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#### **Barnes discusses** getting Bush into **Air National Guard**

AUSTIN (AP) Former Texas House Speaker Ben Barnes' recollections over how he helped President Bush get into the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War have evolved over the years from fuzzy to distinct, with him now expressing remorse for what he did.

Barnes, a Democrat who was one of the most owerful politicians in Texas in the '60s and '70s, said at an Austin campaign rally for Democrat John Kerry that he was "ashamed" for helping Bush and sons of other wealthy Texans avoid service in Vietnam.

"I got a young man named George W. Bush into the National Guard ... and I'm not necessarily proud of that, but I did it," Barnes said in a video clip recorded on May 27, which was posted on the Internet and touted to media organizations last month just before the start of the GOP National Convention.

Barnes talked more about his role on "60 Minutes II" Wednesday night, saying he shouldn't have had the power "to choose who was going to Vietnam and who was not."

"Reflecting back, I'm very sorry about it, but you know, it happened and it was because of my ambition, my youth and my lack of understanding," he said.

#### Memos state Bush failed standards,

refused direct order WASHINGTON (AP) Newly unearthed memos state George W. Bush was suspended from flying for the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam war because he failed to meet Guard standards and failed to take his annual flight physical as equired.

The suspension came as Bush was trying to arrange a transfer to nonflying status with a unit in Alabama so he could work on a political campaign there.

A memo written a year later referred to one military official "pushing to sugar coat" Bush's annual evaluation.

# Peet: County coffer tight, not empty

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

according to County Judge Richard drain the sheriff's budget.

deputies as a result of budget con- went as high as 88," Peet said.

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Richard Peet

Grav County Judge

straints limiting the amount of fuel for the remainder of the fiscal year, which ends Sept.

"It's due largely to higher fuel costs and more prisoners. We've been a couple of weeks on curtailed patrolling. But we have rearranged our budget, including line item trans-

calls and performed other needed having them take comp time this Willoughby said. duties such as transferring prisoners, week." Peet said.

Copeland said, and will continue to carry out these duties.

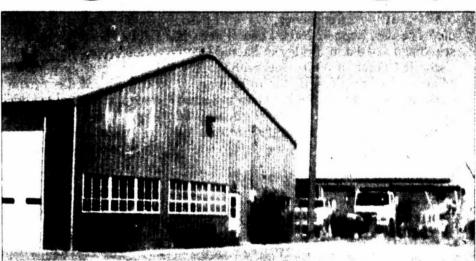
An increase in the inmate popula-Rumors that Gray County is out of tion of the county jail compared to money until Oct. 1 are not true, the same time last year has helped

Around Aug. 1, the county jail was "The budget of course is tight. I averaging 67 prisoners per day. For think that's what people want us to the same time in 2003, the average do, is have a tight budget," he said. inmate total was 50, Peet said.

Sheriff Don Copeland has cur- "A couple of days recently they tailed non-essential driving by had over 80 prisoners, and one day it

> The increase in number of prisoners results in higher operating costs of the jail, including more outlay for food, medical care, laundry and other services. Other cost-cutting

measures currently being taken by county officials include a reduction of "Precinct



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All's quiet at the Precinct 2 County Barn on east Highway 60 this week as employees use up some accumulated compensatory time at the direction of Gray County Commissioner Gary Willoughby.

2 roads are so dry, and we reached a said. fers into the fuel account, and proba- Commissioner Gary Willoughby point where we really shouldn't do bly will begin some patrolling again inherited a situation in which several any more without moisture. And it them their comp time." Peet said. soon, before Oct. 1," Copeland said. employees had compensatory hours would be a good time for them to get which could mean a potential outlay Deputies have responded to all (which were almost maxed out He is their compensatory time in line," of several thousand dollars that was

County employees earn compensa-

"My road crew needed to use up tory time when they work more than compensatory time for their compensatory time and I felt 40 hours in a workweek. After 240 Precinct 2 employees that, to get it all in line with the other hours of comp time is earned, any who work at the commissioners, this would be the further complime is one and one-half precinct's county barn. best time of the year to do it. The times the actual hours worked. Peet

"If anyone quits, you have to pay

See COUNTY. Page 3

### Man arrested when DPS finds pot in spare tire

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

An El Paso man remains in Gray County Jail today in lieu of \$25,000 bond after Texas Department of Public Safety troopers arrested him vesterday for possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds but less than 500 pounds.

Jose Manuel Lara, 38, was arrested after troopers stopped him for allegedly speeding on Interstate 40 at about 6:55 p.m. Wednesday. He gave verbal consent to search the 1998 Ford pickup he was driving, according to a DPS spokesperson.

Troopers reportedly found 50 pounds of marijuana, packaged in one-pound bricks, concealed in the spare tire of the vehicle.

This is the latest of several marijuana arrests troopers have accomplished in the past week in Grav County and the Panhandle. On Sept. 5, troopers reportedly found 180 pounds of marijuana in the trunk of a 2005 Cadillac Deville, driven by David Mitchell Teague, 45, of Oceanside, Calif. Teague had been stopped by troopers for allegedly

speeding. On Sept. 2, Juan Rangel, 23, Perryton, was stopped by DPS troopers for allegedly speeding on Highway 70 in Roberts County. He gave troopers consent to search, and they found 13 pounds of marijuana concealed in a corner panel and in the center console of the 1998 Dodge which Rangel was driving, according to a DPS spokesperson.



Pampa News photo by DAVILL BOWSER

### Balloon puppy

Christine Kiper, left, draws a smile on a balloon animal she made for Naomi Nanez, 3, right, at Pampa's Chautauqua celebration on Monday. For more photographs from the annual event, see Page 1B in the Sunday edition.

# Hearing set Friday on county tax rate

Proposed tax rate less than last year, but higher than calculated 'effective rate'

By MARILYN POWERS

a.m., Friday, Sept. 10, in the second-Courthouse to hear public comments Peet said. on the proposed 2004 tax rate.

rate of .522267 cents per \$100.

However, it is higher than the fiscal year.

effective 2004 tax rate of .461680, Gray County Commissioners will which means that it is a tax increase. this year enabled the proposed tax pay for federally-mandated new vot-

floor courtroom at Gray County rate has to be considered an increase."

The effective rate is determined by nearly four cents lower than the 2003 county in order to collect the same. Last year's budget was \$8,282,575.

amount of funds as in the previous

hold a public hearing beginning at 9 said Gray County Judge Richard Peet. rate to fall below last year's rate, even ing machines, as well as a \$100 per "Anything above the new effective though the 2004-2005 county budget month pay raise for all charble is \$354,546 greater than that of 2003- employees

Items contributers to the merease include approximately \$101,000 Higher property value assessments added to the county clerk's budget to

After the public hearing I riday The 2004-2005 county budget, morning, commissioners will consid-The proposed 2004 county tax rate calculating how much tax must be accepted by commissioners at their er extending a cost share agreement of .498616 cents per \$100 valuation is charged for all taxable property in the Sept. 1 session, totals \$8,637,121, between the county and the US

Marker in Bixby, Okla.

#### Trayce N. Dalton, 22

Trayce N. Dalton, 22, of Pampa, died Bixby area. Monday, Sept. 6, 2004, at Amarillo.

Memorial services are scheduled at 5:30 p.m. Saturday in The Chapel at Leonard &

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born Jan. 6, 1982, at Pampa, Mr. Dalton as a youngster attended schools in Pampa and White Deer before graduating from Bixby High School in 2000.

He had been a resident of Pampa for the past eight months, moving from the Tulsa-

Survivors include his wife, Megan Claybourne Dalton, of the home; his mother. Maleeya Hassell Dworshak of Pampa; his father, Joseph Dalton of Webberville, Mich.; a brother, Troy Davis of Pampa; a sister, Karen Weidner of Burlington, Wis.; his paternal grandmother, Eileen Dalton of Webberville; and his maternal stepgrandfather, Grover Morgan of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### Efren Lopez, 71

EL PASO — Efren Lopez, 71, of El Paso, died Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2004. Funeral mass is scheduled at 10 a.m. Friday in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in White Deer with the Rev. Mieczyslaw Przepiora, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in White Deer's Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Born Oct. 1, 1932, at White Deer, Mr. Lopez was retired from Santa Fe Railroad. Survivors include his wife, Angelina Lopez; four brothers, Joe J. Lopez, Fidel Lopez, Joe R. Lopez and Johnnie Lopez; and three sisters, Sr. M. Dolorine Lopez, Isabel Lopez Isch and Cecilia Lopez Bohannon. -Sign the on-line register book at

www.carmichael-whatley.com.

#### Services tomorrow

**HOPKINS,** John — 10 a.m., Open Door Church of God in Christ, Pampa. LOPEZ, Efren — Funeral mass, 10 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, White Deer.

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Evelyn Castillo dances with the Pampa High School Fiesta Dancers during Chautaugua on Monday. This is Castillo's first year with the Dancing Club.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Sunny, with a high southwest wind between 10 near 86. South wind between and 15 mph. 5 and 10 mph.

Tonight: Clear, with a low around 55. South wind around 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. South

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clear, with a low around 61. South southwest around 10 mph.

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clear, with a low near 58.

South southwest wind

between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. South wind between 10 and 15 mph. Sunday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low around 59. South southeast wind around 15 mph. Monday: Mostly sunny,

with a high around 88. South wind around 15 mph. Monday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 59. Tuesday: Partly cloudy,

with a high around 89. Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 59.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87.

#### **Shirley Evans Kelly, 75**

WHITE DEER, Texas — Shirley Evans Kelly, 75, of White Deer, died Wednesday, Sept. 8, 2004, at Pampa, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Kelly was born Oct. 1, 1928, in Canadian. She had been a resident of White Deer most of her life. She graduated from White Deer High School and graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor University in Belton where she received her B.S. degree in Home Economics.

During college, she was state president of the Home Economics Students Association and president of the Royal Academia Honor Society.

She married C.C. Kelly on Aug. 12, 1948, in White Deer.

She was a homemaker. She was a substitute teacher in both the White Deer and Skellytown schools for over 40 years.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a leader and director of the G.A.'s. She was a member of the Baptist Women's Group and taught Vacation Bible

School. She was a member of the Delta Gamma National Teachers Kappa Organization and the Venada Blanco Study

Survivors include her husband, C.C. Kelly, of the home; one son, Frank Evans Kelly and wife Carolyn Steward Kelly of New Orleans, La.; one daughter, Kimberly Kelly Russell of Dallas; one brother, Brian Ed Evans of White Deer; three sisters, Nancy Evans White of Texarkana, Texas, and Carolyn Evans Carpenter and Barbara Evans Browning, both of Plainview; five grandchildren, Scott Alan Kelly of Gretna, La., Kyle Wayne Kelly and Beth Wood Kelly, both of Slidell, La., and Jennifer Lynne Russell and Jonathan Michael Russell, both of Dallas; one great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Grace Kelly of Slidell, La.; and aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 337, White Deer, TX 79097.

-Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

Criminal trespass was reported in the 900

block of Reid. Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of South Russell. A car was keyed.

Estimated amount of damage is \$1,000. Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 400 block of Hughes. A purse and contents valued at \$115 was taken.

Theft of a cell phone was reported in the 1700 block of Fir. Estimated value of loss was \$50.

A school bus driver reported two juveniles fighting on his bus in the 500 block of Nelson.

Tammy Ryals, 31, 316 S. Gray, was arrested in the 300 block of South Gray for no valid driver's license, no insurance and driving with license invalid.

Tommy Carver, 47, 901 E. Malone, was arrested in the 900 block of Reid for criminal trespass.

Thursday, Sept. 9

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 2400 block of North Hobart. A 350 engine valued at \$1,000 was taken.

arrested in the 100 block of South Starkweather for public intoxication and theft under \$50.

Lorenzo Solis, 48, 1212 E. Browning, was arrested in the 900 block of East Browning for running a stop sign and riding in an open

Jonnita Rodgers, 29, 1309 Garland, was arrested in the 1000 block of Garland for failure to appear, no valid driver's license, and no insurance - second charge.

#### **Accidents**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, Sept. 4

4 a.m. - An unknown vehicle with unknown driver collided with a legally parked 1995 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, owned by Mark William Lang, 521 N. Somerville, in the 500 block of North Somerville and then left the scene. No injuries were reported and no citations were issued.

Tuesday, Sept. 7 11 a.m. – A 1993 Dodge Ram van, driven

by John Lee Hickey, 67, 330 N. Christy, and a 1998 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by Gloria Gonzales Day, 40, 961 N. Cinderella, collided in the 900 block of West Wilks. No

injuries were reported. Hickey was cited for backing without safety. Wednesday, Sept. 8

8:01 a.m. - A 1995 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Amy Michelle Saxour, 31, 105 N. Nelson, and a 1989 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by Eduardo Blanco, 35, 937 Schneider, collided in the 1000 block of Rham Street. No injuries were reported. Saxour was cited for failure to control speed. 5:45 p.m. – A 1998 Oldsmobile 88, driven

by Lisa Michelle Eddington, 30, Amarillo, collided with a gas meter in the alley of the 1300 block of Coffee, and then left the scene. No injuries were reported. Eddington was cited for unsafe backing and leaving the scene with no information given.

#### Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests. Wednesday, Sept. 8

Roger Juan Pineda, 22, 408 Hill, was arrested on district court sentences for two counts of evading with a vehicle.

Lisa Hollowell, 32, Borger, was arrested by Carson County for forgery of a financial instrument.

Jose Manuel Lara, 38, El Paso, was arrest-Vickie Bradstreet, 44, 631 Yeager, was ed by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of marijuana greater than 50 pounds and less than 500 pounds.

#### Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

7:55 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the community of White Deer and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:03 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 12:11 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

the 400 block of East Browning and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 2:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to

PRMC and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo. 2:51 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

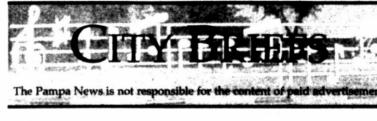
PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local residence. 7:33 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to

PRMC and transported a patient(s) to UMC. 8:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Charles and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

More than 300 sign up to speak at textbook hearing

education marked the last of

(AP) — two public hearings on pro-Emotional debate over sex posed health textbooks at the State Board of Education.



**PUBLIC INVITED** to view artistry of local artists in new Texas CattleWomen, Sat., Children's Wing of First Sept. 11th, 10:30 a.m., Pampa Sunday, Sept. 12th - "Trip To call Brainard 665-4579. Jerusalem"

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More than 300 people signed up to speak Wednesday about the books.

The board, which will vote in November, heard from some who support teaching abstinence-only and others who favor lessons on contraception.

Critics say the books lack discussion of condoms and contraception, violating a cur-STYLE SHOW, Top O riculum requirement that health books "analyze the effectiveness and ineffectiveness of barrier protection and other contraceptive methods."

Supporters of the books say local school districts have the option to use supplemental materials that could include ways for sexually active teens to protect themselves.

Some who spoke against the proposed books said they contain errors and omit critical information. If teenagers are not provid-

ed the facts, they'll often go to unreliable sources, such at peers, teachers testified.

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# U.S. warplanes bomb insurgent-held cities in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — killed in the two air attacks. U.S. troops and their Iraqi trol in a third.

In another show of force, allies launched crackdowns Iraqi soldiers raided the Najaf mered Tal Afar, a northern city health chief Dr. Rabie Yassin Thursday against anti-govern- office of radical Shiite cleric near the border with Syria that ment forces in widely separat- Muqtada al-Sadr to search for ed parts of the country, send- weapons. None was found, ing warplanes against insurbut the search marked the first. The operations are intended to by the Iraqis as civilians were gent strongholds in two cities time Iraqi forces had entered return the city 30 miles west of counted as insurgents by the and restoring Iraqi state con- al-Sadr's office since an Mosul to interim Iraqi govern- Americans. Dozens were reported weeks of heavy fighting in the

Shiite holy city.

weapons and foreign fighters. agreement last month ended ment control, the military said.

said 27 civilians died and 70 lies on smuggling routes for were wounded. It was unclear whether any of those reported

The U.S. military said 57 Iraqi forces of refusing to

insurgents were killed in the allow ambulances and med-city council and regain con-American warplanes ham- attack. Nineveh province ical staff to enter the city and asked the government to inter-

> In Fallujah, American warplanes fired missiles on a building suspected of housing associates of Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Yassin accused U.S. and Zarqawi. It was the third straight day of airstrikes in the Sunni extremist stronghold.

At least nine people were killed, including two children, said Dr. Ahmad Thair of the Fallujah General Hospital.

American and Iraqi forces months to try to re-seat the

trol. U.S. Humvees and armored vehicles were seen entering the city as two U.S. helicopters hovered overhead.

In a city council meeting Thursday, the interim mayor and acting police chief of Samarra were named to serve until the general elections expected by January.

Local leaders in the Salahuddin province, of which Samarra is the provincial capital, and the U.S. 1st Infantry Division have taken necessary steps to return the city to norentered the central city of mal, said Maj. Neal O'Brian, a Samarra for the first time in spokesman for the 1st Infantry Division.

### Austin 4th Grade Olympians



Fourth grade physical education students at Austin Elementary recently conducted their own Olympics. Events included swimming, javelin throw, equestrian jumping, hammer throw and hurdles. Students represented assigned countries and learned facts about each country throughout the competition. The event culminated with Coach Kelly Porter presenting gold, silver and bronze medals to the winning athletes. Above: (front) Cory Phillips, Jared Miner; (second row) Kyler Allen, Patterson Alvey, James Thompson, Danny Escalante, Caleb Dunham, Arin Rice; (third row) LeRoy Williams, Taylor Morgan, Lesley Chester, Madison Fatheree; (back) Ty Hutto, Johnathan Cox, Austin Starbuck, Jocelyn Brady and

## **ACT** I sets auditions for next play

Theater, Inc.) will have audibetween three of the couples, The ladies include Lacy at 669-2009. tions for the first show of the with the fourth couple – a Veronica Swann, an aging 2004-2005 season, Sept. 13 movie director and a gossip actress; Penelope, the young scheduled after the cast is

Auditions will be conduct- and hostess of the awards. ed for "Murder, Mayhem and Movie Stars" directed by the winners. Rochelle Lacy on Monday, Entrance to the theater is in of the competitors. back of the Pampa Mall north end.

"1929 Hollywood Awards" and Buck, the rope twirling tioning and cannot attend at

ACT I (Area Community and an acting competition cowboy-turred-movie star.

No one is paired with his

The flamboyant characters men of assorted ages. The director mogul; Jack Van before and during the show. plot revolves around the Rippy from Transylvania,

columnist - being the host starlet; Mitzi, the movie selected. mogul's niece, and Starla The audience will judge Snoop, Hollywood colum-

The performance is an Sept. 13, from 6:30 p.m. to or her own spouse in the con-audience participation show 7:30 p.m. and again Tuesday, test, which heightens some of and will be presented as a Sept. 14, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 the tension and jealousy, dinner theater at the Pampa p.m. at the ACT I theater. leading to the murder of one Country Club on Oct. 29, Oct. 30 and Nov. 5.

In addition to planned diaare some of Hollywood's logue, actors should be pre-The show requires an adult finest: The suave Lamont pared to ad-lib in conversacast of four women and four LaMour; Otto, the movie tions with the audience

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least one session, may call

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not in the budget.

lows his own policy for time at this time of year is in comp hours down to a manmanaging issues such as compensatory time, Peet totals before winter weather

Creek and other areas, in Precinct 2 county barn this county roads, he said. week, Peet said.

Each commissioner fol- large accumulations of comp and yet get his employees' order to have low comp ageable level," Peet said of

said. Willoughby had had begins, Peet said. Winter seal coating done at Walnut snows can result in accumulating comp time for county preparation for closing the employees who must clear

"He felt he could mini-One reason to decrease mize the cost to taxpayers Willoughby.

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# Viewpoints

# Stop the cultural contamination of children

Why is it that when young we are in a mad rush to grow up, but once grown, we hearken back to those golden days of youth with unwonted fondness?

Some mysteries are universal, but this one never fails to tip the scales on which I measure and gauge the presence of irony in my own fundamental view of life.

I wonder if today's tikes will view their past with the same sense of nostalgia, with the same sweetness - nay, with the same gratitude with which I view mine?

Reuters reports this week in an on-line article that, "Even as young as seven, British girls are using makeup, mimicking pop idols and parents in a pitch for early adulthood."

Reuters bases this comment on a report from a consumer intelligence group, and what a doozy of a statement it is.

"Make-up traditionally is about," Family Matters Institute's Nicola Watson is quoted by Reuters as pointing out, "attracting a mate is it not?"

Think about that.

An earlier on-line article by Reuters, both out this week, titled "Study links TV to teen sex," affords an even grimmer picture of how childhood today is shaping

up, at least for youngsters in the Western world.

Michael Conlon Reuters writes, "Teenagers notes, "covered 1,792 adowho watch

Skyla

Bryant

a lot of television with sexual content are twice as News Editor likely to engage in

intercourse than those who watch few such programs."

For children growing up in these days of so-called enlightenment, innocence is extremely short-lived. They are bombarded on all sides in film, on TV, in magazines, on billboards - by the seamier, worldly aspects of the human condition.

"The study," Conlon

lescents aged 12 to 17 who were quizzed on viewing habits and sexual activity and then

surveyed again a year later. Both regular and cable television were included."

The most unfortunate victims of the cultural war, indeed the very spoils of its debilitating harvest, appear to me to be children and adolescents.

as a nation, continue to feed the rot that demoralizes our most vulnerable citizens? When is enough, enough?

In the push to grow up faster, children are losing out on what should be the simplest, and best, time of their lives.

In their mindless pursuit to be older, to look older, they are misplacing their sense of self and severing those fragile, invisible ties with self-control and selfrespect.

Young spirits are being trammeled beneath the wake of a vast, unhealthy cultural floe that eradicates idealism as it thunders past, intent

How much longer will we, upon its greedy and soulless mission - to serve a generation with such outstanding role models as Madonna and Marilyn Manson.

"We know that teenagers," Reuters quotes Watson so aptly as saying, "are under tremendous pressure to be physically attractive. We surely don't want to contaminate children who are even younger with that value?"

Indeed not. Let's take a stand. We can do it. Let's stop the contamination.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 9, the 253rd day of 2004. There are 113 days left in the year.

**Today's Highlight in History:** 

On Sept. 9, 1776, the second Continental Congress made the name United States official, replacing United Colonies.

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union. In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. was created by

the Radio Corporation of America. In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto dur-

ing World War II. In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea

(North Korea) was created. In 1956, Elvis Presley made the first of three appearances

on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

### Our readers write

### If you believe George W. Bush. If you believ

If you believe that borrowing billions of dollars to give the American taxpayers a refund is good fiscal policy, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that corporate profits and political gain are good reasons for going to war, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that deficit spending is better fiscal policy than a balanced budget, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that providing prescription drugs was more important than a national health care plan for all our citizens, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that corporations should not pay their fair share of the tax burden, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that the federal government should be telling us how to run our public schools, then vote for

If you believe that the federal government should be endorsing and promoting the ideology of the Religious Right, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that our economy should promote producing military goods and services instead of consumer goods and services, then vote for George W. Bush. If you believe that spend-

ing billions of dollars to rebuild the infrastructure of Iraq is more important than rebuilding our infrastructure at home, then vote for George W. Bush.

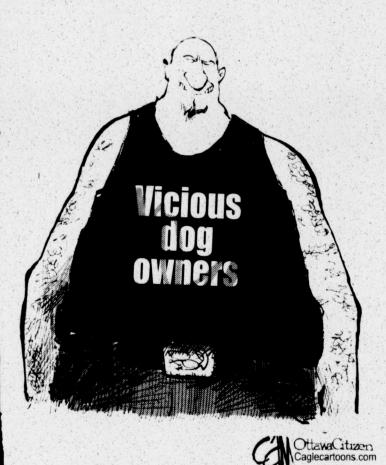
If you believe that corporate profits are more important than clean air, protecting our national forest, rivers and lakes, then vote for George W. Bush.

If you believe that these policies are wrong for Americans, then why would you vote for George W. Bush in November?

L. M. Watson McLean

### SPOT THE DANGEROUS BREED ...





# Exploiting the politics of envy

Last month, the U.S. Bureau of the Census reported its findings on income and poverty. Median real income remained constant between 2002 and 2003 at \$43,000; the official poverty rate rose slightly from 12.1 percent to 12.5 percent for a total of 36 million Americans; poverty rates by race remained unchanged at 8 percent among whites, blacks 24 percent and Hispanics 22 percent.

Dr. Daniel H. Weinberg, Bureau of Census division chief, added that income inequality remained unchanged with the lowest

20 percent of households the reward. One America blacks, 59 percent of (\$18,000 and below) earning that pays the taxes, another 3.5 percent of national income and the highest 20 breaks." This is dema-

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hopeful Sen. John Edwards a little fodder for his "Two Americas" stump speech. That's the one where he "(There's) one America that does the work, another America that reaps

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Let's look at who doesn't pay taxes. According to a study done by Scott Hodge, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Tax Foundation, percent of income earners and his colleagues, 41 percent of whites, 56 percent of

American Indians and Aleut Eskimos, and 40 percent of Asians and Pacific Islanders will have no 2004 federal income tax liability. The Tax Foundation study concludes, "When all of the dependents of these income-producing households are counted. there are roughly 122 million Americans - 44 percent of the U.S. population - outside of the federal income tax system."

Who does pay federal income taxes? The top 20

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# No time to cut back on training

U.S. military is laboring under a two-front war that is draining resources, the Marine Corps is cutting in half its field combat training for troops preparing for deployment overseas.

This ominous news follows the call up of thousands of reservists who thought they had served their military obligation and the stoploss orders that keep troops on duty after their terms of service have ended.

All three are unmistakable testaments to a military under stress.

The Marines are shortening their predeployment training from 23 days to 11

In another sign that the in order to rush more Marine headed units into battle in Iraq. Under the old system, 10 battalions were trained over Marines are deployed in a six-month period. Under Iraq, about a fifth of the the new schedule, eight bat- active-duty Corps. Others talions can

the combat Texas Thoughts training in months.

Austin American-Statesman But is

shrinking the predeployment training placing Marines in mortal danger? In a Newhouse News Service article, trainers have said they would prefer to have more time to teach the 54 combat skills specified in the crash course for Marines and the need to collapse the

Iraq for Afghanistan. More than

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Afghanistan, where fight-

ing occurs

sporadically. Although the predeployment training includes how to use grenade launchers, automatic weapons and the heavy .50-caliber machine gun, not every Marine actually gets to fire them in the course. A shortage of money

time frame are offered as the reasons for running through the training schedule before every Marine can experience every weapon.

On the positive side, the tighter training will include issues of importance to troops headed for battle. They include survival skills, escape and evasion and other coping strategies. Where before only a few specialized troops received that training, of such importance in Iraq, now every deployed Marine will be trained in those skills.

Another change in the routine requires that even

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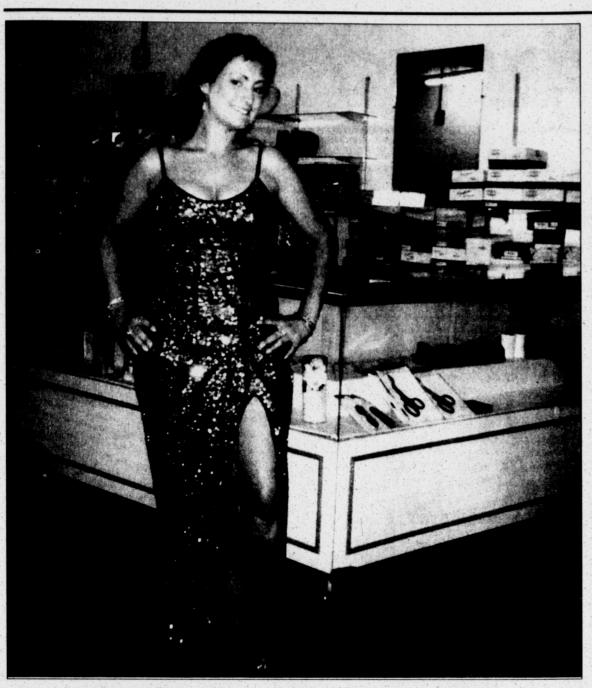
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### CattleWomen in style

Elizabeth Sprinkle models apparel for the upcoming Top O' Texas CattleWomen Style Show, a yearly event scheduled to kick-off at 10:30 a.m. Sept. 11 at Pampa Country Club. Tickets for the fund-raiser are currently on sale at V.J.'s Fashions, Dunlap's, Joy's Unlimited or by calling 665-4579. Door prizes, including a \$1,000 travel voucher, will be awarded.

### Scientists pick up pieces of crashed space capsule

GROUND, Utah (AP) -Scientists with tweezers pletely lost in Utah's salt mission. flats.

stunned Wednesday when sance of the capsule, said the ence in the crash. neither parachute deployed capsule's shell had been aboard the Genesis capsule breached about three inches a "mishap review board" to and the craft plummeted to and the science canister determine a cause for the failthe ground at 193 mph, inside appeared to have a ure. Flight engineers say a set breaking open like a small break. clamshell and exposing its collection of solar atoms to flown to the Army's air field although the fact that all contamination.

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> "This is something that's curator for the Houston-Roy Haggard, who took based Johnson Space Center.

NASA planned to appoint of tiny explosives didn't trig-The inner canister was ger the capsule's parachutes,

spacecraft was The Systems near Denver. Robert The reconstruction was Corwin, an engineer for the

## Envy

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pay 80 percent, and the top 50 percent pay 96.5 percent of total federal income taxes.

Given these figures about who does and does not pay federal income taxes, what are we to make of John Edwards' stump speech?

He's right in one sense. One group of Americans those at the top - work and pay virtually all federal income taxes, and another group - those at the bottom work and pay little or no federal income taxes.

There's another issue about income inequality. If it's your vision that out there somewhere there's a pile of money to be divided among Americans, the reason the top fifth of Americans have much more than the bottom fifth is that they got to the pile of money first and took an unfair share.

Justice, of course, would require that their ill-gotten gains be confiscated and redistributed to their rightful owners. But in a free society, income is mostly determined by one's ability and willingness to produce goods and services that satisfy his fellow man.

The top fifth of income earners (earnings greater than \$84,000) are not only more productive and have higher skills and education than the bottom fifth of income earners, they work more hours and have more people in their

household working.

There's something else that gets little attention. There's considerable income mobility in our country. According to Internal Revenue Service tax data, 85.8 percent of tax filers in the bottom fifth in 1979 had moved on to a higher quintile, and often to the top quintile, by 1988.

Income mobility goes in the other direction as well. Of the people who were in the top 1 percent of income earners in 1979, over half, or 52.7 percent, were gone by 1988. Here's my question to you. What are we to make of politicians, and other charlatans and quacks, who are knowingly dishonest and use the politics of envy to exploit American ignorance for political gain?

It's immaterial whether

you're for George Bush or for John Kerry winning the White House - do you think politicians running on the polities of envy bodes well for the future of our country?

Walter Williams is the John M.Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at Gerge Mason Unversity in Fairfax, Va.; author and public speaker.





#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S

State Financial Accountability Rating

Pampa Independent School District will hold A public meeting at 6 p.m., September 23, 2004 in the Board Room at Carver Center 321 W. Albert Pampa, Texas

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

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## **Marines**

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noncombat troops will be trained in field combat before deploying overseas. Although every Marine receives basic combat training, many quickly go on to their specialities without further exposure to combat exercises.

noninfantry Marines such as truck drivers, cooks and radio operators find themselves under fire in Iraq and Afghanistan and need to hone their combat skills before shipping out. That, at least, recognizes the reality of what Marines are facing in the war in Iraq.

Combat training for everyone headed for battle in Iraq is a good idea. But cutting that training in half is The Corps has found that anything but a good sign.

### Calendar of events

 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. TDH will charge based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Sept. 15, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; from 12:30-4 p.m., Sept. 13, City Hall, Canadian; and from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Sept. 23, Groom School, Groom.

· In a special salute to local veterans, firemen, police and servicemen and women, Amarillo Area Corvette Club and Westgate Chevrolet of Amarillo will host their third annual "American Freedom Corvette Caravan" on Saturday, Sept. 11, in Amarillo. For more information, call (806) 374-0055.

 BSA Hospice will offer its volunteer training, community education class "The Hospice Approach to Living and Dying" from 2-5 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 13 through Oct. 7 at the hospice facility at 800 N. Sumner. This free program is designed for adults interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, in learning more about hospice care or desiring personal growth and enrichment. The program is worth 2.4 CEUs through Clarendon College. For more information or to register, call Janet McCracken at 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.



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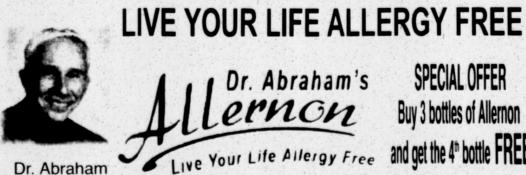
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### Dear Abby... By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

ago. I noticed some porn in my mom and stepdad's room. I didn't mention it to anyone. Later, my older sister accused my stepdad of window-peeping, but no one believed her. Last summer, 1 noticed him outside my window when I woke up one morning. I didn't say anything because I didn't want to cause a problem.

I have never liked my stepdad. He is verbally abusive. You wouldn't believe what I hear every single day.

I share a bathroom with one of my sisters. Last year when it was remodeled, we noticed a gap between the floor and the basement. (We covered it with towels when we were in there.)

Last week, I noticed what looked like a piece of wood in the gap, so I decided to give it a closer look. It looked like the lens of a camera. When I took a flashlight into the basement and checked it out. I found a cable running through the room and got close enough to see it said "camera" on the back. It faced the toilet.

I don't know who to tell, or if I should. My sister deserves the right to know -- but who else would believe me? I'm just a stupid 14-year-old girl. If I tell my mom, she will kick my stepdad out, and I'll have to go and live with my dad, I'll have to change schools. I'll lose my boyfriend, my friends, my life. Mom could lose the house because my stepdad mainly brings in all the money.

I should have said something when I saw the porn. I feel like this is all my fault. If I don't say anything and it keeps on, it could get worse -- and I'd probably commit suicide from the stress. And what if my friends come true? over? Please help me -- this is so LOVE important.

DESPERATE IN INDI-ANA

DEAR DESPERATE: You are not "stupid"; you are a very bright young lady. None of this is your fault. You and

DEAR ABBY: A few years your sister are the victims in this nasty business. Your mother should have believed your sister when she complained about the peeping. That she did not is deplorable.

What I want you to do will take courage, but please do it anyway. If you follow my advice, people will have to believe you. Buy a disposable flash camera. Use it to take pictures of the gap in the floor of your bathroom. Then take it into the basement and photograph the camera and the cable. When the pictures are developed, make sure to get several sets of prints. Mail one set to your father. Show one set to your mother, and tell her what you have told me. If she does not protect you immediately, give the third set to a trusted teacher at your school.

Your stepfather is sick and does not belong in a house with young women. Ideally, the police should be notified. If he has been looking into your windows, the chances are that he has been peeping into other windows in the neighborhood. The problem with "Peeping Toms" is their behavior can escalate. That's why you should not remain silent any longer.

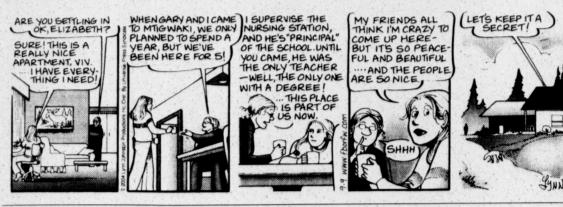
DEAR ABBY: I am in love with a wonderful man. He's everything I have been looking for, but he's married and waiting for his divorce to be final.

If has been nearly six months, and he says his wife is prolonging things. I love him and don't want to be without him. I don't understand what's taking so long. Should I trust that what he says is DESPERATE AND IN

DEAR D.A.I.L.: If you have to ask me that question, the answer is no.

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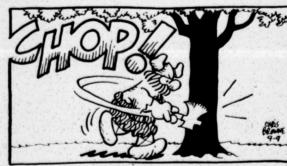
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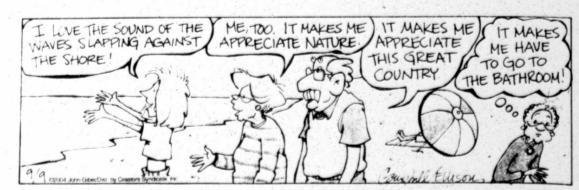
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Pampa JV Coach Jeff Quisenberry works with the punting team on blocking and coverage skills during an early morning practice yesterday. The JV team, undefeated in its first two games, has a Saturday morning meeting with Amarillo High School. Kick off is 11 a.m. at Harvester Field.

## Harvesters, Sandies square off tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo will be rocking tonight when the 1-1 Pampa Harvesters and 2-0 Amarillo Sandies take the field in a non-district meeting. Kick off is scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

It was a short week of preparation for the Harvesters but Coach Heath Parker says there is a confidence building within his team. "You can feel the intensity. We're ready to play.

Pampa faces a Sandie offense that features a 50% spread, 50% 2-back look. The Amarillo defense will often put nine in the box. A look and scheme Parker knows well. "The Sandies don't change much," Parker said.

Pampa showed great maturity in last week's win over dence.

Clovis. The defense was solid most of the night holding the Wildcats scoreless in the first half, and only allowing eight first downs for the game. They held Clovis to just over 100 rushing yards on 31 attempts. Factor in tackles made for losses and the Wildcats only netted 80 yards for the game.

The Harvester offensive line was equal to the task, opening holes and carrying out blocking schemes that allowed ball carriers to rack up 233 yards rushing.

And special teams chipped in a punt return for a touchdown and kicks that kept Clovis starting from well inside its end of the field all night.

The Harvesters have good reason to be confident entering tonight's game. Given the traditional values and work ethic of the Pampa program, it is no doubt a controlled confi-

### Other Pampa High School sports events

Sports Editor

The Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball team visits the Lady Rebels of Tascosa this Saturday. Matches are scheduled to start at 12 p.m.

The PHS tennis team is also on the road this weekend, taking part in tournament play in Abilene on Saturday. The JV football team hosts Amarillo High on Saturday. Kick off will be 11 a.m.

# Pampa 9th grade team visits Tascosa

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Why not make it a two-for-one Pampa Harvester football afternoon and evening?

The 9th grade team also makes a road trip to Amarillo this afternoon to take on the Tascosa black team. That game is scheduled to start at 4 p.m., at Tascosa High

The Rebel football field is located just off I-40 between Paramount and Western in Amarillo. It is also just minutes away from Dick Bivins Stadium, where the varsity team will be taking on Amarillo High at 7:30 p.m.

#### THE GREAT OUTDOORS

## Dove hunting memories

A couple years ago, at Shamrock Dove Hunt, about this time of year, a friend of mine started hounding me about going dove hunting with him. He is something of a gun aficionado, while I am a firearms idiot. I capped a black squirrel once as a kid. I was with my dad and some of his pals high up in the Rockies of Colorado. While they were impressed that I nailed that critter from a fair distance, watch-

ing him slowly Michael J. tumble out of the tall Stevens pine tree I picked Sports him off in Editor troubled

me. When he finally fell to earth, everyone hovered around the squirrel, noted his size and congratulated me on a fine shot. I got him with my .22 rifle. Then we all realstuck. One of my dad's friends and I walked back to the main road, hitched a ride to the nearest town and called for help. Cell phones hadn't been invented yet. All in all, not a great expe-

rience for me. So when Greg started goading me to go dove hunting, I found myself coming up with excuse after excuse not to go. He wasn't buying any of them. Finally, with the hope of shutting him up, I agreed to go. He promptly ran out, bought some ammo and clay targets and hauled me off for a little shooting practice. He judged my performance good enough to take part in the annual

hooked me up with a weapon, took my \$50 and signed us up.

A week or so later, we were in Shamrock mingling with other guys who looked like they came straight out of a Cabelas catalogue. Fortunately, local outdoor guru, Mel Phillips, loaned me one of his guns. That, combined with the super cool camouflage stuff I bought, allowed me to

blend in. But it was my secret shame; the fact that I wasn't sure could shoot the bird

peace that kept gnawing at me. By the end of the first day, I was a hunting machine. By the time the 2day hunt was finished, I had won a trophy and a couple ized the trucks we drove of nifty door prizes. More into the woods in were all importantly, that hunt allowed me to meet people I would otherwise never know.

> To this day, I consider that dove hunt one of the most gratifying things I have ever done. Well, all except cleaning the birds. But I did it. And I am glad my friend Greg was persistent enough to make me go.

We are living in a time where it seems family and friends know less and less about the outdoors. Want to spend some quality time together? Spend some time rediscovering nature. Fish. Hike. Take a bike ride. Camp. Or, try a Dove Hunt. The memories are well worth the investment.

## Astros 5, Reds 2

With two World Series longest winning streak rings and plenty of postseason experience over his 21year career, Roger Clemens knows a lot about winning.

But the Houston Astros' furious push for the play- best record in the major offs has left \_

even The Rocket at a loss for a comparison.

Clemens got his 326th win to tie Eddie Plank for 11th on the career list, and the Astros hit four first-inning home runs to beat the Cincinnati

5-2 Reds the NL wild-card lead with their 12th straight win.

"I've been on clubs throughout my career who've won quite a few in a row," Clemens said, "but I don't know if it's ever been like this.'

Jeff Bagwell, Lance Berkman, Craig Biggio and Mike Lamb homered in the first off Jose Acevedo (5-

HOUSTON (AP) — 11), sending Houston on its since taking a team-record 12 in a row from Sept. 3-14, 1999.

> Houston has won 20 of 23 since Aug. 15 for the leagues over

that stretch. "We're on a nice roll right clubs throughout now, my career who've Bagwell said. "It's kind of won quite a few in been amazing a row. But I don't to me, all the home runs know if it's ever we're hitting. I've never seen it quite

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centage Wednesday and move into point ahead of San Francisco and half-game ahead of the Chicago Cubs in the NL wild-card race, and they tied Tampa Bay (June 9-22) for the longest win streak in the major leagues this season. Cincinnati continued its late-season swoon, losing for the 10th time in 12

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By MICHAEL J. STEVENS

## Dolphins find replacement for Williams

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) - The Miami will move up the depth chart in Miami, Jacksonville on Sunday. Dolphins may have found a replacement for retired running back Ricky Williams. acquiring Lamar Gordon from the St. Louis Rams in exchange for a third-round draft pick in 2005.

The deal was contingent on Gordon passing a physical.

The 6-foot-1, 228-pound Gordon was the third-string back in St. Louis behind Marshall Faulk and first-round pick Steven Jackson. But he certainly

where the Dolphins have struggled to replace Williams since he abruptly retired a week before training camp.

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — Travis Henry will be the Buffalo Bills starter on opening day, leaving Willis McGahee to settle for playing backup.

It came as no surprise when coach Mike Mularkey announced he's sticking with Henry, the incumbent, heading into the team's opener against

BEREA, Ohio (AP) Winslow Jr. already had his Hall of Fame father's soft hands. Now he's got his number, too.

Winslow, the Browns' talented rookie tight end, was able to buy No. 80 the number his dad made famous with the San Diego Chargers — from teammate Aaron Shea for his first season in the NFL.

### Rockets acquire Mutombo

HOUSTON (AP) Hoping to find the rugged low post presence they've been sorely lacking, the Houston Rockets acquired veteran center Dikembe Mutombo in a trade with the Chicago Bulls.

The Rockets sent reserve guards Adrian Griffin, Eric Piatkowski and Mike Wilks to the Bulls.

An eight-time All-Star and four-time defensive player of the year, Mutombo has averaged

11.7 points, 11.7 rebounds and 3.22 blocked shots in 13 seasons with New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Atlanta and Denver. He is fourth in NBA history with 2,996 blocks, trailing only Olajuwon, Hakeem Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Mark Eaton.

The 7-foot-2 Mutombo was traded to the Bulls in August as part of a deal that sent Jamal Crawford and Jerome Williams to the Knicks.

### Rivalries could be mismatches

(AP) — While Florida State and Miami appear to be headed toward another close contest, two of college football's other storied rivalries look like mismatches.

Dame and Michigan meet for the 32nd time Saturday, and Texas plays at Arkansas in the 35th anniversary of their now with a lot of younger most memorable game.

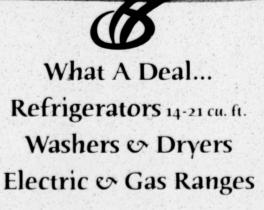
eighth-ranked Wolverines are 13 1/2-point favorites at South Bend against a Notre Dame team that is coming off a disheartening loss to BYU.

seventh-ranked Longhorns are also double-

digit favorites on the road, facing an Arkansas squad that looks very little like the one that snapped Texas' 20game home winning streak last season with a 38-28 victory. Quarterback Matt Jones is the only returning offensive starter Arkansas.

"We're a different team guys and I don't know how much they know about Texas," coach Houston Nutt said. "Our younger guys probably don't understand that tradition of Arkansas-Texas."

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### **Mismatches**

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In 1969, Texas was No. 1 and Arkansas No. 2 when they met in Fayetteville for the "Big Shootout." President Nixon came to the game and declared Texas national champions after the Longhorns' 15-14 victory. The memory still riles some Razorbacks.

As for Notre Dame, the Irish went out of their way to get a game in before Michigan came to town. The plan went awry. They lost to BYU, 20-17, in another anemic offensive outing under coach Tyrone Willingham.

"There's not one that's more important when you look at it, but at the same times, you know where your big games are," Willingham said. "That's something that just comes naturally."

Notre Dame has lost 10 of its last 15 games, including 38-0 to Michigan last season.

The picks:

Thursday

No. 19 Missouri (minus 10 1/2) at Troy

The other Trojans are coming off impressive win over Marshall ... MISSOURI 34-14.

Friday

No. 4 Florida State (plus 2) at No. 5 Miami

With some time to think about it, the pick's the same ... FLORIDA STATE 23-20. Saturday

Colorado State (plus 24) at No. 1 Southern California

Trojans had two weeks to hear how unimpressive they were in opener ... USC 45-17.

Houston (plus 35.1/2) at No. 2 Oklahoma Sooners have won eight straight against Texas schools — most better than Cougars ... OKLAHOMA 58-20.

No. 3 Georgia (minus 8) at South

Bulldogs are 12-1 on the road with QB David Greene ... GEORGIA 24-17.

Arkansas State (plus 41) at No. 6 LSU No missed kicks necessary for Tigers ... LSU 54-10.

No. 7 Texas (minus 11) at Arkansas Longhorns were irked by 'Hogs strutting

around Royal Memorial Stadium last season .... TEXAS 31-13.

No. 8 Michigan (minus 13) at Notre Dame

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Irish have won last two against Michigan in South Bend ... MICHIGAN 30-13.

Marshall (plus 16) at No. 9 Ohio State Zwick or Smith at QB? It hardly matters Buckeyes win with defense ... OHIO STATE 24-13.

No. 10 West Virginia (minus 20) at UCF Kay-Jay Harris ran for 337 last week and may even get to start this week ... WEST VIRGINIA 44-17.

Eastern Michigan (plus 37 1/2) at No. 11

Hurricane Frances gave Gators an extra week off ... FLORIDA 52-10.

New Mexico State (minus 32) at No. 12 California Golden Bears go for two straight 50-

pointers ... CALIFORNIA 49-13. Fresno State (plus 13) at No. 13 Kansas

Bulldogs' big chance ... FRESNO STATE

North Carolina (plus 20 1/2) at No. 15

The Tar Heels struggled against William & Mary ... VIRGINIA 44-13. Iowa State (plus 24 1/2) at No. 16 Iowa

Drew Tate is the Hawkeyes fifth starting QB in last five years ... IOWA 37-9.

No. 17 Utah (minus 13) at Arizona Coach Mike Stoops has first chance to show if the Wildcats are better ... UTAH 34-

No. 18 Auburn (minus 13) at Mississippi

The Tigers have won the last two meetings by average of 30 points ... AUBURN

Georgia Tech (plus 7) at No. 20 Clemson Tigers improved to 4-0 in overtime last week ... CLEMSON 28-24.

UNLV (plus 15) at No. 21 Wisconsin Rebels upset the Badgers in Camp Randall last year. Not again ... WISCON-

SIN 36-17. Illinois State (no line) at Minnesota Gophers go for a second straight 60pointer ... 55-7

Temple (plus 27) at No. 23 Maryland Owls have lost 18 straight against Top 25 teams. Make it 19. ... MARYLAND 35-14.

Indiana (plus 20) at No. 24 Oregon Ducks and Hoosiers haven't played since 1964 ... OREGON 45-20.

Ball State (plus 30) at No. 25 Purdue Cardinals give Boilermakers better game than Syracuse did ... PURDUE 38-14.

Last week: 18-1 (straight); 5-12 (vs.

Season: 18-1 (straight); 5-12 (vs. points)



### Day at the races

Gerald Edwards, Hugh McGinnis, Slate Thompson and Kirk Davis, left to right, race their 1/8 scale cars at 4B Raceway this past Sunday, Edwards, of Pampa. took third place in 1/10 Sport Truck. McGinnis, of Fritch, finished second in 1/8 Expert Buggy. Thompson, of Amarillo, claimed second in 1/8 Sport Buggy. Davis, of Amarillo, took first in 1/8 Expert Buggy. Races are held the first Sunday of the month. 4B Raceway in located one mile east on US Highway 60. Admission is free.

Lidge got three outs for his

21st save in 24 chances.

With runners at the corners

and two outs, Lidge struck

out Juan Castro to end the

homer, and Bagwell and

drives with one out in the

first. Jeff Kent walked, and

Lamb connected for a 5-1

inning, and six relievers

combined to keep Houston

scoreless the rest of the way:

John Riedling, Phil Norton,

Wagner,

"We took a breather,"

Matthews, Todd Van Poppel

quipped Houston manager

and Danny Graves.

Mike

Acevedo lasted just one

### **Astros**

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Clemens (16-4) won his fourth straight start, allowing four hits in seven innings. He gave up his only run in the first on Sean Casey's sacrifice fly, and Cincinnati managed only three singles over Clemens' next six innings. The Rocket finished with six strikeouts and two walks.

"Give credit to the hitters. They've come alive and made it ... easier for the pitchers," Clemens said.

Chad Qualls, Mike Gallo and Russ Springer pitched in the eighth, with D'Angelo Jimenez hitting an RBI sin-

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Phil Garner.

lead.

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is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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> in a conversation. You will be able to ground yourself and others. Discussions need to take on a pleasing tone. Buy a card or token of affection.

Tonight: Haunt your favorite spot. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Think of yourself and funds first. Someone (maybe you) might have a great idea that simply doesn't conform to someone else's. Controversy isn't needed. Work toward a solution together. You'll find an answer that suits you. Tonight: Choose an enjoyable activity to start the weekend. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Your personality mellows others out. You could find a child difficult and wanting to push past established limits. With your personality and logic, you make sense. Many follow your lead as a result. Tonight: Lead others into the weekend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\* You are brighter-eyed and more bushy-tailed than you have been in a while. Still, play your ideas lowkey and use the weekend to think them. out. Your feelings are unusually sensitive, causing you a problem. Be careful and get to know new acquaintances. Tonight: Vanish into thin air.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* You head in the right direction no matter what you choose to do. Some matters might be better kept to yourself, like a budding relationship or a misunderstanding where you thought someone demeaned you. Work with groups. Tonight: Join co-workers out. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\* Someone could leave you hold ing the bag at work if you're not careful. Laughter makes everyone relax. Your perspective might be deeper than many, but because you can detach, you see the humor in situations. Tonight

three weeks, was sullen following what was easily his worst outing of the season. "I've got to find another way to pitch these guys,"

shuttled back and forth from

the bullpen over the past

Biggio hit a leadoff Acevedo said. "It's like they Berkman hit consecutive knew what was coming. There's just not much you can do against a team that's hitting like that." Reds slugger Adam Dunn

was left awed by the Astros' power-hitting display during the three-game sweep.

"It's not like these games have been close," Dunn said. "They have been beating teams by touchdowns. This is the right time of the year for them."

Houston has beaten Cincinnati eight straight Acevedo, who's been games, outscoring the Reds 68-25 during that stretch.

Notes: Biggio extended his NL record of leadoff homers to 39. ... Bagwell, who went 3-for-3, hit his 443rd career homer, moving past Dave Kingman into 28th place. ... Lamb also had three hits. ... Acevedo became the first Reds' pitcher to allow four homers in an inning since Jeff Austin on May 28 last year. ... Berkman moved from right to center field for the Astros in place of Carlos Beltran, who was out of Wednesday's starting lineup with a bruised right elbow. Beltran pinch hit in the eighth and grounded out.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 10, 2004:

You have a sixth sense that will always lead you down the right path. You don't need to be an active player, but share what you deem important. You think and reflect more than ever, even with that unusually bouncy personality that has manifested this year. Your friendliness but unwillingness to commit easily makes some people crazy, while others admire that trait. Be upbeat and smile. Finances will improve in several months because of your hard work. If you are single, you could get into a difficult relationship, as the person you choose might not be as available as you think. If you are attached, spending quality time together, dinner for two and weekend getaways add to the closeness that exists. LEO reads you cold:

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)

\*\*\* Don't let a feisty dream start. your day on the wrong foot. Remain optimistic, positive and goal-oriented. You'll come up with answers and shortcuts. Let your ingenuity spill out and help find answers. Tonight: Start the weekend with your favorite person. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Your family is always your highest priority, but more so now. You might be adding a new addition, anywhere from a child to a hot tub to a new puppy. Don't be too fussy. Give this addition the love and guidance it needs. Tonight: Happy at home. GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\* Refuse to get into a controversy. Hop past another's stubbornness Pack your toothbrush. It could be a late

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* You need to take the road less trodden if you want to succeed. Think beyond the obvious. Brainstorm with a boss or superior who knows how very important you are to him or her. Tonight: Take a magic carpet out of

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\* Work with others individually and you will gain a new perspective as a result. Everyone has an opinion. When you air out a topic, you grow and change your mindset. Think outside of the box. Tonight: Add spice to your life AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* Defer to others, and you'll gain a new point of view. Don't overthink; just absorb information. You will have plenty of time to mull over what is shared. Network and get into the Friday mood. Tonight: Accept an invitation from your many admirers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\* You might need to work late as others flee the office. You can harness an associate or two by asking the right question or simply asking for help. Be sensitive to what must be done and what you want done. Tonight: Relax at home. Take a walk to relieve

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## **Agency** moving to new location

BORGER — Effective Monday, Sept. 13, Borger Planned Parenthood Clinic will move its operation from 100 N. McGee, one block over to 503 W. First St., Suite A.

"The new clinic location has more space and more privacy for our patients," Clinic Coordinator Paula Raines-Newton said. "With the influx of patients we received when the Pampa Planned Parenthood clinic was closed, we had to add an additional clinic day, so we have been very crowded. The new location will provide more space for our additional patients."

The Borger Planned Parenthood Clinic provides exams and STD diagnosis and treatment on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and provides pill pick-ups, Depo Provera shots, emergency contraception and pregnancy tests on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A late clinic is provided until 7 p.m. on the first Monday of each month for Pampa patients and working patients. Teen education and group counseling, led by a peer educator, is held on the third Thursday of the month from 4-6 p.m. at the clinic loca-

Free pap smears are provided for women over 45 who are uninsured or underinsured on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Male services are provided by a male nurse practitioner on Wednesdays of each week. Male services include a full physical exam, testing for STD's and birth control consulting.

All services are provided on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Some services are provided at no cost depending on age. Planned Parenthood is a contractor for the Department of State Health Services and receives funding from Title V, X and XX for low income, uninsured or underinsured women and men. Planned Parenthood of also Borger accepts Medicaid, major insurance and major credit cards.

"Planned Parenthood has had an office in Borger for over 30 years during which time it has received significant community support from the Borger Altrusa Club for which we are very grateful," Raines said.

The Borger Clinic serves 16 counties in the Texas Panhandle.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (806) 274-2072.

#### Serial killer feared loose in Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — It's not like anyone from a decaying neighborhood east of downtown is harboring illusions that the place is crime-free.

But the discovery of six bodies has raised fears that a serial killer is preying on the area, which one activist calls

the most decrepit in the city. At least four of the victims were women with histories of drug use or prosti-

tution. "It still hasn't stopped them from walking," Misty Garner, a waitress at the 3 Friends Restaurant and Bar B Q, said of the prostitutes who often come in to eat.

Authorities said a single killer was responsible, but Capt. Rich Lockhart would not say what led police to connect the slayings in the area known as the Prospect Corridor.

## Local ACS gearing up for annual fund-raiser

The local chapter of the American Cancer Society is planning its annual Relay for Life fund-raiser from 4 p.m. until 12 midnight. Saturday, Sept. 11, at Recreation Park.

"Relay for Life is a fun-filled event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for local programs and research," said Pam Dalton, president of ACS's Gray and Roberts County unit.

The relay offers everyone an opportunity to participate in the fight against cancer. Local civic groups, businesses, families and organizations put together teams.

Each team sets up camp while members take turns walking the track throughout the event.

Members participate in various games and activities when not walking.

the "Survivors Walk." Cancer survivors are honored as they walk a special lap. Each survivor receives a T-shirt and a meal

afterward. A survivor is anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer who is still alive At sunset, votive candles, nestled in sandbags

along the pathway, are lit in a special "Luminaria" service, dedicated to loved ones, both living and deceased, that individual donors wish to honor or memorialize.

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Organizers of relay say it allows a community This year, as in the past, the relay will feature to grieve for those lost to cancer and to celebrate the lives of survivors. For the newly diagnosed, the event affords an opportunity to meet someone who has survived the same type of cancer.

For the cancer patient in treatment, the relay provides an opportunity to gain information regarding services ACS offers. For long term survivors, the relay brings a community's recognition of the struggle and closure to a trying time in

Relay funds many local services including the following:

-Road to Recovery. Volunteers provide patients with transportation to and from cancer related treatment.

-Equipment. Funds assist patients with the loan of medical equipment.

-Gift Items. Funds help furnish such items as ostomy supplies, comfort pillows, blue pads and other rehabilitation programs.

-Reach to Recovery. Volunteers who have been treated for breast cancer visit patients before and after surgery. Patients are provided with literature and a temporary breast form. Exercises are demonstrated at the request of a physician.

-Patient Family Education Programs. Funding helps provide support groups and education for patients undergoing treatment.

-Housing. Funds go towards a guest room program that gives temporary housing for cancer patients who must travel for outpatient treatment and checkups.

-Resources, Information and Guidance. The ACS staffs a 24-hour hotline with an oncology nurse to answer questions and discuss concerns of cancer patients.

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