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## Roberts sails through, takes top seat on high court

WASHINGTON (AP) — John Glover Roberts Jr. won confirmation as the 17th chief justice of the United States today, overwhelmingly confirmed by the Senate to lead the Supreme Court through turbulent social issues for generations to come.

The Senate voted 78-22 to confirm Roberts — a 50-year-old U.S. Appeals judge from the Washington suburb of Chevy Chase, Md. — as the successor to the late William H. Rehnquist, who died earlier this

month. All of the Senate's majority Republicans, and about half of the Democrats, voted for Roberts.

Underscoring the rarity of a chief justice's confirmation, senators answered the roll by standing one by one at their desks as their names were called, instead of voting and leaving the chamber.

Roberts is the first new Supreme Court justice since 1994. Before becoming a federal judge, Roberts was one of the nation's best appellate lawyers, arguing 39 cases.

He won 25 of those cases.

Roberts watched the Senate vote on television from the White House's Roosevelt Room. He and his wife Jane, were then to have lunch with President Bush and first lady Laura Bush, followed by a swearing-in ceremony at the White House so he could take his seat in time for the new court session Monday.

Under Roberts, justices will tackle issues like assisted suicide, campaign finance law and abortion this

year, with questions about religion, same-sex marriage, the government's war on terrorism and human cloning looming in the future.

"With the confirmation of John Roberts, the Supreme Court will embark upon a new era in its history, the Roberts era," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., whose 55 GOP members unanimously voted for the multimillionaire judge. "And for many years to

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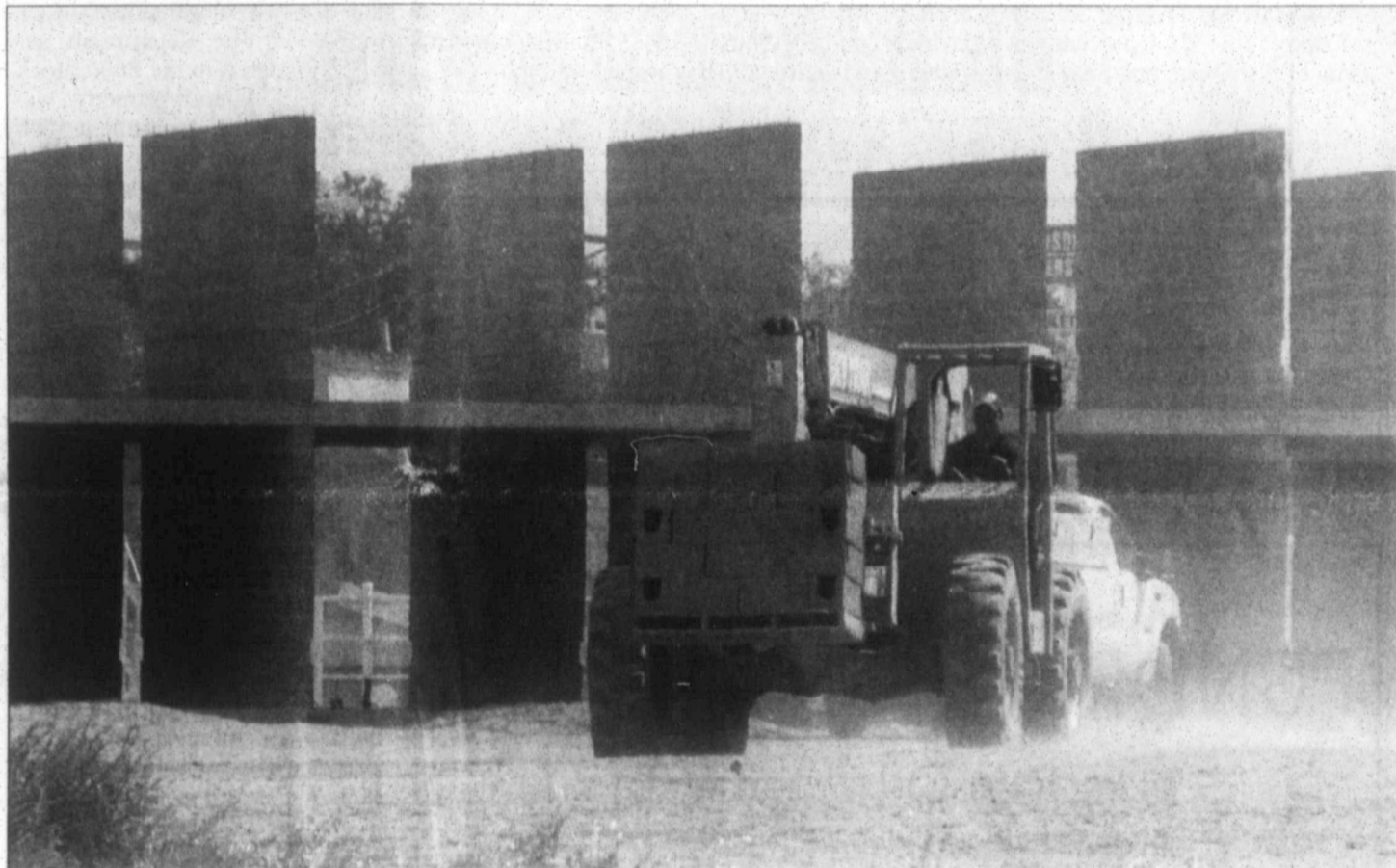
## Southwestern Taking shape picks Curry for board

GEORGETOWN — John Curry of Pampa has been elected to the Southwestern University Board of Trustees.

Curry is a 1970 alumnus of Southwestern University, where he majored in history. He received a Master of Theology from the Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in 1974.

Curry is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Pampa, where he has worked on the Administrative Council and Finance Committee, served as a Sunday school teacher, youth leader, pulpit supplier and lay delegate to the Northwest Texas Annual Conference and District Committee on Ministry.

Curry has been significantly involved with the Golden Spread Council of



A construction worker operates a Sky Trak to move cinderblocks at the site of the new AmericInn, currently under construction at the corner of Somerville and Hobart streets. One portion of the site is already beginning to look like rooms. The new motel is expected to open in January.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

## County commission to consider contract renewal

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners have a short agenda for their next meeting at 9 a.m. Friday in the second-floor courtroom at the courthouse with four items of new business plus an executive session to consider a personnel matter.

Renewal of a contract between the county and Indigent Healthcare Solutions, which provides the com-

puter software for the county's indigent health care program, will be considered.

Commissioners will also vote on declaring a constitutional amendment election for Nov. 8.

Line item transfers and payment of bills and salaries round out the regular agenda, which will be followed by the executive session.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright will preside at Friday's meet-

ing. County Judge Richard Peet will be absent.

The nine state constitutional amendments which will be on the November ballot are:

- Creation of a "Texas rail relocation and improvement fund and authorizing grants of money and issuance of obligations for financing the relocation, rehabilitation, and expansion of rail facilities."
- Provision that marriage in Texas

"consists only of the union of one man and one woman and prohibiting this state or a political subdivision of this state from creating or recognizing any legal status identical or similar to marriage."

- Clarification that "certain economic development programs do not constitute a debt."

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## Rainbow Girls organization seeks new members

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Girls between the ages of 11 and 20 are being sought to join the Rainbow Girls, a fraternal service organization affiliated with the Masonic Lodge.

"We have to have at least 12," said Mary Beth Holland, one of the organizers of the proposed Pampa chapter. "We have seven right now."

Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 is sponsoring the group, she said. Meetings will be at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each

month in the Masonic Hall, upstairs at 420 W. Kingsmill. The next meeting is Oct. 10.

"Parents and guardians are welcome to come to any and all meetings or events which Rainbow Girls attend," Holland said.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls was founded in 1922. There are assemblies in 46 states and eight foreign countries.

"Although no specific religion is followed, members are required to hold a belief in the Supreme Being," according to a 2004 brochure on the

organization which was designed by its Texas Grand Assembly.

Members may learn and practice communication skills, working with others, and taking responsibility. They participate in service projects and practice skills such as extemporaneous speaking, parliamentary procedure, proper etiquette, and posture.

Rainbow Girls may also hold activities such as dances, camping trips, skating, sleepovers, pizza par-

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- Friends of the Pampa Library "Paperback Book Sale"... October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>
- Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon"... October 29<sup>th</sup>

# Obituaries

## Services tomorrow

**TIMMENS, C.V. "Tim"** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

### Selma McPherson Heard, 79

Selma McPherson Heard, 79, of Pampa, #65 Order of the Eastern Star, the VFW Texas, died Sept. 26, 2005, at Pampa. Auxiliary Post #1657, and was past president of the Desk & Derrick Club of Pampa and Borger. She was a Baptist.



Heard

Survivors include one son, Gerald M. Heard and wife Mary of Pampa; one brother, Bob McPherson of Walla Walla, Wash.; one granddaughter, Laura Ann George of Bryan; and one step-mother, Laverne Holcomb of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, A.B. McPherson, Jr., and Bill McPherson.

The family requests memorials be to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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### C.V. 'Tim' Timmens

AMARILLO — C.V. "Tim" Timmens, 93, of Amarillo, died Sept. 27, 2005. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel in Pampa with Seth Timmens, grandson, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Timmens was born Jan. 19, 1912, at Malvern, Ark. He lived in Pampa from 1950 until moving to Tulsa, Okla., in 1962. He relocated from Tulsa to Amarillo in 1996.

Mr. Timmens was a naval flight instructor during World War II, earning his discharge as a lieutenant commander. He was superin-

tendent for O.O. Fee Drilling Company from 1950-1957.

He was a pilot and flight instructor for many years in Pampa, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Tulsa. He was a longtime aviator and barnstormer as well.

Survivors include a daughter, Timara Graves of Russellville, Ark.; two sons, Terry Timmens of Fritch and Talley Timmens of Canyon; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Habitat for Humanity, 1533 N. Polk St., Amarillo, TX 79107.

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## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Cheryl Ammerman's correct address is 516 Lowry, according to Gray County Jail. Ammerman was listed in Wednesday's record of arrests. Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

Nine traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 1300 block of East Kingsmill and the 400 block of North Ward.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 100 block of East Francis. A hit and run accident was reported in the 1000 block of North Hobart.

A vehicle/foot pursuit was reported at the intersection of Brown and Cuyler streets. An arrest was made in connection with the incident.

Fire department assistance was rendered in the 2600 block of North Hobart. Found property was reported in the police department lobby. A license plate was found.

Welfare checks were made in the 700 block of Naida, the 200 block of North Gray, and the 600 block of North Dwight. Warrant service was attempted at one location.

One business alarm was reported. Suspicious person calls were received from the 700 block of West Foster and the 300 block of North Ballard.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported in the 1800 block of Coffee.

Violation of a Tobacco and Alcoholic Beverage Commission law was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1500 block of Dogwood.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2100 block of Williston and the 300 block of North Christy.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1500 block of North Faulkner and the 1300 block of Garland.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of East Browning.

Theft of service was reported in the 900 block of Twiford. City of Pampa water was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. A bicycle was taken.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. Taken was \$50 in cash.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

was reported at Fenton Motor Company, 123 N. Hobart. Estimated value of the vehicle is \$15,000.

Maricella Chavez, 25, 449 Pitts, was arrested in the 1000 block of North Hobart for issuing a bad check and a warrant for possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance.

Michael Heath Honeycutt, 30, 1831 N. Faulkner, was arrested in the 800 block of Nelson on a warrant for theft by check.

Michael David Gerik, 46, 519 Frost, was arrested in the 300 block of North Somerville on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

David Lee Meyer, 17, 502 Carr, was arrested at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester, for simple assault, minor in consumption of alcohol, and failure to appear.

Timothy Dail Pritchard, 35, 1309 Garland, was arrested for evading with a vehicle and resisting arrest.

### Sheriff

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

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

Christopher Mayo, 23, 1133 Prairie Drive, was arrested on five warrants for bond surrenders.

### Fire

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

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

2:41 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle accident at Frederic and Ballard.

9:56 p.m. — Two units and seven firefighters responded to a structure fire in the 2600 block of Hobart.

5:57 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to an unauthorized burn in the form of a campfire south of Darby near the railroad tracks.

### Correction

Cheryl Ammerman's correct address is 516 Lowry, according to Gray County Jail. Ammerman was listed in Wednesday's record of arrests.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Cloudy, then gradually becoming partly sunny, with a high near 71. Northeast wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south-southwest.

Tonight: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thun-

derstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low near 58. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. South-southwest wind between 10

and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 60. South wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South-southeast wind around 15 mph.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

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Milo	2.83
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The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

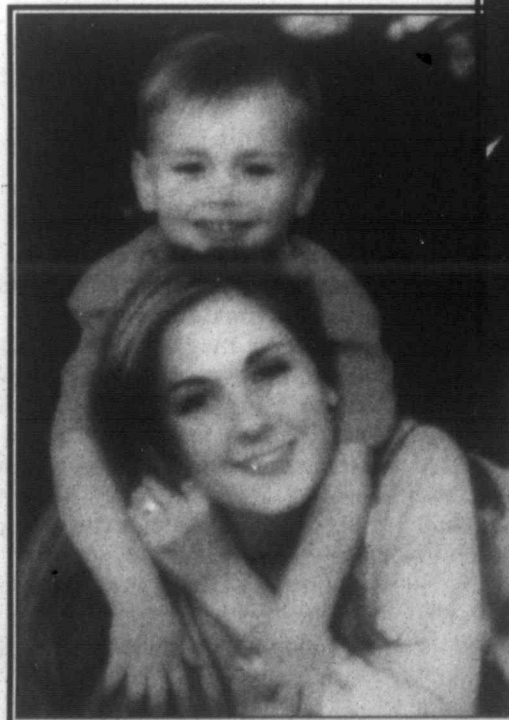
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Coca Cola	42.63	-0.24
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HAL	69.48	+0.12
TRI	44.85	-0.45
KMI	95.64	+0.06
XCEL	19.60	-0.04
Kerr McGee	97.76	+0.87
XOM	64.57	-0.13
Limited	19.86	-0.21
Williams	24.68	-0.12
MCD	33.11	+0.01
Atmos	28.25	-0.14
Pioneer Nat	55.85	+0.70
JCP	46.56	-0.70
COP	69.93	+0.43
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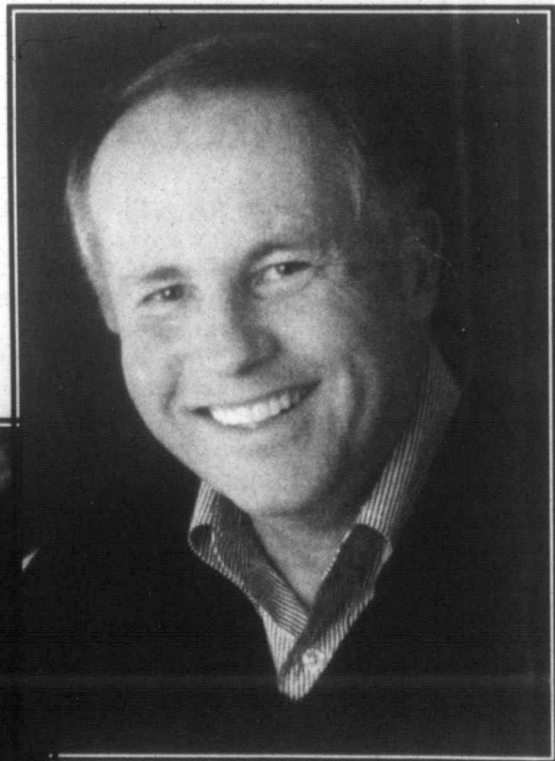
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## Judge orders teen-ager banned from sex as probation condition

SHERMAN, Texas (AP) — A state district judge has ordered a 17-year-old drug offender barred from sex as a condition of her probation.

Judge Lauri Blake made the ruling that bars the girl from having sex as long as she is living with her parents and attending school.

It is one of several unorthodox rulings Blake has imposed since she was

elected 10 months ago in the 336th District Court covering Fannin and Grayson counties.

She has also prohibited tattoos, body piercings, earrings and clothing "associated with the drug culture" for those on probation.

Blake also enforces rules on the lawyers in her courtroom including a ban on sleeveless shirts and cleavage.

"It used to be like a circus, lawyers milling around," said Fannin County District Attorney Richard Glaser. "She makes them sit and come up one at a time."

Glaser is investigating the complaint of a lawyer who was briefly ordered into a holding cell because of his manners.

If lawyers are discontent, none has approached her about it, Blake said in a brief telephone conversation. Last week, she agreed to an interview but later declined through her court coordinator.

Others wonder how she can enforce some of her conditions, such as the sex ban.

Fred Moss, a Southern Methodist University professor and former federal prosecutor, said being on probation entitles a judge to restrict one's freedom.

"Some conditions could be viewed as too draconian and violate someone's personal dignity," he said. "I'm not sure where the parameters are these days."

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## ACT I needs 2 more men to complete cast

ACT I needs two more men to complete the cast for their next production of "Murder at Cafe Noir."

Rochelle Lacy is directing the dinner theater murder mystery. Performances are scheduled for Oct. 21-22 and Nov. 4-5 at Pampa Country Club.

The play is a '40s private detective story come to life. Rick Archer, P.I., played by Dennis Boyd, is hired to find a runaway - "A gal who has more curves than the West Coast Highway."

His search leads him to the Cafe Noir, the only club on the forgotten island of Mustique, a place stuck in the black-and-white 1940s. The cafe's owner has washed up murdered, and the gal he came to find was the last person seen with him alive.

Now he must use his hard-boiled detective tal-

ents to find the real killer. Was it the French Madam and manager of the club, played by Shirley Hoskins; the voodoo priestess played by Kim Tatum; the shyster British attorney; the black marketeer; or the femme fatale herself, played by Diana Bruner? Tim Justice plays three different characters.

Audience participation is key to the production, and the audience is asked on two occasions to vote on what they want Rick to do next.

Someone is needed to play the shyster lawyer, named Guterman, and the black marketeer named Cairo. Rehearsals are three nights a week.

For more information contact Lacy by calling 669-2009 and leaving a message, or Kayla Pursley at 665-3820.

## Roberts

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come, long after many of us have left public service, the Roberts court will be deliberating on some of the most difficult and fundamental questions of U.S. law."

Twenty-two Democrats opposed Roberts, saying he could turn out to be as conservative as justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas, the Supreme Court anchors on the right.

"At the end of the day, I have too many unanswered questions about the nominee to justify confirming him to

this lifetime seat," said Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Anti-abortion and abortion rights activists both have their hopes pinned on Roberts, a former government lawyer in the Reagan and first Bush administrations. While Roberts is solidly conservative and his wife, Jane, volunteers for Feminists for Life, both sides were eager to see how he will vote on abortion cases.

Roberts told senators during his Senate Judiciary Committee confirmation hearings that past Supreme Court rulings carry weight, including the Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion in 1973.

## Curry

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the Boy Scouts of America in Amarillo. He has been a Scoutmaster for 25 years and has served as both the Council vice president and the Santa Fe District chair. He also has been a member of the Pampa Independent School District Board of Trustees for 18 years and served as president for two of those years.

He lends his time to the Pampa United Way, the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, Pampa Regional Medical Center and the White Deer Land Museum.

The former owner of Four R Industrial Supply, Inc., Curry was named Pampa's Citizen of the Year in 1999.

He and his wife, Faustina, have two children, Faustine and Stewart.

Southwestern University is a selective, nationally recognized, undergraduate liberal arts college with an enrollment of 1,250. U. S. News & World Report ranks it as the best liberal arts college between Alabama and Arizona. The oldest chartered university in Texas, Southwestern consists of The Brown College of Arts and Sciences and The Sarofim School of Fine Arts, and is affiliated with The United Methodist Church.

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• Authorizing the "denial of bail to a criminal defendant who violates a condition of the defendant's release pending trial."

• Allowing the legislature to "define rates of interest for commercial loans."

• Inclusion of "one additional public member and a constitutional county court judge in the membership of the State Commission on

Judicial Conduct."

• Authorizing "line-of-credit advances under a reverse mortgage."

• Provision for "the clearing of land titles by relinquishing and releasing any state claim to sovereign ownership or title to interest in certain land in Upshur County and in Smith County."

• Authorizing the legislature to "provide for a six-year term for a board member of a regional mobility authority."

## Rainbow

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ties, mystery trips, and going to plays.

Each local Rainbow Girls club is called an assembly. Members visit other assemblies in Texas for meetings and activities on a regular basis. An international convention is held every two years.

Statewide programs supported by Rainbow Girls include Labels for Education, Box Tops for Education, Proud Lion membership program, grandpar-ents program, Take Time to Read, PALS (Positive and

Loving Support) Project, Coins for a Cure, Vanguard Assembly Recognition, and scholarships, loans and gifts.

Current charity projects in which Rainbow Girls statewide are involved are Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, the American Diabetes Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Child Protective Services, Susan G. Komen Foundation, Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, the American Heart Association, and Texas Baptist Men's Tsunami Relief.

For more information, call Holland at 665-4450. Girls interested in joining the Rainbow Girls Pampa group may attend the next meeting.

## DeLay indictment ushers new GOP era

WASHINGTON (AP) — Shadowed by scandal, House Republicans face an uncertain new era after a day of upheaval that left Majority Leader Tom DeLay under indictment and forced to surrender his powerful post.

House and Senate Republican leadership were due at the White House this afternoon to plot legislative strategy with President Bush.

"What we do here is more important than who we are," Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt said Wednesday after the rank and file named him as DeLay's replacement, at least for the time being. "We have an agenda to move forward here."

Democrats, 11 long years in the minority, said the GOP offered nothing of the sort.

DeLay's indictment marks "the latest example that Republicans in Congress are plagued by a culture of corruption at the expense of the American people," said Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, the Democratic leader.

Even as DeLay professed his innocence and his lawyers said they hoped to avoid having him handcuffed, fingerprinted and photographed, potential for fresh controversy surfaced.

Records on file with the Federal Election Commission show that Blunt's political action committee has paid roughly \$88,000 in fees since 2003 to a

consultant facing indictment in Texas in the same case as DeLay.

Keri Ann Hayes, executive director of the Rely on Your Beliefs Fund, said officials of the organization have not discussed whether to end the relationship with the consultant, Jim Ellis, in light of his indictment.

Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., faces federal investigations into the sale of stock.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert, Blunt and other senior GOP lawmakers said they expected DeLay to be exonerated. "This temporary arrangement will allow us to continue our work until (he) can resume his duties as majority leader," said Rep. Eric Cantor of Virginia, the deputy whip who will assume many of Blunt's old duties in the leadership shuffle.

"It is our sincere hope that justice will remain blind to politics. As Tom DeLay clearly stated today, House Republicans will continue to focus on the business of the American people," party chairman Ken Mehlman said in a statement that did not assert the Texan's innocence.

Some Republican lawmakers, who refused to be identified by name as a condition for disclosing their personal opinions, said they doubted DeLay would ever return to the leadership table. Others spoke of the possibility for political damage.

"Any time you have anything that smacks of scandal, it hurts all of us," said Rep. Joel Hefley of Colorado, who served as chairman of the House ethics committee.

*'It is our sincere hope that justice will remain blind to politics.'*

— Ken Mehlman  
GOP Party Chairman

"We haven't had that conversation," she said, adding that so far, Ellis' indictment had no impact on his work.

DeLay's indictment produced a public show of unity among Republicans and a scarcely concealed outbreak of power politics, at a time when polls show dwindling support for President Bush and the GOP-controlled Congress. Additionally, Senate



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# Viewpoints

## Skin Cancer Foundation concerned about 'addicts'

Good news at last! Research has found something fatty acids are good for. In certain individuals, they may help ward against Alzheimer's disease.

According to an article by Charlene Laino published online recently at WebMD, an isolated group of people minus ApoE e4, a gene linked to Alzheimer's, were found to benefit from a diet steeped in a specific type of fatty acid called linoleic acid contained in corn and certain other foods.

Unfortunately for people carrying ApoE e4, a diet

high in linoleic acid is not good.

"In people who did not have the gene, eating a diet rich in linoleic acids reduced the risk of developing Alzheimer's disease by about 50 percent," the article reports. "But in those who carried the disease-causing gene, linoleic acids appeared to raise the risk of developing the mind-robbing disease even further."

This analysis was attributed to researcher Sara M. DeBanne, PhD, professor of epidemiology and biostatistics at Case Western Reserve

University School of Medicine in Cleveland.

The researchers, the article concluded, intend to pursue the "why" behind linoleic acid's unhealthy effect on people already genetically susceptible to Alzheimer's.

**Skyla Bryant**  
City Editor



In another WebMD article by Laino, some folks are indulging in "sniffing" to alleviate the pain of migraine.

What were the people sniffing? Carbon dioxide, of

course.

"In a new study of 77 migraine sufferers," the article read, "30 percent who sniffed carbon dioxide were

pain-free two hours later, compared with only 9 percent of the 75 people given a placebo."

Patients sniffed the carbon dioxide from a pen-like device shoved up the nose.

The downside of this treatment is that it has only

proved effective in moderate to light migraine sufferers.

And in news totally unrelated by author or subject to either "good fatty acids" or migraines — the Skin Cancer Foundation is concerned you might be addicted to (gulp) ... tanning.

"While tanning addiction is a potentially serious problem, the good news is that you can get help," a press release from the foundation said. "Like any addiction problem, the first step is recognizing that you have a problem. Once the problem is acknowledged, you can

seek support from family and friends or consult your physician."

The foundation points out alternatives to hardcore UV exposure such as self- or spray-on tanners, some of which are available through your local tanning salon. Rumor has it the foundation may soon be printing bumper stickers with "Just say NO to tanning." (Uh, not really.)

To find out more, log onto [www.skincancer.org](http://www.skincancer.org) or just e-mail [emulvery@skincancer.org](mailto:emulvery@skincancer.org) and ask to take the "addiction" quiz for sun tanners.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 29, the 272nd day of 2005. There are 93 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 29, 1978, Pope John Paul I was found dead in his Vatican apartment just over a month after becoming head of the Roman Catholic Church.

*'If you want work well done, select a busy man — the other kind has not time.'*

— Elbert Hubbard  
American author and publisher

On this date: In 1789, the U.S. War Department established a regular army with a strength of several hundred men.

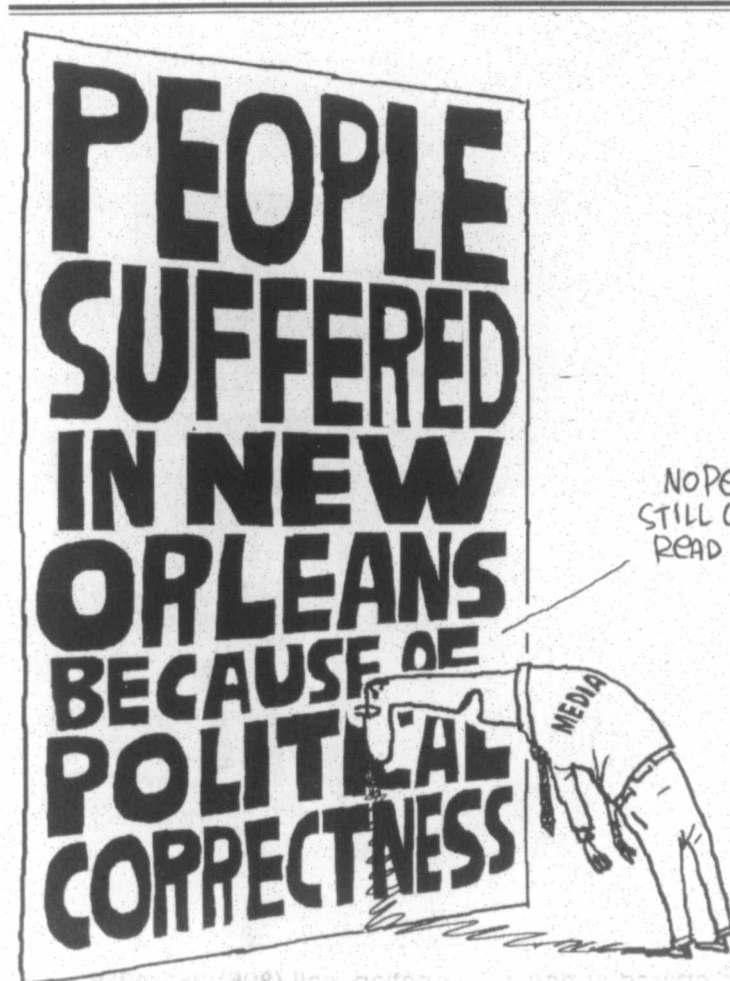
In 1829, London's reorganized police force, which became known as Scotland Yard, went on duty.

In 1918, Allied forces scored a decisive breakthrough of the Hindenburg Line during World War I.

In 1943, General Dwight D. Eisenhower and Italian Marshal Pietro Badoglio signed an armistice aboard the British ship Nelson off Malta.

In 1955, a one-act version of the Arthur Miller play "A View From the Bridge" opened in New York. (Miller later turned it into a two-act play.)

In 1963, the second session of Second Vatican Council opened in Rome.



## Our readers write

### EDC handbook helps educate voters

In his letter to the editor in The Pampa News Thursday, Sept. 8, Mr. Brady expressed how a 4B EDC *should* be run.

According to the Aug. 31, 2003, edition of the "Handbook for Economic Development Laws for Texas Cities," when you vote for the tax to finance the EDC you are voting for each and every project (or expenditure) listed on the ballot — regardless of the cost — plus payment of maintenance and operations' expenses of any and all the projects, plus any broker fees, commission fees, agent fees, and administrative cost of the EDC.

The city is not required to

hold an additional election even if a petition is submitted, if the project was listed on the ballot that created the EDC.

The EDC must hold at least one public hearing on a proposed project. However, they can hold one public hearing to consider a group of projects. The voters are then given 60 days to submit a petition with the signatures of 10 percent of the voters. If the project was listed on the original creating ballot, the city can simply deny the petition.

The EDC can fund any project anywhere as long as they say that in their opinion it would benefit the city of

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## Important Internet mile-markers

### Net Obsessions

I never realized how long I have been involved with the Internet until the other day. A friend asked me when I first saw the "dancing baby." Wow. My mind raced back to a simpler, more geeky time; when the Internet was dominated by nerds like myself. At that time, phrases such as "Internet Pop Culture" were contradictions in terms. However, looking back, a few "trendy" events occurred.

### The Dancing Baby

AutoDesk is a company that specializes in 3D modeling software. In 1996, they released a demo of their newest product which included the Dancing Baby. Their intent, of course, was to show off the capabilities of their software. However, by 1997, this little file was being e-mailed all around the globe. It took on a life of its own.

New versions of the dance started to appear including disco, hip-hop, and country

routines. The baby even made guest-star appearances on the TV show Ally McBeal. Interestingly, Autodesk (http://www.autodesk.com) does not acknowledge their creation on their Web site ... except in an obscure trademark reference deep on a back page.

Catch all of this baby's moves at MegaBaby (http://www.megababy.com).

### Hamster Dance

No, it's not a spelling mistake. "Hamster" is actually the formal last name of "Hampton Hamster," a real, furry rodent, owned by Canadian Deidre LaCarte. In 1998, she and her sister had a competition to see who could receive the most visitors to a Web site. Deidre won with her "Hamster Dance" site.

In case you never saw it, the page displayed hundreds

of miniature dancing hamsters while Roger Miller's "Whistle-Stop" from the 1973 soundtrack of "Robin Hood," played in the background.

The site gained national notoriety when Earthlink, a major Internet Service Provider, featured the wiggling rodents in a TV commercial. The Hampsters have released a couple of CDs, but as their fame dwindled, so did their sales. You can still see these little guys at their official site, "Hamster Dance" (http://www.hamsterdance.com).

### Mahir Cagri - I KISS YOU!!!

Mahir Cagri's home page (http://www.ikissyou.org) is another simple site which gained popularity through emailing. Cagri, a Turkish gentleman whose site calls for world peace as well as

invites beautiful women to stay with him in Turkey, has since claimed it was all a hoax.

Claiming to be "the most popular homepage ever," Cagri said his site received more than 1 million hits in a week during its high-point in 1999. The site was closed Nov. 12, 1999, but fans rebuilt it and posted it elsewhere. Cagri claims that many of the comments about women and sex were placed there by a hacker.

His fame scored him a world tour sponsored by eTours.com, denounced by some fans as an attempt by eTours to capitalize and exploit Cagri's new status. eTours, however, did claim to have donated to Cagri's charities.

### Flash Mobs

You just received an e-mail from an anonymous source: It instructs you to "Synchronize your watch with an Internet Atomic clock. Then, meet at a spe-

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**Eric Spellmann**  
Columnist

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## More ATF agents needed along Mexican border

Assault weapons purchased in the United States are flooding into high-violence areas along the Mexican border and contributing to the wave of crime across the border. A large amount of violence has been centered in and near Nuevo Laredo, where about 128 murders have been recorded this year.

Many of the slayings are believed to be related to the fierce battle between rival drug cartels fighting for control of drug trafficking routes into the United States. A unified effort by law enforcement agencies on both sides of the border is

needed to reduce the flow of guns. That effort would be helped immensely by assigning more federal agents to the border.

Until three months ago, Laredo lacked a permanent office of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The city was being managed through a satellite office staffed with a couple of agents deployed from the McAllen headquarters.

In June, the Laredo office

was assigned three permanent full-time agents, but this is woefully insufficient, according to ATF Resident Agent-in-Charge Rick Serrano in McAllen.

The office could use at least 10 agents, a supervisor and an investigative analyst.

For the time being, the skeleton staff is being supplemented with five agents from the San Antonio, McAllen and Houston offices.

During the past several months, Serrano said, the agency has seen an increase in cases involving Mexican residents who can't legally purchase guns in the United States paying American citizens to buy the weapons so they can take them back across the border. The violence among the drug cartels can't be stopped overnight, but if their access to high-powered weapons and ammunition is hindered it will stem some of the blood-bath. More funding for additional ATF agents in Laredo is essential. This is an urgent matter that must be addressed promptly.

## Texas Thoughts

San Antonio Express-News

## Tralee seeking 'Most Honorable Man'

Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa will begin its annual search for men of integrity throughout Gray County. Tralee will honor the nominees with an "Honorable Man March" in downtown Pampa, timed in conjunction with Domestic Violence Awareness Month in October.

The men will begin their walk at the intersection of Cuyler and Francis streets and conclude on the steps of City Hall where Pampa

Mayor Lonnie Robbins will deliver a proclamation making October 2005 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Pampa.

"We will be asking Pampa to encourage their wives, children, churches and others to encourage those who have made a difference in their lives by being honorable fathers, husbands, and family members, and citizens to attend," a press release from Lyn Ledbetter at Tralee said. "We also want those whose

lives these men have blessed to line these streets with support."

To make a nomination, submit via mail an essay, 25 words or less, describing the nominee and why he is honorable to the crisis center. The winner will be announced prior to the march and recognized on the steps of City Hall. The deadline for nominations is Friday.

For more information, call 669-1131.

## TRALEE CRISIS CENTER MOST HONORABLE MAN IN GRAY COUNTY NOMINATION FORM

Honorable Man's first name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

Business Address \_\_\_\_\_

In 25 words or less tell why you think this man is an honorable man:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Nominated by \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Tralee Crisis Center, P.O. Box 2880, or e-mail to lyn.tralee@amaonline.com.

## Cop Corner

Accidents! Accidents! Accidents! Traffic accident investigations are an everyday event for police officers all across the United States.

Having had one or two, in my lifetime, (although I try to be very, very careful), I understand too well both the dollar costs and the physical injury cost resulting from a second or two of distraction when behind the wheel.

The good news is there are some safety tips to keep you safer while driving.

We will talk about driving in downtown Pampa first. (This is the part of town that still has brick streets showing.) I understand there were medians on streets like Francis, Foster, Cuyler and others, some years back, like the ones on Somerville. For whatever reasons, all but the medians on Somerville were removed. This made those streets more open and wider.

The thing that did not change is the streets are still just two-way streets. In some areas, two cars will fit in one lane, in others only one car fits. Sometimes people try to

make two cars fit and "bam" the cars crash together.



**Fred Courtney**

The other day I saw two cars stopped at Kingsmill and Cuyler, side by side. They were heading east. I thought the car on the right was going to turn right, but when the light turned green, it shot straight across the intersection. It was a good thing nobody was parked in the angle parking spaces across the intersection or that car would have hit them.

I tried to catch up to the offending car, but traffic was too heavy. If I could have stopped the car, the driver would have gotten a ticket for "passing on the right when prohibited." You can't pass on the right on a two-lane street unless the person you are passing has made a clear intention of turning left. You can only pass them if it is safe to do so and there is room to pass.

Drive safely out there, and remember the streets downtown are two-lane except where marked.

Provided by Pampa Police Department.

## Events calendar

**• Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.

**• Armstrong County Museum** will host a 3 p.m. ribbon-cutting Tuesday at the historic home of Charles and Mary Ann Goodnight at the community of Goodnight. The event is being held to kick-off the restoration project at the 117-year-old Victorian home.

**• The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). Flu vac-

cines may also be offered at designated clinics. The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 9:30-11:45 a.m. and 1-4 p.m., Oct. 10 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa; and 12:30-4 p.m., Oct. 10, City Hall, Canadian.

**• "Harvest of Love Benefit for Rick Foster"** is planned Oct. 15 at Cottonwood Springs Guest Ranch, 20 minutes north of Pampa on Highway 60. The benefit will include food, fun, entertainment and hay rides. A meal and auction will begin at 5 p.m. Auction winners will be announced at 7 p.m. Auction item donations are welcome. To make a donation, contact Al Ferguson at 665-5340 or call 665-0847. For more information, call Becky Taylor Epps at 665-7126.

**• The local Girl Scout council** is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

**• Just Between Friends in Amarillo** will be supporting the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project by collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals. For more information or to make a

donation, call (806) 355-4256.

**• The reunion of the USS Cascade AD-16** is planned for Oct. 9-16 at Branson, Mo. For more information, contact Lyle "Preacher" Burchette, P.O. Box 566, Hollister, MO 65673, (417) 334-5627; or Bob Croghan, Sr., 7827 Cassia Court, St. Louis, MO 63123, (314) 843-6615.

**• SW USA Aleutian Island Veterans** will reunite Nov. 9-11 at Laughlin, Nev. All service branches, veterans, and guests' spouses are welcome at the upcoming gathering. For more information or to obtain a registration blank, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Al King, POB 130327, Sunrise, FL 33313.

**• Working Ranch Cowboys Association** will stage its 10th World Championship Ranch Rodeo Nov. 10 through 13 in Amarillo. Cowboys from working ranches across the Northern Hemisphere will compete for the title of "Best in the World."

**• In 2006, Certified Angus Beef** will offer a \$2,500 scholarship and a \$1,000 scholarship. Entries must be post-marked by Dec. 1, 2005. Scholarship applications and other information is available on-line at [www.certifiedangusbeef.com](http://www.certifiedangusbeef.com).

## 6th Annual High Plains Fall Classic WRCA sanctioned Ranch Rodeo

**Friday September 30th**

Rodeo 1st performance at 7 PM

**Saturday October 1st**

Pokey's Junior Ranch Rodeo 2 PM

(kids 4 to 16)

Chuckwagon Dinner 5PM

Rodeo 2nd Performance 7 PM

**Sunday October 2nd**

Breakfast 9 AM

Cowboy Church 10 AM

(music by Justin Todd Herod 2003 CCMA nominee for Song Writer of the year)

Rodeo Final Performance 2 PM

Call the Rodeo Office in Pampa for more information: 806-669-0434

Sponsors include: M&H Leasing Budweiser, Roper Apparel, Wal-Mart, Mesa Vista Ranch, Culbertson Stowers, Fenton Motors, The Pampa News, Colene Stover, Gerald Rasco & Kevin Romines

## Letter

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Pampa. They are not limited to Pampa or Gray County.

If the voters have a complaint against the EDC and the city commission and mayor fail to correct the issue, the Attorney General's office has already

stated that the AG office does not enter into matters concerning cities. Attorneys and judges do not commit political suicide by taking cases against cities or EDCs.

The only other recourse is to present a petition with signatures of 10 percent of the voters to the city within a specified time of the next election to remove the tax

that supports the EDC and thus dissolve the EDC. Very few people are brave enough to sign a petition.

Before you vote for an EDC you should read the handbook and know the truth and the extent of what you are voting for. I don't trust anyone enough to vote for an EDC.

**Shirley Nicholson Pampa**

## Internet

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cific public place at 6:51 p.m. on Thursday. Dress in blue and hold a red flower over your head for three minutes. Then, leave quickly." Folks, you've just been a part of a flash mob.

Here's how it works: Hundreds of people in a city sign up on an anonymous e-

mail list. The list owner, then randomly sends out messages to the subscribers with specific instructions, telling you to gather at a specific spot at a very specific time and perform some silly act. Then, you leave quickly, as if nothing ever happened.

The sponsors of these activities call it performance art. It's quite popular on both coasts and especially in Denver, Colo. To find a "mob" in your area, check

out FlockSmart (<http://www.flocksmart.com>).

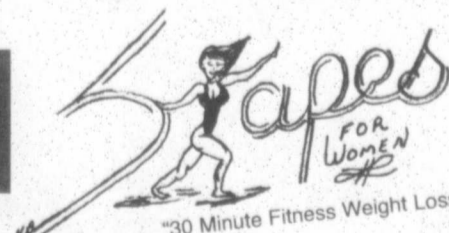
**Net Trends**

So, what do dancing babies, gyrating hamsters, a Turkish Romeo, and strange-acting crowds have in common? Nothing. Absolutely nothing. BUT, they all went on to be historical mile-markers on the Information Superhighway.

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

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\*Offer good on new members, must be 18 years or older, one per person please.

# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to a wonderful woman, "Leora," for 35 years. We have five grown children any parent would be proud of. Throughout our marriage, I worked while Leora took care of the children. I retired about three months ago. Now I am home with Leora all the time and have just realized that she bathes only about three times a week. This has not only upset me, but also disgusts me! I know she used to bathe the children every night when they were little, and she insisted they bathe regularly growing up. When I asked her about this, she said she has "always bathed when she needed it," and that might be nightly -- or not. She attributes this to being raised on a ranch where water was scarce. Abby, we live quite comfortably. The cost of water is not an issue. I told her that people have to bathe daily in order to be clean. She asked if I could ever tell she hadn't bathed daily and the answer is no, but I know now, and it bothers me. Please tell her that people have to bathe daily to remove dead skin cells, etc. She seems to think if I couldn't tell for 35 years that she hasn't bathed every day the topic is not an issue. It's getting to the point that I don't want to sleep in the same bed with her knowing she hasn't bathed that day. -- **SEPARATE BEDROOMS IN THE FUTURE**

**DEAR SEPARATE BEDROOMS:** You say you retired three months ago and now you're at home with your wife "all the time." If ever I heard about someone who needed to get out and find a hobby, do volunteer work or start a new business, it is you. For the sake of your marriage, please stop obsessing about your wife's hygiene. For people with oily skin, or in professions where their skin becomes sweaty or soiled, a daily bath is a must. However, for people with dry or delicate skin, a sponge bath may do the job very well. If you haven't noticed until now that your wife didn't bathe every day, it's time for you to ask

yourself why you are digging for trouble. At the rate you're going, you could wind up with more than separate bedrooms.

**DEAR ABBY:** My fiance, "John," wears women's underwear and hose. He likes it, and I realize it doesn't mean he's gay. That's not the problem. His ex-wife, "Anita," insists on starting conversations with me about it, preferably within earshot of others. She asked, in front of their attorneys after a recent court hearing, if I "liked" the fact that John wears women's silk panties! (She owes child support and doesn't feel a need to pay it.) I realize Anita is doing this to embarrass John and me, and I don't know what to do when she starts these "conversations." I've never met anyone so cynical, defensive, verbally abusive and in need of counseling. She's also an alcoholic in denial, but she doesn't have to be drunk to start these conversations. This is one of the reasons Anita doesn't have custody of their minor children.

I have tried ignoring her, but she'll stand there and talk to the back of my head, and the comments get increasingly personal and intrusive. How can I stop Anita in her tracks? -- **EMBARRASSED IN PENNSYLVANIA**

**DEAR EMBARRASSED:** One way to stop her would be to turn around, look her in the eye and say, "Anita, I know you are bitter and angry, but the kind of underwear he chooses is up to him and is longer your business. So knock it off." And then smile.

**DEAR ABBY:** I'll be brief. Can a person get an STD from oral sex? -- **NEEDS TO KNOW IN ORANGE COUNTY**

**DEAR NEEDS TO KNOW:** Yes, and that is why it is so important to know the person and his or her health status before beginning a sexual relationship.

## For Better Or Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

#### ACROSS

- 44 Like
- 1 Irritates
- 6 Muskrat's home
- 11 Concerning
- 12 First odd prime
- 13 Composer's creation
- 14 Coliseum guide
- 15 Darius' kingdom
- 17 "Well, that's obvious!"
- 19 Little brat
- 20 Derby, e.g.
- 23 "Becket" actor
- 25 Lamarr of "Samson and Delilah"
- 26 Rifle-range target features
- 28 Ticked off
- 29 Danny of "Moonstruck"
- 30 Print measures
- 31 Termite's kin
- 32 Farm layer
- 33 Complete failure
- 35 Salary
- 38 Stops
- 41 Perfect
- 42 Cager
- 43 "Affliction" star

#### DOWN

- 1 Empty talk
- 2 Jackson 5 hit
- 3 Ways out of contracts
- 4 Entice
- 5 Like a scalpel
- 6 Disrobe
- 7 Horse halter
- 8 Pitcher's pride
- 9 — culpa
- 10 Signing need
- 16 Czech composer
- 17 TV's Gillis

**SADLY RIANG**  
**KNEAD ROGER**  
**ADAMS OLLIVE**  
**TARP BULLET**  
**ENS SAL ERA**  
**STITCHES**  
**ERIE TESS**  
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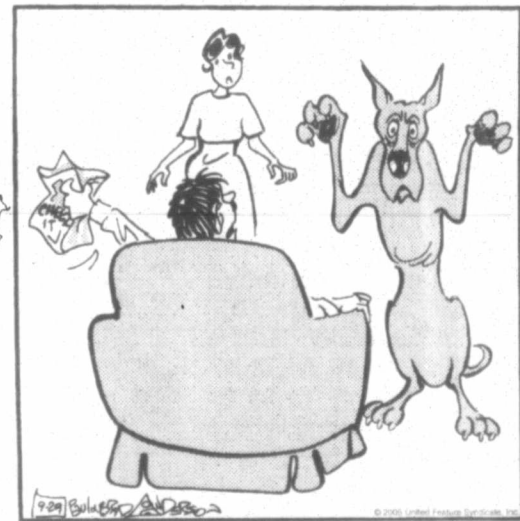
- 18 Road reversal
- 20 Unpleasant places
- 21 Designer Simpson
- 22 Boxer Mike
- 24 Prehistoric
- 25 Tend the garden
- 27 Producer's dream
- 31 Usher's place
- 33 Accomplishment
- 34 "What — say?"
- 35 Triumph
- 36 Brouhaha
- 37 Hair goop
- 39 Bar fixture
- 40 Crafty

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## Marmaduke



"He's trying to hypnotize me into dropping my cheese snacks."

## The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"YOU'RE RIGHT - WE DON'T SEE WOMEN SITTING AT SPINNING WHEELS ANYMORE..."

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... unless they're in casinos."

## B.C.



## Hagar The Horrible



## Peanuts



## Flo & Friends



## Blondie



# Sports Day

## Pampa's task is tough, but it is not impossible

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

So what does a football coach do on the Friday night of his team's bye week? "I'm going to Hereford to kill two birds with one stone," said Coach Bryan Wood last week when asked what he planned on doing Friday night.

With his Harvesters off for the night, Wood and some of his staff attended the Hereford-Plainview game. It would give them the chance to scout two teams he will face in the next few weeks.

Pampa travels to Plainview Friday night to tackle the Bulldogs, and will host The Herd in game two of the five game district schedule Oct. 14.

"Last Friday allowed us to look at two teams in the same night," said Coach Wood. "Plainview dominated the game. We were able to come away with a pretty good idea of what we will be facing each week."

It's been well documented just how Plainview dominated the Herd in a 50-12 whipping that included Bulldogs running back Jamar Wall rushing for 466 yards, 403 coming in the first half alone.

Interestingly, 466 yards is not a record, state or District 4A. However, Wall may not have been aware at the time that he was only 11 yards from breaking it. According to Charles Breithaupt of the UIL, in 1985 San Antonio Edgewood's Ronnie Ashmore ran for 476 yards against San Antonio Memorial. Breithaupt did say 400 yards in a half may be something to look into, but the UIL keeps stats by total game, not by quarter of half. "But it is certainly worth looking into," he said.

Wood is well aware of what Wall, who has verbally committed to Texas Tech, brings to the table. "He is a very good running back. He just sees the field so well."

And though Wall may possess the skill,

much of the credit for his nearly 1,100 yards so far this season has to go to his offensive line. "Their line is big and does a great job of locking on so that he can find cutback lanes," said Wood.

It has been lamented of many a great running back that you can't stop them, you can only hope to contain them. Wall fits this mold. Wood says it is unrealistic to think Pampa will shut down Wall. "Our goal is to try to slow him down. We are going to use a little different scheme this week. However, we will continue to work our base front and basic techniques."

Pampa's defense has been tough so far this season. Save for Clovis, scoring on Pampa has proven problematic for Harvester opponents for the most part. Pampa's Achilles heel seems to be cutback runs up the middle and the occasional long pass.

With Plainview averaging 41 points a game with a 30 point win margin, it will be important for Pampa to stay close. This means the defense must flex some muscle

and the Harvester offense will need to hold onto the ball, use as much clock as possible and score when opportunity presents itself. Sounds like a tall order, but it is not an impossible task. "For us to play close and give them a run would send a good message to our district and allow us to take a lot of confidence into next week against Randall," said Coach Wood.

Kick off is set for 7:30 p.m. in Plainview. The game can be heard on AM 1230 KGRO and on the Internet at [www.centramedia.com](http://www.centramedia.com).

### Tough Tickets

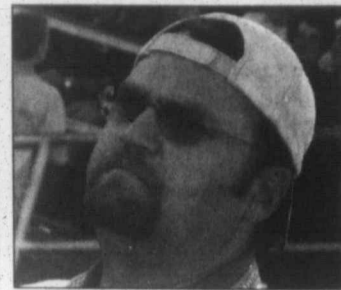
The Plainview Athletic Office has limited the number of advance purchase tickets to just 500 adult and 250 student tickets. Only 1000 will be available at the gate. Those wanting to attend are advised to purchase their tickets as soon as possible.

*'For us to play close and give them a run would send a good message to our district and allow us to take a lot of confidence into next week against Randall.'*

— Bryan Wood  
Head Coach, PHS Football

## Fantastic Five Football Picks

### Week 5 Games



Michael J. Stevens  
Last Week: 14-6-0 (2)

Dallas @ Oakland  
Minnesota @ Atlanta  
Indianapolis @ Tennessee  
Buffalo @ New Orleans  
Houston @ Cincinnati  
Texas @ Missouri  
Virginia Tech @ West Virginia  
Baylor @ Texas A&M  
Florida @ Alabama  
Iowa State @ Nebraska  
Syracuse @ Florida State  
USC @ Arizona  
Oregon @ Stanford  
Kansas State @ Oklahoma  
WTAMU @ Midwestern State  
Lubbock Estacado @ Borger  
Canadian @ Spearman  
Follett @ McLean  
Lefors @ Miami  
Happy @ Groom



Sean Smith  
Last Week: 14-6-0 (2)

Oakland  
Atlanta  
Indianapolis  
New Orleans  
Cincinnati  
Texas  
Virginia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Florida  
Iowa State  
Florida State  
USC  
Oregon  
Oklahoma  
WTAMU  
Lubbock Estacado  
Canadian  
McLean  
Miami  
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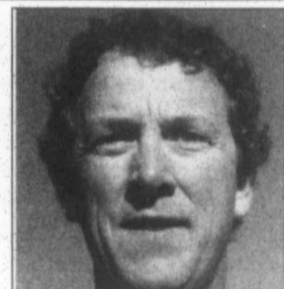
Donny Hooper  
Last Week: 12-8-0 (3)

Oakland  
Atlanta  
Indianapolis  
New Orleans  
Cincinnati  
Texas  
Virginia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Florida  
Nebraska  
Florida State  
USC  
Oregon  
Oklahoma  
WTAMU  
Borger  
Canadian  
Follett  
Miami  
Groom



Ray Boring  
Last Week: 15-5-0 (1)

Dallas  
Atlanta  
Indianapolis  
Buffalo  
Cincinnati  
Texas  
Virginia Tech  
Texas A & M  
Florida  
Iowa State  
Florida State  
USC  
Oregon  
Kansas State  
WTAMU  
Borger  
Canadian  
McLean  
Lefors  
Happy



Shane Stokes  
Last Week: 15-5-0 (1)

Dallas  
Minnesota  
Indianapolis  
New Orleans  
Cincinnati  
Texas  
Virginia Tech  
Texas A&M  
Florida  
Iowa State  
Florida State  
USC  
Oregon  
Oklahoma  
WTAMU  
Borger  
Canadian  
McLean  
Miami  
Groom

Cumulative totals: After four weeks, 1: Boring 56-24, 2: Hooper 55-25, 3: Stokes 52-28, 4: Smith 50-30, Stevens 49-31.

### TEACHING TECHNIQUE

## Coaches need to get back to basics

Seems I have written about this before, but it is worth revisiting. If football coaches at all levels do nothing else for their players, they need to teach them basic skills and techniques. To allow players to continue as they are is doing them a disservice and aiding in their ever increasing prospects of serious and catastrophic injury.

Michael J. Stevens  
Sports Editor

At the forefront of my concern is tackling. Each week, I see more and more defenders attempt to bring a runner down by 'spearing' him or diving at him shoulder first. It's almost as if they forgot they have two arms. Arms they could be using to wrap the ball carrier up with and toss him to the turf. As it is, the current technique, more often than not, only causes the defender to

bounce off the opposition. Worse yet, this technique (or lack thereof) tends to leave the defender wallowing on the ground in pain, or lying there motionless in the aftermath of the collision.

There is an adage for receivers that suggests, "You're going to get hit anyway, so you might as well catch the ball." There ought to be a similar one for defensive players, specifically corners and safeties. I suggest, "You're going to hit him anyway, you might as well use your arms and tackle him."

So please coaches, teach your players the basics. If they don't appreciate it, I guarantee a loved one somewhere down the road will.



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Bob Brandon

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Elden Maxwell  
LeRoy Morris  
Morris Driver  
Gene Winegeart

**4th Place (65)**  
Ron Parnell  
Jim Ashford  
Garry Herr  
Marvin Allison

**Closest to the Pin**  
Richard Abbott (#8)  
Howard Wells (#12)

## Pampa Machine, O.C.B., Chicken Express remain undefeated in city league

Fall Softball League Standings  
as of Sept. 28, 2005

Mens Open	Wins	Losses
Pampa Machine	5	0
O.C.B.	5	0
Domino's	3	2
Prestige Auto	2	3
National Oilwell	2	3
Wing Nuts	2	3
Churches United	1	4
Douglas Paint & Body	0	5

Mixed Open	Wins	Losses
Chicken Express	5	0
Rick's Body Shop	4	1
RV's & Things	3	2
Pampa Pawn	3	2
Milano's Pizza/E.C.Fashion	2	3
C.T.W.	2	3
Centramedia	1	4
V.F.W.	1	4

## Freshmen, JV in action today

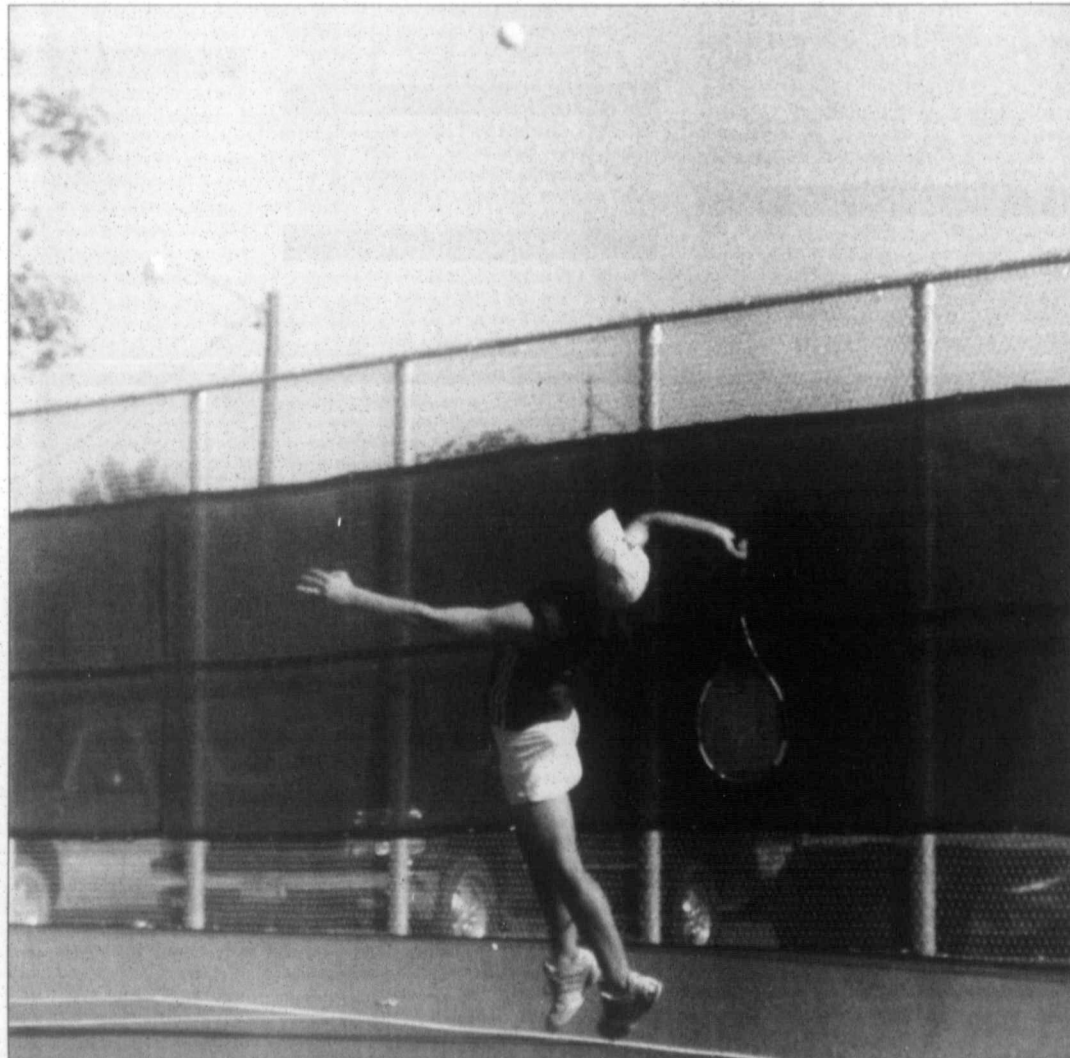
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School freshmen and junior varsity football teams suit up this afternoon. The freshmen team will travel to

Amarillo to take on the Palo Duro Dons. That game will start at 4:30 at Palo Duro High School.

The junior varsity club will stay home to host the visiting Plainview Bulldogs. That game will begin at 5 p.m.

### In the swing



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

Pampa High School's Tanna Stowers is captured in mid-serve during Tuesday's Harvesters meeting with Palo Duro. Pampa defeated the Dons 12-9 to remain undefeated in District 3-4A (3-0).

# Rangers 7, Mariners 3 Trophy girls

SEATTLE (AP) — Chris Young sometimes has trouble getting his knees, hips and elbows working in the same direction. When you are 6-foot-10 and 260 pounds, that happens.

Young survived a shaky first inning and went on to match the Texas rookie record with his 12th victory as the Rangers beat the Seattle Mariners 7-3 on Wednesday night.

Young (12-7) allowed three runs in the first inning but retired this final eight batters and 11 of the last 12. He allowed three runs and five hits, struck out four and walked one to match the Texas first-year record held by Edwin Correa (1986) and Kevin Brown (1989).

"The first inning has been a tough one for me. It's something I've learned this year," Young said. "I've struggled some. Being a big pitcher, it's hard for me. I don't have my rhythm quite yet. I need to settle in and get a feel for myself and my mechanics. I never judge myself on my first inning. If I can improve after that, I'm pretty pleased."

Alfonso Soriano had two doubles, Michael Young extended his hitting streak to 24 games with a two-run single and Mark Teixeira had two hits and an RBI for the Rangers, who had five of their 11 hits in a five-run,

second inning. "He got a second wind when we put up that 5-spot," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "That challenged him to get back on the horse a little bit and he did."

Francisco Cordero came on in the ninth with two on and one out and earned his 37th save.

Richie Sexson hit a two-run homer for the Mariners. "He probably didn't have his best stuff but he's going to battle you and he kept us in the game," Michael Young said of Chris Young.

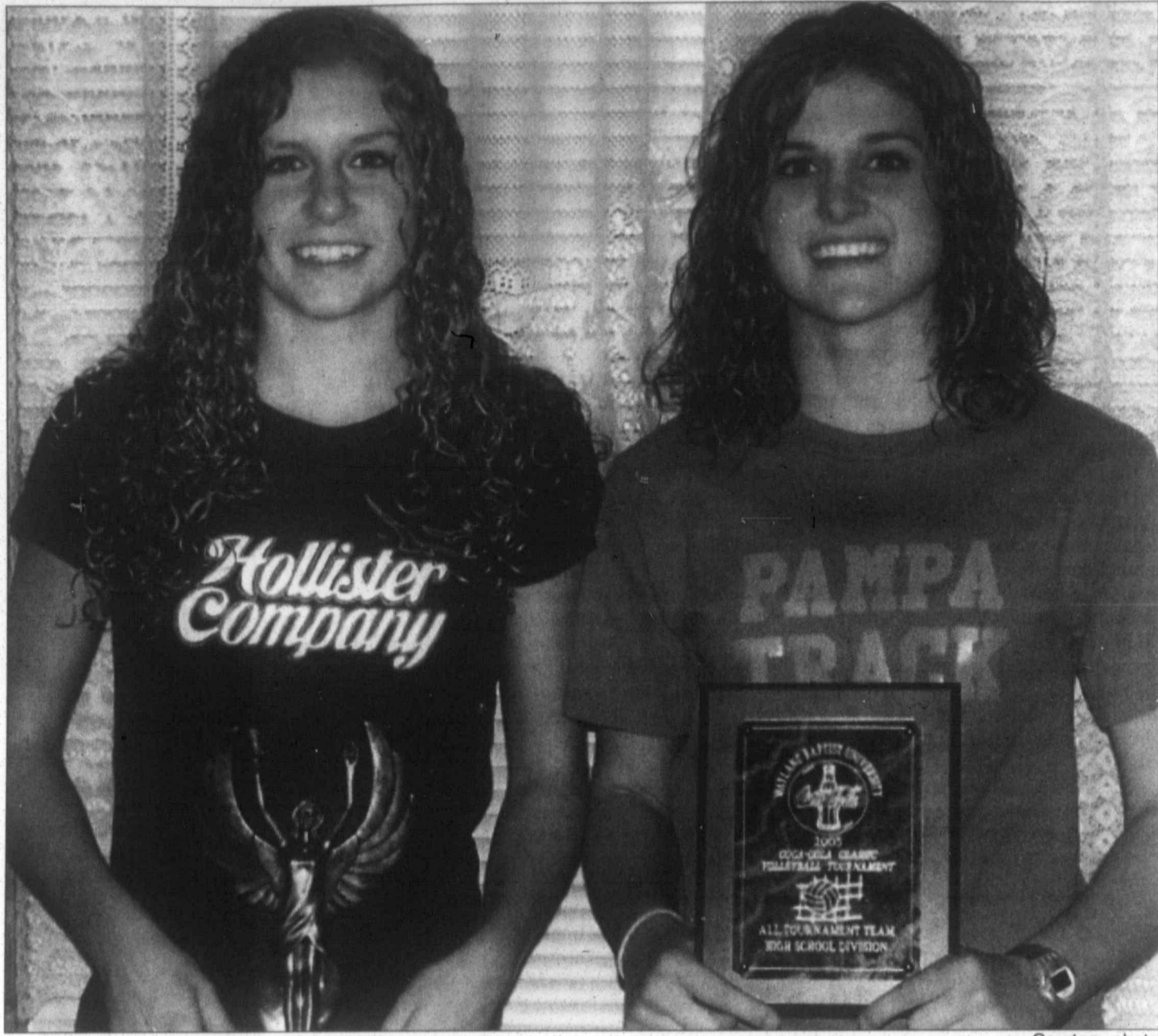
In his final season start, Joel Pineiro (7-11) had his shortest outing of 2005. He lasted three innings, allowing six runs and seven hits.

"He had a 14-pitch first inning and a 38-pitch second inning," Mariners manager Mike Hargrove said. "It's like somebody turned the light switch off."

Pineiro said he felt good throughout.

"I just feel behind the hitters and got hit around," he said. "No excuse."

Ichiro Suzuki singled up the middle to open the Mariners' first. That gave him 197 hits, and he needs three over the final four games to reach 200 for a record fifth straight season. With one out, Suzuki stole second and went to third on catcher Gerald Laird's throwing error. Raul Ibanez then hit an RBI single.



Stephanie McVay (left) proudly displays the trophy she won for making the All-Tournament Team at the Lu Allen Memorial Classic in Graham earlier this season. Her Lady Harvester volleyball teammate Jackie Gerber holds the plaque she received for making the All-Tournament Team at the Coca-Cola Classic in Plainview.

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## Astros edge Cards, 7-6

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rallying against 21-game winner Chris Carpenter, the Houston Astros edged closer to their second straight NL wild-card berth.

Morgan Ensberg had a tiebreaking double in the ninth inning, his fourth hit of the game, and the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-6 Wednesday night to maintain a 2 1/2-game lead over Philadelphia in the NL wild-card race.

"I feel like nothing has changed," said Ensberg, who reached 100 RBIs for the first time in his major league career. "We need to win tomorrow and keep on winning. I don't look at it that we somehow did a great thing because of the win. It was necessary for us."

With the score 6-6, Willy Taveras led off the ninth with his major league-leading 69th infield hit and scored without a play on Ensberg's double into the left-field corner off Jason Iringhausen (1-2).

Houston swept a two-game series against the NL Central champions, finishing the season 5-11 against St. Louis, and will close the regular season with a four-game series at home against the Cubs that starts Thursday. The Astros were 6-3 on their final trip of the season.

"We've still got work to do," manager Phil Garner said. "Tomorrow is

our biggest game of the year. Then, the next day will probably be even bigger."

Lance Berkman and Mike Lamb homered in consecutive at-bats off Carpenter as the Astros improved to 87-71, a season-best 16 games above .500. Chad Qualls (6-4) worked a perfect eighth, and Brad Lidge finished for his 40th save in 43 chances.

Philadelphia (85-74) routed the New York Mets 16-6 and is off Thursday. The Phillies finish with three games at Washington.

Reggie Sanders hit his first home runs since early July, connecting on consecutive at-bats for the Cardinals, who got another spotty outing from Carpenter. The Cardinals are 3-8 since clinching the division and must sweep a season-ending series at home against the Reds to give the franchise consecutive 100-win seasons for the second time, the first since 1942-44.

Sanders' progress was about the only positive for the Cardinals, who have lost three straight at home. He returned to the lineup Sept. 12 after missing 54 games with a broken leg, and has five RBIs in his last three games.

"That's two huge hits," manager Tony La Russa said. "That's a good sign for us."

## DALLAS COWBOYS Bledsoe-to-Johnson becoming quite a catch

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — When Drew Bledsoe joined the Dallas Cowboys, Bill Parcells offered a crucial piece of advice about working with Keyshawn Johnson: Throw him the damn ball.

And he wasn't joking. Sorry, Keyshawn, Parcells didn't mean every down. He was talking about certain plays when Johnson seems to be covered. He emphasized to Bledsoe to trust that the 6-foot-4, sticky-handed receiver would make the catch anyway — especially when the game is on the line.

Bledsoe sure has figured it out fast. Over their first three games, they've connected for three touchdowns, two of them fourth-quarter game-winners. This past Sunday against San Francisco, they followed their go-ahead touchdown by hooking up on a 2-point conversion, too.

"I've never had a big receiver like that," Bledsoe said Wednesday. "I've had big tight ends, but never a receiver with arms that long where I can throw the ball up high."

"A lot of throws I make to him feel weird to me. It feels like I'm throwing to the wrong place, but it's actually the right place for him because it's up high and he can snatch it."

Their connections haven't just been lobs. Many have been the kind of precise plays usually seen from quarterbacks and receivers who've been together a long time.

It started in the opener against San Diego, when Johnson made a terrific toe-tapping sideline catch to keep alive the drive in which he scored the winning touchdown. It came on third-and-goal from the 2, on a play designed to go only to Johnson.

Against the 49ers, Bledsoe rallied Dallas from a 12-point fourth-quarter deficit. On both scoring drives, Bledsoe threw to Johnson after reaching the 14-yard line. They gained 13 yards the first time, leading to a 1-yard TD run by Julius Jones, then took the same route deeper the next time and Johnson caught it in the end zone.

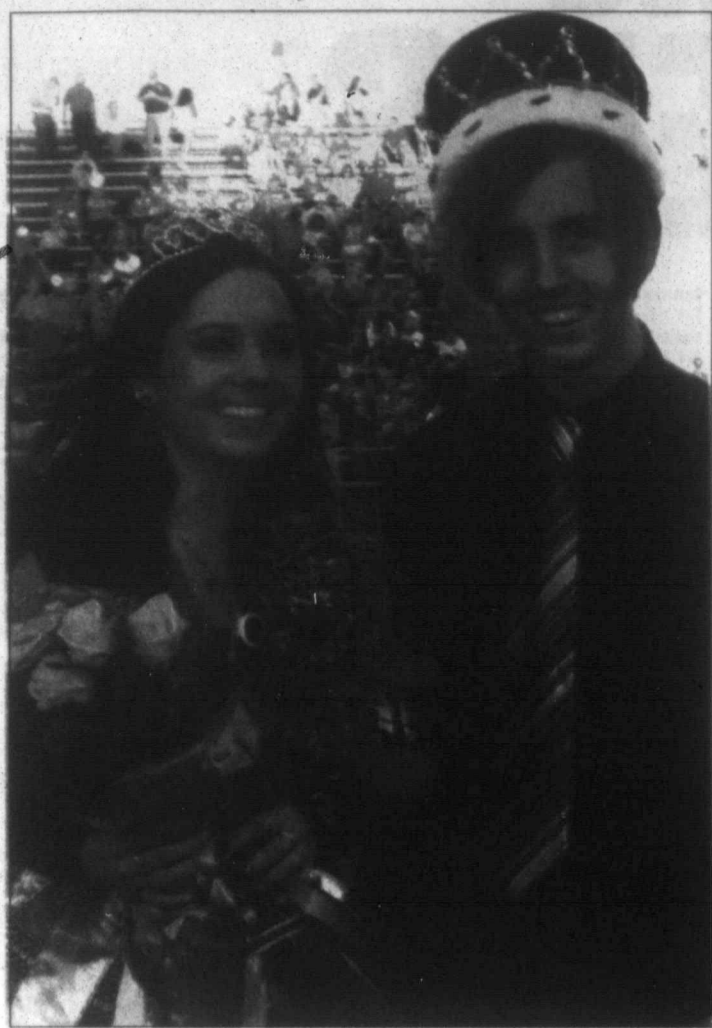
"I think Drew understands him now, pretty much completely," Parcells said.

Thanks in part to Johnson, Bledsoe is the third rated quarterback in the NFL and he's thrown for the fifth-most yards. Only three receivers have more touchdowns than Johnson and he's already halfway to his total for all of last season.





## King & Queen



This year's Pampa High School Harvester Homecoming King and Queen are Callie Cobb and Russell Anglin.

## Insiders painted sunny for HCA investors

WASHINGTON (AP) — While insiders at Hospital Corp. of America Inc. were selling millions of dollars of their own stock this year, they were also painting a sunny picture of the company's outlook for investors.

Federal prosecutors and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating the sale of HCA stock by

*In his remarks, Campbell did not speculate about the company's earnings, but spoke of a number of positive trends for the company.*

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., whose family founded the company. HCA is the nation's largest for-profit health care chain.

On June 14, the day after Frist ordered his shares sold, HCA officers at a Goldman Sachs health care conference in Laguna Niguel, Calif., spoke optimistically about the company's prospects.

Victor Campbell, HCA's senior vice president of corporate communications and government relations, soothed investor concerns about unpaid patient debts and worries about patient volumes. He also advocated for a still-pending Senate bill that would limit the establishment of physician-owned specialty hospitals and called Washington "my favorite place ... where I spend at least a day or two a week."

In the month before the speech, Campbell sold about

\$12 million worth of stock. It was part of a massive insider sell-off at HCA that totaled some \$112 million between January and June 2005.

Those sales were disclosed publicly through filings with the SEC.

HCA shares peaked about a week later, closing at \$58.40 on June 22. On July 13, they tumbled 9 percent following the company's announcement that it would not meet earnings expectations.

Citigroup said the drop was "a clear disappointment versus recently heightened investor expectations."

In his remarks, Campbell did not speculate about the company's earnings, but spoke of a num-

ber of positive trends for the company. The only expense line the company didn't like, he told investors, was the issue of money lost from treating uninsured patients who never paid. But he said that was improving: "We've had a couple of quarters now ... where the trend lines have looked better. We hope that will continue. We're not predicting." He did forecast that outpatient volumes would continue to grow.

Campbell highlighted HCA's buyback of stock in late 2004 but did not mention the insider sell-off then nearing completion. The company had borrowed the full amount it needed for a \$2.5 billion buyback, which spurred credit-rating agency Standard & Poor's to downgrade its debt rating to junk, a move which coincided with the start of the stock's ascent to its June 22 peak.

## Puerto Rico: FBI killing draws threats

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Puerto Rican police tightened security at federal buildings and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton canceled a visit to the island amid fears the killing of a Puerto Rican nationalist in an FBI shootout could lead to a resurgence of pro-independence violence.

Police chief Pedro Toledo acknowledged the potential for unrest, saying the death of Filiberto Ojeda Rios had generated "rancor and rage."

Ojeda Rios, 72, was shot to death Friday by FBI agents who came to arrest him at his farmhouse in southwestern Puerto Rico for the 1983 armed robbery of a Wells Fargo depot in Connecticut. He was the leader of the militant independence movement known as the Macheteros, or Cane Cutters, and had been on the run for 15 years.

*The FBI has ordered an independent probe into the shooting but that has done little to abate the anger.*

Protests immediately erupted in the streets of the capital San Juan during which demonstrators burned American flags and scrawled graffiti on two McDonald's restaurants.

Federal agents said they shot Ojeda Rios after he fired on them, but his widow, who escaped the farmhouse unharmed, said the FBI fired first. Puerto Ricans also criticized the FBI for waiting almost 24 hours to enter the farmhouse where the fugitive lay

wounded.

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On Tuesday thousands of people turned out for his funeral, many waving Puerto Rican flags and singing revolutionary ballads. The Macheteros vowed to avenge his death in a statement read by the funeral's master of ceremonies.

"Yankees murderers, your days are numbered! ... The fight will continue now and until the Yankees leave our soil," read the letter, which was signed by a Commander Guasabara "from somewhere on the island."

Clinton was to have addressed the chamber of commerce in the southern city of Ponce on Friday, spokesman Philippe Reines said.

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