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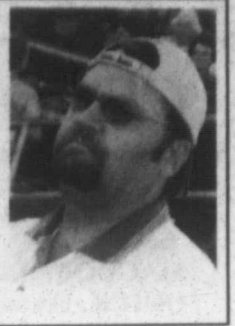
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Appraisal review board turns down Xcel motion

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Xcel Energy's motion to correct its 2006 property tax valuation, which would have lowered the electric company's valuation by \$7,024,660, was turned down by Gray County Appraisal Review Board members Wednesday afternoon.

Xcel had made the motion based on Sec. 25.25 (c)(1) of the Texas Property Tax Code, which states that an appraisal review board, on a motion of the chief appraiser or of the property owner, may direct changes in the appraisal roll for any

of the five preceding years to correct clerical errors that affect a property owner's tax liability.

Board members decided that the discrepancy claimed by Xcel between the appraised value and the actual value of its taxable property was not due to a clerical error on either the company's or the appraisal district's part.

Paul Simon of Denver, Colo., who represented Xcel at the afternoon meeting in the appraisal district's offices at 815 N. Sumner, said the discrepancy was a clerical error which could be attributed to the company's adoption of a different

rendition form which it began using in 2003, after it became acceptable for rendition forms other than the one provided by appraisal districts to be submitted.

"We're only seeking to correct 2005. The errors began in 2003," Simon said.

The new form used by Xcel lists the value of taxable property owned by the company within the city limits of Pampa, the value of company property within the area taxed by Pampa Independent School District, and the value of property within the boundary of Gray County's area, Simon said.

The \$7,024,660 in contention was a result of the appraisal district adding the valuation of Xcel taxable property outside Pampa city limits but inside the PISD taxing area twice to the company's total, he said.

"A change in our form from 2002 to 2003 may have caused the confusion," Simon said.

"We have taken their word, in the sense that we've taken their listing as a rendition. Possibly we were not made aware of the change in their rendering. In our case, we've taken it at face value, as we do in other

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Cash register identified

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The owner of a cash register recovered from Recreation Park Lane on Sept. 8 has been identified.

The register came from Daisy's Fashions, 421 S. Cuyler, which had been burglarized Aug. 27, according to Dennis Burton, a Pampa Police Department detective.

The burglary was reported on Aug. 29, a Monday; the incident had occurred over a

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Drug program to aid children

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Drug-endangered children will be the topic of a program which will begin at 9 a.m. Friday at Lovett Memorial Library, 111 N. Houston.

The program is designed to show how to help children who are exposed to hazardous conditions, such as being present at a working methamphetamine lab, said Connie Lockridge, an investigator for the 31st District

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Learning important lessons



Pampa News Photos by DENNIS SPIES

Pampa Fire Department firefighters gave safety tips this morning to preschool students at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School. In photo at top, Bobo Juarez tries on Firefighter Bob Griffin's hard hat. In photo at right, Raegan Beckham checks out the helmet as Griffin looks on. Firefighter Kasey Presson suited up in his firefighting uniform and Craig Harkcom, an equipment operator, instructed the children on what to do in various emergencies.

Guardian EMS crew headed to Galveston



Brent Aaron, left, Brandon Stander, Jeremy Lyman and Terry Coffee. Guardian EMTs answer the call for help.

By DENNIS SPIES
Editor

When the call for help came, Guardian EMS answered.

Hurricane Katrina had just struck New Orleans and EMTs Brent Aaron and Brandon Stander were among those who responded.

They worked 20-hour days for five days and were relieved by two more Pampa Guardian EMTs, Jeremy Lyman and Terry Coffee.

Aaron and Stander were ready for a quick interview Wednesday because they

were preparing to go to Galveston, Hurricane Rita's apparent destination.

On the New Orleans experience, Stander said he was amazed at the amount of water that covered everything.

"The on-off ramps for the highways just disappeared into the water," he said. "They were used as boat ramps."

Stander said there were helicopters all over the place, both military and

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Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8th & 9th

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MACDONALD, R.F. James — 2 p.m., Restland Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, Dallas.
QUICK, Anona Yvonne — Graveside services, 1 p.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

Laveeta Vance Brockbank, 62

GOULBURG, Australia — Laveeta Vance Brockbank, 62, died Sept. 16, 2005, at Goulburg.
 Services will be Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, in Goulburg.
 Mrs. Brockbank was born Nov. 20, 1942, in Altus, Okla. She attended Pampa schools, graduating from Pampa High School in 1960, and later joining the U.S. Coast Guard. She met and married David Brockbank, and in the 1970's, they moved to Australia where they made their home since that time.

Survivors include her husband, David Brockbank, of the home; one daughter, Stormy Brockbank of Goulburg, Australia; her mother, Ruby Wampler of Pampa; three sisters, Jaquetta Miller and husband Mike of Amarillo, Marquetta Carruth and husband Paul of Pampa and Donetta Welch and husband Rick of Elmore City, Okla.; and two brothers, Gerald Vance and wife Shelia of Amarillo and Ted Vance and wife Pat of Elkhart.

Cecil Heckman, 84

WALSENBERG, Colo. — Cecil Heckman, 84, of Walsenburg, died Sept. 12, 2005. A graveside military flag presentation and interment were Sept. 15 at Fort Lyon National Cemetery in Fort Lyon, Colo.
 Mr. Heckman was born Dec. 12, 1920, at Antelope Flat, to George and Annie Heckman. He attended school in Clarendon, graduating in 1940.
 He was a private first class with the U.S. Army Seventh Infantry Division in the

Pacific during World War II (1942-1945). Mr. Heckman married Gertrude Naomi Williams on Dec. 22, 1950.
 He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Leola Gilmore of Clarendon.
 Survivors include his wife, Naomi; a daughter, Betty Jo; two brothers, Lowell Heckman of Pampa and Ray Heckman of Claude; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.
 Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. East-northeast wind around 10 mph.
 Friday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 87. North-northeast wind around 10 mph becoming south-southeast.
 Friday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 62. South-southeast wind around 10 mph.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind around 10 mph.
 Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 80. South-southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming northeast.
 Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

57. East-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.
 Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 82. East-northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.
 Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 58.
 Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 85.
 Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.
 Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 80.

Death plot nets 12 years

LACKLAND AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AP) — An Air Force paralegal was sentenced to 12 years in prison after pleading guilty to taking part in a murder-for-hire plot targeting the wife of a military lawyer with whom she was having an affair.
 Staff Sgt. Ramona Greiner received the sentence Wednesday.
 Greiner, 39, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit premeditated murder, solicitation to commit murder and dereliction of duty.

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R.F. James Macdonald, 74

DALLAS — R.F. James Macdonald, 74, of Dallas, died Sept. 19, 2005. Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday in Restland Memorial Chapel. Arrangements are under the direction of Restland Funeral Home of Dallas.
 Mr. Macdonald was born Aug. 30, 1931; at Pampa. He was executive vice president of Independent Insurance Company and was retired from Sears.

Mr. Macdonald was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving during the Korean Conflict.
 Survivors include a son, Rod Macdonald; two daughters, Dana Winans and Jamie Macdonald; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.
 The family will receive visitors between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. today at the funeral home and requests donations be in lieu of flowers to Jimmy Carter Foundation in his name.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Eleven traffic stops were made. Driving while intoxicated was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Kingsmill and Somerville streets. Motorist assistance was rendered in the 800 block of South Hobart.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart and the intersection of Foster and Gray streets.

Animal complaints were received from the 200 block of West Browning, the 1700 block of Beech, the 500 block of Magnolia, and the 900 block of West Wilks.

Civil matters were reported from the 100 block of South Faulkner and the 100 block of South Russell.

A civil disturbance was reported at the intersection of Crawford and Huff streets.

A welfare check was made in the 800 block of West Foster.

One suicide attempt was reported. Warrant service was attempted at one location.

Silent/abusive 911 calls were received from the 200 block of East Brown and the 600 block of North Wynne.

A terroristic threat was reported at First Convenience Bank, 2801 Charles.

Disorderly conduct/noise was reported in the 600 block of North Wells and the 300 block of Perry.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. An estimated \$120 damage was done to a paper towel dispenser.

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

Found property was reported in the 900 block of Terry Road. A bicycle was found.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 100 block of North Wynne.

A possible burglary in progress was called in from the 2300 block of

Rosewood.

A robbery call was received from the 500 block of Yeager.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. No injuries were reported, and no charges were filed.

Shane Adam Willett, 19, 708 Mora, was arrested in the 100 block of East Harvester for possession of marijuana.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Michael Heath Honeycutt, 30, 1831 N. Faulkner, was arrested at the intersection of Alcock and Wilks for possession of marijuana.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21

Leyva Gillerimo, 21, Tulsa, Okla., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for money laundering.

Kevin Nickleberry, 35, Amarillo, was arrested on a bond surrender for failure to identify.

Raquel Maria Godoy, 23, 1006 S. Barnes, was arrested for theft by check.

Marcella Turner, 24, 1321 Garland, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for failure to identify.

David Ruiz, 21, Perryton, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mary Louise Floyd, 30, Mobeetie, was arrested for public intoxication.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 21

10:23 a.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to St. Matthew's Episcopal School for a fire prevention program for 60 pre-school children.

Ambulance

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

Wednesday, Sept. 21

2:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to a

Senate panel approves Roberts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved John Roberts' nomination as the next Supreme Court chief justice, virtually assuring his confirmation by the Senate next week.

Three Democrats joined the committee's 13-5 vote to advance the conservative judge's nomination to the full Senate.

Five Democrats — Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California, Joseph Biden of Delaware, Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts, Charles Schumer of New York and

Dick Durbin of Illinois — opposed Roberts.

At times, the arguments over whether Roberts is an appropriate successor to the late William H. Rehnquist merged with senators' worries about whom President Bush will choose to be his next nominee to the court, as the replacement for the retiring Sandra Day O'Connor.

The Senate's 44 Democrats seem to be split on whether they can, or should, mount even symbolic opposition to Roberts. His confirmation as the 109th Supreme Court justice is assured because most of the

Senate's 55 Republicans are supporting him and Democrats have decided not to filibuster his nomination.

Democrats who oppose his nomination said they can't take the risk that Roberts will prove a conservative ideologue on the court.

Feinstein told a packed Judiciary Committee hearing room that her vote was decided after Roberts refused to fully answer questions from her and other Democrats in his confirmation hearing last week.

"I knew as little about what Judge Roberts really thought about issues after the hearings as I did before the hearing. This makes it very hard for me," said Feinstein, an abortion rights supporter.

"I cannot in good conscience cast a 'yea' vote," she said. "I will cast a 'no' vote."

Biden said his vote was a close call, but Roberts "does not appear to share the same expansive view of fundamental rights of previous nominees I have supported. I'm unwilling to take the constitutional risk at this moment in the court's history."

Sen. Herb Kohl and Russ Feingold, both Wisconsin Democrats, and Patrick Leahy of Vermont, decided to support making the conservative judge the nation's 17th chief justice.

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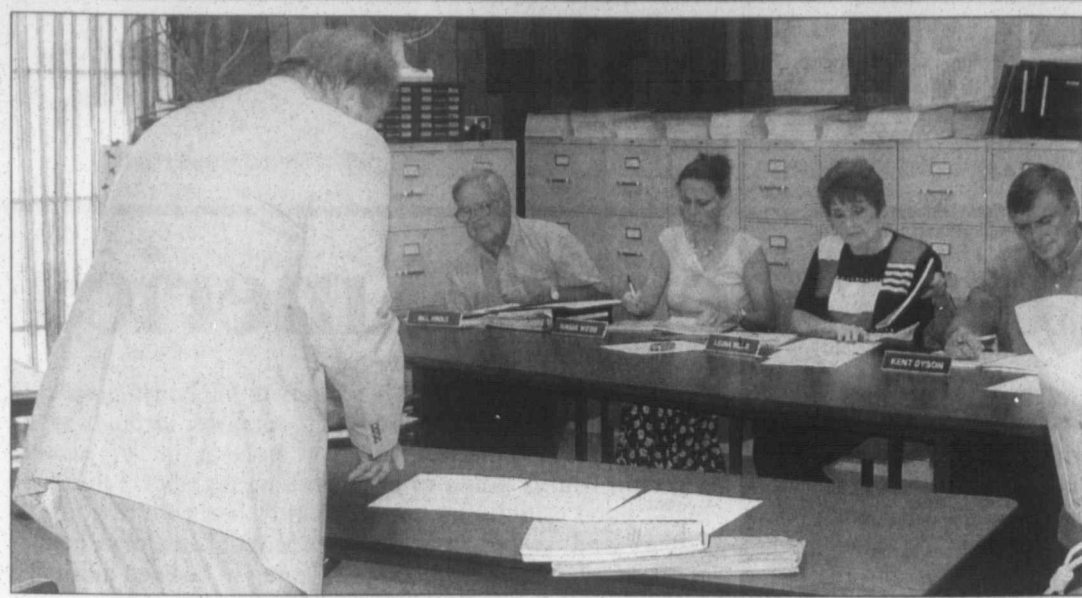
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Paul Simon, left, representing Xcel Energy, hands out information on the energy company's property valuation to Gray County Appraisal Review Board members Bill Kindle, Nama Webb, Leona Willis and Kent Dyson during a review board meeting Wednesday on Xcel's motion for correction.

Xcel

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cases," said Gray County Chief Appraiser Pat Bagley. "One of my contentions might be about what a clerical error is." Bagley said. "Section 104, Paragraph 18 defines a clerical error. It does not include an error in judgment or reasoning."

"I contend that to my knowledge, this office did not make a clerical error. We took their numbers at face value. As far as our adding the numbers together, no. If there was any adding done, it was done somewhere else."

"Something we will insist on in future years is that they fill out and sign our rendition, but that does not solve the problem today," he said.

"I contend this is more of a value issue than a clerical error," Bagley said.

"If this was a value question, I think the board would find it quite curious that it is

always exactly the amount that is in the city. When our rendition changed, we never got a phone call from the district asking why it had changed. They just accepted a 30 percent increase without any more property being involved," Simon said in his rebuttal to Bagley's remarks. Simon said there was no error in Xcel's rendition amounts, and that the error occurred in the appraisal district office.

He explained why the error was not discovered until this July.

"I had started in this position in the fall of 2003. I didn't notice it in 2004. I am based in Denver, and was not all that familiar with Texas forms," he said.

"My thought is, if something changed about your rendition, the phone works both ways," Bagley said.

"As far as value, in Gray County, the appraisal district chooses not to appraise the value of property," Simon said.

"We can if given a

detailed property list," Bagley said. "Just because we're a small appraisal district doesn't mean we can't do appraisals, Mr. Simon." "I didn't say that," Simon said.

"That's what I heard," Bagley said. He asked for a detailed list, and Simon said he would provide one "within the limits of our software."

"It's not the appraisal district's job to check your numbers from this year to last year," said board member Bill Kindle.

"The only comment I have is that it took them three years to catch it," said board member Leona Willis.

Board members attending the meeting and voting unanimously to deny Xcel's motion were Kindle, Willis, Nama Webb and Kent Dyson. Board member Beth Miller was absent.

At the end of the meeting, Simon asked to meet with Bagley to discuss other means of correcting the company's valuation.

9,000 to be airlifted today

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas authorities will begin airlifting today at least 9,000 people from Beaumont and Houston, including nursing home residents, those without transportation and the homeless, to inland Texas cities as part of the massive coastal evacuations ahead of Hurricane Rita.

Steve McCraw, state director of homeland security, said at least some of the flights will take off from George Bush International Airport in Houston. The evacuees will be taken to San Antonio, Amarillo, El Paso, Dallas, Fort Worth and Lubbock.

Mandatory evacuations along a 250-mile swath of Texas coast line created gridlock traffic on freeways passing through Houston and Harris County, where the population nears nearly 4 million, as people tried to get ahead of the Category 5 storm expected to hit the Houston-Galveston area Saturday morning.

It was taking people 10 to 12 hours to navigate Houston's freeways, crowded under the best of circumstances, as they tried to get to interior Texas from the coast.

Fathers and sons got out of their cars and played catch on freeway medians. Others stood next to their cars, videotaping the scene, while others car-hopped, walking between cars chatting with people along the way. Wreckers tried to wind their way along the shoulders, pulling stalled cars out of the way.

"I'm very nervous, very," said Monette

Baugh, who decided to stay in Galveston a while longer after seeing news reports on the traffic congestion. "I try to keep busy, not watching the news too often. When they told us to leave it was really too late. Their plan didn't work the way it was supposed to. These people are stuck on the freeway, stuck in lines to get gas and there is not any gas."

"I wish I wasn't here but there is no way to get out now," she said.

State officials opened all lanes of Interstate 45 to northbound traffic out of Houston. They planned to do the same for Interstate 10 and U.S. Highway 290 by Thursday afternoon.

Hurricane Rita grew into a monster storm with 175-mph sustained winds in the Gulf of Mexico early Thursday. Forecasters said Rita could be the strongest hurricane on record to ever hit Texas, and easily one of the most powerful ever to slam into the continental United States. Only three Category 5 hurricanes, the highest on the scale, are known to have hit the U.S. mainland — most recently, Andrew, which smashed South Florida in 1992.

But with its breathtaking size — which one meteorologist described as a tornado the size of Georgia with water — practically the entire western end of the U.S. Gulf Coast was in peril, and even a slight rightward turn could prove devastating to the fractured levees protecting New Orleans.

Program

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Attorney's office.

A one-hour presentation will be followed by a question and answer session.

The program is aimed at professionals in the criminal

justice, law enforcement, medical and children's service fields, Lockridge said.

Sponsors of the program are the 31st District Attorney's office, The Bridge in Amarillo, and Children's Protective Services.

There is no charge for attending the program.

Register

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weekend, Burton said.

A representative of the clothing store was able to identify the register three days after it was brought up from the bottom of the Pampa lake by divers called in by the police department.

"There were rolled coins, but no folding money in it at the time of the burglary. We don't know why they took it. The key was in it," Burton

said, meaning that the burglar or burglars could have turned the key, opened the register and emptied it without having to take it from the store.

No warrants have been issued or arrests made as of today concerning the burglary, but "we still have a lead on a suspect," Burton said.

The two divers from Borger who fished out the register from the lake also found a child's fishing rod and reel, two knives and a traffic safety cone at the bottom of the lake around the dock.

EMTs

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civilian.

"The destruction was unimaginable," he said.

"It was overwhelming to see this huge city as a ghost town," Aaron said. "There was debris and vehicles everywhere."

"The people we helped, they were so nice and so glad to see us," Stander said.

Both men said they worked alongside other units from around the country including the Louisiana state police and a Chicago SWAT team.

Their 20-hour days consisted of going to bed at midnight with a 4 a.m. wake-up call.

One thing that stuck out in Stander's mind was the first day they started to get into a boat, they could hear gunfire echoing in the buildings.

The South is noted for its muggy summers, along with mosquitoes, and while the mugginess stayed, there were no insects.

"We didn't have any mosquitoes or flies," Stander said. "The bad water killed them all."

Aaron and Stander both emphasized they wanted to thank their co-workers who stayed behind in Pampa and filled in on their shifts which allowed them to go down and help.

Aaron said the experience was beneficial because they will have some experience if disaster strikes in this area.

Stander said he hopes to find a ghost town in Galveston, which will mean less loss of life if predictions hold true.

The two left Wednesday for Galveston, where they will likely be taking hospital patients and nursing home residents to safe places as Galveston is evacuated.

OSHA levies \$21 million fine

DALLAS (AP) — The company that owns a refinery where an explosion killed 15 people was fined \$21 million Thursday, a record for the government agency that oversees workplace safety.

BP Products North America, which runs the sprawling Texas City refinery rocked by the March explosion that also injured 170, was fined as part of a settlement with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. The fine was nearly double the previous record levied by OSHA against a Louisiana fertilizer plant.

A message left with a BP spokesman wasn't immediately returned Thursday.

John Miles Jr., regional administrator for OSHA, said the health and safety

culture at the BP plant was lax, which contributed to the blast. He said some violations had existed for years.

The agency is considering whether to refer some violations to the Justice Department for possible criminal prosecution, Miles Jr. said.

Since the massive explosion and resulting fire, a number of fires and other incidents have occurred at

the plant.

A federal investigation followed the blast and late last month, the U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board issued an urgent safety recommendation for the first time in its history. It requested that the plant's parent company, BP PLC, form an independent expert panel to review safety at the company's five North American refineries.

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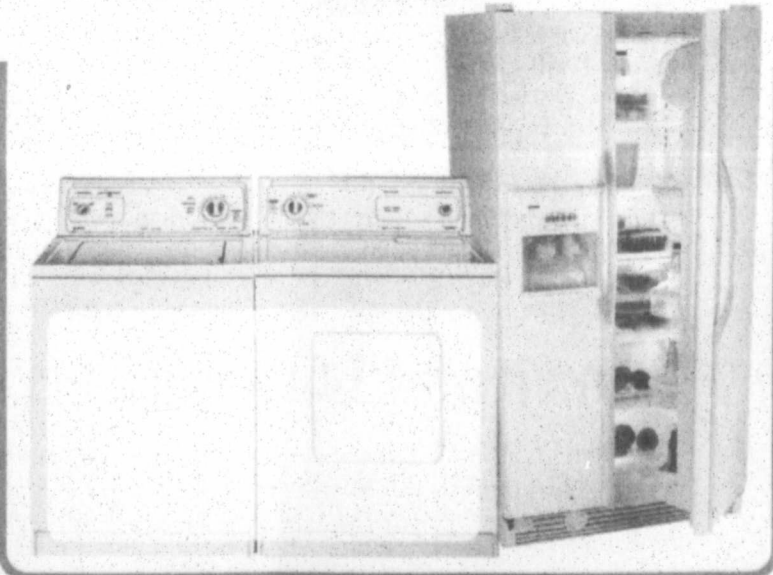
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Viewpoints

Celebrating Constitution Week in America

Happy Constitution Week. Sept. 17 was the 218th birthday of the longest-running constitution in world history, and Constitution Week runs through Sept. 23. To help us celebrate, we called up author and Duquesne University law professor Ken Gormley, who specializes in constitutional law, the First Amendment and the American presidency. Gormley, who wrote "Archibald Cox: Conscience of a Nation" in 1998, is currently working on a major book about the constitutional and legal highlights — and lowlights — of the Clinton presidency.

remarkably well when you stop and think about what in the past five or six years we've been through as a country: the impeachment trial of a president; a contested presidential election; an attack on U.S. soil on 9/11; a war in foreign territory; the death of our chief justice; the flood and destruction of a major U.S. city, which we would never have imagined. And despite all that, we're all still standing and working together and resolving legal issues that flow from all of these things through the three branches of our government.

Q: How is our Constitution holding up at age 218?

Q: Sen. Robert Byrd, a big fan of the Constitution, and the inventor of Constitution Week, has said that it defines Americans. Do you have any

sense of what he means by that?

A: I suppose that he is primarily referring to the Bill of Rights, because there are lots of provisions in the Constitution that don't apply to many of us unless we are the president or a United States senator like him. Having a written constitution, of course, was a revolutionary idea at the time. Great Britain's constitution was unwritten. France's was really just a statement of general purpose. Having this Constitution and adding the Bill of Rights to spell out the

Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



rights and liberties we all have was rather a dramatic thing itself. When you look at those rights, they talk about equality and equal protection and due process under the law, and really it's all of the best virtues that we consider exist in a just society, and that's what we hope to be.

Q: Do you think Supreme Court nominee John Roberts is likely to change the court in any substantial way?

A: Well, we have to see who gets appointed along with him. That's a bigger question. But I think he has the ability to have a great influence on the Supreme

Court. He's a remarkably talented, gifted individual, and he seems to have the stuff of a person who is going to be really good at building consensus and respecting the court as an institution. That you can call "conservative" in the old-fashioned sense. You can also call that a "judge's judge," someone who is looked upon highly by others in the profession because he or she is able to put the institution of the courts first. I think he is going to be in that mold.

Roberts is really young, so he is going to have the ability to nurture people along with him as he goes. People forget this, but by definition, a chief justice tends to moderate himself. They have to do that in order to bring har-

mony to the body, in order to get opinions through when you have a lot of justices working together. I think the John Roberts we're going to see as chief justice is actually going to be even more of a centrist than the John Roberts we might have seen as an associate justice, and he is going to be really good at pulling the court together.

Q: If any of the Framers were to return to Earth, would they be appalled or pleased by the growth in size and power of the executive branch, especially when it comes to war-making powers?

A: I don't think that they'd necessarily be surprised that the president was a very powerful figure in our
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2005. There are 100 days left in the year. Autumn arrives at 6:23 p.m. EDT.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 22, 1776, Nathan Hale was hanged as a spy by the British during the Revolutionary War.

On this date:

In 1789, Congress authorized the office of Postmaster-General.

In 1792, the French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1927, Gene Tunney successfully defended his heavyweight boxing title against Jack Dempsey in the famous "long-count" fight in Chicago.

'One of the great lessons the fall of the leaf teaches, is this: Do your work well and then be ready to depart when God shall call.'

— Tryon Edwards
American clergyman
(1809-1894)

In 1949, the Soviet Union exploded its first atomic bomb.

In 1950, Omar N. Bradley was promoted to the rank of five-star general, joining an elite group that included Dwight D. Eisenhower, Douglas MacArthur, George C. Marshall and Henry H. "Hap" Arnold.

In 1964, the musical

"Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

In 1975, Sara Jane Moore attempted to shoot President Ford outside a San Francisco hotel, but missed.

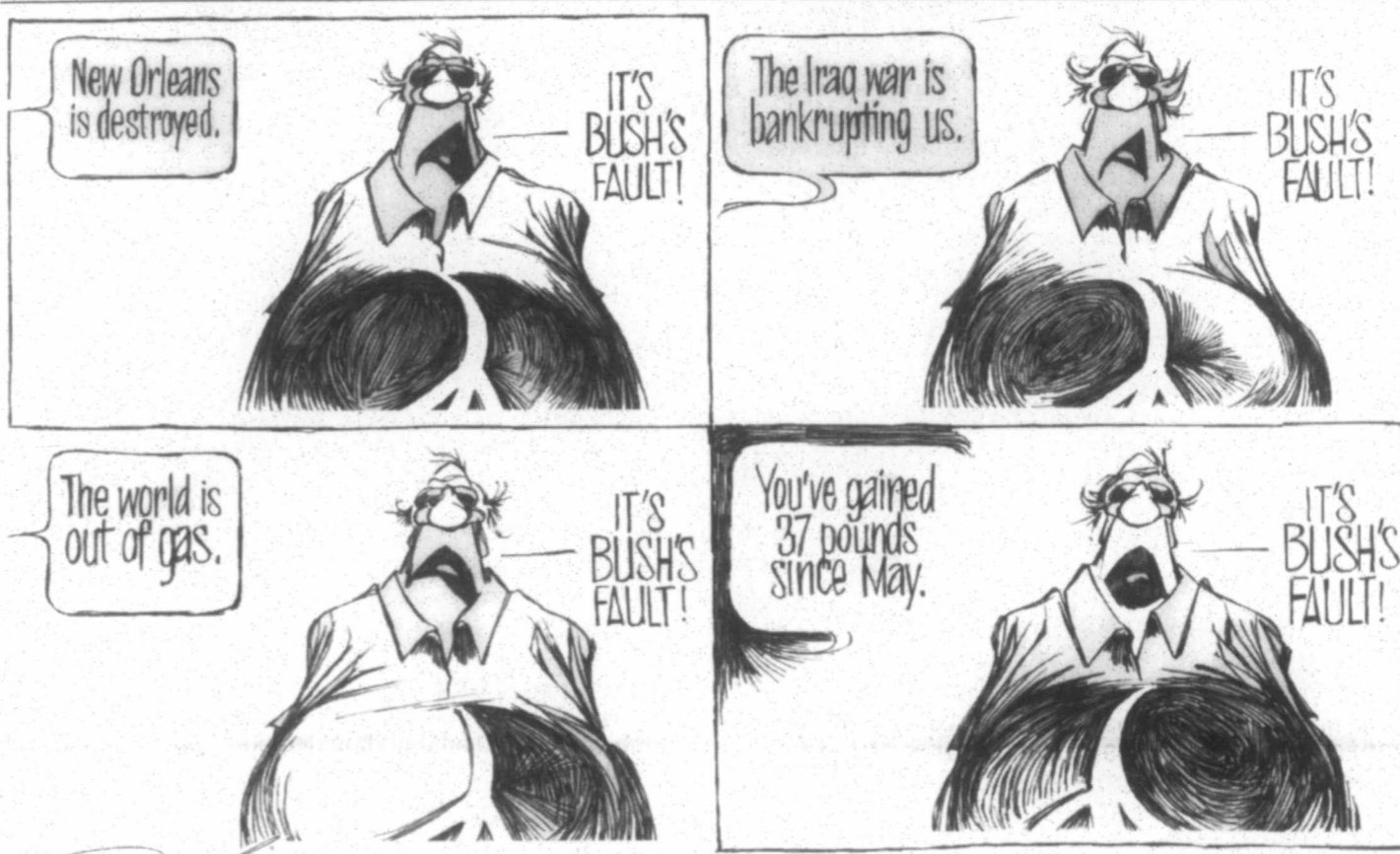
In 1980, the Persian Gulf conflict between Iran and Iraq erupted into full-scale war.

In 1985, rock and country music artists participated in FarmAid, a concert staged in Champaign, Ill., to help the nation's farmers.

In 1989, songwriter Irving Berlin died in New York City at age 101.

Ten years ago: An AWACS plane carrying U.S. and Canadian military personnel crashed on takeoff from Elmendorf Air Force Base near Anchorage, Alaska, killing all 24 people aboard. Both sides rested in the O.J. Simpson murder trial. Time Warner struck a \$7.5 billion deal to buy Turner Broadcasting System Inc. Publishing tycoon Steve Forbes announced a latecomer bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Five years ago: President Clinton directed the release of 30 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, the government's emergency stockpile. Kraft Foods recalled all taco shells sold nationwide in supermarkets under the Taco Bell brand after tests confirmed they were made with StarLink, a genetically engineered corn not approved for human consumption.



Exciting cyber activities and blogging

Have you ever wanted to be mayor? While you may not have the opportunity in a REAL community, the Internet will give you the job with only a few clicks of your mouse.

But first, we have to define some terms. The Press has thrown out phrases like "online community," and "web community" so much, as to make them cliché. When I use the terms, I'm usually referring to online message boards, mailing lists, chat rooms and blogging. After all, these are the primary "social" tools of the Internet.

If you've been reading my columns for very long, you'll remember that I covered chat rooms in great detail a while back. For that reason, I will focus this column on message boards, mailing lists and blogs. If you missed the chat room column, read it (and any of my previous columns) at my website, ericspellmann.com.

Message Boards are exactly what they sound

like. Think of them as "public e-mail." You simply type a message and "post" it to the website. Anyone can read the message, and anyone can reply to it. Their reply is tacked on to your message so that everyone can follow the conversation.

To throw some more terminology at you, we usually don't call a group of messages a conversation. We refer to them as "threads." By following the thread (a message and all of its replies), you can easily track "who said what."

Think of it as a party conversation. People tend to "group up" with others at parties. Conversations start, and different participants in the group give their "two cents." A message board simply documents that exchange. In fact, some message board threads have taken months to complete.

My favorite example of a successful message board is located at Google (<http://groups.google.com>). This site is a large collection of special interest groups. Poke around until you find an interesting subject and then dive in. You can easily post a new message or reply to the thousands that already

exist. You'll discover hundreds of people talking about your favorite topics!

Mailing lists are another option in setting up an online community. The advantage of this tool is its proactive nature. Let's say you have a group of 20 people, located all over the world, that share your interest in "lint collecting." You create a mailing list that contains their e-mail addresses.

When you (or any of your friends) send e-mail to the list address, it automatically goes to EVERYONE on the list. Since all of these mes-

sages are sent via e-mail, you are guaranteed a quicker response than with a message board. Remember, users actually have to VISIT a message board to read and participate. E-mail is more proactive.

My favorite site for finding and creating mailing lists is Topica (<http://topica.com>). You can create a mailing list on any topic. Your friends can subscribe (add their e-mail addresses to your list) and unsubscribe without you having to lift a finger. This feature becomes very useful once your list grows above 1,000 users!

Blogging is a raging phenomenon. The word, itself, is short for "Web Log," and basically represents a virtual diary. A "blog" is a series of messages left by an author for anyone to read on a website. As this activity takes off, new variations are starting to appear, including multiple-author blogs. To set up your own free blog and see

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Eric Spellmann
Columnist



Hurricane Katrina, Act II — Starring George Bush

Politicians in Washington are often like motorists who drive only by consulting their rearview mirrors and never look out of their windshields to see what is going on right now.

Our national political/journalistic complex is obsessed with blaming President Bush for failing to respond quickly to the devastation wrought by Hurricane Katrina. After weeks of media pounding and casualty figures that were, apparently, wildly and widely exaggerated, polls suggest that the public has

no choice but to agree with the critique.

The CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll of Sept. 8-11 shows that only 44 percent of Americans approve of the job Bush did immediately after the storm. But so what? The same survey shows that 58 percent approve of the work he has done since then in helping New Orleans and the Gulf Coast to recover from

the effects of the disaster.

The low job approval of Bush's efforts in the week after the storm will fade into history and take its place alongside similar criticism of his slowness to act after the planes hit on Sept. 11 or after the tsunami struck late last year. What counts for the future is that the ratings on his recent performance are 20 points higher than his overall job

approval.

This positive affirmation of the president's role in the past few weeks is the leading indicator Washington should be following. While all current polls show Bush falling three or four points in job approval to the lowest of his administration, these surveys reflect neither the increasingly positive view of the president's disaster-relief efforts nor the bounce that he always gets when we are reminded of the horrendous attacks of Sept. 11 on its grim anniversary.



Dick Morris
Columnist

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system, because I think that is what they envisioned. And I certainly don't think they would think the Supreme Court would be more powerful than the president. But probably the greatest surprise would be the president's power in relationship to Congress, because most likely they would have envisioned that Congress would have ended up being the most powerful branch. The Framers were certainly leery of returning to an aristocracy, which is exactly what they had fought a revolution to get rid of. So I think they would have been wary of presidents gathering up too much power for themselves, certainly at the expenses of other branches of government.

Q: What should we average, non-law professor citizens know — at a minimum — about the Constitution's role and its importance to preserving our freedoms?

A: One of the most important things that I saw in law practice and that you see even in these debates over the Supreme Court confirmation processes is that you can't use the Constitution as a political ball to kick around and use for politi-

cal purposes. It applies to everyone, and everyone gets to use it in the same way, whether you are poor or are the best lawyer in the state. You have to remember that this Constitution really is designed for everyone. In the abstract, it is easy to try to take it away from some people, but when you apply it to real cases that touch your life, all of a sudden you can see the great importance of why we have it.

Another thing — the Constitution is not something that is meant to be left to a thumbs-up or thumbs-down vote of a group of Americans at one time. In fact, it's designed to protect us from ourselves, primarily. Just because a majority of people at one time may say blacks shouldn't go to school with whites, that doesn't mean that is what the Constitution tells us.

The most important thing, I guess, is that the Constitution is supposed to last for a long period. It's lasted for 218 years and to get us to another 218 years, it has to be treated with respect. We can not allow ourselves to start taking USAToday polls on every issue and think that should trump the Constitution.

—Bill Steigerwald is a columnist at the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

Constitution Week



In honor of the Constitution of the United States, Wilson Elementary recently held an assembly. It was headed by music teacher Francene Owens who led the students in "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Third and fifth graders performed "50 Nifty United States." Angela Hicks and Angie Hoover presented a PowerPoint presentation. Above, left-right: Showing their red/white/blue patriotism are Tyler Woodward, Savannah Channey, Dhruv Ramesh, Meagan Martinez, McKinli Thomas and Principal Tanya Larkin.

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Democrats, such as Sen. Hillary Clinton (D-N.Y.), who are assuming a harsh critical role in attacking the administration are making a huge mistake. They are presenting an image of partisanship and rancor at a time when the nation wants its political leaders to spread healing balm and work together on reconstruction.

The stories of the rapidity with which the Federal Emergency Management Agency is bringing in mobile homes and building temporary housing, the bonding that seems to be happening between refugees and their new communities, the record outpouring of charitable giving — greater even than after Sept. 11 or the tsunami — all attest to the national mood. If there is one time

voters will be impatient with critics and those who they feel are raking over the past to score political points, it is now.

That is not to say that voters will not demand a fair, impartial and thorough review of what went wrong in the relief efforts and of why hospital patients died awaiting evacuation. They will be particularly interested in why federal money that should have gone to strengthening the levees went to other pork-barrel projects that Louisiana's senators wanted to be funded instead. The Sept. 11 commission model should be followed to be certain we get the whole picture.

But now Americans want us to face the need not just to recover from the storm but to deal with the underlying poverty it exposed. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice put it best when she said that the storm-devastated areas should not be rebuilt the way they were when the storm hit. Rather, she said that "maybe now on the heels

of New Orleans" we could "deal with the problem of persistent poverty."

Michael Harrington, in his book "The Other America," awakened our national consciousness to the "invisible poor" who live in our cities. Katrina has blown away the veil that kept them from sight and put their plight on all of our television screens. So now we have an opportunity and an obligation to remedy it.

In this task of relief, recovery and reconstruction, Bush has a job that will occupy most of his second term and will lend it a theme and a grandeur that Sept. 11 imparted to his first four years in office.

Bush is a conservative who doesn't believe government should do a lot. But two things he does think it should do are protect us against foreign foes and shelter us from the forces of nature. And now he has both on his plate.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Events calendar

• **Amarillo Museum of Art** has scheduled a "Free Family Festival" from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors will enjoy art activities, music, films, a print press demonstration and a gallery hunt — all inspired by artist Jasper Johns. Refreshments will be provided. The event is being held in conjunction with the exhibition "Jasper Johns: Prints." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **The deadline to sign-**

up for a women's fall retreat at First Baptist Church of Pampa is Monday. For more information, call 669-1155 or 669-0148.

• **The deadline to register for "Daily Living with Parkinson's Disease"** is Monday. The symposium, an annual event, will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a \$7 fee. For more information about the symposium, contact Amarillo Area Parkinson's Symposium at 1-800-687-5498.

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some examples, check out Blogger (<http://www.blogger.com>).

Play Mayor

Maybe you've read this entire column and are thinking to yourself, "Hm... I'm not really into creating a REAL virtual community." Well, fire up your browser and go to SimCity (<http://simcity.com>).

Maxis, a great gaming software company, developed a game called, SimCity. This software title allows you to graphically build a city, complete with houses, factories, retail outlets and power plants. As mayor, you make command decisions about highway construction, traffic and smog. Based on these decisions your city thrives or fails. It is loads of fun.

Well, the game evolved many times into its current version, SimCity 4. However, the old "classic" SimCity was turned into a GREAT web game. To check it out, click on "Play" in the left-hand column of their homepage. Fill out the free and easy registration form and start playing!

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Document on gay priests due this year

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Vatican document will be released in the coming weeks that reaffirms the Catholic Church's belief that homosexuals shouldn't be ordained priests, a Vatican official said Thursday.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the document has not been released, said the "instruction" from the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education would contain "some new things and some old things" and

can remain celibate.

A Feb. 2, 1961, Vatican document, "Instruction on the Careful Selection and Training of Candidates for the States of Perfection and Sacred Orders," made clear homosexuals should be barred from the priesthood.

"(Advancement) to religious vows and ordination should be barred to those who are afflicted with evil tendencies to homosexuality or pederasty, since for them the common life and the priestly ministry would constitute serious dangers," said the document from the then-Vatican's congregation for religious.

A 1997 letter from the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments says "admission may not take place if there exists a prudent doubt regarding the candidate's suitability." It does not specify that homosexuality constitutes a "prudent doubt," but an American official at

the Vatican, the Rev. Andrew Baker, has suggested in an article in the Jesuit magazine America that it does.

In 2002, Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez, then-prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, advised against allowing gays in the priesthood in a letter that was published in the congregation's publication Notitiae.

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would be released well before the end of the year.

That timeframe means the document will be released just as a Vatican-mandated evaluation of all U.S. seminaries, ordered in the wake of the U.S. clergy sex abuse scandal, gets under way.

Several Vatican documents and letters over the years have said gays or men with homosexual tendencies should not be ordained, regardless of whether they

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Organizers gearing up for All Star pageant

BORGER — An area All Star Boys & Girls Pageant is being organized for Oct. 15 in Borger.

The pageant will be divided into several categories. Children 0-47 months may participate in the Star Beau or Babe Pageant. These children must be presented by an adult. Sunday best wear is recommended.

The winner of each division will receive a trophy and crown/medal. First and second alternates will receive a trophy.

Other categories include playwear, beautiful babe/beau, photogenic and chaperone/baby presentation and special event.

The overall winner will go to the baby with the highest points. The winner will receive a 4-inch trophy or savings bond and a banner.

Age divisions are 0-11 months, 12-23 months, 24-35 months and 38-47 months. All winners will be eligible for the national competition in Dallas.

Competitors 4-18 and up will vie for number one in the following areas of

competition: Casual wear, interview and Sunday best/formal wear. During the interview phase of the program, judges will select the most pretty and the most handsome.

Model of the day will be chosen during the on-stage presentation from each age division.

A separate talent competition will be open to boys and girls who wish to enter. Age divisions for this competition are 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 16-18 and up. Each contestant will be given three minutes to perform. Winners will receive trophies, a crown/medal and their entry paid to national competitions. First and second alternates will receive trophies.

Ages 0-18 and up are invited to bring a special photo, no larger than 8 x 10, color or black-and-white, to be judged. A winner for this contest will be chosen as well.

The All Star overall winner — to receive a trophy or Savings Bond and banner — will be determined by number of points. For more information on the upcoming pageant, call (866) 319-7827.

EU adopts harsher tone in regards to Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The European Union on Thursday offered to delay its drive to bring Iran before the U.N. Security Council for its suspect atomic activities if Russia and China will agree to a new resolution that criticizes Tehran for violating nuclear commitments.

If an agreement is not reached the EU, backed by the United States, planned to force a vote on the tougher resolution.

The new U.S.-backed European offer was contained in a text threatening Tehran only with referral to the Security Council at a later date.

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Neither version mentions sanctions, in recognition that veto-wielding Security Council members Russia and China were opposed.

Diplomats familiar with the West's strategy said the Europeans were keeping both options alive, urging the more than a dozen board members opposed to referral to accept the toned-down version or face the prospect of having the board vote on the earlier hard-line text.

The diplomats spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

While not directly asking for Security Council referral, the new text finds Iran in noncompliance of commitments to the IAEA that would normally warrant such action.

And it holds out the threat of future referral, saying that the next board meeting "will address the timing and content" of a new IAEA report on Iran's nuclear activities to see if it gives reason to decide that Iran is still violating agency rules that mandate hauling it before the council.

The earlier draft requests directly that IAEA head Mohamed ElBaradei report to the Security Council "Iran's many failures and breaches of its obligations to comply" with the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty.

The draft also asks the council to expand IAEA inspection powers in Iran and to request that Tehran resume a recently broken freeze on activities linked to uranium enrichment.

A senior diplomat from a nonaligned country opposed to referral said the new draft also would likely be unacceptable to a large majority of those opposing the earlier version because it would ask the board to accept that Iran is in noncompliance of its IAEA obligations.

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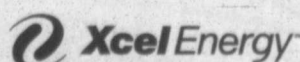


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Budding fisherman



Dawson Taylor, 2-year-old grandson of Tess Morris and Eddie Joe and Sherry Roberts of Lefors, apparently lost a shoe "fishing" on Williston recently.

Reverse mortgages: Putting your money where your home is ...

By LINDA ANDERSON
Texas A&M News

COLLEGE STATION — A reverse mortgage is a series of payments made to the homeowner against the value of his or her home. Basically, a reverse mortgage pays the homeowner money based on the value of the home, said an expert from Texas Cooperative Extension.

Wait! Does this mean a reverse mortgage is payment made to the homeowner instead of a payment the homeowner makes? And he or she doesn't even have to pack and move? Why aren't more people taking out reverse mortgages?

Not so fast, said Nancy Granovsky, Extension family economics specialist.

For one thing, reverse mortgages are fairly new in Texas and aren't available for every homeowner, she said.

"You can't get one until you are 62," she said.

The idea is to provide another source of money for older people who may need more current income, Granovsky said.

"A reverse mortgage is a return of money to you," Granovsky said. "Instead of making mortgage payments, you will receive payments based on the value of your equity."

Even with a reverse mortgage, homeowners pay the taxes and insurance on the property, she added.

"In a sense, you are selling your house back to the mortgage company and still maintaining your right to live in it."

'For some people it makes good economic sense, but it seems to me it will be an issue of people wanting to leave property to their children. They may have less to pass on if they have already received the reverse mortgage payment themselves.'

— Nancy Granovsky
Extension family economics specialist

According to information from AARP's Web site, homeowners who take out reverse mortgages can choose from four different payment methods: lump sum, monthly cash

advances, credit line accounts or a combination of the three.

AARP also listed the two major ways reverse mortgages differ from regular mortgages: no need for a qualifying income and no monthly payments.

For more information visit the Web at <http://www.aarp.org/money/revmort/> and click on the appropriate links.

But not every homeowner who qualifies will benefit from reverse mortgage.

"People who are going to the most out of it will be those with significant equity in their homes," Granovsky said.

Homeowners who want to bequeath their property should remember the inheritance won't be necessarily debt-free if a mortgage balance remains at the time of transfer, she said.

"For some people it makes good economic sense, but it seems to me it will be an issue of people wanting to leave property to their children," Granovsky said. "They may have less to pass on if they have already received the reverse mortgage payment themselves."

For more information on financial issues, visit Extension's Family and Consumer Sciences Web site at <http://fcs.tamu.edu/> and click on the link to Money.

'A Current Affair' out, Geraldo Rivera in ...

LOS ANGELES AP) — The recycled news magazine "A Current Affair," which ran for a decade its first time around, has been canceled less than eight months after returning to the air.

The Twentieth Television series, which launched in March with host Tim Green, will be replaced by "Geraldo at Large," a half-hour news show with Fox News Channel's Geraldo Rivera. It's also from Twentieth, a Fox TV unit.

"A Current Affair" will air through October. Rivera's show will take over its time slots on Fox owned-and-operated stations in November.

"We are very proud of the effort put forth into 'A Current Affair,' which displayed some exceptional work but has not resonated with audiences in the larger markets as well

as we would have liked," Bob Cook, Twentieth's president and chief operating officer, said in a statement Wednesday.

The syndicated series first aired from 1986 to 1996 with Maury Povich and Maureen O'Boyle serving as anchors. The new show debuted last March with Green, a former NFL player, author and Fox Sports commentator.

"A Current Affair" reported on many entertainment, crime and gossip stories during its 10 years on the air. Before the new version launched, Green said it would "look more like it did at its inception," meaning less scandal.

"I heard people describe it as an everyman's '60 Minutes,'" Green told The Associated Press in January.

Delta plans to cut jobs

ATLANTA (AP) — Delta Air Lines Inc. said Thursday it will cut up to 9,000 jobs, or 17 percent of the work force at its flagship service, and reduce pay and make changes to its route network to focus more on international flying as it moves swiftly to restructure its costs in bankruptcy.

The changes are part of the nation's third biggest carrier's effort to save an additional \$3 billion annually by the end of 2007. That's on top of \$5 billion Delta had previously said it wanted to save by the end of 2006.

'The only thing that surprised me is that they did it so quickly.'

— Ray Neidl
Airline analyst

The company's chief executive, Gerald Grinstein, will take a 25 percent pay cut and all other executives will take a 15 percent pay cut.

"The only thing that surprised me is that they did it so quickly," Ray Neidl, an airline analyst with Calyon Securities in New York, said of the changes. "It shows that they're determined to turn this airline around."

The 7,000 to 9,000 job cuts will come from the 52,000 people employed at Delta's flagship airline and not at any of its affiliated airlines, spokeswoman Chris Kelly said. They are on top of roughly 24,000 jobs that Delta has said it would shed since 2001, when the terrorist attacks sent the major airlines into a tailspin most of them have never recovered from.

Car strikes Vegas crowd

LAS VEGAS (AP) — A car plowed into pedestrians along the crowded Las Vegas Strip on Wednesday, killing one and injuring 13, authorities said. Police arrested the driver at the scene.

The car jumped the curb about 5:15 p.m. and drove into people walking in front of the Bally's and Paris hotel-casinos, officials said.

A 52-year-old man was pronounced dead at University Medical Center, a hospital spokeswoman said. Eight other people, all adults, were being treated at the hospital.

Five people were taken to Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center, where one man was in critical condition and two others were listed as serious, hospital spokeswoman Glenda McCartney said.

After striking the pedestrians, the burgundy Buick crashed into a wall and came to a stop in a landscaped area in front of Bally's.

The car's driver, Stephen Ressa, 27, of Rialto, Calif., was arrested at the scene by an off-duty officer who was at a nearby restaurant, authorities said. It wasn't clear if he was injured, and results of drug and alcohol tests were pending.

Police spokesman Jose Montoya said authorities were investigating whether the car with California license plates was stolen. Ressa was being held in jail.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago, my dad was diagnosed with a fatal degenerative disease. My parents moved down South because the warmer climate helps Dad's condition. Mom takes care of him, and every second of the day she's very stressed. My siblings and I live in the Northeast and don't get to see them as often as we'd like. A year before Dad got sick, my parents seemed to go through a positive mid-life crisis. They lost weight, found new friends, partied every night. They rarely saw us or talked with us because they were busy. They seemed to be enjoying the next stage of their life together. If I complained, they said they were "having a life now" because raising kids had taken all their time. My brother recently confided to me my parents were sowing their wild oats then because Dad knew he was getting sick. He knew he was on borrowed time and he'd have to sell his business and give up driving. He told no one but Mother. I am extremely upset with my parents. While they were going out every night, we could have shared some time with him before it was too late. Although I cry every time I see Dad, I feel I maybe don't have as much sympathy as I should. Knowing he kept a secret like that has altered our relationship. When Mom calls and complains that she has no life and has to do everything by herself, I want to say she did it to herself. My siblings and I are not selfish. We would have done everything for our father. Please tell me if I'm being overly emotional. Didn't I have the right to know? Am I entitled to be angry, or should I let it go? -- **CONFUSED DAUGHTER IN PHILLY**

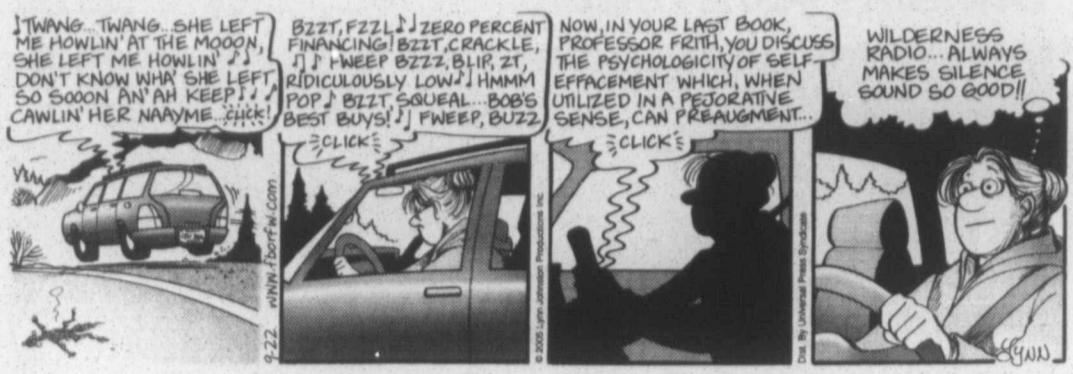
DEAR CONFUSED: No one -- and I mean no one -- knows how he or she will react to the kind of diagnosis your father received. He and your mother chose to cram as much "celebration" as they could

into the good time he had left. I can't judge his decision, and for your own sake, neither should you. Yes, it might have been better had you been told. But you would have naturally become upset, and your Dad wanted gaiety and no reminders of what was coming. That was his choice, and he shouldn't be punished for it. Consider this: The "good time" is the time your father has left. Please don't waste another second of it dwelling on something that can't be changed.

DEAR ABBY: I'm not sure how to handle this. My across-the-street neighbor, "Joe," watches adult-rated movies at least twice a week. He turns the volume up so loud I can hear the moans and suggestive dialogue well into the wee hours of the morning. (Last night it went on until about 2:30 a.m.) The family who lives next door to Joe has two daughters, 12 and 14 years old. I'm not sure if they can hear those movies as I do, but our houses are all on very small lots. It's disturbing to think that they do. The last thing I want to do is knock on Joe's door mid-movie, but this is getting ridiculous. I'm not sure what the other neighbors think -- it's too embarrassing to mention. Please tell me what to do. -- **EMBARRASSED IN CONNECTICUT**

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Write your neighbor a polite letter: "Perhaps you are not aware that the sound of your late-night entertainment travels across the street. Because minor children live so close by, won't you please close your windows and/or turn the volume down? Thank you, Your neighbor." If that doesn't do the trick, notify the police and let them handle the matter, because your neighbor is "disturbing the peace" -- yours.

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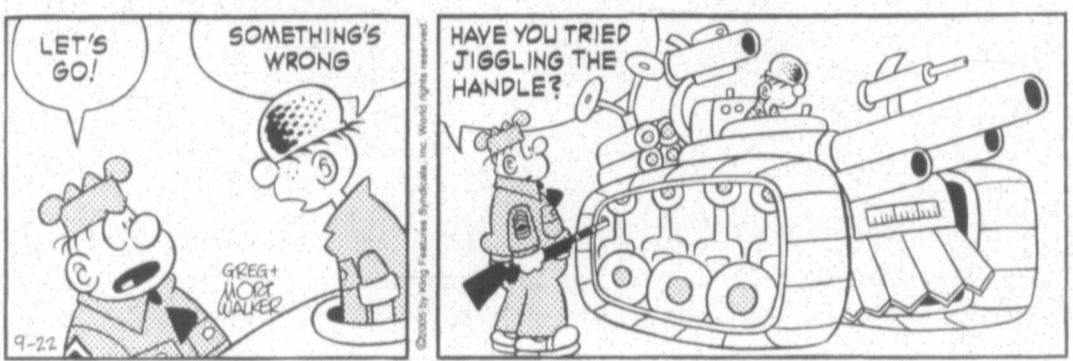
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Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Rigging support
- 5 Refrain bit
- 10 "Be quiet!"
- 12 Misanthrope
- 13 1973 loser to King
- 14 Playful event
- 15 Epoch
- 16 Bellicose
- 18 Attorney
- 20 Bemoan
- 21 Works of beauty
- 23 Stray
- 24 Pound hound
- 26 Created
- 28 Storage spot
- 29 Exchange
- 31 "Not — dare!"
- 32 Late bloomers
- 36 Sentimental
- 39 Moving-day sight
- 40 Stock marker
- 41 City on the Mohawk
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- 44 "Great" czar

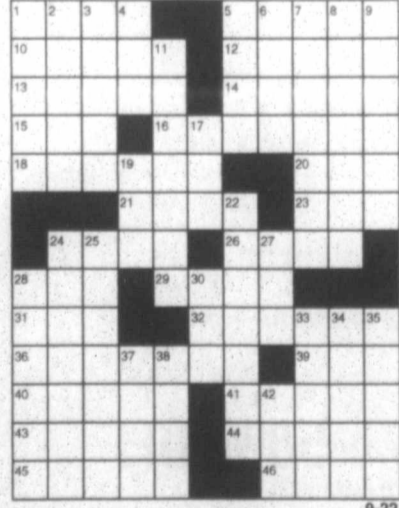
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- 1 "Beat it!"
- 2 Baseball's Satchel
- 3 Brat's opposite
- 4 Outfit
- 5 January mishap
- 6 Put in order
- 7 Not nude
- 8 See 21-Across
- 9 One with a bow
- 11 Concert souvenirs
- 17 Leaf lifter
- 19 Tub
- 22 Freeway car
- 24 Mosque of a tower
- 25 Oblivious
- 27 Gifted hunt
- 28 Fancy date
- 30 Used to be
- 33 "Don't Cry for Me"
- 34 Daytona car
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- 38 March date
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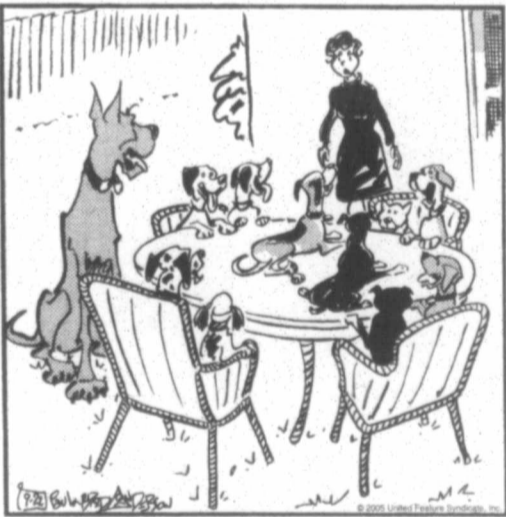


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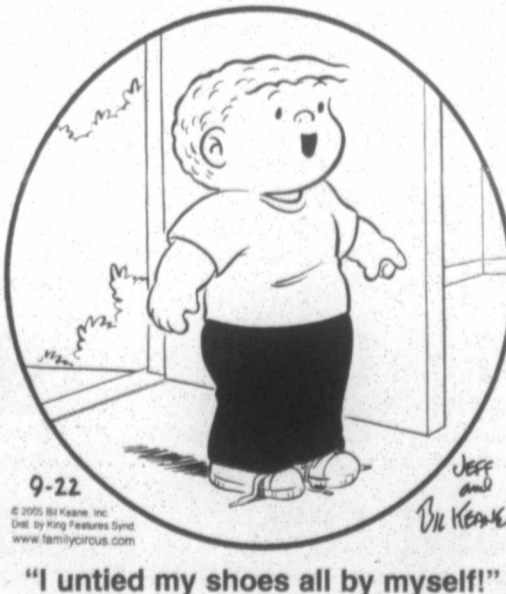


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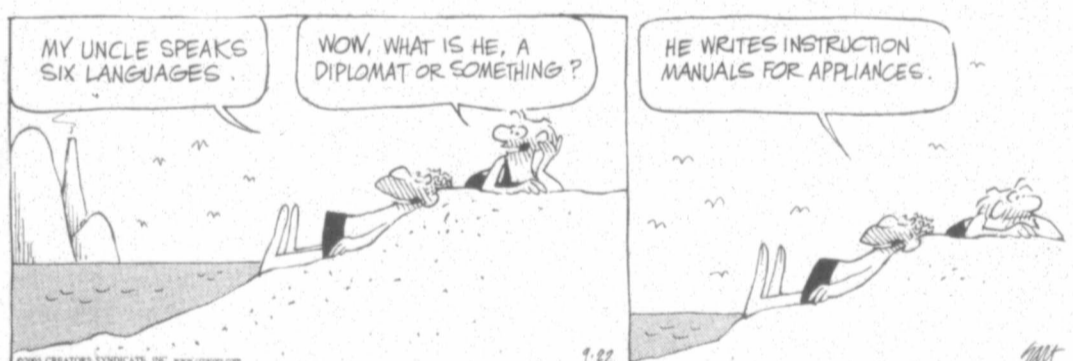


The Family Circus

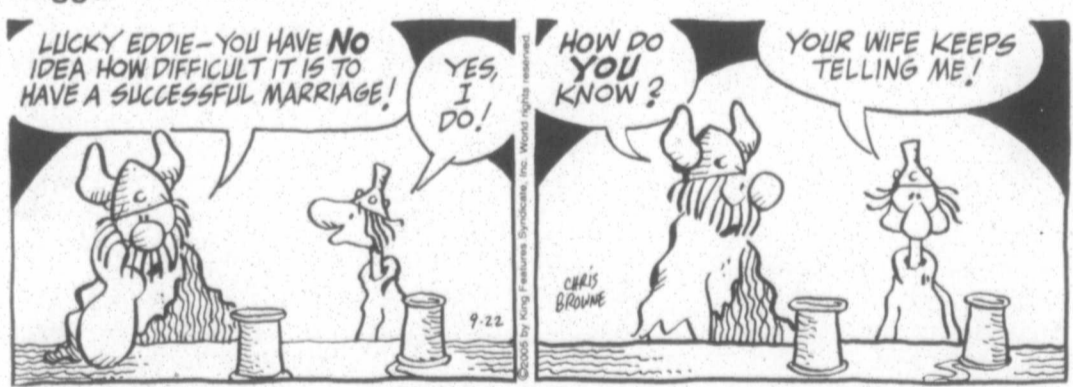
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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Haggar The Horrible



Peanuts



Flo & Friends



Blondie



Sports Day

PHOTO FAUX PAS

What's this button for?

Robby Gordon's slip-of-the-tongue cost him a few bucks, some points and maybe more. However, it also describes the afternoon that haunted me Tuesday.

Cue violins.

Upon arriving back in Amarillo, and within a few blocks from my home, I found myself behind an older couple in a small SUV. A couple that apparently thought I was going a bit too fast and decided to take it upon themselves to regulate my pace. I was doing 30 in a 40 mile per hour zone. As we approached an intersection, our flow of traffic had just received the green light. They entered at 10 miles per hour. With traffic to my right and a car on my bumper, to put on my brakes would have meant calls to insurance companies.

Michael J. Stevens
Sports Editor



I was forced into the center turn lane. As I passed the couple, they were laughing and waving at me. My blood boiling, I sped off (yes, sped), devising the best scheme of retaliation. None of them were legal or humane, so I opted to head for the crib.

As soon as I pulled into the driveway, I could see the mail carrier had not picked up our outgoing mail. This makes five times in just two weeks this has happened. We have a new carrier. I don't know what happened to the two ladies that had been bringing my bills for the past few years. By coincidence, I noticed that on the days she didn't take our mail, we didn't get any either. This too is odd as we generally receive deliveries daily. I called the post office to inquire why this was happening. I wound up at some USPS call center where it was explained to me that, unless we were receiving a delivery, the mail carrier is not obligated to pick up the outgoing mail. Being the antagonist I am, I asked why it was then that she (new mail carrier) walked across my yard daily, passing within inches of my mailbox, and yet, unless she finds need to lift the lid and insert my mail, doesn't seem to possess strength enough to reach out and simply grab my outgoing mail. At this point the voice on the other end of the line began searching for that polite but clear, "Your concern has been noted, thank you for calling, good-bye." I beat her to it.

But these pale in comparison to what happened later that afternoon. I was at Randall High School in Canyon to shoot some pictures. Both the Pampa High School tennis and volleyball teams were there to open their district schedules. As I waddled around the tennis courts, I got some fantastic shots. A few of them were 'money shots'. I was excited because as I went about my business, a few parents (which there were only a few there anyway) and some of the players thanked me for being there and commented how they were looking forward to seeing the pictures in the paper. Heck, I was too.

After getting what I needed, I made my way to the Raider gym to get ready for volleyball. As I sat at a table in the commissary, I decided to change batteries. After doing so, I then set the camera settings to give me the best chance of at least one or two Lady Harvester pictures. It is almost impossible to shoot volleyball with this camera. After getting the camera set, I snapped a test picture and viewed it. Satisfied with how it looked, I deleted it, and every other picture on that disc. I couldn't stop it. It just kept deleting them until finally, "No images" appeared. I became Robby Gordon. Oh yeah, more than once. Upset, I left everything on the table, got up and walked away. I was Robby Gordon in the men's room. I was Robby Gordon outside. I was Robby Gordon in my mind, over and over again.

Then I thought, "Hey, I'll run back over to the courts and snap a few while I still have some sunlight. OK, you've seen me. I don't 'run' anywhere. I did go back to the courts only to see everyone getting on the bus. Oh no, Robby Gordon.

So, in an effort to make up for the shots I lost, I thought I would describe them to you. I had one of Mycah Vinson, who was partnered with Lacie Long, as she served. It was a great shot of her with her opponent across the net with a look of, "Oh great, here it comes" on her face. There was another of both Pampa players congratulating each other following a point. Man, they were cool.

Got a shot of Steven Smith and Jareth Fortenberry strategizing during their doubles match while their Raider opponents looked on.

But the coolest one of all was a Haley Acker serve that came right at me. Even the Randall player looked at me like, "Did you get that one?" Sure did. I shot it in succession. You could see the ball coming off Haley's racket, over the net and right at my lens. It was probably the most awesome shot I have ever taken. I was completely prepared to brag about it.

My apologies to the Harvester tennis guys and girls who deserve much more than I was able to give them this week.

Final thought

If the mail carrier is not obligated to pick up outgoing mail, why do mailboxes come with the red flag?

Lady Harvester



Junior Jackye Barber waits at the net for a Randall serve Tuesday. The Lady Harvesters started the District 3-4A schedule with a tough road loss to the Lady Raiders. Pampa travels to Hereford to take on the Lady Whitefaces Saturday.

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PHS tennis matches moved

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

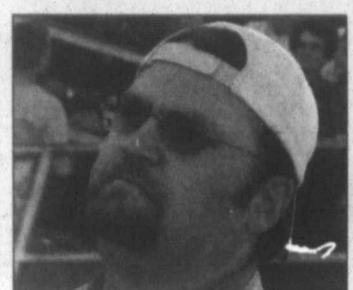
Due to the Pampa High School tennis court upgrading project, Saturday's tennis meeting with Hereford has been changed. Originally scheduled has a home meeting, those matches will be played in Hereford.

The PHS tennis court project is nearing completion and should allow for home matches shortly.

Pampa is coming off a unusual meeting at Randall Tuesday. Matches began at Randall, but a lack of lighting forced the teams to move to two other locations before deciding a winner. Pampa finally defeated Randall, 10-9 and is now 1-0 in District 3-4A.

Fantastic Five Football Picks

Week 4 Games



Michael J. Stevens
Last Week: 12-8-0 (2)



Sean Smith
Last Week: 12-8-0 (2)

- New England @ Pittsburgh
- Kansas City @ Denver
- New Orleans @ Minnesota
- Carolina @ Miami
- Tennessee @ St. Louis
- Colorado @ Miami
- Penn State @ Northwestern
- Arizona State @ Oregon State
- Notre Dame @ Washington
- Air Force @ Utah
- California @ N.M. State
- Iowa @ Ohio State
- Arkansas @ Alabama
- Florida @ Kentucky
- Tx. A&M Kingsville @ WTAMU
- Lubbock High @ Palo Duro
- Plainview @ Hereford
- Perryton @ Caprock
- Randall @ Frenship
- Dumas @ Lubbock Estacado

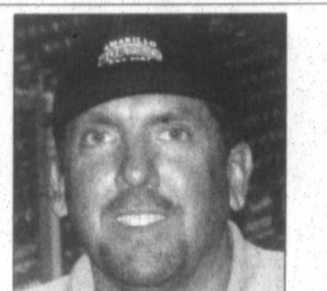
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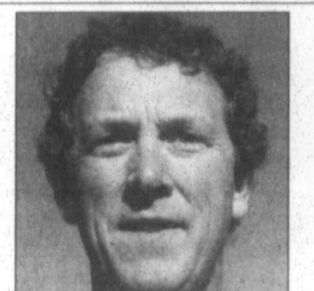
Donny Hooper
Last Week: 12-8-0 (2)

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- Kansas City
- New Orleans
- Carolina
- Tennessee
- Miami
- Northwestern
- Arizona State
- Notre Dame
- Utah
- California
- Ohio State
- Alabama
- Florida
- Texas A&M Kingsville
- Palo Duro
- Plainview
- Perryton
- Frenship
- Lubbock Estacado



Ray Boring
Last Week: 13-7-0 (1)

- Pittsburgh
- Kansas City
- New Orleans
- Miami
- Tennessee
- Miami
- Penn State
- Arizona State
- Notre Dame
- Utah
- California
- Ohio State
- Alabama
- Florida
- Texas A&M Kingsville
- Palo Duro
- Plainview
- Perryton
- Friendship
- Dumas



Shane Stokes
Last Week: 10-10-0 (3)

- Pittsburgh
- Kansas City
- Minnesota
- Carolina
- St. Louis
- Miami
- Penn State
- Arizona State
- Notre Dame
- Utah
- California
- Ohio State
- Alabama
- Florida
- WTAMU
- Palo Duro
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- Lubbock Estacado

Cumulative Totals: After three weeks, Hooper 43-17, Boring 41-19, Stokes 37-23, Smith 36-24, Stevens 35-25.

Annual Hole-In-One Shootout Saturday

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

The PHS choir will hold its annual Hole-In-One Shootout this weekend with the preliminary round set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Pampa Junior High School. The finals will be held Sunday, 4 p.m., at Hidden Hills Golf Course. The format Saturday is a 125-yard closest-to-the-pin contest. Cash prizes will be awarded to the top 10 finishers, who will also advance to Sunday's finals and a chance to win \$20,000.

Entry fee is \$5 for the first three shots, \$1 per shot thereafter. Proceeds will help pay for the choir's annual spring trip. Tickets for the shootout can be purchased from any PHS Choir member, or at the event Saturday.



Pampa News photos by **MARILYN POWERS**

Pampa High School choir members **Nick Robbins** (left to right), **Katie Holmes**, **Ben Gibson**, **Whitney Morris** and **Dusty Joiner**, strike a pose for the camera recently. They, along with other choir members, are selling tickets to this weekend's Hole-In-One Shootout to help raise funds for the choir's annual spring trip.

Game times set for Saints home games

NEW YORK (AP) — The NFL set kickoff times for the New Orleans Saints' remaining seven home games, all but one to be played on Sunday afternoons. The Saints will play Buffalo on Oct. 2 and Atlanta on Oct. 16 at 1 p.m. EDT in the Alamodome in San Antonio. The other Alamodome game will be on Saturday,

Dec. 24 at 1 p.m. EST against Detroit. Games at Baton Rouge, La., will be Oct. 30 vs. Miami and Nov. 6 vs. Chicago, both with 4:05 p.m. Eastern time kickoffs, while games on Dec. 4 against Tampa Bay and Dec. 18 against Carolina will begin at 1 p.m. EST.

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Loe leaves game after being hit in head with line drive

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Texas Rangers starter Kameron Loe left Wednesday night's game against the Los Angeles Angels in the fourth inning after being hit in the head by Vladimir Guerrero's line drive.

A preliminary exam of Loe in the Rangers' clubhouse showed nothing wrong, and a CT scan taken at a hospital also revealed no problems.

"It's swollen a little bit right now and a little bit tender, but I wouldn't even say I'm hurt," Loe said after the game.

He instinctively crouched and put up his glove to shield his face, but the ball hit him in the head and caromed to shortstop Michael Young, who caught it on the fly.

"I might have turned my head just a little bit, but it was in the shortstop's glove before I even knew it," Loe said. "That was one of the first things I asked. When they came out, I was like, 'We got the out,

right?'"

Loe stood up right away and catcher Rod Barajas rushed out to him. The 24-year-old right-hander talked to his teammates and a trainer gathered on the mound before walking off on his own.

He called his mother sitting in the stands to let her know he was fine, but Loe couldn't convince manager Buck Showalter to leave him in.

"He had a little swelling starting there and that was a concern, but there wasn't anything he could say to stay in," Showalter said. "We'll monitor him real closely, but I think we may have gotten real lucky. It gives you a reminder of what it takes to go out there. You're so close, and balls are flying off the bat."

Loe gave up one run and two hits in 3 1-3 innings, struck out one and walked none.

He was replaced by Josh Rupe. The Rangers lost 6-5.

Rita reschedules Texas State-Texas A&M game

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Texas A&M's bye week came early this season and the Aggies didn't want another one.

So instead of taking the chance that Saturday's game against Texas State would be canceled because of Hurricane Rita, university officials moved the game ahead to Thursday night.

"We need to play," Texas A&M coach Dennis Franchione said. "We don't need to play a game, take a week off, play a game, take another week off. That's not a very good schedule for us."

Texas A&M (1-1) opened at Clemson, then had a bye week before hosting SMU on Saturday.

The game will be played at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and will be televised on Fox Sports Net.

The Aggies wanted to get one last tuneup in before opening Big 12 Conference play on Oct. 1 against Baylor.

"We have spent last couple of days reviewing many options about playing this football game," Texas A&M athletic director Bill Byrne said in a statement. "Our first objective was the safety of our student-athletes, staff and fans, while still being able to contribute to the community efforts relating to Hurricane Rita."

Texas A&M President Robert Gates said fans not living in the College Station area

should not try to attend the game because no hotels will be available.

Texas State, who will board a bus on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. for the trip to College Station, is also excited that the game wasn't canceled.

"Our guys have been working since December to get ready for those 11 opportunities (to play)," Texas State coach David Bailiff said. "We don't want to miss one. We're excited that we get to play A&M."

The Aggies, who beat SMU 66-8 on Saturday, will meet I-AA Texas State (2-0) for only the second time. The last time the two schools met was in 1919 when Texas State was called San Marcos Teachers College and the Aggies beat them 28-0 en route to an undefeated season.

Texas A&M quarterback Reggie McNeal is coming off the best statistical game of his career. He set a school record with 449 total yards, throwing for 349 yards and running for 100.

The senior also threw five touchdown passes and ran for another. His performance earned him Big 12 Player of the Week honors.

As good as the outing was, Franchione said there were a "couple of plays" where he could have done better.

McNeal agreed and said he is never satisfied and hopes to improve each week.

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WHITE Deer ISD is accepting applications for a second grade teacher. Submit resume's w/references to Mr. Jeff Nicklas, Elementary Principal, P.O. Box 37, White Deer, Tx 79097. Contact Jeff Nicklas, 806-883-2311, Ext. 201 or Email: jeff.nicklas@region16.net. Position will be opened until filled. For applications, 806-883-2311, Ext. 100 or 101. White Deer ISD is an equal opportunity employer.

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21 Help Wanted

WANTED: Full-Time General Laborer at West Texas Landscape. Landscaping & Horticultural background preferred but not necessary. Apply in person at 120 S. Hobart. No Phone Calls Please.

YARD Manager. Involves heavy lifting & delivery. Sales exp a plus. White House Lumber.

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WES TEXAS IDOL

Who will open for Big & Rich?

Judges pick four — one more finalist than originally decided ...

CANYON — The competition was so stiff Monday night at West Texas A&M University that judges of the West Texas Idol contest settled on four finalists rather than the three they had anticipated.

That necessitates another minor change in plans: the finalists now will perform immediately following the WTAMU-Texas A&M - Kingsville football game (kickoff is at 6 p.m.) instead of at halftime Sept. 24 at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Then it's up to the voters, and everyone is eligible. Voting will begin after the post-game concert at www.wtamu.edu/idol and will continue through 12 p.m. Sept. 30.

Whoever wins will snare the inaugural title and perform at West Texas A&M University's homecoming concert featuring Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, Charlie Robison and Bobby Pinson at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5 at the First United Bank Center.

Voting will begin after the post-game concert at www.wtamu.edu/idol and will continue through 12 p.m. Sept. 30.

The finalists are:

—Clare Dunn, 19, a South Plains College sophomore from Two Buttes, Colo. who sang "I Heard It Through the Grapevine";

—Kayla Jenkins, 16, a junior at Canadian High School who sang "Why Haven't I Heard From You?";

—Payton Kane, 18, a senior at Wellington High School who sang "What's Forever For?";

—Paul Rogers, 20, a West Texas A&M University junior from Fort Worth who sang "It Had to Be You."

The contest started with 55 hopefuls at the open audition on Sept. 17.

Judges Andy Chase Cundiff, Bob Hanson and Luke Holder cut the field to 24, who performed in an open-to-the-public concert Sept. 19, and finally narrowed the list to four.

Organizers will tally the votes, all four finalists will be introduced at the homecoming concert but only one, the top vote-getter, will take the stage as the evening's opening act.

The winner will also get the opportunity to cut a CD single at Studio 66 and a performance video at the WTAMU broadcast facilities (Maroon Productions) and to make a guest appearance on the KWTS-91.1 FM Morning Show.

The West Texas Idol contest is sponsored by First United Bank, KWTS-91.1 FM, Studio 66 and West Texas A&M University.

More complete biographies of the contestants and video clips of the various West Texas Idol activities are available at <http://www.wtamu.edu/idol>.

Landscape donation



Pedro Arreola, owner and manager of A&T Yard Service, and Lupe Tamaya, an employee of the yard service, recently planted two pampas grass plants at Meals on Wheels in Pampa. Arreola donated the plants to the local Meals on Wheels.

DEA cracks down on Internet sites selling illegal medications

WASHINGTON (AP) — Drug enforcement agents said they arrested at least 18 people and halted prescription writing by dozens of doctors and a pharmacist in a crackdown Wednesday on illegal sales of medications over the Internet.

Thirteen arrests were made in Texas and five in Florida. The Drug Enforcement Administration suspended the registrations of 20 doctors and 22 Internet pharmacies in the U.S., including Puerto Rico, to stop them from writing or filling prescriptions.

Agents also shut down at least 4,600 Web sites the suspects controlled, and seized 2,400 checks and money orders written by individuals for \$200 each. They also seized seven luxury cars and boxes of cash that had not yet been counted in the year-long multi-agency investigation dubbed "Operation CYBERX."

They have started legal procedures to seize several homes belonging to those arrested, valued at about \$7.85 million.

"E-traffickers are just a modern way of saying drug dealers," DEA Administrator Karen Tandy said in a statement. The arrests were announced Wednesday in a news conference in Dallas.

The sting "puts out of business cyber criminals who were selling powerful narcotics without legitimate prescriptions to anyone with a computer and cash," Tandy said. "This operation makes more Americans aware that buying prescription drugs from these rogue Web sites is illegal and dangerous."

Those arrested largely operated Internet sites where orders were placed or handled.

Among the suspects were five people the DEA alleged were ringleaders. They were identified as Johar Saran of Arlington, Texas; Gaston Blanchet and Gil Lozano of Miami; S. Ted Solomon of Orlando and Steve Rosner of Boca Raton, Fla.

DEA alleged Saran operated 22 Internet "pharmacies" in the Dallas area, allowing him to order the controlled drugs in bulk without suspicion.

The agency also alleged Saran sold codeine cough syrup to local drug traffickers from the back of his warehouses and in one year bought more than 70,000 pints of the syrup, used by high school and college students.

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Ex-filipino general detained

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — A retired Philippine army general who served as an adviser to communist rebel negotiators was briefly detained in the United States for alleged links to terrorists, Filipino officials said today.

Raymundo Jarque was detained with his wife by immigration officers at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport in Texas after arriving from Manila on Tuesday, the Department of Foreign Affairs said in a statement, quoting Philippine Consul Marciano Paynor Jr.

Paynor, who is based in Los Angeles, reported that "Gen. Jarque and his wife were detained and denied entry to the U.S." due to his inclusion in the U.S. terrorist watch list for his prior affiliation with the National Democratic Front, the Marxist umbrella group representing the rebels in peace talks to end the 36-year insurgency in the Philippines.

The communist rebels are on Washington's list of foreign terrorist organizations, which aims to cut off the flow of funds to the rebels and restrict their foreign travel.

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