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## County passes budget, tax rate for fiscal year 2008

**By MARILYN POWERS**  
Staff Writer

Gray County commissioners passed the county budget and tax rate for fiscal 2008 at their special meeting at 9 a.m. today in the second-floor courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

The budget of \$10,942,761 is an increase over the 2007 county budget total of \$10,087,482, according to information provided by County Auditor Elaine Morris. The 2007 budget had previously been reported as being below \$10 million, according to information provided at an

earlier meeting.

Some of the largest increases in the budget are in the miscellaneous court, Perry LeFors Airport, general miscellaneous, district attorney, capital projects and Precinct 4 road and bridge funds.

At least two murder trials are expected to be conducted in 2008, prompting a hike from \$254,600 in 2007 to \$502,300 for 2008 in the miscellaneous court fund. A change of venue is considered a possibility for both trials.

Roof repairs to the large hangar owned by the county at Perry LeFors

Airport accounts for an increase from last year's \$91,650 to \$213,660 for 2008 for the airport funding.

Several factors are included in the increase in the general miscellaneous fund. The fund totals \$1,108,641 for 2008, up from last year's \$1,035,995.

"Last year, we allowed \$25,000 for autopsies," said Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley concerning the general miscellaneous fund expenditures. "This year, as of June 30, \$51,586 had already been spent on autopsies. That is an expense that is impossible to try to

estimate."

Any unattended death with questionable circumstances is followed by an autopsy, ordered by a justice of the peace, Wheeley said, and the county is obligated to pay for the autopsies.

Another portion of the general miscellaneous fund increase is due to an allocation of \$30,000 to go toward eventual replacement of electronic voting equipment.

Other items in general miscellaneous include such varied services as

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### Coats for a cause



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

**Walter Miller of Freedom Museum USA, 600 N. Hobart, displays a shipment of children's and youths' coats just received by the museum for the coming cold weather. The three styles of coats represent the U.S. Navy/Marines, Army and Air Force. All profits from the sales of the coats will be used for maintenance and upkeep of the museum. Prices are \$35 for size small, \$40 for medium and \$45 for large. The museum is open from 12 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.**

## Jordan Chapel Builders nearing goal for prison

**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

Jordan Chapel Builders, an organization formed by Pampa residents to raise money to build a chapel at the Jordan Unit, is getting close to reaching their goal amount of \$650,000.

Members of the board of directors hope they can raise the remaining funds necessary soon so this chapel can be built for the inmates to further their religious worship and learning.

Currently, only 18 of the 107 Texas prisons have separate chapels for the inmates to worship in. Right now at the Jordan Unit, inmates have to worship in a concrete gym that does not hold many people at once.

The new building that is planned will be 7,800 square feet, have classrooms, offices, a library, restrooms and a sanctuary that will hold more than 300 people at one time.

"We are very excited to be this close to our goal so we can get this chapel built for the inmates," said board member Jan Elston. "The community has been great because we have received donations from many local churches, organizations and individuals. An anonymous donor has offered to match all future donations until our goal has been reached, so this will help speed up the process a great deal."

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## City commission to meet Friday

Pampa City Commissioners will hear the first reading of two ordinances at a special meeting to be held at 4 p.m. Friday on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Ordinance #1467 would make appropriations for the support of

the City of Pampa's fiscal year beginning Oct. 1, 2007 and ending Sept. 30, 2008.

The second ordinance, which is ordinance #1468, would levy the ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government of the City of Pampa.

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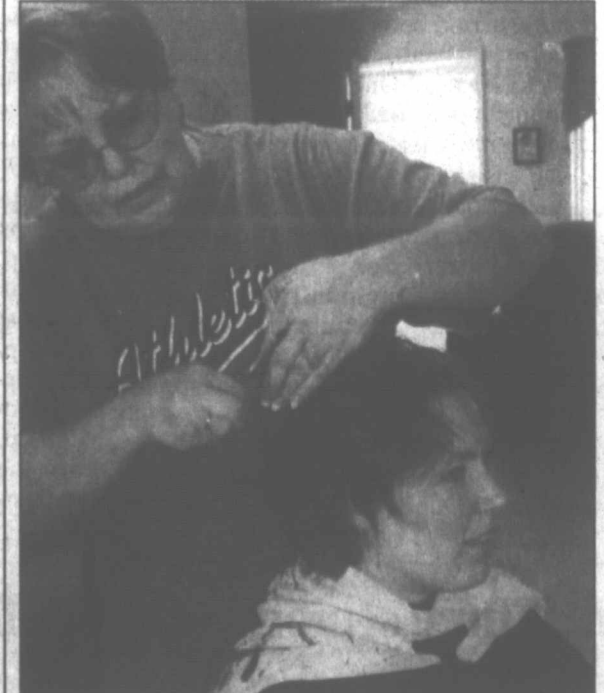
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## Donating hair for Locks of Love makes donor feel good



**By KERRI SMITH**  
Staff Writer

It has been three years since Laura Martin has cut her hair, except to get it trimmed. That is when she decided to let her hair grow long so she could get it cut and donate the tresses to Locks of Love, an organization that makes wigs out of these hair donations for children who have lost their hair due to medical reasons.

"I got the idea from my sister, who is my hero," Martin said. "She had her hair cut a few years ago and donated it to Locks of Love so I thought that would be a great idea for me to do also. It's bad enough when adults have cancer or other medical reasons that make them lose their hair, but it's especially bad when this happens to a child. I like the fact that by doing this I can make a difference in someone's life."

Martin, who is a captain for the Salvation

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Pampa News Photos by KERRI SMITH

**Cathy Henson finishes up the haircut for Laura Martin after she decided to have her long hair cut off and donate it to Locks for Love. At right, Henson and Martin the seven ponytails that were cut off of Martin's hair to donate for wigs to be made for children. The hair was about 12 inches long.**

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Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. North-northwest wind 5 to 10 mph increasing to between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East-northeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming south-southeast between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 83. South wind 5 to 15 mph becoming east.

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**Hutchinson bill would prohibit some tolls**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison filed a bill Wednesday designed to block efforts by Texas officials to turn some of the state's interstate highways into toll roads.

The Republican senator filed the bill after days of

clamor in the state over reports the Texas Department of Transportation is lobbying Congress on the tolling issue and launched a \$9 million ad campaign on toll roads.

The department wants a federal law passed that would allow the state to "buy back" parts of existing interstates and add toll lanes.

Hutchison's bill must make its way through the legislative process, including approval of identical bill language by the House and Senate, before it can sent to President Bush for his signature.

**Stocks**

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of White Deer.

Wheat	7.13
Milo	5.46
Corn	5.92
Soybeans	7.60

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

OXY	58.91	+0.79
BP PLC ADR	68.45	+0.43
Cabot Corp	39.52	+0.06
Celanese	35.80	+0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	34.11	+0.13
Coca Cola	54.04	+0.35
VLO	71.94	+0.96
HAL	35.54	+0.20
XCEL	20.53	NC
Anadarko	50.64	+0.40
XOM	87.82	+0.60
Nat'l Oilwell	133.57	+2.16
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**Obituaries**

**Services tomorrow**

**JEWETT, Earl Gene** — 4 p.m., Central Baptist Church, Pampa.  
**McCABE, Jimmie Lou Cuddeback** — Vigil services, 6 p.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors, Pampa.

**Earl Gene Jewett, 73**

Earl Gene Jewett, 73, died Sept. 5, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Central Baptist Church with the Rev. Norman Rushing pastor, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating.

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

Mr. Jewett was born Aug. 16, 1934, in Bagwell, Texas, to Charlie & Ollie Jewett. He was the second of three sons and they lived and farmed in Turkey, Texas.

Gene married Clara Moldenhauer on Aug. 15, 1953, in Amarillo and they moved to Pampa in October of 1968 where they reared four children.

He worked for Cabot/Ingersol Rand, retiring in 1986. He was a member of Central Baptist Church and was a charter member of the Senior Couples Class.

Gene was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, J.C. Jewett.



**Jewett**

Survivors include his wife, Clara Jewett, of the home; three daughters, Darla Jewett, Nancy Mosteller and husband James, and Kaye Eakin and Randy Pryor, all of Pampa; one son, Chuck Jewett and wife Laura of Amarillo; one brother, Wayne Jewett and wife Beverly of Amarillo; and eight grandchildren, Sarah Hogue and husband Kris, Bethney Mosteller, Jordan Eakin, Ethan Eakin, Amanda

Jewett, Wesley Jewett and Mason Hughes.

**MEMORIALS:** BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79105; Central Baptist Church Family Fund, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Attn: Memorial/Honor Program, FH, One St. Jude Place Building, P.O. Box 1000, Dept. 300, Memphis, TN 38148-0552.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** The family will be at 1112 S. Wells in Pampa.

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

**Jimmie Lou Cuddeback McCabe, 71**

Jimmie Lou Cuddeback McCabe, 71, of Pampa, died Sept. 5, 2007, at Pampa.

Vigil services will be at 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 7, 2007, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel, and funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, 2007, at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church with the Rev. Francisco Perez, officiating.

Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. McCabe was born Aug. 14, 1936 in Grandfield, Oklahoma, to Harvey and Jimmie Cuddeback. She was reared in Loveland, Oklahoma, and graduated from Loveland High School in 1955.

She married Gerald McCabe on June 1, 1957, in Wichita Falls.



**McCabe**

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1969. She was a member of St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. She loved to garden and tend to her flowers.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald McCabe, of the home; three daughters, Janelle Luellen of Little Elm, Teresa McClintock of Fort McKavett, and Paula

McCabe of Amarillo; one son, Blake McCabe of Austin; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Owen Cuddeback.

**MEMORIALS:** Alzheimer's Association, 1400 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

**Emergency Services**

**Pampa PD**

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

Nine traffic stops were made. A traffic complaint was reported in the 300 block of North Perry.

An accident was reported at the intersection of Worrell and Hobart.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 700 block of North Lefors.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 2500 block of North Christine, the 100 block of North Somerville, the 800 block of East Browning, the 1100 block of Willow, the 1700 block of North Dogwood, the 2600 block of North Seminole, the 1000 block of South Christy, the intersection of Frederic and Barnes, at an undisclosed location and in the 400 block of Louisiana.

Motorist assistance was provided at the intersection of Somerville and Francis.

Suspicious persons were reported in the 800 block of South Hobart and the 1600 block of East Highway 60.

A civil matter was reported in the 700 block of North Christy.

Suspicious vehicles were reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 1000 block of South Love.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 1300 block of North Coffee and the 800 block of North Dwight. No injuries were reported at either location.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1000 block of Neel.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of North Dwight, the 500 block of North Frost and the 500 block of South Cuyler.

Attempt to serve was made at one location.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner and the 1000 block of West Wilks where

a windshield valued at \$150 was broken.

A welfare check was made in the 2000 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft of service was reported in the 700 block of North Christy where \$15 was paid for a lawn to be mowed and the work was not done.

Alarms were reported in the 300 block of West Francis, the 1900 block of North Duncan and the 2300 block of North Navajo.

Agency assistance was provided in the 1600 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 1800 block of North Sumner. No injuries were reported.

**Sheriff**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 Stuart Allen Johnson, 46, homeless, was arrested for public intoxication.

**Fire**

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

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 9:33 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville on a call for medical assistance.

2:33 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of Foster on a call of unconscious/unresponsive.

7:57 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 200 block of Sumner on an unconscious/unresponsive.

8:51 p.m. — Two units and seven personnel responded to the 1900 block of Duncan on a fire alarm.

**Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Tuesday and 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Sept. 4**  
 2:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1500 block of Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded approximately 1-mile east of Highway 70 on Loop 171. No transport.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Foster and Starkweather streets. No transport.

4 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Foster and Starkweather streets and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

**Wednesday, Sept. 5**  
 1:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to NWTH.

3:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:06 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2800 block of Charles and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:37 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Beech and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:31 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Foster. No transport.

4:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Kingsmill and transported a patient to PRMC.

7:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of Sumner. No transport.

**Haditha investigation: Three senior Marine officers disciplined**

CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (AP) — Three high-ranking Marines were given censures, the military's most severe administrative punishment, for their roles in investigating the deaths of 24 Iraqi civilians in Haditha, the Marine Corps said.

Maj. Gen. Richard A. Huck, former commanding general of the 2nd Marine Division, received a letter of censure from the secretary of the Navy for the "actions he took and failed to take" in response to the killings, according to a Marine Corps

statement issued Wednesday.

The statement did not elaborate, but a senior Marine official said that no investigation was initiated immediately after the killings. The official noted the first probe didn't start until media reported on the killings, but also said "there was no evidence of an intentional coverup."

Huck, the top general in charge of Marines in Iraq's Al Anbar province at the time, testified in May that he knew about the deaths the day they

occurred but considered them simply a "truly unfortunate" consequence of war. He said he only later learned of allegations that the civilians had been targeted.

Huck's chief of staff, Col. Robert G. Sokoloski, also received a censure, for unsatisfactory performance of his duties. Col. Stephen W. Davis was given a censure for failure to take action. Maj. Gen. Stephen T. Johnson, former commanding general of II Marine Expeditionary Force,

was fully exonerated, the statement said.

"Accountability and responsibility are the foundation of all we do as Marines," said Gen. James T. Conway, commandant of the Marine Corps.

"While these three officers have served their country and corps exceedingly well for decades, their actions, inactions and decisions in the aftermath of the Haditha incident did not meet the high standards we expect of Marine senior officer leadership," Conway said.



# Craig drops efforts to finish Senate term

By CHARLES BABINGTON  
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Larry Craig has all but dropped any notion of trying to complete his term, and is focused on helping Idaho send a new senator to Washington within a few weeks, his top spokesman said today.

"The most likely scenario, by far, is that by October there will be a new senator from Idaho," Craig spokesman Dan Whiting told the Associated Press.

The only circumstances in which Craig might try to complete his term, Whiting said, would require a prompt overturning of his conviction for disorderly conduct in a men's room at the Minneapolis airport, as well as Senate GOP leaders' agreement to restore Craig's committee leaderships posts taken away this week.

Those scenarios are unlikely, Whiting said.

Craig, a three-term Republican, met Wednesday with Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, R, to discuss a transition in which Otter would name his Senate replacement, Whiting said. Even if Craig were to complete his term, he said, the senator would not seek reelection in 2008.

Whiting said Craig remains intent on

clearing his name through the legal process in Minnesota and by having the Senate ethics committee address his claim that his misdemeanor conviction should not be a matter for action by the panel.

Craig had announced Saturday his intention to resign by Sept. 30, after a police report alleged he had solicited sex from a male officer at the Minneapolis airport in June. He then reversed course to challenge the guilty plea he entered in August, and hinted that he might try to complete his term, which ends in early 2009.

Senate Republican leaders, who generally praised Craig's original statement of his intent to resign, were alarmed by the shift in tone. On Wednesday they renewed their efforts to persuade him to step aside.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., spoke by phone with Craig on Wednesday and later told reporters: "I thought he made the correct decision, the difficult but correct decision to resign" on Saturday. "That would still be my view today."

At a closed luncheon of GOP senators Wednesday, several colleagues applauded McConnell's tough stance against Craig. A few senators said they

thought McConnell had moved too hastily against a senator convicted of a misdemeanor in a matter unrelated to Congress's work, but a larger number backed the leader's approach, participants said.

For replacements, Otter said he was considering Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden, all Republicans. Jon Hanian, Otter's spokesman, said two more Republicans — former state lawmaker Dane Watkins and former Idaho Lt. Gov. David Leroy — had also expressed interest in the post.

The Senate ethics committee this week rebuffed a request by Craig's attorney, Stanley Brand, that it not investigate a complaint against the senator because events were "wholly unrelated" to his official duties. The panel's leaders said they believe Senate rules give them authority to investigate any "improper conduct, which may reflect upon the Senate."

A second attorney for Craig was in Minnesota, evidently preparing to file papers seeking to have the senator's guilty plea withdrawn.

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## Dead toddler had cocaine in system

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A toddler who died after falling from the top of an 8-foot-high stairwell had traces of cocaine in his system, according to an autopsy report.

Joshua Thorne had been around the illegal drug but did not ingest it, and it did not contribute to his death, according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office. Joshua died from a head injury in July just before his second birthday.

His mother, Ebony Thorne, 24, was charged with endangering a child and remained jailed Thursday with bail set at \$20,000. If convicted, Thorne faces 180 days to two years in a state jail.

Arlington police probably will not file new charges related to the cocaine, said Christy Gilfour, a police spokeswoman.

Thorne's attorney, George Dewayne Huston, did not immediately return calls for comment Thursday.

Thorne, who lost custody of her four children because of drug use and was not allowed unsupervised visits, had taken

Joshua from his grandmother's apartment the previous week, authorities said.

She told police that she was awakened by a loud thump about 5 a.m. July 11 and that the toddler appeared to have slipped through the stairwell railing. Thorne said she didn't take him to a hospital, despite his bleeding nose and mouth, because she was afraid of getting in trouble, according to police records.

Thorne placed a Popsicle to his head and put another in his mouth to calm him, according to an arrest affidavit. Other relatives arrived several hours later and called 911 about 12:45 p.m. Joshua was pronounced dead at the scene about 10 minutes later.

Joshua's two siblings who were also living with their grandmother are now in foster care. Thorne's oldest child was living with relatives of the child's father and was not at the apartment.

The Thorne case is the latest high-profile incident involving children and drugs.

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## County

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mental health/mental retardation services, fire protection services and burial of indigents.

The 31st District Attorney's office received an increase to provide for the hiring of a second assistant DA. The office's 2008 budget is \$287,568, compared to 2007's \$219,929.

Lipscomb, Roberts, Hemphill and Wheeler Counties have already agreed to contribute funds to the hiring of a second assistant DA, but their contributions are not listed separately in the total fund amount, Wheeler said. Gray County administers the budget for the DA's office and thus includes total funding figures in its budget amounts.

An increase of approxi-

mately \$60,000, from \$250,000 in 2007 to \$310,017 for 2008, was approved for the county's capital projects fund. The fund will be used to complete the county courthouse restoration project. Completion of the project will involve the balcony and doors.

Purchase of a motor grader for Precinct 4 accounts for a jump in the funding for that precinct's road and bridge fund. The 2007 amount of \$337,000 was raised to \$511,429 for 2008.

The proposed tax rate of .47326 per \$100 valuation for property tax in 2008 was passed by commissioners. The total consists of .424793 for the general fund, .039913 for the road and bridge fund and .008554 for debt service.

No action was taken on the retirement rate for county employees, who received a \$100 per month raise for 2008.

A resolution noting that commissioners had created the office of joint elections administrator was passed and will be forwarded to state offices.

Commissioners voted to allow DA Lynn Switzer to continue at her current rate of salary supplements to three staff members using forfeiture funds. At their Aug. 31 meeting, commissioners had denied Switzer permission to use additional forfeiture funds for further supplements, and the motion which passed denied permission for any supplements, said County Judge Richard Peet.

"We didn't mean to do that," he said.

Today's action reinstates the approval for supplements which had already been in place prior to the Aug. 31 meeting.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright was absent from today's meeting.

## Chapel

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This money has been received from grants, foundation money and donations from individuals and businesses. Elston said that if someone would like to make a donation for a spe-

cific item, such as a table or chair, that is also a possibility.

A few people have pledged money to the cause, but have not paid the money yet. The organization said it would be greatly appreciated if all outstanding pledges were paid.

For more information about the non-profit organi-

zation, or to make a donation, contact any board member. Board members are Elston, Ron Easley, Ray Hupp, Chaplain Willard Kiper, Darville Orr, briggett Pomerhn, Jack Reeve, William Teague, Curt Beck (665-9281), Stan Franke (665-7390) and Don Zumstein (665-5030).

## Locks

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Army, has been getting her hair trimmed by Cathy Henson, who owned CJ's Hair Shoppe.

Henson recently retired after being a hair dresser for 34 years. Even though she is no longer cutting hair, she decided to cut Martin's hair

at her home. Henson said she feels that donating hair to the Locks of Love organization is a great way to help children.

When all was said and done, Henson cut off seven ponytails that were approximately 12 inches in length from Martin. They placed the ponytails in a plastic bag and then put that in a padded envelope to mail off.

If anyone is interested in donating hair to the Locks of Love, there are a few stipulations. The hair must be a minimum of 10 inches from tip to tip, must be in a ponytail or braid prior to cutting, be clean and dry and not colored or permed.

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# Viewpoints

## Handwritten letters treasure trove of memories

I received an unexpected postcard in the mail the other day from an old friend. It made my day.

It's been a long time since I've gotten a handwritten letter from a friend — it has to be 10 or 15 years. What's worse, I can't remember the last time I wrote one.

The reasons are obvious: e-mail, text messaging and cell phones. It's so fast and easy to whip off a quick note electronically, why would anybody take an hour or more to handwrite one?

I love what technology has allowed me to do. I'm able to keep in touch with more friends than I ever could have with traditional letters. Every now and then I "Google" a long-lost friend

and pull up an e-mail address and contact number. I fire off an e-mail and soon a friendship that has been dormant for 20 years or more has been resurrected.

I've made new friends this way, too. A few years ago, I made a call to an editor in a big city whom I'd never spoken with before. I called to pitch my column. We chatted for a spell, and he agreed to review samples of my work.

A few weeks later, he began running my column in the papers he oversees. Early on, we began swapping e-mail about the column and writing in general. One night, as I sat in a pub writing, the fellow sent me an instant text message. We

chatted back and forth electronically for a while.

Well, we've been chatting this way two or three nights a week for a year and a half now. While I sit in a pub, my friend sits on his back porch in California. We chat about writing, sports, politics, family... a million things.

This fellow is now one of my best friends. He even helped guide and edit a mystery novel I'd been struggling with (thanks to his assistance, I finally finished the thing after six years of agony).

I share details of this friendship for one reason: I never met the fellow in person. I'm not entirely sure what he looks like. We spoke on the phone only once. Our friendship has evolved entirely through electronic means.

Still, I miss getting handwritten letters in the mail.

I've kept every letter I ever received. I have boxes of them in the attic of a little rental property I own. I remember one Saturday in 2000 when I decided to move from that property to Washington, D.C. I had to

organize my stuff and store what I wasn't taking with me in the attic. It began as an unpleasant task that soured my mood.

As I sorted through years of "junk," I stumbled upon a letter I had received in 1985, a year after I graduated college. It was from a fellow I'd gone to Penn State with, who went on to become an editor in Bangor, Maine. It was written on a light-blue final-exam booklet with great wit and humor.

As I read it that Saturday in 2000, it took me back 15 years — took me back to exactly who I was when I was 24. I laughed out loud as I read it. As soon as I finished, I began fishing around for more letters.

I found a stack of them in pink envelopes from two girls, Bonnie and Tracey, who attended the same college as my friend Griff. He had them send me an anonymous letter once during our freshman year. A robust correspondence resulted between 1980 and 1984. As I reread those letters that Saturday in 2000, I laughed so hard tears tumbled down my face.

I spent hours that Saturday rereading the dozens of letters I'd received over the years. It was amazing to me how much living I'd done and forgotten about. A day that started off unpleasantly

See **PURCELL**, Page 10

**Tom Purcell**  
Columnist



## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 6, the 249th day of 2007. There are 116 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 6, 1901, President William McKinley was shot and mortally wounded by anarchist Leon Czolgosz at the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, N.Y. McKinley died eight days later; he was succeeded by Vice President Theodore Roosevelt. (Czolgosz was executed less than two months later.)

On this date:

In 1757, 250 years ago, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, was born in Auvergne, France.

In 1837, the Oberlin Collegiate Institute of Ohio went co-educational.

In 1909, American explorer Robert Peary sent word that he had reached the North Pole five months earlier.

In 1939, the Union of South Africa declared war on Germany.

In 1941, Jews over the age of 6 in German-occupied areas were ordered to wear yellow Stars of David.

In 1948, former Princess Juliana of the Netherlands was inaugurated as queen, two days after the abdication of her mother, Queen Wilhelmina.

In 1952, Canadian television broadcasting began in Montreal.

In 1966, South African Prime Minister Hendrik Verwoerd was stabbed to death by a deranged page during a parliamentary session in Cape Town.

In 1970, Palestinian guerrillas seized control of three jetliners which were later blown up on the ground in Jordan after the passengers and crews were evacuated.

In 1987, doctors at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore succeeded in separating 7-month-old Benjamin and Patrick Binder, twin brothers from Ulm, West Germany, who had been joined at the head, after 22 hours of surgery.

Ten years ago: Britain bade farewell to Princess Diana with a funeral service at Westminster Abbey. Weeping masses gathered in Calcutta, India, to pay homage to Mother Teresa, who had died the day before at age 87.

Five years ago: Meeting outside Washington, D.C. for only the second time since 1800, Congress convened in New York to pay homage to the victims and heroes of 9-11.

*'That's all a man can hope for during his lifetime — to set an example — and when he is dead, to be an inspiration for history.'*

— William McKinley Jr.  
25th president of the United States  
(1843-1901)



## Thousands of extensions exist out there

How many times have you received an e-mail message with an attachment from a friend only to find out you couldn't open it? Chances are, when you double-clicked on the attachment, you received a message saying something like, "Click the program you want to use to open..."

What does THAT mean? Every file on your computer has, as part of its name, a three-letter ending called an "extension" as in "Filename.EXT".

By default, Windows hides these extensions to prevent you from accidentally changing or deleting them. To see them, open any folder, pull down the TOOLS menu and choose FOLDER OPTIONS. Click the VIEW tab and scroll through the list until you find the checkbox labeled, "Hide file extensions for

known file types." Make sure that box is unchecked. Hit the OK button.

Whenever you double-click on a file, Windows looks at a list of known extensions and the programs needed to open them. If it finds a match, the appropriate program is automatically run. If it doesn't, you get a message like the one I mentioned earlier. A "file association" is simply one entry in that list, linking an extension to a program.

**A Little History**  
File extensions date back to the days of DOS (pre-Windows). Back then, filenames were limited to eight letters, a period, and then the three letter extension, or as

computer guys liked to call it: "eight-dot-three." When Windows came out, filename length limitations were eliminated.

Now, you could create very long filenames, complete with spaces. However, the extensions remained.

**Determining a File Format**

If someone sends you a strange file, and you've never heard of its extension before, don't worry. One of my favorite Web sites has a list. Go to [whatis.com](http://whatis.com). This site provides English definitions for most of today's techno-jargon. However, they also keep an up-to-date list of "Every File Format in the World." From their homepage, locate the head-

ing "Check our most popular fast references." Underneath, you will find the link for their file format list. It's sorted alphabetically by extension.

Some common extensions include DOC - Microsoft Word, XLS - Microsoft Excel, JPG - photograph, PDF - Acrobat file, and TXT - Text File. Hundreds of file extensions exist, and many more are created every month.

Typically, when you install a new program on your system, it automatically registers a new association (between the extension and the program). When you uninstall a program, it SHOULD remove the association. Unfortunately, some programs, when installed, will change current associations without telling you, creating some weird results.

See **FILES**, Page 10

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## Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ **Aug. 27**

San Antonio Express-News on shifting U.S. food aid:

Crazy farm policies in the United States, and the crop subsidies that lie at their heart, create all sorts of distortions in the U.S. marketplace.

Far from being a safety net for the American family farmer, protectionist tariffs and subsidies amount to corporate welfare for some of the nation's biggest businesses.

When the Agriculture Department pays \$1.1 billion in subsidies to dead people between 1999 and 2005, as a recent Government Accountability

Office report disclosed, it's merely a nuisance to American taxpayers. But in poor countries, U.S. farm subsidies can be a matter of life and death.

Cheap, subsidized imports from the United States undercut farmers trying to build a domestic agricultural market in famine-prone areas of the globe. And without that market and people trying to take back the desert, those countries remain in a perpetual state of vulnerability and dependency.

Even well-intentioned efforts to donate American food aid in poverty-stricken nations can have unintended, negative consequences. So CARE, one of the world's largest charities, plans on phasing out its participation in a government program that provides subsidized American agricultural products.

"If someone wants to help you, they shouldn't do it by destroying the very thing that they're trying to promote," a CARE official told the New York Times.

It's a controversial move in the non-profit sector, because the proceeds from the subsidized food sales help finance the anti-poverty budgets of humanitarian relief organizations. There is, however, a better way.

President Bush has proposed taking \$300 million from the traditional food aid budget and instead giving it to the relief organizations to buy food directly from local farmers. That won't please the corporate interests that feed at the farm subsidy trough. But in the long run, it just might keep more people from starving.



# BUSINESS REVIEW



## CENTRAL BAIL BONDS

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** It happened again! Someone put pesticide in a water bottle. A 6-year-old child got ahold of it and drank about 2 ounces. He is now on a ventilator in a pediatric intensive care unit. Having made it that far, he'll probably be OK. Why do people keep doing this? I can't tell you how many sad stories I've seen that start with using a sports bottle, a soft drink can or a milk bottle for temporary pesticide storage. I would like very much never to see another, but my chances are not good. It is my job to track health impacts from pesticide exposure in the state where I live -- where state law requires doctors to report such events to local health officers. Please remind your readers to keep pesticides -- and other toxic products -- in their original, carefully labeled containers. Under no circumstances should people use food or drink containers for poisons, even momentarily. Please remind readers, too, not to use more pesticide than the instructions direct. The recommended amounts are effective, and using more just asks for trouble. Thank you, Abby. — **CONCERNED HEALTH WORKER IN THE USA**

**DEAR CONCERNED:** Thank you for the important reminder. The most innocent among us are the most likely victims of irresponsibility in handling toxic substances. A word to the wise!

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been working as a clerk for about nine months. I love my job and have made good friends here. I enjoy working with people, and my schedule is flexible enough that I can earn my college degree. My boss, "Tom," is a young, handsome and charming man, and I am attracted to him. We have shared each other's personal stories, and he treats me differently than he does the other female employees. He not only engages in intimate conversations about sex, but he's also touchy and

very personal. Recently he told me he had cheated on his girlfriend. I told another employee, not to pass moral judgment, but to ask what she thought he meant by telling me this. Well, it got back to Tom. He told me he was disappointed in me and he can't trust me. He said I have jeopardized his relationship with his girlfriend. I told a close adult friend. She says he acted inappropriately and he's angry with me because he feels guilty. I'm not sure what to do. I have already apologized, but our relationship is strained. I haven't been in the working world very long. Is this level of personal sharing inappropriate? Tom says he's my friend, but I have never been to his home, gone to a movie with him or anything like that. I love my job, and I don't know if I should write him a note and apologize formally or let bygones be bygones. Please help me. — **EMPLOYEE ON THE EDGE**

**DEAR ON THE EDGE:** Tom is not your friend; he is your boss. You have done nothing for which to apologize. Tom stepped over the line when he started treating you differently than the other employees, putting his hands on you, and engaging you in conversation of a personal -- and sexual -- nature. Tom may be handsome and charming, but he is also an unprofessional rat. Do not write him a letter of apology. Frankly, he owes you one.

**DEAR ABBY:** Hola! from Mexico. We have just moved to a new neighborhood where some of our friends live. I would like to invite them for dinner, but I don't know if I should wait for them to do it first. — **LUISA IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO**

**DEAR LUISA:** If you wait to be invited, it could be a long wait. Better to be proactive. Invite your friends over. They may be more likely to reciprocate your hospitality than to entertain you on their own initiative.

## For Better Or For Worse



## Zits



## Garfield



## Beetle Bailey



## Marvin



## Crossword Puzzle

### CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

**ACROSS** 45 Molecule

1 To-do item piece

5 Stone of films

11 Skin woe

12 King of music

13 Stratum

14 "Ugly Betty" receptionist

15 1949 Hepburn/Tracy comedy

17 Box of tools

18 Inclines

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24 Blazer part

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27 Disney dog

30 Inclined

32 Squelched

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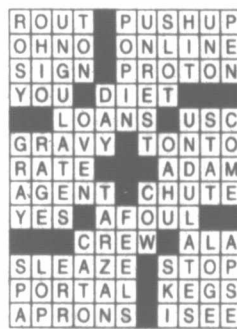
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41 Blame recipient

42 Relaxed

43 Remote button

44 Checked for concealed weapons



Yesterday's answer

20 Ocean

30 Like Abner bird

31 Puzzle

21 Blinds

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36 Green Hornet's aide

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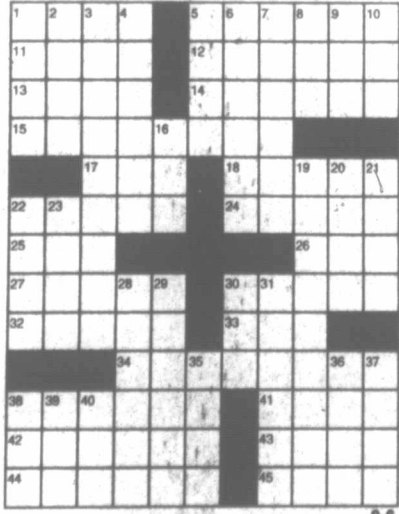
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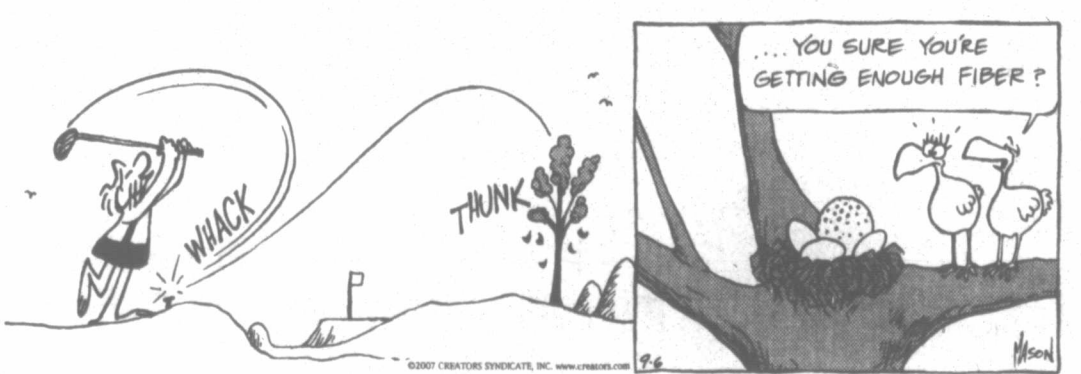


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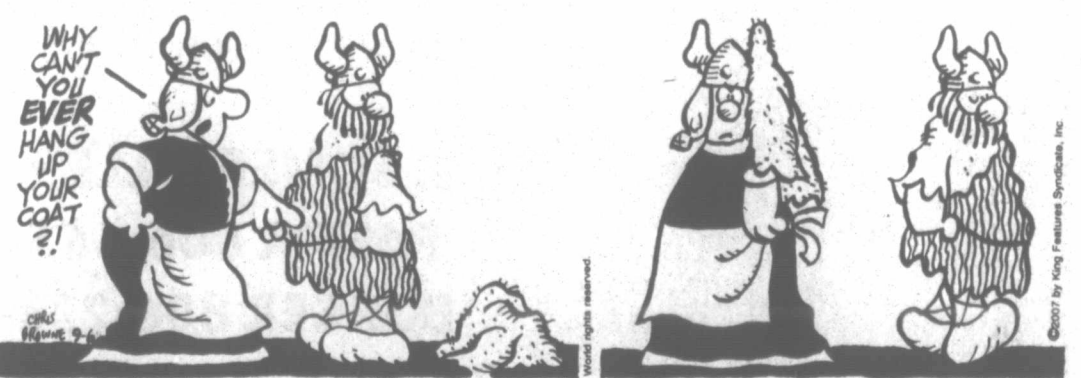
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# Sports Day

## Harvesters head to Lubbock tonight

By JORDAN REAGAN  
Sports Editor

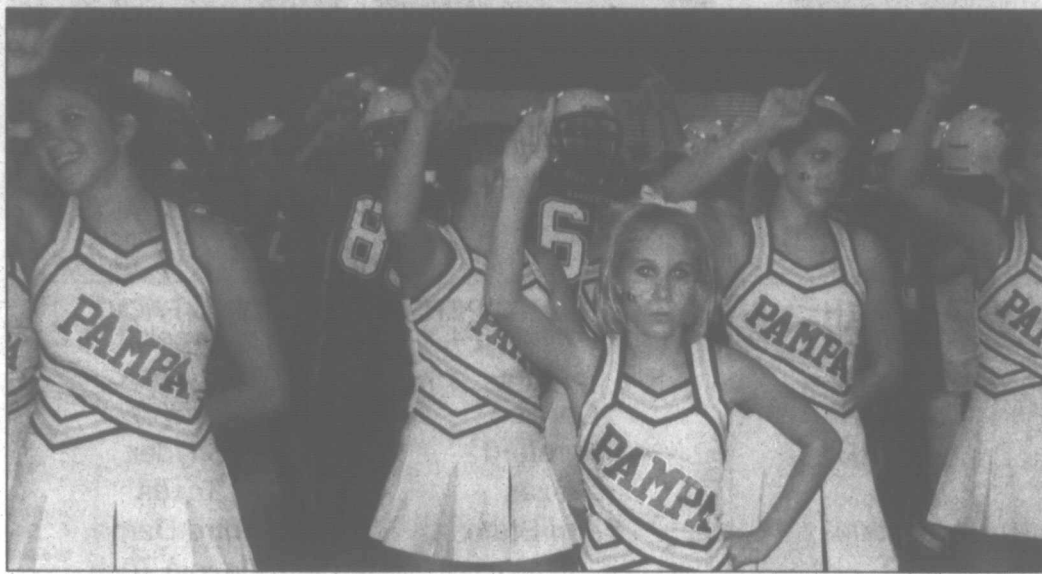
To follow up on last week's 29-0 victory over Perryton, the Pampa Harvesters will travel to Lubbock tonight to face the Estacado Matadors.

Estacado lost their first game of the season to Hereford last week, and plan to cancel out the early loss with a win over Pampa.

Much like the Harvesters, Estacado considers speed to be its strong point.

Matador quarterback Kyle Jackson threw for 188 yards and two touchdowns in Estacado's first game compared to Pampa quarterback Casey Trimble's 220 passing yards and three touchdowns.

"I hope we continue to improve as we continue through our pre-district games," head coach Andy



Pampa News photo by VALERIE O'BRIEN

**Pampa cheerleaders and football players stand together for the school song after Friday's game against Perryton.**

Cavalier said, "There are several things we've worked on since last week, such as limiting our penalties, but we expect to continue doing well."

The game will begin at 7:30 tonight at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Freshman and JV teams, originally scheduled to play Saturday at 4 p.m. and 6

p.m., will play Friday instead.

The JV will go on first at 5 p.m. and the freshman will follow at 7 p.m.

## Hidden Hills results

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Richard Abbott

**3rd Place (62)**  
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Leroy Morris  
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**4th Place (62)**  
Jim Brashears  
Billie Mac Millican  
James Richardson  
Gene Winegeart

**Cloest to the Pin**  
Nolan Lamiare (#6)  
Nolan Lamiare (#12)

## Softball boosters to host 'back to school' dance

Friday night, from 8-11 p.m., the Lady Harvester Softball Booster Club will host the "Back to School" dance for Jr. High students. The dance will take place

at the PHS MPAC building, and the cost will be \$3.

Bottled water will be available for \$1.

Music will be provided by RT the DJ.

## Blalock drives in 2, leads Rangers past Royals 3-2

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Rangers were counting on Vicente Padilla to be a key member of their rotation before injuries and ineffectiveness at the start of the season spoiled those plans.

Now he's trying to finish on a positive note.

Padilla pitched two-hit shutout ball for six innings, Hank Blalock had two hits and two RBIs, and the Rangers hung on to beat the Kansas City Royals 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Michael Young added two hits, and Frank Catalanotto reached base three times to

help the Rangers win for the ninth time in their last 11 games.

Padilla (5-9) struck out five and walked two as the Royals got only one runner as far as third base against him.

"Honestly, that's what I expect from Padilla every

time out there," Rangers catcher Gerald Laird said. "I don't expect anything less. He was working well with the fastball ahead in the count."

Padilla lost six of his first seven decisions and then was out from June 25 to Aug. 14 due to right triceps irritation.

But he was sharp from the outset in this one, retiring nine of the first 10 batters he faced, allowing only a first-inning walk until Mark Grudzielanek singled leading off the fourth.

Manager Ron Washington went to his bullpen after Padilla had thrown 90 pitch-

es, 60 for strikes.

Padilla was unavailable for comment after the game.

"He had a good fastball around the zone," Washington said. "That opened everything else up. When he uses his fastball like that, he's pretty effective."

## Brewers hit 5 homers to back Gallardo in 14-2 win over Astros

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Houston Astros found out the hard way that you have to throw quality pitches to the middle of Milwaukee's batting order.

Prince Fielder, Ryan Braun and Corey Hart each hit a three-run homer, and the Brewers connected five times in all to beat Houston 14-2 on Wednesday night.

"You can't make mistakes on those guys," Astros interim manager Cecil Cooper said about the 3-4-5 hitters in Milwaukee's lineup.

Yovani Gallardo (7-4) pitched seven shutout innings and Milwaukee won for the fifth time in six games. The Brewers remained a half-game behind the first-place Chicago Cubs in the NL

Central. "Once we got that lead, I tried to go out there and throw strikes," Gallardo said. "It worked out well."

The Brewers have had trouble holding leads this year, but this one was never in doubt as they set a season high for runs.

"Offense got on board early," manager Ned Yost said. "I like the way it sets up right now. They're all swinging the bats well."

Fielder hit his NL-leading 41st homer in the first inning and has 102 RBIs. Braun hit his 28th in the second and Hart hit his 20th in the fourth.

"We've got five young players that it's hard to find anywhere

else," Yost said, referring to those three sluggers plus Rickie Weeks and J.J. Hardy.

Geoff Jenkins followed Hart's homer with his 20th to make it 11-0, and Bill Hall hit his 13th in the sixth. Milwaukee leads the major leagues with 192 home runs.

Houston starter Matt Albers (4-7) lasted only three innings, giving up seven runs and six hits with three walks. Albers and reliever Felipe Paulino combined to walk five batters in the first four innings, and all of them scored.

"Our job is to get on base, period," said Weeks, who walked three times. "So the guys behind us can hit us in. We're doing a pretty good job of that lately."

The loss dropped the Astros to 4-5 since Cooper succeeded the fired Phil Garner on Aug. 27, but it didn't diminish his sense of humor.

"Their park played a little small tonight, don't you think?" Cooper asked rhetorically with a laugh.

The Brewers have the second-worst road record in the NL at 26-42 and play 13 of their next 16 away from Miller Park after an off day Thursday.

With the big lead, Yost pulled Fielder, Braun, Hart and Hardy midway through the game.

Gallardo allowed six hits and two walks, but induced three double plays to keep Houston off the scoreboard. The right-hander struck out five to win his second

consecutive start.

Albers was wild from the beginning, walking Weeks and Gabe Gross to open the first. Fielder's fly to center hit off the glove of a leaping Hunter Pence and over the fence for a 3-0 lead.

Gallardo doubled and Gross walked in the second, and Braun hit a home run to left that made it 6-0.

Johnny Estrada's double scored Hart to give Milwaukee a 7-0 lead after three.

Paulino made his major league debut in the fourth, and walked Weeks and Fielder. Hart then homered to make it 10-0.

Luke Scott hit a two-run homer for Houston in the ninth.

## Venus Williams beats Jankovic to reach U.S. Open semifinals

NEW YORK (AP) — So expressionless and serious-minded all night, Venus Williams waited to crack a smile until her victory was complete.

That's when Williams simply could not help but grin — as she walked to the net for a handshake, as she waved to the crowd, as she spoke about reaching her first U.S. Open semifinal since 2002.

And, certainly, as she thought about getting a crack

at the player who eliminated her sister.

Way down Wednesday night, Williams turned her game on when she needed to and was stronger down the stretch, beating No. 3-seeded Jelena Jankovic 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (4) in the U.S. Open quarterfinals.

Next up is a semifinal against No. 1 Justine Henin. Know this: Venus Williams watched Henin beat Serena Williams on Tuesday and wants to right the wrong.

"I wasn't happy with that result at all. I was sad that she lost. I didn't like to see her so upset," Venus said. "I definitely have to try to win for Williams."

The other semifinal has 2004 Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova against No. 6 Anna Chakvetadze in a matchup between Russians.

Against Jankovic, the older Williams took a while to find the mark, falling behind by a set and a break. But by the end she was play-

ing as well as she did en route to winning Wimbledon in July for her sixth Grand Slam title.

Jankovic made four bad mistakes to allow Williams to take control in the decisive tiebreaker.

"We had some long points, and I was the one making the errors. I maybe was a little bit excited," Jankovic said. "I thought that it will go in, but it didn't."

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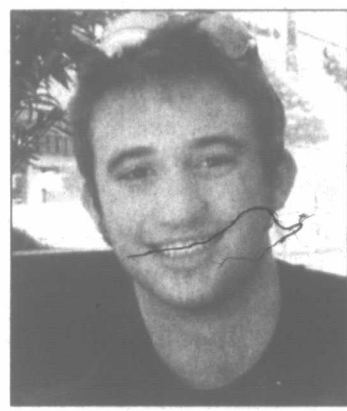
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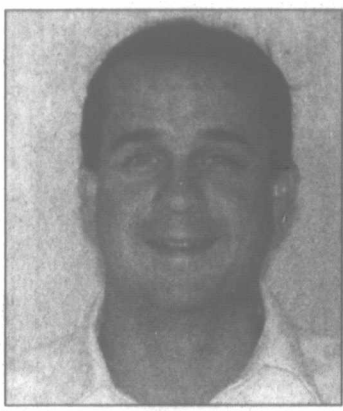
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<b>Smith</b>	<b>7-2-0</b>
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<b>Facio</b>	<b>6-3-0</b>
<b>Stokes</b>	<b>6-3-0</b>



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Canyon  
Snyder  
Texas  
Penn State  
Virginia Tech  
Michigan  
New Orleans  
New England  
Dallas



**SEAN SMITH**  
Last week: 7-2  
Caprock  
Canyon  
Hereford  
Texas  
Penn State  
LSU  
Michigan  
Indianapolis  
New England  
Dallas



**DONNY HOOPER**  
Last week: 5-4  
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Canyon  
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**BINO FACIO**  
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## Saints, Colts finally ready to play some meaningful games

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The signs of a new football season are popping up all over Indianapolis.

Peyton Manning's mean-looking expression is plastered next to a stern-looking Reggie Bush on area billboards. Another shows Pro Bowl receiver Reggie Wayne next to a mug shot of New Orleans receiver Marques Colston.

Fans are eagerly anticipating the unfurling of Indy's

first championship banner while downtown lightposts are covered in decorative signs promoting tonight's season opener.

It must be time for the Colts to start defending their Super Bowl title.

"I think we're all excited," Manning said. "You know it's only the third time in my 10 years that we've played at home for the season opener, so it's going to be exciting for the fans and for us."

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## Chicago Fire soccer team sold to LA-based Andell Holdings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Private investment firm Andell Holdings has closed its deal to buy the Chicago Fire soccer team from sports giant Anschutz Entertainment Group, the companies said.

The purchase price was not disclosed. Closing of the deal was to be announced Thursday.

Andell Holdings chief executive Andrew Hauptman said he has no immediate plans for the franchise, but intends to build a winning team.

"We invest to win and this is going to be no different," Hauptman said. "We want to bring a renewed focus and passion and resources to the

organization."

Andell, based in Los Angeles, has investments in a variety of industries, including entertainment, sports and consumer products.

The company's entertainment division has produced films, including the upcoming United Artists feature "Lions for Lambs," starring Tom Cruise, Meryl Streep and Robert Redford.

The company recently announced a deal with NFL Films to produce a biographical movie on the life of legendary Green Bay Packers coach Vince Lombardi. The film will be based partly on the Jerry Kramer book "Instant Replay."

AEG, a unit of Denver-based Anschutz Co., will continue to have interests in two other MLS teams, the Los Angeles Galaxy and Houston Dynamo, and Hammarby Football Club in Sweden. The company, recently sold the operating rights to DC United for a league-record \$33 million.

Hauptman said he bought the team because of the growing popularity of soccer worldwide and the enthusiasm of Chicago sports fans.

"Who in their right minds wouldn't want to own a sports team in Chicago?" Hauptman said. "It's the global game. We're interested in seeing it grow further in the U.S. and in Chicago."

## A win at worlds makes America a team to beat at Beijing Olympics

STUTTGART, Germany (AP) — They weren't perfect.

But they were gritty, determined and tenacious. And if it's true that world championships in the year before the Olympics are all about building reputations, then the Americans have built a pretty nice one.

They won a dramatic gold medal Wednesday, overcoming two spills on the balance beam that would have knocked most teams out of the running, both emotionally and on the scoreboard.

Now, they are the team to beat in Beijing. "Going into the Olympic Games as the reigning world champions, I mean how much better can you feel?" Nastia Liukin said after the victory.

Of course, a gold medal the year before the Olympics doesn't guarantee one at the actual games. Four years ago, the U.S. women overcame injuries to win their first world championship. They followed in Athens with a disappointing silver.

But it's hard to argue with the value of this win. The team could have disintegrated after two straight mistakes on the beam. Liukin's was particularly startling, and only in part because she was the 2005 world champion

on the event. An awkward landing forced her to shorten a difficult dismount into nothing more than a simple back tuck — a move jumpy kids can do.

National champion Shawn Johnson followed with an untimely fall.

They went into the final rotation on floor slightly behind the Chinese, but came back with three winning routines — by Johnson, Shayla Worley and Alicia Sacramone. With the help of a rare mistake by China, the Americans won the title.

"It was like fighting" a tough fight, team coordinator Martha Karolyi said. "It's having some setbacks through the process but making sure that mentally, they don't break. That they keep the confidence. They know they have the work behind them and they trust that they're able to do it."

Johnson's floor routine will be remembered for its pure athleticism and poise under pressure. Things could have unraveled for her after her fall off the beam in this, the most important meet of her life. Instead, she rallied and delivered the high jumps, the radiant smile and the straight-lined precision that could make her an Olympic champion next year.



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Sept. 7, 2007:

This year you blaze a new trail with many changes. For some of you, this transformation might be internal, whereas for others it could be a change in a domestic living situation or a personal familial relationship. Either way, you will see change, and for the better. Even if the going is rough — and it does not necessarily have to be — the end results will be excellent. If you are single, you could meet someone and, because of that bond, suddenly have a new roommate. If you are attached, a new pet or child could impact the caliber of your home life. LEO reads you cold and understands you even better.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You come from a secure place when dealing with a stranger and new information. Use this information creatively to enhance a project, your life or whatever the issues are involving this info. You might feel as if you need to rebuild a pivotal life structure. Tonight: Ever playful.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ What you say has far more impact than you would like to believe. A realization about a situation in your day-to-day life could prove to be a real eye-opener, and for some, a lifestyle change could ensue. Tonight: Mosey on home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Expenses could easily go out of whack because of a risk or a situation. You could decide that someone you trust

manifests another side of his or her personality. Communication flourishes in the afternoon. Tonight: Hang out with a favorite person.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You understand quite suddenly that you are not on the same ground or plane as you thought. You might need to regroup if you don't want to fall or cause yourself a problem. Discuss security-related issues. Tonight: Treat a friend to munchies.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Realize what you want, and make it clear to all parties involved. You could suddenly get some flak from out of the blue. If a touchy situation arises, deal with it in the afternoon for the best results. Your communication makes a difference. Tonight: As you like.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Zero in on key issues this morning, as by the afternoon, you might be winding down and going into weekend mode. A situation surrounding your personal or domestic life has or will very soon take an interesting twist. Tonight: Do the Casper the Friendly Ghost act.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Take a stand and know what you need to do. Investigate a situation with new insight and different eyes. Your sense of responsibility develops a stronger sense of respect from others. Finally, you claim your power. Tonight: Aim high.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ If you detach, you might be a lot more comfortable than if you plug into a situation. Investigate possibilities with an eye to establishing a stronger stand in your immediate community. Others always find you when they need

help. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Clearly you are in the middle of things today. You cannot control what you perceive and the impact of a new insight, but you can control how you express this new insight. Take the high road, if possible. Tonight: Let your mind relax to some good music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Others clearly have control. What you do with this realization is your call. In essence, nothing is different, but you see past an illusion or false premise. With this knowledge, you can begin anew and relate differently. Tonight: Work as a team.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Once more, your perspective goes through a major change and transformation. Try one more time to make an adjustment as gracefully as possible, minimizing the tendency to upset others. You can do it. Think before acting, please. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your ability to realize a long-term goal needs to be revised or approached in a different manner. How you deal with someone could change substantially. Express your caring through a willingness to pitch in. Tonight: A must appearance.

BORN TODAY Actress Julie Kavner (1951), singer Gloria Gaynor (1949), actor Devon Sawa (1978)

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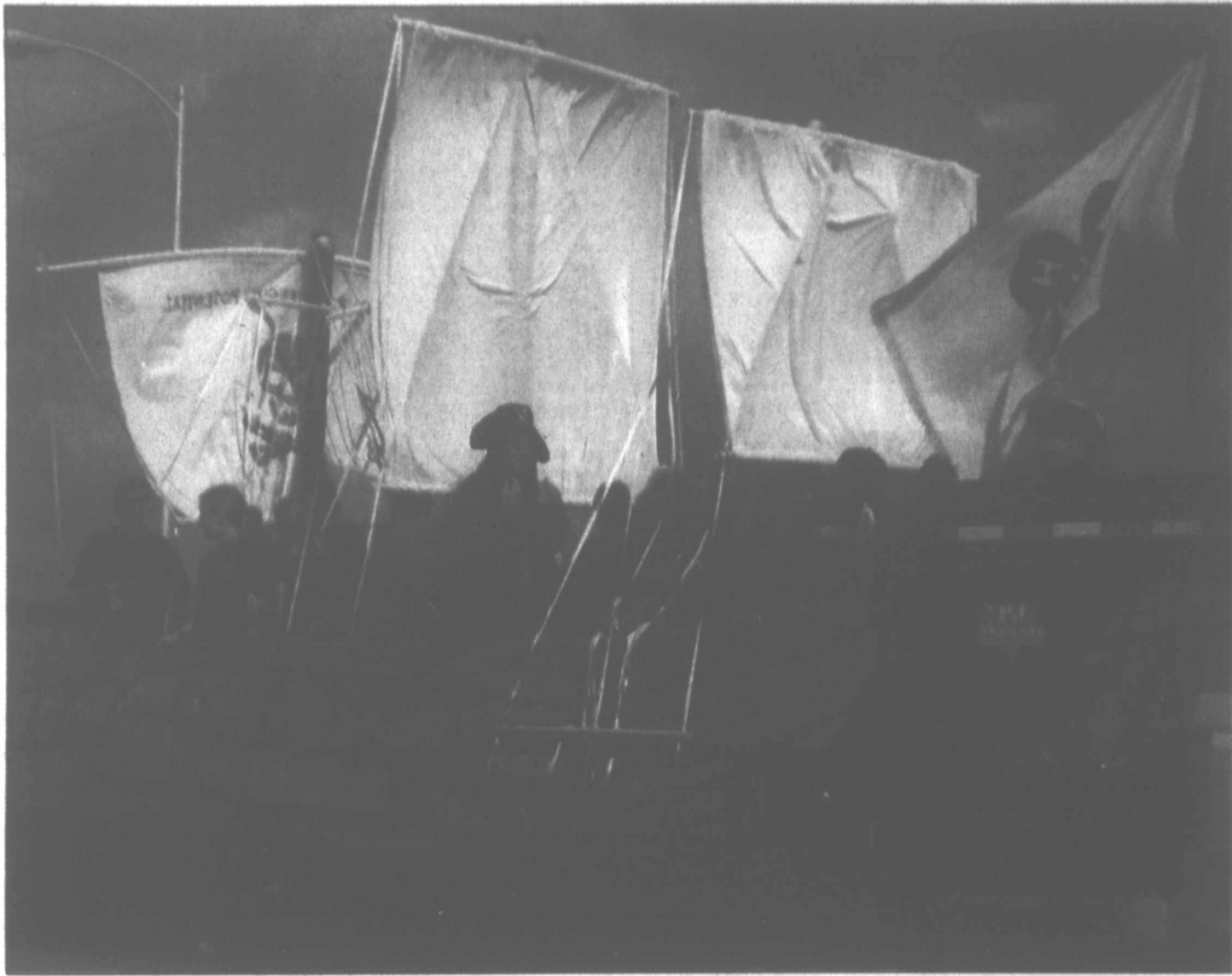
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## 4-H float



Gray County 4-H recently won first place in the best civic club or organization category of the Top O' Texas Rodeo Parade with its pirate ship. Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH

## Events calendar

- **Pampa High School Class of 1947** will observe its 60th reunion with coffee and donuts at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at AmericInn Hospitality Building.
- **Sign-up for two new USDA disaster programs** begins Monday. The Livestock Compensation Program compensates agriculture producers for feed losses between Jan. 1, 2005-Feb. 28, 2007. Producers with losses from blizzards in 2006 and 2007 may also be eligible. The Livestock Indemnity Program compensates producers for livestock losses during the same periods. To learn more, log onto [www.FSA.USDA.gov](http://www.FSA.USDA.gov) on the Internet or contact

your local Farm Service Agency.

- **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** is currently taking enrollment for an upcoming CPR Basic Life Support Class. The class is designed for healthcare professionals according to guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association's International Emergency Cardiovascular Care. The class will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 in Pampa Center Room 106. Participants completing the one-day course will receive an AHA card valid for two years. For more information, call the college at 665-8801.
- The Amarillo Museum of Art is offering art classes for children and adults

beginning Sept. 17. The classes will last eight to 10 weeks. Classes for children include Art Adventure (ages 4-5), Drawing and Painting (ages 6-9, 9-12), Catch a Falling Star (ages 6-9), and Tropical Clay (ages 6-9, 9-12) plus a Christmas Workshop. Adult classes include Ceramics and Oil Painting. To learn more or to register, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

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## Pavarotti dies at age 71

ROME (AP) — Luciano Pavarotti, whose vibrant high C's and ebullient showmanship made him the most beloved and celebrated tenor since Caruso and one of the few opera singers to win crossover fame as a popular superstar, died today. He was 71.

His manager, Terri Robson, told the AP in an e-mailed statement that Pavarotti died at his home in Modena, Italy, at 5 a.m. local time. Pavarotti had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer last year and underwent further treatment in August.

"The Maestro fought a long, tough battle against the pancreatic cancer which eventually took his life. In fitting with the approach that characterized his life and work, he remained positive until finally succumbing to the last stages of his illness," the statement said.

## Purcell

became one of the most uplifting Saturdays of my life.

Yeah, I like e-mail and text messages and cell phones. I like handwritten letters, too. If only we could figure out a way

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to embrace technological advances without tossing out the best of the old ways.

Perhaps we just need to sing: "Why don't we sit right down and write ourselves a letter ..."

—Tom Purcell is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

## Files

**Fixing a File Association**  
Ok, let's say you screwed up and accidentally created an incorrect file association. Is there a way to fix it? You bet. Just follow these simple steps:

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1. Single-click a file.
2. Hold the shift key while right-clicking the file.
3. Select "Open with ..."
4. Select a program.
5. Place a checkmark next to "Always use this program to open this type of file" if you want to permanently change its file association. Otherwise, this will be a one-time solution.
6. Click OK.

**A Rule to Live By**

Before you ever send someone a file attachment, make sure they have the appropriate program to view it with. For instance, if you want to send them a Microsoft Word document, make sure they have Microsoft Word installed on their system!

I'll see you in Cyberspace!

## Search under way for legendary adventurer

MINDEN, Nev. (AP) — National Guard C-130s and helicopters with infrared and thermal imaging equipment scoured the soaring peaks and sagebrush desert of northwest Nevada early today for any sign of missing adventurer Steve Fossett.

Fossett disappeared Monday after taking off from a private airstrip in a single-engine plane to scout sites for an attempt at a land-speed record in a rocket-propelled car.

The painstaking search across more than 600 square miles has covered only a fraction of the territory that could be hiding the airplane. Finishing the fly-overs of the most likely landing spots could take another week.

The Civil Air Patrol and additional flight crews were scheduled to resume a full search shortly after daybreak today.

Fossett's friends and search leaders remain confident the world-famous adventurer is alive. They point to his experience climbing some of the world's best-known peaks, including the Matterhorn in Switzerland.

"If anyone has to be lost out there, this man has the skills to survive," Nevada Civil Air Patrol Maj. Cynthia Ryan said Wednesday. "With water, he could live out there for two weeks."

Fossett's single-engine plane, a Bellanca Citabria Super Decathlon, carried both water and food, but there also were troubling signs.

The missing plane's loca-

tor device has not sent a signal, there has been no communication from the plane's radio, and an emergency wristwatch Fossett wore to signal his location has not been activated.

Some veteran pilots speculated he may have fallen victim to the treacherous and sometimes deadly Sierra Nevada winds that squeeze through the narrow canyons.

"There's been times when

I've been flying in the wind and my blood turns cold," said Adam Mayberry, a private pilot and former spokesman for the Reno-Tahoe International Airport.

Emotions have run from hope to disappointment. On Wednesday, the searchers were briefly encouraged when one aerial team spotted a downed aircraft it believed was Fossett's.

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