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Wild sunflowers mix with cactus plants on East 23rd Avenue to fill in a strip of median between traffic lanes. The bright yellow flowers can be found in a number of places both inside and outside the city limits.

Bush surprised by Afghan bomb threat remark

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he was "taken aback" by a purported U.S. threat to bomb Pakistan back to the Stone Age if it did not cooperate in the fight against terrorism after the Sept. 11 attacks.

He praised Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf for being one of the first foreign leaders to come out after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks to stand with the U.S. to "help root out an enemy."

At a joint White House news conference, Musharraf said a peace treaty between his government and tribes along the Pakistan-Afghanistan border is not meant to support the Taliban.

He said news reports had mischaracterized the deals. "The deal is not at all with the Taliban. This deal is against the Taliban. This deal is with the tribal elders," Musharraf said.

Said Bush: "I believe him."

He said that Musharraf had looked him in the eye and vowed that "the tribal deal is intended to reject the Talibanization of the people and that there won't be a Taliban and there won't be al-Aqaida (in Pakistan)."

In an interview to air Sunday on CBS-TV's "60 Minutes" program,

Musharraf said that after the attacks, Richard Armitage, then deputy secretary of state, told Pakistan's intelligence director that the United States would bomb his country if it didn't help fight terrorists.

He said that Armitage had told him, "Be prepared to go back to the Stone Age."

Armitage has disputed the language attributed to him but did not deny the message was a strong one.

Asked about the report, Bush said, "The first I heard of this is when I read it in the newspaper. I guess I was

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Detainee deal revives GOP hopes to go on offensive

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans hope that an accord reached between the Bush administration and GOP senators on the treatment of terror-war detainees means the party can go on a campaign-season offensive on the issue of protecting the country.

The deal, if passed next week by Congress as planned, would end an

embarrassing two-week stretch of headlines on GOP infighting and allow the United States to go back to full speed on interrogations and permit the president to begin prosecuting terrorists linked to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.

"I'm pleased to say that this agreement preserves the single most potent tool we have in protecting

America and foiling terrorist attacks," the president said after agreement was announced on one of his top remaining priorities of the year.

White House press secretary Tony Snow said today that the House, in particular, appeared ready to move on the agreement, saying GOP leaders there "feel a sense of urgency

about getting this done before everybody leaves town at the end of next week."

The agreement contains concessions by both sides, though the White House yielded ground on two of the most contentious issues: It agreed to drop one provision that

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Free public star party planned for Sept. 30

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Pampa stargazers are planning a party at the end of the month.

The Three Rivers Foundation for the Arts and Sciences, the Comanche Springs Astronomy Club near Crowell and the Amarillo Astronomy Club are planning the Pampa Star Party on Sept. 30 at Recreation Park.

Bobby Schiffman, a representative of the groups, said they will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday with displays, sun and moon observations, demonstrations and lectures.

Schiffman said a full schedule of activities will be posted at the park that Saturday afternoon.

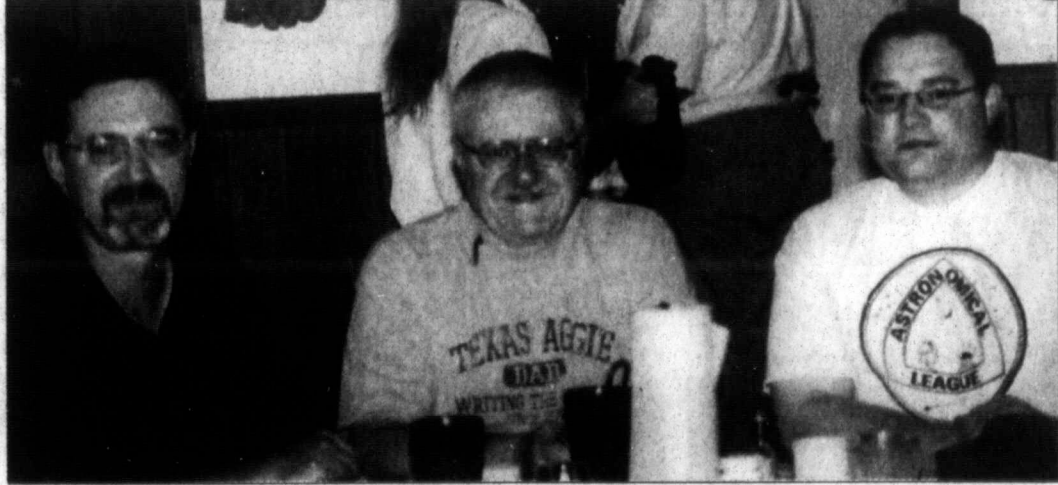
As night falls, he said

they would begin night sky observations, their star hopping program and a binocular tour of the night sky. Participants will need to bring their own binoculars and lawn chairs, he said, but the Three Rivers Foundation, Comanche Springs Astronomy Club and Amarillo Astronomy Clubs will provide telescopes.

"The event is completely free to the public," Schiffman said. "We are encouraging the public to advance their general knowledge of astronomy."

He said they were inviting anyone with a telescope to bring it out to the park.

"We may be able to help them learn how to use their scopes more efficiently and show them a few things to observe that they may not



Pampa Star Party organizers Bobby J. Schiffman, left, Bill Edens and Reagan Herman plan the Pampa Star Party for Sept. 30.

know about," Schiffman said.

The only rules are no food, no drinks and no roughhousing around the telescopes and the organiz-

ers ask motorists not to shine their headlights across the observation field. They also ask that participants use red filters on flashlights to maintain their night vision.

For more information, call the organizers, Bobby Schiffman, 669-6765; Bill Edens, 665-7410, or Reagan Herman, 683-0047.

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AAA: Gas prices continue to drop

HOUSTON (AP) — Gas prices continue to fall across Texas for a seventh week running, according to the weekly AAA Texas gasoline price survey released Friday.

The survey found that the retail price of regular, self-serve gasoline averaged \$2.33 per gallon statewide, 12 cents less than a week ago.

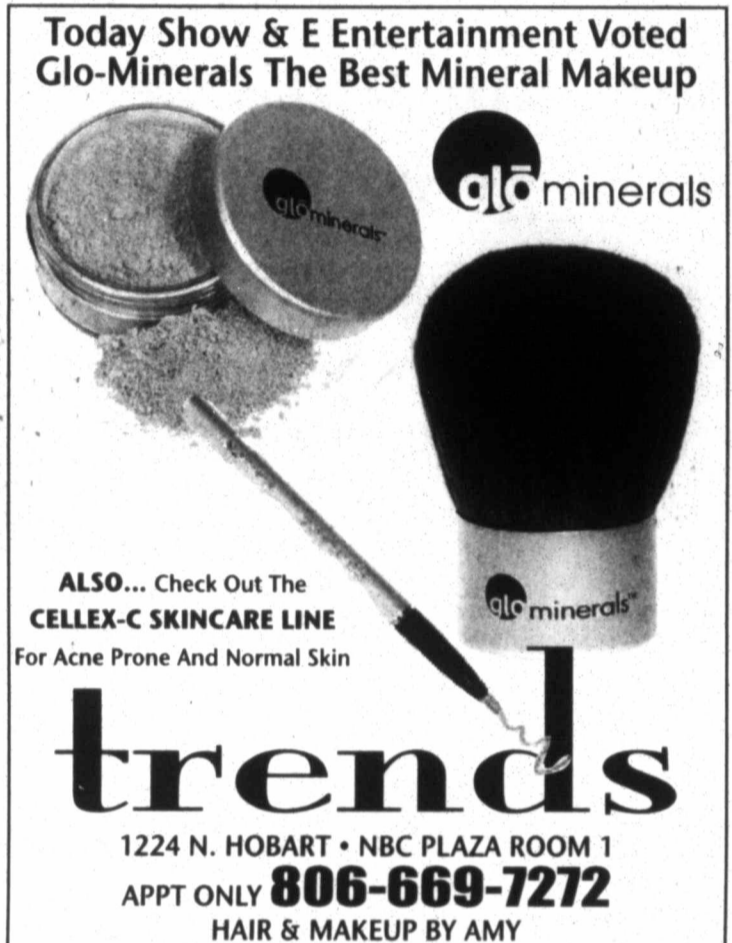
The national average was \$2.46 per gallon, also down by 12 cents from last week.

"The continued drop in crude oil and gasoline prices over the past few weeks can be attributed to a cooling of international tensions, a drop in demand and an unusually quiet 2006 hurricane season," said AAA Texas spokeswoman Rose Rougeau.



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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Twelve traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of West Kingsmill and the intersection of Rham and Sumner.

Criminal trespass of a habitation was reported in the 2600 block of Comanche.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 100 block of South Dwight, 1000 block of South Barnes, and the 300 block of South Canadian.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 500 block of North Gray twice and the 300 block of East Tyng.

A dead animal was reported at the intersection of Mary Ellen and Harvester and an injured animal was reported in the 400 block of North Nelson.

Escort service was provided in the 1700 block of North Banks and the 500 block of South Tignor.

Thefts were reported in the 900 block of West Sierra and the 1000 block of North Sumner where a prescription valued at \$100 was taken.

An assault was reported in the 2400 block of North Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 2100 block of North Nelson and the 800 block of East Browning.

Disorderly conduct calls were received from the 1200 block of South Nelson, the 700 block of Brunow, the 1600 block of West Somerville, the 800 block of North Nelson and the 600 block of North Wells.

A civil matter was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy.

A burglary was investigated in the 2600 block of Comanche.

Assisting other agency service was provided in the 1000 block of South Banks and the 900 block of South Finley.

A 911 hang-up call was received from the 2100 block of North Russell.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell.

Warrant service was attempted at 10 locations.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of North Wells and the 2100 block of North Sumner.

Alarms were reported in the 1700 block of Beech and the 1200 block of North Hobart.

A missing person was reported in the 700 block of North Magnolia.

Sheriff

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

Wednesday, Sept. 20
 Antonio Vela, 26, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department on charges of theft and no driver's license.

Thursday, Sept. 21
 Beverly Ashley, 39, of McLean was arrested by GCSO on charges of theft by check and violation of probation-theft by check in Wheeler County.

Kevin Howe, 37, of Lefors was arrested by the Lefors marshal on a charge of assault causing bodily injury.

John Edward Towe, 33, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on charges of bond surrender, sexual assault and burglary of a building.

Friday, Sept. 22
 Pete Zamora, 37, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of failure to identify and public intoxication.

Regina Tice, 26, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on charges of motion to revoke and theft by check.

Isaac Torres, 20, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on a charge of DUI.

Pete Garcia, 41, of Pampa was arrested by PPD on eight capias pro fines.

Fire

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

Thursday, Sept. 21
 9:51 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to Community Day Care on a public fire education program.

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Sept. 21
 9:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Williston and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:56 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 3000 block of Perryton Parkway and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

5:24 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of South Finley. No transport.

9:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of North Nelson and transported a patient to PRMC.

11:58 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to NWH.

Friday, Sept. 22
 6:04 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a location six miles west on Highway 60 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 76. Windy, with a west wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25 mph. Winds could gust as high as 30 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Northwest wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. North northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. North northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 76. Southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 80. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 55.

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 73.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 50.

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 68.

Two guards at private jail placed on leave after escape

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Two employees at a private South Texas jail — including an 18-year-old guard — have been placed on paid leave after six inmates escaped.

Enrique Zepeda, 18, has worked at the privately run East Hidalgo Detention Center in La Villa for three months since graduating from high school. He said the inmates overpowered him in making good their escape late Tuesday.

Zepeda said the escape started with a decoy.

"They were distracting me to put my guard down for a moment and it worked," Zepeda told the San Antonio Express-News in a report published in today's editions.

He declined to comment on how the inmates, including a former McAllen police officer awaiting trial on federal drug trafficking charges, found their way out of the jail.

Zepeda said he was unsure he would be able to keep his job.

No more prisoners were being sent to the East Hidalgo Detention Center pending a probe into how the inmates overpowered a guard, slipped through a power-controlled door and cut through a series of fences late Tuesday.

The fences included an alarm-equipped electrical fence that apparently wasn't functioning and may have been turned off, said U.S. Marshals Service Deputy Joe Magallon.

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Wheat	4.36
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Corn	4.86
Soybeans	4.53

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

OXY	45.27	-0.23
BP PLC ADR	66.16	+0.20
Cabot Corp	35.88	-0.02
Celanese	18.25	-0.22
Cabot Oil Gas	45.20	-0.60
Coca Cola	44.14	-0.06
VLO	48.79	-0.43
HAL	28.33	+0.23
TRI	43.82	NC
KML	104.49	-0.02
XCEL	20.54	+0.07
Anadarko	42.46	+0.25
XOM	65.18	+0.40
Nat'l Oilwell	57.46	-0.04
Limited	26.97	+0.47
Williams	22.94	-0.02
MCD	38.42	+0.08
Atmos	28.00	+0.01
Pioneer Nat.	38.11	+0.04
JCP	67.19	-0.20
COP	58.59	+0.38
SLB	57.34	-0.16
Tenneco	22.10	-0.67
CVX	62.11	+0.06
Wal-Mart	48.32	-0.14
OKE	37.02	+0.12
NS Grp	64.42	+0.03
New York Gold	588.30	
Silver	11.25	
West Texas Crude	61.59	

Viewpoints

Interview: Buchanan says America in peril

In his latest best-seller, for "State of Emergency: The Third World Invasion and Conquest of America," Pat Buchanan makes his case that we must move quickly to erect a stronger, more restrictive immigration policy to stop and reverse the invasion of millions of illegal Mexican immigrants across our southwestern border. If we fail to do so, says the conservative populist, the United States as we know it will disappear in 50 years. I reached the former presidential candidate, political pundit and syndicated columnist by phone recently in New York City, where he was in mid-book tour.

Q: You have concerns about the harmful impact of on our economy, our culture and our politics from illegal immigration. What is the most serious problem that needs to be addressed first?

A: The first one — as in New Orleans, when the 17th Street levee broke — is before you do anything, fix the levee and stop flood. Even before you start pumping out the water, even before you start bringing folks back to their homes — fix the levee, stop the flood. We need to stop the invasion of this country with a 2,000 mile security border fence, all the way from Brownsville to San Diego.

That is the only thing that will do it, because the whole world now realizes America's back door is now open. The numbers being apprehended along the border in the first five months of 2006 were 150,000 a month. That is more people

breaking into this country each month than all the immigrants who came in the entire 1820s. That is more people breaking into the United States each month than all the troops we have in Iraq.

Bill Steigerwald
Columnist



It is an invasion. And the president of the United States is obligated under the Constitution to stop that invasion ... That is the first thing that needs to be done. All else proceeds from that. You've got a lot of other steps, but that needs to be done immediately.

Q: Who or what is most responsible for this "state of emergency"?

A: The government of the United States has failed to do its duty to enforce the immigration laws. It's failed to do its duty to protect the states of the union and the American nation from invasion. As a consequence, we've got more illegal aliens here than all the Jewish folks, Irish folks and English who ever came to America. This is happening because of a dereliction of duty on the part of our political class. And our social and cultural elites have condoned it. Let me say this: The state is basically betraying the nation.

Q: If this doesn't change, if immigration isn't restricted, and if the tide of illegals isn't stopped and reversed, as you call for, what will America look like in 2050?

A: Bye, bye, "American Pie." What will American look like? We will be a Third World country by national origin. We will be a Balkanized nation. We will be what Theodore Roosevelt called "a polyglot boarding house for the world" — not a nation at all. We will be a tangle of squabbling minorities — with all of us minorities. I think the future of the United States as one nation and one people will become an

impossibility.

Q: What should our immigration policy look like?

A: It should look like what John F. Kennedy recommended back in the late 1950s and was repeated in his book in 1959, "A Nation of Immigrants": total immigration of 150,000 to 250,000 a year. Let's set a figure of 200,000 a year. A security fence across the southern border. Enforced sanctions on all employers who hire illegals chronically. Those who do so ought to be put in jail or be doing community service, publicly. An end to all welfare benefits, except emergency services, for any and all illegal aliens. A reinterpretation of the 14th Amendment so that some women who the coyotes have moved across the border 50 yards and have their babies there, are not automatic citizens of America. Congress could handle that.

Finally, legal immigrants here — once they settle down — should be allowed to bring their wife and minor children. No more extended families — mom, dad, brothers and sisters — because we want immigration law returned to the government of the United States and not set by immigrants and not set by corporations going abroad hiring whomever they want.

If you do the steps that I recommend toward the end of this book, I believe there is a last chance to get control of this problem. But if there is an amnesty, if there is a guest-worker program, and if there is no border fence, for the life of me, I don't see how you stop 20 or 30 million people from coming in the next 20 years.

Q: How can you have any confidence that the people who have botched immigration for the last 30 or 40 years — politicians, bureaucrats, all the interest groups — can ever fix it?

A: What makes you think I have confidence in them, ha, ha, ha!

Q: You've been around Washington. You more than anybody should know this is impossible.

A: It's not impossible. Look, Dwight Eisenhower did it. You know what the name of his program was? — "Operation Wetback." Say that and that will be the end of the Tribune-Review, ha, ha, ha!

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 22, the 265th day of 2006. There are 100 days left in the year. Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year (5767), begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

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

On this date:

In 1656, in Patuxent, Md., an all-female jury (the first of its kind in the colonies) heard the case of Judith Catchpole, who was accused of murdering her infant child. (The jury, which believed Catchpole's assertion that she hadn't even been pregnant, acquitted her.)

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

In 1792, the first French Republic was proclaimed.

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

In 1938, the musical comedy revue "Hellzapoppin'," starring Ole Olsen and Chic Johnson,

'If power corrupts, weakness in the seat of power, with its constant necessity of deals and bribes and compromising arrangements, corrupts even more.'

— Barbara Tuchman
American historian
(1912-1989)

began a three-year run on Broadway.

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

In 1964, the musical "Fiddler on the Roof" opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.

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

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

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

Ten years ago: Reform Party nominee Ross Perot denounced the decision to exclude him from the presidential debates, telling NBC that Bob Dole had "poisoned the attitude" of millions of independent voters that Republicans desperately needed to win. Actress Dorothy Lamour died at her North Hollywood, Calif., home at age 81.

Five years ago: President Bush consulted at length with Russian President Vladimir Putin as the United States mustered a military assault on terrorism in the wake of Sept. 11.



Less energy equals lower living standards

There are three questions about global warming: Is it really occurring? Is it due to man-made causes? And, assuming the answers to the first two questions are yes, what can we do about it?

Some British scientists studying an ice core taken from the Antarctic say there is more carbon dioxide in the atmosphere today than at any time in the past 650,000 years. That conclusion strikes me as reasonable. They say that every increase in carbon dioxide in the past produced climate changes. I have no opinion on the validity of that statement. Certainly, carbon dioxide is not the only factor in climate change.

What we call the Industrial Revolution, which is really an energy revolution, is now a global phenomenon. Moreover, there are now 6 billion of us on the planet, and we, like all mammals, produce carbon dioxide 24 hours a day, from the hour of our birth to the hour of our death. Mammals also produce methane, the source of fart jokes so beloved by preschool-age boys. It should therefore be no surprise if levels of atmospheric carbon dioxide are higher today than in the past.

The only sources of energy that don't produce carbon dioxide are natural gas, hydrogen, wind, water, solar and nuclear. Burning coal, oil and its derivatives like gasoline, wood, peat or dried buffalo chips (I love stories of the Old West) produce carbon dioxide as a byproduct. Plants and plankton absorb carbon dioxide, but not nearly at the rate industry produces it.

The problem is that reducing carbon-dioxide levels inevitably means reducing energy use, which in turn means a lowered standard of living. It wasn't capitalism that raised standards of living; it was clever people who invented machines powered by fossil fuels that could do the work once done by humans and animals. Not many farmers would wish to swap their tractor for a mule and a plow. Not many of us would care to give up our cars or turn off our air conditioners.

The trouble is that at the present, the non-carbon-dioxide forms of energy can't compete with oil and

coal, either in the volume of energy produced or in the cost. Then there's the hunter's dilemma to complicate matters. Suppose your family is facing starvation. You take your rifle and find the last two deer. If you kill them, your family will eat for a while, but there will be no more deer. If you decide to sacrifice

your family to preserve the deer, then the next hunter down the road will kill them. Then there will be no more deer and your family starves anyway.

That was the flaw in the treaty that was supposed to limit carbon dioxide. Some nations would be expected to reduce their standard of living, while others would not be so required. Don't let anybody kid you — a reduction in energy consumption means a reduced standard of living. It was the energy use, not ideology or economic theories, that raised it. American politicians decided it wouldn't make much sense to reduce carbon dioxide in the United States if developing countries like

China could produce as much as they wanted.

Clearly, if the problem of global warming is to be tackled in an effective manner, it will require global leadership of a quality the world at present lacks. Nevertheless, if global warming truly will produce catastrophic changes in climate, the world might have no choice but to go back to an 18th-century standard of living. I think we are kidding ourselves if we believe we can maintain the same standard of living without using the same volume of cheap energy.

I try to keep an open mind on this subject. I'm not certain global warming is occurring. I don't trust computer models, and weather records are quite limited. Climate is a dynamic, ever-changing phenomenon.

I do know this for a certainty: In environmental terms, we live on a single unit. There is no here or there. Our planet, alone among those in the solar system, had a perfect balance of elements that allow life. If we screw up that balance, we will destroy ourselves.

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

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ABWA scholarship



Miranda Woodruff was recently awarded a scholarship for the 2006 spring semester by the local chapter of the American Business Women's Association. Woodruff is currently attending Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She is flanked in the picture by ABWA members Glenda Malone, from left, vice president and scholarship chair, and Evelyn Boyd, treasurer.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

LOS ANGELES (AP) — After a little more than three years of marriage, Matt LeBlanc has finalized his divorce.

The 39-year-old former "Friends" star has been granted joint custody of his 2-year-old daughter with wife Melissa LeBlanc, according to court papers filed Wednesday. Melissa LeBlanc has two children from a previous marriage.

The LeBlancs filed for divorce on April 6, citing irreconcilable differences. They will be officially single again on Oct. 6.

Under the terms of the divorce, LeBlanc will be financially responsible for his daughter's education, nanny and other needs. He will also pay \$15,000 a month in child support.

Calls to LeBlanc's attorney and his publicist after business hours Thursday were not immediately returned.

The pair married in a celebrity-studded wedding in Hawaii in 2003 with several of LeBlanc's "Friends" co-stars in attendance.

LeBlanc played struggling actor Joey Tribbiani in the long-running sit-com that ended in 2004. He reprised the character for the NBC spinoff "Joey," which was canceled in May after two seasons.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors have charged Lou Diamond Phillips with domestic battery in connection with an incident last month involving his live-in girlfriend.

The 44-year-old actor, best known for his roles in "La Bamba" and "Stand and Deliver," could face a maximum of one year in jail and a \$2,000 fine if convicted of the misdemeanor charge. His arraignment was scheduled for Oct. 18.

According to police reports, Phillips got into an argument with his girlfriend, and it escalated into a physical fight in the early hours of Aug. 11. His girlfriend, who was not identified in court docu-

ments, "was pushed and dragged across the house resulting in scrapes to both knees," City Attorney Rocky Delgadillo said in a statement.

The woman grabbed a phone, locked herself in a bathroom and dialed 9-1-1, Delgadillo said. Phillips was arrested and held for about 10 hours before being released.

A message left for Phillips' publicist, Eddie Michaels, was not returned Thursday. It was not immediately known whether Phillips had retained a lawyer.

In recent years, Phillips has made a number of guest appearances on TV, including "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" and "24."

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Actress Sandra Bullock's film company is suing the state's mental health agency to ensure it notifies her attorneys when a man she accuses of stalking her is released from a mental health facility.

The lawsuit, filed Sept. 13 on behalf of California-based Fortis Films Inc., calls on the agency to comply with a California court order requiring the notification upon Thomas James Weldon's release from Middle Tennessee Mental Health Institute.

The suit does not seek any monetary damages, other than asking Tennessee officials to pay any costs to comply with the order.

The lawsuit does not mention Bullock by name, but says Weldon has "a fixation on a certain employee of Fortis Films Inc." Weldon has been under court order in California to stay at least 200 feet away from Bullock since 2003, and the order has been extended until June 2009.

Weldon voluntarily entered the institute just before the restraining order was issued. He is being considered for a 90-day furlough this month, the actress' attorney, Edwin McPherson, has said.

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Peril

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But that's just it: Political correctness is one of the problems. I've got a whole chapter — "Why the Paralysis?" One reason is that the corporations want open borders. They want to be able to bring in cheap labor. They want to be able to go abroad and hire labor and bring it to the United States. They want an amnesty for having broken our laws. And they pay the tuition in Washington.

Q: Why can't immigration be made more sensible and regulated and controlled, so that immigrants from Latin America don't have to sneak across the border at night and die and trash the envi-

ronment and everything else?

A: Well, one problem is that they come here and they overstay their visas. We've got too weak a system that can't run all these folks out. We've got to stop it. Here's the thing: We don't need anymore low-age workers in America. We don't have a shortage of them.

Q: What do you say to those who call you semi-hysterical — that these problems are not as dire or inevitably destructive to the United States as you fear?

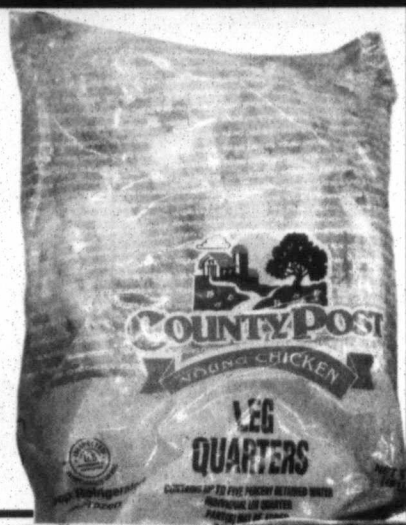
A: They called me that in 1991 and now I sound like a moderate compared to what they're saying. If they don't follow these prescriptions, all I'm saying is, "Bye, bye to America." I think the American people agree with me and understand this.

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

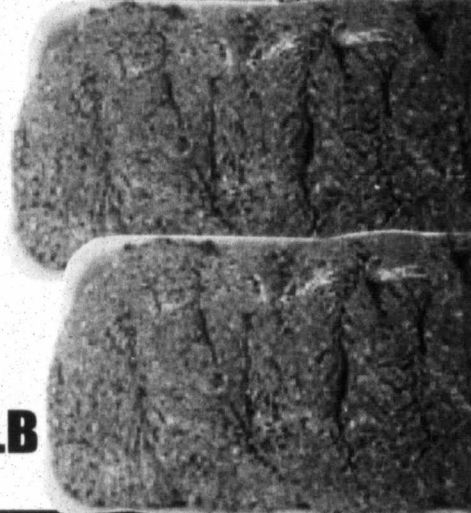
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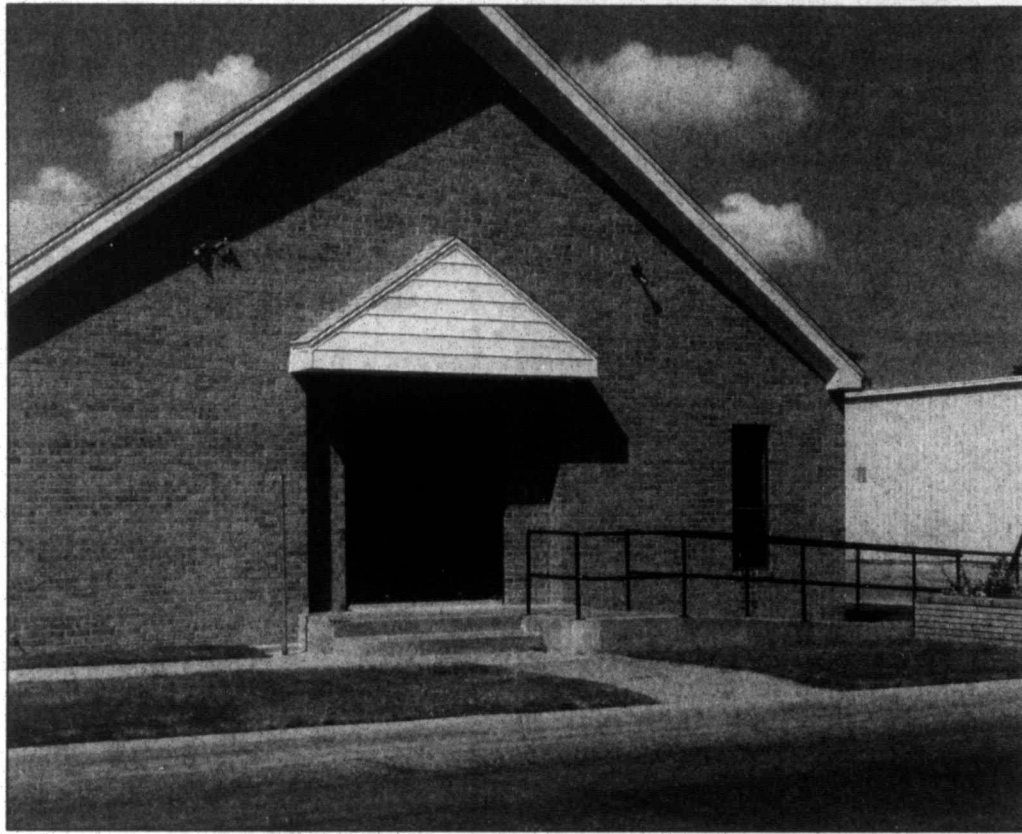


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First Pentecostal Holiness Church

Church name: First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock, Pampa, TX 79065, 665-8192, alandmary@nts-online.net

Minister: Pastors Albert and Mary Maggard

Services: Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.; Evening Worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Night Prayer and Bible Study, 7 p.m.

Activities: At 7 p.m. on the last Wednesday of each month we have a fellowship meal which is followed by group singing. On the second Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. we host a Community Gospel Singing which features special singers and musicians as well as congregational singing. This very popular event has been held at our church for more than 20 years. We also are well known for our stew supper held each fall – the date varies. This is a fund-raiser by our Ladies Ministry with more emphasis on fun than funds.

Members: 68

Denomination: International Pentecostal Holiness Church, member of Pentecostal Churches of North America and the National Association of Evangelicals.

How long here: 78 years.

Goals: We're building a sheltered driveway on the west side of the church. It includes additional handicap ramps and is so designed that in inclement weather those attending may drive into the sheltered area and have their vehicles valet parked.

Other activities: Our Ladies Ministries group assists with food and clothing for the needy at various times. They also prepare and serve meals for families in connection with funeral services. We also support educational and benevolent institutions such as our Crippled Children's Hospital and Southwestern Christian University in Oklahoma City. We contribute to special appeals for national and international disaster relief efforts of our denomination. We have also prepared and furnished meals for Christian youth groups in the Pampa area and make contributions. We help to support two foreign missionaries and contribute generously each year to the Global Evangelism outreach of our denomination. We conduct a nursing home service each week.

Main goal: To bring people to saving faith in Jesus, to establish and develop Christians that they, in turn, may win others to Christ. Our regular services are seeker friendly. Our Bible classes and youth group activities are designed to win souls through friendship evangelism. We visit homes, hospitals, jails and prisons to reach hurting people.

Church message: We believe Jesus is Lord and his Word is our rule for health and conduct. Our church was brought into being by two great revival moments – the holiness awakening in the late 1800s and the Pentecostal revival of the early 1900s. Our name summarizes our main emphasis: To live hold and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Responsible parties: Our church board is composed of the pastor, who serves as ex-officio chairman. Our deacons are Mrs. Eugene Stubbs, Rev. Archie Cooper, and Mrs. William Kahn Jr. Our secretary-treasurer is Mr. John Threadgill.

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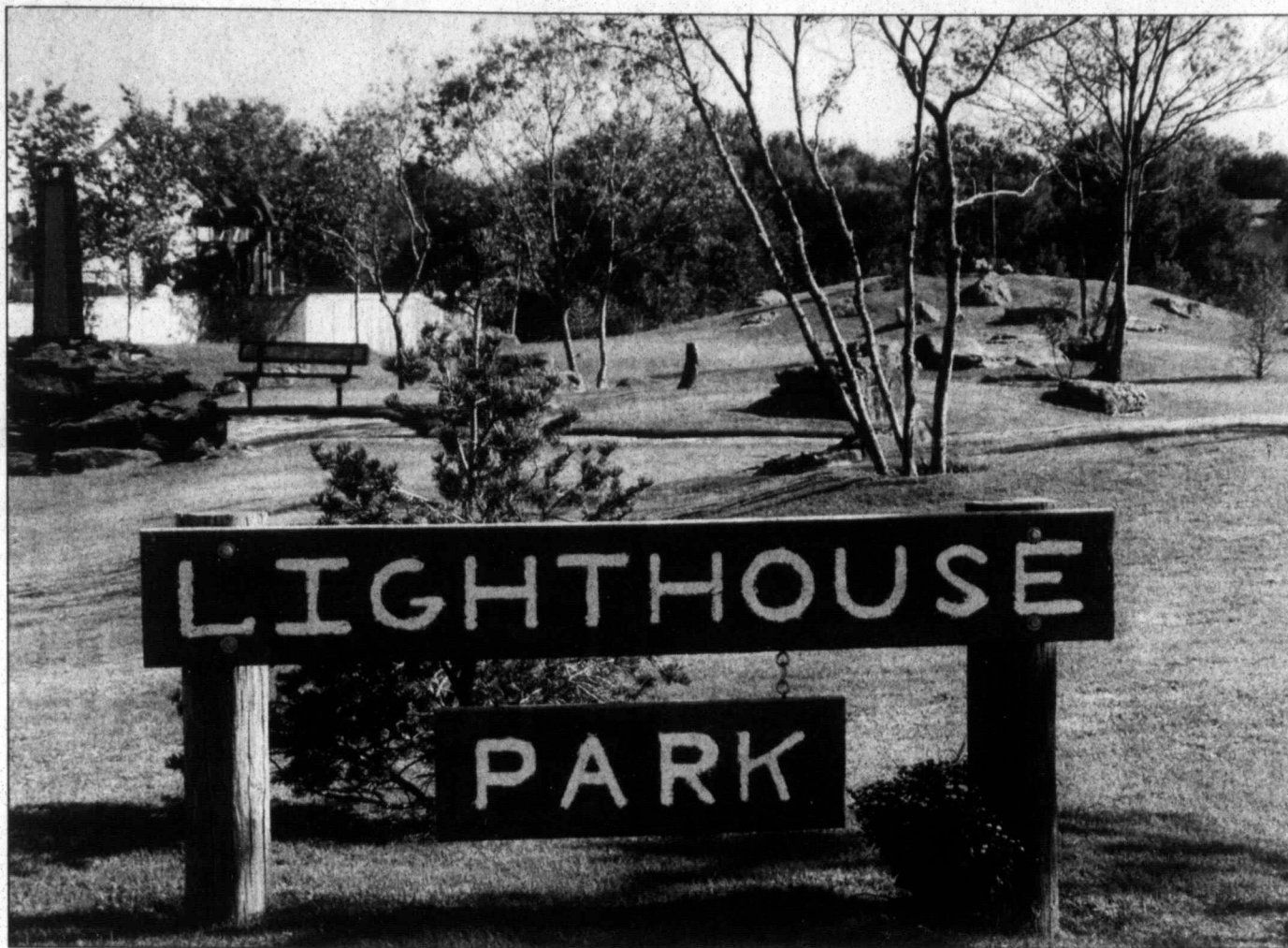
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Religion



Lighthouse Park, owned and maintained by Calvary Baptist, is located at 900 E. 23rd. A meal and dedication ceremony is planned at 6 p.m. Sunday at the park. Both are free and open to the public.

Park dedication to include free meal

"Lighthouse Park," Pampa's newest park, will be dedicated in a grand opening ceremony to kickoff with hamburgers and hot dogs, free to all comers, at 6 p.m. Sunday. The main program will begin at about 7 p.m., organizers say. Pampa

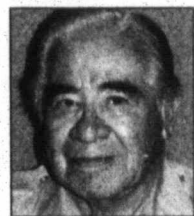
Mayor Lonny Robbins will give the keynote address. Lighthouse Park, located at 900 E. 23rd one mile east of Pampa Junior High, is open to the public. It is owned and maintained by Calvary Baptist Church.

The park features a 10-foot lighthouse, a modern playground, walking paths and plenty of grassy areas. The landscaping and design of the park was provided by West Texas Landscaping.

The importance of Daniel in the study of prophecy

The Book of Daniel is indispensable to the understanding of Revelation. That giant, evil character, the Antichrist or man of sin, s t a l k s through the pages of the Book of Revelation. But he is first introduced to us in the book of Daniel, and his relation to the Roman Empire and the Jews is made clear there.

Dr. Jimmy Flynn
Church of the Brethren



The restored Roman Empire, that great worldwide realm of the Antichrist, is the great Babylon of the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, the Lord has carefully revealed ahead of time the course of the four great world empires with the last one, Rome, being reunited under the Antichrist who will restore the Roman Empire.

The theme of the Book of Revelation is the second coming of Christ, but with special reference to that period from the rapture of the saints to Christ's return in power to destroy the Antichrist and set up His reign.

That period is sometimes called the tribulation period. (It should not be confused

with the "great tribulation" mentioned by Jesus in Matthew 24:21 which is the last half of that period.)

In the book of Revelation, more than 16 of the 22 chapters are given to that time of trouble, starting with the rapture in Revelation 4:1 and ending with the battle of Armageddon in Chapter 19.

It is in Daniel that we learn the details about this period. That it begins with the treaty of the Antichrist with the Jews. That it is to last seven years. What the abomination of desolation is which marks the middle of the week of seven years, and the nature of the great tribulation which follows during the last 3 1/2 years.

We shall not attempt here in this study of the Book of Daniel to discuss all the prophecies given. Our purpose is simply to find in Daniel the basis and outline of prophecy, especially the Book of Revelation.

There are good reasons why God would have revealed these things in the Book of Daniel.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

No success comes without a burden of prayer

The multitudes were fulfilling prophecy as they moved closer and closer toward the city of Jerusalem. Shouts of adoration for the one sitting on the donkey were growing strong as the journey continued.

It seems that every believer was seeking opportunity to signal that the King had arrived. A part of them sacrificed some of their clothing and cast them on the ground for the feet of the young donkey that had never carried a man on its back. Others cut out palm branches and strewed them on the path.

Unbelievers were curious and came among the crowd. One got the ear of Jesus and made request that He quiet some of the noise. Jesus' answer gave opening for the Holy Spirit to tell this man that he should have been praising the King as well.

While Jesus welcomed the praise and adoration from the believers, He knew this to be His last trip into Jerusalem on His own will. This would be the last time to look upon the city in its fullness. As He came into full view of Jerusalem, it was with full knowledge of the

prophecies and the prophets that had been rejected and killed by His chosen people.

It was more than He could hold up under. It was not a rejection of the praise of the people that changed the event. In His vision, it was like seeing a demolition crew bringing Jerusalem down with one great blast.

Jesus began to weep audibly. Was it because of what He would undergo?

He foresaw His stripes. He could already feel the rebellion against Him by the unbelieving rulers. He could already hear the shouts, "crucify him."

He was already aware of the gnashing of teeth and the spitting in His face that He would endure, yet, the pain of His heart was not for Himself, but for the people of Jerusalem whose hearts were hardened by the rejection of truth.

One major stumbling block was their overconfidence in their flawed mother church theology. It was like saying,

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Archie Cooper
Pentecostal Holiness



Church briefs

Church of Christ, 400 N. Wells, is hosting Evangelist Ty Fleming of Houston now through Sunday. Fleming

will preach at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday.

The Church of God of Prophecy, 422 N. West, will hold revival services at 7 p.m. Sept. 22-24. The servic-

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Ref: Robert J. Morgan

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing because I'm not sure who else to ask. I'm 22, in college, and I'm tired of having to defend what I want to do with my life. My major is liberal arts. I chose it only because I have no passion for any specific area. When family or friends ask what my major is and I tell them, they generally come back with something about majoring in "unemployment" or making sure I have a "backup plan" in case I don't find a rich husband. Abby, all I want is to be a mother to my future children and a wife to my husband. I'm tired of defending myself, and I'm beginning to think my desires are not normal. What can I say to people when they question me, and is what I want normal? — **UNSURE IN THE MIDWEST**

DEAR UNSURE: What you want is very normal. And the fact that you will complete your college education instead of settling for an "MRS" degree is good insurance for the future. But keep in mind that although your dream is to be a stay-at-home mother and wife, not everyone who marries winds up living that kind of life. Widowhood, divorce or a spouse's illness can change those plans in a flash and land a woman in the workplace -- where, by the way, a college degree and the breadth of knowledge you're acquiring in liberal arts will help you to succeed. Explain that the next time you are challenged.

DEAR ABBY: My grandmother loves to shop, and she spends a pretty penny buying us grandkids all kinds of gifts -- mostly clothes and shoes. But my grandmother is decades older than we are, and her sense of style leaves much to be desired. We accept graciously, then usually donate her gifts to Goodwill, hoping that an older person might buy them and enjoy them. A problem has come up, though. Last night, Grandma

e-mailed to ask for one of her gifts -- a pair of shoes -- back! Abby, I gave those shoes away two weeks ago. This morning, I searched at Goodwill, hoping to buy them back, with no luck. What do I tell my grandmother? I know she'll be furious -- and I'm afraid she'll ask about all the other gifts, most of which I don't have either. — **"BUSTED" IN TEXAS**

DEAR "BUSTED": I have a strong suspicion that your grandmother already is onto you -- which is why she asked you to return the shoes. Because you have been put into a corner, the best advice I can offer is to level with her and tell her exactly what you have told me. (If you do, she may send you a check from now on.) However, if she gets mad, remind her that once a gift is given, it is the recipient's to do with as she wishes, and in giving the gifts to Goodwill you wanted to be sure someone got pleasure from using them.

DEAR ABBY: My husband's co-worker died recently in a tragic accident. We're going to be attending a memorial service for him very soon. Because I never met this man, nor was I ever introduced to his wife or family, I am not sure what would be proper for me to say to the grieving family members -- or if I should let my husband express our sympathies since he was acquainted with him. Thank you for any advice you can offer. — **ANONYMOUS IN MISSISSIPPI**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: If you have a chance to converse directly with the widow or family members, all you need to say is, "Please accept my sympathy for your loss." It's short, sweet, eloquent and honest. And it would be better than standing mute while your husband does all the talking.

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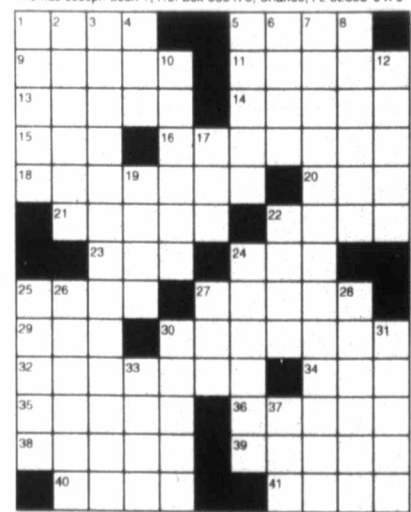
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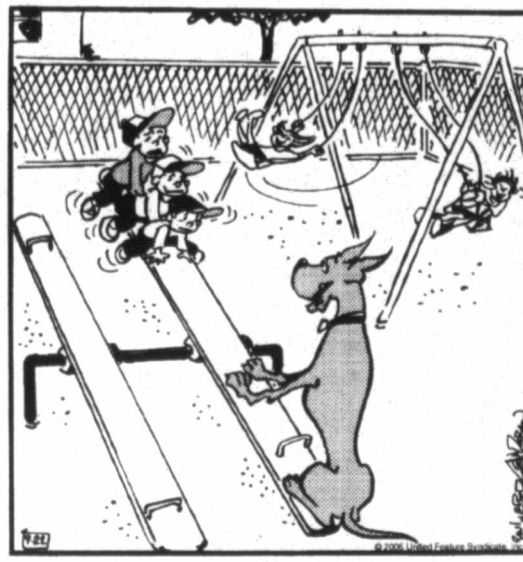
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Flo & Friends



Sports Day

Pampa's walking wounded forcing Cavalier to shuffle players; Borger up tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

One of the greatest challenges a coach can face is making sure he or she is placing the best team possible on the field, court or track.

Transferring all the Xs and Os from practice and putting them into action come game time.

There is one variable for which no coach has a defense...injuries.

Like the common cold, there is no cure.

Such is the challenge before first year Pampa High School head coach Andy Cavalier who leads his team (1-2) into Borger tonight for a meeting with the undefeated Bulldogs (2-0).

Cavalier's Harvesters are in the midst of an injury plague. One that is forcing him and his staff to shuffle players while trying to field the best team they can. The other issue is getting the injured healthy before the start of the district season which begins Oct. 12 at Caprock in Amarillo.

Get through tonight and Pampa will have almost two weeks to heal as next week is the Harvesters' bye week.

"At this point we are looking forward to the bye week to give our team time to heal their injuries," Cavalier said. "We believe the district part of our sea-

son is the most important part and every game leading up to that is an opportunity for us to improve."

Cavalier says his team has been in high spirits throughout the week following last week's game at Amarillo High.

The Bulldogs present another challenge for Pampa, particularly on defense. Borger has outscored its opponents 78-10 over the past two weeks.

Though the Sandies managed 40 points against the Harvesters a week ago, they did so by taking Pampa out of its game early, then dictating the game for much of the first half. Though a tough one, it was no doubt a lesson learned. One that could cross over into tonight's game.

"We believe this week is all about us," Cavalier said. "If we execute our job descriptions and handle our individual responsibilities, we will have success." Again, Cavalier notes the injury issue. "Just as last week, we have numerous injuries to deal with and are trying to balance putting the best team on the field we can with allowing our kids to enter the district season healthy."

Cavalier says he counts no less than 20 Pampa players either playing or out with injuries,

including running back Marcos Campos who has been banged up the past couple of weeks. Cavalier says Campos will be a game time decision.

In summing up the Bulldogs, Cavalier said, "Borger has multiple big play threats that we must contain. We need to control the ball on offense and force them to drive the field. Field position, turnovers, and big plays usually play a big part in a game like this. Tonight's game is set to begin at 7:30.

Coach Cavalier's Key To Victory

"Control the ball on offense, win the field position battle, eliminate big plays on defense, and be better in the kicking game."

Coach Cavalier on Instant Replay

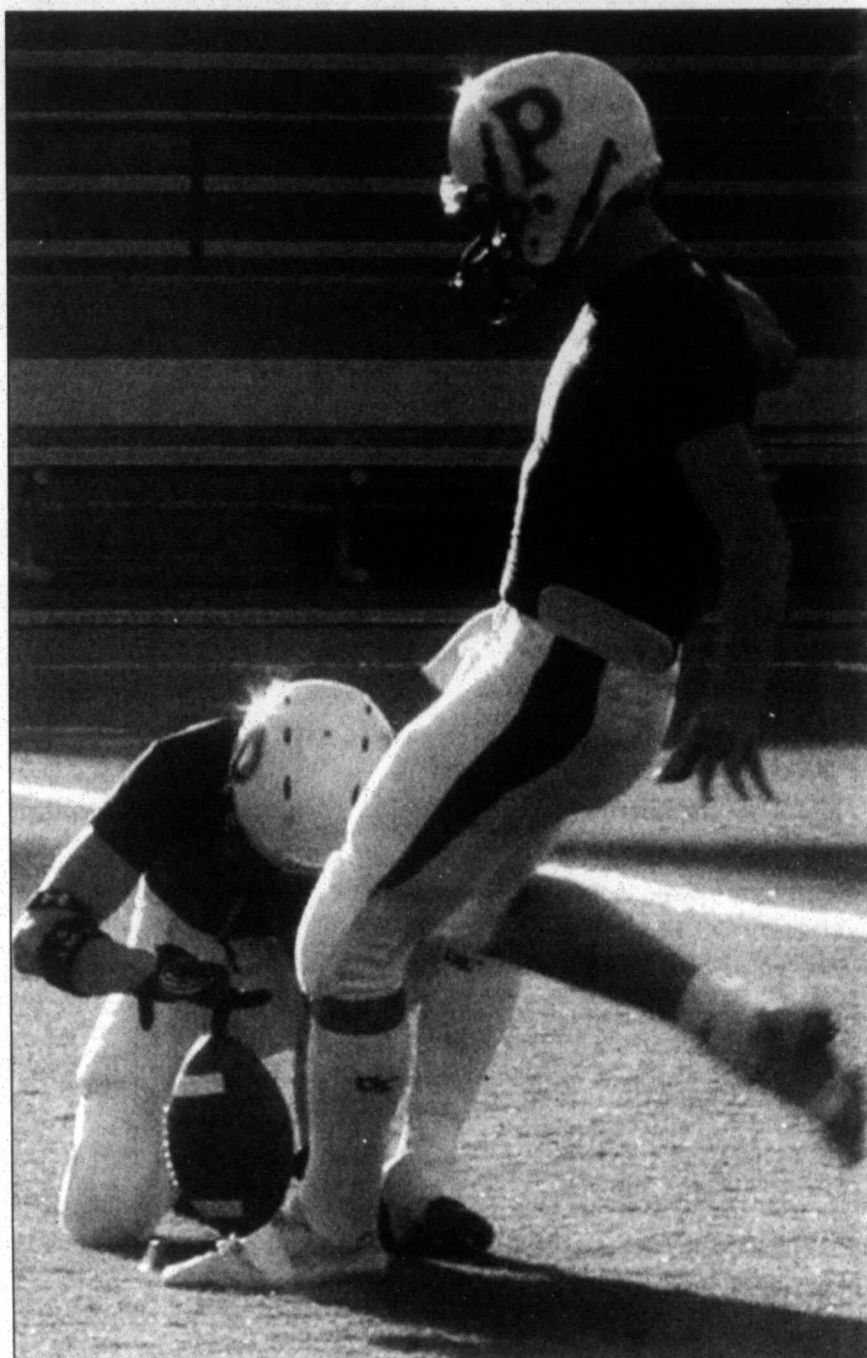
"Instant Replay is a good thing. It only makes sense that we utilize modern technology to make sure we get calls right."

Michigan State or Notre Dame?

"Notre Dame. I believe they will bounce back after last week's disappointing loss."

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Pampa kicker Dock Mackie works on field goals prior to last week's game against Amarillo High at Dick Bivins Stadium. A close game with Borger tonight could make Mackie a key to a Harvester win.

Harvester Golf: Girls take fifth at Hereford

The Pampa High School boys and girls golf teams took part in the annual Hereford Invitational in Hereford Sept. 15 and 16.

Both teams faced tough competition including that of 5A perennial powerhouse Amarillo High.

The Pampa girls took fifth place out of the 13 teams competing. The boys weren't as fortunate, however, each played well and gained much needed experience as only two of the five Harvesters played last year.

Pampa coach Josh Blackmon said afterward, "I am very pleased with the way our kids played. The wind was blowing pretty hard which made conditions tougher than they already were. Both teams did a remarkable job."

Hereford Invitational Pampa Individual Results

Boys	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Stephen Simmons	79	81	160
Ricky Davis	82	93	175
Hayden Skinner	100	95	195
Wayne Parker	110	112	225
Aubrey West	114	114	228
Team			742

Girls	Round 1	Round 2	Total
Telissa Sealy	93	96	189
Taylor Bell	99	99	198
Shelby Wisdom	92	98	190
Rikki Beesley	112	109	221
Shelby Rose	113	113	226
Team			798

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Other games of interest

Class 5A
Tascosa 55, Randall 21 (Thursday)
Amarillo High (2-0) @ Odessa Permian (2-1)

Class 4A
Palo Duro (1-2) @ Snyder (0-3)
WF Rider (3-0) @ Plainview (3-0)
Lubbock Estacado (0-3) @ Caprock (0-3)
Hereford (3-0) @ Frenship (2-1)

Class 3A
Pampa (1-2) @ Borger (2-0)
Sweetwater (2-1) @ Canyon (3-0)
Stratford (1-2) @ Perryton (3-0)
Bushland (2-1) @ Dalhart (3-0)

Class 2A
Sanford-Fritch (1-2) @ River Road (0-3)
Sunray (1-2) @ Panhandle (3-0)
Childress (1-1) @ Electra (0-2)

Class 1A
Highland Park (0-3) @ Boys Ranch (0-3)
Gruver (0-3) @ Clarendon (1-2)
Shamrock (2-1) @ White Deer (3-0)
Canadian (2-1) @ Wheeler (0-2)
Spearman (3-0) @ Wellington (1-2)
Nazareth (3-0) @ Memphis (3-0)
Booker (3-0) @ WT High (1-2)

Six-Man
Hedley (1-2) @ Ft. Elliott (1-1)
Samnorwood (1-2) @ Follett (0-3)
Groom (1-2) @ Miami (2-1)
Lefors (2-1) @ McLean (2-1)
Meadow (3-0) @ Happy (2-0)
Valley (2-1) @ Silverton (1-2)

Tri-State Rodeo set for Saturday

The Pampa High School Rodeo Club will its 35th Annual Tri-State High School Rodeo Saturday at the Top of Texas Rodeo Arena at Recreation Park.

The first performance is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Billy Billingsley will provide cowboy church servic-

es between the morning and afternoon performances.

Hext Rodeo Company of Canadian is providing the rough stock for this year's event.

Admission is \$4 for adults. Children admitted free.

Pampa teams in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Volleyball

There is plenty of volleyball action for Pampa fans to choose from Saturday as teams from both the high school and junior high are in action.

The high school teams all travel to Amarillo to face Caprock. The freshman play at 11 a.m., junior varsity at 2 p.m. and varsity at 3.

The PJHS 8th grade team will compete in the Canyon Tournament in Canyon.

Tennis

The Harvester tennis team will also be at Caprock Saturday. Pampa hopes to notch its first district win of the season against the Longhorns. Matches begin at 10 a.m.

Swimming

The Green and Gold time trials will be held at the Pampa Youth & Community Center. Contact the center for times.

Woods makes his point, puts Americans on the board

STRAFFAN, Ireland (AP) — Tiger Woods got the Ryder Cup victory he badly needed Friday, then Darren Clarke trumped it with a win that helped his aching heart as much as his European team.

Woods and Jim Furyk teamed up for a 1-up victory over Colin Montgomerie and Pdraig Harrington for the United States' only win of the morning better-ball session.

About an hour later, Clarke hit the putt that secured a 1-up victory for the Europeans. It gave them a 2 1/2-1 1/2 lead and marked the end of an emotional morning that began and ended with tears and cheers, as Clarke took to the course five weeks after his wife, Heather, died of breast cancer.

Asked to recount the reception he got as he walked to the sunsplashed first tee — the standing ovation, the hugs from his own partner, Lee Westwood, as well as opponents Phil Mickelson and Chris DiMarco — Clarke said he'd better not.

"I'd probably wail," he said. "It will stay with me forever. It was amazing. Hugs from Phil and Chris, my partner, the reception I got. I'll never forget that."

He knew the first shot was going to be a tough one, but he nailed it — 305 yards down the fairway en route to a

birdie and a 1-up lead.

The rest of the match was tight, but the Europeans never trailed. When Clarke knocked his eagle putt close to the hole on No. 18, the Americans conceded, and Clarke teared up. Some questioned captain Ian Woosnam's choice to put Clarke and Westwood — the two captain's picks — on the team. Nobody questioned it after this.

"It's his commitment," Woosnam said of Clarke. "He's just ready to play every single day."

That win gave Europe the lead after the first session for the fourth straight Ryder Cup. The Europeans are trying to win for the fourth time in the last five tries.

All four afternoon alternate-shot matches were close at the time the first group — Harrington and Paul McGinley versus Chad Campbell and Zach Johnson — made the turn all square.

Furyk and Woods trailed Garcia and Luke Donald, 1 down after eight. After seven holes, Stewart Cink and David Toms were even with David Howell and Henrik Stenson, two Europeans ranked in the top 12 who were both left out of the morning lineup. And the Mickelson-DiMarco pair was 1 up against Westwood and Montgomerie.

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Chamber Luncheon



Jennifer Black recently made a presentation at the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on Clarendon College-Pampa Center's School of Nursing.



St. Vincent to host family celebration

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church is planning a family celebration Sunday in honor of St. Vincent de Paul whose feast day is Sept. 27.

The event will begin with a Solemn Mass at 10:30 a.m. Bishop John W. Yanta, Bishop of the Amarillo Diocese, will preside. Father Fransico Perez will concelebrate. Deacon Barnabas Radke will assist, and Seminarian Nick Gerber will serve as master of ceremonies.

The choirs of the parish are combining their talents to sing during the celebration of the mass.

Thirty young people will be receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Holy Communion for the first time. St. Vincent de Paul School and Fourth Degree Knights will also be in attendance during the Mass.

After Mass, the celebration will continue with food prepared by parishioners. The meal will consist of brisket, tamales and enchiladas. Diners will enjoy the folklore music of a Mariachi band. Games for all ages around the campus will follow, closing with dancing from 3 to 6 p.m.

Different organizations from within the community have come together as a committed team with Kenny and Doretta Gerber as chairpersons. The church would like to recognize the following: Life Teen, Hispanic Ministries, offices of Faith Formation, Prison Ministry, church staff, and school staff which includes our Sisters of St. Francis of Mary.

The origins of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church come from Holy Souls Catholic Church built in 1927. The church building that stands today was dedicated in 1968.

The first priests who served in the church's current location were from a religious order named the Vincentians. When the new church was built, it was named in honor of their founder, St. Vincent de Paul.

"Our community has been enriched over the years, bringing many cultures together from different parts of the world, making our church one, holy, catholic (universal), and apostolic," a press release announcing the celebration said. "Our goal is to continue to build community in unity and love and to join together in praise and glory to our God."

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my mother church is right and always will be. (See Luke 19) One of the horrible things that Jesus was seeing coming upon Jerusalem was less than 40 years away, when Titus would destroy Jerusalem to the ground, torturing and killing as he went.

This scene already appearing in the eyes of Jesus, plus the eternal loss of all that would not accept Him, brought a crushing burden to His heart, causing Him to cry a great lament for the city.

Christians praying without a burden of prayer, need not expect success.

In anger, Jesus had already gone through the temple of the city trying to convert it back to a house of prayer instead of a den of thieves. The hardness of their hearts that day contributed to what they would do at the trial and crucifixion of Jesus.

Jesus' reaction was one of forgiveness, but one cannot be forgiven who does not ask.

The benefit that God was adding to His plan of redemption from sin should have been well understood by the priests and the scribes. Many of the priests and doctors of law were not seeking deeply the will and plan of God. Thus bad things were put into their mind by bad spirits.

Satan succeeded in putting hatred into their hearts. We see the results in the trial and crucifixion of Jesus. Christians beware of Satan's tactics.

When I thought of those who spit in His face, gnashed their teeth, who perpetrated horrible crimes against Jesus, the Holy Spirit makes me see myself when I was a sinner.

No wonder I shed so many tears and pled so hard for God to have mercy and forgive. He made me a new creature. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Jesus said, "He that is forgiven much will love much." The whole load must have been on me that night. I know one thing, I came away from that service with a heart full of love for my Jesus.

To this day, that love has not lessened one-sixteenth of a chigger's track, but it has overflowed my heart many times, and Jesus just gets sweeter and sweeter as the days go by.

Houston officer shot during traffic stop

HOUSTON (AP) — A 12-year Houston police officer was shot and killed as he sat in the front seat of his patrol car during a traffic stop, police said.

Citing their ongoing investigation, Houston Police Department officials would not disclose a suspect in the Thursday evening shooting of Rodney Johnson, 40, or details of the incident.

Officer Gary Blankinship, a friend of Johnson's who spent time at the crime scene, said a handcuffed suspect allegedly fired multiple shots at Johnson from the rear seat of the patrol car.

"To get killed on something as minor as a traffic stop really drives home how dangerous the job is," Blankinship said. "Rodney was a really good police officer. It's just one of those really tragic events."

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First, it was the time of the breaking up of David's kingdom. God had promised that the throne of that kingdom should be established forever, and godly Jews were greatly concerned about the future of that kingdom.

God had made an everlasting covenant with the nation of Israel that they should possess their land forever, yet under great Nebuchadnezzar they had been carried captive into Babylon.

The final and complete restoration of a Jewish nation and throne under Christ would be a most timely subject for prophecy just now.

Second, the Jews were entering into a great time of national trouble. Their land was desolate, their cities forsaken, the people in captivity. God would want to give prophecy of their trouble, of the temporary revival of the nation as a subject power in the time of Nehemiah and Ezra and on down to the destruction of Jerusalem in AD 70.

Daniel especially wanted to know when Israel's trouble would end and eternal peace and righteousness established. These are some of the themes of the revelation given to Daniel.

Third, Daniel was carried to captivity in his young manhood by the king of Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar, just at the peak of Nebuchadnezzar's power then he had obtained an emperorship over the whole world.

This was the first time in human history that one man had control of the then known world.

Nebuchadnezzar was the first of a series of world emperors, and Babylon was the first one of the four world empires of all human history. Babylon was to be followed by Media-Persia, Greece and Rome. Each of them ruled over the entire known world centered around the Mediterranean Sea.

This is carefully foretold in Daniel in chapters 2 and 7.

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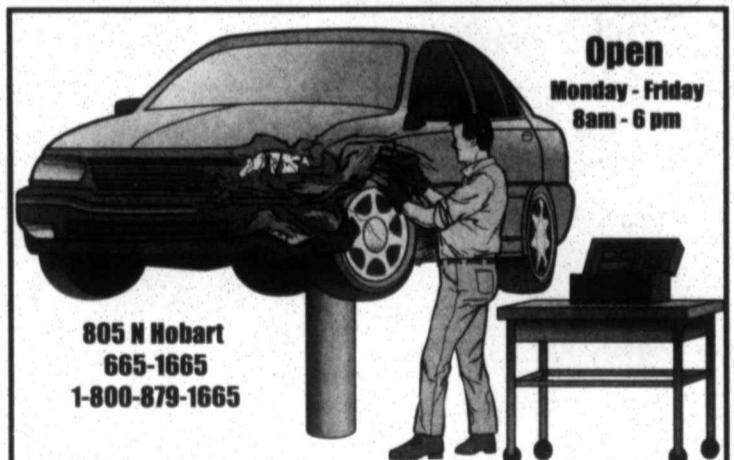
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Firing away: Craddock, in his time away from work, actively participates in a group that re-enacts the civil war. See Pg. 3.

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Thirsty?

As a result of teen obesity, nutrition laws were passed that forced public schools to take out all drink machines except diet and sport.

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Due to the nationwide nutrition laws, the school has been forced to remove all soda machines, save for diet, from the school.

"Nutrition laws said they had to go and there was nothing we could do. The Coke Company came and removed the machines," principal Danny Seabourm said.

The reason for this removal has been attributed to the high sugar content in a regular soda. There are 40 grams of sugar in a typical 12 oz soda can and 67 grams in a 20 oz bottle. That is not to say that the halls are completely dry. In fact, students are welcome to purchase a wide assortment of diet soda and/or water, and the new law says sports drinks are allowed if they have less than 100 calories.

There are some perks, however. Just ask the teachers about the amount of trash they found before and after.

"I used to have a lot of trash and sticky floors, but since they took out plain soda I've noticed a definite change," teacher Susan Burden said.

Others are not as pleased with the change. "I think they should bring back regular. It's just better," senior Yesenia Torres said.

With just diet sodas and regular machines now, most people are wishing for a little more variety.

"We're hoping that they will put in another juice machine," Seabourm said.

For some this has not really been a problem. "I don't drink cokes," freshman James Vaid said. "I have only bought water from school once."

Some students, however, prefer to postpone buying carbonation.

"I just wait till lunch and then buy a coke," Torres said.

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The solution to PLS LLS

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The privilege of quenching your thirst with a sip of cold Dr. Pepper from your Sonic cup has been taken away from the student body this year. Now the price of satisfying your thirst is a walk down to the soda machines where your choices are very limited.

The new rule about drinks on campus states that any beverages in an open container is not to be permitted on campus grounds.

"We enforce this rule with full support because it is a safety and liability issue, not just a cup issue. The school is responsible for the injury of any student due to the spill of a beverage. We decided that cups without lids were a hazard on the campus, so we decided to remove them," assistant principal Bill Jenkins said.

Students are not even al-



lowed to buy drinks from the cafeteria and take them into classrooms.

"The cups in the halls didn't bother me at all, it wasn't the cafeteria cups that were being littered. I don't see why students can't have drinks from the cafeteria," school cafeteria Debbie Keller said.

The faculty and a few students believe that the student body is to blame for not having the freedom of having cups on campus.

"I remember last year when I had to clean up a spill almost everyday. It's not that they were making a mess on purpose, it's just that they weren't careful with their cups. I like the new rule because now the classroom trash cans aren't filled with liquid and the campus that I take pride in is looking a lot cleaner," custodian Huck Watie said.

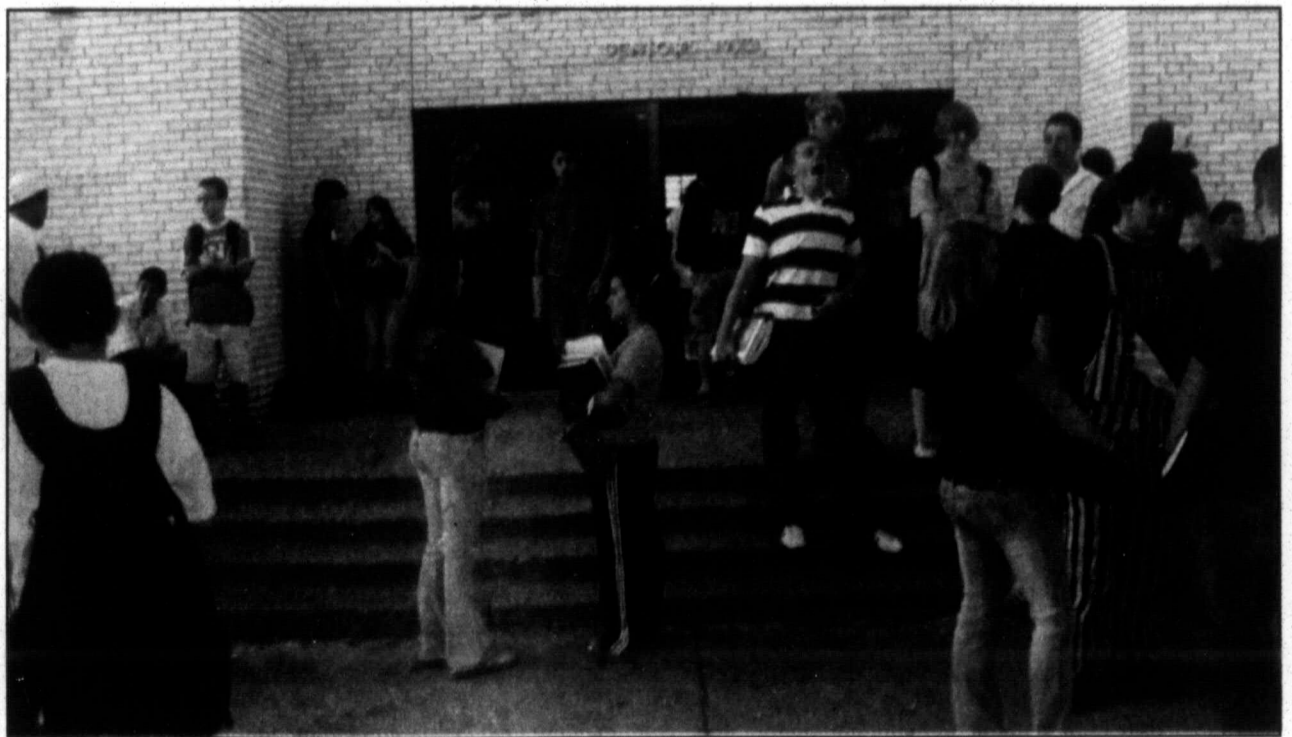
Many members of the student body think that the administration went overboard with the cups on campus issue.

"Instead of taking away the freedom to have outside drinks on campus, the administration could have started up a campus clean up program. This option would have kept the campus clean and allowed students to have drinks in school," senior Andrew VanHouten said.

Most teachers are extremely happy about the new rule because the classroom environment has improved without cups.

"Students finally pay attention to the lectures instead of having ice fights and cleaning up their desk where they spilled their drinks, they actually learn about the subject, which I recall was the original purpose of attending school," teacher Louis Parker said.

Locked out: Professional learning community moved to Wednesday mornings



Locked Out: Students waiting for the bell to ring on Wednesday morning. Kids are not allowed to enter the building, unless in the cafeteria, before school starts because the teachers meet with their respective departments, leaving virtually nobody to supervise hallways.

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"During these times of school accountability, learning communities are essential for a school's success," school principal Danny Seabourm said about the new professional learning communities, PLC, that are now taking place at the school every Wednesday morning.

Specifically, PLC's are designed to improve student achievement through the collaborative effort of teachers.

"Teachers collaborate and discuss instructional strategies for students' success," Seabourm said.

The school is divided into eight departments. Each department has a department head acting as the leader

for the further breakdown of departments into content teams. For example, in the math department there is an algebra 1 and algebra 2 team. The teams meet every Wednesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

The new Wednesday schedule, however, is not agreeing with some students.

"I hate the new schedule, I would rather go to school all day and get our regular lunch time" sophomore Dayla Newman said.

Though there are some students who are not pleased with the new schedule change, teachers have benefited from the change.

"For the first time in several years, teachers have an opportunity to collaborate on ideas," Administrative Curriculum Specialist Dale Ammons

said. Meaning, teachers from specific departments will gather and discuss his or her curriculum solving the problem of learning the same things year after year.

"You should see a more cooperative effort from our teachers to make our classrooms really good learning environments," Ammons said.

Although many students feel that lunch is almost impossible to properly enjoy on Wednesdays, both teachers and administrators feel that there will be a better learning environment due to the PLC program.

"It's an excellent idea and I'm anxious to see the impact on the student body," Theatre and speech teacher Rhianna Anglin said.

ACI labs: Counselor helps create new program for remediation

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Over the years, the percentage of students failing in high school has increased, which is precisely why the school board set up the new Alternative Curriculum Instruction (ACI) program for former failing students.

"Last year we noticed that the freshmen class was struggling with the academic curriculum and the number of students failing went up. The students needed help immediately because the classes they were failing in were core classes that are required for graduation," freshmen counselor Linda Haensch said.

The ACI program was put into effect this previous summer by the school board, who learned about the program from Linda Haensch.

"I originally got the idea from my previous school in Merkel, TX. I recommended the ACI program to the school board because the students in Merkel were greatly helped by this program due to the way it's set up," Haensch said.

The ACI program covers core freshmen classes such as biology, algebra I, English I, and world geography. Through the ACI program, students get an opportunity

to earn credits for their graduation.

"I like the ACI class because I get to work at my own pace. And unlike other classes, where the teachers get off topic, ACI lets you focus on your work and get things done," sophomore Sarah Cannon said.

The ACI class is composed of four or five students on average and a teacher that supervises the students' activities.

"My main goal this year is to earn my credits so I can graduate. I like this class because you get the required attention from the teachers that you need. They can better explain the subject because they don't have to worry about the other 20 students behind their back," sophomore Sean Turner said.

The ACI class is an alternative to the fast track class for the students who feel like they need more time to better understand their subjects.

"Unlike fast track, ACI allows the student to work at their own pace, and we don't overload them with homework because our main goal is to help the students any possible way and take them one step closer to earning their credit," speech teacher Marty Field said.

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New sheriff in town:

Discipline principal moves from Huntsville

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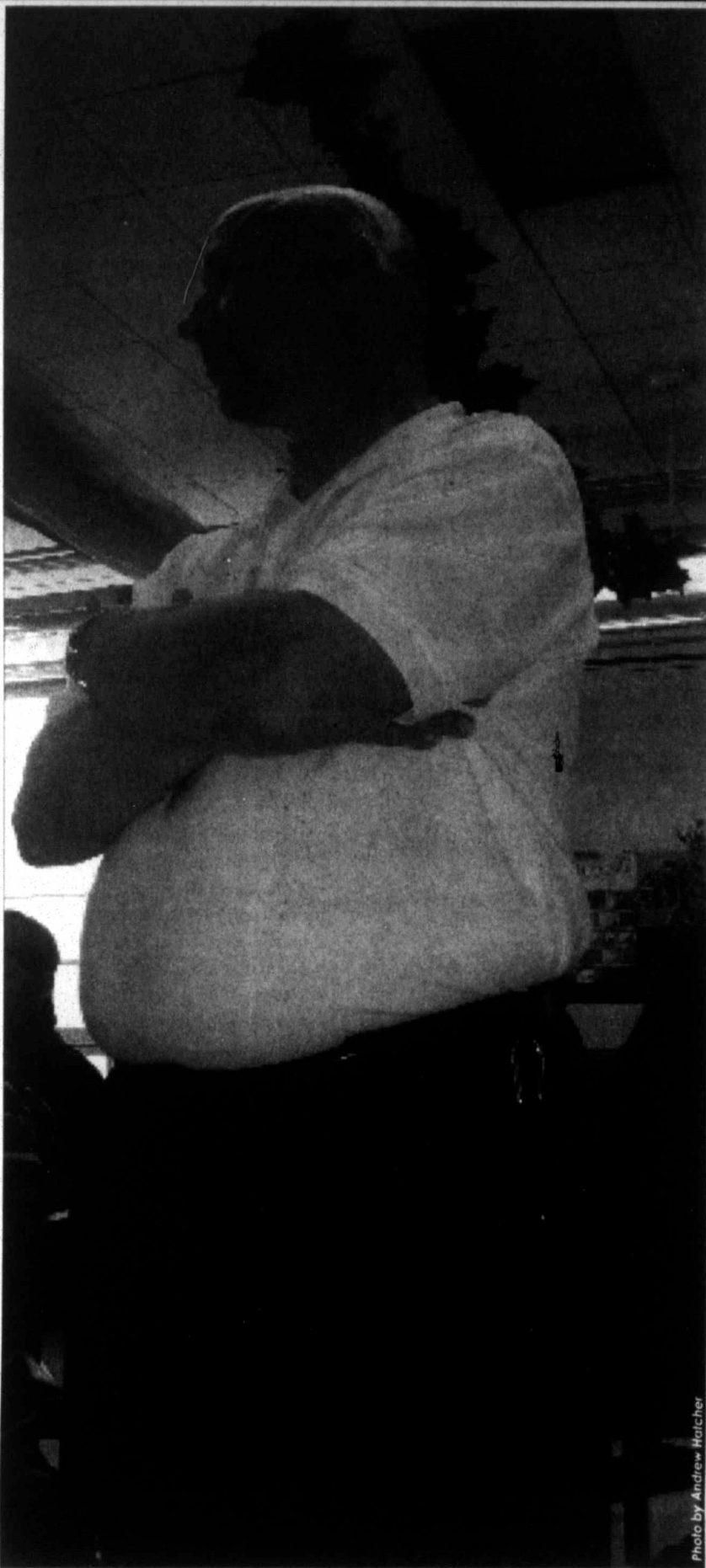
In just three years, the slots for principal jobs at the high school have rotated several times over. With a recent job swap landing him the athletic director's position, Stuart Smith left his assistant principal job at the end of the school year, leaving the position open.

"We posted the position [for an assistant principal] on the PISD web site and had a few people respond to it," principal Danny Seabourm said. "After a few didn't work out, we finally found the right guy."

A biology teacher and assistant football coach at Huntsville, Texas, Bill Jenkins was one of those to apply for the job in March. Although he did not receive a response until May, an interview landed him the job just one day later.

"I think it was the will of God that I got the job," Jenkins said. "I had interviewed at another school to coach and teach. Two days before Danny [Seabourm] called me, I had decided that I was going to stay in Huntsville, but he asked me to set up an interview for a Thursday, and on Friday he offered me the job."

Though he had done principal duties prior to coming to Pampa, Jenkins' daily schedule has been significantly altered since assuming his new role.



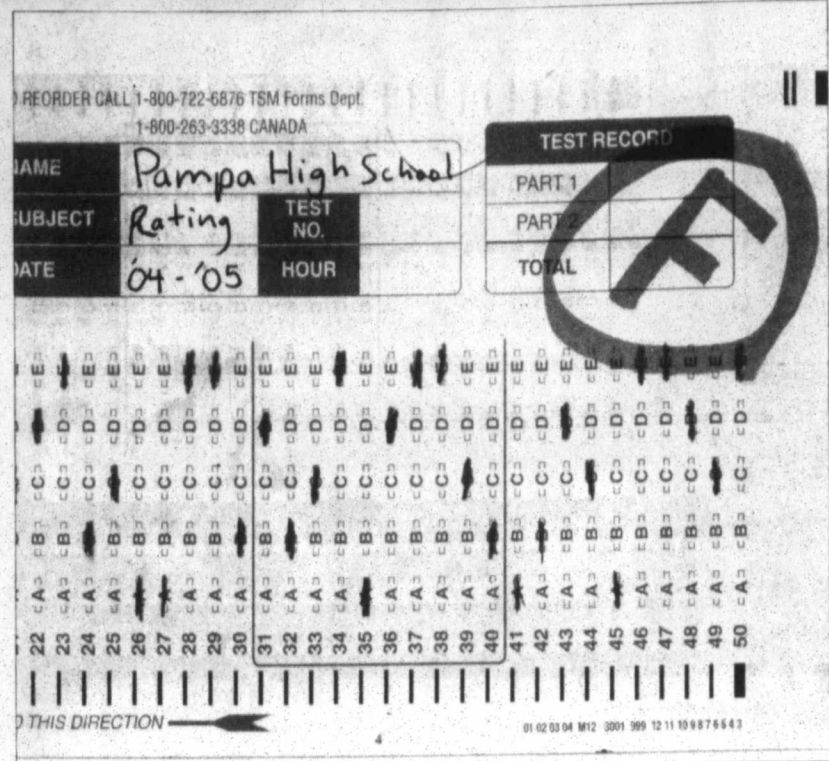
Patrolling the Premises: New assistant principal Bill Jenkins takes on the task of lunch duty. "So far it has been a great experience," Jenkins said. "The kids have all done well, and I really appreciate the teachers for working hard and trying to improve our school."

"The biggest difference with this job is the hours," Jenkins said. "Not having to work Saturdays, Sundays or late nights is a major change for me."

Though he was not an administrator prior to this year, Jenkins did have some experience in the field. Despite not having much administrative experience, Jenkins is

still the person who Seabourm felt was most qualified for the job.

"I was born here and I love the area," Jenkins said. "So far it has been a great experience. The kids have all done well, and I really appreciate the teachers for working hard and trying to help and improve our school."



School fails TEA Standards

Administration promises improvement

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On the 2005-2006 state accountability ratios, the school received an academically unacceptable rating on completion rate 1.

"Economically disadvantaged students who completed in 2005 were only 71.8 percent and the state expects 75 percent," school principal Danny Seabourm said.

Economically disadvantaged students are those who qualify for free or reduced lunches and in 2004-2005 we had six students dropout and five students receive GEDs, resulting in the unacceptable rating. Students who received GEDs are considered non-completers.

To ensure we do not receive this rating again, the administration has decided to intervene at younger ages with the help of teachers and parents to discourage dropping out.

"We're going to implement student interventions starting at freshman level," Seabourm said.

The rating is being appealed due to noted errors concerning the students who received GEDs, but the school faculty is still concerned about the rating.

"I'm horrified that my school is somehow put down by this rating" English teacher Linda Haynes said.

The results of the appeal will be received in October.

"The student body shouldn't expect changes due to this rating," Seabourm said.

Although the student body should not notice any changes, the administration will continue working hard to ensure this does not happen again.

"It's a bureaucratic rating and has nothing to do with academics," Haynes said.

However, the fact that it is not an academic rating does not make it a lesser priority to the school administration.

"I'm not happy with it. . . we are trying to implement some student interventions to ensure it doesn't happen again," Seabourm said.

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Re-enacting what he teaches: In his spare time, teacher Mark Craddock participates in a historical re-enactment group. Here, he is demonstrating a skirmish line, along with other formations performed in the Civil War. "It's expensive, but I wouldn't do it if I didn't get a kick out of it," Craddock said.

Veteran teacher brings experience, skills to four separate subjects

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Miscellaneous teacher Mark Craddock brings to his classroom what many teachers can't. Craddock's experience in the armed forces, the business world, and that of the teaching world has made him an exceptional instructor.

"I had Craddock last year, and he was awesome," senior Kyle Dewbre said. "In one word, unique. He knows a lot more than anyone thinks.

The fact that he has been to a lot of places and has all of his stories to tell kept my interest."

In college, Craddock got a teaching certificate in political science with a minor in English. However, he didn't use it for quite some time. After Vietnam, he worked for pipeline companies until he was 50 and lived in Alaska for 15 years, all the while aspiring to return to Pampa.

"I eventually got a package in the mail for relocation. When I got here, I took out my teaching certifi-

cate, dusted it off, and said, 'Is this any good?' And the school said, 'Oh yeah, that's a good one.' Anyway, all I had in teaching fields were government, English, and political science," Craddock said. "So I took exit tests to get economics, geography, and history. It's the misfortune of having all of those certain degrees that causes me to be teaching these classes."

He is currently teaching U. S. government, world history, economics, and geography.

"Sometimes I like teaching mul-

iple subjects better because of the variety of students I get to teach," Craddock said. "I also don't have to repeat myself five times a day."

Craddock teaches freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"He's the biggest slang-Texan I've ever heard," senior Eli Strandkleiv said. "It's funny that he wears the cowboy boots. He is good teacher, but he talks so so much. Very smart man."

Known for his intelligence, Craddock hardly ever opens a book

in class, simply because he knows what he's teaching. He has travelled in many places and been successful in the business world, aiding in his teaching of economics.

"He has been successful working in and out of the education world," Latin teacher Susan Burden said. "He's had success in business and here. He has a lot of life experiences that his students should listen to. He's a guy that would give you the shirt off of his back."

Flags: The most exciting band instrument? Color Guard adds visuals, pageantry to marching

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When the second quarter of Friday's football game ends, fans either brave the lines for food or sit back to hear what the marching band has to offer. But it's not just the band down on the field, and fans can do more than listen. They can see the pageantry and visual effects provided by the color guard.

"They truly add color to the show," band director Roger Myers said. "It's about the sound, and they add to the motion aspect of the art. It's not just a flag, it's a dance of

color."

Color guard is composed of usual band members, largely from the woodwind section. But during marching season, these girls choose to lay down their instruments and exchange them for a flag.

"The flags are shiny and pretty," senior Sara Darling said. "Plus I hated marching."

Color guard also gave Darling a chance as a freshman to be involved in an activity with her older sister. However, some, like color guard captain Lensey Mixon, a senior, joined up for other reasons.

"When I was a sophomore, I was going to try out for drill instructor," Mixon said. "But I went to the wrong meeting and was convinced to try out for color guard."

Unknown to the average observer on a Friday night is the amount of sheer work put into the colorful routine. A weekend before band rehearsals begin, the color guard meets to learn as much of their set as possible.

Then they begin regular practices with the band. But still they will practice extra before or after to polish their craft. Even this far into the year,

color guard will practice an hour on Monday evenings and three hours on Thursdays in addition to usual band rehearsals.

To add extra assistance during all of those rehearsals, Myers and Mixon went in search of an experienced supervisor. They found their match in Pampa graduate of 2005 Lyndsey Dyer.

"I did color guard for three years in high school and really enjoyed it," Dyer said. "I enjoy doing this now. The girls are great. They have to have good attitudes and be both hardworking and graceful."

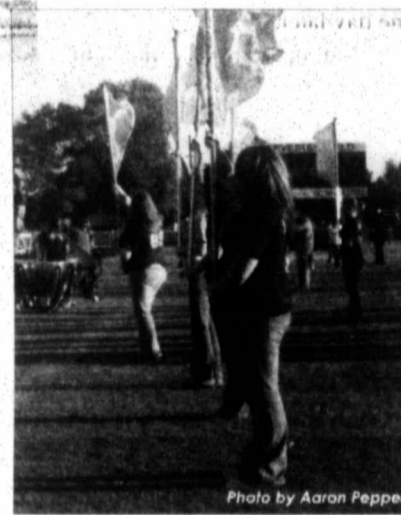


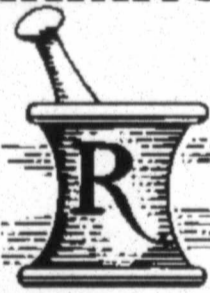
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Four little flags, all in a row: Color guard stands at attention while practicing with the band for the halftime show. "Music of the Movies."

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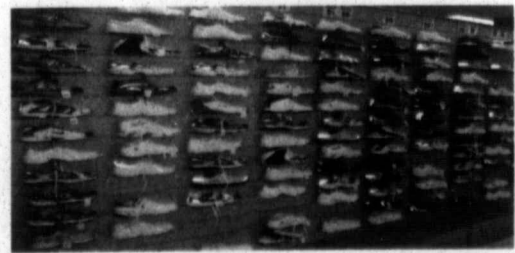
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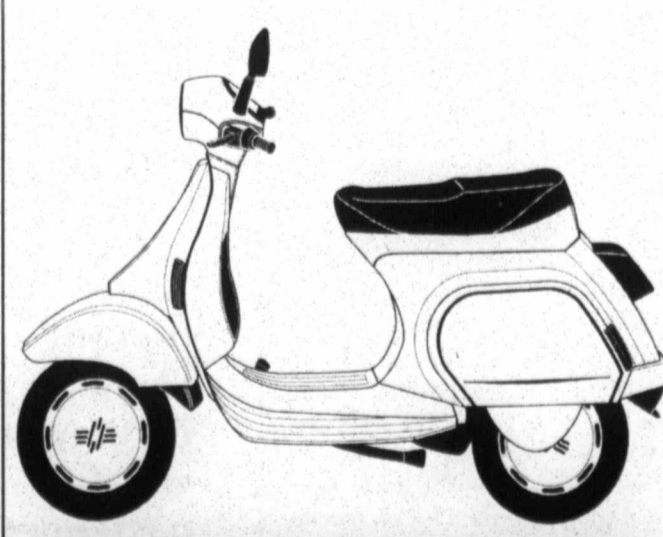
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The high school has instituted a new program this year, Pampa Learning Communities, also known as PLC, which allows teachers to better communicate and collaborate on curriculum issues. This new program corrects many scheduling issues by solving the problems that teachers used to have with conference periods. Conference periods were daily periods where teachers didn't teach, but instead held meetings to discuss curriculum. The new program provides for these meetings, but instead of a daily meeting, these meetings are held once a week on Wednesdays before 8:45 a.m. While this slightly alters the Wednesday schedule, shortening the amount of time that is available for lunch to 30 minutes, the benefits of this innovative program far outweigh the downsides.

One of the main attractions with this new program is obvious to any sleep deprived high-schooler- there are 45 extra minutes on Wednesday that allow for a longer sleeping time. Going through the school week, everyone starts to feel a little bit tired. Chemistry, history, calculus and any other class that might add to the mountain of homework that each student has is postponed for a beautiful three-fourths of an hour. Wednesday has now become the beacon of hope for the sleepless and a day of rest.

Even more important, teachers benefit just as much as the students do. Instead of having to waste one period everyday, teachers can now do just as much, just as effectively, with only one meeting on Wednesday. The importance of these meetings cannot be underestimated, and it is wonderful that these meetings can be held effectively in a manner that is also advantageous to the student body.

However, some students are skeptical about the supposed benefits of the new program. Most of the complaints center around the shortened lunch period, but despite this minor inconvenience, the brilliance of this program far outweighs the small discomforts the student body may have while eating.

Not only is the purpose of this program being realized, but the extra amount of sleep will no doubt make it an overwhelming success. It is nice, when a plan is so simple, and it can work out well in the end for everyone involved.



by jareth.fortenberry

Over the summer you get to see a lot of movies. This summer I was graced with a back-to-back-to-back showing of Bring It On, Bring it On Again, and my personal favorite Bring It On: Oh, Haven't We Already Done This Once? Well, after watching that I decided to go to ESPN, to see if anyone had gotten a suspension. Instead, I see competitive cheerleading. Turning off the telly and turning on the radio I hear that cheerleading has the most reported injuries out of every other sport.

What's the point of all this? Cheerleading is not a sport and is a waste of time. I usually try and see both sides of a story and ignore the side I don't like, but I can't ignore something I don't see. The football team doesn't win or lose because the cheerleaders yell rhymes at a crowd that can't really hear them anyway. The basketball team won't start making threes because the half-time show was a choreographed dance to the number one chart topper.

The only good part about cheer-

leading is that the hormone-crazed guys have something to look at and wishful girls have a dream to shoot for. Well my friends continue to look and dream, because as long as you do, cheerleading will always have a place.

What about the injuries, you ask? Something with so many injuries has to be a sport, right? Wrong, the keyword here is reported. Is there anyway that football would come in second? Players tape fingers all the time just to stay in the game, while a cheerleader might break a finger and be out until it heals. Not saying that they are wimps, but they are girls after all. I probably shouldn't have said that, but it's not like you read this

stuff anyway. You just look at the pictures.

Now I could be wrong, perhaps the side I have taken is the wrong side, but unless I get decisive evidence that cheerleading is an actual sport that actually helps a team win games I'll easily suck up my pride and admit I'm out of line. Until then I'll tell you what I know. I know that this "cheerleading" is an easy way to waste school funds, funds that should be going to more prominent things, such as football. Unfortunately Mick Jagger summed it up when he said, "you can't always get what you want," which is tragically true in this case. I want all cheerleading to be disbanded and banished to the pom-pom pits from whence it came, but I know that will never happen.

But I didn't really want to talk about cheerleading; I wanted to talk about the draft. Honestly, is there anything better than the draft? It's definitely better than cheerleading.

States speed to agist assumptions

Driving age should remain at 16-years-old

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A car full of teenagers cruises down the glossy black streets of town near midnight. The traffic light approaching might slow them. Yellow. Red. The car zips through the empty intersection anyway. It's not uncommon among newly licensed drivers, usually 16-year-olds. A study of youth driving tendencies done by the AAA Foundation spurred several states to propose raising the driving age to 17. But raising age requirements doesn't substitute for genuine experience and learning when dealing with reckless, young drivers.

Supporters of the new proposals claim that kids are not competent drivers because they can't multitask and have little or no driving experience. Pushing age requirements and adding penalties for "Driving While Young (DWY)" is not going to get teenagers any more time behind the wheel. The AAA study said the issue was inexperience, not age.

Under that rationale, if drivers have to wait until 17, they will have about a year of driving before leaving home. Currently, teens have two years before leaving the safety net of parental supervision. Experience will only be beneficial if someone, like a parent, can provide input. The real danger would be letting hoards of kids go off to college blind to the dangers of U.S. roadways.

Beyond gaining useful experience, allowing 16-year-olds to drive can be beneficial both to the teen and the parents. Parents stress responsibility and the need to work. But to keep a steady job, a teen must have a means of getting to and from work. In most homes today, both parents work, so they give rides, and students from rural areas do not have public transportation. Their only means of travel is to rely on themselves, and raising driving age would cause an extraordinary drop in the number of 16-year-olds in the work force. Without a job or a way to get around, prepare for the biggest crop of couch potatoes ever.

The way to lower wrecks and deaths caused by 16-year-old drivers is to teach them, provide ample supervised experience and ease them into the responsibilities of getting behind the wheel. Making them wait another year to drive is foolish and rather base. If 16 is the most dangerous driving age, moving it back will only make 17 the most dangerous driving age. New drivers need baby steps. Many states have restrictions that apply to drivers for six months to a year. These include number of passengers allowed, no driving from midnight to 5:00 a.m., and a required number of hours driving with a parent. Then, gradually, the restrictions are lessened until the driver is fully capable and is awarded a full driver's license.

If every state would adopt such programs, perhaps the roadways would be safer, and we could do away with all of the DWY offenses.

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Shooting through senior year

The benefits of not graduating early



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Apollo 13 really was a good movie. Everybody knew that they weren't going to make it on the stinking moon, but were still worried that Tom Hanks might actually suffocate on his own CO2. I know that I was worried to death that they would actually make poor Kevin Bacon hold his breath the entire way back.

This will all make sense in a minute. Just hold your breath.

I considered graduating a year early. I did the credit by exam business and SAT in the fall, but became too overwhelmed with everything that I had to cram in a matter of months. So here I am. And I still haven't decided whether or not that was a mistake. But I see many sophomores

and juniors in senior classes and they tell me that they're graduating early. Having played that game, I don't say a lot to them. I was one of them. I know their ways. They start looking around, biting a nail, and eventually just saying something rude enough to end the conversation.

Graduating early does make sense. If you can do it three years instead of four, why not? The only answer I ever got was that I would miss out on all of the wonderful things that make a senior year.

Let's start from the top. First day of school; being a senior, you not only get to put "here fishy" stickers all over freshmen, but you get to paint "senior" on every window of your car. But the real magic happens when parking spots are purchased. Your nifty bubble lettered vehicle officially has exclusive parking. Then you get the gourmet senior breakfast at MK Brown with your parents. If shoe polish, blank stickers and a ten dollar bill weren't sufficient, hundreds in cash that are spent on specialized, customized and 2007ized graduation goodies should make the year worth-

while.

As appealing as all of that sounds, one should consider the fact that, with outs and TA periods, there is not a bulk of course material 12th graders have to take. As a result, many seniors leave feeling unprepared for college, as if they have taken a year off.

Looking back, I remember learning things in high school. But I had to learn on my own that high school, much like everything else in life, was only going to be as good as I allowed it to be.

Your capillaries are about to rupture.

"If high school were a NASA funded project, it would be much like the movie Apollo 13. Even though you may not accomplish everything you set out to do, you'll still live through it."

Cliche quote accomplished. Advise time. It's almost done.

There are only four years in high school. You have the rest of your life to work. Enjoy life while you still have one.

Exhale. Breathe in.

Gotta have priorities

School focuses on useless rules, not academics



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As the school year begins once more, a new PHS policy is in action while another is more strictly enforced. According to principal Danny Seabourn, the policy is simply "No cups."

Last year, the cup conflict was quite the controversial topic. A couple of seniors arranged a debate that was presented to the principals. The student body was given a trial period to see if we could handle the 'privilege' of cups, and the majority of students thought we handled it well. While I am aware that cups spill and create messes, I still wonder why this is such an important priority on our administrator's agenda. I could empathize more with our principals if they had a rational reason for this new policy. It would be easier to give them leniency if our cups were

filled with drugs or bombs. "Cups spill and make messes" seemed to be the extent of their reasoning.

This year, the dress code is arguably the most enforced policy. While I understand that we need regulations to ensure appropriateness, I cannot understand why we aren't focused more on issues that matter. Slipknot T-shirts and micro-mini skirts will not affect us as much as our drug problem and drop-out rate will.

Instead of crying over spilled milk, the administrator's agenda should be filled with tactics to combat issues that pertain to our future. Issues like having 13 pregnant kids by the end of last year. Oh, and let's not forget the unacceptable rating from the Texas Education Agency. I'm not asking our principals to change any policy; I'm asking them to reevaluate their priorities. Instead of busying themselves with the dress code and cup rule, they should focus on actual problems that are pressing on the students here.

Sombrero: Silly or Sublime?

Mexican headwear serves as decoration, show piece, general crowd pleaser

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Sombrero mexicano, simply called the sombrero, is a species of wall-decoration indigenous to Mexico and the southern United States. The sombrero is an amicable creature, most commonly found hung on the walls of Mexican food restaurants. Feeding on dust and salsa flakes, it's lifespan can be as short as a few months or longer than a human's.

Comparable to the unicorn, the sombrero is revered as a symbol of prosperity from genuine effort and is sometimes hung in homes to dispell evil spirits. But where a common citizen would merely slap a sombrero on a wall and call it a day, my unparalleled ingenuity has finally paid off. I have begun using the sombrero as headgear.

This might seem ridiculous to you. It might seem radical or absurd. You may say that I'm a dreamer. But I'm not the only one. Well, actually I am, but by the time you've finished reading this column there'll be at least two of us.

The sombrero yields surprisingly fruitful results as a hat. Its brim-like rim serves as a perfect shade from the sun. The conelike bulge fits one's

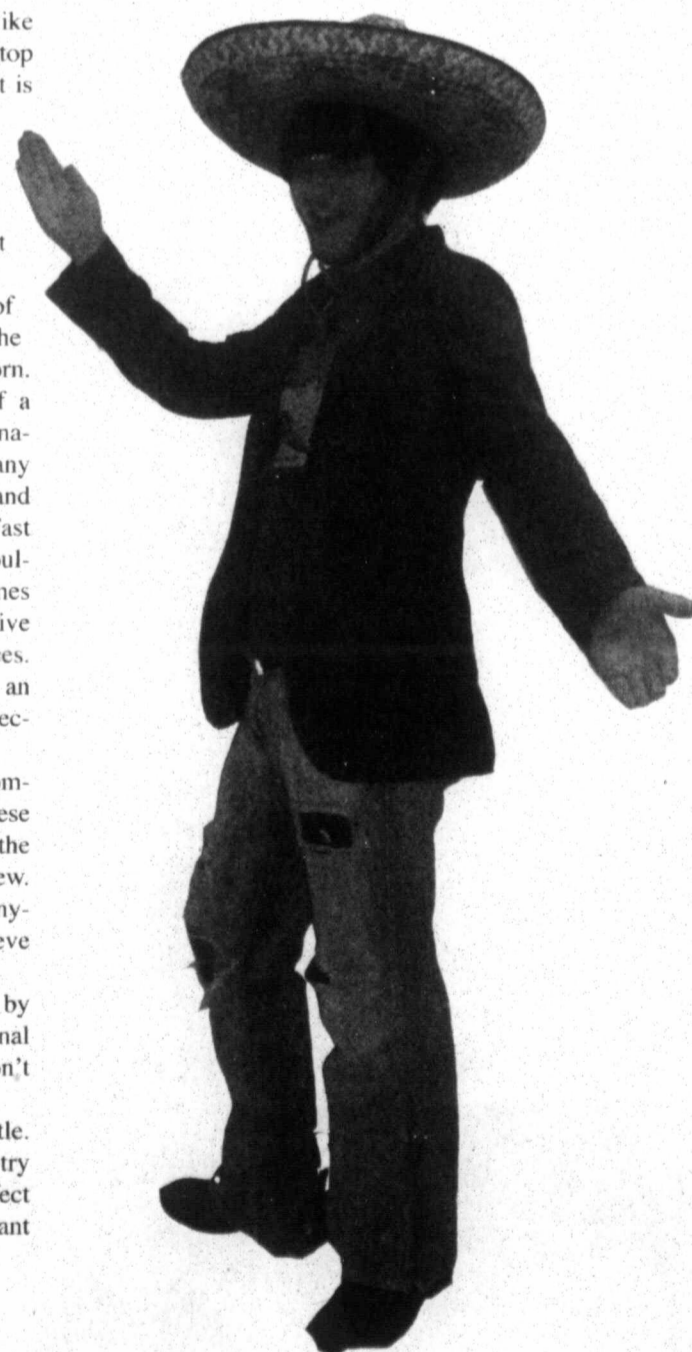
head almost perfectly. It's like it was made to be a hat. To top it off, the straw of which it is composed has a genuinely rich, earthy feel. It's like having Mother Nature's hand resting on your head throughout the day. Except a lot lighter.

But the real beauty of my decor-turned-hat is the influence it has when worn. Somehow, the presence of a somewhat silly cranium ornament manipulates nearly any situation for the better. Bland colors become vibrant. Fast food becomes gourmet. Soulless pop regurgitation becomes deeper and more expressive than Mozart's masterpieces. Dreary discourse becomes an electric extravaganza of eccentric enlightenment!

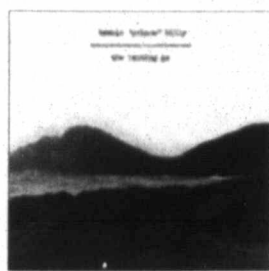
Maybe it's not the sombrero itself that causes these changes. Perhaps it's just the thrill of trying something new. That's what my mom said anyway. It's okay. I don't believe her either.

If you're still skeptic by this point, then heed my final words and see if they don't change your mind.

Stick it to the man a little. Wear the sombrero. Then try and tell me it doesn't affect people in a deep and important way.



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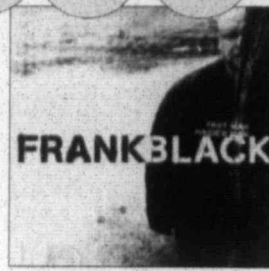
Bonnie "Prince" Billy
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Well into the second decade of his career, Will Oldham is still the same quirky, bizarre, funny character he has always been. As mellow as *Master and Everyone*, *TLG* is friendlier and more accessible than anything in seven years.



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Snakes on a Plane

Movie is example of technological advances

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It is a mixture of two things. So bad it is good, and so good it is great. Viewers might not like the movie at first, but Samuel L. Jackson's already infamous quote will quickly change many minds. Though more of an action comedy than horror, *Snakes On A Plane* definitely has what cult

in large number. This film explores all possible angles of snake attacks, from snakes squeezing into tight places, to hiding in barf bags; they go anywhere.

Acting in *Snakes* is so-so. Basically what you have is one big list star surrounded by a plethora of no-names.

But the no-names have obviously learned their place well, and don't try to act above



classics are made of.

The title gives away the main idea behind the movie, but the film does an excellent job of building suspense. The basic plot is more than it appears. It turns out Jackson is in charge of protecting a witness on a flight. The mob boss who he is testifying against sends an assassin to kill the witness by bringing the plane crashing into the sea. You find yourself constantly asking "When will the snakes appear?" and appear they do,

their level. Most of the snakes are CGI, computer generated images, and it takes a certain talent to be killed by something you cannot even see.

Speaking of CGI, the snakes look rather realistic, except for the ten-foot constrictor, which is reminiscent of *Anaconda*. But other than that, you would almost believe that hundreds of snakes have found their way onto the plane.



Awestruck
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"Tomorrow" proves timeless

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I spend absurd amounts of time listening to music, rating it, writing about it and telling my friends about it. Before you read this, you should understand that albums take several listens to assess a proper score based on a 10 scale. Due mainly to the fact of their singularity, songs are based on five scale in my book and don't take as many listens to tell whether or not it's gold. And when Aileen Quinn and the Orphans team up for two minutes and 20 seconds of glory defining beauty on

"Tomorrow," five simply doesn't sound like enough.

Written strictly for the film *Annie* released in 1982, "Tomorrow" is one of the few songs of the decade that gives Talking Head's "Once In A Lifetime" a run for its money. The song starts with the cheesiest bells and strings one could imagine. Seconds later, the prepubescent sounds of Annie's voice are heard, singing some of the most philosophically, yet logically honest lyrics ever penned.

For the first 30 seconds, the song shows promise for an uplifting ending,

but when the 31 second marker hits a minor chord, I always worry a little. Fortunately, the chords have a major lift after four long seconds, just as she sticks out her chin and grins. At 57 seconds, one of the most uplifting choruses in the history of time hypnotizes the listener in with its nasally voice, string, and brass sections.

After the chorus comes an instrumental section, which is then followed by that much-dreaded minor chord progression. Once again, it only lasts for a matter of seconds before it fades back into the verse.

After one final verse, the song hits a climax with the most searing, awe inducing 30 seconds ever put to analog tape. It reaches the apex when "away" is drawn out for what seems like minutes.

Personally, I am not, nor have I ever been, an orphan. I really don't understand the whole orphan psyche. But it obviously doesn't take an orphan to appreciate "Tomorrow," because I clear away the cobwebs in my headphones with the song way too many times than one could consider healthy.

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Another year, another set of fresh coaches

First came Dennis Cavalier's young assistant. Then a coaching crew from Sunray. Now Cav's own son is taking the reins with his staff.

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When most of last year's football staff parted ways in search of other opportunity, the athletic department found itself recruiting a new crew for the second year in a row. The coaches have made the athletes learn different workout drills and understand the basics of weight lifting.

Coach Chad Dunnam is in charge of the defensive backs on the football team. He is also the strength and conditioning coordinator.

"For football, I would like to make the playoffs this year. It would be great to win the district championship," Dunnam said. "and two, I want to preserve the tradition and surpass what they've accomplished in the past."

An opportunity to change careers and work with Coach Andy Cavalier brought Dunnam to Pampa.

"I worked in an oil field at Peak



Put me in coach, I'm ready to play: Andy Cavalier throws passes to alternate receivers as sophomore quarterback Casey Trimble searches for primaries. Trimble is developing his arm early due to a season-ending injury to senior Brett Ferrell.

Energy Resources Incorporated for one year," Dunnam said. "Coach Cavalier called me and asked for me to come work with him in Pampa. I wanted to coach and so here I am."

Hunting and fishing are part of Dunnam's spare time activities that he spends with his family.

"I am a big time outdoors man. I

have a bass boat, so I am at the lake constantly," Dunnam said.

A previous coach in Pampa, Coach John True, looks over the boys and girls soccer program and is also a football coach.

"I want to get the girls program and the boys program to go in the right direction," True said. "Winning

games, learning how to play, toughness, and to make the playoffs this year are what I hope to achieve."

True was at Lubbock Coronado for three years and was in Pampa for five years prior to that.

Other new coaches include Brian Hulett, Gene Valentine, Andy Cavalier, Kristin Tucker, and Trent Davis.

Football's new leadership

Andy Cavalier

Head Coach



Left: Cavalier on headset during game.
Below: Helping Shavious Kelley during a practice.



John True

Off. Backfield



"Winning games, learning how to play, toughness, and to make the playoffs this year are what I hope to achieve."

Kristin Tucker

Head Trainer



Tucker has trained for the US Olympic team and the Seattle Mariners.

Chad Dunnam

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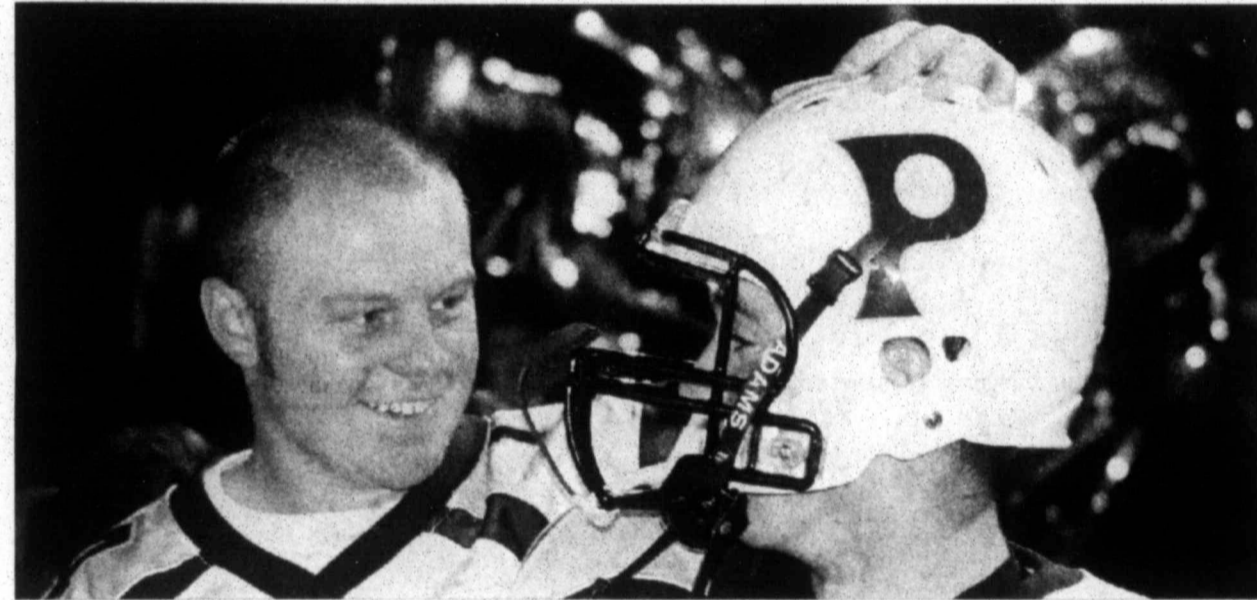


Brian Hulett

Linebacker's Coach



Injury does not prevent senior QB from aiding replacement through words



Sideline Solution: Injured quarterback Brett Ferrell greets his replacement, sophomore Casey Trimble. Ferrell had surgery on his arm in early September. He will be off of the field for the entire season.

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Sports injuries are bound to happen. Often times they shape an athlete's persona, like Joe Theisman's broken leg or Brett Favre's perennially broken thumb. But professionals have world class rehab facilities, long seasons and only one sport to focus on. Not so for high schoolers. A high school injury would end a senior's career or cause missed playing time

for another sport.

Such is the situation facing senior Brett Ferrell. His quarterback days were put on hold when he broke his arm in Pampa's first scrimmage this season. Of course, for those who know Ferrell, no season is complete without some sort of injury. He was already playing in a knee brace to support his multiple knee injuries from prior baseball, basketball and football seasons. This time though, was different. Now he was the senior,

the starting quarterback, the star. And now he's been held contained to the sidelines and all-time captainship.

However, Ferrell's pain has opened up new opportunities for the Harvesters. Fans now have the chance to see sophomore Casey Trimble earn his stripes. Trimble got a little playing time last year, but the position is much different as a starter come Friday night.

Trimble has been up and down so far this season. But that's expect-

ed of such a young talent. Perryton took him for a couple of interceptions. Those picks can be attributed to decision making. One INT involved Trimble's receiver streaking the sidelines with a defender boxed away from the sideline. Unfortunately, the ball was thrown to the inside creating a jump-ball that was pulled in by the Rangers' corner. But timing and ball placement will come with time. And they have already begun to appear.

Trimble's performance, in a win over Lubbock Estacado showed much improvement from the week prior. Better poise, scrambling ability, not to mention time in the pocket thanks to a step-up effort of the "U-Haul Crew." And it was exciting to see a sophomore lead a team to a hard-fought victory. Efforts like the one made that night will lead Trimble to great success.

Of course there are the usual suspects propelling him to greatness: coaches, lineman, poor defenses. But one person is watching every down with an attentive eye from his position on the sidelines. The example and encouragement from Brett Ferrell has stamped his relationship with Trimble with a unique respect for his young counterpart.

Game Plan

Offensive set: Option

Defensive set: 4-3

Record: 1-2 (0-0)

• A poor showing against 3A Perryton was followed with an exciting late pull-away victory over Lubbock Estacado. Pampa hopes to rally in Weeks 4 and 5 after a loss to growing 5A power Amarillo High

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Crossing cultural barriers and international borders

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You go to school tomorrow, and suddenly, you find that everyone is speaking Norwegian, of which you only know a handful of phrases. This is a reversed example of what new foreign exchange student from the city Aalesund, Eli Strandkleiv, is facing this year.

Claire Boyd, a friend of Strandkleiv, said that Eli is a sweet, smart, and all around good person. Eli came to Pampa, full of energy and a confident spirit; new, exciting opportunities lured Strandkleiv to America in spite of possible difficulties.

"I wanted to experience something new, and I wanted to learn English better," Strandkleiv said.

Every year a small, dedicated group of exchange students greet the school, warming every heart with their personalities and intelligence in the face of language and cultural barriers.

"There are so many new words you have to learn, and to know what they mean, and when you go to a subject like physics, you don't know anything," said Heinrich Schultz, the German exchange student from Hamburg. Despite such difficulties, Heinrich is still able to find the good in any situation, and in doing such, to make the most out of attending the school.

The teachers at Pampa

High School...most of them are nice, and they are doing their job," Heinrich said.

Homesick sentiments are expressed by all three exchange students when they reflect on their homes, missed loved ones, and most of all friends. Italian exchange student, Sergio Farina, misses something more from his home, Palermo, Italy, than any of the other exchange students.

"In Italy the food is really better, and you get to have really great food," said Farina.

The one great thing about having exchange students is seeing them acting and behaving as any other normal human being would. When Mitsunori Terada, the Japanese foreign exchange student from the city of Nagoya arrived recently, he was asked about what he enjoyed most in the world, and he answered like many American teenagers would have.

"Rock. Weezer, the Green Album," Terada said, "to play soccer, and baseball, and tennis, sports, I like sports."

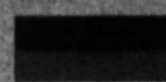
Taco Bell, language barriers, and physics; all these are things that every exchange student has to adapt to in order to become fully Americanized. Their willingness to adapt to the new situations they encounter, plus their cheerful dispositions, make these four exchange students a must know for anyone who is both fun loving and friendly. They are not hard to miss either, just look for the happy faces with big smiles.

Traditional greetings (students l-r below)



Eli Strandkleiv
Norway

Hvordan er De i dag? Jeg er temmelig god. Har en hyggelig dag.



Heinrich Schultz
Germany

He, das, was aufwärts ist? Wollen Sie zu Mittagessen gehen?



Sergio Farina
Italy

Che cosa è in su? Le cose di speranza stanno andando buone per voi.



Mitsunori Terada
Japan

今日どんな具合です。私はかなりよい。

