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School board launches facilities panel search

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education began the process of selecting a facility study committee at a special meeting Thursday evening.

The projected committee would study facilities at all PISD locations and make recommendations to the board. It would look at long range needs.

"This will be an awareness committee, a steering committee to

decide everything from paint to whatever," said Superintendent Barry Haenisch. "They will study and make recommendations."

Board members said the makeup of the committee should be diverse and broad with different perspectives and community representation as well as school representation.

The size of the committee elicited discussion among board members.

Haenisch said a committee of about 30 is what he thought would be workable if the chairman of the group could keep it from becoming

unwieldy. Some thought 30 would be too many, but others said a committee of five would not be heard.

"We need people who have a proven track record of having gotten things done in the community," board member Derrell DeLoach said.

Haenisch then began writing names on an eraser board as board members brought up possible volunteers, being mindful of diversity and community representation.

After 58 names and groups had been mentioned, board members

each took a group of names to contact for availability and willingness to serve on the committee.

Board members were charged with having their work done in order to announce the committee on Thursday.

Lance DeFever, Charles Smith and Lee Porter, members of the board, would represent the board on the committee.

In other action, the board approved two fund-raisers for athlet-

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Scuba divers Bob Watson, left, and Joe Mihm, both of Borger, searched the bottom of Recreation Park Lake Thursday after a fisherman reported netting a cash register which slipped back to the bottom



Pampa News photos by MARILYN POWERS before it could be retrieved. The divers' haul included, at right, the cash register and its drawer, a child's rod and reel, two knives, and a traffic safety cone.

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Fisherman hooks fishy catch in city lake

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A fisherman's catch at Recreation Park's lake prompted Pampa Police Department to employ scuba divers to retrieve the hefty haul Thursday afternoon.

A seine being used to catch minnows scooped up a cash register Wednesday at the lake. The persons wielding the net were able to raise it high enough to see what was in the net before it slipped out and once again fell to the lakebed, said Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn

Pitner.

The fishermen reported the find to the police department, and two scuba divers from Borger were called in to "fish out" the cash register.

Bob Watson, a firefighter with Borger Fire Department, and Joe Mihm, a scuba diving instructor, both of whom have assisted the National Park Service on its Search and Rescue Team at Lake Meredith, retrieved the cash register and its cash drawer, which was found in a separate location in the lake from the register, Pitner said. The

register still had its key in its lock, but there was nothing in the cash drawer.

The divers covered the area around and under the dock next to the lake's boat ramp. They also recovered a child's rod and reel set, two knives, a piece of pipe, and a traffic cone.

Diving conditions at Recreation Lake are not ideal, both divers agreed. "You can't see anything," Watson said. "It's real dark."

"I couldn't see the bottom until I got

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Storyteller to perform here Sunday

A San Antonio storyteller will be spinning tales at Lovett Memorial Library Sunday afternoon.

Consuelo Samarripa, a professional storyteller who grew up in the barrios on the west side of San Antonio, will tell stories in both English and Spanish beginning at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the library. The performance is free. No reservations are required.

Most of her stories are autobiographical, Lorealee Cooley, a professional storyteller in Pampa, said today.

"Her grandmother was very influential in her life,"

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One accident after another occurred Thursday in the 2100 block of North Hobart. The first involved a Pontiac and a parked Suburban in the parking lot of Plaza 21 shopping center. The Pontiac's driver was transported by Guardian EMS ambulance. moments later, a Chevrolet SUV and a Mercury four-door collided in the same block. No further information on the accidents was available as of press time today.



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WT president advisory panel named

COLLEGE STATION — Dr. Robert D. McTeer, chancellor of The Texas A&M University System, has appointed an 18-member advisory committee to assist in identifying candidates for the position of president of West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

Dr. Leo Sayavedra, vice chancellor for academic and student affairs for the A&M System, will serve as chairman of the committee.

The other members (associated with West Texas A&M unless otherwise noted) are:

- Gary Barnes, vice president for business and finance
 - Royal Brantley, professor of theatre arts
 - Dr. Gary Byrd, head of the Behavioral Sciences Department
 - Dr. Jim Calvi, professor of political science
 - Dr. Jim Clark, dean of the College of Agriculture, Nursing, Science & Engineering
 - Dr. James Hallmark, dean of the Graduate School and research
 - Dr. Russell Lowery-Hart, associate professor of speech communication
 - Dr. Troy Johnson, dean of enrollment management
 - Dr. Pam Lockwood, president of the faculty senate
 - Seth Lujan, student body president
 - Dr. Ann Macy, associate professor of finance
 - Gary Moore, financial consultant, Amarillo
 - Glen Parkey, president, WTAMU Foundation
 - Price Pritchett, CEO of Pritchett, LP, Dallas
 - Claudia Stuart, instructor of criminal justice and sociology
 - Kala Weller, student body vice president
 - Richard Ware, president, Amarillo National Bank
- "West Texas A&M is a major presence in the Panhandle region," Sayavedra said. "The candi-

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- WRCA Ranch Rodeo... September 30th - October 2nd
- Woody Guthrie Day... October 1st
- Friends of the Pampa Library "Paperback Book Sale"... October 1st & 2nd
- Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8th & 9th
- Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon"... October 29th



Pampa News photo by DENNIS SPIES

Superintendent Barry Haenisch, from left, board president Lance DeFever, and board member Charles Smith pay attention to a point made by board member Greg Brown during Thursday's school board meeting.

Bush: U.S. ready to meet any challenge 2 jailed

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, linking hurricane recovery and the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks four years ago, declared today that the United States was ready to "overcome any challenge."

"America is a strong and resilient nation," Bush said.

The federal bill for Hurricane Katrina relief soared past \$62 billion, and the White House and members of Congress said it was bound to keep climbing. Bush scheduled his third trip to the devastated region for the weekend.

Congress rapidly and overwhelmingly voted Thursday night to fulfill an urgent plea for \$51.8 billion, adding to \$10.5 billion that was approved last week for hurricane victims. Bush signed the bill immediately, saying: "We will continue to help people rebuild their lives and rebuild the region."

A majority of Americans in an AP-Ipsos poll said that flooded areas of New Orleans lying below sea level should be abandoned and rebuilt on higher ground. Fifty-four percent chose that option, while 42 percent said to rebuild in the same place.

Bush spoke about the hurricane today at the swearing-in for Karen Hughes, the State Department's new undersecretary for public diplomacy.

Bush said that more than 100 nations had offered help after the hurricane, and he compared that to "a similar outpouring of support when another tragedy struck our nation."

"Our people have the spirit, the resources and the determination to overcome any chal-

lenge," he said.

His speech marked the first of several steps in which the White House is seeking to intertwine the challenge of the anti-terror battle with the effort to recover from the hurricane.

Bush was to travel to Mississippi and Louisiana over the weekend, spending Sunday and Monday in the region visiting with storm victims and examining response efforts, press secretary Scott McClellan said. That trip was to follow Bush's attendance at a church service and White House moment of silence marking the fourth anniversary on Sunday of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The president's Saturday radio address also was to focus on both events and the government's response to them.

Today, he struck an empathetic tone. "At this moment our fellow citizens along the Gulf Coast are struggling to recover from one of the worst natural disasters in our country's history," Bush said. "Thousands have lost their homes, they've lost their loved ones, they've lost all their earthly possessions."

Thursday night's congressional action made \$2,000 available to each family displaced by the storm. Bush pledged to cut through red tape hampering victims from claiming federal medical, food and housing benefits.

"We have much more work to do, but the people who have been hurt by this storm need to know that the government is going to be with you for the long haul," Bush said.

in forgery

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

A Pampa woman is free on \$5,000 bond while a Pampa man remains in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$2,000 bond in connection with a forgery case.

Vicki Lynn Ogden, 43, 1311 Coffee, and Curtis Loyd Morris, 75, 316 S. Gray, were arrested at 4:45 p.m. Thursday and booked into the jail by Deputy Robert Douglas of Gray County Sheriff's Office. Each was charged with forgery.

The forgery was reported to the sheriff's office on Aug. 31 by an attorney who is the caretaker of an incapacitated elderly person, who is the victim in the case, according to Lt. Joe B. Hoard of the sheriff's office.

Checks were taken from the victim's home and cashed, reportedly by Ogden and Morris, Hoard said. Both were identified by bank tellers at the two banks where the checks were cashed, according to sheriff's office records.

"Warrants were obtained and issued, and they were arrested for forgery. Any type of forgery involving a financial instrument is a felony," Hoard said.

No information was available as of press time today on the dollar amounts of the forged checks.

Texan, her ancestors came from Coahuila and Nuevo Leon, Mexico.

"She has a deep level of integrity," Cooley said.

Samarripa's performance at Lovett Memorial Library is funded through grants from Friends of Pampa Library and Texas

Commission on the Arts.

Samarripa has performed at the Institute of Texas Cultures in San Antonio, Tejas Storytelling Festival, the Jourdan Bachman Pioneer Living History Museum, the Texas Folklife Festival and the Texas Book Festival.

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Cooley said.

Samarripa, who lives in Austin, draws on her background and family for her stories. A second generation

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my mask within one and one-half inches of it," Mihm said.

Members of Pampa Police Department and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department watched as the pair dove repeatedly to the

bottom. The lake is 10 feet deep around the dock area.

The cash register may have been stolen from a local business and dumped in the lake after being emptied of its contents, Pitner said.

"We'll probably know by tomorrow if it matches anything we have," he said.

Police detectives are currently following up on one

lead which would tie the cash register to a local police report concerning a business, Dennis Burton of the department's criminal investigative division said this morning.

"Having a national park service system like Lake Meredith in the area benefits all of us," Pitner said. "We have access to federal resources."

DPS advises FEMA numbers

The Texas Department of Public Safety advises that there are two numbers for hurricane Katrina victims to call.

To register for FEMA assistance, call 1-800-621-FEMA (1-800-621-3362).

To get referrals on human services such as food, shelter, medical needs or other assistance, call 1-888-312-4567.

DPS said evacuees cannot register for FEMA assistance by calling 1-888-312-4567.

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dates will be selected through a process that takes into consideration the needs and interests of the university's diverse constituencies."

Screening of candidates will begin Oct. 15 and continue until the position is filled. The desired appointment date is Dec. 15.

The committee will take its recommendations to McTeer, who will take his recommendations to the Board of Regents.

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

State Financial Accountability Rating

Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. September 15, 2005 in the Board Room at Carver Center 321 W. Albert Pampa, Texas

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

Board

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ic booster clubs.

The swimming team will have a concession stand at swim meets at the Youth Center to raise funds for travel and equipment.

The Harvester football team was approved to engage in a promotion with Fenton Motors where a fan will be allowed to attempt a field goal from the 35-yard line at half time. If the kick goes through, the fan will win a vehicle. In addition, Fenton Motors will give the booster club \$300 per week.

The board further moved to adopt a resolution to support the location of the George W. Bush Presidential Library on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

All board members were present.

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Viewpoints

It's time to shine for our fellow Americans

"Unseen, in the background, Fate was quietly slipping the lead into the boxing glove." P.G. Wodehouse, from his book, "Very Good Jeeves."

I love quotes, from famous to those somewhat obscure, for when dealing with life's events, good and bad, there is always a quote that rings true to the event. Mr. Wodehouse's quote certainly hits home after the events in Mississippi and New Orleans. The Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast had their respective lights punched out by that lead-filled boxing glove worn by Mother Nature.

Sal Bordlee of Gretna, La., Don Davis of Hattiesburg, Miss., and I possess a friendship that dates back to 1980 when we

were employed by the same firm. Job changes and multiple marriages have not displaced that friendship over a quarter century-plus — that is, until the recent event called Hurricane Katrina.

Years could pass before one of us would think of the other and pick up the telephone to check in, or the requisite holiday card would come in the mail with a "hello" and worthwhile news — like a kid off to college, something about Ole Miss, LSU or Texas meant to spark a little debate, a divorce or new wife ... Over the years, the three of us have always kept in contact, sometimes meeting in Sal's old stomping ground in New Orleans, my old haunts in Houston and San Antonio, and in Don's Old South

Dixie. "What are you doing?" I asked Don as we were driving down a stretch of Houston freeway to call on some physician specialists. He was slumped over in the front seat with his head against the window and eyes shut.

Dennis Palmitier
Columnist



"Shhh, I'm taking a five-minute nap. I want to be sharp in front of the doctors," was his reply.

I smiled and quashed the opportunity to remind him of our previous night's soiree that had dulled my mental process.

"He does that all the

time!" Sal shouted from the driver's seat. "Trouble is, his sleeping carries on into the meeting, and I end up covering for him. I do all the work. He get's the credit!" Sal wawahed.

"Why don't the two of you sleep it off and let me handle the docs. It never fails that I wind up doing everything, anyway!" I jabbed back.

"And let Texas get all the attaboys!" The two shouted back in unison.

We were called "The Three Stooges" by competitors and others in our company and for the life of me I know not why. In spite of

self-made obstacles, we always got the job done and closed. We one-two-threeed the opposition and customers in our Gulf Coast region spreading from South Texas over to Florida. We were a team. We were friends. We are still friends, but after Hurricane Katrina, I cannot find Don and Sal.

Hattiesburg, not many miles inland from the gulf, took the full wrath of the hurricane dead on. Gretna, a suburb of New Orleans, may be on the dry side of the flood damage, but I don't know.

All communications to both cities is non-existent and will be for some time. New Orleans and her suburbs will be a ghost town for many months to come. My emotions, still at a high state

over the recent loss of my father, are pegged even more over the uncertainty in re my two friends and their families.

Not knowing is hell. Why I sit up here in high and dry Pampa, worrying and praying over two lost friends in distress. Fate, Mother Nature, God, a Higher Power — whatever we call Him — dealt the Gulf Coast a knockdown punch — not a knockout, mind you.

I know Don and Sal are fighting back as I type these words for they have that built-in mettle of preservation and perseverance that defines man. Many others are down for the count and need Pampa's prayers and help. It is our time to shine for our fellow Americans.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 9, the 252nd day of 2005. There are 113 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 9, 1776, the Second Continental Congress made the term "United States" official, replacing "United Colonies."

On this date:

In 1830, Charles Durant flew a balloon from New York City across the Hudson River to Perth Amboy, N.J.

In 1850, California became the 31st state of the union.

In 1926, the National Broadcasting Co. was created by the Radio Corporation of America.

In 1943, Allied forces landed at Salerno and Taranto during World War II.

In 1948, the People's Democratic Republic of Korea (North Korea) was created.

In 1957, President Eisenhower signed into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since Reconstruction.

In 1971, prisoners seized control of the maximum-security Attica Correctional Facility near Buffalo, N.Y., beginning a siege that ended up claiming

'Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.'

— Hannah More
English author
and social reformer
(1745-1833)

43 lives.

In 1976, Communist Chinese leader Mao Tse-tung died in Beijing at age 82.

In 1993, PLO leaders and Israel agreed to recognize each other, clearing the way for a peace accord.

In 1997, Sinn Fein, the IRA's political ally, formally renounced violence as it took its place in talks on Northern Ireland's future.

Ten years ago: Bosnian Serbs blamed U.N. forces for a shell that killed 10 people at a Bosnian Serb hospital the day before. Amtrak's Broadway Limited service between New York and Chicago made its final run.

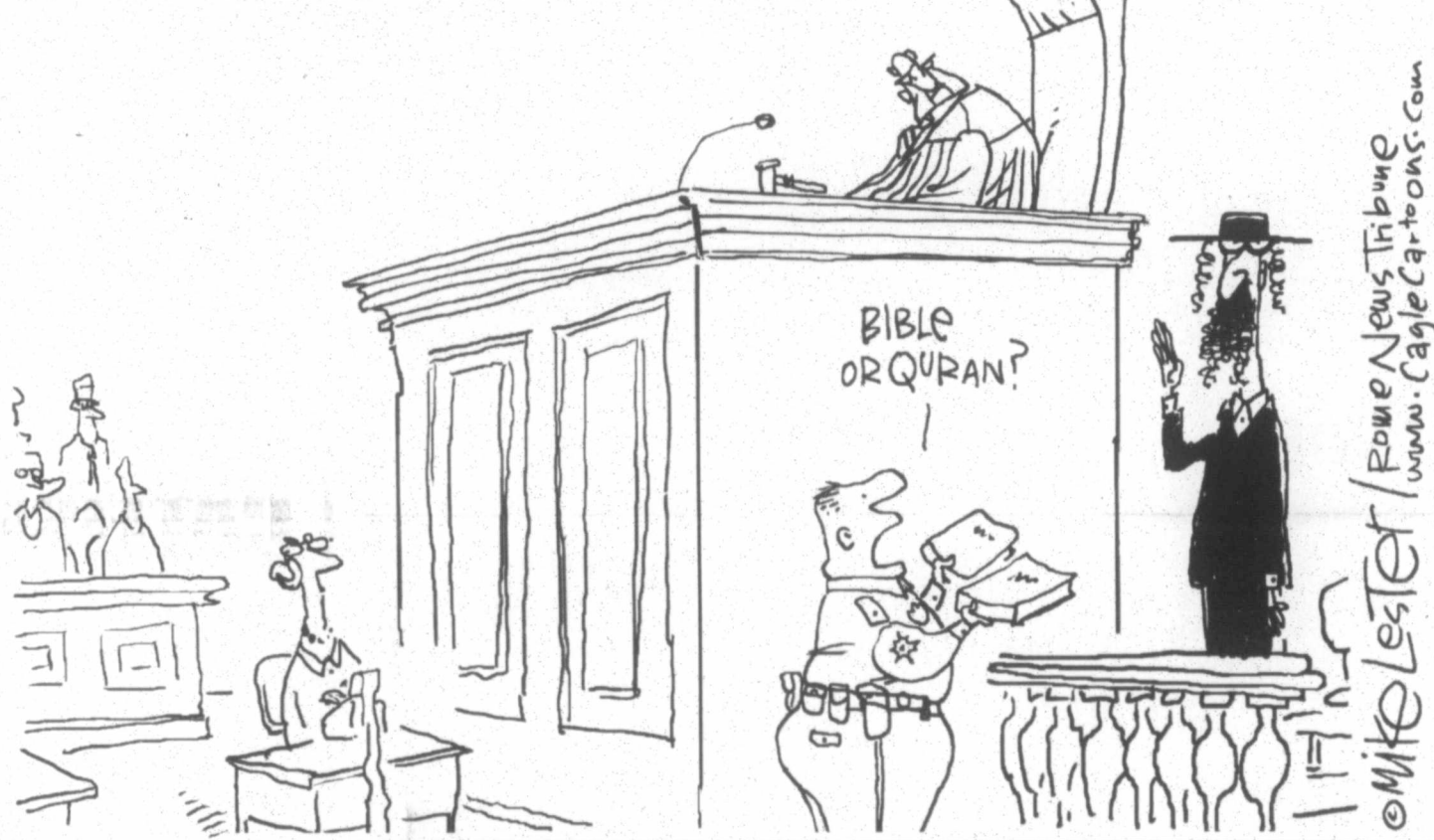
Five years ago: President Clinton proposed spending about \$1.6 billion to help communities recover from recent Western wildfires. Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-4, 7-5 for the U.S. Open women's singles championship, her first Grand Slam title.

One year ago: Secretary of State Colin Powell told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that abuses by government-supported Arab militias in Sudan qualified as genocide against the black African population in the Darfur region.

A powerful car bomb exploded outside the Australian Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, killing 10 people.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Cliff Robertson is 80. Actress Sylvia Miles is 73. Actor Topol is 70.

News Item: North Carolina ACLU Sues To Have Quran Approved For Use In Court Oaths...



Separating wheat from the human chaff

Someone asked Andy Jackson if he had any regrets after serving two terms as president.

"Yes, two," he replied. "I never got the chance to shoot Henry Clay and John C. Calhoun."

Jackson, of course, was speaking literally. He had personally shot a number of people. He was so different from today's politicians that reading his biography is almost like reading science fiction. The best Jackson biography remains the two-volume work by Marquis James published in the 1930s. Though well-researched and footnoted, the narrative reads like a novel.

Here are some quotations from Gen. Jackson. See if you can imagine any modern politician saying anything similar.

"I am one of those who do not believe that a national debt is a national blessing but rather a curse to a republic; inasmuch as it is calculated to raise around the administration a moneyed aristocracy dangerous to the liberties of the country." Amen, O l d Hickory.

"The authority of the Supreme Court must not ... be permitted to control the Congress or the Executive when acting in their legislative capacities." Amen, again. The Supreme Court was never intended to be the "law of the land." If it were, we would be ruled by an unelected oligarchy.

Jackson also disagreed with modern lawyers about

the value of legal precedent.

"Mere precedent," he said, "is a dangerous source of authority and should not be regarded as deciding questions of constitutional power except where the acquiescence of the people of the States can be considered as well settled." That, of course, is g o o d a d v i c e, since legal precedent is nothing more than a previous decision by a set of political appointees who might have been stupid, mad, corrupt or all of the above.

Jackson was opposed to the Bank of the United States (the equivalent of our Federal Reserve) and vetoed its renewal. When a delegation of bankers came to

lobby him, he had these very un-Bush-like words for them: "You are a den of vipers and thieves. I intend to rout you out, and by the eternal God, I will rout you out." It's inconceivable that any of our weak-kneed, money-grubbing politicians would say that to a delegation of bankers.

Jackson said it is to be regretted that the rich and powerful too often bend the acts of government to their selfish purposes. He wanted justice, but he was not a modern ideological egalitarian, as the following statement shows:

"Distinctions in society will always exist under every just government. Equality of talents, of education or of wealth cannot be produced by human institu-

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Compiling Pat Robertson's 'greatest hits'

After inciting an international firestorm recently by saying that Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez should be assassinated, televangelist Pat Robertson apologized.

It was not the first time the Virginia-based television preacher has inserted his foot firmly into his mouth.

In fact, he's made such a habit of outrageous utterings that the news wires are now compiling them.

Here are a few of Robertson's greatest hits. In

1992 fund-raising letter he wrote, The "feminist agenda" is a "socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians."

On his show "The 700 Club," Robertson once pro-

claimed that gay groups had better stop flying flags celebrating Gay Pride Month at Disney World's Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla., or else.

He said all involved would incur the wrath of God if they didn't heed his advice. "I would warn Orlando that you're right in the way of some serious hurricanes," Robertson declared

on the air. "It'll bring about terrorist bombs. It'll bring earthquakes, tornadoes and possibly a meteor."

On "The 700 Club" two days after the 2001 attacks, Robertson's guest, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, suggested that "the pagans, and the abortionists, and the feminists, and the gays and the lesbians who are actively trying to make that an alternative lifestyle, the ACLU, People for the American Way all of

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Texas Thoughts
Austin American-Statesman

Montana commission approves bison hunt on Yellowstone border

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — The state has approved a plan allowing hunters to kill up to 50 bison that leave Yellowstone National Park in search of winter forage.

The hunt approved Thursday by the state Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission would be the first of its kind in Montana in nearly 15 years. Previous hunts were halted after some of the animals were shot at close-range, sparking protests.

The hunt will take place in two sessions this winter, beginning Nov. 15. Some licenses will be allocated to members of the state's American Indian tribes.

Yellowstone is home to thousands of bison and it's common in the winter for some to leave the deep snow of the park and enter the lower valleys of southern Montana in search of food.

Wildlife officials say the hunt will be nothing like those in the late 1980s and early '90s that garnered controversy.

During those hunts, wardens led hunters to individual bison that, in some cases, were shot at close-range while peacefully grazing. The execution-style killing dismayed even some hunters and drew protests nationally, including tourist boycotts that led the state to end the hunts in 1991.

Dan Brister of the Buffalo Field Campaign, a bison advocacy group, said the new hunt will still give Montana a black eye. He said his group is exploring legal options.

But ranchers and livestock officials support the hunt, saying they fear bison will transmit the disease brucellosis to Montana livestock. Brucellosis, which is found in Yellowstone bison, can cause cows to abort.

Chaff

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tions. In the full enjoyment of the gifts of heaven and the fruits of superior industry, economy and virtue, every man is equally entitled to protection by law; but when the laws undertake to add to these natural and just advantages artificial distinctions, to grant titles, gratuities and exclusive privileges, to make the rich richer and the potent more powerful, the humble members of society ... who have neither the time nor the means of securing like favors to themselves, have a right to complain of the injustice of their Government."

Jackson said he wanted to convince his countrymen that they would not find hap-

piness or their rights protected in a splendid government supported by powerful monopolies and aristocratic establishments. Instead, they would find happiness in "a plain system, void of pomp, protecting all and granting favors to none."

Alas, today we have a complex system, full of pomp, protecting practically no one and granting favors to all who come bearing gifts, cash or influence. Old Hickory would no doubt see the need to shoot a lot more politicians than just the two he mentioned.

I highly recommend Marquis James' books, which you can find in used-book stores. They tell us that while evil and problems are always with us, good leaders are possible, and what was possible once is possible now, provided we have the sense to separate the wheat from the human chaff.

Robertson

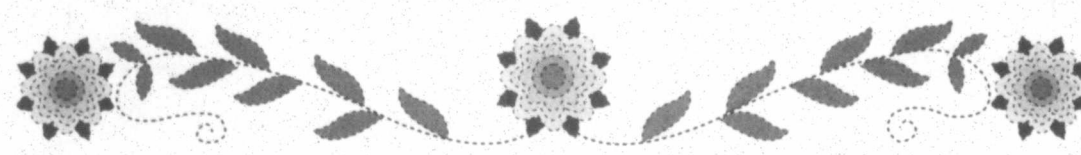
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them who have tried to secularize America" helped cause the attacks.

"I totally concur," Robertson replied. Robertson also has said he would like to

set off a nuclear bomb to destroy the State Department in Washington and declared that federal judges are destroying the fabric that holds our nation together. He said they are more dangerous than the terrorists who destroyed the World Trade Center. It is baffling and somewhat frightening that Robertson still has any credibility.

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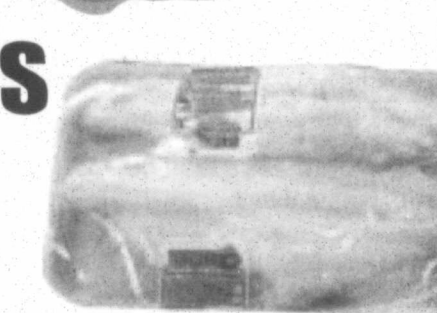
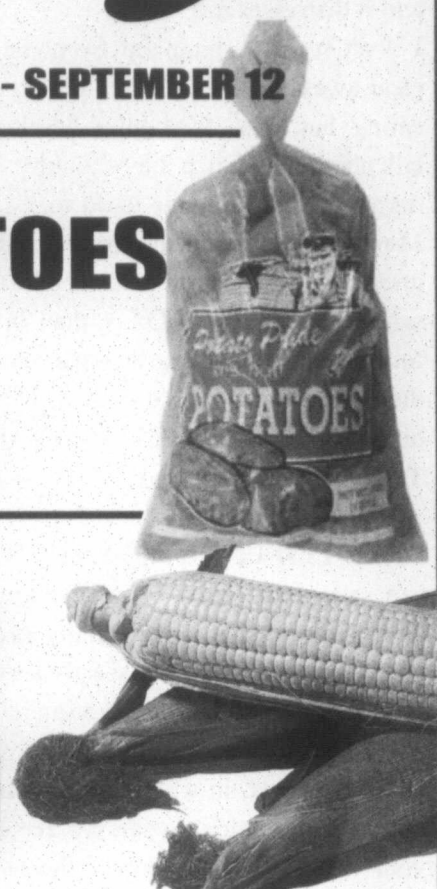
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DEAR ABBY: Please tell me how to respond to people who sit at a table with me (in my home, theirs or out) and make comments about being full, eating just "because it's there," or "for the flavor" -- and continue to eat? All of my family members are overweight. I am the smallest by far at a size 8. They engage in this often, and it distresses me.

I don't want to jump up from the table, clear away the dishes and tell them to stop eating, but I also don't enjoy hearing them talk about how much they shouldn't be eating while they continue to do so. Most of them have been advised more than once by physicians to lose weight for the sake of their health. Other than bringing food to share that's low in sugar and fat, is there a way to politely deal with this bizarre behavior? -- **FED UP IN HOUSTON**

DEAR FED UP: No, there isn't. But you can save your sanity by recognizing idle chatter for what it is and tuning it out. In your own home, you can simply serve less food -- or clear away the tempting leftovers and relocate your guests away from the table. However, in a restaurant or in their homes that wouldn't work. So accept that your relatives won't address their weight problems until they are ready to do so, and try to be less judgmental.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Zack" for a year and a half. We had discussed taking a trip to visit his friends in a couple of months. I'm a very independent person, but recently have had some financial difficulties that I anticipate will be temporary. I explained to Zack that I wouldn't be able to afford the trip. It would have meant paying for my plane ticket, half the cost of the car we'd have to rent and half the hotel bill. Zack has a steady job that pays very well. I thought he would speak up and offer to pay for at least some part of my expense for the trip, but he didn't.

Was I expecting too much, or is he just plain cheap? -- **DISAPPOINTED IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: It would have been a generous offer, but it appears your boyfriend isn't the generous type. In a sense, however, he may have given you a priceless gift: a glimpse of what life would be like with him in the future if the chips were down. Please act accordingly.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 13-year-old girl. I love my mom, but she doesn't trust me. Sometimes I would like to talk to her but she never listens. It's like she wants me to mess up so she can punish me.

I once tried to talk to her about sex. She thought I was pregnant! Am I wrong for just wanting to know? Sometimes I don't do anything wrong and I still get in trouble. I have thought about running away, but this is where my heart is. Is it me? Why won't she trust me? I make good grades. -- **BAFLED IN BIRMINGHAM**

DEAR BAFLED: Your letter made me sad. By now, your mother should have made it clear that you could bring any question to her and she would answer it -- or help you find the answer you need.

Your mother may be uncomfortable talking about sex, or she could be under stress about something else in her life. Please ask an adult friend or close relative to speak to her on your behalf. Your mother may be hard on you because she doesn't want you to mess up. Children don't come with a list of instructions, and she may be going overboard trying to protect you.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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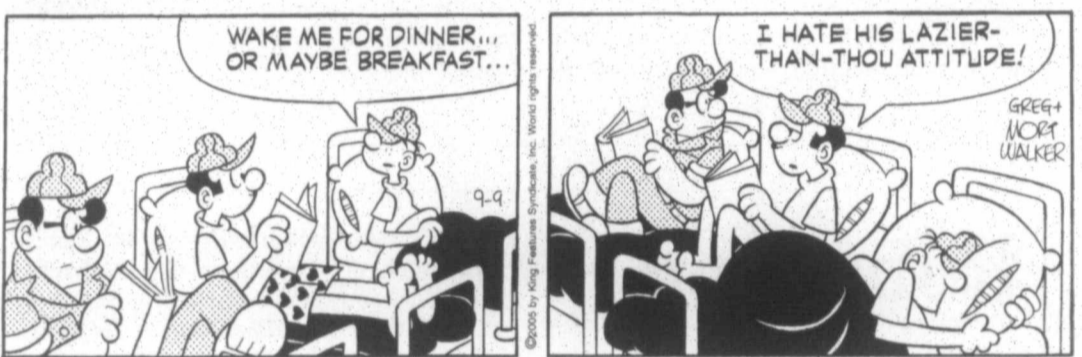
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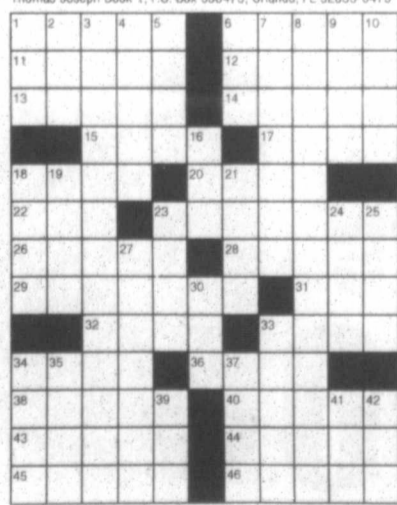
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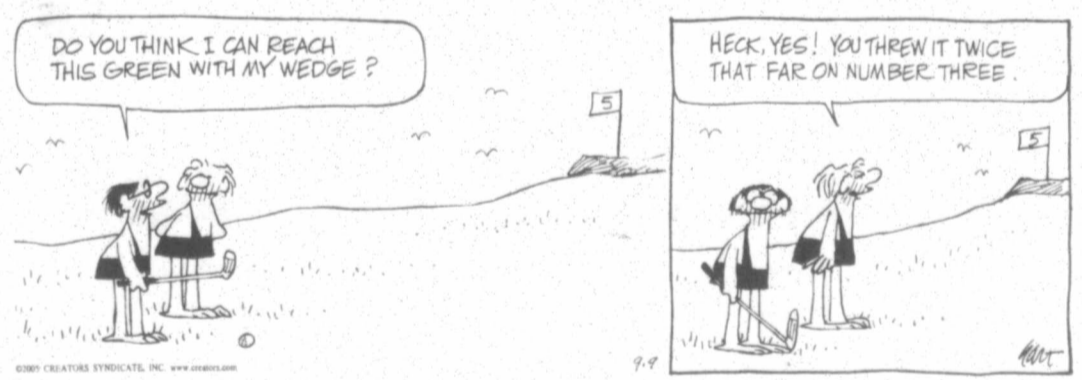


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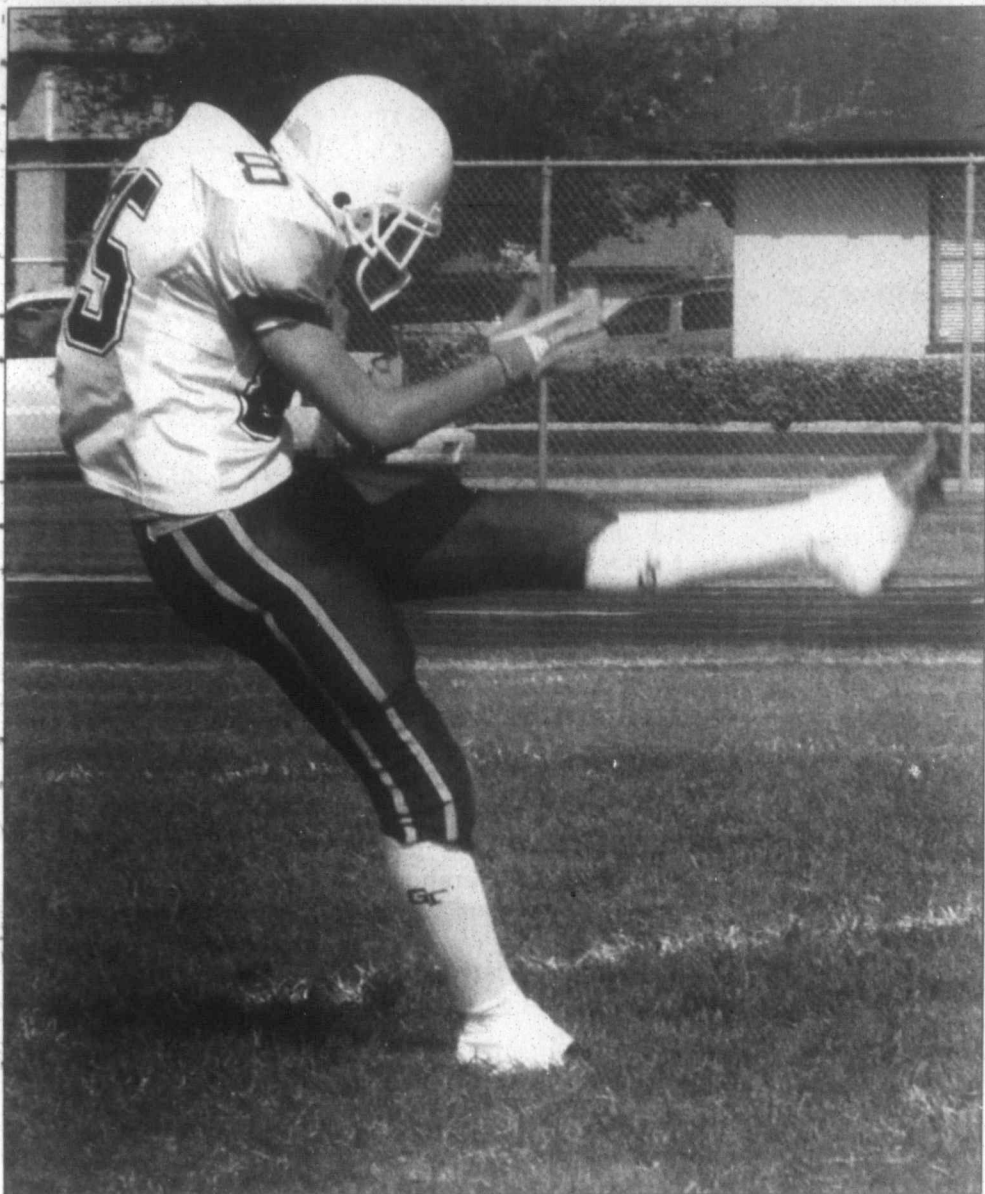
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Sports Day

Punt time



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Sophomore Taylor Smith sends a punt toward the Amarillo High side of the field during Thursday's junior varsity football game. Pampa fell to the Sandies, 35-7.

Harvesters host Sandies tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa lost to Clovis last week, 34-13. Amarillo High got all it bargained for from Palo Duro before notching a 14-10 win. The Sandies come to town tonight where the Harvesters are historically tough.

Pampa coach Bryan Wood has said his team had its best week of practice so far this season, but points out the four quarter bug is still an issue. "The kids really responded well to the Clovis loss. The focus has once again been on us. We have to get better as a team and compete for four quarters."

Another area of concern might be the struggle to hang on to the ball. Pampa has had its share of fumbles and turnovers over its first two games. "Fumbles are going to happen early in the year," notes Wood, adding, "They always do." However, Coach Wood says it is the emotion and reaction to losing the ball that may affect his team more than the turnover itself. It is times like this where the senior leadership can be invaluable. To keep teammates grounded and focused on the task at hand.

In last year's meeting with the Sandies at Dick Bivins Stadium in Amarillo, the Harvesters displayed the heart and never-say-die spirit that carried Pampa into the post-season. Though they lost 36-28, it was more a win by the clock than it was the Pampa opponent on the field that night. If revenge against Perryton was a driving force in week one, satisfaction could be the fuel that drives the Harvesters tonight.

Wood says Amarillo is very well coached and plays with such solid technique, it is hard to

pinpoint any one weakness. "We are going to try to formation them a little and make sure that we are very balanced this week," said Wood. "They are not as big as Clovis, but overall, they look to be faster."

It is not too far-fetched to think the Sandies

might be overlooking Pampa tonight and thinking about Thursday's meeting with Odessa Permian at the newly renovated Dick Bivins Stadium. Wood hints Amarillo High might not be too concerned about losing tonight based upon his team's performance in Clovis last week. "I think that can work to our advantage," suggests Wood. "Our kids have nothing to lose tonight. All the picks are against us and that should make it easier for us to relax and play really hard."

The best player on the Harvester sideline tonight might be the 12th man. Stands filled

with rowdy Pampa fans could make it tough for the Sandies.

Coach Wood's Injury Report:

"Chris Smith has a knee injury that is going to keep him out tonight. Ben Gibson will start in his place. Chris tweaked his knee in practice on Wednesday. The center is a key position and Chris does a great job so he will be missed. I have confidence that Ben will step in and do a good job for us tonight." Wood also points out that quarterback Brody Smith continues to deal with a bum hip. "But he's a tough one." Smith will start tonight.

Texas or Ohio State?

"Even though I'm a die hard Red Raider, I have to go with the Horns on this one."

Media:

Tonight's game will be broadcast on AM 1230 KGRO.

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— Bryan Wood
Head Coach, Pampa
Harvester Football

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Other games of interest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Unless otherwise noted, all games are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

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Tascosa (2-0)
@ Palo Duro (0-2)

4A

Caprock (0-2)
@ Lubbock High (0-2)
Randall (1-1)
@ Canyon (2-0)
Hereford (1-1)
@ Big Spring (0-2)

3A

Highland Park (0-2)
@ River Road (0-2)
Dumas (1-1)
@ Borger (1-1)
Canadian (2-0)
@ Perryton (1-1)

2A

Sanford-Fritch (1-1)

@ Tulia (1-0)
Childress (2-0)
@ West Texas High (0-2)
Gruver (2-0)
@ Panhandle (1-1)
Stratford (2-0)
@ Spearman (2-0)

1A

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White Deer (0-1)
@ Claude (0-1)

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Valley (2-0)
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Lady Harvesters take 17-6 record to Tascosa Saturday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Coach Sonia VanGilder and her Lady Harvester volleyball team will travel to Amarillo Saturday to take on the Lady Rebels of Tascosa. The junior varsity game will begin at 12 p.m., varsity to follow at 1:30 p.m.

Pampa enters Saturday's meeting touting a record of 17-6, much of it played on the road. Said VanGilder, in her first year at the helm of the Lady Harvester program, "I know we traveled a lot but we needed to play at least 22 games to be ready by the time district play begins, so I had to schedule what was left." VanGilder is also quick to mention how much she has seen her team grow and improve. Enough so, she is anxious to see her next two opponents. Tascosa Saturday, and Amarillo High in McNeely Field House Tuesday. "I'm pretty sure we are ready to face Amarillo High and Tascosa again. I just can't wait to see how far we have improved."



Courtesy photo

Austin Elementary School students enjoy a visit from members of the Pampa Harvester football team recently. Pictured are (left to right) front row- Ally Robertson, Michaela Blalock, Ericka Nanez, Ajay Mitchell, Solon Wilson, Cherish Peet, Bryson Burrell and Ashleigh Pulatie. Middle row- Bailee Budd, Matthew Ellis, Deedra Lenz, Kolton Jefferies, Cason Troxell, Benjamin Karson, Alec McClendon, Cade Ferguson, Sarah Schoenrock, Cody Beyer and Braden Clay. Back row- A.J. Manzanares, Brody Smith, Ryan Torres, Chris Jimenez, Cooper Brazile, Sherrod Young and Chase Brewer.

Pampa players spend time with future Harvesters

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa High School coach Kip Holt and some of the varsity Harvesters paid a visit to Austin Elementary School recently to spend time with students, answer questions and sign a few autographs. Some were curious as to what it takes to be a Harvester or Lady Harvester. Coach Holt and his players explained it takes three things:

- Make good grades.
- Listen to your teachers.

-Try your best.

According to teacher (and the coach's wife), Jennifer Holt, the second graders were, "Thrilled and shocked when the football players entered the classroom." She said the players taught the future Harvesters a special chant they do after every game. She added other questions included things like, "What position they played, how tall they were, and if they were mean."

The youngsters later presented the football team members with a poster they had made to hang in the locker room so that it might bring the team good luck.

Cycling body says it has no doping evidence against Armstrong

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The governing body of world cycling said Friday it had no evidence of doping against Lance Armstrong and was unable to express any judgment regarding recent doping allegations.

"The UCI has not to date received any official information or document" from anti-doping authorities or the laboratory reportedly involved in the testing of urine samples from the 1999 Tour de France, the UCI said.

Allegations that EPO was found in Armstrong's 1999 urine samples were first reported by the French sports daily

L'Equipe last month.

Armstrong, who has won the Tour a record seven times, has angrily denied the charges and questioned the validity of testing samples frozen six years ago, how those samples were handled since, and how he could be expected to defend himself when the only confirming evidence no longer exists.

UCI said it was still gathering information and had asked the World Anti-Doping Agency and the French laboratory for more background. Most importantly, it wanted to know who commissioned the research and who agreed to make it public.

"We have substantial concerns about the impact of this matter on the integrity of the overall drug testing regime of the Olympic movement, and in particular the questions it raises over the trustworthiness of some of the sports and political authorities active in the anti-doping fight," the UCI said.

UCI president Hein Verbruggen has demanded more severe sanctions for dopers and suggested Armstrong should face sanctions if doping was proved. He also told Friday's Le Figaro that Armstrong had proposed before the Tour that all of his urine samples be kept for tests over the next 10 years.

Religion

Fellowship Baptist Church to host gospel 'jubilee'

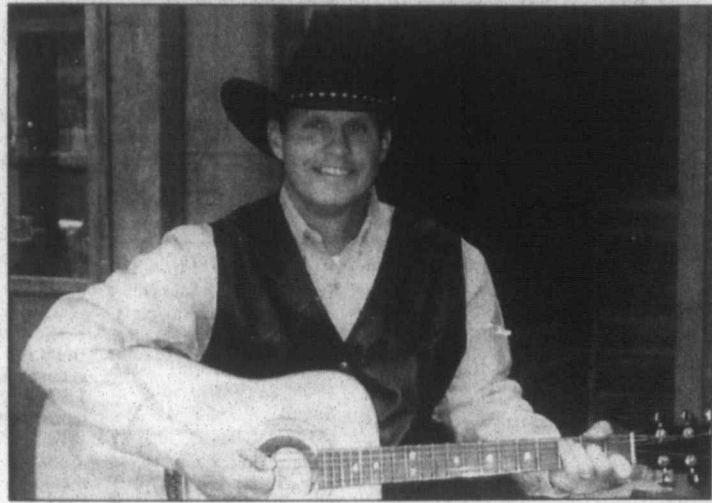
Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa will host guest speaker Larry Daniells for a Free Gospel Jubilee Sunday. The jubilee will kick-off at 6 p.m. at the church, 622 E. Francis in Pampa.

Daniells plays the guitar and sings. He has been a musician since the age of 13. He recorded his first CD last year. He and his wife, Jodi,

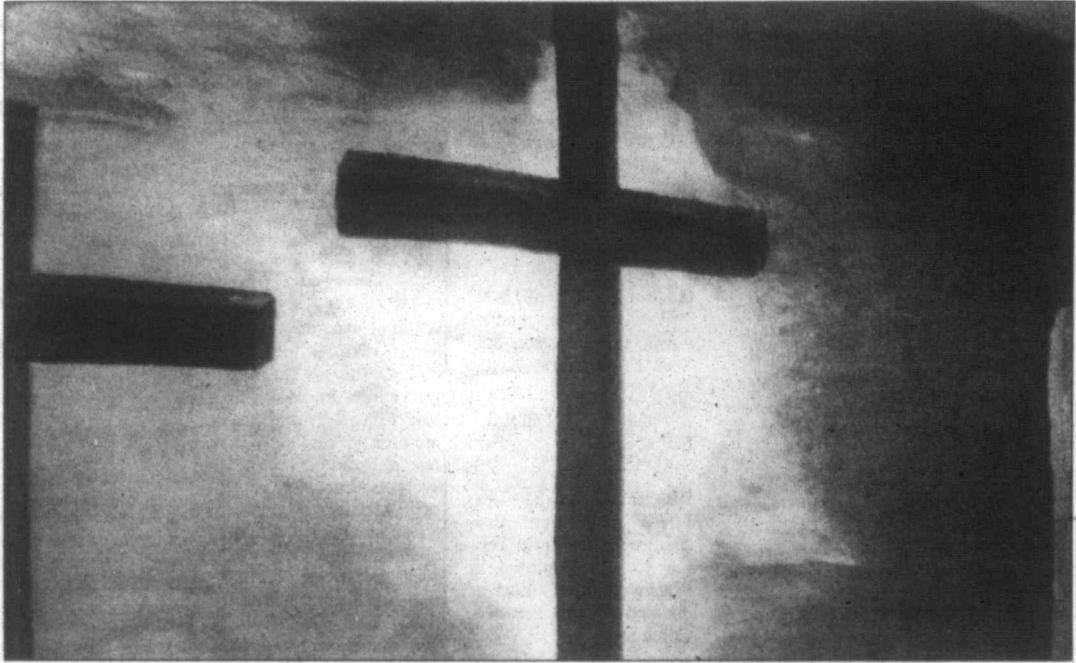
► **Larry Daniells will appear at Fellowship Baptist Church of Pampa at 6 p.m. Sunday for a "Free Gospel Jubilee."**

host "Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree" at The Church at Quail Creek/San Jacinto Baptist in Amarillo. The couple live in Dumas. Daniells also sings at "The Great Passion Play" in

Eureka Springs, Ark. He has been involved with that for the past several years and tries to make it an annual event. He and Jodi have been invited to be extras in the play next year. The event is free and open to the public.



Church murals



First Christian Church of Pampa will host a special open house Sunday. Between 3:30 and 5:30 p.m., the public is invited to view a selection of murals like this one painted along the junior and senior high school hallway at the church. This mural was painted by Debbie Davis.

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Skellytown church announces special guest speaker next week

SKELLYTOWN — The Rev. Dianna Mayes will minister at River of Life Assembly of God Church, 411 Chamberlain, Skellytown, Sunday — Wednesday. Mayes will preach at 10 a.m. Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

"Rev. Diana Mayes is a powerful and wise minister of the gospel," a press release from River of Life



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Ministries said. "She comes with a tender heart for people, in the power of the Holy Spirit and preaches the positive perspective of Jesus Christ with signs following."

Pastor Danny Trussell and the congregation of New Life Assembly cordially invite all to come and listen to the Rev. Mayes. For more information, call (806) 848-2939.

Church briefs

Macedonia First Baptist Church, 441 Elm Street, will hold a fish fry beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday. Catfish, French fries, salad and iced tea will be served at the church.

Pastor I.L. Patrick and the entire congregation of Macedonia invite the public to the fish fry. To place a "to go" order, call 665-4926. Deliveries will be available, and donations will be accepted.

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, will honor fire department and public safety workers during its 11 a.m. worship service Sunday. All members of the fire department and all public safety workers are invited to attend.

Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love Street, is gearing up for revival services with Ron Palermo and Don Speck Sunday through Thursday next week.

Palermo will speak at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, and at 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Speck will minister to the church at 7 p.m. Monday and Wednesday.

At 6 p.m. Friday, the church will serve an Italian spaghetti supper for the Katrina Hurricane Relief Fund. The

public is invited to come and be served at revival and at the spaghetti dinner.

PERRYTON — Rushing Wind Emmaus will meet at 6 p.m. Saturday in First United Methodist Church in Perryton. The community will be celebrating 50 weekends of the Walk to Emmaus. Lay directors will be sharing crosses from the walks.

A potluck supper will be served in fellowship hall of the church; and a sponsors' training will be conducted at 6:30 p.m. A praise and worship service will follow at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Family, friends and persons interested in the Walk to Emmaus are welcome.

On Sept. 16, Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will present "Battle of the Quartets II" as its last show of the season. The event will feature "The Upword Quartet," "Four-for-One Quartet," "Eunabeth Williamson and Company" and "Miss Trudy Value."

The show will start at 7 p.m. in Church at Quail Creek/San Jacinto Baptist, Amarillo. Admission is free. For more information, call (806) 935-7247.

What other meal can sustain you for a week?

Sometimes, what we need in life is not more physical nourishment, but spiritual nourishment.

Come join us this Sunday as we celebrate together at the Lord's table.

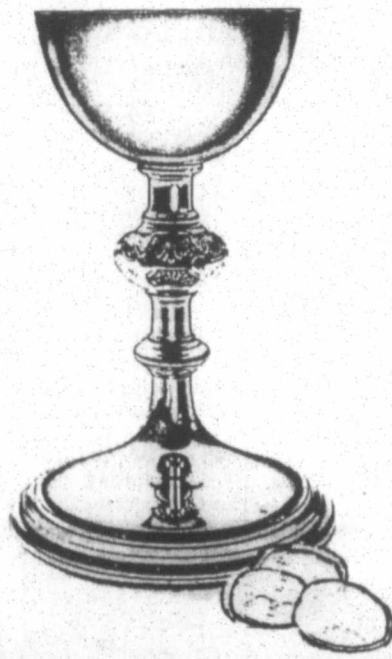
Services are at 8:00am and 10:30am

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church

727 W. Browning

If you are curious about the Episcopal Church and want to get a closer look at us make plans to attend the Newcomer's Coffee Hour where we explore the history, teachings and practices of the Episcopal church. We will meet each Sunday beginning September 18th at 9:30am. You may call the church office at 665-0701 for more information of just drop by.

All are welcome.



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