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Lack of action puts call center on hold

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa may not be getting a new call center that could bring as many as 800 new jobs to town. The long-rumored call center that was expected to go into the former J.C. Penney's space at Pampa Mall may be on hold following the lack of action by two city bodies following closed door discussions this week.

executive session to discuss a Pampa Economic Development Corporation incentive package and appointing members to three city boards, including the EDC, the city commission reconvened in open session to adjourn without taking any action. The Pampa EDC, following almost three hours in executive session Thursday, reconvened in open session to adjourn without taking any action. The EDC had four meet-

ings last week in which they went into executive session. Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, City Manager John Horst and accountant Doug Ware met with the EDC board for most of the executive session at Thursday's meeting. Two men representing the company who had proposed establishing the call center also met with the EDC. The two men, who declined to be

identified, were most complimentary concerning Pampa while they waited to talk with the EDC board. "The people here are most cordial," one said. "This is a nice place." A job fair was organized in early August to establish whether or not there would be the work force necessary for the call center.

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Bell to meet with parents against TAKS

Democratic gubernatorial nominee and former U.S. Congressman Chris Bell will be in Amarillo on Sunday to meet with members of the Organization of Proud Parents Opposing State Enforced TAKS. The Amarillo-based parents' organization will hold a forum to discuss high-stakes testing in Texas public schools with Bell from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1911 E. Interstate 40.

Oppose TAKS is a volunteer group of parents, step-parents, guardians, and caregivers of schoolchildren in Texas that firmly believes that accountability should be accompanied by an atmosphere of moderation and common sense.

Their desire is to create awareness among Texas lawmakers as to the mental state of public school students before, during, and after taking mandated standardized See TAKS, Page 3

Happy ducks



Recent rains have filled in low areas, creating a bountiful habitat for these ducks on a pond west of Pampa. Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Thornberry backs making government accountable

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Taxpayers will be able to track all federal spending on a new, searchable Web site under a bill approved by Congress Wednesday night. U.S. Rep. Mac Thornberry joined in support of S. 2590, the "Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006," noting that such a simple bill was "a major step for common sense and for accountability in government."

The Web site's search engine and database will offer information on federal contracts, grants, loans, earmarks, and other federal assistance and expenditures. The legislation calls for the Web site to be user friendly — all information must be accessible in a single search. Frequent updating of the site is also required under the bill. Information on government contracts, grants or other funding must

be posted within 30 days after the funding is awarded. "Our government is real good at taking money from the pockets of hard working Americans," Thornberry said. "But, it is not real good at making it easy for taxpayers to find out where their money is going. I believe this Web site will help make government more accountable to the people who are paying the bills."

Under the bill, the information to be made available would include: • The names of entities receiving federal money. • The locations of entities receiving federal money including the city, state, congressional district, and country. • The amount of money an entity receives.

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Tickets on sale for annual Woody Guthrie barbecue

Tickets are available for this year's tribute to Woody Guthrie barbecue supper to be held at 6 p.m. Oct. 7. The barbecue, held at Woody Guthrie Inn, is one of the highlights of the annual weekend tribute to Guthrie. This year's events include a jam session at 7 p.m. Oct. 6 at the

Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center of Pampa, 320 S. Cuyler. Events on Oct. 7 begin at 10 a.m. when the Woody Guthrie Center opens for browsing. At 11 a.m., performances begin on the outdoor state at Woody Guthrie Inn and continue until supper at 6 p.m. Also at 11 a.m., hot-dogs will be catered by Coney

Island until 1 p.m. Beverages will be available all day at the Shotgun Shack on Craven near the railroad tracks. At 2 p.m. "From Pampa to New York," a story of Guthrie from 1937 to 1947 where guest artists will perform Guthrie songs. The barbecue dinner begins at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$25 for adults and

\$10 for students. Children 10 and under are free. Event organizers recommend buying advance tickets. At 7 p.m., an outdoor concert will be held. "The Wanderers" of Portland, Ore., will present the story of Guthrie and the songs he wrote in See WOODY, Page 3

Obituaries

Services tomorrow

**DOUGHERTY, Gene E.** — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.  
**JONES, Victor** — 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

**Gene E. Dougherty, 75**

Gene E. Dougherty, 75, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 13, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Glen Walton, minister of the Bell Avenue Church of Christ of Amarillo, and Rodney Tedford, minister of the Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ of Pampa, officiating.

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

Mr. Dougherty was born April 27, 1931, in McLean. He married Zetha Parker in 1952 in Pampa. He was a resident of Briscoe until moving to Pampa in 1952. He worked for SPS for 40 years, retiring as a lineman/serviceman.

He owned and operated Double D Baseball Shop for several years. He worked on a farm in Briscoe and worked cattle. He loved gardening and baseball. He was a

devoted husband and father and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include his wife, Zetha Dougherty, of the home; three sons, Terry Dougherty and wife Robbie and Dennis Dougherty and wife Karol, all of Pampa, and Rick Dougherty and wife Melissa of Denham Springs, La.; one daughter, Donna Mathis and fiancé Jim Willett of Shattuck, Okla.; one brother, Jim Dougherty and wife Judy of Fritch; one brother-in-law, Darvil Atherton of Wheeler; 14 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Adalee Dougherty; a brother, Alvie Dougherty; and a sister, Sammie Atherton.

MEMORIALS: Pampa Optimist Youth Club, 601 E. Craven, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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

**Victor Jones, 59**

Victor Jones, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 14, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, with Tommy Joe Bowers and Rev. Fines Marchman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Skellytown, officiating.

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

Mr. Jones was born Feb. 5, 1947, in Dumas. He had been a resident of Pampa for 18 years. He married Sue Williams on Sept. 15, 1995, in Pampa. He was a truck driver in the oil field for a number of years, working for Triangle Well Service for the past two years.

He was a veteran of the U. S. Army during the Vietnam War, serving in Germany.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Jones, of the home; two sons, Ronnie Jones and Richard Jones, both of Pampa; two daughters, Patricia Jones of Pampa and Amanda Lawrence of Borger; one stepson, Eddie Hasty of Pampa; one brother, Andy Jones of Wichita Falls; five sisters, Betty Sue Petty of Fairview, Shirley Jones, Peggy Turner and Ronda Elliott, all of Seymour, and Barbara Bingman of Dayton; and six grandchildren, Jennifer Jones and Seger Jones, both of the home, Ashley Jones, Jo Lynn Jones, Brook Jones and Nikki Smith, all of Pampa.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Christine Malaska, and a grandson, Randall Jones.

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



Jones

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Ten traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were reported in the 100 block of North Hobart, the intersection of Cuyler and Brown, and the 2300 block of North Navajo.

Two accidents were reported in the police department lobby.

Animal complaints were reported in the 1200 block of East Francis, the 2200 block of North Chestnut, the 1000 block of South Wells, the 2700 block of Cherokee, and the 900 block of South Wells.

An animal bite was reported in the 700 block of North Sloan and a dead animal was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Found property, two house keys, was reported in the police department lobby.

Discharge of a weapon was reported in the 2200 block of North Christy.

A runaway was reported in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Motorist assistance was provided at an undisclosed location.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

A stolen vehicle was reported in the police department lobby.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles and the 1900 block of North Duncan.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

An assault with no injuries was reported in the police department lobby.

A sexual offense was reported in the 2300 block of Evergreen.

A gas drive off occurred in the 1900

block of North Hobart. The value of the gas was \$51.78.

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

A domestic disturbance occurred in the 1000 block of South Banks.

A prowler was reported in the 900 block of North Somerville.

A suspicious vehicle was observed in the 500 block of South Tignor.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

Charles Kane, 40, of Pampa was arrested by Department of Public Safety on a charge of DWI, third or more offense.

Marvin Monrow Finney III, 30, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on charges of no driver's license and no registration.

Melody Marlow, 28, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on charges of forgery by passing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Friday, Sept. 15

Troyce Brewer, 38, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of no driver's license, no insurance, expired registration and expired inspection.

Deborah Chandler, 46, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of no driver's license and no insurance.

Fire

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

Thursday, Sept. 14

3:16 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 400 block of South Graham on a medical assist.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 86.

Windy, with a south-southwest wind between 15 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 66.

Windy, with a south wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Partly cloudy, with a low around 61.

West-southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72.

North-northeast wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. Northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south-south-east.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 55. South wind around 10 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 77. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 57.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72.

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Bush argues for interrogation legislation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing a GOP revolt in the Senate, President Bush urged Congress on Friday to join in backing legislation to spell out strategies for interrogating and trying terror suspects, saying "the enemy wants to attack us again."

"Time is running out," Bush said in a Rose Garden news conference. "Congress needs to act wisely and promptly."

Bush denied that the United States might lose the high ground in the eyes of world opinion, as former Secretary of State Colin Powell suggested.

"It's unacceptable to think there's any kind of comparison between the behavior of the United States of America and the action of Islamic extremists who kill innocent women and children to achieve an objective," said Bush, growing animated as he spoke.

Bush's comments came a day after Republicans on the Senate Armed Services Committee broke with the administration and approved a bill for detention and trial of foreign terrorism suspects. Bush claims the measure would compromise the war on terrorism.

He is urging the Senate to pass a bill more like a House-passed one that would allow his administration to continue holding and trying terror suspects before military tribunals.

Bush said he would work with Congress to resolve the disputed language, but stood firm on his demands.

"If not for this program, our intelligence community believes al Qaida and its allies would have succeeded in launching another attack against the American homeland," he said.

"Unfortunately the recent Supreme Court decision put the future of this program in question. ... We need this legislation to save it."

The high court earlier this year struck down Bush's current arrangement for trying detainees held at the U.S. Naval Base Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Bush said that it was vital to change the law to protect intelligence professionals who are called on to question detainees to obtain vital information. "They don't want to be tried as war criminals. ... They expect our government to give them clarity about what is right and what is wrong."

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of White Deer:

Wheat	4.11
Milo	3.65
Corn	4.50
Soybeans	4.40

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

OXY	45.41	-0.07
BP PLC ADR	64.94	-0.91
Cabot Corp	35.60	+0.34
Celanese	17.98	+0.14
Cabot Oil Gas	44.72	+0.05
Coca Cola	44.68	+0.10
VLO	50.60	+0.02
HAL	29.23	+0.17
TRI	43.36	-0.74
KMI	104.36	-0.06
XCEL	20.45	+0.20
Anadarko	43.83	-0.45
XOM	64.69	-0.02
Nat'l Oilwell	59.07	+0.43
Limited	27.17	-0.05
Williams	22.62	-0.11
MCD	37.35	+0.02
Atmos	28.20	-0.04
Pioneer Nat	38.34	+0.05
JCP	65.30	-0.01
COP	58.29	-0.15
SLB	55.70	+0.60
Tenneco	24.03	+0.09
CVX	61.55	-0.50
Wal-Mart	48.38	+0.01
OKE	38.05	-0.02
NS Grp	64.50	+0.09
New York Gold	586.00	
Silver	10.95	
West Texas Crude	63.22	

# EDC

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One EDC member said that on the positive side, the deal would draw on existing labor so it wouldn't exacerbate the city's housing shortage.

The result allayed any fears the company had, one of the company representatives said, and he thought the job fair allayed any fears city officials may have had.

After yesterday's meeting, company officials said they were puzzled and disappointed by the lack of action taken by the EDC.

While some close to the negotiations were pessimistic about whether an agreement could be reached, others were hopefully optimistic that something could be worked out over the next few days.

Dwight Fiveash, president of the EDC, said after the meeting that he couldn't talk about what happened in the executive session.

"The way I understand it," Fiveash said, "is that no action means that we just

move on. That's basically all I can tell you."

EDC member Bill Berry was a little more optimistic, saying that the ball was in the company's court now.

Gary Sutherland, another EDC member, said the economic development corporation is always open to proposals, and he hoped things could be worked out.

The official reason for not taking action was said to be the inability to meet the company's deadlines.

One of the company representatives admitted that his company faced time restrictions with their customers, and that they were talking with other communities across the country.

Since no action was taken by the EDC, the Pampa City Commission's meeting, scheduled for Thursday afternoon to take up the EDC incentive package, was canceled.

In other business during the EDC meeting, Shawn Clifton told his fellow board members that he was meeting with CentraMedia to discuss developing a Web site for the city's economic development corporation.

Kathy Cota, the EDC secretary, told the board that she had talked with Rodney Wichert, a Pampa Independent School District art teacher, about having his students design proposed logos for the EDC. She said that Wichert wanted until the end of the month. Cota said she hoped to have examples to show the board at their October meeting.

The student with the winning design would receive a scholarship.

Clifton, EDC treasurer, reported that the EDC had an income of \$3.12 in August and expenditures totaling about \$2,000.

Sales tax money, however, began to flow to the EDC coffers this month, he reported, and would be reflected in the treasurer's September report.

The EDC received a check for \$81,998.80 Monday for their share of sales taxes collected in July in Pampa.

Out of that money, the EDC decided to repay the \$20,000 loan from the city, including interest.

"We appreciate the loan," Fiveash said.

# Ford slashes 10,000 more jobs, offers buyouts; to shut 2 plants

DETROIT (AP) — Ford is cutting more than 10,000 additional salaried jobs, offering buyouts to all of its 75,000 U.S. hourly workers and shutting down two more plants in a plan to end financial losses and remake itself into a smaller, more competitive car company.

The announcement from Ford came as Chrysler's parent said it would cut U.S. production through the end of 2006 and follows big cutbacks at General Motors earlier this year. The cuts are all due to consumers shifting from trucks and sport utility vehicles to smaller, more fuel efficient cars and crossovers, many made by Asian automakers.

The blue-collar cuts at Ford are another blow to organized labor, which has been losing members as the domestic auto industry reshapes itself amid fierce competition from lower-cost, non-union rivals.

Wall Street seemed unimpressed with Ford's accelerated restructuring plan. Ford Motor Co. shares tumbled more than 13 percent by midday, erasing more than \$2 billion of the stock's value.

The nation's second biggest automaker said today it would shutter a stamping plant in Maumee, Ohio, in 2008 and its Essex engine plant in Windsor, Ontario, in 2007.

It will also close an assembly plant in Norfolk, Va., in 2007, a year earlier than previously announced and will cut a shift in January. An assembly plant in St. Paul, Minn., which is scheduled to close in 2008, also will have a shift reduction in 2007.

The new cuts bring the total number of plant clo-

sures to 16, adding to the 14 plants announced previously. The company has identified nine of the plants to be closed through 2008, but Ford officials would not talk about which facilities would be shut down after that.

Ford said it would complete its cuts of about 30,000 hourly jobs by the end of the 2008, four years ahead of its previous target. The company said it already had cut 4,000 salaried positions in the first quarter of this year.

The new cuts would reduce Ford's total North American work force by 29 percent, from the current level of about 130,000 to about 92,000 by the end of 2008. The salaried job cuts represent about a third of that work force.

Ford's method of slashing

its work force is similar to cuts made earlier this year by larger rival General Motors Corp. At GM, 34,410 hourly workers have accepted buyouts or early retirement offers this year. The company has cut its white-collar work force by 2,000 in 2006.

Ford, GM and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler unit are struggling with the need to reduce their so-called "legacy costs" of big pay and benefits packages for workers and retirees to compete more effectively with foreign automakers.

DaimlerChrysler said Friday its Chrysler division will make additional production cuts in the third and fourth quarters to reduce dealer inventories.

# Bill

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- Identification of the agency or program providing federal money to a particular recipient.

- A description of the purpose for the funding received.

"This Web site should work a lot like Google," Thornberry said. "You

should be able to do searches simply by entering words like 'cancer research' or the name of an organization or company."

The legislation calls for the Web site to be up and running by Jan. 1, 2008. Classified information will not be accessible through the website.

The legislation was originally introduced by Sen. Tom Coburn of Oklahoma and had passed unanimous-

ly out of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

A "secret hold" was put on the bill by one or more senators until the publicity surrounding the hold forced the release of the bill, which passed the Senate by unanimous consent.

With the approval of the House, S. 2590 now goes to the President for his signature.

# Fly-In set Astronauts wrapping up Saturday

AMARILLO — The Texas Aviation Historical Society plans a Fly-In Saturday at Buffalo Airport, 13990 Buffalo Airport Road, just south of McCormick Road and west of Mescalero Road south of Amarillo.

Aviation buffs will see a display of vintage stunt and performance aircraft, as well as a hot air balloon, a helicopter and ultra light aircraft. Rides in the various aircraft will be available for purchase from \$50 to \$100 per person.

Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be a hamburger cookout that includes all the trimmings and soft drinks at \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Texas Aviation Historical Society is a non-profit organization that has been operating the English Field Air & Space Museum for the past several years.

HOUSTON (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis astronauts have been so productive that they have only one more item to complete from their original spacewalk to-do list.

Heidemarie Stefanyshyn-Piper and Joe Tanner, the pair who did the first spacewalk on Tuesday, embarked on the third and final excursion at 6 a.m. EDT today, after minor glitches caused a 45-minute delay.

"Oh, that's a beautiful view," Piper said as she floated out of the spacecraft.

The astronauts have been working on installing a new addition to the space station, the first since the 2003 Columbia disaster.

"You just can't imagine a flight going as well as this one has gone," said lead space station flight director John McCullough. "I couldn't ask for a better start — a re-start — to assembly," McCullough added.

The \$372 million addition consists of two solar panel wings that will eventually provide a quarter of the space station's power when it's completed by

2010. They won't generate any electricity, though, until the next space mission — slated for December — when the power system is rewired.

In today's spacewalk, Tanner and Piper will be unpacking a radiator that will later be used to dissipate the heat generated by electronics on the newly installed solar panels.

They'll spend the rest of the roughly 6 1/2 hours with tasks like replacing an antenna and picking up science experiments.

The spacewalk was delayed by almost an hour after a surge of electricity caused a circuit breaker to activate. NASA found that the circuit had not shorted and allowed preparations for the space walk to go ahead.

The spacewalking astronauts spent time in a depressurized room to rid their bodies of nitrogen and avoid decompression sickness; the depressurization pump in that room shut down after a surge in electricity.

# TAKS

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tests. Following the discussion, Bell and Oppose TAKS representatives will be available for comment.

For more information about Chris Bell, visit his campaign Web site at [www.chrisbell.com](http://www.chrisbell.com).

# Woody

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the 1940s along the Columbia River while the Grand Coulee Dam was being built.

Organizers said there will be "pickin' tents" around Shotgun Shack by the Railroad Tracks all day Saturday, and attendees are welcome to bring an instrument and join in or hang around and listen.

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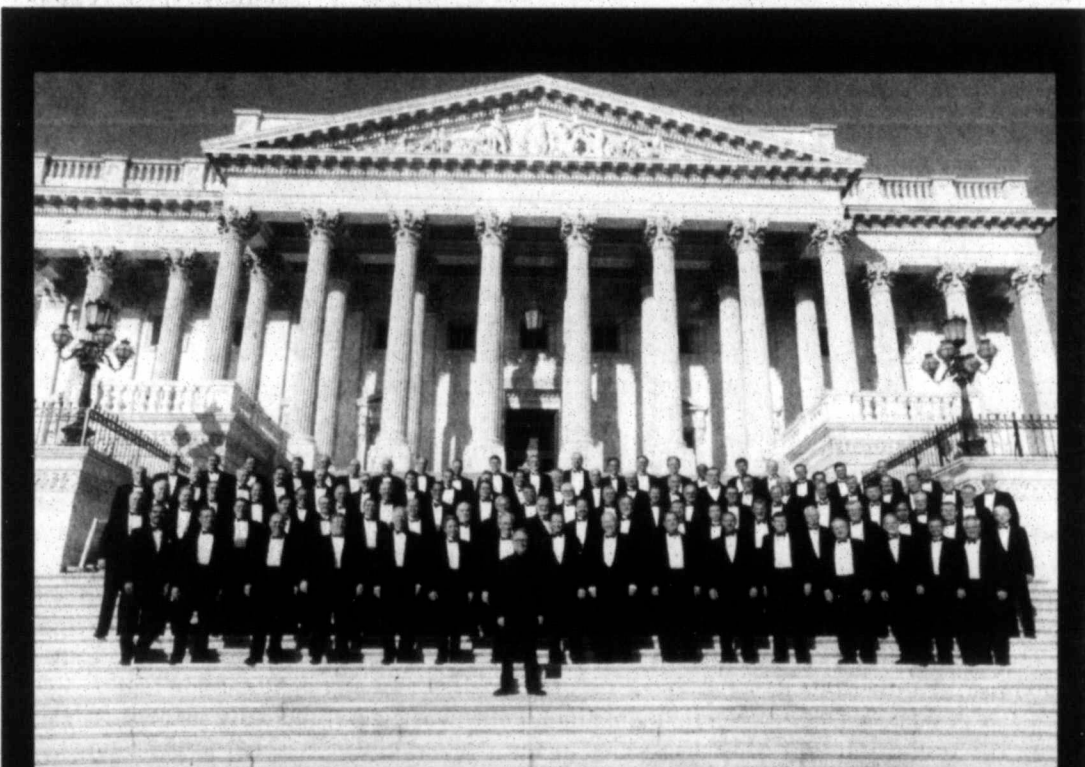
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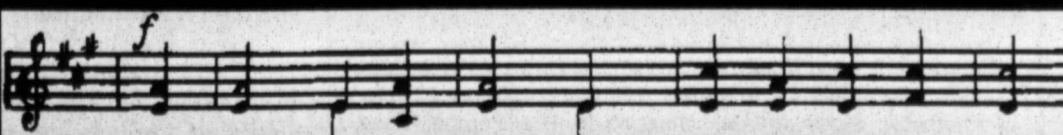


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# Viewpoints

## A little straight talk wouldn't hurt Bush

Listening to the Democrats complain about the administration's handling of the nation's security recently had me thinking. If, as they charge, the president is using it as a political issue, I really hope he is.

I also thought that President Bush needs to stop preaching to the choir — to his rock hard supporters — and begin to speak to all the American people about just what's at stake in the War on Terror.

He needs to tell Americans flat out exactly where the Democrats stand on national security. They oppose the wiretaps of al Qaeda terrorists communicating with agents and sympathizers in the U.S.; they are opposed to the tracking

of the movement of Republican funds across the globe, they opposed the Patriot Act — all programs that are designed to protect the American people.

He needs to pound home again and again that these programs have kept America safe from other 9/11s for five long years since the attack on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

And he needs to remind the people that should the Democrats win control of the Congress all of these vital programs will be gutted and al Qaeda's determination to strike at the U.S. homeland will be reinvigorated.

When he speaks about national security, the president limits the scope of his

audience by addressing his Republican base, which does not need to hear what he has to say about national security. They already know what the score is there. He needs to aim at all of the American people, Democrats and those in-between. He has to take the gloves off and punch away, showing how the Democrats' glaring weaknesses on the issue of national security will put the nation in danger.

For too long now, the Democrats have been allowed to peddle the fiction

that the war in Iraq and the war on terrorism are two different struggles, when even al Qaeda's top leaders such as bin Laden clearly state the

opposite. Even if Harry Reid, Howard Dean and the pitiful Nancy Pelosi can't recognize

that both are part of the same struggle — the war on terrorism — bin Laden and his fellow thugs know that the opposite is true.

The president needs to stress that one reason why America has been spared more 9/11s is that al Qaeda had been forced to concentrate its resources on the

insurgency in Iraq. They simply don't have the resources to fight a two-front war.

Yet the Democrats would like nothing better than to cut and run in Iraq and turn that hapless country into an Islamofascist headquarters for the jihad. Iraq in the hands of al Qaeda would create chaos throughout the Middle East.

Of course they won't admit that their policy is to abandon the people of Iraq to the mercies of al Qaeda by withdrawing our troops by a date certain. They won't call their policy a planned withdrawal — they call it a redeployment, suggesting that our troops would be redeployed to another part of the Middle East close by Iraq

from where they could re-enter that country if the need arose.

They ignore the fact that not one of the neighboring countries want U.S. troops within their borders. Rep. John Murtha, however, let the cat out of the bag when he suggested redeployment to Formosa, which is just a tad too far away from Iraq, like about 7,000 miles too far. To Democrats, it appears as if that's just a hop, skip and a jump.

The president needs to take the fight to the Democrats. They are not his friends, no matter how much he wishes they were. They are his enemies, and he must remind the public exactly

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 15, the 258th day of 2006. There are 107 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

On this date:

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1821, independence from Spain was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In 1857, William Howard Taft, who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice, was born in Cincinnati.

*'My heart is a lonely hunter that hunts on a lonely hill.'*

— "Fiona MacLeod"  
(William Sharp)  
Scottish author and poet (1855-1905)

In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a provisional government.

In 1935, the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi

Germany.

In 1940, during the Battle of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict, United Nations forces landed at Incheon in the south and began their drive toward Seoul.

In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the U.S. to begin a 13-day visit.

In 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the blast.)

In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government.

Ten years ago: Defense Secretary William Perry was making the rounds among American allies in the Persian Gulf region, seeking additional support for the U.S. stance against Iraq. Bahrain agreed to play host to 26 American F-16 jet fighters.

Five years ago: President Bush ordered U.S. troops to get ready for war and braced Americans for a long, difficult assault against terrorists to avenge the Sept. 11 attacks.



## Arab people have strength and destiny

Naguib Mahfouz, Egypt's Nobel laureate novelist, recently died at 94. A doctor said that shortly before Mahfouz died, his wife was whispering in his ear, and he was nodding and smiling. He never lost his sense of humor.

Many of his works are available in English. I read one of his novels, and he reminds me of Charles Dickens. His characters are so sharply drawn and he paints such vivid word pictures that, with a little imagination, you feel as if you are actually present.

That is the value of great literature. It can transport you like a time machine to places it is otherwise impossible to go. Therefore, you can get a feel or sense of Egypt that is not available from news reports, polemics or instant histories by self-appointed instant experts.

Mahfouz was a true patriot, a man who loved his country and its people. Some of his books irritated religious conservatives, but the Muslim Brotherhood said it planned to attend his funeral.

He led a disciplined life. He worked for the government from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m., wrote from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., and read from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. He never went to parties or meetings and even declined to receive his Nobel Prize in person.

His life spanned most of the 20th century. He saw the end of British colonialism, the military officers' revolution led by Gamal Abdel Nasser, as well as two world wars. Most of his novels, however, are about ordinary people struggling with their lives in the background of these larger events.

There is, in fact, a great deal of Arab and Israeli literature available in English translation, and since our politicians have embroiled us in the Middle East, we might as well try to understand the region and its people. In my cold-sober moments, I believe with all

my heart the U.S. should withdraw from the area, for there are no easy or bloodless solutions to the conflicts there.

Yet, the Middle East exerts a strange fascination. I remember walking over the Etzion Bloc near Hebron in the late 1970s with a burly Israeli officer who had fought there as a teenager in the Palmach. After reminiscing about the

battle, which was desperate and bloody, he suddenly said, "So much of this land is sacred to somebody, you can hardly find a place to spit."

It's true that no matter where you go in the Middle East, you are standing on land that has been inhabited and fought over for more than 3,000 years. It is truly the cradle of Western civilization. So much of what we are and what we have today derive from those people who struggled there millennia ago. We don't know what

it looked like 3,000 years ago, but today it certainly doesn't look like it's worth fighting over. It is a hard, rocky place, and the sand seems thirsty for blood. Being there reminds you of how very young our own country is.

I just finished Albert Hourani's "A History of the Arab Peoples." It is less a history of events than it is a history of ideas — philosophical, political and religious — that have developed in the area since the birth of the prophet Muhammad. The book takes you to the 1980s. One thing reading this book will do for you is to put away forever the idea that there is a unified, monolithic Islam about to sweep the world. Islam, like all religions, has always had its divisions.

What he does best, in my opinion, is show you how European colonialism so seriously damaged the society of the Arab world. I saw traces of that when I was in Cairo, Egypt, in the late '70s. Even then most things

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**Charley Reese**  
Columnist



## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas

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The Odessa American on the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina:

A year ago Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast and caused widespread destruction. A year later we're in the midst of an orgy of media overkill about the Meaning of It All. Why should one hurricane out of several a year that hit the continental United States still stir our memories a year later?

The main reason, of course, is that New Orleans, arguably the birthplace of Americas most original contribution to world culture, jazz, and a city

beloved by people all over the country and the world who have tasted its revels, was virtually destroyed, and it is uncertain if it will ever really come back.

Despite heroic efforts and heartwarming tales of self-reliance and helping hands, the future of one of America's premier cities still teeters on the edge of government-built levees that will hold up to Category 3 storms, might withstand Category 4 storms, but probably are insufficient should another Category 5, Katrina-like storm hit.

The storm also became a vehicle for critics of the Bush administration and a metaphor for the ineffectiveness of the Federal Emergency Management Administration, an agency traditionally headed by political hacks.

But it wasn't only FEMA, which, among other things, turned away three Wal-Mart trailer trucks loaded with bottled water, that failed. State and local governments not only floundered but actively prevented the Red Cross and Salvation Army from going into the city with relief supplies in the crucial first hours.

Now, a year later, more than half of New Orleans former residents still have not returned, and rebuilding is excruciatingly slow.

Why?

There are inescapable logistical reasons, of course. Much of New Orleans is built on land below the level of Lake Pontchartrain and the Mississippi

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## Events calendar

• **The exhibit opening** for prints and memorabilia for the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday at A.G. Edwards office, 801 S. Fillmore, Suite 170, in Amarillo. The display will be on view from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sept. 18-Oct. 30.

• **Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday in the private meeting room at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. The meeting is open to interested women 50 and older. For more information, call 669-9297 or 669-9916.

• **The next Third Thursday** at Amarillo Museum of Art will be from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. This month the event will include the film "Art of Indonesia: Tales from the Shadow World," coffee tasting, entertainment by Mela Dailey, a soprano and Amarillo Opera Resident Artist, and an activity segment for both children and adults. The art activity this month will be "Painting a Poem." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

• **The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center** has announced the following upcoming breast cancer screening clinic: Sept. 26, Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, both in Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For

more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

• **Christian Poets Guild** is conducting a free poetry contest with \$1,000 to be awarded as a grand prize. To enter, send one poem of 21 lines or less to Free Poetry Contest, 1638 Dogwood Lane, Ackworth, GA 30102-1820, or enter online at [www.freecontest.com](http://www.freecontest.com). The deadline to enter is Sept. 30.

• **St. Ann's Nursing Home** in Panhandle will hold a benefit dinner from 12:30-2:30 p.m. Oct. 1 at St. Theresa's Parish Hall adjacent to the home. The meal, sponsored by St. Ann's board of directors, will be catered by Cattle Call of Amarillo. Musical entertainment will be provided by Ramon Saldana of Amarillo, the Santa Cecilia Mariachi Band of St. Laurence Cathedral in Amarillo and Ascension Academy Show Choir of Amarillo. For more information, call St. Ann's at (806) 537-3194.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will offer a workforce Spanish course from 5:30-7 p.m. Oct. 3-Dec. 12. Cost of the course is \$75, not including the textbook. For more information, call 665-8801.

• **Pampa High School Class** of 1956 is planning its 50th reunion Oct. 4-8. For more information, contact Glenda Malone at 665-4563 or Jannie Lewis at 665-3458.

• **The Fritch Arts and Craft Club's** craft show will be Oct. 7-8 at Fritch Elementary School, 201 N. Hoyne, Fritch. The show will open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. the seventh and 1-5 p.m. the eighth. For more information or to inquire about booth rental, call (806) 857-6904.

## Katrina

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River, and when the levees broke damage was done that can't be fixed with a few two-by-fours and some plasterboard. Houses that had stood for generations were devastated. Entire neighborhoods were wiped out, and people wonder whether the risk of rebuilding in such disaster-prone areas is worth it.

A significant portion of the reason why New Orleans is still in limbo, however, may stem from decades of over-reliance on the very institutions that failed to cope adequately with Katrina. Poor people especially have been encouraged to rely on government not only for rescue from disasters but for all the necessities of life. Forced by disaster and dysfunction to rely on their own resources, too many discovered how slim those resources were.

Post-Katrina rebuilding has been hindered, rather than helped, by government

sclerosis. Endless commissions and advisory panels have dithered over whether an all-encompassing master plan should be imposed, delaying action by those who simply wanted to clean up their properties and get on with things their own way, the way New Orleans originally grew into one of the most memorable places on Earth.

Our druthers would be for the city to resist the impulse to impose a top-down master plan, but establish few regulations and encourage private-sector insurance and financial support that helps communities re-emerge and homeowners rebuild lives. New Orleans may never again be what it once was for better and for worse. The best way to find out what it can become is for government to get out of the way, not to lock the city in a suffocating embrace.

FEMA and other agencies say they have supplies and tracking systems in place and won't repeat last year's mistakes if a disaster hits this year. But the levees are untested, and the culture of dependency has not even been addressed, let alone cured.

## Reagan

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where the Democratic party stands and just how much more vulnerable their politically driven policies would make this nation.

Americans need to ask themselves just

who they think the President of Iran, Saddam Hussein, Osama bin Laden, the leadership of Hezbollah and Hamas would vote for in Congressional elections on Nov. 7. If you think the answer is all of the above, you better vote for the party they want to lose.

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

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CATHOLIC PARISH

# St. Vincent's readying to commission Catechists on Catechetical Sunday

Pampa's St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church will join Catholic parishes across the country in celebrating Catechetical Sunday this weekend, September 16-17, with a commissioning of catechists.

The annual event spotlights the importance of the teaching ministry in the Roman Catholic Church. The theme this year is "Who Do You Say That I Am?"

Currently, more than half a million catechists serve in the nation's 19,000 Catholic parishes, missions and

schools. These men and women introduce more than 4 million children and youth to the faith and traditions of the Catholic Church.

In addition, these catechists provide opportunities for study, reflection and faith enrichment to a large number of adult Catholics.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish will observe Catechetical Sunday with a rite of commissioning for its 27 catechists. As part of these celebrations, parents and guardians will also be blessed for the important role they

play in handing on the faith to the next generation.

Juanita Brower, director of Religious Education, noted that Catechetical Sunday highlights a central ministry within the Catholic Church.

"The work of these catechists — most of them people who volunteer their time — is vital to the life of the Church. This celebration gives us a chance to recognize the importance of those who share faith with so many in our parish."



St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is celebrating Catechetical Sunday this coming weekend. The parish is set to commission 30 Catechists. Above: Kenny and Melaney Martin, David and Daniella Watson, Alice Wilson, Martha Ontiheros, Dave Davis, Juanita Munoz, Grazelda Regalado, Patty Plunk, Juan and Lydia Rodriguez, Tony Resendiz, Cecilia Losoya, Maria Rodriguez, Joe Martinez and Joe Mechelay.

## Fund-raiser



Carol Carter, manager of the local Wal-Mart store, recently picked the winning ticket from a hopper provided by Magic Plains Chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Carter is flanked by ABWA members Glenda Malone, from left, vice president, Evelyn Boyd, treasurer, and Marie McCathern, past president. The drawing benefited the association's scholarship fund.

## Names in the news

HONOLULU (AP) — TV reality star Duane "Dog" Chapman and two co-stars on his show have been arrested on charges of illegal detention and conspiracy in an alleged kidnapping three years ago.

Chapman, son Leland Chapman and associate Timothy Chapman were taken into custody and did not resist arrest Thursday, said Mark Hanohano, U.S. Marshal for the district of Hawaii. "It went down without incident," Hanohano said.

Mona K. Wood, a publicist for the star of the popular cable series "Dog The Bounty Hunter," said Chapman would be vindicated. "He arrests the bad guys — and he is definitely not one of them," she said.

The charges stem from Chapman's capture of Max Factor heir Andrew Luster on June 18, 2003, in Puerto Villarta, Mexico, said Marshals spokeswoman Nikki Credic in Washington.

Chapman's capture of Luster, who had fled the country after being convicted of raping three women, catapulted the 53-year-old bounty hunter to fame and led to the reality series on A&E.

The three are being held in Honolulu. Bail has not been set. They will face an extradition hearing to Mexico under

**Mexican authorities demanded that the Chapmans transfer Luster to Mexican police. Their refusal to do so led to their initial arrest.**

terms of treaties between the U.S. and Mexico, Credic said.

Chapman's son Leland, 29, and Timothy Chapman, 41, no relation, assist Chapman in exploits chronicled for the TV show around the Hawaiian Islands. The show focuses on Chapman's family as much as the bounty hunting, which generally involves tracking down bail jumpers, often creating emotional

scenes with repentant captives.

Charges have been pending against the three since local police in Mexico arrested them shortly after they roped in Luster. They posted bail but never returned to Puerto Villarta for their court hearing on July 15, 2003, Credic said.

Mexican authorities demanded that the Chapmans transfer Luster to Mexican police. Their refusal to do so led to their initial arrest.

A U.S. warrant for their arrest was signed by a federal judge in Honolulu on Wednesday.

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Garrison Keillor has been selling books for a long time, but now he'll do it in a different way.

The 64-year-old humorist plans to open a bookstore in the Blair Arcade building in November, the St. Paul Pioneer Press reported Thursday.

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, Keillor said he's doing it "because I am fond of independent bookstores, like to walk into them and sit and read in them, and it's time I make some contribution to my neighborhood."

There's also a connection between the building where Keillor plans to open his bookstore and St. Paul native F. Scott Fitzgerald, one of Keillor's favorite authors.

According to the Pioneer Press, the Blair Arcade building was once known as the Angus Hotel, and it was home to Fitzgerald's mother, Mollie, who lived there off and on after the death of Fitzgerald's father, Edward, in 1931.

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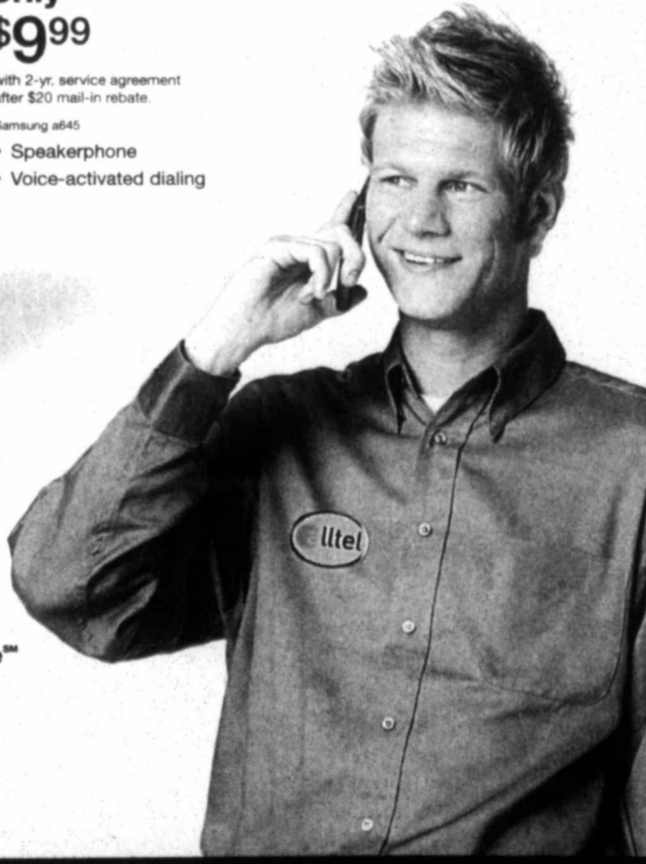
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## Reese

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invest in was either education or industrialization. It is not something easy to overcome by any country short of capital and overpopulated.

We should remember that the Arab people have been around a lot longer than we have, and though struggle they must, they will emerge eventually with a good and strong society.

—Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.



# Religion



St. Matthew's Episcopal Church is readying for its second annual "Lord's Acre Harvest Festival" set to kickoff at 10 a.m. Sept. 23 at 727 W. Browning. Among the many activities planned during the festival will be a live auction at 1 p.m. Some of the items to be auctioned off are pictured above.

## St. Matt's gearing up for annual festival

St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Pampa will kickoff its second annual "Lord's Acre Harvest Festival" at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23, at 727 W. Browning.

This year's festival will include a country store, a petting zoo, a bounce house, face painting, hair and nail art, mini wagon-train rides, barbecue and live auction.

The country store, to open under a large tent, will offer baked goods, jams, jellies, candies, hand-made quilts, throws, paintings and much more.

Horse rides will be given in conjunc-

tion with the petting zoo which will include llamas, lambs, chickens, geese, guineas and pigs.

Barbecue brisket will be served, free of charge (donations welcome) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meal will consist of potato salad, slaw, beans, and cobble.

The live auction is scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. A professional auctioneer will lead the bidding for such items as paintings, furniture, quilts, pottery, gift certificates and more.

"The tradition of the 'Lord's Acre Harvest Festival' had its beginnings," a press release from the church said, "in

the days of early western expansion in America when it was often the custom of local farmers to donate to their church the proceeds from one of their acres of cropland. It was through this harvest that funds were raised to help in the Lord's work."

Steering committee chairs are Bill and Jan Ragsdale, Jim and Karon Bonnell, Hal and Sue Cree, Mark and Karen Lang and Curt and Evelyn Farmer.

To find out more, call the church office at 665-0701.

## Minister's Musing: Fond memory brings tears, joy

The year was 1967. The place was Odessa, Texas. The event was a UIL Speech competition.

I was the persuasive speaking entry for our P H S team. I don't even remember how I did in the tournament or

how our team did. I only remember one thing that happened that weekend.

Virginia Myers was my speech teacher, and one of my great "life" teachers. She considered it her duty to not only teach all of us small-town kids about speech and drama, but about culture — restaurants, plays, life, etc. One of my greatest lessons came after the Odessa tournament ended.

We went out to eat at a seafood restaurant that was in the shape of a big boat. Because there were so many of us, they put a group of tables together and seated us in a special room. There were three different waitresses assigned to our group.

As the meal progressed, several of us noticed that a young black man was doing most of the work. He was about 20-years-old. He was the one carrying in all of the

heavy plates, removing all of the dirty dishes and even bringing us whatever we thought we needed.

The evening climaxed when, with a full tray of plates, he stopped to pick up a fork that Jan Pitts had accidentally dropped.

He assured her that he would promptly get her a replacement. And he did.

That started Jan and I talking. We were furious that he was doing most of the work and wasn't going to get a dime of the mandatory tip on the ticket, so we decided to fix that.

We checked our brainstorm with Mrs. Myers, and she approved. We passed the word up and down the tables for everyone to send us some money from what they had left over to give to the young man. Jan and I were amazed.

I don't really remember the total, but the sack that we had was full of dollar bills and some change. It must have been at least \$50.

I then asked one of the waitresses to please have the young man come into

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Mike Sublett  
Hi-Land Christian



**WORSHIP**

### Cross Crusade coming to Groom

GROOM — World Witness Ministries will minister during "Crusade at the Cross" at the Cross in Groom at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21.

World Witness works extensively on city-wide and area-wide events that join people from different churches to a central purpose of convening at one event to spread the message of Christ.

This year Susie McEntire Luchsinger will be the featured artist.

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Luchsinger



Kurtis

### Church briefs

Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd, will kickoff its "First Women's Fall Conference" at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 23 at the church. Open to all area women, the conference will consist of both morning and afternoon sessions.

Lunch will be provided. Guest speaker for the event will be Sheridan Harnly of Cuchara, Colo. The worship team will include Gwen and Maury Shock, a mother/daughter team from Stephenville. Door prizes will be given-away, organizers say. For more information, call 665-0842.

First Baptist Church of Pampa, in conjunction with Pampa Community Concert Association Presents "Live on Stage," will host The Centurymen in concert at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the auditorium of the church.

Barry Owens, director of music at First Baptist, will be among the 142 performers that make up The Centurymen. This is a bonus show for PCCA. Everyone is invited to the kick-off performance. You do not have to be a member to attend.

### First Baptist readying for singles event

First Baptist Church, 203 N. West, will host an area-wide conference for single adults Sept. 22-23. The meeting will get underway at 7 p.m. Friday with a steak dinner followed by the keynote address by Ken Brumley of Tyler, Texas.

The event will resume the next day at 8 a.m. with a continental breakfast followed by two breakout sessions which will conclude at 12 p.m.

The conference is open to all age groups. Registration is \$10 per person. Reservations may be placed through the church at 669-1155.

Brumley has worked in single adult ministry for 20 years and is currently serving as marriage and family minister at Green Acres Baptist Church in Tyler.

Brumley has also led many spiritual growth and relationship seminars and co-authored several books. He uses ordinary events in everyday lives and ties them to Biblical events to teach his message.

The Saturday sessions will be led by Mike Martin, pastor of First Baptist Church in Shamrock, and Brad Foster, Borger native and senior pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Dumas.

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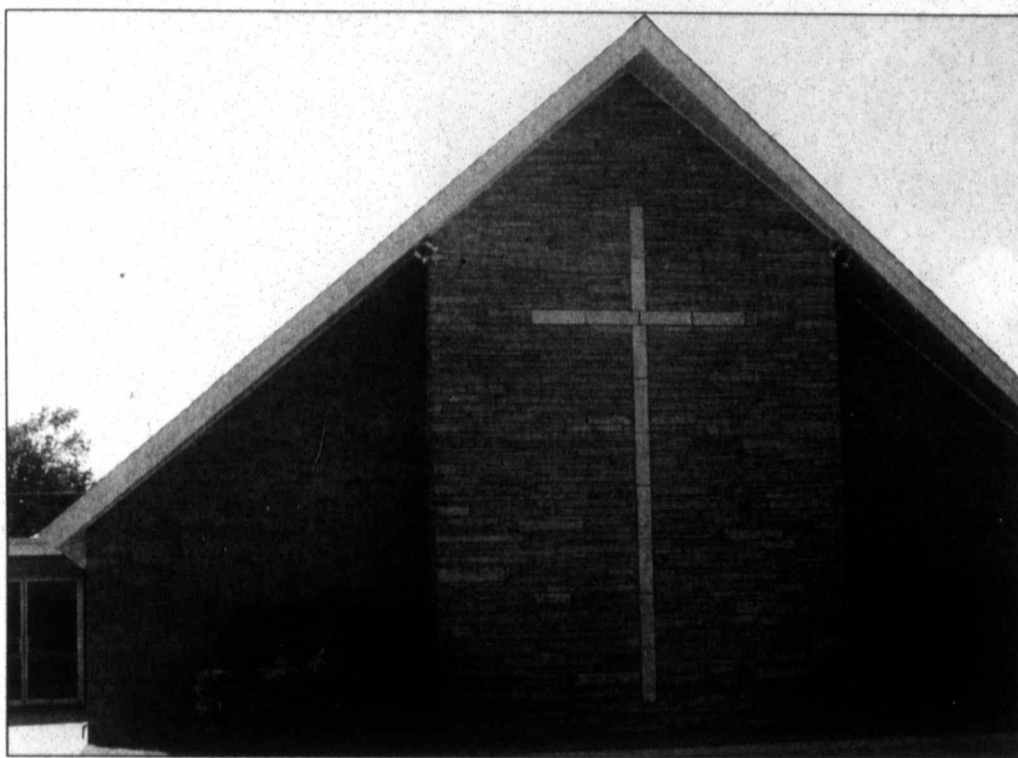
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## Hi-Land Christian Church

**Church name:** Hi-Land Christian Church, 1620 N. Banks St., 669-6700, pawdad@nts-online.net.

**Minister:** Pastor Mike Sublett, Music Minister Julie Long.

**Services:** Sunday School 9:45 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Thursday Bible Study 7 p.m.; Thursday Music Group practice 7:45 p.m.

**Activities:** Hallowed Happening on Halloween night, (passing out pop, chips, candy to about 350 kids and playing praise music from 6 to 9 p.m.); VBS, co-operative with 3 other Pampa churches; fund-raising dinners two Wednesdays per month for Create-A-Beat (children's after school program); Labor Day Family Camp; Children's Summer Christian Camps at El Porvenir Camp near Las Vegas, N.M.

**Members:** Average Sunday morning attendance: 65.

**Denomination:** Non-denominational.

**How long here:** About 45 years ago; 1960ish.

**Goals:** None at this time.

**Other activities:** We house and provide many of the volunteers for Create-a-Beat, an after school program for K-5th grade that operates five days a week throughout the school year and has about 80 children enrolled.

**Main goal:** To establish relationships with families who do not attend church and to help them come to know Christ as Savior & Lord.

**Church message:** Our core belief is that God so strongly desired to save the human race from sin that His Son, Jesus, came to the earth and sacrificed His life on the cross to pay in full our sin-debt so that we might live forever with Him in heaven.

**Responsible parties:** Day-to-day operations: Pastor Mike Sublett

**Information:** Hi-Land Christian Church is a great place for two groups of people: 1) believers who want to live lives as dedicated, hard working followers of Jesus Christ, and 2) people whose lives are in such a mess that they have little hope and are looking for answers.

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My sister had a childhood friend, "Denise," with whom she was very close in elementary school. They were friends only intermittently as they grew older, and Denise started getting into all kinds of trouble. When they were in college, my sister house-sat for my parents while they were on vacation, and Denise stayed with her. While she was there, she stole some expensive jewelry from my mother. Although the family never confronted Denise about it, it was obvious that she took the jewelry, and my sister did not remain in contact with her after that. My sister is now 40 and expecting her first child. I have offered to throw a shower for her. A couple of years ago, Denise got in touch with my sister and they became friends again. I don't know much about her last 20 years, other than that she spent time in jail and is now a single mother to a teenage son and works for a non-profit agency. Given her history with the family, I definitely do not want to invite Denise into my home for the shower, and my mother is adamant that she will not attend the shower if Denise is there. My sister wants to invite Denise because they are friends again, and she doesn't know how to tell her that she isn't invited. What do we do? — "LORETTA" IN LOS ANGELES

**DEAR "LORETTA":** If your sister is not already aware of your feelings and your mother's, she should be enlightened. If she still wishes to invite Denise to her baby shower, then it will have to be held somewhere other than your home -- and your mother will not be there. However, considering the circumstances, I think it's time your sister grew a backbone and explained to Denise that the theft left lasting hard feelings with the family -- which are understandable -- so she should not expect to be included at any family functions that include your mother.

**DEAR ABBY:** One of my closest friends, "Louise," has informed me that her husband just moved out and is requesting a divorce. She is hoping to repair the marriage. She has not given me a reason why, nor have I asked. I am trying to be a good friend and be supportive. My problem is, on a recent trip to visit my grandmother in a nearby city, I saw Louise's husband being very cozy and affectionate with a very pregnant woman. Louise was never able to have children, so this will come as a big blow to her. She has also started drinking a great deal, and is having all sorts of people at home for parties. This is not typical behavior for her, but I understand why she's doing it. Louise lives a financially secure life because of her husband's income. He is already asking about how to liquefy the assets, and she is in denial. I don't know if I should tell her about the pregnant woman or express my concerns about her drinking. I feel she needs to wake up and smell the coffee and start securing her assets. What should I do? — **WORRIED ABOUT MY FRIEND**

**DEAR WORRIED:** Your friend may already know about the woman and the baby, but on the chance that she doesn't, she should be told what you saw. And because you are concerned about her drinking, you should express that, too. There are difficult times ahead for your friend. She's going to need her wits about her -- not be added or living in a fantasy world. She's going to need legal advice and, of course, all of the emotional support her friends can give her.

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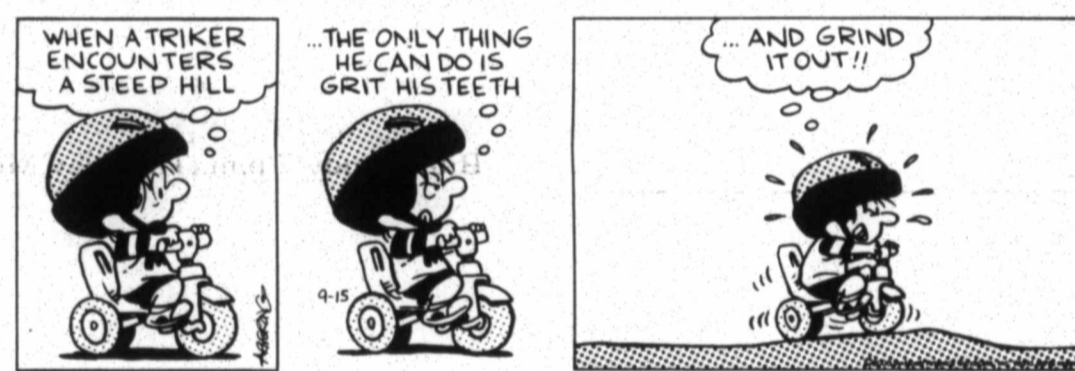
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## Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

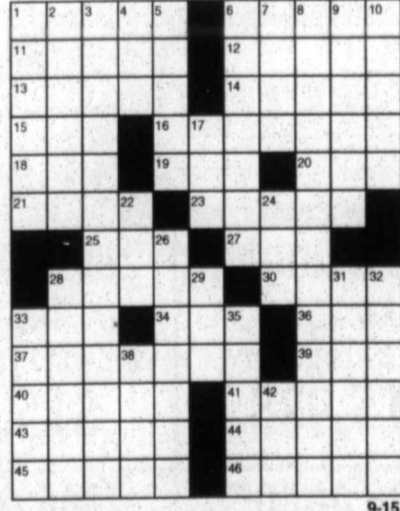
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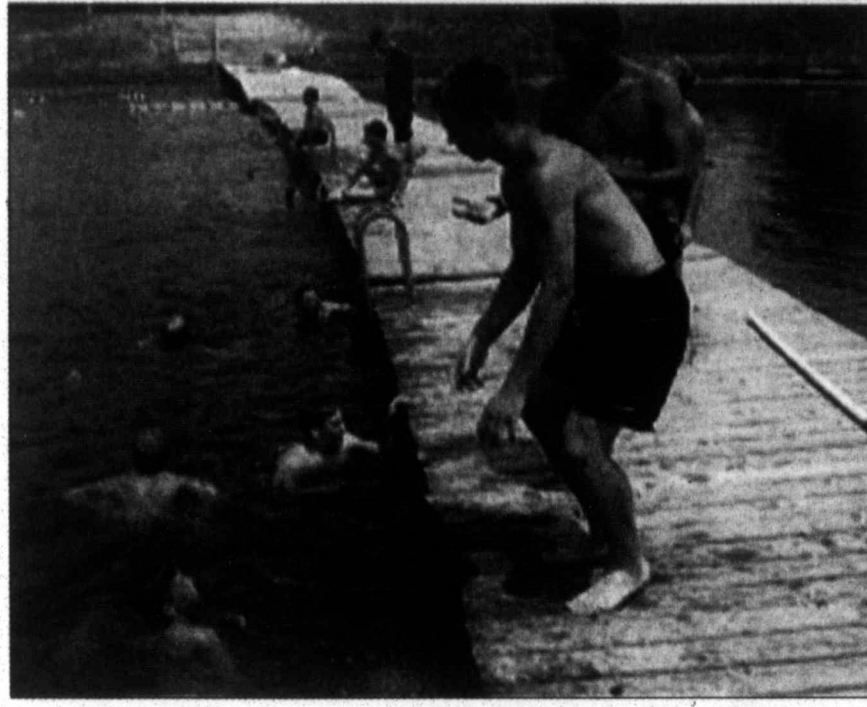
For the past five years, the Golden Spread Council of the Boy Scouts of America has been making major improvements at Camp M.K. Brown, located 35 miles east of Pampa in Wheeler County.

A new bathhouse and renovations to the dining hall and waterfront at the Boy Scout camp have been made possible through funds and grants from the M.K. Brown Foundation, the Harrington Living Trust, Mack Dick and many other individuals.

The camp is attended not only by scouts across the Panhandle, but scouts from other areas as well. In 2005, there were more than 7,400 individual visits to the camp, and this year the camp is on schedule for even more guests.

More improvements are also planned. The National Rifle Association has donated funds for a new rifle range, and plans are being made to provide showers to outlying campsites.

Camp M.K. Brown is attracting troops from farther away every summer. This past summer troops came from Kansas, New Mexico and Colorado, and for the first time a troop came from the Dallas/Fort



Worth Metroplex.

The Golden Spread Council's goal is twofold — to make the camp more attractive for the troops it serves while building it into a destination for troops far and wide.

The council serves more than 8,000 youth in the Texas and Oklahoma panhandles and is a

United Way partner agency.

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2006 fund-raising campaign.

## Smith family to bring in private pathologist

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — The head coroner in the Bahamas said today she has authorized Anna Nicole Smith's family to bring in their own pathologist to perform a second autopsy on her son, Daniel.

The family's pathologist will arrive from the United States on Saturday and will perform the autopsy on Sunday, head coroner Linda Virgill said.

"It is nothing unusual for families to want their own pathologist to confirm or look for something that may have been overlooked" in the autopsy by the coroner's office, Virgill said.

The results of the official autopsy, which was done on Tuesday, have not been released. Virgill said a toxicology test would be completed next week.

The Bahamas coroner's office has termed the death of Daniel Wayne Smith to be "suspicious." The term, however, meant the cause was not immediately apparent and did not necessarily imply foul play, Virgill said Thursday.

Daniel Smith died Sept. 10, three days after his mother gave birth to a daughter in the Bahamas.

The name of the father of Anna Nicole Smith's new daughter has not been publicly released.

A jury inquest is scheduled to begin Oct. 23. Witnesses including Smith, hospital staff and others who saw her son the night of his death were expected to be summoned.

## Sublett

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the room where we were.

When he walked in, I got to be the one to tell him. "In our opinion, you have worked the hardest to make our night here extra special. So we want to do the same for you."

I handed him the sack, and when he looked inside he broke down in tears. Needless to say, all of us had tears in our eyes, too, and we were clapping

and cheering as loud as we could. Wow! What an awesome night. What a fabulous memory. Thank you, Mrs. Myers.

For three years, I represented PHS at speech/drama tournaments. My most vivid memory during those three years was that night in Odessa.

Thirty-nine years have passed since that night, and I still get all choked up just telling the story. I've forgotten most all of the speeches. I don't remember much about the pumpkin bus rides. The memories of the restaurants and plays are very, very hazy, but the memory of that young man's face

is still crystal clear.

Thank you, Lord, for ensuring that only the unimportant stuff has faded, and thank You even more for preserving that one evening in my mind and heart.

Lord, it was You who touched our hearts that night so that we kids noticed the injustice. With Your help, we did something good that night, and 39 years later I still feel like \$1,000,000. Thank you, Lord.

And God bless Virginia Myers wherever she is. She has been one of my true heroes for over 40 years.

## Castro summit appearance uncertain

HAVANA (AP) — Is Fidel Castro healthy enough to show up?

That's the question on many minds as Cuba takes over the three-year leadership of the Nonaligned Movement from Malaysia today.

Many are wondering whether the 80-year-old Castro, a living symbol of revolution for many in the developing world, will guide the Cold War-era group in its search for relevance at a time of trade deals and globalization.

Castro ceded Cuba's leadership to his 75-year-old brother Defense Minister Raul Castro and a handful of other top government officials after emergency intestinal surgery in July. While reports of his recovery have raised expectations of a return to power, Raul remains acting president.

In his pajamas, Castro met with U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and his close friend and political ally Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Thursday, but there was no sign he would be well enough

to participate in the two days of sessions with more than 50 heads of state and government.

Chavez said the Cuban leader was walking and singing and "almost well enough to play baseball." Still, even Chavez didn't say whether he thought Castro would make a formal appearance.

Later Thursday, Raul Castro presided over the Group of 15 developing nations on the sidelines of the summit, representing his nation at an international gathering for the first time as acting president.

But Chavez stole the show, saying Fidel Castro had given him permission to speak longer because Raul wouldn't talk much. Raul Castro seemed to take the jab in good spirits, giving Chavez a bear hug after the meeting.

Trading the green fatigues he's long worn as Cuba's defense minister for a dark suit, Raul Castro briefly praised Iran and other developing nations for trying to create "a better, more just world."

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## Cross

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World Witness Ministries is a full-time evangelistic ministry consisting of evangelist Kurtis Ivey; Crusade Director Billy Shaw; and Ministries Coordinator Renee West.

This traveling ministry team calls Elk City, Okla., home and has traveled to over 20 states in the United States and three foreign countries.

The Central theme of their ministry is "Hope through faith in Christ."

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