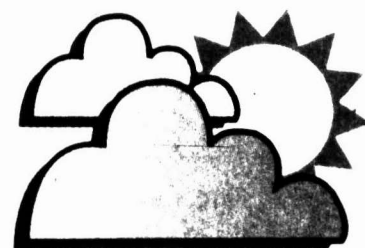


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## Today's weather



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## Deaths

W.A. 'Gip' Gipson, 85, barber.  
 Mary Lou Gantz Moen, 72, teacher.  
 Newman Dudley Steele, 95, engineer.

## Briefly ...

### Local United Way raises \$60,977 so far

Total funds raised so far in the current United Way campaign are \$60,977.60, announced at the agency's second check-in meeting Thursday in the Community Building, 200 N. Ballard.

The amount represents 19.5 percent of the agency's \$312,000 goal for the campaign, according to Katrina Bigham, Pampa United Way executive administrator.

Yesterday's luncheon meeting was sponsored by Pampa Sheltered Workshop and Texas Panhandle Mental Health - Mental Retardation.

Donations to this year's campaign include commercial, \$960; individual, \$4,695; major firms, \$10,592; oil and gas, \$7,900; professional, \$4,985; and special gifts, \$6,900.

The third check-in luncheon will be 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 7 in the large meeting room of the Community Building. Gray County Child Protective Services, Samaritan Pastoral Counseling and Tralee Crisis Center will be sponsors.

- Marilyn Powers

### Voter registrations increasing before Monday's deadline

AUSTIN (AP) — Increases in voter registration have election officials across Texas preparing for a last-minute rush before Monday's deadline to register to vote in the November election.

"We are making a huge push for this weekend," said Lisa Hernandez, spokeswoman for the Harris County Tax Assessor Collector's office, which serves as the voter registrar.

The statewide total of registered voters has shot up to 12.9 million so far, from 12.2 million during the spring primaries, said Bill Kenyon, spokesman for the Texas Secretary of State's Office.

## Citizens protest tower at meeting

By MARILYN POWERS  
 Staff Writer

Citizens who live one mile west of Pampa on County Roads D and 5 spoke to county commissioners for an hour at the beginning of their regular meeting today concerning a cellular transmission tower which is being built in their neighborhood.

Herb Smith, Richard Russell, Lynn Smith and Debbie Stokes each expressed their concerns and opposition to the tower, citing property devaluation and health factors they believe will be caused by the tower.

"We had trouble finding out what it was. No one seems to take responsibility for this. It just appeared," Herb Smith said.

"They never came to us and asked us where we might like the tower placed. They also said the county government knew about it.

"My main concern is property values," Herb Smith said.

"We are concerned about what's happening to our neighborhood. There's a whole half section of land there. If I'd been doing that, I'd have discussed it with my neighbors," said Russell.

"They put it right in the corner instead of in the center or far edge of the field. Who gave permission for it to be there?" he said.

Lynn Smith referred to a letter she said she sent each county commissioner, asking them to look at the

tower which is being built.

"This isn't little bitty. It's huge," she said.

Lynn Smith said she had spent a lot of nights researching the situation. She said one house was within 300 feet of the new tower, four were within one-quarter mile, another four were within half a mile, and several others

were one to two miles away. Memory Gardens Cemetery, Travis Elementary School, two nursing homes and the west side of Pampa are within one mile of the tower, she said.

"We are asking you to support us and assist us in having this tower removed from our neighborhood. I hope there's not another neighbor

in Gray County who would do this to their neighbor," Lynn Smith said.

"At first, I was told it was a house being built," said Debbie Stokes to the commissioners.

"We don't know who the owner is or how it's registered. The permit given to construct it is based on longitude and latitude," Stokes said. She said no one had taken into consideration the neighboring houses before deciding where to place the tower.

"I have been told that the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) takes this quite seriously. I understand this

is not quite the original site the FAA approved," she said.

Stokes said she had found information on Internet websites that microwaves emitted from such towers affect pacemakers and other aspects of human health.

"I have serious health concerns. On the Health Organization health page website, they say further study is being conducted every day on the effects of cellular tower emissions, and it is expected to be completed in 2007," Stokes said.

"There is a neighbor whose son actually worked on Dobson Communications towers. He has a friend and co-worker who lost an arm due to the microwaves from these towers," Stokes said.

"What I've determined is, I don't believe the county has any duty to do anything about the tower. The judge learned the same thing from the state attorney general's office," said County Attorney Josh Seabourn. He referred to Gray County Judge Richard Peet, who was absent from the commissioners' meeting today. The rest of the commissioners were present.

"I confirmed with other attorneys that the proper remedy is for the landowners to file an injunction in

civil court to seek to have it stopped," Seabourn said. "I understand these landowners have already talked to an attorney, and haven't gone further due to needing to put up a bond.

"Until we see some hard evidence on dangers, I don't see that the county commissioners would have any duty to protect the citizens concerning this tower," he said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby said the tower had originally been planned for a different area of the land on which it is being built, but had to be moved because it would interfere with a flight pattern at its original location, according to the FAA.

"As far as the county is concerned, we're stuck. Our hands are tied by law and the legislature. We have no county permits issued out of this court for these towers," Willoughby said.

"I talked to (State Representative) Warren Chisum, and he said if they met FAA and Federal Communications Commission regulations, and are in agreement with the landowner where the tower is to be built, they can proceed," Willoughby said.

Towers of Texas is building the tower for Capitol Lease Corporation, according to Tim Duffy, senior vice president and chief technical officer of Dobson Communications in Oklahoma City. Dobson will lease the right to have a transmitter atop the tower after it is completed, Duffy said in a telephone interview last week.



Stokes



Herb Smith



Lynn Smith



Russell

## Parade kicks off Homecoming celebration



Lady Harvester Jackie Gerber holds on to the net as she rides on the PHS Volleyball Team's float.

Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

David O'Rear, 7, and Aaron Allums catch candy during the Pampa High School Homecoming Parade Thursday afternoon.

## Opinions sought on PGWCD depletion rule

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District will be taking public comment on revisions of Rule 15, dealing with depletion, until Oct. 29.

The district earlier this year passed new rules, except for Rule 15, which sets depletion limits. The district board approved the rule for publication and public comment at their monthly meeting here Wednesday.

A final hearing on the rule is scheduled Nov. 10.

"We approved them for final public comment," C.E.

Williams said. At a meeting this week, the PGWCD board tabled a request for single well permits by Dome Development for their subdivision in Potter County just outside Amarillo.

"The one thing that was tabled was the request from Dome Development," Williams said. "Dome Development has a platted subdivision over there that was platted prior to the adoption of our rules back in March."

The board wanted to review the plan more closely, but Williams said he didn't think there would be a problem with it.

The board approved and 320 acres to be removed from the high impact production permit for Mr. and Mrs. Albert

Reynolds from 6,838 acre-feet to 5,811 acre-feet since 1,090 acres of the original tract was sold.

They also amended a high impact production permit for Boone Pickens from 24,055 acre-feet to 13,313 acre-feet. Pickens requested a shift of 3,912 acres to a multiple well permit, 6,510 acres to be shifted to a single well permit

James Lynn in Potter County, Al Westmoreland in Potter County, Dewayne Hill in Potter County and Glenn

Initial production permits were approved for Richard and Keith Locke and Monty and Rosie Wheeler for 640 acres in Gray County and for Todd and Julie Watkins for 162 acres in Roberts County.

Single well permits were approved for Robertes Montoya in Potter County.

Dan Coffee with the City of Amarillo spoke to the board concerning an Amarillo multiple well drilling permit application in Carson County.

"We didn't have any public comments on Amarillo's request," Williams said. "No one spoke during the public hearing on Pickens' request to shift production permits."

"We finished Pickens' requests," Williams said. "His is a done deal."

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# Religion

## Houston pastor's influence grows along with flock

HOUSTON (AP) — On their first date, Joel Osteen and his future bride, Victoria, went out to watch a Houston Rockets basketball game at the team's home, then called The Summit.

Two decades later, the fast-growing megachurch that Osteen pastors is spending \$78 million to turn the

Rockets' former arena — later renamed the Compaq Center — into its new spiritual home, with 16,000 seats, two waterfalls and plenty of television cameras for Lakewood Church's nationally broadcast services.

The 41-year-old minister chuckles at the coincidence as he stands in the arena

where true love was born and where he predicts as many as 100,000 people will someday worship every weekend.

"God's got a sense of humor," Osteen said, talking over the buzz of heavy machinery transforming locker rooms into children's classrooms. "I never dreamed as a kid that this would be our

place."

In fact, Osteen never dreamed he would be a preacher — much less one leading the Protestant church ranked as the nation's largest in a study by Church Growth Today, based in Bolivar, Mo.

That study, published in the May/June issue of Outreach magazine, used

self-reported data from churches for the first quarter of 2004 and put Lakewood's weekly attendance at 25,060.

Osteen took over as Lakewood's senior pastor five years ago — on Oct. 3, 1999 — after his father, John Osteen, died at age 77. The elder Osteen founded the charismatic Christian church

in an abandoned feed store in 1959.

Over the next 40 years, Lakewood grew to average Sunday attendance of about 6,000 in its 7,800-seat sanctuary.

## Annual 'Pilgrimage to the Cross' set Sunday

Event to feature Jason Evert's chastity presentation, 'Romance Without Regret'

GROOM — This year's Pilgrimage to the Cross Sunday, Oct. 3, will feature Jason Evert's chastity presentation, "Romance Without Regret."

"Romance Without Regret," is intended for all ages with answers to tough questions about sexuality and relationships.

The day's program is as follows:

2 p.m. — Concert by THE Heart of Mary Church in Groom.

3 p.m. — Life Teen Mass celebrated by Bishop John Yanta.

4 p.m. — Eucharistic procession to the Cross.

5 p.m. — Jason Evert "Romance Without Regret"

6 p.m. — Question and Answer Session with Evert;

Sacrament of Reconciliation. 6:30 p.m. — Dinner and quilt raffle. Tickets for meal are \$5 each.

Jason Evert, 27, earned a master's degree in theology and undergraduate degrees in counseling and theology with a minor in philosophy at the Franciscan University of Steubenville.

The author of several books which challenge

young people to embrace the virtue of chastity, Evert speaks at seminars, participates in debates and responds to thousands of questions about Catholicism from people around the world.

On Monday, Oct. 4, Evert will speak at Panhandle High School at 9 a.m. and at Holy Family Church in Nazareth at 5 p.m.

Sponsors for Sunday's

event include the Diocese of Amarillo Respect Life Ministries, the Diocese of Amarillo Youth Ministries, the Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ Ministries and the Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus.

## Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship plans services with the Rev. Charles Provost

Members of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship, 18th and Banks, announce a series of services featuring the Rev. Charles Provost of Deer Park. Service times are 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Oct. 1 and 2, and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 3.

Bro. Provost is a Marine Corps veteran, serving in the Korean Conflict. He is a native of South Louisiana, born to a Catholic family. In

1972, he began attending Catholic Charismatic services, was born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit.

He and his wife, Helen, served as pastors and for more than 20 years, they have served full-time as itinerant evangelists.

Bro. Provost has ministered internationally in Ireland, Belize and Mexico. He has also ministered throughout the United States.

Bro. Provost says the Lord has used him in the gifts of the Word of Knowledge and healing. He says he believes in having Holy Ghost anointed services and that we should always allow the Spirit of God to move as He wills.

Pastors Nathan and Janey Hopson and the congregation of Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship extend an invitation and welcome to every-

one to come and worship the Lord Jesus Christ with them as they expect a time of refreshing.

## Author to present program on relationships for women

Sherrie Slayton, author of "How to Love Your Husband, No Matter What," is to present a program for women Saturday, Oct. 9, at 1st Nazarene Church, 510 N. West.

Slayton will speak on relationships at 10:30 a.m., that Saturday, in the church's

Fellowship Hall. A salad lunch will be served.

Persons who plan to attend the program may RSVP by Oct. 6 at 669-7217 or 665-8887. If child care is needed, please say so when calling to RSVP.

## And a child shall lead them

Recently I was visiting with one of our church kids and received one of the best illustrations that I have come across in a long time. Brooke Woelfle is one of the kids in a "Little Preachers" class that I teach on Sunday evenings. It is a class for kids under 13 yrs. of age who can read and write well. Basically I'm teaching them how to preach short sermons. I have had an absolute blast and they seem to enjoy it too.

Brooke came up and thanked me for teaching the class and I told her that it was a real privilege. Then she said what made my week. On second thought, she made my whole month. She said, "The class has really helped me help my friend." I asked her, "What do you mean?"

She answered, "I was telling my friend about our class and she asked me if I would help her learn how to prepare a sermon so that maybe she could give it at her church. Mike, it felt so good to be able to help her."

She has no idea how powerfully she impacted me. You see Brooke is only going into the third grade this year. Only a third grader and she is already sharing the scriptures and her faith with a friend. Doesn't that just blow you away and thrill your soul and make your heart skip a beat? It sure does mine.

With whom have you shared the scriptures and your faith recently? Have you talked to anyone about Jesus? Now if you aren't a committed Christian you don't actually have any responsibility to do so and therefore it is no big question to you. However, if you claim to be a committed Christian, it is a "Mt. Everest" question. How so, you ask?

Witnessing isn't optional. It is the natural outgrowth of an active faith in Jesus Christ. In fact, a committed Christian can't help but witness to others. Jeremiah put it like this: "But if I say, 'I will not remember Him or speak any more in His name,' then in my

heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot endure it."

A true committed Christian cannot "zip their lip" about Jesus. They can't help themselves. They are so full of Him, they just naturally bubble over with Jesus all over the place.

So what about those who never or rarely talk to anyone about Jesus? What about those who think, "My religion is a private matter between God and me." What about those

who think that witnessing is something "we pay our preacher to do"? What about those who think that witnessing is a matter of gifting? ("Some are gifted to witness, but not me.")

Well, the only thing I can say to these folks is this: "Please, don't ever hang around Brooke. You see, she thinks that it is just a natural part of her being a Christian. She doesn't know any better than to witness. So please don't get close enough to her to rub off on her."

Think about it. Maybe it is time to "put up or shut up." Woowooooops! I almost said that bad word. But if a person is going around telling others that they are a committed Christian and yet they never/rarely witness to others, then maybe that "bad word" would be a good thing for them to practice. That way new Christians won't get mixed-up and think that witnessing is optional. And that would be a good thing because witnessing isn't optional. It is a requirement from the King.

So let that Jesus fire out of your bones and just start bubbling over with Jesus everywhere you go. He'll be ecstatic and you'll be so full of joy that you will think you are going to pop. And I'll bet that will be a better feeling than you've been having trying to hold Him in. God bless.



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# Viewpoints

## Things that simply don't make any sense

The time has come folks — once again — to do an installment of "I Just Don't Know Anymore", first authored by my late friend, Kevin Dorsey. Hey, Kev! Has the good Lord tired of your commentary? Well, He has a right to be upset Kevin. "W in '04" stuck all over the pearly gates! I miss you, Kev.

*I just don't know anymore.* The Democrats in Congress pitched a fit and voted "No" on President Bush's choice, Rep. Peter Goss, Republican from Florida, as the new director for the CIA. The Dems insisted that Mr. Goss would politicize the position and favor Republican agenda? Wah, wah, wah! — How

easily the Dems forgot about the recently resigned CIA director, George Tenet — Democrat — a carryover from the Clinton administration. President Bush stuck by Mr. Tenet — even through the WMD fiasco... Mr. Goss is a retired CIA spook! Who is more qualified to head the CIA? Why, a spook, of course!

*I just don't know anymore.* Congress, last week, once again passed President Bush's tax reform program. The House and Senate passed the tax legislation in almost total agreement, with very few naying or abstaining. I understand the Republican pols voting in favor, but the majority of the

Democrats voted in favor as well — which couldn't possibly have happened because of the upcoming general election? H m m ? Remember all the crying by Kennedy, Kerry, Rodham-Clinton, etc.?

**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist

Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, has instituted an ad campaign expressing the possibility that some of the drugs purchased in Canada could be fake or of lesser strength than the very same drugs sold here in America.

*I just don't know anymore.* The Food and Drug Administration, aside from their imposed strong-arming (searches and seizures) of American citizens re-entering our country with prescription drugs purchased in Canada — have sunk to even lower standards. FDA, with urging by the

especially senior citizens. It's wrong that our citizens have to cross the border to Canada to save money. Come on, PMA! Hey, you savants of information out there! Don't go blaming this on President Bush. Canada, and Mexico, have long sold less, expensive prescription products — at least, during the past 35 years.

*I just don't know anymore.* Israel assassinated, via car bomb, a top Hamas leader in Damascus, Syria, this past weekend. Remember, it's a toss-up on who suicide bombs more Israelis; Hamas, PLO, et al. A Syrian official called the car bombing a "terrorist and cowardly" action... Score:

Terrorists, 1000s; Israel, 1. *I just don't know anymore.* The House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly on a measure to keep the Pledge of Allegiance; in particular, the phrase "One nation, under God", safe from federal courts; and, the Supreme Court. Pundits express the likelihood of the measure passing the Senate as "very slim to none". When the big smite comes...

*I just don't know anymore.* Please note, readers, the following is my opine, and not necessarily that of the management of The Pampa News; or, for the matter, any



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## Today in History

By The Associated Press

- Today is Friday, Oct. 1, the 275th day of 2004. There are 91 days left in the year.
- Today's Highlight in History:** Forty years ago, on Oct. 1, 1964, the Free Speech Movement was launched at the University of California at Berkeley.
- On this date:**
  - In 1800, Spain ceded Louisiana to France in a secret treaty.
  - In 1885, special delivery mail service began in the United States.
  - In 1896, the U.S. Post Office established Rural Free Delivery.
  - In 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model T automobile to the market.
  - In 1943, Allied forces captured Naples during World War II.
  - In 1949, Communist Party Chairman Mao Tse-tung raised the first flag of the People's Republic of China during a ceremony in Beijing.
  - In 1961, Roger Maris of the New York Yankees hit his 61st home run during a 162-game season, compared to Babe Ruth's 60 home runs during a 154-game season.



## Our readers write

### Is this what we want?

speeches and actions by demonstrators prolonged the war and made life more difficult for our prisoners of war.

Serving in state and national political offices with 20 years in the U.S. Senate, (he) never introduced nor co-sponsored any important legislation. (He became) famous as a "sure" liberal vote against defense and intelligence budgets. (He) achieved #1 rating as the Senator voting more times for the Liberal agenda in any one congressional session. Kerry has lived from a tax-supported trough and married money.

The Liberal Democrat agenda for the future seems to be removing our troops

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## Mission accomplished; war goes on

Democrat attacks on President Bush's fly-in appearance on the USS Abraham Lincoln after its triumphant return from the war in Iraq, and the sign that proclaimed "Mission Accomplished" hanging from the carrier's bridge, are a sign of their party's desperation. It's their mission impossible.

What really bothers them is the image of the president clad in flight gear — an image they feared would remind the voters that we have a jet pilot in command who had just led the nation in toppling a brutal dictator and had done it in record time. They just can't live with that so they resort to the laughable complaint that the

mission was not really accomplished since we are still engaged in combat with insurgents in Iraq and we are still fighting the war on radical Islamic terrorism.

But the mission was accomplished, as anybody with two cents worth of common sense understands.

What was the mission? To defeat Saddam Hussein and his armed forces, and that was done so quickly it makes one's head spin. Moreover, the USS Abraham Lincoln's mission was also accomplished. The carrier was sent into the Gulf to help fight the air war against Saddam, something their pilots and flight crews did with great bravery and efficiency. Their mission was accomplished.

The Kerry campaign simply cannot grasp an eliminatory fact — that the administration's mission and that of the carrier were both clearly accomplished. Pacifying Iraq was a new mission entirely, and it is still going on.

Look at it this way: When the Marines on Iwo Jima scaled Mt. Suribachi in World War II and raised the flag, the mission assigned to them, that mission was accomplished. That didn't mean that the battle was over — that blood bath would go on for another month — but raising the flag was their immediate mission when they climbed that volcanic hill and they accomplished it. There would be other missions before the battle was over. They would attack and overcome hundreds of enemy positions before the battle was won, and each attack was a different mission and each victory a different accomplishment.

When a football team gets the ball, their mission is to

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Islam, democracy can be compatible

Six years after the authoritarian rule of President Suharto came to an end, Indonesia is ushering in a peaceful transfer of power.

The vast archipelago nation voted Monday in its first-ever direct presidential elections. Former Gen. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono won a landslide victory over President Megawati Sukarnoputri.

This triumph of democracy is noteworthy in the world's fourth most populous nation. Indonesia also is the world's largest Islamic nation, with 88 percent of its

238 million citizens Muslim. Most Americans' knowledge of Indonesia begins and ends with the terrorist bombings in Bali two years ago that killed more than 200 people.

The al-Qaida-linked group Jemaah Islamiyah carried out those attacks.

The same group detonated a car bomb outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta this month, killing nine and wounding 182.

The Bush administration has expanded cooperation with Indonesian police, intelligence and military forces in an effort to help them combat terrorism and corruption.

Yudhoyono campaigned on a tough anti-terrorism and anti-corruption platform.

The U.S. interest in seeing democracy succeed in Indonesia goes beyond security cooperation, however. Last October in Bali, President Bush committed \$157 million over six years to help improve the Indonesian educational system.

Initiatives like this are an essential part of an American strategy to engage moderate Muslim nations.

Much of the Islamic world only sees the U.S.-led war on terror. The United States must enhance such peaceful efforts to support democratic change.

Indonesia has demonstrated once again that Islam is compatible with a functioning democracy.

### Texas Thoughts

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### Realtors Convention

Diane Jennings, AE of the Pampa Board of Realtors®, Inc.; Rebecca Baten, Realtor®, Randy Jeffers, Regional Representative; and Joan Mabry, Realtor®, left to right, were among more than 1,500 participants at the Texas Realtors® Convention and Expo in Fort Worth recently. Topics covered at the annual statewide convention included legal, technology and marketing issues in real estate, ethics and professional standards, and new housing initiatives that will help more Texans own homes.

### Mission

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make a touchdown. When they make it, that's a mission accomplished, and they celebrate it, just as the president celebrated the mission of defeating Saddam. The game isn't over, but the mission is. They will then face another mission — to stop the other team from making a touchdown. And if they do that they have accomplished another mission. And the missions won't be over until the game is over.

When George W. Bush stood under that "Mission Accomplished" banner and hailed the accomplishments of the carrier's crew and all

the other troops in Iraq, he was correct — their missions were accomplished, and the Democrats know he was correct in celebrating their victory. They just won't admit it because it's the truth, and for them, the truth hurts.

Yet Kerry and company think the American people are too stupid to realize that the president was not saying that the war was over — they understand that he was merely saying that the mission was over — which it was.

In their effort to con the voters, the Democrats avoid the truth about the whole USS Abraham Lincoln episode. They don't bother telling the American people that the "Mission

Accomplished" theme was not the slick Karl Rove political ploy they claim it was, but was instead urged on the president by General Tommy Franks — a fact he reported in his book, "American Soldier."

He recalls that he went to the President and asked him to do it because he believed it would help enlist the aid of those who promised they'd help out in Iraq if they were assured that the mission had been accomplished. And it was. Saddam had been toppled.

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Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

### Letter

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and Halliburton from Iraq as quickly as possible, turning rebuilding over to France, fighting over to the United Nations. These two entities have had phenomenal success in Iraq, the Oil for Food Program comes to mind. Recently Kerry has changed campaign rhetoric on Iraq, again, saying Bush is handling the war wrong and he can do better, no statement as to how, leaving the impression that he will stay in Iraq, fighting the battle smarter. This is questionable, Kerry campaign supports the opposition party in Australia's October which promises to remove their troops from Iraq and Afghanistan. Australia has fought alongside the United States in every 20th century war. Socialized health care, income tax increase are firm as Senator Kerry makes a firm decision on what to firmly support.

Environmental laws should face a "Sunset Law" during their seventh year. Those considered successful (should be) returned to Congress for renewal consideration. Those considered failures or not renewed by Congress would expire at end of eighth year.

Environmental laws curtailed domestic energy production of oil and natural gas until we are importing 65 percent of domestic needs to support our economy. Sen. John Kerry, when asked what his plan was to ease oil imports, replied alternative energy. Liberal Democrats have wasted billions of tax dollars on alternative energy research without success while energy imports continue to rise.

Senators Ted Kennedy and John Kerry have stopped construction on a "wind farm" to

generate electricity off shore from their multi-million dollar homes and playground in Massachusetts. It's OK in your backyard, but not in these elite liberals' backyards.

Domestic timber harvest has almost disappeared in the last 10 years, yet we are importing lumber to sustain the largest housing boom in our history. We are burning more timber yearly than we use, because unrealistic environmental laws created faulty stewardship of our timberlands.

Agriculture, farming and ranching, are under attack by these laws, placing our food chain in jeopardy. Go to the market and look at the country of origin on the food, clothing and other items you purchase. Restrictions applied to our agriculture are not problems for foreign producers.

Restrictive governmental taxes, regulations and Labor

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Our tax structure is a disgrace from the individual to the corporate level encouraging building new facilities overseas. Liberals will not vote to change the system, promising maximum tax increases for the rich, liberal mentality includes those working and small businesses as "rich."

*'Our tax structure is a disgrace from the individual to the corporate level, encouraging building new facilities overseas.'*

— James Braxton

Taxes and regulatory permits from local, state, and federal agencies to produce energy, remodel or build a new facility, start up a new business can radically increase the cost until the venture is abandoned or moved overseas. Governmental taxes, regulations, and unions are staunchly supported by Liberal Democrats, costing millions of jobs.

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## University of Okla. student found dead in fraternity house

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — The body of a 19-year-old student was found inside a fraternity house, and the university's president said drinking may have played a role in his death.

Blake Adam Hammontree was found at about 10:30 a.m. Thursday in an upstairs living area at the Sigma Chi fraternity house near the campus of the University of Oklahoma, said police spokeswoman Jennifer Newell.

Hammontree, a freshman, was a Sigma Chi pledge who apparently was at the house for a fraternity function Wednesday night.

The state medical examiner's office was working to determine the cause of death, she said.

University president David Boren immediately shut down the fraternity's operations on campus and said he would close the house for the rest of the academic year within two weeks.

"It is my duty as president to reaffirm clearly ... that underage drinking and the violation of the university's rules and policies regarding the use of alcohol will not be tolerated," Boren said.

### Sense

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other human being. Ahem. How many videos showing the beheading of American citizens by terrorists in Iraq are we to see? Wouldn't it be a welcome change to view a beheading of a terrorist on video? I'm in favor! Geneva Convention, my —!

I just don't know anymore. Which press agency is supplying photos of Iraqi and al Qaeda insurgents shooting at our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan? An inquiring mind would like to know. I'm willing to bet the press photographers are not of fair complexion and blue-eyed. And, it's a crying shame that our soldiers see the pictures in our papers and on television.

I just don't know anymore. Immigration, swimmigration; though the Rio Grande is dry; therefore, enabling illegal immigrants to walk across. Let New Mexico, Arizona, and California deal with the feds and the immigration nightmare. Texas is the only state that can legally secede from the Union — that's a fact. Why don't we secede from the Union and annex Mexico? All immigrants would be — citizens.

Yes, we would immediately become one of the wealthiest nations in the world. Texas and Mexico would become Texico, and with the oil and gas production, TEXMEX-PEC would be formed to compete with OPEC to reap revenue. Why, even Pampa could improve it's economy

by becoming the capitol of the state of Panhandle.

Whew! Must be that weak Zolofit I purchased in Canada.

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Dennis Palmitier is a graduate of Pampa High School and a pharmaceutical salesman

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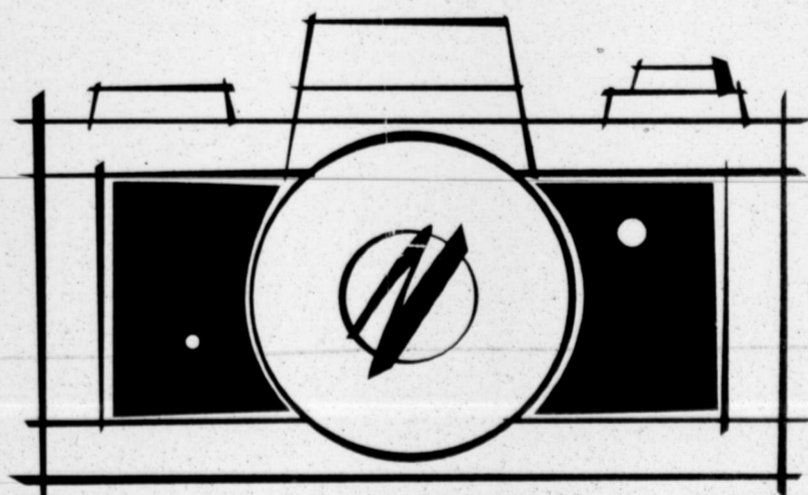
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# Sports Day

## Harvester Homecoming in more ways than one

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

When the Pampa Harvesters take the field against Plainview tonight, they may be taking on more than just the Bulldogs. They may be waging a war against the weather as well. Which in turn, could impact Pampa's ability to air-out the ball.

Nonetheless, it is Homecoming. And for the Harvesters, it is good to be home. Six weeks into the season and Pampa is playing in only its second home game. And it should be a great game in many ways.

Pampa Head Coach Heath Parker, says Plainview will be his team's toughest test of the year. "Plainview is one of the most talented teams in the Panhandle along with Palo Duro," Parker said. Parker noted, "They definitely will show us where we stand."

Plainview, coming off a 28-6 win over Hereford last week, has a defense that is tough to read and often times tends to con-

fuse opposing offenses.

Both teams enter tonight's game with identical 2-2 records.

Since the Sept. 17 win over Borger, the Harvesters have not lined up across from any one but themselves for the past two weeks, as last week was the team's off week. Still, Parker says his team practiced well. "Practice has been productive. We've worked on our physical conditioning," said Parker. "I've been impressed with the team's ability to stay physical the past couple weeks. They are ready and eager to get busy."

Weather will could be a factor tonight with the threat of a front moving in. It's not so much the threat of any moisture as it is the wind. The forecast tonight calls for a stiff breeze and much cooler temperatures by kick-off, dropping as the game progresses.

Still, it's Homecoming. Parker said, "A Homecoming win tonight would be great for sure."

Kick off for tonight's game is 7:30 p.m.

*'Plainview is one of the most talented teams in the Panhandle.'*

— Heath Parker  
Head Coach, PHS  
Football



Pampa fans, above, get into the spirit with the Harvester school song prior to the start of the Borger game two weeks ago. Senior running back Mark Williams, left, gets some attention on the sideline during the same game. Pampa faces some different Bulldogs tonight when Plainview comes calling. This is the Harvester's last non-district game. They face 3-4A rival, Randall, next week..

### FOOTBALL

## Other games of interest

Other games of note tonight include:

- Canyon @ Lubbock Cooper
- Borger @ Lubbock Estacado
- Muleshoe @ River Road
- Highland Park @ Panhandle
- Spearman @ Canadian
- Sunray @ Claude
- White Deer @ Shamrock
- Miami @ Lefors
- Wheeler @ Higgins
- McLean @ Follett
- Valley @ Hedley

Unless otherwise noted, all games listed above are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m.

## Junior Varsity game called in third quarter, Freshmen defeat Palo Duro

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvester Junior Varsity football team made the long trip south to Plainview yesterday to take on the Bulldogs. The Pampa defense was strong, holding the Bulldogs scoreless before weather forced the game to be called in the third quarter. The trip was worth it though, as the Harvesters held on for a 12-0 win.

The Freshman team hosted Palo Duro last night and

came away with an impressive 28-6 victory over the young Dons. In that game, the Harvester's Adam Estrada threw a 46-yard touchdown pass to Shavious Kelley. The extra point by Andy Parker was good and the Harvesters took a 8-0 lead. Taylor Smith scooped up a Dons fumble and ran it in from 29-yards out for another Pampa touchdown. The extra point failed, giving Pampa a 14-0 lead. Kelley later had a TD run of 11-yards, and Estrada would sneak in from a yard out. When time ran out, Pampa had claimed a solid 28-6 win.

### Pampa pride



Students from Lamar Elementary show their Harvester pride earlier today. Students are, left to right, front row- Brennan Broggin, Cody Epperson, Cheyenne Winkler, Micaela King, Brianna Pickett, Julian Arreola and David Soria. Back row- Samantha Estes, Victoria Saiz, Katie Davis, and Cheyenne Botello.

## Pampa tennis, volleyball teams in Dumas tomorrow

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa tennis and volleyball teams both travel to Dumas tomorrow.

Head Coach Josh Freeman and his Harvester tennis team will put the close loss of this past Tuesday against Palo Duro behind them and focus on the task at hand, beating Dumas. Those matches are scheduled to start at 9 a.m.

Head Coach Shannon Stroud and her Lady Harvester volleyball team will take a 2-1 district 3-4A record into Dumas tomorrow afternoon. Game time, 2 p.m.

Stroud and her team are coming off a big win against Palo Duro this past Tuesday, but know they face a stout foe in the Lady Demons. "We are going to work on picking up the defense against Dumas," said Stroud. "We will need to pick up tips that fall short over the block. Their setter likes to dump the ball a lot so we will need to pick that up as well."

First serve scheduled for 2 p.m.

### Senior spotlight



Q.B. Cobb has been busy on both offense and defense so far this season.

## Q.B. Cobb, LB/TE

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

At 5'11", 190-pounds, Q.B. Cobb is quick and sure-handed. But it has been his play on defense this season that stands out. Listen close to the game's announcer following a tackle, and more often than not, you'll hear his name.

Player Name: Q.B. Cobb  
Player Jersey Number: 7  
Player Position(s): Linebacker/Tight End  
Player Grade: 12  
Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s): Craig & Kelly Cobb  
School Activities/Interests: Rodeo  
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

## Come-from-behind Astros lead wild-card race

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Astros have done little wrong in the past month after doing little right for most of the season.

After firing their manager and playing catch-up for the past three months, the Astros began Thursday with an improbable lead in the NL playoff race. They were atop the wild-card standing for the first time this season, a half-game ahead of San Francisco and the Chicago Cubs.

"We're playing now like we're not going to get beat," new Astros manager Phil Garner said. "When the pressure has been greatest, we've gotten it done."

Such a scenario looked farfetched when Houston dropped from first to fifth in the NL Central and fired manager Jimmy Williams during the All-Star break when the team was 44-44. Garner replaced him but made little difference at first, and after a month the Astros had dropped to 56-60.

Then came a four-game winning streak to get the Astros back to .500. By early September, the Astros had won 12 straight to pull even with the Cubs. Now after winning six of their last seven, they're in position to make the postseason.

"We're trying to get our ticket to the dance," said Roger Clemens, who pitched six innings in the Astros' 6-4 win over St. Louis on Wednesday

night. "At one point it looked like we weren't invited and we were just going to drop in on everybody."

If this sounds familiar, think back to the Florida Marlins' late playoff push last year.

*'We're playing now like we're not going to get beat. When the pressure has been greatest, we've gotten it done.'*

— Phil Garner  
Manager, Houston Astros

The Marlins fired manager Jeff Torborg and hired Jack McKeon after a 19-29 start, continued to struggle for a couple of months and then recovered to seize the NL wild card en route to winning the World Series.

Astros general manager Gerry Hunsicker repeatedly made references to the Marlins' run when he introduced Garner as the team's new manager the day after the All-Star game.

Back then, Hunsicker sounded like a man desperately searching for hope.

Now, Hunsicker sounds like a prophet.

"There's some magic in the air," Hunsicker said with a satisfied grin.

With only a three-game series at home against Colorado left in the regular season, the Astros are finally becoming the playoff contender everyone thought they'd be at the start of the year.

Just much later than expected. "They were supposed to be good earlier in the season," St. Louis shortstop Edgar Renteria said. "I don't know what happened to them. But they're playing like they were supposed to now."

Not so long ago, Houston appeared on its way to a disappointing finish after beginning the season with expectations of the team's first World Series appearance in its 42-year history.

The midseason acquisition of All-Star center fielder Carlos Beltran did nothing for the Astros' punchless offense. Garner tinkered with the lineup with little success.

Star pitchers Andy Pettitte and Wade Miller were lost for the season after struggling with injuries.

Emerging young shortstop Adam Everett was also sidelined with a broken left wrist.

Things really bottomed out when Houston lost two of three at last-place Montreal in mid-August.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Smoke from a fire is sneaky, a silent killer. If a home fire breaks out while we are sleeping, we will not hear smoke as it creeps into our bedrooms, banking up the walls, curling across the ceiling. We will snuggle deeper into the blankets, unaware of the poisons enveloping us. It will grow and spread, becoming hotter and hotter, until it reaches our beds. Then our lungs will be filled with scorching poisonous gases silently extinguishing our lives.

That harsh scenario is what happens in home fires in America every single day. According to the Home Safety Council's State of Home Safety in America Report, fire and burns are a leading cause of home injury-related death. To prevent this from happening, we need working smoke alarms.

October is Fire Safety Month, and it's the logical time for all of us to consider how safe we are from fire. The majority of fire deaths occur at home, where we can make simple changes that can help us to stay safer.

When it comes to our personal safety and the safety of loved ones, we must hope for the best but prepare for the worst. A safe home is within our hands.

— MERI-K APPY, PRESIDENT, HOME SAFETY COUNCIL

DEAR MERI-K: Thank you for the reminder. My experts have stressed to me that every home must have WORKING smoke alarms installed on each level of the house. Additional smoke detectors should be placed inside rooms where people sleep. The Home Safety Council recommends hard-wired, interconnected smoke alarms powered by household electricity. They should be tied together so that if one alarm signals, they will all signal, regardless of where the fire is detected. And for the "ultimate" in fire protection, nothing

compares to automatic fire sprinkler systems, which put water directly onto the flames in the early stages of fire, slowing the spread of deadly smoke and heat.

As "Step One" during Fire Safety Month, please make time this week to ensure you have enough smoke alarms. Replace batteries in existing alarms and test them once a month. For more information on smoke alarms, escape plans and home fire sprinkler systems, visit [www.HomeSafetyCouncil.org](http://www.HomeSafetyCouncil.org).

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DEAR ABBY: I threw a party at my house and invited my usual friends. "Dave" arrived wearing a pair of sunglasses, even though my party was at night. He perched the glasses over the bill on his baseball cap and left them there all evening.

The party was a barbecue outside in my back yard, and my 8-month-old Doberman, "Rommel," was running around. At some point, Dave's glasses fell off and Rommel used them for a toy. I had no idea what had happened until the next day, when Dave called and asked me to look for them.

When Dave found out my dog had ruined the glasses, he demanded that I pay for them to the tune of \$350! I don't think I owe him any money. Am I wrong?

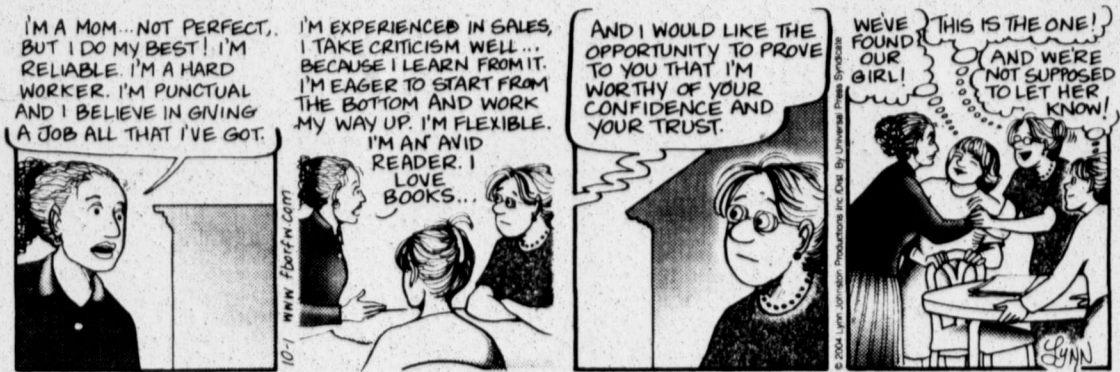
— DOG LOVER IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR DOG LOVER: No, you are not wrong. The sunglasses were Dave's property, and he should have made sure they were protected. As his host, you had enough responsibilities on your shoulders during the evening. Dave shouldn't blame others for his carelessness. (Nice try, though.)

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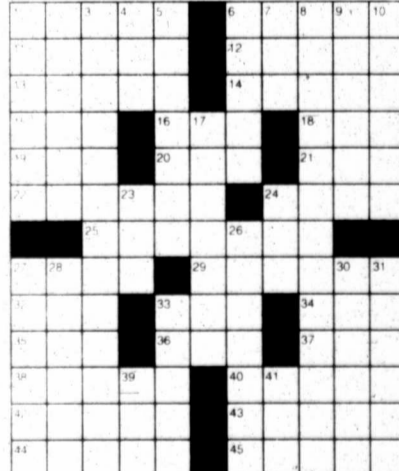
## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

- ACROSS**
- 38 Maze blocks
  - 1 Prince of India
  - 40 Chef Jacques Colleague
  - 42 J.R.'s mom
  - 43 Bit of history
  - 44 Tier
  - 45 Stupelies
- DOWN**
- 1 Sports-caster Ahmad
  - 2 Wake star
  - 3 "Bound" director
  - 4 With 20-Across, "The Hulk" center
  - 5 Gave a hard time
  - 6 Private's boss
  - 7 In the uscript style of
  - 8 "Enough" embroidery
  - 9 Fluffy cat
  - 10 More acute
  - 17 Like some workouts
  - 23 Squid's defense
  - 24 Simile center
  - 26 Made a new man-
  - 27 Some
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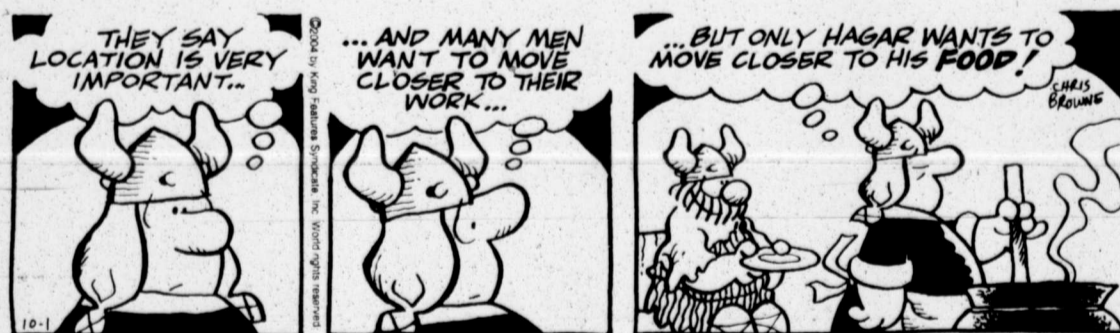
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