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## Today's weather



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## Deaths

Lillie L. Chamberlain, 83, cafe owner.  
 Maurice S. Heard, 82, services pending.  
 Doris Y. Rice, 72, homemaker.  
 Hallie Mae Stone, 98, services pending.

## Texas Today

**House majority leader makes surprise visit at debate club's forum**  
 HOUSTON (AP) — Students at a high school debate club who had invited Tom DeLay to attend a candidates' forum but didn't receive a return commitment were surprised to see the U.S. House majority leader show up.  
 DeLay attended Tuesday night's forum sponsored by Clear Lake High School Debate Club. The area only recently became part of the 22nd Congressional District after the state Legislature redrew congressional districts in Texas in a plan pushed by DeLay.  
 Democrat Richard Morrison and independent Michael Fjetland attacked DeLay's conservative record during the forum that ranged from regional transportation issues to national concerns, including the war on terror and homeland security.  
 But DeLay said he is committed to looking at all modes of transportation and finding which are the most cost-effective and beneficial.

**Agents say violence increasing on border**  
 HARLINGEN (AP) — A weekend shootout on the banks of the Rio Grande is an example of the increasing violence related to drug and people smuggling along the Mexican border, U.S. Border Patrol officials said Tuesday.  
 "We've had a few incidences here recently where we've had some acts of aggression toward our agents, mainly along the river and rural areas," Border Patrol spokesman Eddie Flores said. "We're noticing an increase in violence along the border."  
 While Flores said he could not be specific, he said agents have reported confrontations with smugglers in Starr County and within the McAllen sector stretching from Brownsville to Falcon Dam.

## PISD board faces full agenda Thursday

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education faces a full agenda when they meet Thursday, Oct. 21.

The board plans to meet in regular session at 6 p.m., Thursday, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Among the action items before the board Thursday are the school campus plans, bids for spring sports,

and approving the 2004-2005 Textbook Selection Committee, financial reports and personnel matters.

Also scheduled for board consideration is a request by an individual to use school facilities for a MAYB basketball tournament, and a class-size waiver request for Austin Elementary School.

Miranda Bailey, Pampa High School publications advisor, is requesting board approval for two

student editors and two sponsors to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York City in March 2005. The trip would take the place of the annual state journalism conference in April.

Discussion of the Pampa Junior High yearbook class is also scheduled Thursday. A student parent raised concerns about the program and the selection process during the public comment period of the

September meeting.

A number of reports will also be presented at the meeting on the following subjects: Contracting with an outside firm, JR3 Education Association, on rehiring retired educators; PHS extracurricular contract; TASB Workers' Compensation Program; first reading of TASB Policy Update 73; student enrollment information by campus; and SAT, ACT and AP results.

## Group to host district meeting

About 100 Optimists from the North Texas District will meet in Pampa this weekend for the First Quarter District Meeting, according to John W. Warner, chair for the event.

"It's been about 20 years since we've had one of these in Pampa," Warner said today.

Presiding over the three-day meeting will be Cassie Shultze, governor of the North Texas District, from Wichita Falls.

Optimist International Vice President Danny Rodgers will address the group at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with a Mexican pile-on dinner followed by a Casino Night. Benny Horton and Jason Bagwell will assist Optimists gambling with Optimist Bucks at a craps table and blackjack tables. At the end of the evening, the winners will bid for door prizes as Buddy Allen conducts the auction.

Saturday morning the group will be welcomed to Pampa by Mayor Lonny Robbins and Pampa President Ronnie Haynes. The business session will be followed by a training session on Tri-Star Basketball taught by former North Texas Governor Paul Lucas of Odessa.

Boys and girls in three age groups, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13, will compete for first, second and third place medals at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Optimist Gym. Registration for Tri-Star Basketball will continue today and tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym. Due to time constraints, only 12 boys and 12 girls from each age group

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Pampa Firefighter Rick Littlefield explains fire safety precautions to third graders from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in the "kitchen" area of the Fire Safety House.

## Fire safety education helps safe lives

For many years now, Pampa Fire Department has been involved in "Fire Safety House," a yearly program targeting children in third grade.

"The Pampa Fire Department takes pride in this program," said Deputy Chief Randy Dunham in a news release, "and looks forward in continuing it in the years to come."

Last year, a Pampa 8-year-old used what she had learned from this program to save her great-great-grandfather's life.

On Oct. 8, 2003, Abigail "Abby" Jones went through the Fire Safety House with other third graders from Lamar Elementary School.

Two days later, on Oct. 10, 2003, she heard her dog barking and looked out from her house to see what was wrong. Then she saw the house next door was on fire. Inside the home was Warren Bowers, 84. She alerted her grandmother and called 911.

Her grandmother and a neighbor helped Mr. Bowers escape from his burning bedroom.

The third-grader was later recognized by the Pampa Fire Department, Pampa Police Department and City of Pampa for her lifesaving effort.

The Safety House program makes students aware of common fire hazards that may exist in the home and how to correct these hazards as well as educating them on such safety precautions as smoke detectors, fire extinguishers and sprinklers.

The program stresses the living room area, the kitchen, the bedroom, and encourages the youngsters to choose with their families an assigned outside "meeting place."

There is also a pretend fire scenario that teaches the students what they

should do in the event of a real fire.

The students are briefed before the fire on exactly what steps are necessary to get out of the building safely.

As the students are pretending to be fast asleep in their bedroom, a small amount of non-toxic smoke is sent into the room, causing a smoke detector to activate. The awakened students then roll out of bed and on to the floor. Staying as low to the floor as possible, they head for the bedroom door.

When checking the door, they find it is hot, and do not open it (as instructed). They then go to the bedroom window, their second avenue of escape, climbing out and to their assigned meeting place. Once everyone is out safely, one student then makes a call to 911.

This conversation with the 911 operator is heard over a speaker for the group, and is simulated to be exactly as the real thing.

The Fire Safety House is made available to all members of the Panhandle Firemen's and Fire Marshals' Association, and is located in Canyon at the Canyon Fire Department.

— Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

## PGWCD to offer new low-interest ag loan

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

WHITE DEER — The State of Texas has come up with half a million dollars for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District for agricultural low interest loans.

The money from the Texas Water Development Board can be used by local farmers and ranchers to buy

agricultural water conservation equipment. C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, said this week.

"We've had a lot of interest in upgrading equipment," Williams said.

He said a number of area farmers have used or requested federal money through the Environmental Quality Incentive Program,

or EQIP, to install more efficient irrigation systems.

"Between the EQIP program and this program, it will let farmers update their equipment," Williams said, "and increase the efficiency of their watering systems."

The funds were made available through the Texas Water Development Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Loan Program.

Under that program the water board can make money available to districts like the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, who in turn can lend it at reduced interest rates to farmers and ranchers that want to install more efficient irrigation equipment on their property.

Williams said this is the second loan this year that the district has gotten from

the water board.

"This new loan will allow us to provide monies to more farmers," Williams said, "saving many more acre feet of water through improved use efficiencies."

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District covers all or part of nine counties, including Gray County.

"It's a win-win deal," Williams said.

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### Obituaries

#### Lillie Lorene Chamberlain, 83

Lillie Lorene Chamberlain, 83, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Briarwood Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock, pastor, officiating.

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

Mrs. Chamberlain was born Feb. 25, 1921, in Eufaula, Okla. She retired after 25 years at the Schneider Hotel. She was later co-owner of the Country House Cafe for four years with Loretta Devoll.

She also worked as a house painter and carpenter's helper, learning to lay bricks. She was an active member of the Monday Night Swingers, in charge of food and hugging.



Chamberlain

She was a member of the Briarwood Full Gospel Church.

Survivors include three children, Wynona "Punkin" Gilleland, Linda J. Payne and M.C. Simpson; three stepchildren, Elijah "Junior" Slate, Shirley Parent and Carol Devers; one sister, Decca Dalton; 11 grandchildren, Marlo Hendrick, Nick Moore, Kelly Wyatt, Shelly Graham, Susan Carrol, Joey Gilleland, Chad Simpson, Billy Simpson, Jesse Simpson, Carla Sprowles, Lisa Johnston and Raynell Simpson; 23 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church Building Fund, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

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

#### Maurice S. Heard, 82

Maurice S. Heard, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born July 14, 1922, at Dean, Mr. Heard moved to Pampa in 1934. In 1985, he retired from Phillips Petroleum as a gas measurement supervisor after 40 years of service.

He married Selma McPherson on Nov. 25, 1953.

Mr. Heard, a former Boy Scout leader, belonged to First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during World War II with the 82nd Sea Bees.

Survivors include his wife, Selma, of the home; a son, Gerald M. Heard of Pampa; a brother, Ferrel L. Heard of Kansas, Okla.; a sister, Datha DeMoss of Clarendon; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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

#### Doris Y. Rice, 72

Doris Y. Rice, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating.

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

Mrs. Rice was born Jan. 9, 1932, at Laketon. She was a 1950 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Bill R. Rice on March 21, 1951, at Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2002.

She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Survivors include one son, Clay Rice and wife Beth of Pampa; one daughter, Kymm

Murray of Tulsa, Okla.; her mother, Iva Back of Pampa; one sister, Jackie Pyeatt and husband A.F. of Amarillo; four grandchildren,



Rice

Jennifer Muns of Amarillo, Brenden Rice of Pampa, Shane Murray of Stillwater, Okla., and Zac Murray of Tulsa, Okla.; and a great-grandson, Keegan Muns of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to American Heart Association, 6605 I-40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

#### Hallie Mae Stone, 98

WHITE DEER — Hallie Mae Stone, 98, of White Deer, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Stone was born Oct. 29, 1905, at Brandenburg, Ky. She lived in Lefors for 30 years prior to moving to White Deer in 1999. She married L.O. Stone on Nov. 10, 1923, at Jenks, Okla.; he died Aug. 1, 1987.

Mrs. Stone was preceded in death by a

son, Don Stone on Sept. 25, 2003.

Survivors include a daughter, Irene Stone Poland of White Deer; two sons, G.E. Stone of Amarillo and Owen Stone of Sheridan, Wyo.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be 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).

### Services tomorrow

BOWEN, Betty Jo — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

### Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.  
Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 51. South southwest wind around 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 82. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 57. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

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25TH ANNIVERSARY Reception for Brent & Gail Dabbs will be held Fri., Oct. 22nd, 7 p.m., Grace Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.  
BEEF FAJITA Cookout Fund Raiser, Community Christian School, Fri., Oct. 22th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., 220 N. Ballard. Tickets avail. from any sch. family or sch. office.

CAKES BY Carol Quitting Business Sale, 319 W. Foster, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 10am-5pm.  
CALF FRIES, Moose Lodge, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

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PHS CHOIR Boosters Annual Fiesta Supper, Fri., Oct. 22, in PHS Cafeteria, 5-7:30 p.m. Tickets \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 yrs. & under, and avail. from PHS choir students or at the door.

### Emergency Services

#### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

##### Tuesday, Oct. 19

Theft was reported at Tarpley Music Company, 117 N. Cuyler. A cornet valued at \$400 was taken.

A broken car window was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. The incident occurred in the 100 block of East 27th, on the north side of the school.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.

A lost cell phone was reported in the 900 block of South Banks. Estimated value of loss is \$50.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. Prescription drugs were taken. Value of loss is unknown.

A knife valued at approximately \$10 was found in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Found property was reported in the 2100 block of Williston. A bicycle was found.

Thomas Jason Watkins, 33, White Deer, was arrested in the 400 block of Montague for no valid driver's license, expired regis-

tration, and copias pro fines for expired registration and expired motor vehicle inspection.

Jimmy D. Atwood, 24, 1326 Coffee #2, was arrested in the 200 block of Georgia for running a stop sign and failure to pay fines and court costs.

#### Sheriff

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

##### Tuesday, Oct. 19

Rosa Linda Flores, 24, McLean, was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable for a bond surrender on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Robert Allemand, 31, Gainesville, was arrested for making a false statement, theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, theft by check, a bond surrender for a charge of theft by check, and a fugitive warrant out of Oklahoma.

Bobby Remy, 63, Manzanola, Colo., was arrested on a bench warrant for theft.

Brent Crossman, 46, 1901 Lynn, was arrested for criminal mischief.

## Commuter plane crash kills at least eight in NE Missouri

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A twin-engine turboprop commuter plane crashed in the woods about three miles from the airport where it was preparing to land, killing at least eight of the 15 people on board, officials said.

At least two people survived the crash Tuesday night and were being treated at a hospital, and five others were missing, said Adair County Chief Deputy Larry Logston. The American Airlines-affiliated Corporate Airlines flight from St. Louis was carrying 13 passengers and two crew members, both of whom died, Logston said.

The last communication from the Jetstream 32 indicated it was on a normal approach to Kirksville Regional Airport in northeastern Missouri, and there was no mention of any problems, said Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago.

Logston said the plane's flight data recorder was recovered. Emergency crews searched woods and open fields early Wednesday for the missing passengers.

Weather conditions at the time of the crash were overcast with misting and some thunderstorms in the area, according to an FAA weather observation system. It wasn't immediately known if it was storming where the plane went down or if weather was a factor.

The plane — Corporate Airlines Flight 5966 — was on a regular route from St. Louis when it crashed shortly after 7:50 p.m., Cory said.

*'On behalf of Corporate Airlines, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the passengers of flight 5966.'*

— Doug Caldwell, Corporate Airlines CEO

Emergency crews reached the site about three miles south of the airport and found the fuselage engulfed in flames and largely intact, with the wings broken off but nearby, Logston said. All eight of those known dead were found in the fuselage, some still in their seats and the two crew members in the cockpit area, he said.

The plane had clipped treetops before crashing on its belly, and the wreckage was scattered over an area about one mile across, he said.

A female survivor was walking around when rescuers arrived, and a male survivor was found in brush about 25 feet from the fuselage, Logston said. Rescue crews were still hoping to

find survivors, he said, but added that the two who did make it were discovered "so close to the plane we're imagining the others probably should have been close to the plane if they survived."

The survivors were being treated at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, said Larry Rodgers, a spokesman for the hospital. He said both were stable, but had no information about the extent of their injuries.

"As the physicians evaluate them, we should know more," he said.

Corporate Airlines, based in Smyrna, Tenn., began operating in 1996 and is affiliated with Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines. As AmericanConnection, Corporate provides 70 flights from 13 cities in the Midwest to St. Louis and Nashville.

Doug Caldwell, Corporate Airlines' CEO, said the crash was the airline's first fatal accident. The company has 250 employees and flies 17 Jetstream 32s. The airline was trying to contact the families of all the passengers Tuesday night, he said.

"On behalf of Corporate Airlines, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the passengers of flight 5966," Caldwell said in a news release. The statement also said the airline could not speculate as to the cause of the crash.

## Former tribal official's trial gets under way

DEL RIO, Texas (AP) — The former head of the Kickapoo tribe's health care program is accused of stealing money and laundering checks, a prosecutor says in the woman's federal trial.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Harris told jurors in his opening statement Tuesday that Maricela Mendoza allegedly wrote phony checks to Mexican doctors, to a variety of vendors, and even to herself, some as large as \$15,000. Harris said she converted many of these at a check-cashing outlet in Eagle Pass.

But Greg Torres, Mendoza's defense lawyer, said the 48-year-old woman is liable only for sloppy

record-keeping and caring too much about her Indian clients. He said the Kickapoo Indians, who live in Maverick County and northern Mexico, have unusual health care needs, and meeting them came at a personal cost to Mendoza.

Mendoza, former director of Kickapoo Community Health Services in Eagle Pass, was arrested in November on accusations that she stole about \$259,000 from the program over a two-year period ending in October 2002.

### Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Adebury Grain of Pampa.  
Wheat ..... 3.16  
Milo ..... 3.34  
Corn ..... 3.96  
Soybeans ..... 4.58

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.  
OXY ..... 56.74 +0.79  
BP PLC ADR ..... 58.46 +0.06  
Cabot Corp ..... 36.82 -0.06  
Cabot Oil Gas ..... 42.64 +0.65  
Coca Cola ..... 39.36 +0.02  
VLO ..... 41.11 +0.63  
HAL ..... 34.12 +0.58  
TRI ..... 31.90 -0.17  
NOI ..... 32.88 +1.01  
KMI ..... 63.76 -0.34

XCEL ..... 17.21 -0.04  
Kerr McGee ..... 57.35 +0.86  
XOM ..... 48.52 +0.21  
Limited ..... 23.44 -0.21  
Williams ..... 12.77 +0.17  
MCD ..... 28.47 -0.53  
Atmos ..... 24.96 -0.04  
Pioneer Nat. .... 31.34 +0.06  
JCP ..... 38.09 -0.16  
COP ..... 82.66 +0.66  
SLB ..... 65.94 +0.84  
Tenneco ..... 12.00 +0.88  
CVX ..... 52.99 +0.24  
Wal-Mart ..... 52.45 -0.23  
ORF ..... 25.77 +0.11  
NS Grp ..... 16.93 +0.32  
New York Gold ..... 420.15  
Silver ..... 7.15  
West Texas Crude ..... 53.29



Mitzi Melody Andorfer and the 1929 Hollywood Theater and Nov. 5

## August in A

ACT 1 (A) will open its murder mystery p.m. in the Pampa and Nov. 5.

A show on Thursday, Oct. behind Pampa the show with "This type is a first for Lacy, "and w pleaser." The action and Movie Hollywood A actors and act Hollywood g audience an favorite perf contest. Durin the audience foibles of ea

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## Vaccine ability expected after peak of flu season

WASHINGTON (AP) — More flu vaccine is expected to be available for millions of Americans in January, but that could be too late.

The flu season typically peaks in January or later. It takes two weeks for people to develop immunity after being vaccinated, which should be done in October or November, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

So while the U.S. government is searching all over the world for more vaccine, it is unclear how helpful the extra doses will be if they don't arrive until next year.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said Wednesday he believes the additional shots will arrive in time to help.

The flu season likely will "peak at the end of the December, the beginning of January, but it goes well through February and sometimes into March," he said on CBS's "The Early Show."

"So, any amount of doses that one can get, even as late as January, clearly will be very helpful, particularly if we have a very active flu year," Fauci said.

Federal health officials said Tuesday that 2.6 million additional doses of flu vaccine will be available in January, far fewer than the 48 million lost to contamination at a British manufacturing plant.

"We're waging a comprehensive and aggressive response," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson told a news conference. "We have good reason to be optimistic in our ability to deal with the flu season and protect the most vulnerable from its harsh effects."

He said there was enough antiviral medicine available to treat 40 million people, shortening illness in people sick with the flu and preventing illness in healthy people.

Between vaccines and antiviral drugs, enough medicine will be available to treat 100 million people this flu season, Thompson said. Federal authorities have asked that healthy adults refrain from getting vaccinated to leave enough for those at greatest risk: the very young, the very old and people with chronic illnesses.

Sen. John Kerry, President Bush's Democratic challenger, has said the administration failed to heed warnings about a potential shortage.

*'We have good reason to be optimistic about our ability to deal with the flu season ...'*

— Tommy Thompson  
HHS Secretary



Mitzi Melody played by Cella Roachelle and Buck Buckaroo played by Tim Andorfer are an acting duo hoping to win the Best Acting Team award during the 1929 Hollywood Award Show. But don't tell Mitzi's husband or Buck's wife you saw them sittin' together or there could be murder in the air. ACT I's dinner theater production, "Murder, Mayhem and Movie Stars," opens Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5 at the Pampa Country Club. Call for reservations, 669-3286.

## Audience to take part in ACT I season-opener

ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) will open its 22nd season with a comedy murder mystery as a dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. in the Pampa Country Club, Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5.

A show-only performance is set for Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at the theater behind Pampa Mall for those who want to see the show without a dinner.

"This type of audience participation show is a first for ACT I," says Director Rochelle Lacy, "and we think it will be a real crowd pleaser."

The action of the play, "Murder, Mayhem and Movie Stars" comes from a 1929 Hollywood Awards Show where a variety of actors and actresses, a movie producer and a Hollywood gossip columnist welcome the audience and invite them to pick their favorite performers during an acting scene contest. During the course of a buffet dinner the audience members get to know all the foibles of each character and when one of

them is "bumped off," the audience gets a sleuthing chance to figure "who dun it."

Ken Wilson is the assistant director, stage manager and understudy for the men's roles.

The cast includes Tim Andorfer as Buck Buckaroo, Dennis Boyd as Lamont L'Amour, Diana Bruner as Veronica Swann, Lynn Frances as Penelope Purr, Bill Hildebrandt as Jack Von Rippey, Cella Roachelle as Mitzi Melody, Rochelle Lacy as Starla Snoop and Dwayne Smith as Otto Ratts.

The Pampa Country Club is providing an all-you-can eat Mexican buffet for the Oct. 29 and Nov. 5 performances and an Italian buffet on Oct. 30. Tickets for the show and dinner are \$17 per person.

After the show on Friday, Oct. 29, the audience is invited to stay for the Country Club Halloween Costume Party and Karaoke Night. Reservations are required by calling the Country Club at 669-3286.

ACT I Season Tickets are available by calling Kayla Pursley at 665-3820.

## Club

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may participate.

Kevin Davis will head up a Ball Park Burger Luncheon for the group.

Afternoon training sessions will include an explanation of the Children's Shopping Tour by Trevlyn

Pitner, John Wagner and Warner, a session on power point presentations and a session on security and self-protection.

Rochelle Lacy heads up activities for spouses who are not Optimist members. They will make their own Mardi Gras masks for Saturday night's Mardi Gras party, will have lunch at the Vickery House and tour the

White Deer Land Museum Saturday.

The Mardi Gras party will follow the Governor's Banquet. Jimmy Cantrell and K.T. York are in charge of the banquet.

The meeting will conclude with a church service at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the Optimist building. Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## Terrorist puzzle: What does al-Zarqawi pledge of fealty to bin Laden mean to U.S.?

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. officials are taking a sober view of a recent pledge of loyalty to Osama bin Laden from Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the most wanted terrorist leader in Iraq.

Some consider his pledge over the weekend to be an effort to elevate his status and improve his resources and fund raising. Others view it as an attempt to broaden his audience and improve recruitment.

While U.S. authorities try to sort out just how close al-Zarqawi is to bin Laden, many agree that al-Zarqawi's motives are worrisome.

"It is certainly not a positive development, but in

terms of what it means in practical terms, it isn't clear at this point," said a U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Al-Zarqawi and his movement, now named Tawhid and Jihad, are believed to be behind dozens of attacks and much resistance to Iraqi and U.S.-led forces in Iraq. That includes a series of beheadings.

The counterterrorism official said al-Zarqawi's statement, posted on a Web site known for carrying militant Islamic content, is viewed as credible. It came at the start of Ramadan, although some U.S. officials have tried to

play down any connection to the holy month of fasting and prayer.

A defense official, also speaking anonymously, said the military is trying to determine why al-Zarqawi made the statement now, as the U.S. military steps up attacks against the insurgency in Iraq, and what the statement means.

In recent days, U.S. air strikes have targeted safe houses used by the al-Zarqawi network in Fallujah, the central Iraq city believed to serve as the group's base. U.S. officials have said the attacks are believed to have killed major leaders of al-Zarqawi's organization.

## BSA Hospice to host Rose Memorial Service Oct. 24

BSA Hospice staff and volunteers will honor those who they have had the privilege to serve through the hospice program this past year during its 22nd annual Rose Memorial service Sunday, Oct. 24, at New Life Assembly of God, 1435 N. Sumner.

Set to begin at 2 p.m., this non-denominational service

provides an opportunity for individuals, families and caregivers to join together in remembering loved ones.

Participants will have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of their loved one as well as hear messages of hope and comfort through scripture, song and sharing.

After the candle-lighting, each attendee will receive a

long-stemmed red rose from a hospice staff member.

BSA Hospice has adopted the rose as a symbol for beauty of life and for God's eternal love.

New Life Assembly of God Church in Pampa will host the community-wide event.

For more information, call 665-6677.

## TDCJ now accepting applications for guards

Texas Department of Criminal Justice is currently accepting correctional officer applications for positions at the Jordan Unit.

A Correctional Officer Hiring Seminar is planned Thursday, Oct. 28, at the unit located at 1992 Hilton Road.

The seminar, to get underway at 7 p.m., will explain the application process as well as discuss correctional officer duties, qualifications, salary and benefits.

Interested applicants will be scheduled for screening at the Jordan Unit the week of Nov. 1.

For more information, call (806) 291-0553.

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# Viewpoints

## Coming to terms with all those deadlines

Fifty-eight printed-out yearbook pages lay in two straight lines on the fake wood-grain laminate table as I entered the yearbook room. Ahead of me was a long night of editing, redesigning and fixing the mistakes on each of the pages in our book's first major deadline.

All of the 58 must be mailed off to the yearbook publisher's plant in Kansas on Thursday, so the entire staff has spent the last several days scrambling to make them perfect. Until Thursday passes, it is clear (that) we

will live, sleep, eat and breathe yearbook. Rarely will other thoughts enter our minds during schooltime hours. We will never take our eye off of the clock. We will concentrate on meeting the deadline.

All of this yearbook-related stress has me thinking about how much of life actually consists of deadlines. When it comes straight down to it, we face hundreds, if not even thousands of time limits every day: From rushing to make it to school or work in time, to

simply feeding ourselves dinner before we feel the ramifications of hunger in stomachs, deadlines are all around us.

They plainly control how we live. Why then is it that some seem to stress us out more than others?

My theory is that the stressful deadlines are ones we are not used to dealing with on a regular basis. For

another example of this I want to look towards the college application process. As I thumb through my day-planner, I clearly see it there, written in underlined letters in a neon green Sharpie permanent



marker, so that I will not miss it.

Southern Methodist University Application Due: November 1. Stanford

University due: December 1. University of Texas due: February 1. They seem to go on and on throughout my little black planner like this.

These are the stressful ones. These deadlines will literally change my life. Not meeting them would mean the end of my educational journey. This is not a situation I would normally face. Sure I am used to getting ready for school in a rush or finding food at the right time, but the college application process is one I am not used to. That is why they

hold stress for me.

I am sure that by the end of the time the UT due dates makes it here, these deadlines will seem like just another normal part of life to me. They will hold little stress. They will become part of my second-nature and monthly routine.

After all, this is my first major yearbook deadline and I already am starting to feel less stressed about it. It is becoming a normality.

The next one in mid-November will be no problem.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 20, the 294th day of 2004. There are 72 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, two and a half years after he'd said, "I shall return."

### On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase.  
In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's Columbian Exposition.

In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska and Canada.

In 1944, the Yugoslav cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik were liberated during World War II.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Library was dedicated in Boston.

## Our readers write

### Where are all those pigs?

At age 67, I have spent over 40 years in this fine city. Woodrow Wilson, the Red Brick Junior High, PHS through 1956, 35 years with Cabot and numerous churches and civic clubs. I understand Pampa. Yet, upon retirement, after 15 years in Atlanta, I returned to settle here in my hometown, Pampa.

I love driving in the country and know most every country road, the old road to Hoover being my favorite drive, just to see the sun go down. I have seen many things come and go, but won't bother to mention them. Just believe me.

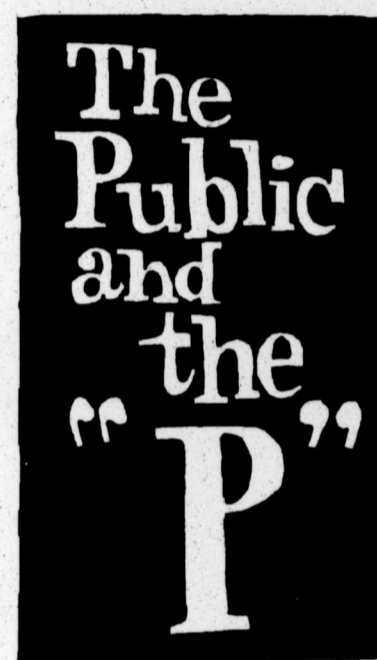
After settling in my hometown for several years and running the caliche roads on a regular basis, I began to hear rumors of pigs. I went looking. Stories, as they go in this part of the world, said there were wild hogs. Then I heard stories of 30,000 edible hogs in our community.

Now, I have seen prairie chickens disappear from the landscape and the arrival of antelope, and now turkey roam our city parks, but where are all the pigs?

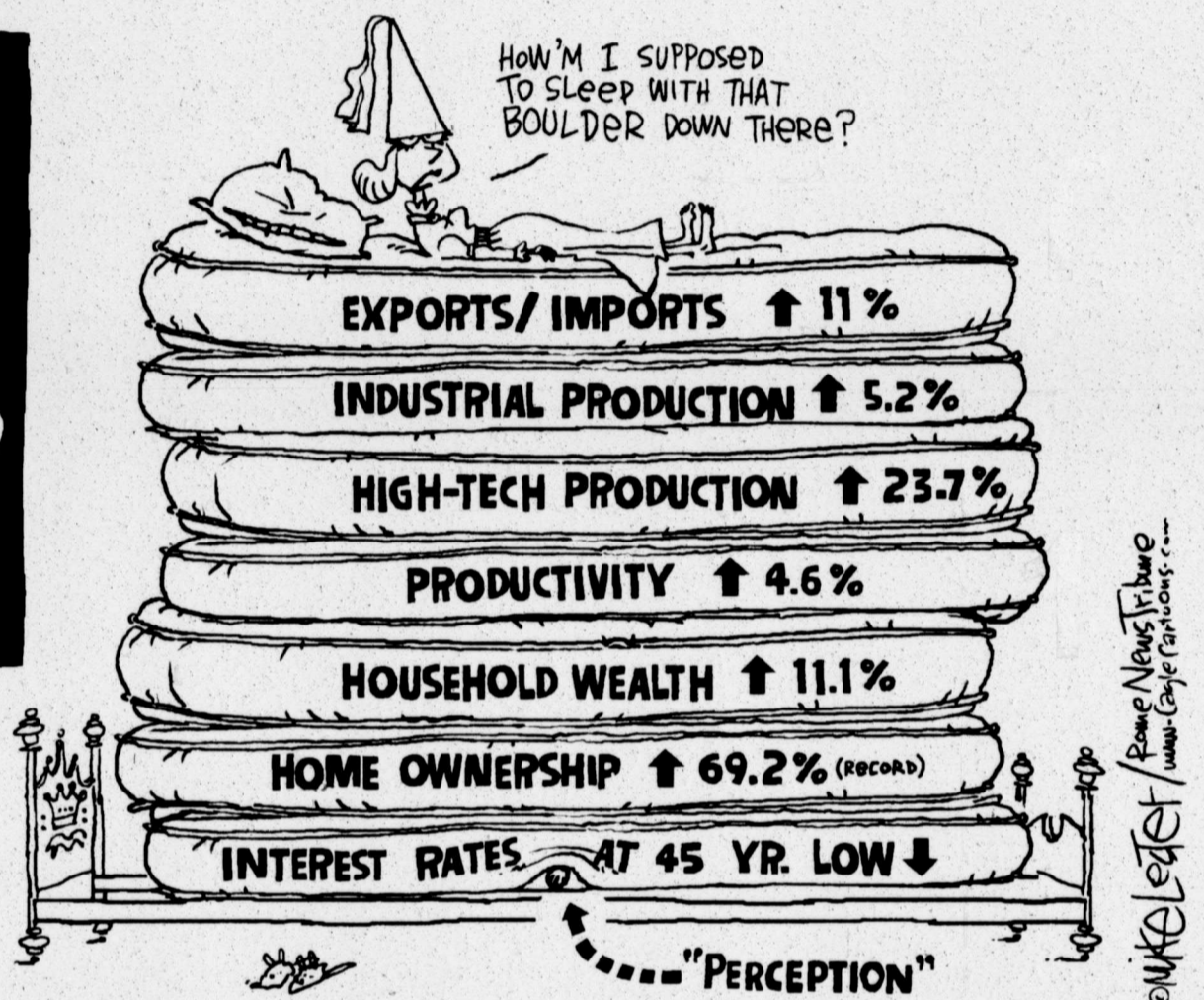
Surely 30,000 pigs, penned up and edible, could not hide, whereas the wild dudes certainly do. Quandary? Where are all the pigs?

I am not a curious soul.

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## The L-word sticks to Kerry

With only two weeks to go, President Bush and his campaign demonstrated once again that they are playing chess while Kerry is playing checkers.

In a feat of strategy worthy of the greatest admiration, they realized that the entire race would change complexion once the third debate kindled a focus on domestic disagreements in what had been, until then, a foreign-policy contest.

Knowing that Kerry — or any Democrat — has an advantage in a contest over domestic policy, they prepared for a parry during and after the third debate, which

has given their candidate the lead once again.

To blunt the Kerry attacks on the president's foreign policy and, in particular, on the war in Iraq, Bush had accused the Democrat of flip-flopping on the war, voting for it, then opposing its funding, then supporting it again and now opposing it while saying, nevertheless, that he will fight it with more troops if he is elected.

But the flip-flop attack has waned in recent weeks as a strong and firm Kerry showed himself in the debates firmly committed to his views and his projected course of action, however wrongheaded and contradictory it may be. It is very hard to make the accusation of inconsistency stick in a debate when your opponent is disciplined, stays within his talking points and takes a consistent position in all three clashes.

Dick Morris  
Columnist



## Trade barriers won't solve problem

As the largest, most powerful nation on the planet, and as the biggest market as well, the United States has an enormous interest in keeping open the pipes and spigots that allow the sales of goods and service to flow freely into and out of the country.

Both major presidential candidates have pro-free trade records, though President Bush for political reasons has made an occasional, noteworthy exception (new tariffs on steel) while Sen. John Kerry has implied he sympathizes with some protectionist measures.

World trade talks aimed at

reducing tariffs and other barriers to free trade stalled about the time Bush took office, but have shown recent signs of reviving.

Meanwhile, his administration has negotiated individual free trade agreements, including with Australia and Central America, though not all have been ratified by Congress.

Bush also won passage of the Trade Act of 2002, which required Congress to vote up or down, with no amendments, any proposed trade

agreements negotiated with other countries.

Bush's record on free trade is not perfect; he imposed steel tariffs in hopes of securing votes in this year's presidential election in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and other states where the steel industry employs thousands. But he backed down when the European Union threatened higher duties on various U.S. products.

For his part, Kerry has played politics, too, making

noises about "fair trade" rather than "free trade," denouncing "Benedict Arnold CEOs" and even talking about renegotiating such trade treaties as the North American Free Trade Agreement, which the United States committed to under President Clinton.

He's also talking about applying stiffer labor and environmental standards to free trade agreements; such "standards" could too readily serve as an excuse to maintain trade barriers, not protect overseas workers desperate for jobs.

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# Neurologist shares research findings

*Pampan Kayla Pursley recognized for MS volunteer efforts*

Dr. Kathleen Hawker, a neurologist specializing in multiple sclerosis at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, was in Amarillo on Oct. 16 to address the latest research studies being done for the Panhandle Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Volunteer Luncheon.

Kayla Pursley of Pampa was recognized for her volunteer efforts in Pampa and Amarillo. She is actively involved in the Friendly Visitor Program and is a Peer Support Counselor, a program of telephone support for MS patients throughout the U.S. Pursley was instrumental in a grant writing project for funding an in-home exercise program for MS residents in Gray County.

"There is a huge amount of brain power being poured into this [research]," Hawker told the group.

Presently, 150 drugs under study for MS. A sixth drug is expected to be approved next year, she said.

"It usually takes more than one drug to battle the disease," said Hawker. "There is not one drug for one person and treatment protocols need to be individualized."

"Do we start more aggressive treatments from the beginning diagnosis?" asked Hawker. "Yes, we don't want to wait for something to happen."

Criteria for MS therapy is to prevent disability and brain injury and stop the inflammatory process in consideration of patient tolerability and ease of administration, she said, adding that combination therapies are proving promising. Just looking at a patient doesn't reflect the disease. The earlier the diagnosis the better the patient does.

T-cells in individuals with MS get "turned on" crossing the blood brain barrier and secreting proteins which attacks myelin, the nerve coverings, and the cells that make myelin.

Nerve cells become damaged in the process. These damaged cells do not regenerate.

"It is much easier," said Hawker, "to prevent the



**Dr. Kathleen Hawker, recently returned from an International Conference on MS, spoke to the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Amarillo last week. Hawker, left, is a neurologist at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center in Dallas. Kayla Pursley, right, was recognized for her outstanding volunteer work in Pampa and Amarillo at the meeting.**

inflammation and the degeneration."

People heal differently and on different levels. There are multiple proteins in myelin and which ones are being "attacked" is one of the complexities of research. There are also neutralizing antibodies which may cause a loss of efficacy of interferon drugs and a drug will stop working after a year. Regrowing myelin, new tissue and the cells that make myelin is vital to the research. Scar tissue stops regrowth.

However finding a way to make it regrow also involves stopping the new growth before it turns into tumors. A new protein microarray is being developed where a simple blood test can predict relapses in correlation with MRIs. The complexity of interpretations will be available in the next few years. Emerging evidence using

corticosteroids in high doses after one attack shows a 50 percent decrease in the development of clinically definite MS. Studies are underway to see whether oral steroids may show the same benefit as intravenous.

Many immunosuppressant drugs are now in trial phases in relation to MS.

Methotrexate originally used for rheumatoid arthritis is a weekly pill, well tolerated that takes 4-6 months to work. All the drugs have some toxic side effects in long term use.

Cellcept, a drug used in transplant therapy, is being studied in combination with an interferon to show whether early, aggressive therapy, as opposed to waiting for breakthrough disease, may make a long term difference in the course of the disease.

Antegren seems to prevent bad T-Cells from getting into

the brain. In a six-month study, relapses went down 50 percent. Final results of the study will be available in two weeks and the drug could be available in 2005.

Cholesterol lowering drugs such as lipitor are being studied in trials at UTSW. Psoriasis drugs are being studied presently. A benefit in animal models of MS have been shown with several drugs, suggesting these drugs may be helpful in patients. Further testing is needed, however. Tetracycline is in trials for MS for anti-inflammatory research.

Rituximab is a lymphatic cancer medicine being studied in patients with primary progressive MS at UTSW.

The relapse rate in pregnancy goes down 70 percent in the third trimester in women who are pregnant due to high levels of estrogen. Studies are ongoing with estriol to find a relationship and determine problems with long-term estrogen use.

For more information about MS contact the National MS Society at 1-800-FIGHT MS (344-4867).

"Where are all the pigs?" was posed, and he said, "Find the PEDC."

This response creates another dilemma. Will someone help me solve these two mysteries: Where is the PEDC? and where are the pigs?

Honestly, sincerely, a concerned citizen.

**David Gantz  
Pampa**

and too much gasoline, I decided to borrow one of those hunting dogs that can locate pigs of any kind.

I guess they go by smell, but I have never talked to a dog to be sure. No curiosity. But I did load the dog onto the hood of my jeep and asked, "Where are all the pigs?"

She barked twice and I turned due east. (This dog

simply points its nose in the general direction in response to a simple question.) Every day I asked the dog, "Where are all the pigs?" And the same response — east.

But where are all the pigs?

I gave up on the dog because she ate nearly as much as the Jeep cost to run.

I called a friend who really knows the answers to most questions. The ques-

before the election — that he planned to indict Reagan Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger likely gave Bill Clinton the bounce he needed to finish 5 points ahead of the president.)

And once again the attack seems to be working. Bush leads Kerry by 4 points in the Zogby tracking poll, 3 in the Rasmussen poll, 8 in the Gallup and 6 in Newsweek's.

The beauty of the Bush attack is that it is fueled as much by Kerry's proposals as by the Republican jabs. With every new speech, Kerry shows his liberalism and makes promises that dig him an ever deeper hole. Should he try to tack to the right to rebut the accusation, he will run into the old charge of flip-flopper and

rekindle doubts about his ability to stick to a position.

But as this marathon campaign draws to a close, we must remember how volatile American elections have become. As the Walsh announcement weighed heavily in 1992, so were the contests of 1996 and 2000 also heavily influenced by last-minute developments.

In 1996, Clinton saw his lead over Bob Dole dwindle from 17 points to the 9 by which he ultimately won as the China fund-raising scandal dominated the news in the campaign's final two weeks. In 2000, news of Bush's previously undisclosed DUI arrest in Maine helped Al Gore obliterate a 4-point Bush lead in the final weekend.

An October surprise this

Kerry has accused Bush of indifference as American jobs moved overseas. The senator knows better.

There's very little any president can do to stop outsourcing without inflicting much greater damage on American economic rela-

tions with the rest of the world.

On this issue, both candidates are not dealing with the iceberg below the outsourcing: the rise of a massive, increasingly well-educated labor markets in China and India willing to work for

much lower wages than Americans.

Trade barriers won't solve that problem, but a President Kerry would seem much more likely to resort to protectionism than a President Bush in a second term.

## Calendar items

• **Through Dec. 14, Lovett Memorial Library** will host its fall "story time" at the library for children 18 months to 4-years of age. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will read stories and prepare crafts for participants. All story times are free and require no registration. Certificates for the summer reading game are available at the circulation desk. Children who made quilt blocks at the program need to pick them up by Oct. 1. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780.

• **Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series** will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

• **Pampa Army National Guard reunion** is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Pampa Armory. Registration will be between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. A business meeting is scheduled between 2 and 3 p.m. Dinner will be served between 6 and 7 p.m. followed by the program between 7 and 8 p.m. For more information, call (806) 274-9470 or e-mail [buffaloborger@yahoo.com](mailto:buffaloborger@yahoo.com).

• **The Seventh Annual Celtic Festival and Craft Faire** in Amarillo is set Oct. 23 and 24 at Rex Baxter Building and the

Tri-State Fairgrounds. Sponsored by League of Celtic Nations, the event will include Jerre's Merry Fiddlers, genealogy classes, whiskey tastings, sheepdog demonstrations, Scottish Country Dancers, Clan booths, Kid's tent, workshops, Saturday night Ceilidh, food, clothing and jewelry booths and much, much more. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children per day. A dollar will be subtracted from admission with the donation of two or more cans of food for High Plains Food Bank. Corporate rates are also available. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days. For more information, call (806) 374-4243.

• The monthly meeting of Palo Duro Handweaver's Guild is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

• **Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given** to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the non-profit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at [www.arborday.org](http://www.arborday.org) on the Internet.

## Letter

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However, when I hear a story, I am prone to seek the source or take time to verify the facts. I hate rumors, so where are all the pigs?

I began to plot out the landscape east of Pampa.

After four long evenings

## L-Word

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ing the moon, Bush, in great jujitsu style, used the Democrat's strength against him, coming around his right flank adding up the cost of the promises and underscoring his adversary's liberalism.

Attacking a Democratic opponent as a liberal is a tactic the Bushes have used with success in the past. In the closing weeks of the 1992 campaign, President Bush pulled even with Clinton-Gore by labeling the Arkansas governor as liberal. (The highly political announcement of Iran-Contra Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh — five days

## Trade

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For many Americans, the most significant and frightening aspect of free trade today is "job outsourcing."



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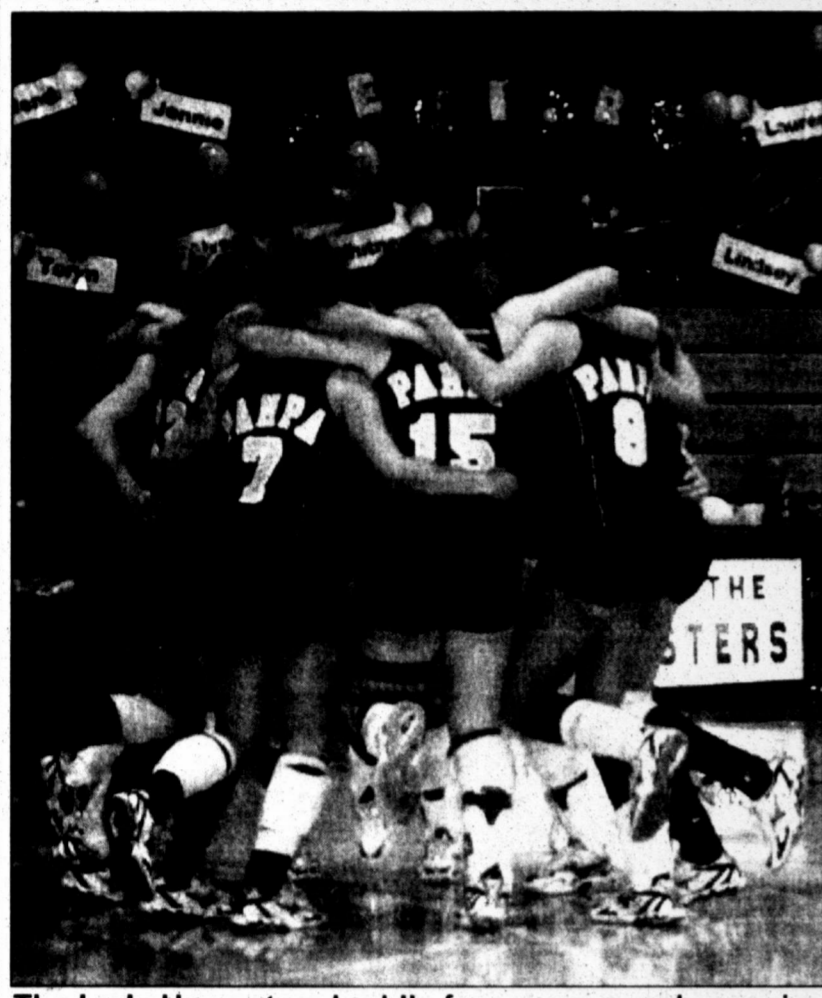


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# Sports Day



The Lady Harvesters huddle for a pregame cheer prior to last night's meeting with Dumas.

## Playoff hopes dashed; Pampa falls to Dumas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

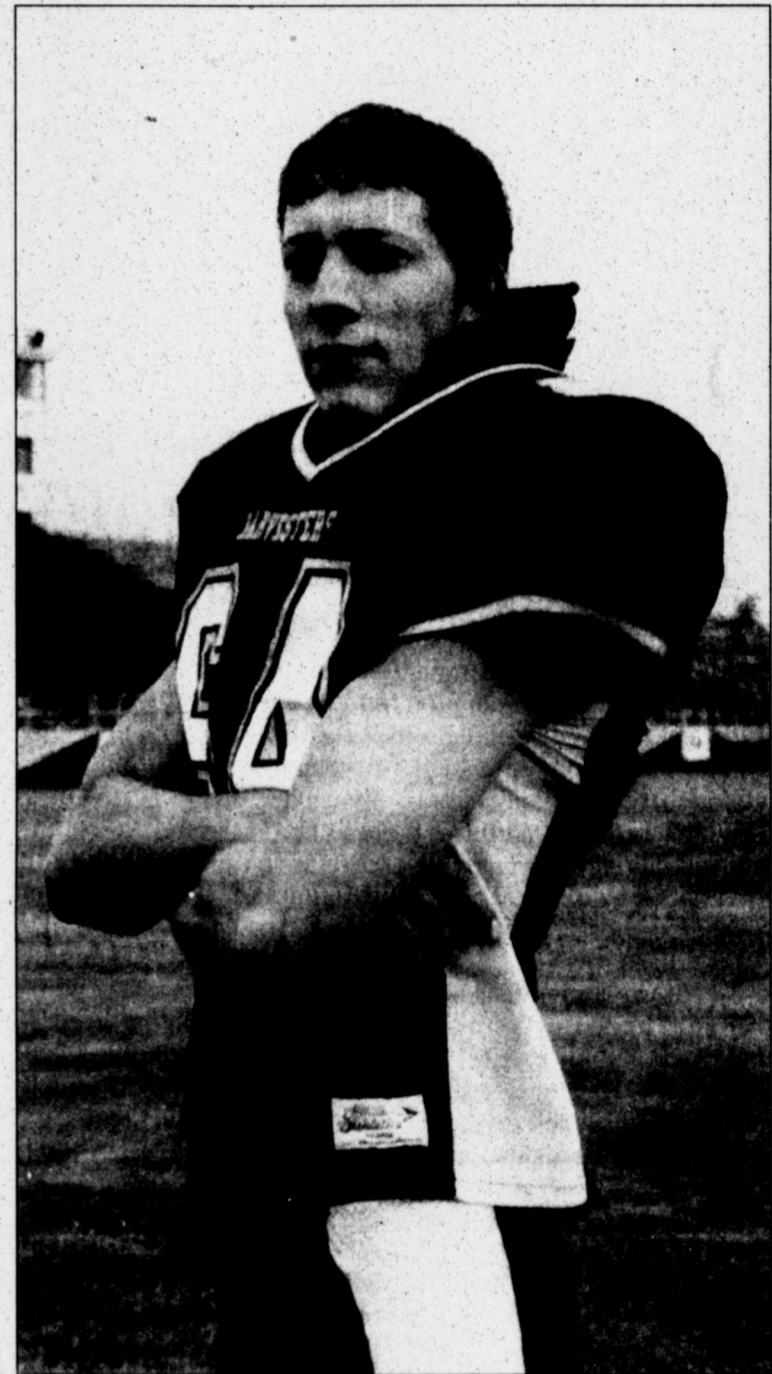
On a night that honored its senior players, the Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball team saw its playoff hopes evaporate. Pampa fell to third ranked Dumas 25-16, 25-23, 25-16. With the win, Dumas, (32-5 overall, 9-0 district), clinched the District 3-4A title. The Lady Harvesters still could have made it into the playoffs with a Hereford win over Randall last night. That help didn't come as Randall took care of the Lady Whitefaces 25-15, 25-21, 17-25, 25-18. Both teams secured the remaining playoff spots. With one game left in the season, Pampa is 10-21 overall and 4-5 in district play. Jaelyn Spearman played big for the Lady Harvesters last night finishing with 10 kills, 3 blocks and 9 digs. Jackye Barber had 3 kills, 2 blocks and 7 digs, while Teryn Garner ended the night with 16 digs. Wendi Miller had 9 digs and Jackie Gerber tossed in 12 digs, 3 kills and 7 blocks. Lindsey Ammons also had a strong night with 13 digs, and 11 assists. Alyssa Bromwell had 9 digs and 3 assists, with Kendall Stokes adding 1 kill and 4 blocks. The Lady Harvester's final game of the season is this Saturday when they travel to Caprock to take on the Lady Longhorns. Game time is 2 p.m.

## Redneck Race Track ends season; announces new class for 2005

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Redneck Lawnmower Race Track will be busy this Saturday, Oct. 23. It's the final race of the 2004 season. Drivers will be racing for trophies and track promoters promise a special day for spectators. It's not too soon to start planning for next season. The track will offer a new 'claimer class'. This will be a class of mowers that can be claimed (purchased) by any one. Machines can be claimed for \$150 up to \$400. To learn more about the new 'claimer class', contact the race track. Races this Saturday will get underway at 2 p.m. Redneck Race Track is located one mile East on Highway 60.

## Senior spotlight



Senior Michael Pergeson is a solid college prospect on the offensive or defensive line.

## Michael Pergeson, OL/DL

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

At 6'4", 195 pounds, Michael Pergeson is a towering force on either line. He opens holes on offense and fills them on defense.

Michael Pergeson  
Player Jersey: #64  
Player Position(s): Left Tackle/Defensive End  
Player Grade: 12  
Player Parent(s)/Guardians(s): Diane Pergeson & the late James Pergeson  
School Activities/Interests: Football, Student Council, FFA, D-Fy-It, Hunting, Central Baptist Church  
Player information provided by the PHS Football Booster Club.

## Pampa 7th grade shuts out Borger, 8th grade splits pair

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th grade football teams hosted Borger yesterday. And unkind hosts they were. Both teams held Borger scoreless. The B-team only needed a 12-yard touchdown run from Tye Powell and a Zach Organ extra point conversion to secure a 8-0 win. The A-team's offense exploded while the defense stood strong in a 38-0 win. Mitchell Killgo scored a touchdown off a 17-yard pass from Alex Clendening. The point after attempt failed. Gabriel Rodriguez scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. And then took care of the 2-point conversion. Clendening chipped in a 9-yard TD run followed by Rodriguez' 2-point run. Braden Hunt got in on the scoring with a 3-yard run. Rodriguez with another 2-point run. Ryan Jimenez capped the afternoon off with a 11-yard run. Clendening then handled the 2-point conversion.

The teams next take the field against Westover Park next Tuesday. B-team at 5 p.m., followed by the A-team at 6:30 p.m. The 8th grade teams traveled to Borger yesterday. The A-team came away with a 28-18 win fueled by a Madison Wilson 18-yard touchdown run and a Casey Trimble pass to Byron Smith-Greene for the extra point. For the second week in a row, the defense kept the opposition scoreless in the first quarter thanks to a Chase Herriman fumble recovery in the end zone. Wilson scored on a 4-yard run followed by a Trimble extra point pass to Alex Torres. Trimble would later cash in on a long 42-yard run, only to be outdone by Wilson's 58-yard touchdown run. The A team is now 6-1 on the year. The B-team had a touch outing against Borger, falling 30-6. A Jeremy Maxwell to Colton Shaw 23-yard pass netted the only score for the B-team, which is now 1-4. Both teams face Westover Park at Randall High School next Tuesday. The B-team at 5 p.m., A-team at 6:30 p.m.

## More boys needed for Optimist basketball competition

Registration for Optimist Tri-Star Basketball reached 43 Tuesday including five player from Odessa, according to Tisha Sieck, Commissioner of Girls' Basketball. Registration will continue today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym. The competition is open to boys and girls from eight to 13 and will be conducted at the Optimist gym this Saturday at 4 p.m. There is no charge to participate. Each participant will receive a framed certificate for participating in the first Tri-Star Basketball program in Pampa. The top three players in each age bracket will receive medals. The project features competition in dribbling, passing and shooting basketballs. "The program is similar to Punt, Pass & Kick in football," explained Ronnie Haynes, the President of the Pampa

Optimist Youth Club. "We are hoping to make this an annual project." "We have reached the maximum for girls who are 10 and 11 and can only accommodate one more in the 12-13 girls' age group," Sieck said. "Boys have been slow to sign up. We need more boys." The project will be conducted by members of the North Texas District of Optimist International under the direction of Paul Lucas of Odessa, a former District Governor. The event will occur during the First Quarter District meeting to be held in Pampa this weekend. The purpose will be to teach Optimist members from across the district how to conduct the competition. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

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— Ronnie Haynes  
President, Pampa Optimist Youth Club

## Munro, not Clemens to pitch tonight

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Clemens can relax. For now, Pete Munro is the Houston Astros' pick to pitch them into the World Series. Ahead 3-2 in the NL championship series, manager Phil Garner studied it: the Rocket on three days' rest vs. a journeyman hit hard last week. On the team flight to St. Louis, Munro was told he would start Game 6 Wednesday against the Cardinals. "I guess I was kind of overwhelmed," Munro said before Tuesday's workout at Busch Stadium. "I'm sure that they'd rather face me than Roger. I mean, I'd rather face me than Roger." Instead, Clemens will be held back for a possible Game 7. Or maybe a start in the World Series opener. "There are going to be a lot of people saying do the opposite, start Roger," Garner said. "But what I feel in my gut is what I have to do." Garner could have lined up Clemens and Roy Oswalt to face the Cardinals, bringing both back early in hopes of putting Houston into its first World Series. But the stats aren't good: Since five-man rotations became popular, pitchers on three

days' rest lose about three times more than they win in the postseason. During the first round against Atlanta, Clemens pitched on three days' rest for the first time since April 11, 2002. He hung in for five innings, allowing two runs. "I think it's false to assume that just because you're going to bring Roger back that you're sure to win," Garner said. "Because I'm starting Pete doesn't mean we're giving this game away." After losing three straight games, the Cardinals assumed they'd be facing Clemens. "I saw some controversy in the paper, but I kind of think he'll pitch," third baseman Scott Rolen said earlier Tuesday. "I think we all think he'll pitch and then we'll have Oswalt in Game 7, hopefully." Added Game 6 starter Matt Morris: "Obviously, our position players might rather face Pete Munro rather than a Roger Clemens. We know his capabilities. Although, taking nothing away from Pete." A day before, the 42-year-old Clemens said he was set. He won Game 3, going seven innings.

## Lefors cross country results

Following are the Lefors results from the Canyon Invitational Cross Country meet on Saturday, Oct. 16:

Junior High Girls  
Valerie Willis - 3rd - 12:47  
Emily Jackson - 18th - 13:50  
Misty Pairsh - 21st - 14:08  
Brittney Coombes - 61st - 15:26  
Abby Andis - 94th - 16:25  
Lacie Johnston - 110th - 17:16  
Ashley Shephard - 128th - 20:03  
Ashlyn Johnson - 129th - 20:53  
\*Junior High girls finished 5th as a team.

Lefors Junior High Boys  
Gabriel Miller - 36th - 13:31  
Wakely Pairsh - 46th - 13:47

Lefors High School Girls  
Rachael Stubbs - 3rd - 12:28  
Tori Meeks - 14th - 12:58  
Jonelle Tinney - 33rd - 13:49  
Kayla Andis - 58th - 14:40  
Amanda Lawrence - 60th - 14:42  
Amanda Hicks - 85th - 16:48  
Lindsay Duckworth - 86th - 16:49  
Hannah Andis - 90th - 18:33  
\*High School girls finished 4th as a team.

## Last day to register for Optimist basketball

With 40 more registrations Tuesday, the total number of girls participating is 110, already more than the 104 who played last year, Tisha Sieck, Commissioner of Optimist Girls' Basketball, announced. Today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym is the last day for registration. Team assignments will be made on Monday. The program is for the girls in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades and is divided

into an older and younger division. "We will definitely need some more coaches now that we have so many girls," Sieck said. "We are excited about having teams from White Deer and Miami playing with us." Practice will start next week for most teams. Games should begin early next month and conclude before Christmas for the Pampa United Way agency.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Last March you printed a letter I wrote. In it, I told you I had expressed my desire to become the first female U.S. president, but my teacher and fellow students laughed at me.

Since writing to you, I have received a flood of support from friends, Dear Abby readers and you, yourself. But wait, there is more! I received a letter from Sen. John Kerry, and just recently, one from the White House signed by President Bush.

The fact that I received a response to my letter from that high up on the ladder of life has inspired me. I feel that I can now follow my dreams and help other young women my age to believe that they, too, can do whatever they want if they just trust themselves.

I have included a copy of what President Bush had to say, in case you want to print it, Abby. And thank you for your help. -- MARTA IN MARYLAND

DEAR MARTA: Thank you for the update, and for granting me permission to print the letter you received from President Bush. (I printed Sen. Kerry's letter last May.) That he would take time from his campaign schedule to offer you his support shows his belief in young people like yourself, who, in the years to come, will determine the future of our country. Read on:

"Dear Marta: I recently learned about your desire to be president of the United States.

"America is a great country, where people can dream big and achieve their full potential through hard work and determination. I encourage you to continue setting high goals, studying hard and helping others.

"The lessons you learn now will help you develop the character and values you need to succeed in life and become a responsible leader.

"Your idealism, hope and energy reflect the spirit of

America and can help to build a better future for all our citizens.

"Mrs. Bush and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless America.

"Sincerely, George W. Bush"

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DEAR ABBY: I cannot stand it when people drop in unannounced! My mother is the biggest offender. If our door isn't locked, she walks right in without knocking. My husband and I work hard all week and look forward to peace and quiet on weekends. It's disruptive when she "pops in" -- and she often stays for hours.

How can I tell her to call us before coming over? We have tried not answering the door, and even throwing on our coats like we were just leaving so she'll leave. I am so angry I can't even begin to think of a polite way to tell her to stop. -- SICK OF IT IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

DEAR SICK OF IT: I don't blame you for being angry, but you are placing the blame where it doesn't belong. Your mother isn't to blame for this situation -- you are.

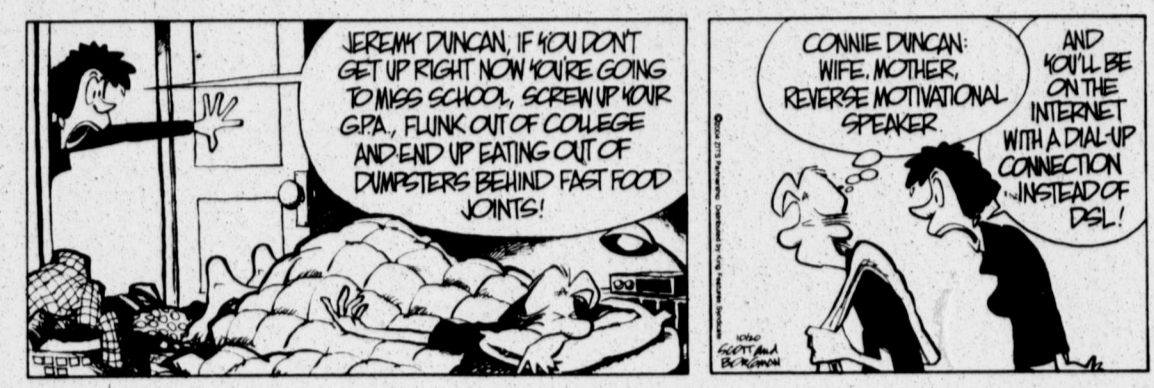
Your mother may have no idea that you're so angry at her that you're ready to explode. Say something to her before you do. Tell your mother politely that you and your husband work hard all week and are not always prepared to entertain her on weekends. Explain that you and your husband would appreciate it if she called and arranged her visits in advance rather than dropping over. Then, if she persists, find the backbone to inform her that her visit is not convenient. Until you have the courage to act like an adult, she will continue to treat you like a child.

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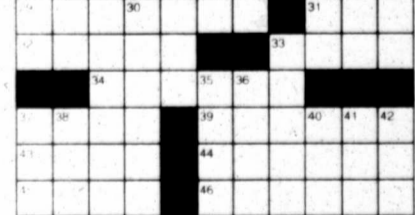
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