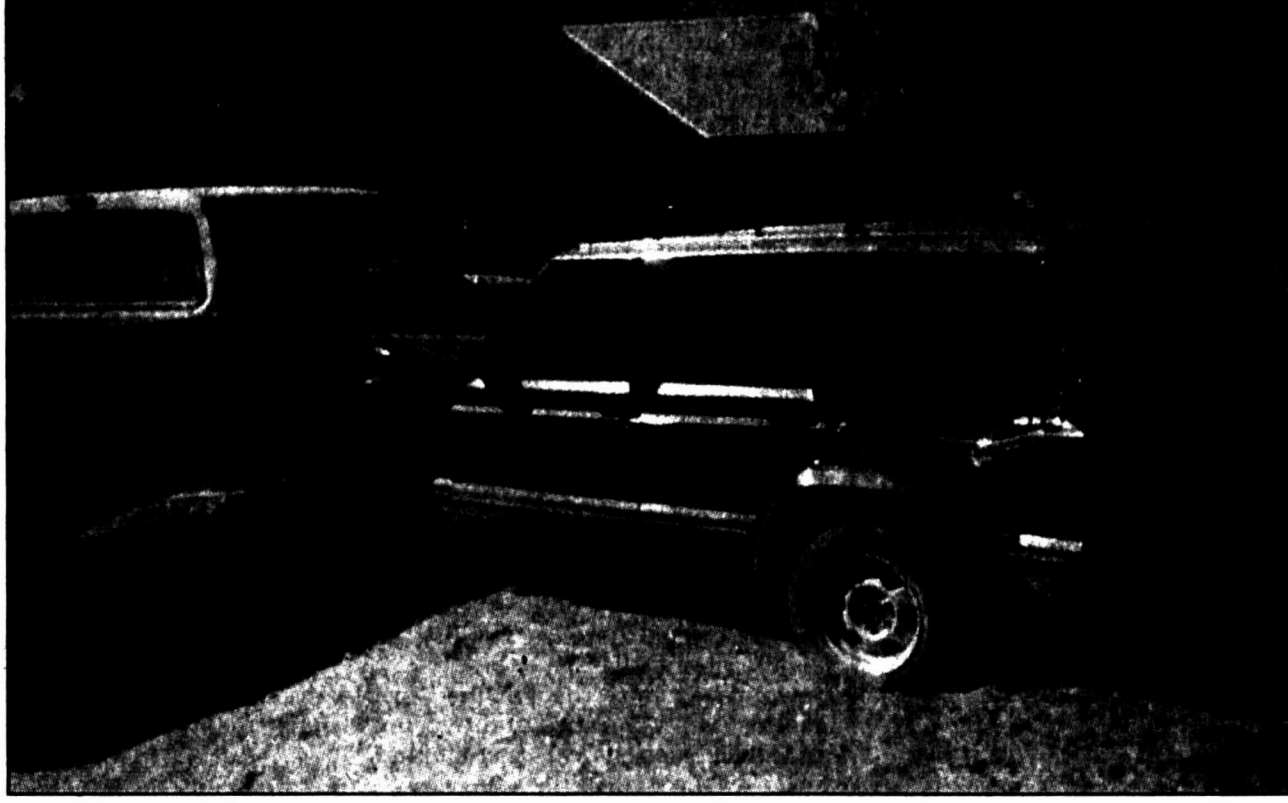
"I was actually surprised how long it took the jury to come back," said Frank Civiletto, the brother-in-law of victim Shawn Michael Caine.

Earlier, defense attorneys argued that Paredes was a victim of his upbringing, one of 20 brothers and sisters living in the San Juan Homes where youths are pressured to join the violent world of street gangs.

- Durant 'Cub' Brock, 87, retired Phillip's employee.
- George P. Savchenko, 88, former teacher, pastor.

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(Courtesy photo) A Jeep Cherokee sits wedged into a Ford pickup outside the Benny Schiffman residence, west of Pampa, where it ended up after a high-speed chase through city streets and along county roads Thursday. Two Pampa teenagers were arrested.

## Police: Fleeing vehicle almost hits motorists

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

Three unsuspecting motorists who crossed the path of a high-speed chase Thursday narrowly missed being struck by a Jeep driven by a teenager fleeing from the school liaison officer.

"There were three times when he nearly hit people," said Officer Colby Brown of the Pampa Police Department, Pampa High School liaison. "They were going 60-to-80 miles per hour the whole time."

Michael B. Cochran, 17, RR 2, Box 93, of Pampa remained in Gray County Jail today facing charges of evading arrest with a motor vehicle, possession of marijuana under two ounces, and driving while intoxicated. Justice of Peace Joe Martinez set bond at \$2,000 for the evading charge, and \$1,000 each on the possession of marijuana and driving while intoxicated charges.

Codie Bowman, 18, 1586 Reynolds Ranch Rd., is in county jail (See POLICE, Page 3)

## Standard time returning

It's that time again! Daylight savings time ends as the return to standard time resumes. So, don't forget to turn back your clocks one hour when you go to bed Saturday night. And you'll get the extra hour of sleep back that you lost last spring.

Pampa's firefighters also remind you to replace your batteries this weekend in your fire and carbon monoxide detectors.



## Effort to get consultant report meets resistance

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

A request for a copy of a consulting report from the Pampa Economic Development Corporation Thursday afternoon was met with resistance.

The Pampa News contacted Susan Tripplehorn, Executive Director of the PEDC, around 3:30 p.m. Thursday requesting a copy of Dairy Strategies' report concerning Top O' Texas Dairy. The firm was retained to provide assistance to the dairy in restructuring its business to put it on sound financial ground. The newspaper was planning to write

a story detailing the report's recommendations to assist the dairy which has been a recipient of PEDC funds.

The PEDC paid just under \$15,000 for the study, according to Tripplehorn. Funding for the entity is from a half-cent city sales tax.

In the Oct. 16 meeting, board member Lee Porter said the purpose of the study was to help the dairy restructure its business. He said the consultant is helping the company to refinance.

Porter said during the past winter the dairy lost numerous cows due to the cold weather and milk-

(See REPORT, Page 3)

## PHS band will compete

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

The opera, Carmen, has 'come to life' on the football field this fall, according to Bruce Collins, Pampa High Band Director. PHS Band will perform at 9:15 p.m. Saturday in Odessa in the area level marching contest.

The band earned the place in the area competition after it received a Division I rating from all three judges at the UIL Region I Marching Contest earlier this month. The outstanding rating guaranteed PHS Band another chance for the coveted sweepstakes awards in the spring and advancement to the area level marching contest.

Pampa's band has provided the musical theme for the Pride of Pampa Band halftime and contest

shows this fall with selections from this timeless classic by Georges Bizet.

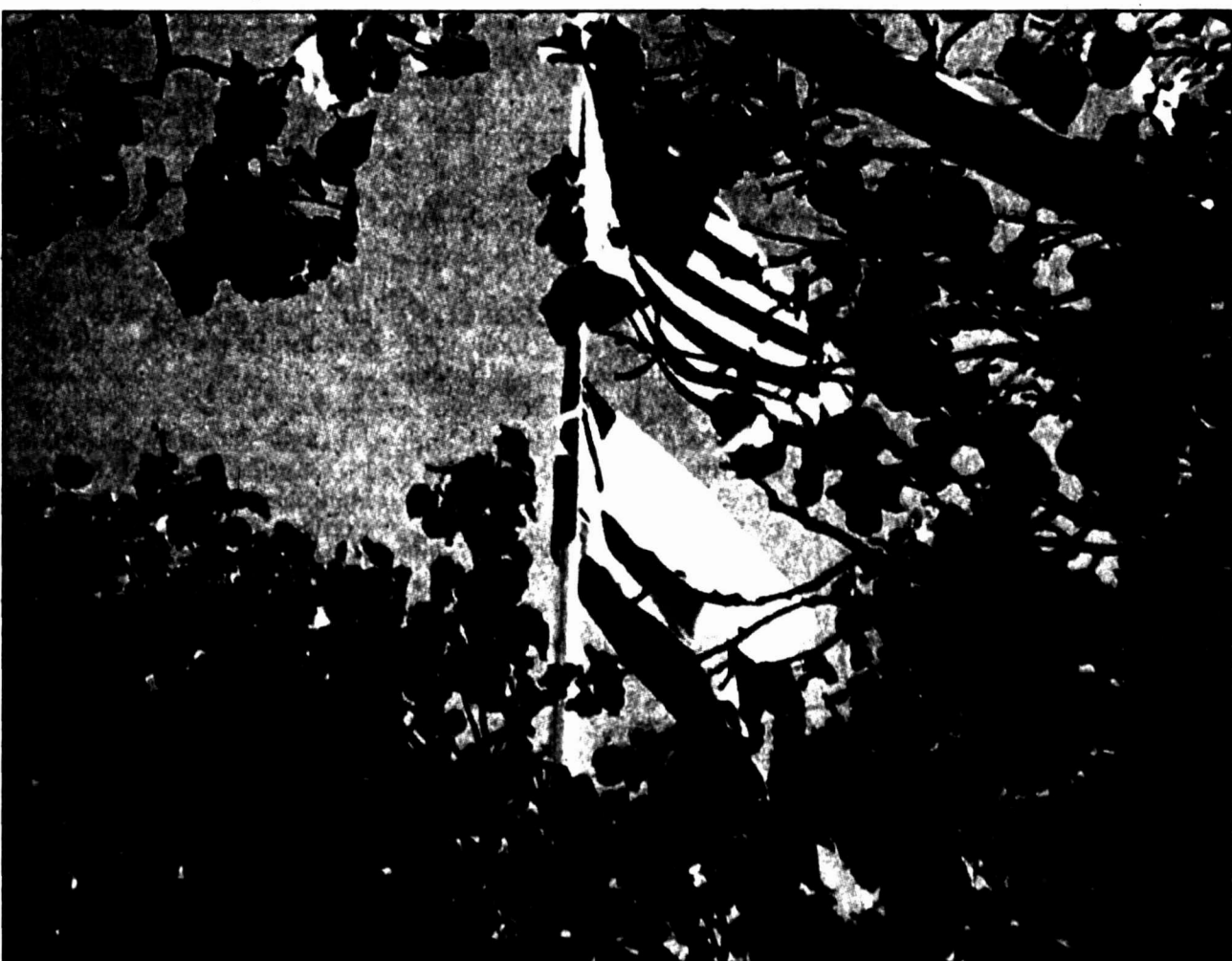
In addition to receiving a division I rating at the UIL contest, the Pampa High School Color Guard was awarded the first place trophy at the West Texas Auxiliary Championships held in Lubbock on September 29.

The color guard performance also featured music from Carmen, but in an indoor setting that required entirely different choreography and flag work.

Julie Collins, Pampa Elementary School's band director, leads the color guard with additional instruction provided by Anastacio Marquez and Madeline Graves.

Bruce Collins said the band members have used

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(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Recent cool weather has tinged the Bradford pear trees in front of Pampa City Hall with burgundies and reds, making a perfect autumn frame for the U.S. and Texas flags.

## El Paso company pick for \$2.2 million water plant upgrade

By KATE B. DICKSON  
 Associate Publisher

An El Paso firm will begin work in December on a \$2,209,375 upgrade at Pampa's water treatment plant after the company was awarded the bid this week by the City Commission.

R.M. Wright Construction Company is the same company that did work on the city's sewage treatment plant — a job that City Public Works Director Richard Morris said was "well done and completed ahead of schedule."

Only one other bid was submitted, Morris said. Cajun Construction Company's bid was \$2,357,500.

Commissioners voted 4-1 in favor of awarding the bid to Wright with Commissioner Jeff Andrews casting the no vote. Andrews cast the no vote as a form of protest against projects mandated by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission.

Andrews complained that for the past seven years mandates from the TNRC have cost about \$1 million annually.

What Morris described as "a massive piece of equipment" will be installed in order to reduce the amount of turbidity (organic particles that come from surface water) in the city's water.

(See WATER PLANT, Page 3)

## Jobless fund shortage sparks employer tax hike

AUSTIN (AP) — Even without accounting for massive layoffs caused by terrorist attacks, Texas officials project the state's unemployment fund will face a \$660 million shortfall in a year, triggering an automatic 2003 tax increase for employers.

The Texas Workforce Commission already has announced that a shortfall this year will trigger an automatic deficit tax increase for employers next year to keep the fund solvent.

Commission spokesman Larry Jones said Thursday the estimated shortfall for October 2002 was based on unemployment through Sept. 15.

It was not until the following week that the Sept. 11 attacks caused major layoffs in the airline industry. Jones said there also were layoffs associated with the South Padre Island bridge collapse in September that are not included in the figures.

"There are likely layoffs that are not included that may further affect that (shortfall)," he said.

Jones said one commission program found that between Sept. 1 and Oct. 21, 2000, 91 Texas employers laid off 8,300 workers. But during that same period this year, 202 businesses laid off 31,215 workers, Jones said.

That program tracks only businesses of 50 or more employees, he said.

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**POLICE**

today also on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces, evading arrest and on a capias pro fine for unregistered motor vehicle. Martinez set Bowman's bonds at \$750 each for the possession and evading charges.

According to Pampa Police Department reports, the two arrests followed a seven-minute chase that began on Wells Street in North Pampa, continued down Kentucky, across Price Road, south on Gray 5, and across Texas Highway 152. The pursuit ended after the fleeing vehicle crashed into a parked pickup at a private rural residence and the driver was caught in a field south of the highway, police said.

Brown said he saw the Jeep Cherokee earlier. "I wondered at the time, 'why isn't he in school?'" he said. When he ran a check on the vehicle's license plate, the sheriff's department notified him that the person believed to be driving the Jeep had been reported as a runaway that morning.

A short time later, he saw the Jeep again at the Caprock Apartments and attempted to stop the vehicle. That's when the chase began.

A police video of the pursuit shows the fleeing Jeep narrowly missing a passing motorist as it crossed onto Kentucky, then swerving to miss another vehicle as it crossed Price Road and continued west on the dirt road.

Brown continued to follow the vehicle in his patrol car, slowing down to avoid the dense cloud of dust. Meanwhile other police officers set up a perimeter to intercept the speeding Jeep.

Brown saw the Jeep turn south on Gray 5 headed toward Texas Highway 152 intersection.

In the video Lt. Kenneth Hopson set up a spike strip on the county road in an effort to stop the Jeep. He also tried to warn drivers on Texas 152 of the imminent danger. Most heeded his warnings, but two vehicles continued to drive through.

The video records show that seconds after the second vehicle passed the intersection, the Jeep - its tires punctured by the spike strip - slid sideways through the intersection at a high rate of speed. It continued southward down the caliche road, went through the east bar ditch, crossed the road again, went into a residential driveway and struck a parked pickup truck.

Two young men jumped out of the Jeep. The driver ran into a plowed field nearby, but stopped when Brown drove his patrol car into the field. He was arrested at the scene without further incidence, Brown said.

A second young man, identified by police as a passenger in the Jeep, was later arrested at Somerville and Sumner streets.

Trooper David O'Brien of the Texas Department of Public Safety investigated the accident scene. The DPS reports of the accident were not complete at press time today. DPS officials said, however, that the 1989 Jeep Cherokee involved in the accident was driven by Michael Cochran, 17, of Pampa and identified the passenger as Codie Bowman.

The Jeep reportedly struck a parked 1984 Ford pickup owned by Benny Schiffman, DPS officials said. A fence owned by Benny Schiffman was also reportedly damaged in the incident.

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**REPORT**

ing machine problems which he said had caused mastitis, an infection, in the cows. Porter said the dairy currently has approximately 480 cows, but need an additional 500 head.

Tripplehorn said the dairy cows arrived Dec. 16, 2000, from Central Texas and that a blizzard hit the Panhandle eight days later.

Board Member Jerry Foote added that the dairy's problems had been compounded by low milk prices.

During the Oct. 16 PEDC meeting, the newspaper asked what the PEDC had invested in bringing Top O' Texas Dairy to the Pampa area prior to paying for the study.

Tripplehorn said a \$500,000 grant and a \$250,000 forgivable loan. She said the dairy did not have any payments.

"They have a forgivable loan which begins repayment on Dec. 31, 2002," she said. "If they don't meet it, then they are required to repay \$50,000 each year. But each year stands on its own. So, they have an opportunity to make that level of employees the first year. If they don't make it, then they must repay back \$50,000 at 1, believe is either three or five percent. Then the second year stands on its own. That's the way it works."

She said the amount is based on the number of employees of the dairy. When asked how many employees the dairy must have, she responded, "I don't remember, but I can get that number for you. I want to say 20 or 25."

When asked if there had been any lawsuits filed against the Roden's, who operate the Top O' Texas Dairy, or filed by them, Board member Porter said he would prefer the information was obtained from the Roden's. Attempts to reach them have been unsuccessful.

On Thursday, Tripplehorn said she didn't know if the PEDC had a copy of the report, saying she would call the reporter back if she "got one together." She said the Roden family, owners of the dairy, might have possession of all the reports.

Calls were made Thursday afternoon to Top O' Texas Dairy to attempt to obtain a copy of the report. No one answered the phone.

At 4 p.m. a call was made by the newspaper to Porter. He said he did not know if the PEDC could release the report because it contained the financial affairs of the Roden family, but would contact City Attorney Don Lane, who also provides legal work for the PEDC, to seek his opinion and call back.

A few moments later, Tripplehorn called *The Pampa News* stating the newspaper would be required to provide a "written request" for the report. She said the report would be provided in the time period "allowed by the law." When asked

what the time frame was, she said the PEDC had 10 business days in which to respond and produce the report.

Porter contacted *The Pampa News* stating that Tripplehorn faxed a copy of the Dairy Strategies report agreement to Lane. Porter said the agreement was signed by the Roden family and Dairy Strategies in order to do the study.

He added that Lane may have to seek an Attorney General's opinion before the report could be released. Porter said the study was done for the Roden's benefit and he would like to get their permission since it involves their finances.

"The only reason I would like to get their permission is because of the finances and the sensitive nature of that report," said Porter. "If they (Roden's) okay it, that's fine."

Porter said he really had a problem releasing the report without the Roden's permission, and apologized.

*The Pampa News* contacted the Attorney General's Office in Austin to obtain an opinion on the Public Information law. Mike Viesca of the public information office said the report is "public information" as sales tax dollars fund the PEDC.

"It is possible the financial part of the report might not be able to be released, but the results of the report made by the consultant are public record," said Viesca.

The Texas Public Information Act gives the public the right to request access to government information. The act applies to information of every governmental body. An entity that is supported in whole or in part by public funds or that spends public funds is a governmental body under section 552.003(1)(A)(x) of the Government Code.

Public funds are "funds of the state or of a governmental subdivision of the state."

The Roden's personal financial information may, however, be public record depending upon how part of the law is interpreted.

According to Section II (b) of the Texas Public Information Handbook, if a governmental body makes an unrestricted grant of funds to a private entity to use for its general support, the private entity is a governmental body subject to the Public Information Act. If a distinct part of an entity is supported by public funds within section 552.003(1)(A)(x) of the Government Code, the records relating to that part or section of the entity are subject to the Public Information Act, but records relating to parts of the entity not supported by public funds are not subject to the Act.

A written request for the report was faxed by the newspaper to the PEDC office shortly after 10 a.m. Friday. A secretary in the office verified at 10:30 a.m. the request was received. A copy was also sent to Lane.

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**BAND**

the past two weeks to refine and perfect their outstanding contest show in preparation for the Area A Marching Contest to be held Saturday, Oct. 27, at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Area A includes the Panhandle, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Permian Basin and El Paso regions. A total of 19 4A bands will compete at this contest, many

traveling over 300 miles for the chance to earn one of three qualifying positions at the State UIL Marching Contest to be held in Waco on Nov. 5.

PHS band will leave Pampa around noon on Saturday. Seats are still available on the charter bus for anyone interested in going to support the band. Cost is \$30 and reservations can be made by contacting any booster club officer or the directors at Pampa High School.

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**WATER PLANT**

He said the project has turned out to be more expensive than originally thought after an engineering team inspected the plant. Because of the size and weight of the equipment, a new, reinforced concrete bottom must replace the old one at a cost of about \$150,000.

The new equipment will meet state standards with regard to disinfectant chemical contact with the water, Morris said. By meeting the standard the plant can operate at its full six-million-gallons per day capacity rather than the three-million-gallons per day it has been restricted to.

"But I can tell you that the water that comes out won't look or taste any better than it does now," the public works director said.

In addition, the city is switching from chlorine to an ammonia-based disinfectant in order to meet regulations with regard to permitted trihalomethanes in the

water, Morris explained. Trihalomethanes, the TNRCC has reported, is a cancer-causing agent. It is a byproduct created when chlorine is used to treat surface water that contains organic matter such as leaves and dirt.

THMs will be further reduced by adding more well water. This will be the case when the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority project comes on line sometime next month supplying water from a well field in Roberts County.

Morris said some test distributions of CRMWA's Roberts County water have been made successfully.

Andrews asked Morris how long the latest water plant improvements will meet state regulations.

"This will meet everything that's on the books now," the public works director said.

City Manager Bob Eskridge said, "Everything we build is to the specifications required at the time. It's when they change" that

the city has problems.

Morris said he expects the state to tighten turbidity regulations more in the future but said the new equipment "will meet or exceed" stricter standards.

For periods of time while the work is being done, Morris said the city will rely on the city's 11 wells plus three at the prison for water.

"The wells can handle our needs, he said, but if we get into peak flow situations it will be difficult for the wells to handle it."

The project is expected to take five months to complete.

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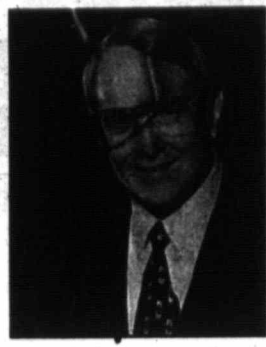
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**Q** I could use some advice about a minor problem that we are having. Tim, my 6-year-old son, loves to use silly names whenever he speaks to my husband and me. This past week, it's been "You big hot dog." Nearly every time he sees me now he says, "Hi, Hot Dog." Before that it was "Dummy," then "Moose" (after he studied "M for Moose" in school). I know it's silly and not a huge problem, but it gets so annoying after such a long time. He's been doing this for a year now. How can we get him to talk to us with more respect, calling us Mom or Dad, instead of Hot Dog and Moose.

**A** Ordinarily it would not be a big deal for a child to use a playful name for his parent. But that isn't what appears to be happening with Tim. It sounds more like a classic power game to me. And contrary to what you said, it is not so insignificant. Your son is continuing to do something that he knows is irritating to you and your husband, yet you are unable to stop him. That is the issue. He has been using humor as a tactic of defiance for a full year.

It is time for you to sit down and have a quiet little talk with young Timothy. Tell him that he is being disrespectful, and that the next time he calls either you or his father a name of any kind, he will be punished. You must then be prepared to deliver on the promise, because he will continue to challenge you until it ceases to be fun. That's the way he is made. If that response never comes, his insults will probably become more pronounced. Appeasement for a strong-willed child is an invitation to warfare. This is the time to deal with it.

**Q** I would like to teach my child about human sexuality, but I'm not sure how to go about it. Talk about a matter of timing. When do I say what?

**A** One of the most common mistakes made by parents and many overzealous educators is teaching too much too soon. One parent told me, for example, that the kindergarten children in her local district were shown films of animals in the act of copulation. That is unwise and dangerous! Available evidence indicates that there are numerous hazards involved in moving too rapidly. Children can sustain a severe emotional jolt by being exposed to realities for which they are not prepared.

Furthermore, it is unwise to place the youngster on an informational timetable that will result in full awareness to early in life. If 8-year-old children are given an understanding of mature sexual behavior, it is less likely that they will wait 10 to 12 years to apply this knowledge within the confines of marriage.

Generally speaking, children should be given the information they need at a particular age. Six-year-olds, for example, don't need to understand the pleasures of adult sexuality. They are not ready to deal with that concept at their developmental stage. They should be told where babies come from and how they are born. Sometime between 6 and 9 years of age, depending on the maturity and interest of an individual (and what is being heard in the neighborhood), he or she ought to understand how conception occurs. The rest of the story can be told later in elementary school.

Admittedly, this ideal timetable can be turned upside down by exposure to precocious friends, racy videos or unwise adults. When that occurs, you have to cope with the fallout as best as possible. It is regrettable that we expose our vulnerable children to far too much of the wrong kind of sexuality.

Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, CO. 80903; or [www.family.org](http://www.family.org) Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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 Pampa Area Literacy Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

**ST. MARK CME CHURCH**  
 St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

**FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS**  
 The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

**PAMPA FINE ARTS ASSOCIATION**  
 Pampa Fine Arts Association Board of Directors will meet at 6 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Pampa Community Building.

**SHRINE CLUB**  
 Pampa Shrine Club holds a covered dish meeting at 7 p.m. every third Friday of each month at the Sportsman's Club on South Barnes.

**PAMPA TAKEDOWN CLUB WRESTLING**  
 Pampa Takedown Club Wrestling for youth 5-15 years of age. Practice is at 900 N. Frost. Season starts Sept. 25 through February. For more information, call Rick Urganhart at 665-8321.

**MAGIC PLAINS CHAPTER ABWA**  
 Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association will meet at 6:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Furr's Cafeteria. Working business women are invited to attend. For more information, call Pat Winkleblack at 669-7828 or Estelle Malone at 669-9614.

**CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR**  
 Lovett Memorial Library will offer a story-hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday. The free program is open to children 18 months to 6 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

**CPF**  
 Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

**GRAY COUNTY ARC**  
 Gray County chapter of the American Red Cross is in need of wheelchairs, walkers, shower chairs, potty chairs (with pot) and hospital beds for its Loan Closet. For more information or to make a donation, contact the local Red Cross office at 669-7121.

**HOSPICE HOPE SERIES**  
 Crown of Texas Hospice is offering HOPE (Healing Our Parental Emptiness) bereavement series for those grieving the death of a child (pregnancy to 18 years) from 10-11:30 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo. The series is free and open to the public. For more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

**STRAIGHT TALK FOR MEN**  
 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will host "Straight Talk for Men" from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings Oct. 9-30. The program is a wellness series for men living with prostate cancer. For more information or to register, call (806) 359-4673 or 1-800-274-4673. Wives and friends are welcome.

**4-H PECAN SALE**  
 Gray County 4-Hers are conducting their annual pecan sale. Thanksgiving orders are due Tuesday, Oct. 16. Christmas orders are due Nov. 16. On sale are: pecan halves, pecan pieces, chocolate pecans, raw peanuts, chocolate covered peanuts, Hot and Spicy Peanuts, Redskins peanuts, cashews, walnuts, Deluxe Nut Mix, Hunter's Mix, California Fruit Mix and Trash mix. For more information or to place an order, call 669-8033. Prices are the same as last year.

**PACS DANCE**  
 A Pampa Area Christian Singles dance is in the offing from 8-11 p.m., Oct. 27 at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Music will be by Mike Porter. Participants are urged to bring snacks. The event is alcohol and smoke free. For more information, call 665-7079.

**TIMELSS TREASURES QUILT GUILD**  
 Timelss Treasures Quilt Guild will meet Oct. 27 at Methodist Enrichment Center in Guymon, Okla. A business meeting will be conducted at 10 a.m. and Cheryl Ashpaugh will facilitate an afternoon workshop on "Sunbonnet Sue and Overall Sam." Kits cost

\$25. Pre-register to Ellen Grice, P.O. Box 703, Goodwell, OK 73939.

**CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
 The city's Recreation Department will hold its annual Children's Halloween Party on Wednesday, Oct. 31. The party will be at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium starting at 5:30 p.m. Prizes will be awarded for the best five costumes. All children attending will receive a bag of goodies. Sponsors include Gray County Red Cross, First Bank Southwest, Franks Food Store, National Bank of Commerce, Albertson's, Wal-Mart, and the Pampa police and fire departments.

**TMA EDUCATION AWARD**  
 Texas Medical Association is currently conducting its 2002 Excellence in Science Teaching Awards. Competition is open to elementary through high school science teachers across the state. Applications are available on the Internet at [www.texmed.org](http://www.texmed.org). **Deadline for entry is Oct. 31.** For more information, call Hella Wagner at 1-800-880-1300, ext. 1403.

**CHRISTMAS ROUNDUP 2001**  
 The Art Museum Alliance and the Amarillo Symphony Guild will join forces to present Christmas Roundup 2001, an annual fund-raising event for both organizations, Nov. 2-4 at Amarillo Civic Center. Shopping and silent auction hours are 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 12 noon-5 p.m., Sunday. Over 52 exhibitors from the Texas Panhandle and beyond will participate.

**FALL CRAFT SHOW**  
 Claude area TEEA clubs will sponsor a Fall Craft Show from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Nov. 3 in the Armstrong County Activity Building in Claude. Proceeds from the event will help fund the TEEA clubs' 4-H scholarship programs. For more information, call Leicia Redwine at (806) 226-3021.

**AC WDD SEMINAR**  
 Amarillo College Workforce Development Division will present "The New Leadership Challenge: Teaming Principles with Practices in a Time of Change" from 9:45 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Nov. 7 at Cinemark Hollywood 16, 9100 Canyon Dr., Amarillo. For more information or to register, access [lessonsinleadership.com](http://lessonsinleadership.com) on-line or call 1-800-689-9771. Guest speakers will include, Dr. Stephen R. Covey, author of "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People"; Dr. Tom Peters, author of "In Search of Excellence"; Dr. Ken Blanchard, author of "The One Minute Manager," and more.

**FRESH START**  
 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold FreshStart, a free two-week smoking cessation support series sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, from 6-7 p.m., Nov. 5, 8, 12 and 15. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 213.

**WESLEY UNITED ARTS/CRAFTS FESTIVAL**  
 Wesley United Methodist Church of Hereford will host its 21st Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 1 at the Community Center in Hereford. Only limited booth space is available. Booth fee is \$10. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045; or by calling (806) 364-0774.

**DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS**  
 The Dance Council and TITAS has initiated a new scholarship for Dallas and North Texas youth to attend the 2002 American Dance Festival. The scholarship is in honor of Tom's dam's and will include full tuition, room and board for the annual American Dance Festival studies at Duke University. For more information, call the Dance Council at (214) 219-2290 or visit [www.thedance-council.org](http://www.thedance-council.org) on the Internet.

**IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**  
 The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vaccines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 3 and 17, TDH, 736 Cuyler, Pampa; 12-4 p.m., Oct. 29, City Hall, Canadian; 2-4 p.m., Oct. 25, Young at Heart Building, McLean.

**HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER**  
 The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil

Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinics: Nov. 27, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, Pampa; Nov. 7 and 21, Hemphill County Hospital, Canadian; Nov. 28, Family Care Clinic, Shamrock. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

**IALOGUE**  
 The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1:00 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

**MUSIC THERAPY**  
 Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center's Quality of Life Project/Palliative Care Services offers free Music Therapy Sessions at 10:30 a.m. weekly on Wednesdays at the Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room. Patient and adult family members are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 291.

**BEGINNINGS**  
 "Beginnings," a Harrington Cancer Center program for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients, will meet weekly in Harrington Cancer Center Quiet Room, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 359-4673, ext. 173, or 1-800-274-4673, ext. 173.

**NIH GUIDE**  
 National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

**GREEN THUMB INTERNET SITE**  
 Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

**HFA PUBLICATION**  
 Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit [www.hospicefoundation.org](http://www.hospicefoundation.org) on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets:

"Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

**FIT**  
 Foundation for Intercultural Travel is seeking host families for exchange students. Students bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses and provide their own medical insurance as well. Host families agree to room and board and to include the exchange student in the family. For more information, call (877) 439-7862.

**MSAA**  
 A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access [www.msaa.com](http://www.msaa.com) on the Internet.

**FAN BOOKLET**  
 The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., is offering the following booklets, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" and "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills." The first booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. The second booklet gives information on how and where to get government help to pay your heating bills. Consumers can obtain a copy of "Free & Low Cost Medical Care" by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. To get a copy of "How to Get Government Help To Pay Your Energy Bills" send \$5 to: Financial Assistance Network - Government Help for Energy Bills, Dept. GHEB-1219, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at [www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org](http://www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org).

**FHRC BOOKLET**  
 Family Health Research Council recently published the booklet "Overcoming Depression and Anxiety." The booklet gives information on how and where to get free and low cost prescription drugs to treat depression and anxiety. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Fulfillment Center East, Overcoming Depression and Anxiety, P.O. Box 3176, Elmira, NY 14905-3176. For additional information, visit the Council's website at [www.FamilyHealthResearch.org](http://www.FamilyHealthResearch.org).

**AIYSE**  
 American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575 or visit [www.aiyse.com](http://www.aiyse.com) on the World Wide Web.

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children are in a well-balanced, happy environment. Full day sessions are available as well as part-day programs for children 0- to 12-years of age. The center is open from 7 a.m.-6 p.m.

Shining Star Child Day Care Center, located at 708 Prairie



Center, offers a well-trained staff to give children the attention and guidance needed to learn important fundamental skills. The children are taught their ABC's, numbers, colors and various group activities to help prepare them for the future.

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# RELIGION

## First Presbyterian to celebrate 75th birthday

By Mary Fatheree  
for The Pampa News

Since its first service in the Pampa High School auditorium in 1926, the First Presbyterian Church of Pampa has been a potent force for the betterment of this community.

On Sunday, Nov. 18, the church will observe its 75th anniversary with four former pastors and current pastor Dr. Edwin Cooley officiating at the 10:45 a.m. service of worship and rededication. A Thanksgiving dinner in the Education Building will follow.

Mrs. E.L. (Virginia) Green Jr., the church's only surviving charter member and Mrs. Ocie (Jean) Stewart, longtime church leader, recently shared memories of the life of their congregation. Although too young to participate in the first Women's Organization, Mrs. Green remembers its many projects such as bake sales, flower and quilt shows, merchants' carnivals and dinners that helped raise funds to build the church and the manse.

One of the Women's Organization's members, Mrs. Fred Roberts, was instrumental in organizing a Pampa Council of Church Women in the early 1940s to help serve Pampans with special needs.

Mrs. Green says that the period of church history that stands out most to her is that of 1945 until 1954 during the ministry of Dr. Douglas Nelson, a gift preacher who came to the Panhandle from Pittsburg, Pa.

"We all learned so much about the Bible and theology from

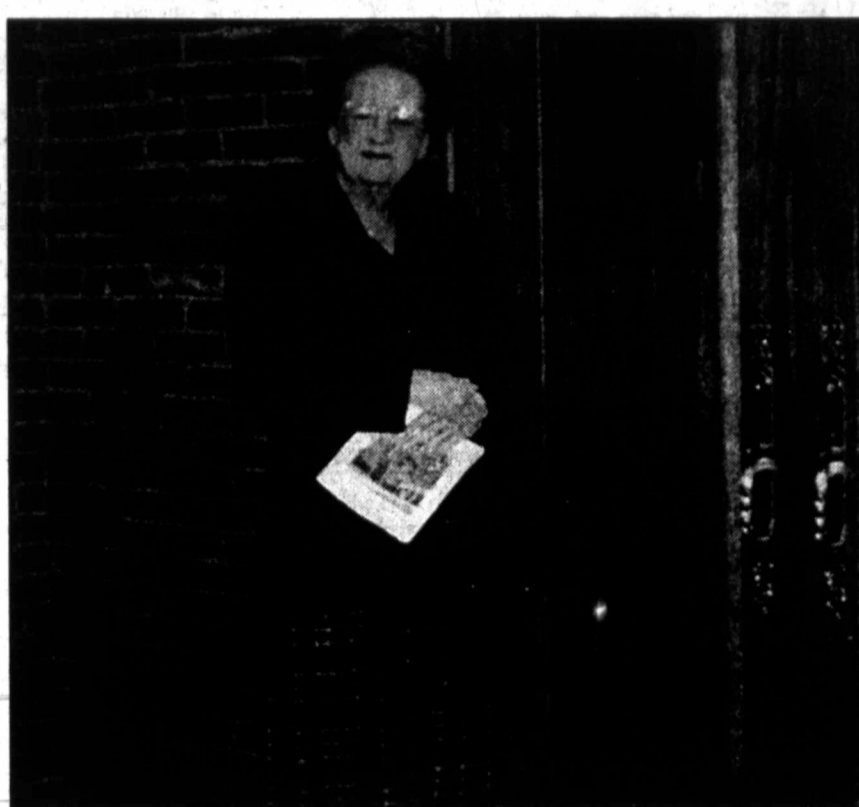
Doug," Mrs. Green said. "He was a great 'teaching' preacher who could really hold your attention. And if any of the younger folk got restless during his sermons, he wouldn't hesitate to pause in his remarks and bring their attention back to where it should be," she added.

Mrs. Stewart remembers the years from 1962 to 1967 under the Rev. Don Hauck as a period of great action and growth in the church. Rev. Hauck, who will return for the 75th anniversary celebration, began a "complete modernization of the church's organization. He revitalized the Christian education program and encouraged the youth to participate more fully in the life of the church.

Membership increased so dramatically that it became necessary to hold two worship services on Sunday morning. During this time, two young men from First Presbyterian Church, Mike Price and Craig Meyers, were ordained as ministers. This was an exciting event for the members of the local congregation.

Both Mrs. Green and Mrs. Stewart agree that the years following under the pastorates of the Rev. Marty Hager, the Rev. Joe Turner, and Dr. John Judson — all of whom will participate in the November celebration — saw the deepest involvement of Pampa Presbyterians in ever aspect of community service.

"Presbyterians have been in the forefront of every social action program initiated in Pampa," Mrs. Stewart says. "We take our role as servants of God and our neighbor very seriously," she



(Courtesy photo) Virginia Green stands by the front doors of First Presbyterian Church of Pampa that she and her late husband, E.L. Green Jr., donated to the church.

explained. "We may not always agree on the ways and means of reaching our goals," she continued, "but our love and respect for each other keeps us on track."

Members of the community are invited to visit with the former pastors and their families from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. at an informal coffee in the church library on Nov. 18 and to attend the worship service at 10:45 a.m.

Admission to the dinner following worship is by donation. Those planning to attend are

asked to call the church office at 665-1031 before Nov. 16.

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### Weekly Word By Pastor Leland Lewis First Assembly of God

#### TURNING A DISADVANTAGE

With the presses all set to run three million copies of Theodore Roosevelt's 1912 corvention speech, the publisher found permission had not been obtained to use photos of Roosevelt and his running mate, Gov. Hiram Johnson of California. Copyright laws at that time put the penalty for such oversights at \$1 per copy. They were faced with a seemingly insurmountable problem; time was at a premium.

The chairman of the campaign committee was equal to the situation. He dictated a telegram to the Chicago studio that had taken the pictures and it read like this: "Planning to issue three million copies of Roosevelt speech with pictures of Roosevelt and Johnson on cover. Great publicity opportunity for photographers. What will you pay us to use your photographs?"

An hour later the reply was wired back: "Appreciate opportunity, but can pay only \$250."

That particular chairman displayed various traits of exciting leadership. He showed himself to be cool under fire. He didn't let an oversight that might have daunted a lesser man effect his approach. Thus he turned a problem into an opportunity.

Often when something seems to go wrong, the human tendency is to capitulate, to assume the worst. This in turn can lead to a sort of mental paralysis, which only compounds the problem. Imagine where this country would be if all our leadership became paralyzed when faced with a problem.

When things go sour, remember to keep your wits about you. If you do, you may be able to think your way out of trouble. Or at the very least, lessen the blow.

Instead of giving in to the knee-jerk reaction, consider the alternatives. Ask for some help from a person whose knowledge you trust and character you respect. You need a different perspective, a new angle. If worse comes to worst, don't attempt to cover it up, face it squarely.

When you really become accomplished at handling the disadvantages of life, you may even graduate to turning them into advantages.



(Courtesy photo)

John Baker Mann, son of Dean and Carolyn Mann of Pampa, was recently ordained by Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor of Central Baptist Church of Pampa, at Lajunta Baptist Church where Mann is currently serving as pastor. Mann has completed two years of study at Southwestern Baptist Seminary and plans to graduate with his master's degree in 2004. He and wife Sandy have two daughters, Kendall and Lauren. They all currently reside in Fort Worth.

River of Life Assembly of God Church in Skellytown will present Dr. Laruel G. Salik, rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Hereford, for a special presentation at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 at the church located at 5th and Chamberlain in Skellytown. Dr. Salik is a Christian pastor from Pakistan. His presentation is entitled "The Muslim Religion from a Christian Perspective." He will discuss terrorism in the Middle East and his experience with the Islamic religion.

Westside Church of Christ, 1612 W. Kentucky, will present a gospel meeting with Bryan Loughmiller of Portales, N.M., Sunday, Oct. 28 through Friday, Nov. 2. Services are Sunday morning and evening and 7:30 nightly Monday-Friday. Topics will include: "The Second Coming of Christ"; "Three Crosses, Three Lessons"; "Characteristics of Kingdom Citizens"; "They Could Not Be Stopped"; "Offering That Which Costs Me Nothing"; "The Sin of Compromise"; "Do You Love the Lord More?"; and "The God of All Comfort." The services are free and open to the public.

Briarwood Full Gospel Church, 1800 W. Harvester, will host its fourth annual Fall Festival From 6-9 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 3 at the church. This event offers an alternative to traditional Halloween trick-o-treating and will include approximately 20 game booths, a puppet show, a hayride and more. A silent auction and door prizes are planned for the adults. Preschoolers will be entertained in a special area with age-appropriate games and a giant maze. Admission is \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children. All game booths are free; however, pictures, concession items and the "jail" are extra. For more information, call 665-7201.

There will be a Singspiration at Redeeming Grace Mission Saturday, Oct. 26 at 1 p.m. Special singers will be anyone who wants to share their singing talent. The featured singers are the Cabales sisters. The sisters are Becky Mullin, pastor's wife in Amarillo, Esther Osborn, pastor in Galveston, and Liz Sculthorpe, Mission pastor in Pampa. Join us in some good old-time praise and worship singing at 422 Northwest Street in Pampa.

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## 60th anniversary at Zion Lutheran

Sixty years ago, a small group of Lutherans who were living in Pampa began worshipping together. Then in September 1941, just months before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and with the advice of the Rev. Rook of Borger, they requested that the Rev. Frerking of Amarillo begin to conduct regular worship services here. The congregation recognizes these first regular services as marking the beginning of the church.

For the first year, they worshipped in the Nelson Funeral Home at the corner of Francis and Ballard Streets. In September of 1942, they called their first resident pastor, the Rev. Henry Wolter. The Rev. Frerking had been called to active duty as a military chaplain during World War II.

At this same time, they also purchased lots on Duncan Street and began planning on placing a church there. The congregation then purchased the old Davis School building known as "High Windy." The building was moved to Pampa and converted into a church building. Over the years, several building expansions and improvements have occurred and Zion still remains located in its original permanent location at 1200 Duncan Street.

Zion has grown over time, especially during the baby boom of the 1960s and now numbers 200 members. Members of Zion are active in many of the inter-Christian activities of the community including Good Samaritan Services, Pregnancy Support Center, hospital volunteer auxiliary and the local prison ministry, supporting efforts to build a prison chapel.

Today, Zion's spiritual life includes Sunday morning Christian education, weekday Bible study programs and organizations for men, women and youth. Its worship is rich in liturgical services, a variety of which are held throughout the year. "God has certainly blessed Zion in the past, and we are eagerly looking forward to and planning for more growth and expansion in the coming years under His continued blessing," commented current pastor, the Rev. Leif Hasskafl.

Zion will celebrate this landmark occasion with a special friendship service at 10:30 a.m., on Reformation Sunday, Oct. 28. The celebration is free and open to the public. A potluck will follow the service. For more information, call 669-2774.

### Revival set at Faith Advent Church

Johnny Plum of 7:30 nightly Sunday-Bristow, Okla., will Tuesday.

A potluck meal will host revival services Oct. 28-30 at Faith follow Sunday morning Advent Christian services. Topics to be covered during Fellowship Church, 320 N. Rider. The revival's theme will be "Christian Character be "Love is a Verb." During "Crisis"; Services are scheduled at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., Sunday, and "Nothing Ventured"; "Nothing Gained"; and "No Greater Love."



For more information, call 665-6262.

### First Christian to hold bazaar Nov. 10

As certain as leaves changing from green to gold, First Christian Church of Pampa's annual bazaar, Saturday, Nov. 10, signals it's autumn and time to start making preparations for the holidays.

This year's bazaar not only features crafts and foods made by church members, but has also been opened to outside vendors to display their wares, according to Martha Green, 2001 bazaar chair.

Persons interested in setting up a booth can contact Susie Osborne at 665-4142. The bazaar opens at 8 a.m., Saturday, Nov. 10, in the Fellowship Hall, 1633 N. Nelson. Coffee and cinnamon rolls will be served from 8 a.m. for \$1 and a stew or chili luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. for \$4.50. A garage sale will be held also.

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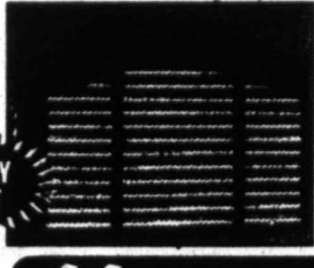
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## Son Angry at His Father Puts Blame Where It Doesn't Belong

**DEAR ABBY:** Eight months ago, I moved in with my aunt and her son, my cousin "Billy." Billy's parents divorced several years ago, and his dad abruptly cut off all communication with Billy and his older brother. This hurt both boys very much.

Billy is now 22 and harbors great anger toward his father. It is understandable. But Billy takes his anger out on his mother and me. He pushes us away and has withdrawn from all family members and friends.

I try to give Billy his space. Although I would like to help him, I'm afraid that trying to talk to him — even to offer support — will make him feel even more vulnerable and defensive. He's not comfortable talking about his feelings. He reacts emotionally and plays the blame game.

I'm worried about my once kind and easygoing cousin, and about whether he can pull himself together and get on with his life.

How can I talk to Billy without escalating his anger? I want so badly to help.

T.C. IN STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

**DEAR T.C.:** Billy needs more help than you are equipped to give him. While his anger at his father is understandable, the blame game solves nothing, and he's focusing his anger on the wrong people. Isolating himself from family and friends is a clue that Billy has more problems than he's revealing to you. Tell him you love him and that you care — and urge him to get professional counseling.

## Dear Abby

Is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** A couple of years ago, my wife, sweetheart and life-time companion for 63 years was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. When I could no longer care for her, I placed her in a nursing facility.

We have three children, all married; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. It's heart-breaking, but she no longer recognizes any members of our family.

Last week, my daughter took me to see my wife. I held her hand and said, "Honey, do you remember that today is your birthday?" She didn't say a word. I continued, "Today you are 84. So now we are the same age. I am also 84." She looked up at me and said, "You look like you're 104."

On the way home, my daughter said, "Dad, maybe Mom is not as bad as we thought."

BILL ANDREWS, PRAIRIE VILLAGE, KAN.

**DEAR BILL:** Funn-ee. Although circumstances have not been kind to you and your wife, she hasn't lost her sense of humor — and neither have you and your daughter.

**DEAR ABBY:** An average of nearly three children under the age of 15 die each day in U.S. house fires, and 80 percent of these deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms double a family's chance of surviving a home fire — but only if they work.

We members of the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and Energizer urge families to change the batteries in their smoke alarms when they change their clocks back to standard time. This year, "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" takes place on Sunday, Oct. 28. We would appreciate your reminding your readers about the importance of maintaining working smoke alarms with fresh batteries every year.

CHIEF JOHN M. BUCKMAN III, IAFC PRESIDENT

**DEAR CHIEF BUCKMAN:** Gladly. Changing clocks and smoke alarm batteries at the end of daylight-saving time is a lifesaving ritual that everyone should practice without fail. Readers, buy your batteries today so you'll have them ready for Sunday, Oct. 28.

Dear Abby is written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips.

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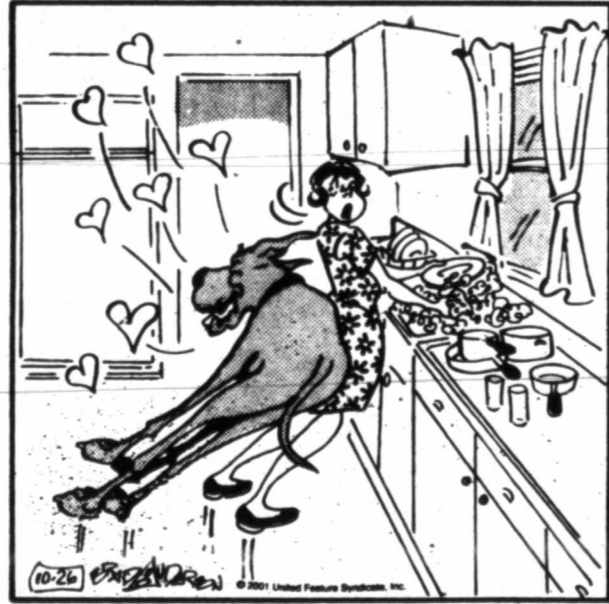
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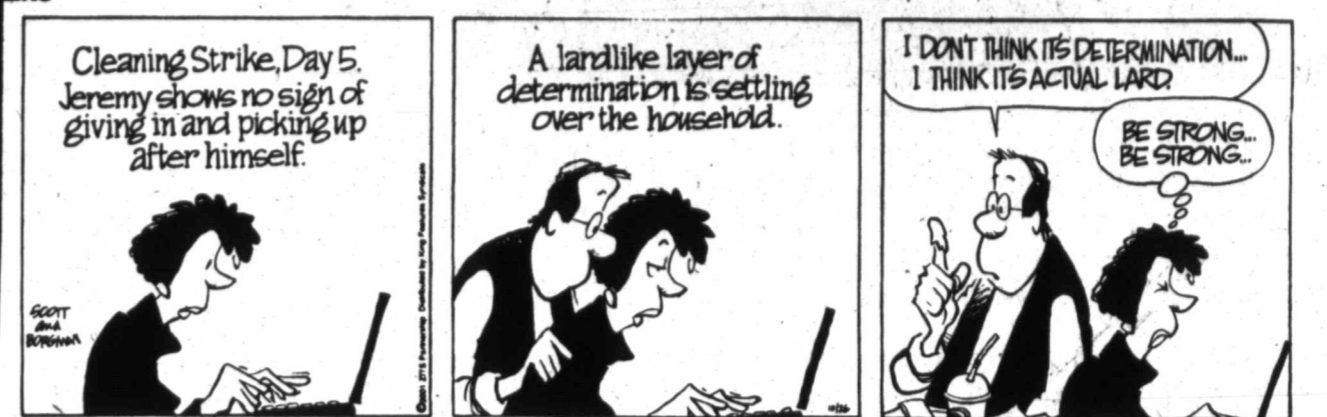


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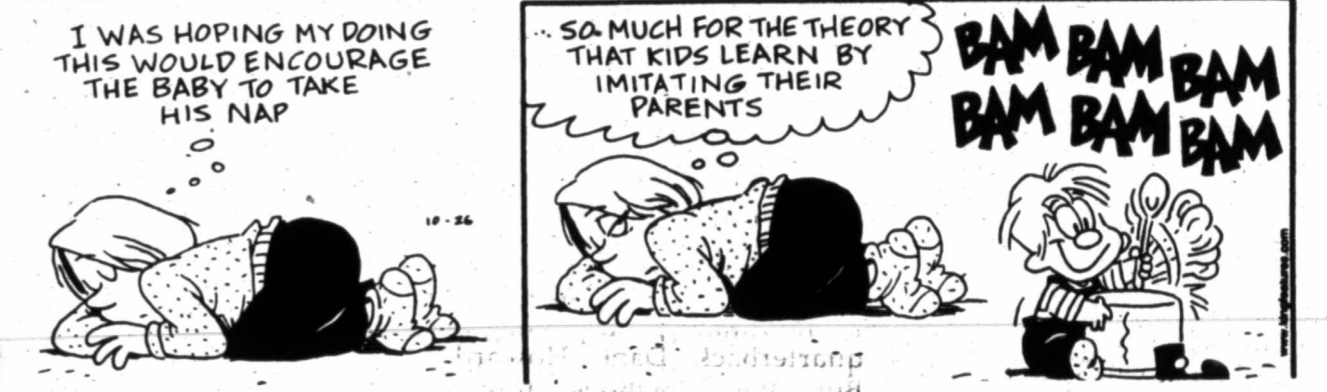
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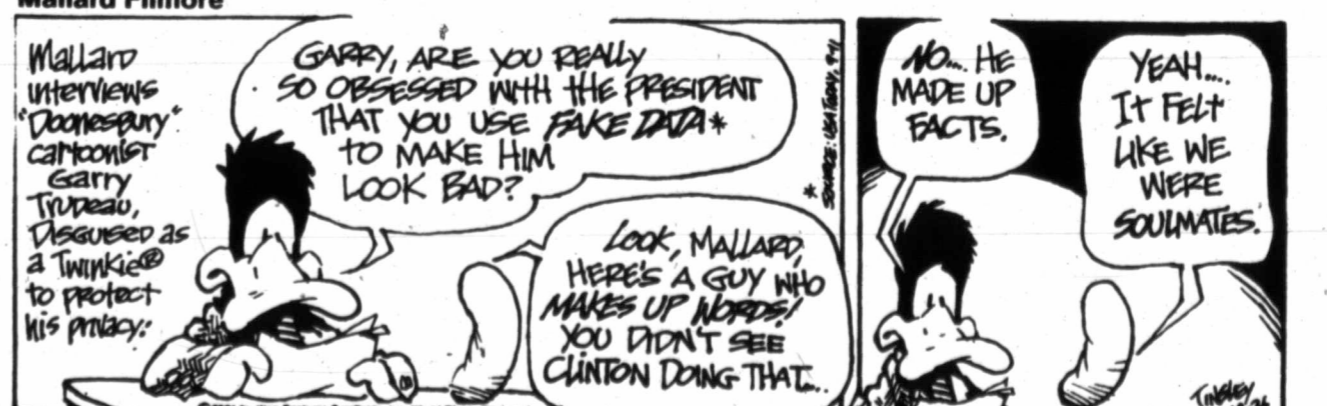
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### TENNIS

**WICHITA FALLS** — Pampa opened the Class 4A Regional Tournament Friday morning with a 10-0 win over Fort Worth Southern Hills.

The Harvesters played the Snyder-Cleburne winner Friday afternoon. The semi-finals will be played Saturday morning.

Pampa is seeded No. 4 in the tournament, behind Southlake Carroll (No. 3), Wichita Falls Rider (No. 2) and Wichita Falls High (No. 1).

### BASKETBALL

**LUBBOCK (AP)** — Texas Tech University officials have announced the sale of 48 court side seats for basketball fans wanting to get closer to Bob Knight in his first season as coach of the Red Raiders.

The seats, located along the west side of United Spirit Arena, cost \$3,000. That includes a \$2,500 one-year premium seat license and a \$500 season ticket price.

Plans are to offer the seats dubbed "Scholarship Row" in only Knight's first season, spokesman Chris Cook said.

Gerald Myers, Tech's director of athletics, said monies raised from the special seats will fund a summer school scholarship program for student athletes.

### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills held a 4-man seniors scramble Wednesday.

Results are as follows: First place: Carl Johnson, Carroll Pettit, Jack Davis, Richard Abbott and Mike Porter, 64.

Second place: Eldon Maxwell, Howard Musgrave, Jerry South and Gene Strother, 65.

Third place: Bob Swope, Bob Young, Duane Cash and Callens George, 65.

Fourth place: Travis Taylor, Oscar Sargent, Jim Jensen and Fred Epperly, 65. Closest to the hole: Norman Willingham, second shot, No. 9.

### FOOTBALL

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — With Ryan Leaf facing an uphill battle to starting, at least in Dallas coach Dave Campo's estimation, Clint Stoerner will get his first chance to start at quarterback for the Cowboys against Arizona on Sunday.

"I'm excited because this is an opportunity I've been looking for," said Stoerner, who spent most of his rookie year last season from the roster to the practice squad. "I realized it was going to have to take injuries and things like this for me to get my chance. And now it's here. I've got to be ready and that's what I've been preparing for."

It will be the first National Football League start for Stoerner, the third quarterback to start for the 1-4 Cowboys this season — this time, in place of Anthony Wright, who is out with a chronic ACL sprain.

Despite his inexperience, Stoerner has support from his teammates, including running back Emmitt Smith. "I think he can do a good job for us," Smith said Thursday. "I see Clint like I saw (former Cowboys quarterback) Jason Garrett. I think when Clint's in the game, he has the ability to move the ball down the field. He can make plays on the field."

The support from Smith and other veterans, Stoerner said, will ease his nerves. He maintains, though, that he doesn't expect to get too anxious over starting his first game. "I usually don't get too nervous, but you never know," Stoerner said. "I haven't started a game before. I'm sure I'll settle down once I get into the flow."

## Texas Tech takes on improving Baylor

By **STEPHEN HAWKINS**  
AP Sports Writer

**WACO, Texas (AP)** — Baylor coach Kevin Steele doesn't want to send the wrong message, but he sees a lot of good in what his team is doing.

"I don't want people to think we are satisfied playing close, because we're not," Steele said. "Is it at the level we want? No. But in a comparative analysis and how far we've come in 12 months, it's a huge jump."

Take the last three games for Baylor (2-4, 0-4 Big 12), which still has a 25-game conference losing streak that dates back to 1998 as it prepares to play Texas Tech (3-3, 1-3) on

Saturday.

In last weekend's 33-17 loss at Oklahoma, the Bears were within 27-17 after scoring 10 points early in the fourth

weeks ago before the No. 3 Cornhuskers scored five touchdowns in the last 17 minutes for a 48-7 win. Baylor had a 10-3 halftime

we put the things we've done well and roll it into one, then everybody will see what we are talking about."

The Bears are averaging 73 plays a game in their new hurry-up offensive attack, but they're still gaining just 253 total yards per game.

Texas Tech beat Kansas State 38-19 two weeks ago and was tied with Nebraska at halftime last weekend before losing 41-31.

While Red Raiders coach Mike Leach is only focused on Baylor, his players are talking about winning all of their last five games.

"The best thing about this team is that the mindset has not changed," said running back Ricky Williams. "Just

because we lost doesn't mean that we're a bad team.

"There was a point in the (Nebraska) game where we could have given up, but we didn't. We kept fighting. That's the most important thing. If we can carry that fight on, I think we can win out."

The Red Raiders aren't having any problems moving the ball in Leach's passing attack. They average 400 total yards per game, including 325 passing yards a game.

Texas Tech and Baylor have played every year since 1956, with the Red Raiders winning the last five and eight of the last 10.

The last win by the Bears was 9-7 in 1995, the final season of the Southwest Conference.

**"We played good football the last couple of weeks. We need to learn how to finish things - quarters, halves and full games."**

— Kevin Steele, Baylor coach

quarter. The No. 2 Sooners finally put the game away with an 80-yard touchdown drive.

After trailing Nebraska 52-0 at halftime last year, Baylor was down just 14-7 midway through the third quarter two

lead in its league opener against then-No. 24 Texas A&M 16-10.

"We played good football the last couple of weeks. We need to learn how to finish things — quarters, halves and full games," Steele said. "If

## Tiger League Cowboys finish with 5-1 record

**PAMPA** — The Operating Company Cowboys finished the regular season with a 5-1 record, defeating the Dolphins 44-0 in the final game.

The Cowboys, playing aggressive defense, recovered a fumble early in the first quarter at the Dolphin 21-yard line. It took the Cowboys three plays to score with Adam Estrada going in from 6 yards out. Jerrod Bivins added the 2-point conversion.

The Cowboys forced a Dolphin punt and took over at their own 30. On the first play from scrimmage, Adam Estrada broke loose for a 70-yard touchdown run to make the score 14-0 after one quarter.

After a Cowboy kickoff, the Dolphins demonstrated a burst of energy on offense, due to the running and passing of quarterback Dane Howard. But the Cowboys forced another Dolphin punt which landed at the Cowboys 25.

The Cowboys offensive line, made up of Gage Carruth, Thomas Fraser, Jad McQuire, Drew Williams and Jacob Davis, helped march the ball downfield on eight running plays. Colby Greenhouse scored on a 35-yard run with some outstanding blocking.

Jonathon Smith added the PAT.

The Cowboys Adam Estrada added a 72-yard kickoff return for another score.

Jerrod Bivins scored the PAT to make the score 36-0 after three quarters.

Adam Estrada again scored from six yards out with Gage Carruth adding the final two points.

The Cowboys will be seeded No. 1 in the 5th-6th grade division of the City Tournament, which starts at 9 a.m. Saturday morning.

### City Tournament Schedule

9 a.m. — Cowboys vs. Dolphins, 5th-6th grade division.

10 a.m. — Broncos vs. Storms, 3rd-4th grade division.

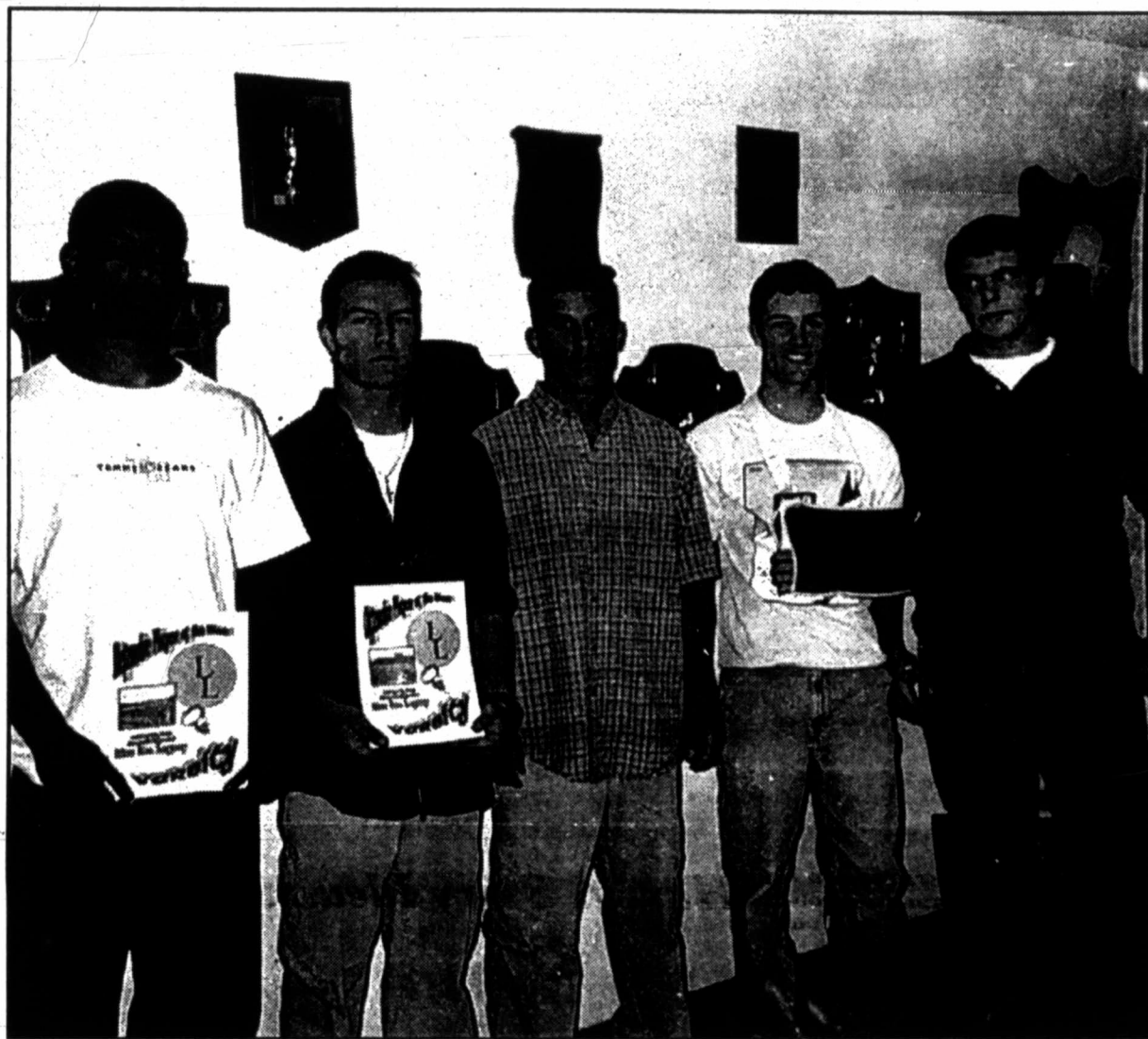
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3 p.m. — Packers vs. Raiders, 5th-6th grade division.

5 p.m. — Winner of 11 a.m. & 1 p.m. games, 3rd-4th grade division.

7 p.m. — 5th-6th grade winners.

## Players of the week



(Photo by Christy Pritchett)

Pampa football players of the week based on their performances in games last week are (from left) Orlando Madrid, varsity defense; Ty Elledge, varsity offense; Johnny Moore, varsity special teams; Jerrod Carruth, junior varsity, and Shea Brown, freshman.

## Manning, James finish strong in Colts' victory

**KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)** — After combining for 34 yards in a miserable first quarter, Peyton Manning and Edgerrin James proved once again it's not how you start, it's how you finish that counts.

Manning, 3-of-9 in a scoreless, punchless first period, regained his touch to go 19-of-30 for 201 yards and two touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts snapped a three-game losing streak with a 35-28 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs.

James had just 21 yards to show for his first 10 carries, then exploded for 81 in his next 17. He went to the sideline with a strained knee with 4:24 left after getting up and walking off the field under his own power.

Dominic Rhodes had an 88-yard kickoff return for a touchdown in the third quarter.

Then, with 1:02 left and the Colts trying to run out the clock, Rhodes broke loose on a 77-yard touchdown run for a 35-21 lead with 4:45 to go.

Manning's 47-yard touchdown pass to Marvin Harrison put the Colts (3-3) on top 28-14 with 8:21 left. The Chiefs (1-6) got within 28-21 on Larry Parker's 11-yard touchdown reception and moved downfield for a third-and-10 from the 11. But Idrees Bashir intercepted a pass by Trent Green in the end zone as the Chiefs lost their fourth straight and dropped to 0-4 at home for the first time in 25 years.

Mike Vanderjagt kicked two field goals for the Colts, who beat the Chiefs for the sixth straight time.

Until Manning went 6-for-6 on a 63-yard touchdown drive in the final minutes of the lackluster first half, the Colts' offense had produced two first downs and 41 total yards in five possessions.

After hitting Marcus Pollard on a 6-yard TD strike, Manning had the Colts on the move again when Duane Clemons knocked the ball out of his hand and Eric Hicks recovered for the Chiefs on the Kansas City 41. Two quick completions by Green then set up Todd Peterson's 48-yard field goal as time expired.

Manning was 4-for-6 in a 12-play, 44-yard drive early in the second half to set up Vanderjagt's 50-yarder and a 10-3 lead.

Green's 28-yard pass to Jason Dunn set up Peterson's 22-yarder after the Chiefs failed to score a touchdown from inside the 20 for the eighth time in nine tries.

On the ensuing kickoff,

Rhodes took the ball on the 12 and sped through a huge hole up the middle. Only Peterson was able to even get a hand on him as he went 88 yards for a 17-6 lead.

Two minutes later, nobody picked up tight end Tony Gonzalez coming off the line and Green hit him for an uncontested 35-yard touchdown. Green's run for the 2-point conversion brought the Chiefs within 17-14.

The Colts appeared to have the game wrapped up when Manning hit Harrison for the 47-yard touchdown and a 28-14 lead after Eric Warfield bit on a pump fake.

But Parker's 11-yard touchdown catch made it 28-21 with 4:45 left, then Green drove the Chiefs to a first-

and-10 with 2:17 to go.

The Chiefs' last TD came on Green's 5-yard pass to Parker with 1:02 remaining.

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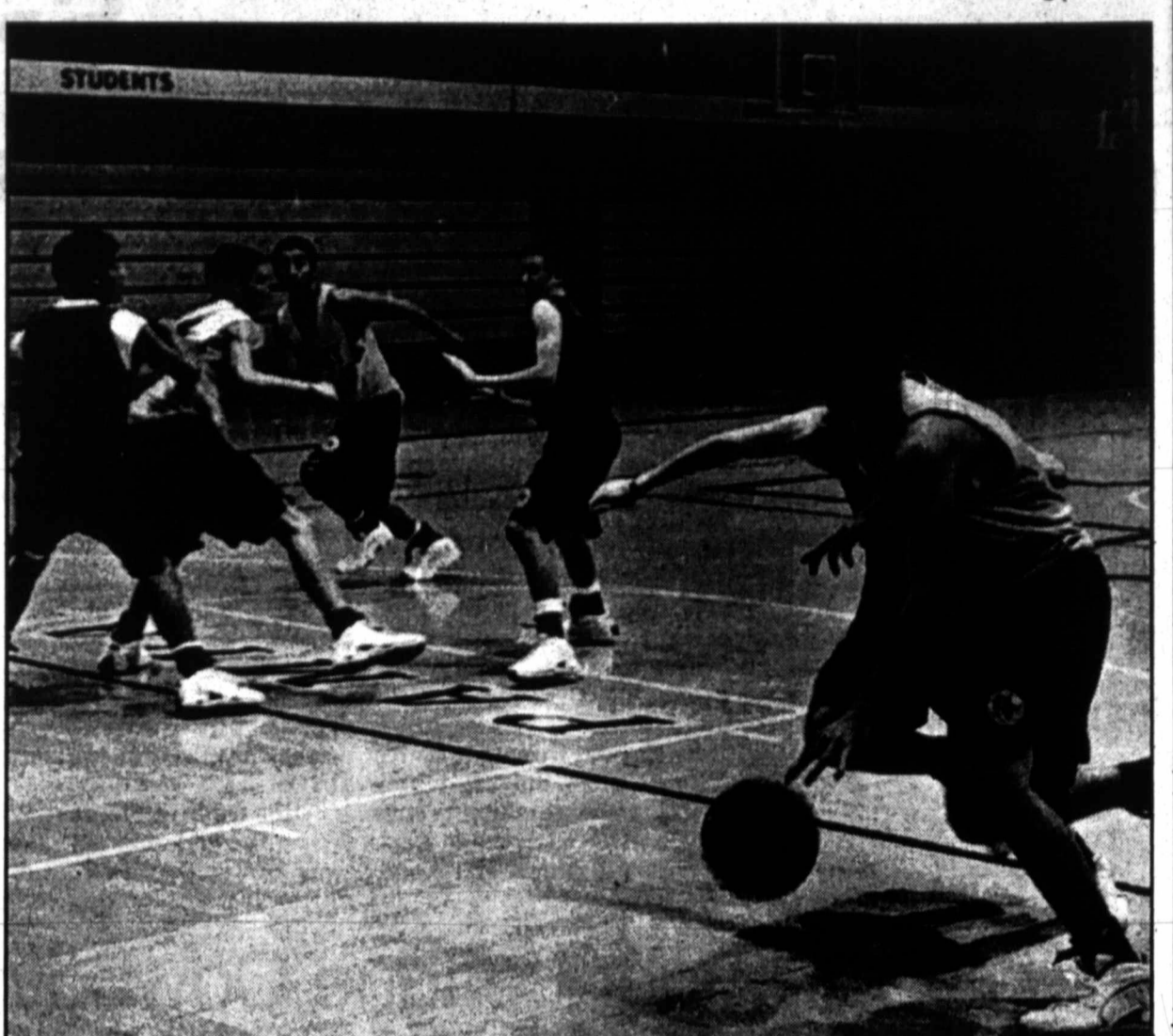
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## A&M has no easy game plan against Iowa State

By MICHAEL A. LUTZ  
AP Sports Writer

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M has to devise more than one way to beat Iowa State.

They need one plan for quarterback Seneca Wallace and another for tailback Ennis Haywood.

Neither is going to be easy.

Wallace, deadly on third down, has led the Cyclones to a 5-1 record this season with a balanced attack that includes Haywood, the Big 12 leader in rushing (129 yards per game) and all-purpose yards (136.7).

"I saw a stat the other day that said they completed over 50 percent of their third downs and a lot of that goes to him," coach R.C. Slocum said. "He's one of the best quarterbacks we've faced."

"If he stays healthy this year he could be something special next year. This guy is a quick accelerator that has a good arm."

Wallace, a junior college transfer, has converted 23 of 47 third-down plays. In last week's 28-14 victory over Oklahoma State, Wallace turned seven third-down plays into first downs with four scrambles and three passes.

If the Aggies (6-1) contain Wallace, they still must con-

tend with Haywood.

"That is a hard choice, because they are truly a balanced offensive team," Slocum said. "We gave up a lot of rushing yards in the last two weeks so it will be a tough decision to decide how we will play them defensively."

Haywood is among a Cyclone tailback crew that has lost three fumbles in the last four seasons.

"You have to be stronger as the game goes on," Haywood said. "I like to grind the ball a lot. I'm 220 pounds. I like to go 15 rounds. I'm going to be there until the gun goes off."

The Cyclones are catching A&M during the toughest part of the Aggies' schedule. The Aggies have remaining games at Texas Tech and Oklahoma and at Kyle Field on Nov. 23 against the Texas Longhorns.

Iowa State has won eight of its last nine games under coach Dan McCarney. Their only loss was to Nebraska this season.

Iowa State has won 14 of its last 18 games, the best Cyclone run since 1908.

"If you look at them they have lost one game so far and it was to the number two team in the nation," Slocum said.

A victory over the Aggies

would give Iowa State its sixth victory of the season and make the Cyclones bowl-eligible for the second straight year.

"We've got kids right now where it burns inside them every time they hear or read about the one-year wonder thing," McCarney said. "We've got a long way to go. We'll be the underdogs a number of times the next few weeks."

The Aggies held on to beat Kansas State 31-24 last week despite numerous injuries, especially at tight end, where freshman Thomas Carriger is the only healthy body.

It's so desperate that starting freshman left tackle Jami Hightower is the backup tight end.

Hightower makes quick sideline jersey changes when he shifts from the offensive line to tight end.

"I cannot recall a year where we have been down this far with injuries," Slocum said.

Carriger, who started the season in the defensive line, hasn't caught a pass yet, but Slocum likes his progress.

"He stepped out there the other day and did an incredible job," Slocum said. "We have to do a better job of showing him certain techniques to help him in situations."

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**SUNDAY, OCT. 28, 2001**  
**BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**  
 The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You could be unusually silly and frivolous. Relax with family and friends, and you might find that others are in the same mood. Let go of the here and now. It's time to be a child again. Tonight: Enjoy a favorite meal.  
 This week: Surprises mark your week. Something that has been on the back burner for too long suddenly becomes possible.  
**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might want to kick back with your friends. The key to maximizing your day is doing what you want to do. You often sell yourself short. Give up this bad habit, and start pleasing yourself. Your cheer will spread far and wide. Tonight: Try to get a good night's sleep.  
 This week: Bosses and work have been relatively tame for the past few months. Don't count on this pattern continuing.  
**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might go on a spending spree, as you want to indulge a loved one or child. Still, stop and check on an older relative or friend. Others appreciate your caring and thoughtfulness. Bring friends together late in the day. Tonight: Find your friends.  
 This week: News from a distance could give you quite a jolt. Open your mind to new opportunities.  
**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Hop in your car with family or a dear friend. Put on a favorite piece of music, kick back and enjoy the fall foliage. Stop and buy a pumpkin. Have a cup of hot cider, and chat with a companion. Let responsibilities slide off your shoulders. Tonight: Avoid thinking about work.  
 This week: What has been knotted up financially or emotionally will finally loosen up. Don't hesitate to put extra

effort into a partnership.  
**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* You naturally reveal yourself to a loved one. This person brings out the best in you. Resist expanding your social boundaries, as natural as this is for you. Focus on the very special people in your life. Tonight: Talk about your dreams.  
 This week: The Lion roars this week, especially if others don't do what you want or expect. Finally, you let someone know how you feel.  
**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Others continue to seek you out. Popularity mounts in an unprecedented manner as you kick up your heels. Emphasize friendship, even if you feel strong passions. If you feel frustrated, let another know. Don't carry the burden of suppressed feelings. Tonight: Spend time with a partner.  
 This week: Deal with someone head-on at work. What comes as a brilliant idea out of the blue deserves to be followed up on. It is in your ballpark.  
**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Dig into work and attempt to get a project done. You could be exhausted. If so, take a nap. You'll want to be at your peak this coming week, as much could drop on your plate. Others expect the most out of you. You'll meet their demands. Tonight: Accept an invitation.  
 This week: Just when you were sure of yourself with a child or loved one, the unpredictable occurs. If you are single, hold on tight.  
**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Don't allow anyone to rain on your parade. Let your creativity come out with others. Express your loving side to those close to you. If single, take time for a special friend or a pending love interest. Express your affection to a child. Tonight: Play the night away.  
 This week: Everything was under control — at least, that is what you thought. Information comes forward that forces you to regroup.  
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Stay close to home or visit with family. You don't want to go overboard

with a partner, yet you still might. You don't know how to let someone know how much you care. Make that extra effort to share, even if you feel awkward. Tonight: Flow with the moment.  
 This week: Hold on tight. Your creativity is high. You will need every ounce of innovation on your side.  
**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Call family and friends early in the morning. You could be surprised and delighted by a new friendship. An older relative does need to hear from you. Make plans for dinner together, or go to a favorite museum. Tonight: Go to an old haunt.  
 This week: Be circumspect with a child or a risk. You could find yourself in muddy waters if you're not careful.  
**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
 \*\*\*\*\* Listen to someone who has excellent intentions, even though you're going to wind up spending. Be good-natured with someone who spends a lot of time with you. Postpone a discussion till later in the day or perhaps for a few days more. Tonight: Choose a favorite restaurant.  
 This week: Network in the beginning of the week. You could be surprised at what comes up for you midweek. Your spirit is renewed. Your energy soars.  
**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
 \*\*\*\*\* The moon in your sign pushes you to the forefront, even if you didn't want to be there. In any case, someone clearly admires you and wants to put you on a pedestal. How about some one-on-one time with a loved one? Tonight: Just be yourself.  
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# Sluggish economy triggering UI rate increases, TWC says

AUSTIN — The Texas Workforce Commission recently announced it expects Unemployment Insurance (UI) tax rates to automatically increase next year for virtually all Texas employers. The rate increase results from an increase in the general tax rate for employers who experienced increased layoffs over the last 12 months, from the addition of a deficit tax for all employers and from an increase in the replenishment tax for all employers.

The Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund, its administration and the UI tax structure are set by

Texas law and cannot be changed without legislative action. Over the last 12 months, Texas — like virtually every other state — saw an increase in both the number of claims filed for Unemployment Insurance benefits and in the average benefit payment amount. For the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2001, there were 862,221 new claims for UI benefits compared to 685,478 for the same period the year before — an increase of 176,743 claims.

For the 12 months ending Sept. 30, 2001, the average weekly benefit payment amount was

\$227.90, compared to \$218.21 per week for the previous 12 months — an increase of \$9.69 each week per claim on the average. Both the increased claims and the increased average weekly benefit payment amount have contributed to higher payouts from the state's UI Trust Fund. Employers who had either more claims or higher claim amounts filed against their accounts can expect a corresponding increase in their general tax rate in Calendar Year 2002.

Along with Unemployment Insurance taxes, Texas employers also contribute one-tenth of 1 per-

cent of their taxable wages to a job training fund, the Smart Jobs Holding Fund. By Texas law, if the UI Trust Fund is below a statutorily defined floor on Oct. 1 of each year (established as 1 percent of the total taxable wages in Texas), then any funds in the Smart Jobs Holding Fund must be transferred to the UI Trust Fund.

The UI Trust Fund as of Oct. 1, 2001, was below the floor of \$788.5 million. As a result, \$116.2 million, the total of the Smart Jobs Holding Fund, was transferred into the UI Trust Fund. The Texas State Auditor's Office had previously identified \$83.4 million of

unobligated Smart Jobs Funds as available for transfer into the UI Trust Fund. To minimize the impact on Texas businesses, legislative leadership and the Governor's Office directed those funds be transferred into the UI Trust Fund on Oct. 1, 2001.

The \$83.4 million transfer leaves the Trust Fund with a balance of \$761.2, or \$27.3 million below the floor. This amount will be made up through the addition of an automatic deficit tax for all Texas employers in Calendar Year 2002.

When claims are filed by workers that are not chargeable to any employer, a replenishment tax the following year is used to reimburse the Trust Fund for part of those claims. That will also occur in Calendar Year 2002, and all Texas Employers will see a slight increase in the replenishment tax as well.

All Texas employers will receive tax statements in mid-December explaining their individual tax rates, and the first payment of UI taxes for the upcoming calendar year will be due in April 2002.

Despite any fluctuations in the UI Trust Fund, all eligible unemployed workers will continue to receive UI benefits.

More information about Unemployment Insurance taxes is available on the TWC website at [www.texasworkforce.org](http://www.texasworkforce.org).

## SPS undergoing name change

AMARILLO — Beginning immediately, Southwestern Public Service Co. will do business in Texas and New Mexico under the Xcel Energy brand name and logo.

The company's logo will be the familiar red "energy swirl" (used in the SPS logo from 1997-00) followed by Xcel Energy.

Xcel Energy is the name of SPS's parent firm and already is in use as a brand name in 10 states including Oklahoma and Kansas.

"Our company's new brand name reflects our core value — to deliver excellence in energy products and services to customers," said Gary Gibson, state vice president of Xcel in Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas.

SPS has been a national leader in providing electric service at low costs, Gibson noted. "None of that is going to change. This is a change of brand name and logo — and a re-commitment to providing excellent, reasonably priced electric service."

"Safe service to customers will come first for Xcel Energy, as it has for SPS," he said. "Our commitment is: To continue the company's tradition of providing safe, reliable electric service — with high levels of customer service — at a low cost."

The brand transition will not affect prices of service to the more than 417,000 homes and businesses — and approximately 1 million people — the company serves in the region, Gibson said.

For contracting and other legal purposes, the name of the Amarillo-based operating company will remain Southwestern Public Service Co. The name has been in use since 1925 — and will remain visible on service trucks and some facilities for at least 18 months.

The company will use the entire new name, Xcel Energy, not just "Xcel," Gibson declared, explaining, "Xcel" alone could be confusing to our customers, because of single-word, similar-sounding brand names used in this region."

Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy Inc., was created in August 2000. It now is the nation's fourth largest electric and natural gas utility, providing a portfolio of energy-related products and services to 3.2 million electricity and 1.6 million natural gas customers in 12 Southwestern, Western and Midwestern states.

## Gray County SWCD accepting orders for tree seedlings

Gray County Soil and Water Conservation District is now accepting orders for windbreak and wildlife tree seedlings and shrubs. The conservation tree program is designed to offer tree seedlings at a nominal cost with the aim being to protect cropland, feedlots and buildings as well as control erosion and enhance wildlife.

A wide variety of trees will be available this year.

Several species of potted conifers are being offered including: Austrian Pine, Pinyon Pine, Ponderosa Pine, Red Cedar, Rocky Mountain Juniper, Scotch Pine and Spruce.

Hardwoods available include: American Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Bur Oak, Caragana, Catalpa, Cotoneaster, European Sage, Flameleaf Sumac, Fourwing Saltbush, Green Ash, Golden Willow, Hackberry, Honeylocust, Honeysuckle, Hybrid Cottonwood, Lacebark Elm,

Lilac, Lombardy Poplar, Nanking Cherry, Native Plum, Russian Olive, Sand Cherry, Sand Plum, Siberian Elm, Skunkbush Sumac and Shumard Oak.

Wildlife packets will also be available. The packets include 25 seedlings each of four different species and are designed to enhance quail, pheasant, turkey, deer and squirrel populations.

The seedlings will arrive at the District Office at the end of March. District representatives suggest tree orders be placed early as many species sell out very quickly.

The deadline for ordering is March 13, 2002. Anyone interested may obtain an order form at Gray County SWCD office located in the County Courthouse Annex on East Frederic or by calling the District Office at 665-1751, ext. 102.

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## TCES to sponsor financial seminar

The Texas Cooperative Extension Service (TCES) will sponsor a meeting entitled "Financial Management and Reducing Family Debt" at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 30 at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa with Nancy Granovsky, professor and Extension Family Economics specialist, TCES. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Granovsky is a certified financial planner with statewide responsibilities in financial planning and management education. Her current projects include: Operation READY: High School Financial Planning Program; employee financial management education; consumer credit education; financial planning for college; Money 2000; and retirement planning.

She is fluent in Spanish and has a wide variety of experience to draw from, serving three years in the Peace Corps in Paraguay. She has also worked as a consultant to several Latin American and Caribbean countries and is the recipient of the Faculty Distinguished Achievement Award and the Regional Distinguished International Service Award.

Mrs. Granovsky stated in preparation of the upcoming meeting: "As we enter uncertain economic times, consumers wonder how they should manage their money and their investments. While there are no certain 'silver bullets' about what to do, a few guidelines may be in order as we approach a recession in our economy. Paying down debt, evaluating investment alternatives, putting financial information in good order, re-assessing risk, and systematic savings as well as realistic spending are just a few of the strategies consumers should consider today. Consumers should not panic nor should they make sudden changes in their economic behavior. The news times in which we live should inspire us all to put our personal economic situations in order and re-assess our priorities."