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## Combs talks to crowd in Canadian

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

CANADIAN Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs started her day here at the fifth of 15 town hall meetings she's holding across the state.

"This is a gorgeous facility," the commissioner said of the new Canadian Courts conference room where she greeted a standing room only crowd at 8 a.m. today.

Combs told the gathering that Canadian was typical of what was happening across the state as the result of the Texas Department of

Agriculture's Texas Yes! program, although she acknowledged that Canadian started developing their tourism resources before her state agency became involved.



Combs

She commended Remelle Farrar of the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and other community leaders for their tourism development, noting that the community of 2,300 hosted 60,000 tourists last year.

Combs said that while, like many panhandle counties, the population of

Hemphill County was down slightly in the last census, the population of Canadian was up.

The commissioner briefly reviewed new projects in which her agency is involved, including ground water, boll weevil eradication and water from Mexico. "Mexico is not our friend," she said.

Nineteen irrigation districts in South Texas sued Mexico under the North American Free Trade for water Mexico is holding in reservoirs and is not delivering to the U.S.

She noted that her agency is now charged with the state's nutrition program. Combs said the cost of not dealing with children's nutri-

tion and obesity issues now could eventually bankrupt the state in health costs in the future.

The hot button issue, however, was not agriculture or economic development, but school finance.

Hemphill County Commissioner Mike Rollins asked about the pending court case and whether the Texas Legislature would take up the issue in their regular session in January.

Combs said a ruling from the trial judge is expected this week or next, but it will

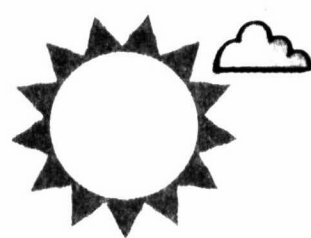
probably be appealed and be heard by the Texas Supreme Court sometime in February. The legislature, she said, would probably wait until they saw what the courts decided before tackling the issue again.

Dana Donahue of the Perryton Chamber of Commerce and Sheryl Hardy of the Perryton Economic Development Council told Combs that the biggest problem facing the Ochiltree County seat was rental housing.

While the rest of the state has expressed worries about energy costs, Hemphill

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### Today's weather



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### Deaths

- Alejandra Lee Chavez, newborn.
- Luke C. McClelland, 92, businessman.
- Wendall Floyd Pipes, 86, gas plant supervisor.
- Robert M. Provence, 98, cowboy.
- Bennie D. Tepe, 77, farmer.

### Texas Today

#### Report: Extra tuition helps state schools

DALLAS (AP) — The state's public universities are bringing in at least \$262 million more annually after the Texas Legislature allowed them to set their own tuition, a newspaper analysis shows.

Employee raises, new faculty members and other benefits account for about half of the additional money, according to The Dallas Morning News analysis of state figures, published in Monday's editions. The analysis shows the remainder is split between financial aid for students and various costs to run a university, such as lab equipment, libraries and utilities.

However, university officials say the extra tuition dollars only offset decreases in state funding.

"It keeps us from falling behind," said Hobson Wildenthal, provost of the University of Texas at Dallas, referring to the \$13.5 million UTD expects to get this academic year from tuition above the old cap of \$92 per credit hour.

Tuition for UTD undergraduates rose to \$112 per hour in the spring and \$136 this fall.

#### Former Houstonian Green Party's choice GALVESTON (AP) — Former Houston attorney David Cobb ran for Texas attorney general in 2002 for the Green Party. Now he is that party's 2004 presidential candidate

Cobb grew up in the small shrimping town of San Leon, located about 25 miles northwest of Galveston.

He graduated from Dickinson High School in 1981 and was a construction worker for several years. He graduated from the University of Houston Law School in 1993.

## Fire contract with Gray Co. on city agenda

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

A fire contract with the county, ad valorem taxes and trash and sewer rates will highlight this week's Pampa City Commission meeting.

The commission, at their regularly scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall, are expected to authorize Mayor Lanny Robbins to execute an agreement with Gray County for fire suppression services.

The county has expressed a desire to shift part of the county now covered by the Pampa Fire Department to the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and lower Gray County's annual payment of \$130,000 to \$100,000.

The commission will consider on second and final reading ordinances dealing with deferring late penalties on utilities for the elderly, adopting the Texas Food Establishment Rules and changing zoning on a lot located on Perryton Parkway.

They will hear the first reading of ordinances dealing with rates for solid waste, sewer services, storage and disposal of scrap tires, appropriations for the City of Pampa and the levying of ad valorem taxes.

The commission will also consider resolutions concerning additional feeds for collection of fines and fees and collection of delinquent municipal court fines and fees and delinquent accounts receivable.

City Manager John Horst will report to the commission on negotiations with the City of Lubbock concerning the sale of water.



Pampa News photo by MARIYN POWERS

### Cancer survivors walk

Eloise Dowlen, left, and Sherry Gee carry a banner ahead of a group of cancer survivors as they walk a victory lap around a portion of Recreation Park Sunday during the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The annual fund-raising event included a silent auction, a drawing to win a print by Thomas Kinkade, hamburgers, music, and walks around the lake by relay entrants.

## Ivan heads toward Cuba, now a Category 5 storm

GEORGE TOWN, Cayman Islands (AP) — A strengthened Hurricane Ivan headed toward the tip of western Cuba with 160 mph winds Monday after pummeling the Cayman Islands with flooding that swamped homes and fierce winds that ripped off roofs.

The slow-moving, extremely dangerous Category 5 storm killed at least 68 people across the Caribbean before reaching the Caymans, and threatens millions more in its projected path.

Parts of low-lying Grand Cayman, the largest island in the territory of 45,000 people, were swamped under up to 8 feet of water Monday and residents stood on rooftops of flooded homes. A car floated by the second story of one building, and a resident called Radio Cayman to report seeing two bodies floating off the beach. Police said they could not confirm the report.

Ivan intensified overnight, with maximum sustained winds at 160 mph and gusts up to 195 mph, and

headed for western Cuba, threatening floods in Pinar del Rio province, the center of tobacco growing and the biggest source for the island's famed cigar industry. About 1.3 million Cubans were evacuated from their homes, most taking refuge in the sturdier houses of relatives, co-workers or neighbors.

Ivan — at Category 5, the highest level on the Saffir-Simpson scale and capable of catastrophic damage — was projected to pass near or over Cuba's western end by Monday afternoon or evening on a path toward the U.S. gulf coast.

Although Cubans were relieved by reports that the hurricane would not make a direct hit, Havana's head meteorologist, Jose Rubiera, said Ivan was still threatening western parts of the island with strong winds and torrential rains. "No one should think that it is gone, that we are safe — that is not true," he said.

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## HOME of the BRAVE

**Pvt. Jeremy A. Mitchell**  
 Branch of Service:  
 U.S. Army  
 Rank: Private  
 Stationed: 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, New York  
 Job description:  
 Currently performing Hometown Recruiting in Pampa before going to Fort Drum on Sept. 30.  
 Graduated Pampa High School 2003  
 Family: Parents, Chris and Christie Mitchell of Pampa and Morgan and Rhonda Ennis of Decatur; grandparents, Gene and Jan Aufleger of Amarillo, Jerry and Colleen Stover of Farwell, N.M., Al and Sharon Williams of Pampa, and Pat Snyder of Pella, Iowa; siblings, Morgan Ennis, Jr., of Amarillo, Lundy Ennis of Fritch, Tiffany Mitchell, Megan Gragg, Clayton Mitchell, Josh and Sarrah Ennis, all of Pampa.

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Obituaries

Alejandra Lee Chavez

Alejandra Lee Chavez, of Pampa, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Pampa. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Elias Torres, pastor of Iglesia Bautista Emanuel Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Alejandra was born Sept. 11 in Pampa, to

Crystal Lee Chavez and Daniel Cano. Survivors include her mother, Crystal Lee Chavez, of Pampa; her father, Daniel Cano of Reynosa, Mexico; and her grandparents, Ricardo Chavez, Maria Chavez and Rachel Chavez, all of Hereford.

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

Joni Daniels, 82

Joni Daniels, 82, of Pampa, Texas, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004, at Pampa.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Carl Novian, associate pastor, and Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Daniels was born Feb. 23, 1922, in Lockney, Texas. She came to Pampa in 1954 from Amarillo. She married J.C. Daniels on June 26, 1954, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on Jan. 30, 2000.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she was a longtime fourth grade Sunday School class teacher.



Daniels

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Walter T. Peterson, in 1951.

Survivors include two daughters, Jona Smith and husband Davee and Marilyn Steed, both of Pampa; two sons, Barry Peterson of Amarillo and Garry Peterson of Las Vegas, Nev.; one daughter-in-law, Becky Peterson of Eagle, Colo.; one brother, Wayne Simpson of Amarillo; seven grandchildren, Don Peterson of Corvallis, Ore., Erik Peterson of Avon, Colo., Jerrod Imel and Jacee Smith, both of Pampa, Barry Peterson, Jr., of Austin, Laura-Marie Finley of Owings Mills, Md., and Shelbi Whittenburg of Italy; six great-grandchildren; Special Friends, Marcia Hoover, Mary Duenkel and Kathryn Green; and three Special Caregivers, Tina Miranda, Karen Hapeman and Mary Howell.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621; or to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

Luke C. McClelland, 92

AMARILLO — Luke C. McClelland, 92, died Sunday, Sept. 12, 2004, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Amarillo.

Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. McClelland was born July 3, 1912, at Jacksboro. He attended Texas Tech University in 1929-1930 and moved to Dalhart in 1939 where he worked for his uncle Daniel Atkinson.

He married Aline Day on Oct. 21, 1933, and came to Pampa. The couple lived in Pampa from 1933 until relocating to Amarillo in 1969.

Mr. McClelland was a business partner with his cousin Crawford Atkinson in a filling station in the 1930s. They later opened Motor Inn Auto Supply, owning and operating auto parts stores in Pampa, Borger, Dumas, Perryton, Stinnett, Canyon, Sunray, Groom, Panhandle, Hereford and Amarillo as well as Western Warehouse Inc., in Amarillo.

Mr. McClelland was president of Pampa Country Club on three separate occasions and belonged to Rotary International for 60 years, both in Pampa and Amarillo.

He was a member of Anna Street Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Aline; a daughter, Mrs. John Womack of Canyon; a brother; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to High Plains Children's Home, P.O. Box 7448, Amarillo, TX 79114-9990; or to a favorite charity.

Wendall Floyd Pipes, 86

WHITE DEER — Wendall Floyd Pipes, 86, died Friday, Sept. 10, 2004.

Graveside services are scheduled at 2 p.m. today in White Deer Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Minton/Chatwell Funeral Directors of Panhandle.

Mr. Pipes was born May

31, 1918, at White Deer, where he was a lifelong resident. He retired as assistant supervisor for Cargray Gas Plant and enjoyed fishing in the mountains.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during World War II, and belonged to First Baptist Church.

Mr. Pipes was preceded in

death by his wife, Helen, on July 3, 2001; a great-granddaughter; and two brothers.

Survivors include two sons, Burl Pipes of Marlow, Okla., and Ray Pipes of White Deer; two daughters, Janet Stevens of White Deer and Joyce Jarman of Austin; five grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Robert Maxie Provence, 98

Robert Maxie Provence, 98, of Pampa, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Amarillo.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in East Bridgeport Cemetery at Bridgeport with the Rev. Gary Sessions, pastor of Twin Oaks Assembly of God Church of Bridgeport, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Born May 3, 1906, Mr. Provence came to Pampa in 1993 from Bridgeport.

He had many years experience as a cowboy and commercial fisherman and had also worked as a restaurant cook.

Mr. Provence was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Billie Dove Pittman; a grandson, Billy Leon Pittman; four brothers; and a sister.

Survivors include two daughters, Bobbie Green of Pampa and Bettie Coffey of Fort Worth; a brother, Donald Ray Provence of Bridgeport; a sister, Ella Rea Riggs of Fort Worth; three grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Carpenter's Church, P.O. Box 1832, Pampa, TX 79066-1832.

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Bennie D. Tepe, 77

CANADIAN — Bennie D. Tepe, 77, of Canadian, died Saturday, Sept. 11, 2004, at Pampa.

Graveside services were to be at 10 a.m. today in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Stanley Swires, a family friend, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Tepe was a lifelong Canadian resi-

dent, born there on Nov. 6, 1926. He was a farmer and a Baptist.

Survivors include his wife, Susie Tepe, of the home; a daughter, Belinda Crosier of Oklahoma City, Okla.; a son, Hoot Tepe of Canadian; a sister; four grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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Services tomorrow

**CHAVEZ, Alejandra Lee** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa. **MCCLELLAND, Luke C.** — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Amarillo. **PROVENCE, Robert Maxie** — Graveside services, 2 p.m., East Bridgeport Cemetery, Bridgeport.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with gusts as high as 30 mph. Windy, with a high around 93. Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 65.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

An information report was taken in the 1100 block of Sierra concerning forgery of checks.

Thursday, Sept. 9

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 2500 block of Rosewood. No injuries were reported.

Friday, Sept. 10

A bicycle was reported found in the 1100 block of Wilcox.

Disruption of class and disorderly conduct language was reported at Pampa High School, 111 W. Harvester.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Nelson. A window valued at \$50 was damaged.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1600 block of North Faulkner. Audio/video equipment valued at \$283 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner. A bicycle valued at \$125 was taken.

An information report concerning a possible criminal mischief report was made in the 1100 block of Cinderella. No damage was reported.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 800 block of South Banks. An estimated \$100 damage was done to vehicle parts.

Saturday, Sept. 11

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of South Hobart. A window was broken out of a vehicle, for estimated damage of \$500.

A wallet was reported found in the 400 block of Pitts.

A bicycle was reported found in the 2100 block of North Charles and delivered to the police department.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 800 block of Lefors. A door was damaged and a window broken, for estimated damage of \$230.

Billy Dale Bush, 48, 833 Gordon, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Faulkner for no valid Texas driver's license and warrants for failure to control speed, no driver's license and fail-

ure to appear.

Sunday, Sept. 12

A traffic offense report was made which involved a recovered stolen vehicle taken on Price Road sometime between Sept. 11 and Sept. 12. Estimated value of the vehicle was \$2,000.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of Lefors. Nothing was reported taken. Arrested in connection with the incident were Adam Scoggin, 25, 712 Deane, and Ernesto Cruz, 25, 1022 Jordan. Both were charged with burglary of a habitation.

A bicycle valued at \$200 was found and placed in the Pampa bike impound.

Jason Lowell Powell, 21, 1500 E. Francis, was transferred from Borger at the intersection of Highway 152 and Farm to Market Road 294 on a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Carlos Busillos Regaldo, 58, 1029 S. Wells, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Wells on a motion to revoke probation for a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Lee Ann Scroggin, 28, 712 Deane Drive, was arrested in the 700 block of Lefors for disorderly conduct/language.

Joshua Lloyd Mullen, 19, 418 Wynne, was arrested in the 400 block of Wynne for capias pro fines on two counts of theft under \$50.

Christopher Dale Shouse, 28, 313 N. Sumner, was arrested in the 300 block of Sumner for forgery and fail-

ure to maintain financial responsibility.

Daniel Jay Whitley, 33, 801 E. Murphy, was arrested in the 1400 block of North Hobart for theft under \$50.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, Sept. 8

4:15 p.m. — A 1995 Chevrolet 1500 Suburban, driven by Paula Hickey McGrath, 40, 330 N. Christy, and a 1995 Chevrolet S10 pickup, driven by Lynn Murphree Ray, 60, 2520 Fir, collided in the 400 block of South Cuyler. No injuries were reported. McGrath was cited for improper passing to the right.

Thursday, Sept. 9

8:53 a.m. — A 2002 Suzuki XL-7, driven by Rosemary Maciel, 37, 2245 N. Christine, and a 1991 Mercury Capri, driven by Carlos Mario Castaneda, 32, Amarillo, collided in the 900 block of West Wilks. No injuries were reported. Castaneda was cited for following too closely.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Sunday, Sept. 12

Terry Wayne Hoskins, 48, 305 Anne, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated, third offense.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 11

1:29 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 200 block of Miami caused by the occupant trying to move a stove without unhooking the gas line. The line came loose and started a fire, damaging a closet and outside of the building. The resident suffered minor burns that did not require treatment, according to fire reports.

1:38 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of Wells.

2:35 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 1900 block of Chestnut.

6:34 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire at Crawford and Love streets. A transformer for one of the city's water wells malfunctioned, causing a fire to burn a 10 by 15-foot area. There was no damage to the well.

Sunday, Sept. 12

1:36 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2200 block of Aspen.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 11  
11:39 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 12

1:30 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Lefors. No patient.

1:34 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2200 block of Aspen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of North Russell. No patient.

3:08 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of North Sumner. No patient.

3:49 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

10:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Monday, Sept. 13

12:38 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 100 block of South Russell.

1:53 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded east on Highway 60 and Gray County Rd. 21 and transported a patient(s) to Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Two charged for allegedly spitting in drink

LUFKIN (AP) — Two young men face felony charges after one of them allegedly spat in a drink he was serving to an East Texas police officer. Brian Strban, 19, and Nathaniel Allen Baker, 22, were workers at a Lufkin Sonic Drive-In where the incident allegedly happened Sept. 3,

according to a police affidavit. Both were arrested last week and charged with second-degree felony tampering with a consumer product. If convicted, both could be sentenced to 20 years in prison and fined up to \$10,000. The Lufkin Daily News reported in its online editions Monday.

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## Police find truck before owner reports it lost

By **MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

A traffic offense report Sunday led to the recovery of a vehicle which was missing from a Price Road address sometime on Saturday or Sunday.

Police Department responded to a call at 3:14 p.m. concerning a pickup blocking the alley behind Pampa Pawn, 208 E. Brown, according to a police spokesperson. Lee contacted the owner, who said the vehicle had disappeared from Price Road sometime

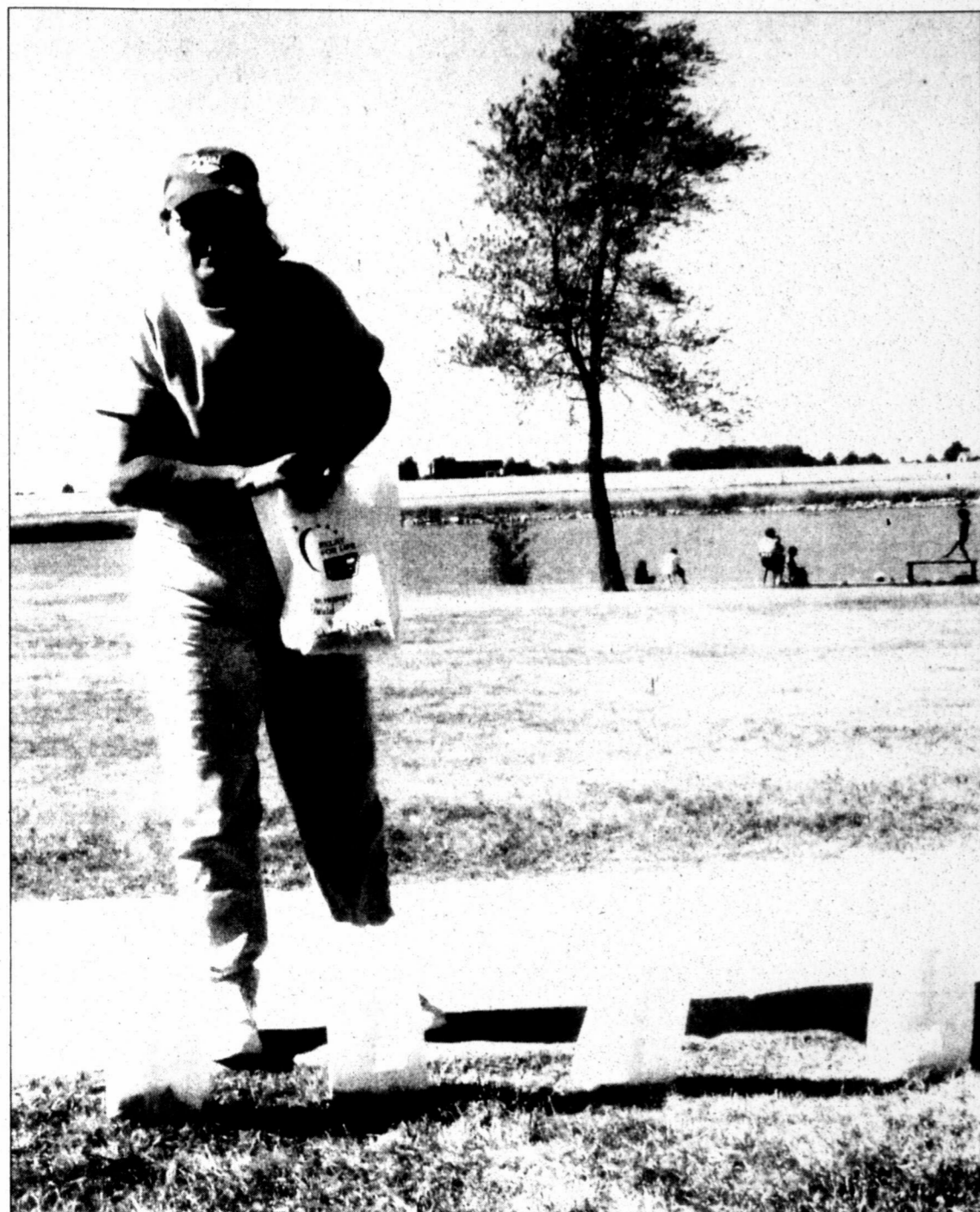
on either Saturday or Sunday.

The owner, who had not filed a report with law enforcement concerning the vehicle, came and removed the vehicle from the alley, the spokesperson said.

No further information was included in the report

concerning the identity of the owner or description of the vehicle.

There was no apparent damage to the pickup as a result of its mystery journey. Police theorize someone may have taken it and went joyriding until it ran out of fuel, the spokesperson said.



(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

### Setting luminarias

Debbie Davis helps place luminarias along a sidewalk at Recreation Park Sunday as part of the American Cancer Society's annual Relay for Life. The luminarias were lit at dusk. Each bag was in honor of a cancer survivor or in memory of a cancer victim. The bags were sponsored by donors for \$5 each, Davis said.

## Ivan affects price of oil

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oil prices shot up nearly \$1.50 a barrel Monday as traders focused on the changing path of Hurricane Ivan, which prompted oil and natural gas producers to evacuate rigs in the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's all fear, it's all speculative buying," said Agbeli Ameko, managing partner at the Denver-based energy research firm Enercast.com, adding that the actual loss of supply, at least for now, was negligible.

Light sweet crude for October delivery rose \$1.49 to \$44.30 per barrel in midday trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange as Ivan pummeled the Cayman Islands, then strengthened to a Category 5 storm as it headed for western Cuba.

Shell Oil Co. announced that 750 workers would be evacuated from the Gulf of Mexico and that approximately 272,000 barrels of oil and 880 million cubic feet of gas would be shut-in, or cut off.

"To put this in perspective, when a pipeline blows up in Iraq, that can cause a 300,000-barrel-a-day reduction in output," Ameko said. Assuming no major damage occurs to Shell's production platforms, Ameko said pumping could resume within a few days after the storm passes.

## State trooper to address API event

Panhandle Chapter of the American Petroleum Institute will meet for its regularly scheduled monthly meeting Thursday, Sept. 16, at Pampa Country Club.

The guest speaker for the evening will be Randy Ratzlaff, senior Texas

Department of Public Safety trooper. His topic will be Department of Transportation weights and measures.

Social hour will get under way at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.

A Mexican buffet will be

served at a cost of \$15 per person. Attendees are encouraged to bring a guest.

Memberships will be available at the door. Door prizes are being donated by Black Gold Supply in Canadian.

## Combs

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County rancher and oil man George Arrington told Combs that he expected energy prices to stay high.

"I hope," he added. Arrington said that Americans have long enjoyed low energy prices.

"I think that's coming to an end," Arrington said.

While Combs said she had reduced her agency's

budget for the next biennium by some 10 percent, she said she may go back to the legislature and ask for funding for a feral hog control program.

She also said that the Texas Animal Health Commission wants to test some 2,400 herds of cattle for tuberculosis by the end of the year, but to date they had tested only 200 herds, mostly dairy herds. She said no beef cattle herds had been tested.

In response to a question by Hemphill County ranch-

er and retired Episcopal priest Bill Nix, Combs said defining agricultural premises, the first step in a national animal identification system, is months and months away.

The big problem with the system will be who owns the data in the program.

Combs also reassured several ranchers present that the agricultural exemption for sales tax and property tax would not be eliminated by the legislature during the next session.

## Ivan

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Cuba's Isla de Juventud, or Isle of Youth, southwest of the main island, began experiencing 50 mph winds

and intermittent rain early Monday, the official Prensa Latina news service said.

The National Hurricane Center in Miami said the center might miss the tip of Cuba and could move near the northeastern Yucatan Peninsula in the next 24 hours.

At 11 a.m. EDT Monday, Ivan's eye was about 85 miles south-southeast of the

western tip of Cuba. Hurricane-force winds extended 105 miles and tropical storm-force winds another 205 miles. Ivan was moving northwest near 8 mph.

Ivan was expected to move into the Gulf of Mexico on Tuesday, nearing parts of Florida's west coast still recovering from Hurricane Charley and threatening to make landfall in the Florida panhandle.

Mississippi or Louisiana. Mexico's northeastern Yucatan peninsula also was on alert.

"Right now, we're looking anywhere from the

Florida panhandle to Louisiana," Jennifer Pralgo, a meteorologist at the Hurricane Center, said. "We do feel that the southern portion of Florida will be in the clear on this."

Ivan killed at least 15 people in Jamaica, 39 in Grenada, five in Venezuela, one in Tobago, one in Barbados and four children in the Dominican Republic. On Monday, officials in Haiti said the storm killed three people there Saturday.

Oil platforms in the eastern and central Gulf of Mexico were being evacuated, and expectations of a disruption in gulf production pushed up oil prices more than \$1 a barrel.

In Jamaica, shelters jammed with more than 11,000 people were running short of food Monday and officials said they planned to fly in supplies to isolated districts by helicopter.

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# Viewpoints

## America needs politicians who work for us

John McCain is wrong. David Brooks is right.

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., the week after the Republican Convention in New York, made the rounds of the talk shows on television. He spoke out against attack campaigns by both the Democrats and Republicans. He called for a civil debate of the issues. He told various television talk show hosts that he hoped there wouldn't be any more attack ads and that he thought the Presidential campaigns would now focus on the issues.

While his efforts were commendable, it ain't going to happen.

The problem is attack ads work, which I suppose says

something about human nature. If you can't say anything nice about somebody, come over here and sit by me.

What worries me is that it seems we're increasingly substituting opinion for fact and rhetoric for reason.

Tax cuts or extravagant health insurance plans will cure all our ills. You can say that in a sound bite or on a bumper sticker.

In an increasingly complex world, it's easier to attack your political opponent by calling him a coward or a liar.

While admittedly some of this goes to the character issue, there's more to it than attacking the personal life of your opponent.

Of course, the news media is there to help. We never miss a good fight. Besides covering he-said-no-I-didn't stories is a lot more fun than trying to unravel the complexities of health insurance.

**David Bowser**

Staff Writer



I do. Maybe I'm old-fashioned, but when somebody says he's going to do something I expect him to keep his word. May by that's why so many people ignore public issues.

I'd tell you not to vote, it only encourages them, but I firmly believe that's what

they want, particularly from independents.

If independents don't vote, then political candidates only have to pander to they're own constituencies. The fewer people who vote, the fewer number of people they have to please.

I wish there was a place on the ballot for "none of the above."

Increasingly, I agree with David Brooks.

A conservative columnist for The New York Times, Brooks is of the opinion that the country is divided into left-brained and right-brained people. The artists who are creative and the hard-nosed business people who make things work.

The problem is it's going

to take both to get out of many of the problems we face in the world today. Unfortunately, one group can't understand the other and increasingly refuse to work together.

Brooks is also of the opinion that there are three parties in the country, but only two organized parties.

There are the Republicans of George Bush. There are the Democrats of John Kerry. Then there is the party of John McCain, R-Ariz. and Joe Lieberman, D-Conn.

With the Republicans and Democrats it seems that if you're not for them, you're against them.

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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 13, the 257th day of 2004. There are 109 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 13, 1788, the Congress of the Confederation authorized the first national election, and declared New York City the temporary national capital.

### On this date:

In 1759, during the final French and Indian War, the British defeated the French on the Plains of Abraham overlooking Quebec City.

In 1803, Commodore John Barry, considered by many the father of the American Navy, died in Philadelphia.

In 1894, British novelist J.B. Priestley was born in Bradford, England.

In 1943, Chiang Kai-shek became president of China.

In 1948, Republican Margaret Chase Smith of Maine was elected to the U.S. Senate, becoming the first woman to serve in both houses of Congress.

*'We do not attach ourselves lastingly to anything that has not cost us care, labor or longing.'*

Honore de Balzac  
French dramatist

In 1889, Fay Vincent was named commissioner of Major League Baseball, succeeding the late A. Bartlett Giamatti.

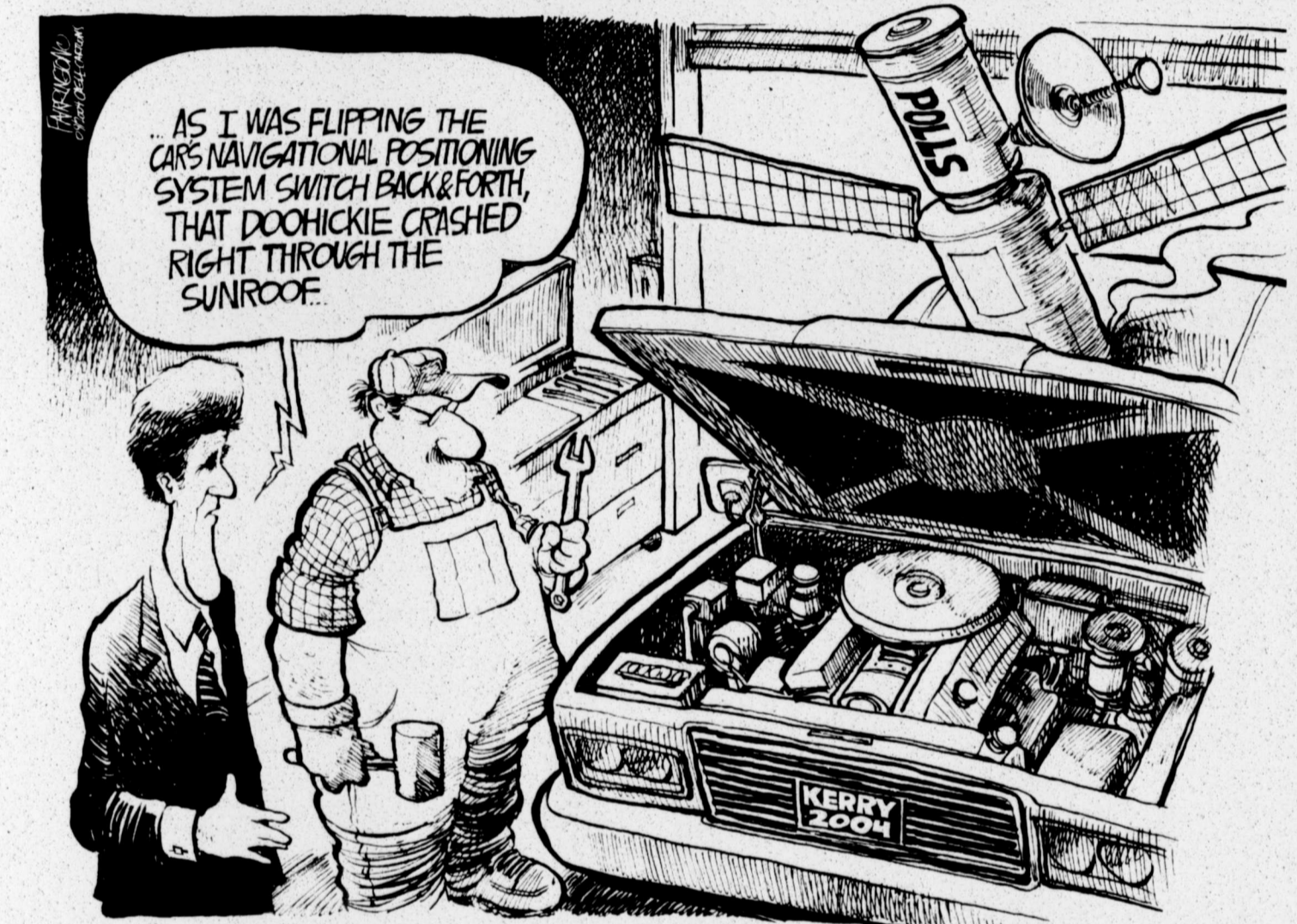
In 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy.

In 1998, former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace died at age 79.

Ten years ago: President Clinton signed into law a \$30 billion crime bill. Some 180 nations adopted a 20-year blueprint for slowing the world's population growth at a U.N.-sponsored conference in Cairo, Egypt.

Five years ago: Israelis and Palestinians opened talks on a final peace accord. A bomb devastated an eight-story apartment building in Moscow, killing at least 118 people.

One year ago: Angry mourners swarmed Fallujah, Iraq, a day after eight Iraqi police were killed in a friendly fire incident involving U.S. troops; the U.S. military apologized for the deaths.



## President is dangerously inept

I'm going to vote against the president because I think he is dangerously inept and quite likely to crash the economy, get us into a bigger war or both.

There is nothing personal about it. President George Bush is an affable man. He was probably fine as a governor in a state where governors don't have that much power. But he let people talk him into running for a job that is beyond him.

He slipped up recently and said the war on terror cannot be won. It certainly can't the way he's fighting it. He's trying to chase down terrorists and kill them (the

euphemism is "bring them to justice"). What's wrong with that is they can recruit new terrorists quicker than we can find and kill the old ones.

You have to kill terrorists, but if you want to win, you have to do more than just that. You have to correct the political situation that created the terrorists in the first place. The president does the American people no greater disservice than when he says the terrorists hate us because

we are rich and free. That's not the reason, and he knows it.

The main reason we are hated in the Middle East is because of our one-sided support of Israel. Israel can commit any atrocity against the

Palestinians, break any international law, flout any United Nations resolution, and the United States does absolutely nothing and says nothing.

Just recently, the Israelis

announced a large expansion of the settlements on the West Bank. This is despite their acceptance of the president's so-called road map to peace, which calls for a freeze on settlements. Now, you would think that the president could at least say to Israel, "This isn't helpful to the peace process," or "You've broken your promise." No, George Bush is as silent as a timid mouse. If Israel wants to take more Palestinian land, it's OK with him.

No president in history has been as fall-on-your-

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## Sudan criticism inaccurate, unfair

Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry on (Sept. 2) called on President Bush to increase U.S. efforts to halt the killing of civilians in Sudan. The Massachusetts senator also urged the president to declare the orchestrated violence in the Darfur region to be genocide.

Secretary of State Colin Powell recently visited Sudan, including Darfur, to press the Sudanese government to rein in Arab militias attacking black refugees. And John Danforth, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has been working to strengthen the international body's response to the Darfur crisis.

So Kerry's implicit criti-

cism that the Bush administration has been evading the issue is neither accurate nor fair, even if he is right that Washington needs to step up its efforts.

"An estimated 50,000 black Africans have been killed and 1.2 million have been displaced by marauding Arab Janjaweed militias armed and encouraged by the Sudanese government. The United Nation has characterized the campaign of raping women, raping villages, destroying crops and poisoning water supplies as

ethnic cleansing, and Congress has declared it genocide. A report by Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday used the term "scorched-earth policy." The New York Times reported.

Based on a report from a special U.N. envoy investigating the crisis, the secretary general said that "no concrete steps have been taken to bring to justice or even identify any of the militia leaders or perpetrators of these attacks, allowing the violations of human rights and the basic

laws of war to continue in a climate of impunity."

The Sudanese government, which is closely allied with the Arab militias, has done little, if anything, to bring them under control and halt ethnic cleansing of black refugees.

Kerry wants the president to call for a U.N. investigation of possible genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. He also urged the president to seek U.N. sanctions against the government in Khartoum to force it to crack down on the militias. Sanctions could include "freezing the assets of government leaders and

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## Texas Thoughts

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### Making science fun

**Billy Bailey, left, holds a ferret and Jamare Ballard holds a boa constrictor as part of the 5th grade Life Science Unit at Austin Elementary School. This year, parent volunteer Connie Sue Ellis, a certified science teacher, has committed every Tuesday to Austin School. She brought these animals as well as other animals such as tarantulas and amphibians for the Life Science Unit. Ellis sees all the children in the school twice a month in a room set aside especially for her, said Austin Principal Beverly Owen, where she works with the teachers and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) to provide hands-on, exciting experiments for the children. "This program has already changed our students' opinion about science," Owens said. "Children are looking forward to Tuesdays now because it's Science Day!"**

### Florida residents batten down as Ivan takes aim

ST. MARKS, Fla. (AP) — Residents of the Florida Panhandle got serious about boarding up windows, stocking food and worrying as deadly Hurricane Ivan appeared to be heading in their direction, although a forecaster said Monday that there was a chance it could weaken before plowing ashore.

People who had fled the Florida Keys were told they had dodged the storm's bullet and could go back home. Emergency officials in several Panhandle counties were expected to decide Monday whether to order evacuations from rural fishing villages and beach communities as Ivan threatened to become the third hurricane to hit the state this summer.

"It's a scary-looking hammer knocker," said 57-year-old Billy Porter, a building contractor who was gearing up for a day of fishing. Porter said he's prepared to ride out the storm at his log house about 4 miles from the water. "I've got a generator for my TV — as long I've got my TV, I'm all right," he said.

Forecasters said Ivan, which strengthened back to a Category 5 storm Sunday night with wind up to 160 mph, could strike somewhere along a huge swath of the Gulf Coast by Wednesday after striking Cuba. They advised residents of the Gulf Coast from west-central Florida to the Louisiana marshes to be leery of the storm that already had killed at least 65 people and injured hundreds in the Caribbean.

With Ivan's path unsettled, Virginia Gros, who lives in a mobile home near Fowl River, Ala., was busy Sunday.

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### Authorities continue search for missing Mesquite girl

MESQUITE (AP) — Authorities continued to search for a missing North Texas girl on Sunday, but they canceled an Amber Alert that had been issued for her in South Carolina after they were unable to confirm any new sightings there. Police have been looking for 12-year-old Jami Hicks since Sept. 4, when mother reported she was missing

from her home in Mesquite, about 15 miles east of Dallas. Authorities believe Jami is with her stepfather, James Roy Hudachek, who recently bought a pistol and wrote in a letter that he would rather die than not be with the girl. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies were still searching for Jami and Hudachek in South Carolina

and other states — including Florida and California — where callers reported seeing people who looked like them, Mesquite police Sgt. Shannon Greenhaw said. She said just one tip — the one that led to the Amber Alert in South Carolina — had been substantiated. None of the many calls police received after the alert was issued panned out.

"We don't know if this lack of response in South Carolina means they were there and they've gone or they weren't there at all. We just don't know," Greenhaw said. Hudachek, 28, is the pastor of a small congregation he started with his wife and Jami's mother, Angela Hudachek.

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I'm still waiting for Bush to explain to me why we're in Iraq, and I'm wait-

ing for Kerry to tell me how he's going to give me the same health care package enjoyed by Congress.

At least McCain and Lieberman can work together.

They may disagree on some things, but they talk to each other and appar-

ently can work with each other for the good of the nation, not just for the good of their parties.

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### Inept

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knees-kiss-their-feet subservient to the Israelis as President Bush. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon can, in effect, spit in Bush's face, and the president will say, "My, what fine-smelling dew."

The people in the Arab world resent this. The Palestinians, after all, are human beings, too. Their lives are just as precious as Jewish lives. And it is they who are the victims in this conflict, not the Israelis. It is their land that was invaded. It was the Palestinians who were ethnically cleansed. People in Washington are prattling on about displaced people in the Sudan. Well, what about the displaced

Palestinians still rotting in refugee camps in Lebanon, Syria and Jordan since 1948?

Nobody in the Arab world expects the United States to become the enemy of Israel. They just want to see an end to double standards. Don't mourn the loss of Jewish lives and ignore the loss of Palestinian lives. Don't refuse to meet with the Palestinians. Don't bomb Arab countries for disobeying U.N. resolutions and protect Israel, which has disobeyed more than 69 U.N. resolutions. Don't prattle on about human rights and the Geneva Convention when

Israel flagrantly violates both. Don't say to Iraq that gaining territory by force is unacceptable when Israel has been sitting on Syrian, Lebanese and Palestinian territory taken by force for decades.

No progress in the war on terror will be made until Congress and the president, whoever they are, find the courage to fashion a balanced, nonhypocritical policy for the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. It's that simple. And don't think you can just wear them out. We're messing

*"George Washington called foreign influence the cause of ruin and trouble in a free republic."*

— Charley Reese  
Columnist

around in a part of the world where the lengths of feuds and vendettas are measured in decades, if not centuries.

George Washington called foreign influence the cause of ruin and trouble in a free republic.

He would certainly condemn the undue influence of Israel and its lobby, but don't blame them. They just ask, and they have a right to ask for favors.

The ones to blame are the Republicans and Democrats who, for the most craven of reasons, sacrifice America's interests to give them those favors.

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### Sudan

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their business affiliates, outlawing arms sales or transfers to Sudan, and embargoing Sudanese oil," according to The Times.

Short of direct military intervention in Sudan, which the United States is not prepared for and should not

even consider, there is a limit to what the Bush administration can do so long as much of the rest of the world continues, as Kerry put it, "to evade the issue yet again."

U.N. sanctions are certainly plausible, but they do not always work. They seldom work if broad international support fails to back them.

Kerry is right that much of

the rest of the world is too little concerned with the human rights and humanitarian crisis in the Darfur region. Powell and Danforth should continue to work to increase that level of awareness, which is necessarily preparatory to meaningful action. Bush himself should become directly involved in those efforts when needed and appropriate.

Stronger action against

the regime ruling Sudan has broad, bipartisan support. It is one issue that is best addressed by concerned leaders in both parties, but this becomes less likely if it is interjected into a heated presidential campaign. By trying to make this a partisan issue, Kerry may have undercut the possibility of getting what he believes is required and what Darfur refugees need.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I am 19 and a new bride, and very much in love with my husband, "Dennis." We have a beautiful son together and another on the way.

Dennis never likes to stay home. He works until midnight, so he comes home from work and goes straight to sleep. When he wakes up, he calls my best girlfriend and has her come pick him up. Then he is usually out with her until he has to go back to work.

I know Dennis is staying faithful to me, but he never spends any time with me or our son. We live with his mother right now, and I'm always stuck with her. We really don't get along that well.

When I get mad about Dennis leaving, she tells me to "let him run, he's still young." She then proceeds to tell me that if I get angry about it, I'll lose him.

I have tried talking to my friend about this, but she tells me I should stop freaking out. I have no idea what to do now. His mother sticks up for Dennis and babies him. She tells me "everyone" thinks I'm getting angry for no reason. Do you agree? -- UNSURE IN MICHIGAN

**DEAR UNSURE:** No, I don't. Nor do I agree with Dennis' mother that your husband should spend all his free time with your "best friend" because he's "still young" and needs to run. His running days were supposed to be over the day he said "I do."

As it stands, your husband is acting like he's single. Putting the best face on it, regardless of whether there is a sexual affair going on between your girlfriend (some friend!) and your husband, there appears to be an emotional one. His first responsibility should be to you and the babies. You could both benefit from marriage counseling. If he won't agree to it, you must assure that your children are supported -- and that may involve talking to a lawyer.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I am a certified operating-room nurse. Our surgeons have recently seen patients in their teens and 20s needing open heart surgery to replace a diseased valve.

Please warn your readers that tongue studs can lead to endocarditis, requiring surgery to replace damaged heart valves, as well as other health problems. Not only do these otherwise healthy young people have to endure this major surgery, but they also face having to take blood thinners for the rest of their lives or having their prosthetic valve replaced every 15 to 20 years.

We will see this documented in medical journals in a few years as the incidence rises, but we can save lives and prevent illness NOW by urging people to remove their tongue jewelry and let their tongues heal. The hole in the tongue provides a pathway for natural organisms in the mouth to find their way to the heart and the rest of the body with devastating results. Wearing tongue jewelry can endanger their health, their future, their very lives.

KAREN MURPHY, R.N., MORTON PLANT HOSPITAL, FLA.

**DEAR KAREN:** Your letter raised eyebrows in my office, including my own, so I called the American Heart Association for more information. They referred me to Gerald Pohost, M.D., at the University of Southern California, who kindly shared the following with me: He agrees that for certain individuals, people with a medical history of rheumatic fever or rheumatic valve disease -- or ANY heart valve disease -- tongue jewelry could, indeed, be dangerous.

I hope my readers will pay attention to these two concerned health-care professionals. At the risk of sounding like an alarmist, it's better to be safe than sorry.

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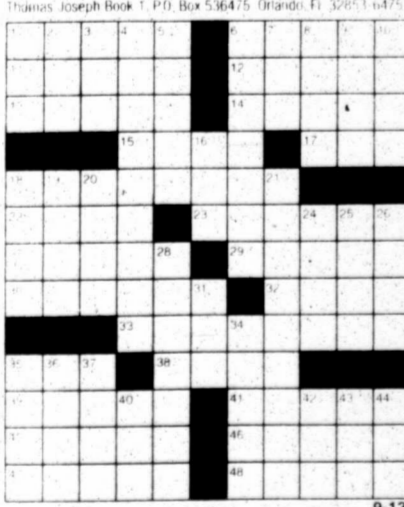
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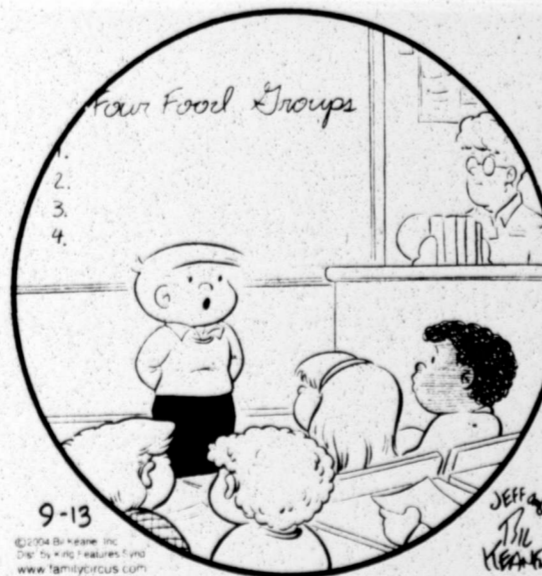
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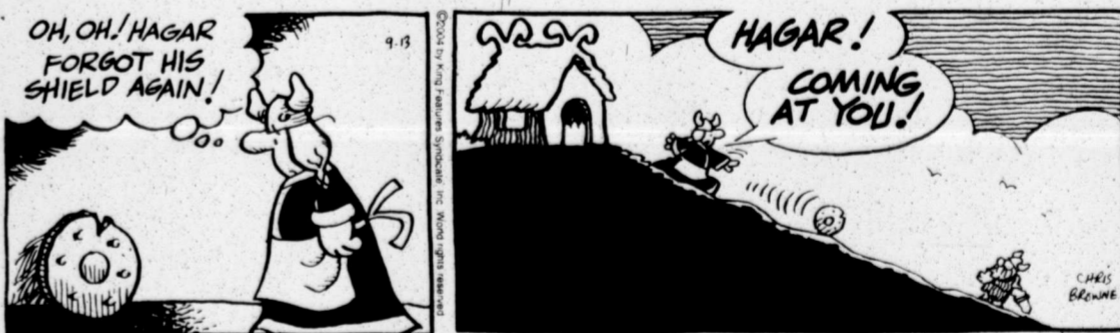
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# Sports Day

Being a good sport

## Worthy of their attention, respect

The game was over. The players from each team met in the middle of the field to congratulate each other on what was an excellent football game. Then the band began to play what sounded like a school song from the stands across the field. The team and coaches, hats removed and holding hands, stood shoulder to shoulder in a salute to the band and the fans that remained.

Michael J. Stevens

Sports editor



Unfortunately, the team standing before the Amarillo High School band wasn't theirs. It was the Pampa Harvesters. The Sandie football team

and coaches had already raced off the field to the locker room to savor surviving the fight with the Harvesters. It was far and away, one of the poorest displays of sportsmanship and fan appreciation I have seen.

Of course, I suppose you need to have fans in order to appreciate them. A study of Dick Bivins Stadium at game time last Thursday night showed the Amarillo High side of the field to have what could be called a moderate turnout. I expected more from a 5A school looking to run its record to 3-0 while renewing one of the oldest rivalries around.

Many began leaving midway through the fourth quarter, confident their boys had the game in hand. By the end of the game, there was hardly a soul left in the Sandie stands other than the band and some students.

And the band was not without some fault. I have never seen a high school band make an entrance prior to a game by marching around the field, then begin playing as it marches back across the field at the 50-yard line as both teams are going through pre-game warm-ups. Just seemed odd and out of place to me.

I was not the only one to make any of the above observations. A friend forwarded the copy of a letter to me last Friday. It was from an Amarillo resident who was obviously at the game and not only saw what I did, but felt as I did as well. In it, the writer blasted the school and the team, while offering praise to Coach Heath Parker and the Harvesters, as well as Pampa High School.

This was a shameful display of sportsmanship. Frankly, it should be considered an embarrassment for the Amarillo High football team, its coaches, the school and the Amarillo Independent School District. It would behoove AISD Superintendent Rod Schroder to address this and ensure it does not happen again.

To not do so could be misinterpreted as not considering it worthy of your attention or an action. It is worthy.

## Volleyball



Junior middle blocker Jackie Gerber has been one of Pampa's leading defenders on the volleyball floor. Pampa hosts Class 5A Number 4 ranked Amarillo High School Tuesday with JV/Varsity beginning at 6 p.m.

## Minnesota Vikings triumph over Cowboys

By DAVE CAMPBELL  
AP Sports Writer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Daunte Culpepper and the Minnesota Vikings started another season strong, and this time they're hoping to finish it that way.

Culpepper did just about everything well against Dallas — recognizing the pressure, running for first downs, making all the right throws and protecting the ball.

He threw a career-high five touchdown passes Sunday to lead the Vikings past the Cowboys 35-17 — and help his teammates forget the sting of a gut-wrenching, last-second loss in Arizona that ended the 2003 season and kept them out of the playoffs.

"It was definitely some motivation," Culpepper said. "We were able to get that taste out of our mouth."

Vinny Testaverde did his best to match Minnesota's rising star. Testaverde was 29-for-50 for 355 yards, one touchdown and no interceptions. His favorite target,

Keyshawn Johnson, caught nine passes for 111 yards in his first game with the Cowboys.

It was Johnson's first regular season appearance since last Nov. 16, before he was permanently benched in a conflict with Tampa Bay coach Jon Gruden.

"We play 15 more games," Johnson said. "That's as positive as I can be. I'm not into losing."

At age 27, Culpepper should be entering his prime — and, the Vikings hope, leading all those fumbles and interceptions behind him. Against a depleted Dallas secondary, Culpepper went 17-for-23 for 242 yards, no turnovers and passes to nine receivers.

"I don't feel I have to make a play all the time with

all these guys around me," Culpepper said.

Randy Moss caught two TD passes, and Onterio Smith, Marcus Robinson and Kelly Campbell each had one.

"He gives guys opportunities to make their money," Robinson said.

Darren Woodson's back injury left Dallas leading by 11.

ReShard Lee, appearing in his first NFL regular-season game, was almost solely responsible for Dallas' second touchdown. He returned a kickoff 62 yards and ran four times for 31 yards, the last a 7-yard rumble off left guard to cut Minnesota's lead to 21-17 early in the third quarter.

That was as close as the Cowboys couldn't do anything on the ground. Veteran Eddie George looked awfully slow and finished with 25 yards on eight rushes — all in the first half. "I understand what my role is," George said. "It's a long season, and hopefully I'll get some opportunities next week."

Rookie Julius Jones might give the Cowboys a lift, but he was inactive with bruised ribs. Richie Anderson, another of Parcells' guys from his days with the New York Jets, had 10 yards on six carries and lost a fumble at the Minnesota 19 with 9:35 to play and the Vikings leading by 11.

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## Sports briefs

### TENNIS

NEW YORK (AP) — Roger Federer became the first man since 1988 to win three majors in a year, thoroughly outclassing Lleyton Hewitt 6-0, 7-6 (3), 6-0 Sunday to add the U.S. Open title to those he took at the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

There hadn't been two shutout sets in the event's championship match since 1884.

Federer led the fourth-seeded Hewitt in winners (40-12), aces (11-1), and service breaks (7-1), and won the point on 31 of 35 trips to the net.

### NEW YORK (AP)

Svetlana Kuznetsova became the third straight Russian woman to win a major, overwhelming Elena Dementieva 6-3, 7-5 Saturday night in the American Grand Slam's first all-Russian final.

As of four months ago, no Russian woman had ever won a major, but Anastasia Myskina beat Dementieva in the French Open final, and Maria Sharapova won Wimbledon. Russians occupy half of the top 10 spots in the rankings.

Until now, Kuznetsova probably was the least-known of her country's crop of rising stars, instead most famous for being Martina Navratilova's former doubles partner. They won five titles as a pair and were the runners-up at the 2003 Open.

### GOLF

OAKVILLE, Ontario (AP) — Vijay Singh won another dramatic duel, beating Mike Weir on the third playoff hole at the Canadian Open on Sunday.

Weir had three putts to

become the first Canadian in 50 years to win his national title — a 10-footer for birdie on the 72nd hole, a 25-footer for eagle on No. 18 in the playoff, and a 5-footer on No. 17 at the second playoff hole.

Weir pulled his tee shot on No. 18 for the third playoff hole, laid up and then hit his approach in the water. Some 25,000 fans let out a collective groan, and gave begrudging applause when Singh three-putted from the fringe for par.

Singh had a 3-under 69 and Weir shot 72 as both players finished at 9-under 275 at the end of regulation. Joe Ogilvie had a 69 to finish third, two shots behind at 277.

Singh won his seventh title of the year — only Tiger Woods (twice), Jack Nicklaus (twice) and Johnny Miller have won that often since 1970.

Singh earned \$810,000, leaving him just short of \$8.7 million for the season. He is closing in on Woods' single-season record of \$9.1 million.

### BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP)

Annika Sorenstam won her fifth LPGA Tour event of the year, closing with a 1-under 70 for a four-shot victory at the John Q. Hammons Classic.

Sorenstam had three birdies and a bogey in the final round for a 9-under 204 total, winning the event for the second time. She had a three-stroke lead entering the final round.

Shi Hyun Ahn closed with a 69 and was second at 5-under 208. Candie Kung (69) was third at 3 under. Mi Hyun Kim (67) and Heather

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## Peterson unimpressed by early performances

By JEFF LATZKE  
Associated Press Writer

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Adrian Peterson isn't all that impressed by the way his football career at Oklahoma has begun.

He might be the only one. Peterson became the first freshman running back to rush for 100 yards in each of his first two games for Oklahoma.

The top-rated recruit from Texas ran for 117 yards and two touchdowns in the second-ranked Sooners' 63-13 victory over Houston on Saturday.

Peterson, however, was more concerned with his need to be more patient and become a better pass blocker.

"I feel like I have a lot to improve on," he said.

Peterson, who ran for 2,960 yards and 32 touchdowns in his senior year of high school, said he's realizing that he can't just run over defenders like he did in high school.

Now, he's got to put on moves to make tacklers miss.

Peterson did just that on several occasions Saturday.

On a 7-yard touchdown run in the second quarter, he made two stutter steps before cutting left and into the end zone.

He also outran several defenders on a 38-yard run in the fourth quarter before he went out of bounds inside the 1.

Eventually, he got the touchdown on a 1-yard run.

"I'm getting more comfortable with it," he said. "I guess I'm getting there."

Peterson and another highly regarded freshman, D.J. Wolfe, got most of the carries in the second half after Oklahoma built a 49-7 halftime lead.

Wolfe finished with 63 yards on 13 carries. "It's fun to see the young tailbacks get in there and make such a strong impact," coach Bob Stoops said. "Adrian really just keeps coming along and D.J. has really done well. When he was in there, he made some nice runs and is strong as well. It was all positive."

Besides Peterson's performance, the Sooners also got another look at quarterback Jason White's improved mobility. When the Heisman Trophy winner wasn't calmly passing from the pocket, he was able to dodge defenders. Despite causing pressure on sever-

al occasions, Houston wasn't able to get a sack.

"He showed everybody and his improved mobility and accuracy is just incredible," Stoops said.

White completed 14 of 18 passes for 257 yards and two touchdowns while playing the first half and only one drive in the second half. He made several throws on the run, including an impressive 34-yard toss to Mark Clayton while scrambling from pressure.

"It looked like the Jason White of old — a guy who can make plays off the scramble," offensive coordinator Chuck Long said.

After an offseason to recover from a broken left foot and a minor surgery on his right knee, White has been playing without knee braces and has shown an ability to keep plays alive with his feet.

"As a young player, that was one of his strengths — being able to scramble out of the pocket," Long said. "Now, he has the dimension of sitting in the pocket and reading defenses and scrambling. That's a pretty good dimension to have."

*'We play 15 more games. That's as positive as I can be. I'm not into losing.'*

— Keyshawn Johnson  
Player

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— Chuck Long  
Offensive coordinator

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## Swim meet

Hannah Lane, seventh grader, competes at the Green and Gold swim meet.

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Bowie (69) tied for fourth at 2-under 211.

**MAINEVILLE, Ohio (AP)** — Bruce Summerhays birdied the 18th hole and overcame a six-stroke deficit to win the \$1.5 million Kroger Classic, edging defending champion Gil Morgan, Jim Thorpe and Doug Tewell by one stroke.

Summerhays prevailed over second-round leader Tewell with an 8-under 64 to finish at 15-under 201.

Tewell, who also finished second last year, shot a 1-under 71. He had a chance to force a playoff with a birdie at 18, but could only make par.

Summerhays birdied nine holes to win his third tournament on the Champions Tour, and first since 1998. His round of 64 at the 7,064-yard TPC at River's Bend was his best since a career-low 62 four years ago.

**PULHEIM, Germany (AP)** — Padraig Harrington rallied to a three-stroke victory in the German Masters, closing with a 2-under 70 and giving his game a big boost before the Ryder Cup.

The Irishman recorded his ninth European Tour title but just his first since the Hong Kong Open in December. He broke his slump five days before his European Ryder Cup team faces the Americans at Oakland Hills outside Detroit.

**AUTO RACING**  
**RICHMOND, Va. (AP)** — Jeremy Mayfield raced to his first victory in more than four years Saturday night, taking the Chevrolet 400 at Richmond International Raceway after leader Kurt Busch ran out of gas eight laps from the finish.

The victory locked Mayfield into NASCAR's race for the Nextel Cup title in the final qualifying event.

But Mayfield was the only driver to jump into the chase. Kasey Kahne, his teammate at Evernham Motorsports, finished 12th and dropped out of the top 10.

Jamie McMurray felt the same way, finishing in ninth place and narrowly missing the chase. He's 11th in the standings, but just 31 points out of the 400-point window

that would have qualified him. His team spent the final few laps desperately begging from help from other drivers to get McMurray more positions and more points. But with his engine draining on power, there was nothing he could do.

**MONTEREY, Calif. (AP)** — Patrick Carpentier beat Bruno Junqueira on Sunday to win the Bridgestone Grand Prix of Monterey.

In fact, the weekend belonged to Carpentier, who drove onto the undulating hills of Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca and instantly became the driver to beat, leading most of the practice sessions, taking the provisional pole and dominating the race.

## NFL

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Cowboys came, though.

"It wasn't all bad," Testaverde said.

"We were able to move the ball up and down the field a little bit. We just need to continue to work at getting it into the end zone."

Notes: Minnesota CB Ken Irvin ruptured his Achilles' tendon while backpedaling during warmups and will

likely need season-ending surgery. ... Dallas lost starting guard Andre Gurode to a sprained knee in the third quarter. ... Vikings RB Moe Williams left in the fourth with a sprained ankle. ... The Cowboys have lost five straight to Minnesota in the regular season.

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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)

\*\*\*\*\* Invigorate your daily life on this New Moon. Where you feel you are lacking, you can change if you want to. You can become more physically fit or organize your life and work, freeing up more time. Soon you will want to socialize more. Tonight: Exercise away stress.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* If you want to, make an adjustment in a relationship today. If you want more affection, throw a penny in a fountain and make that wish today. Your libido soars. Employ an innate talent, drawing out the child in you. Tonight: Play as if there were no

tomorrow.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Deal with the basics. Don't push a key associate. A new beginning in your home life makes all the difference. A conversation clears the air with a family member. Good feelings abound. A new purchase or a bigger home might be likely. Tonight: Stay close to home.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* You are a sign that is ruled by the Moon. Make a new beginning or resolution today. Your commitment might be to a new car, a class in communication or being more sensitive to your siblings or neighbors. Tonight: Visit with a pal, in person or on the phone.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Push as hard as you need to, as you are full of good ideas and have the drive to carry them to the finish line. A new financial beginning becomes possible. Check off an offer that could have positive long-term security ramifications. Tonight: Talk over your ideas.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*\* The New Moon in your sign enhances your vitality and energy. Use that high energy to accomplish more of what you want. Lady Luck drops on you out of the blue. Use good sense, yet be willing to risk. You will come out a sure-bet winner. Tonight: You are top dog!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\* Maintain a subtle profile, but be aware of what you might need to do in order to enhance a lucky situation. You have the capacity to understand a difficult boss. Just don't allow this person to know how clued in you are. Tonight: Clean up a project.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

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# Boy Scouts provide positive role models



Eagle Scout Jonathan Kilhoffer has spent the last four summers as a staff leader at Boy Scout summer camp. Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America proudly recognizes Kilhoffer's scouting achievements and invites all area boys to find out what scouting is all about.

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

When Pampa native Jonathan K was just a young boy, his father died in a tragic motorcycle accident. His mother knew that her young son would need to have many positive role models, besides herself, to insure that Jonathan would grow up to become a responsible, productive, caring adult.

First came Cub Scouts for Jonathan and all the fun, games, exploration and discovery. Pinewood derby races, field trips and lots of caring adult scout leaders.

Next, came Boy Scouting, just as Jonathan is starting to become a young man, a young man who is growing up quickly, asking lots of questions, facing lots of difficult choices. Summer camp, merit badges, patrol meetings and lots of caring adult scout leaders.

Now we come to one of Jonathan and his mom's proudest moments, his Eagle Scout Award ceremony. The room is crowded with lots of those caring adult scout leaders who, through all those scouting years have unselfishly given to Jonathan (and his mom) literally thousands of hours of mentoring, showing Jonathan, by positive example, how to "be a responsible, respected, productive man."

Through her heart-felt tears, Jonathan's mother tells the silent, attentive audience what great things Scouting had done for both her and her boy.

Through her tears, she literally thanks dozens of Pampa's finest citizens, men and women, Jonathan's scout leaders, who through the years have helped her turn that boy into what he is now, a bright young man with a very promising future.

And the story does not end there, because for the past four summers, as a staff leader at Boy Scout summer camp, Jonathan has just begun to give back to

younger boys leadership skills he learned through his own scouting experience.

Golden Spread Boy Scouts of America in partnership with the United Way of Pampa begins fall recruiting for Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturers at all Pampa schools during the months of August and September.

Scouting is for boys in the first grade or age 7 through the fifth grade or age 10. Boy Scouting is for boys who are 11 years old or have completed the fifth grade and continues to the age of 18. The Venturing program is a co-ed program for boys and girls who are 14 years old and who have completed the eighth grade and runs through the age of 21.

In Pampa, there are five Cub Scout Packs, four Boy Scout Troops and six Venturing Crews.

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Once Scouts learn it, they never forget it. To find out how you can join the adventures of Boy Scouting, contact Travis Golding in Pampa at 669-3127 or visit [www.goldenspread.org](http://www.goldenspread.org) on the World Wide Web.



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## Report: North Korea claims blast was planned demolition

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said Monday that a huge cloud caused by an explosion several days ago was the planned demolition of a mountain for a hydroelectric project, and the reclusive government invited a British diplomat to visit the site to confirm the story, British media reported.

North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun said the blast was intentional, responding to a request for information from British Foreign Office minister Bill Rammell, who is visiting the North, the British Broadcasting Corp. quoted Rammell as saying.

North Korea told Britain's ambassador in Pyongyang, David Slinn, that he can visit the blast site as soon as Tuesday to verify its claims that the explosion was part of a construction project, the Press Association of Britain reported. Rammell had asked that ambassadors be allowed to visit the site.

A mammoth explosion Thursday in the isolated, communist North reportedly produced a mushroom cloud more than two miles across

near the country's border with China. South Korean and U.S. officials had said Sunday they were trying to ascertain the cause of the huge cloud.

*"If this is genuinely a deliberate detonation as part of a legitimate construction project then the North Koreans have nothing to fear and nothing to hide..."*

— Bill Rammell  
British Foreign Office minister

The size of the reported explosion on the 56th anniversary of the foundation of North Korea had raised speculation that it might be a nuclear test. U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell said there was no indication it was.

In an interview with the BBC, Rammell said Paek told him "that it wasn't an accident, that it wasn't a nuclear explosion, that it was a deliberate detonation of a mountain as part of a hydroelectric project."

Rammell urged the North

to allow diplomats to the site.

"If this is genuinely a deliberate detonation as part of a legitimate construction project then the North Koreans have nothing to fear and nothing to hide and should welcome the international community actually verifying the situation for themselves," Rammell said.

The Chinese news agency Xinhua quoted an unidentified North Korean official also as saying the blast was part of a power plant project.

"We will closely look into whether that area is an area for constructing a hydroelectric power plant," South Korean Unification Minister Chung Dong-young said at the National Assembly in Seoul, according to the news agency Yonhap.

Chung said the large cloud near the North Korean-Chinese border was confirmed by satellite pictures, but that overcast skies made it difficult to tell what caused it.

China's government, which has the closest relations with North Korea, had no immediate comment

## Putin moves to strengthen power in wake of attacks

MOSCOW (AP) — Responding to a series of deadly terror attacks, President Vladimir Putin on Monday moved to significantly strengthen the Kremlin's grip on power, with new measures that include the naming of regional governors and an overhaul of the electoral system.

Putin told Cabinet members and security officials convened in special session that the future of Russia was at stake and urged the creation of a central, powerful anti-terror agency.

"The organizers and perpetrators of the terror attack are aiming at the disintegration of the state, the breakup of Russia," he said. "We need a single organization capable of not only dealing with terror attacks but also working to avert them, destroy criminals in their hideouts, and if necessary, abroad."

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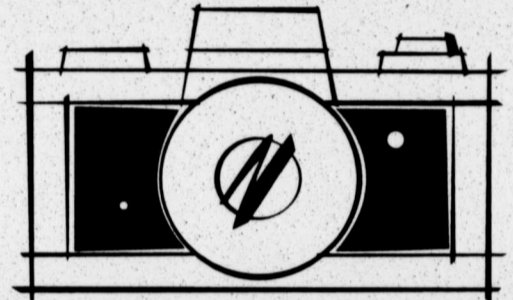
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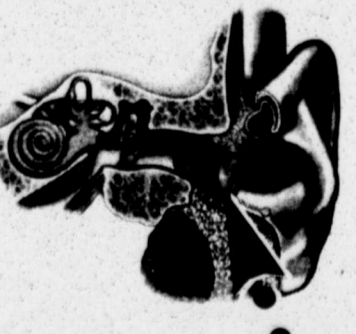


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