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Election 2008

## Thornberry, Waun vie for 13 th District House seat

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by Rachel Stennett rstennett@thepampanews.com

Incumbent Republic candidate Mac Thornberry is being challenged this year by Democratic candidate Roger Waun for the U.S. Representative, 13th Congressional District seat.

Waun's campaign presentation focuses on two issues, Thornberry's voting history and his record of "no's' against incentives for wind energy and other hot issues such as voting against ending the Iraq war.

Thornberry's, who has served in that office since 1994, said his primary concentration is the country's current economic situation. Thornberry said he as a vision for steps that need to be taken in order to solve the crisis.

"Two key things (in the future) are going to be encouraging economic growth and having discipline spending. Those two things, and moving forward are going to be the key," Thornberry said.

As for his opponent, Thornberry stated: "We have very different political philosophies." He added that



Roger Waun

he is conservative and supports strong military defense and limited government, and that his opponent supports a more involved government.

"Most people don't know Roger Waun. "He has voted against wind energy three

Wind energy is one of Waun's primary platforms, with campaign slogans like "New Energy = New Jobs, All We Lack is Leadership." Waun focuses on many of the benefits wind energy could bring to the county, but most specifically to Texas.

"Texas leads the U.S. in wind energy. We (Pampa)



**Mac Thornberry** 

have the opportunity to lead Texas. It just takes leadership and Thornberry doesn't have it," he said.

Thornberry and Waun are both advocates for wind how Thornberry votes," said energy, although Thornberry explained that he supports the increased production of every kind of energy, including wind as it is one of the resources in this area.

Thornberry has introduced house bills to increase tax credit extensions from the present one year, to ten years, which he said would help developers work longer and more efficiently. His bill did not pass, but Thornberry has

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## Atmos rate hike proposal on city agenda tomorrow

Pampa City cell. Commission will revisit the ipation in a rate review in regular session Tuesday afternoon.

with proceeds from future Regional

bond issues. In other business, the commission will consider an appointment to the Lovett Commission will mal control services and Hall. awarding bids for a landfill

They are expected to go proposed Atmos rate hike into executive session to diswith regard to the city partic- cuss appointments to the Pampa Economic mechanism when they meet Development Corporation's board of trustees.

The commission will also The commission will also hear reports on the Mesa consider a resolution that Wind Energy Project, the would lead to reimbursement Hampton Village project for of infrastructure projects, low and medium priced including water main work, housing and a Panhandle Planning Commission information

system. The Pampa Memorial Library Board, an beginning at 4 p.m., Tuesday, agreement to provide the in the commission chambers City of Clarendon with ani- on the third floor of City

# EDC hosts trip to Sweetwater for a taste of the future

by Randy Pribble rpribble@thepampanews.com

Dwight Fiveash has been to Sweetwater many times.

He knows how the small Texas community "eased into" the wind energy business approximately 10 years ago and he has seen the hunthe landscape for miles surrounding the community.

of Pampa's Economic Development Corporation (EDC) and a member of the Wind Energy Consortium, he has become an acolyte of the movement to promote wind energy generation and its potential for the residents of the Texas Panhandle.

But knowing this and getting the local folks to understand and "buy in" to the concept are perhaps, two differ-

ent things. With that in mind he led a contingent of local business people on a recent daytrip to the Sweetwater area, where they were given an overview of the region's wind energy developments by Sweetwater Mayor Greg Wortham, toured the Texas State Technical College West Texas facility where students are learning how to service wind turbines,

toured a one-of-a-kind General Electric facility which houses technicians used by all the wind-energy generating companies in the area, and received an upclose first-hand-look at the windmills and the people who

work on them. "I went (to Sweetwater) as dreds of electricity-generat- a guest of MESA Power (T. ing windmills that dominate Boone Picken's company who will be construct some 670 wind turbines in the local As the executive director area over the next several years) several months ago," Fiveash said. "That prompted this trip. I felt it would be a good idea to get as many city and county officials and local business people as I could to go on this trip; to see what Sweetwater looks like compared to Pampa."

> The people on the trip were appreciative, he added.

"I did not have one negative comment," Fiveash said. 'They said things like, 'it was very enlightening,' or that it provided some valuable

information." "I think it was very helpful from the community leaders' viewpoint and from the business leaders' viewpoint," said Shawn Clifton of Pampa's Clifton Supply and the EDC assistant treasurer. "We've

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staff photo by Randy Pribble

Top - Tyson Curtis, James Bradley and Shawn Clifton (from left) listen to a presentation by David Riley, a dispatch supervisor at the General Electric Wind Energy Service Center in Sweetwater.



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Wednesday

Thursday







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Tuesday: Sunny, with a high near 63. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 47. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. South-southwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 47. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. Southsouthwest wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 54. South wind 5 to 10 mph becoming west.

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## **Acclaimed author Tony** Hillerman dies at age 83

born storyteller.

versation, too.'

"He had such a wonder-

"He could take little details

and bring them to life, not

just in his books, but in con-

Lt. Joe Leaphorn, intro-

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Way" in 1970, was an expe-

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understood, but did not

share, his people's tradition-

al belief in a rich spirit

world. Officer Jim Chee,

introduced in "People of

Darkness" in 1978, was a

younger officer studying to become a "hathaali"

Together, they struggled

daily to bridge the cultural

divide between the dominant

Anglo society and the

impoverished people who

which made several best

seller lists. In all, he wrote

18 books in the Navajo

series, the most recent titled

Each is characterized by

an unadorned writing style,

intricate plotting, memo-

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"The Shape Shifter."

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breakthrough

Navajo for "shaman."

PHOENIX (AP) — Tony Hillerman, author of the acclaimed Navajo Tribal ful, wonderful curiosity Police mystery novels and about the world," she said. creator of two of the unlikeliest of literary heroes — Navajo police officers Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee died Sunday of pulmonary failure. He was 83

Hillerman's daughter, Anne Hillerman, said her father's health had been declining in the last couple years and that he was at Presbyterian Hospital in Albuquerque when he died at about 3 p.m.

Hillerman lived through two heart attacks and surgeries for prostate and bladder cancer. He kept tapping at his keyboard even as his eyes began to dim, as his hearing faded, as rheumatoid arthritis turned his hands into claws.

"I'm getting old," he declared in 2002, "but I still like to write."

Anne Hillerman said Sunday that her father was a

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# Obituaries

### Services tomorrow

KENNEDY, Shane "Catfish" - 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Pampa.

### Velma Jean Bush, 74

Velma Jean Bush, 74, of Pampa, died Sunday, Oct. 26, 2008, in Pampa. Services pending Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bush was born on April 12, 1934, in Pampa and was a lifelong Pampa resident, graduating from Pampa High School.

She married Billy Joe Pampa; Bush on Oct. 11, 1953, in Clovis, N.M.

She was a Baptist and liked to quilt, travel, fish and play bingo. She was a home-

Survivors include two sons, Larry Yearwood of Greenville and Billy Dale Bush of daughter, Brenda O'Dell of Pampa; two sis- nieces and nephews.



one Bush

Dorothy and Yearwood, both of Pampa; one broth-Marvin er, Yearwood Riverside, Calif.; brother-in-law, children; dren; and several

ters, Wanda Potter

Jessie Smart of Pampa; six grandgreat-grandchil-

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1997; a sister, Leona Smart in 2002; and a brother, Ferrell Yearwood in 2006.

MEMORIALS: May be made to a favorite charity.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 901 Scott.

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### **Emergency Services**

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported to the following incidents between 7 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 23 and 7 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24.

Thursday, Oct. 23 Officers conducted eight traffic

Violation of a city ordinance – two abandoned vehicles - was reported in the 600 block of North Faulkner.

Calls and stops concerning animals were reported in the 1100 block of Crane Road, the 1200 block of South Hobart, the 1800 block of North Beech Lane, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 800 block of West Octavus, the 100 block of South Wells, the 1200 block of Wilcox, the 300 block of South Miami and the 300 block of Jean.

Fraud was reported in the lobby of

Suspicious persons calls were received in the 2100 block of North Hamilton and the 600 block of East Frederic.

Theft was reported in the 2300 block of North Navajo Road, where a bag containing \$250 in quarters, \$400 worth of medication and a jar containing \$100 in loose change was reported stolen.

Motorist assistance was rendered reported. at Murphy and Talley streets.

Welfare checks were reported in the 800 block of South Barnes and the 1200 block of North Wells.

Assault with minor injuries was reported in the 1100 block of South

Burglary was reported in the 1900 block of North Fir.

One open door was reported in the 1300 block of North Banks.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Friday, Oct. 24 Officers conducted four traffic

Suspicious person calls were reported in the 600 block of East Frederic and the 1300 block of

Worrell Avenue. One alarm was reported in the 700 block of North Hobart.

Motorist assistance was rendered at Cuyler and Brown streets.

#### Fire

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

Sunday, Oct. 26 2:05 p.m. - Six units and 12 perthe 1800 block of North Sumner. No port.

injuries were reported. 4:40 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident at Gray County Road 9, south of Browning. No injuries were

### **Ambulance**

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Saturday and 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Oct. 25

7:47 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

6:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of Zimmers. No transport.

6:19 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of North Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC. 7:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU respond-

ed to the 1600 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC. 9:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of Russell and

transported a patient to PRMC. 9:51 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to 25th and Perryton Parkway and

transported a patient to PRMC. Sunday, Oct. 26 2:13 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient

to BSA Hospital in Amarillo. 4:37 p.m. - A mobile ICU respondsonnel responded to a structure fire in ed to Gray County Road 9. No trans-

9:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Neel Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:57 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Oct. 27

12:06 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient

## Killer of 7-year-old girl set to die Tuesday

LIVINGSTON, (AP) — Eric Nenno bristles at suggestions he's some kind of ogre.

Hillerman's commercial "So many articles I read "Skinwalkers," published in depicted me as a monster," 1987 — the first time he put Nenno said softly from a visboth characters and their iting cage outside Texas death row. "It was upsetting divergent world views in the same book. It sold 430,000 to not hear anything to balhardcover copies, paving the ance that." way for "A Thief of Time,"

A favorable balance is difficult given the former plumbing salesman's acknowledgment that he committed a horrific crime nearly 14 years ago.

Nenno, 47, is set to die Tuesday for abducting a 7year-old girl who lived in his neighborhood in Hockley, about 35 miles northwest of Houston, raping and strangling her, then stuffing her body in the attic of his home. Evidence showed he raped

Texas Nicole Benton after she was dead.

He led police to her remains two days later. "He perpetrated one of the most horrendous crimes that

I think I'd ever heard of," said Joan Huffman, the former Harris County assistant district attorney who prosecuted Nenno. "It was of nightmarish quality, I would say — a gut-wrenching experience for all involved."

apologize can't enough," Nenno told The Associated Press. "I don't know of anything I could have done since I was convicted to be convincing and to show my condolences."

Nenno would be the 13th Texas inmate executed this year and the fourth this month. Another execution is scheduled for Thursday in Huntsville.

Nenno's appeals were exhausted and he petitioned the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles to commute his sentence to life.

"I feel for certain the execution will go through," Nenno said. "I don't think this will meet the standards for getting any relief."

In the clemency petition, Nenno's lawyers described him as "a good man who committed a terrible crime."

"He had never done anything remotely like this before that day," attorney Richard Burr wrote. "Since that day, he has faced up to what he did and has, in every way within his control, lived a good life. ... Mr. Nenno knows that he can never put right the wrong he is respon-

The Benton girl was noticed missing from her father's birthday celebration in 1995. Police canvassing the neighborhood two days later knocked on his door. He invited them in and when his nervousness attracted their attention, deputies had him accompany them to a command post that had been set up in the neighborhood.

Under questioning, Nenno said he thought the girl had been abducted, raped and murdered. Asked what kind of person he thought might do such a thing, he replied: "Someone like me."

"I'm sure there was a certain amount of concern when you get a response like that," Anthony Osso, Nenno's trial lawyer, recalled.

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Nenno voluntarily took a polygraph, which he failed.

### **OKLAHOMA**

region of the Southwest.

## Prison official's wife focus of prelim

MANGUM, Okla. (AP) - A prison official's wife accused of helping a convicted killer escape and then living on the lam with him for more than a decade entered court Monday for a preliminary hearing to determine whether she should be tried for her actions.

Bobbi Parker, 46, is accused of helping

Randolph Dial escape from the Oklahoma State Reformatory in Granite on Aug. 30, 1994. Her husband was deputy warden there. Parker and Dial were found living at an East Texas chicken ranch on April 4, 2005.

The charge against Parker carries a penalty of

up to 10 years in prison. Dial died in prison on June 13, 2007, at age 62. He was serving a life sentence for the 1981 murder of Broken Arrow karate instructor Kelly

Parker claimed Dial abducted her and she stayed with him all those years because she was afraid of what he would do to her family. But love with him.

questions about a romantic involvement between the two lingered after she returned to husband, Randy Parker, and their daughters, now grown.

Prior to the hearing Monday in Greer County Courthouse in far western Oklahoma, prosecutor Eric Yarborough filed court documents detailing elements of the state's case.

He said Parker had previous relationships, including sex, with inmates before escaping with Dial and that she had said she was unhappy in her marriage. The court filing alleges she started up a relationship with Dial and fell in On Vacation with the Pampa News!

## **Eiffel Tower, Paris Tower Bridge, London**





Top photo: Back row, from left - Aaron Pepper, Michael Martinez, Danielle Martinez, Velma Boyd, and Jon Lane. Middle row, from left - Claire Boyd, Stacy Pepper, Virginia Dewey, Paige Peterson. Front row holding newspaper- Eileen Kludt and Wanetta Hill

Bottom photo : From left - Jon Lane, Carol Lane, Danielle Martinez, Michael Martinez (very back) Wanetta Hill, Aaron Pepper (very back) Claire Boyd (in front of Aaron), Velma Boyd, Stacy Pepper, Paige Peterson, Virginia Dewey and Eileen Kludt holding paper.



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# FBI: Hate crime down in 2007 but anti-gay crime saw rise

stamped envelope.

WASHINGTON (AP) incidents Hate crime decreased slightly last year, despite a surge in crimes targeting gays and lesbians.

The FBI reported more than 7,600 hate crime incidents in 2007, down about 1 percent from last year. The decline was driven by decreases in the two largest categories of hate crimes crimes against race and reli-

But prejudice against sexual orientation, the thirdlargest category, increased about 6 percent, the report found.

The FBI report does not compare its data from one year to the next because the number of law enforcement agencies participating in the annual count varies from year to year. More agencies contributed to the 2007 report than the 2006 report, however.

The data released Monday is consistent with previous years. Racial bias remained the most common motive,

half of all reported hate crimes. Blacks, Jews and gays were the most frequent victims of hate crimes, the report found.

The FBI report is purely assign a cause for the slight overall decrease or increase in anti-gay hate crimes.

hate crime incidents were categorized as vandalism or property destruction.

accounting for more than Intimidation was the second most common hate crime, followed by simple assault.

The report was based on data drawn from 13,241 law enforcement agencies nationwide, covering about statistical and does not 85 percent of the nation's population. By comparison, the broader crime report the FBI puts out every year More than a third of all draws data from about 17,000 law enforcement agencies.

## Clarification

Pampa Junior High Principal Paul Nies is concerned that residents understand the situation at the school during an incident last week.

The incident, in which a traffic stop led to a standoff with police at a house not far from the school, and the eventual death of a local man, did not pose a danger to the students, Nies said.

"There was a radio announcement about picking up the children in front of the school," said the principal. "There was never an announcement made to the students abou the standoff situation. There was never any panic at this school and things were handled in a calm fashion and there was never any reason for people to believe these children were in

## House

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vowed to continue his

"I will continue to oppose new taxes on oil, gas, and other energy. My view is we need to produce more energy of all kinds - nuclear, clean coal, anything you can think of. It could mean one less barrel of oil we have to buy elsewhere," he said.

Beyond energy, Thornberry also has spent a lot of his time working on national security issues because " the first job of federal government to protect

"It is still a dangerous world, with terrorism and a variety of other things. We can't forget national security as an important issue," Thornberry said. He serves on the Armed Services Committee and the Permanent Select Committee Intelligence.

Thornberry was born in Clarendon, and raised on a ranch in Donley County. He received his education at Texas Tech University, and continued on to the University of Texas Law School, graduating in 1983. He worked in Washington, as a Deputy Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs in the State Department.

After serving in Washington, he practiced law in Amarillo and worked in the cattle business with his brothers before moving to his current position in office.

Waun is currently serving as pastor of two Presbyterian Churches, one in Childress and one in Ouanah. He is also involved in Sojourners and Call for Renewal organizations, out of Washington, D.C. Waun has volunteered for a number of organizations including the Witchita Democratic County Association, Habitat for Humanity, and the State Legislative Director for a veteran's organization.

Previously, Waun worked for 20 years in business management, marketing, consulting, and training and development and as a high school speech teacher and debate coach at Penn State University.

Waun has a diversified education, holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science, a Master of Arts, and has attended theological seminary.

# Treasury set to dish out 'rescue funds'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government will start doling out \$125 billion to nine major banks this week to get credit flowing again, but Monday's announcement offered cold comfort to investors as rising anxiety about a worldwide recession drove stocks down sharply around the globe.

Assistant Treasury Secretary David Nason said the deals with the nine banks were signed Sunday, and the government will make the stock purchases this week. The deals are designed to bolster the banks' balance sheets so they will begin more normal lending.

The action will mark the first deployment of resources from the government's \$700 billion financial rescue package passed by Congress on Oct. 3.

The bailout package has undergone a major change in emphasis since it was passed by Congress. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson decided to use \$250 billion of the \$700 billion to make direct purchases of bank stock, partially nationalizing the country's banking system, as a way to get money into the financial system more quick-

The plan is also aimed at clearing banks' balance sheets of bad assets. That effort has yet to begin although the administration expects to use \$100 billion to purchase bad assets in coming months.

The deployment of the first \$125 billion to the major banks had been delayed while the government and the banks worked out the details for the purchases. Nason, a key architect of the rescue plan, said in an interview Monday on CNBC that those agreements had been signed late Sunday

Treasury is also starting to

give approval to major regional banks with the goal of getting another \$125 billion in stock purchases made by the end of this year.

KeyCorp, said Monday it would issue stock for a \$2.5 billion infusion of capital from the government. SunTrust Banks Inc. also said it has received preliminary approval from Treasury for a \$3.5 billion investment. In all. about 15 regional banks have received preliminary approvals for the government to make stock purchases.

Treasury said it was allowing each bank to announce its own deal once preliminary agreements were reached. Treasury will announce the final deals on its Web site each day once all the paperwork is completed and signed. By law, Treasury must announce the agreements within 48 hours after they are signed.

Treasury has given the goahead for stronger banks to use the money it receives in the rescue program to acquire weaker banks. That has prompted criticism the government should not be financing the consolidation of the banking system — in effect helping to choose winners and

As fears mounted of a prolonged and deep worldwide recession, a juggernaut of selling swept across world markets Monday, stripping billions of dollars of wealth from people across the globe.







# Viewpoints

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 27, the 301st day of 2008. There are 65 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 27, 1858, the 26th president of the United States, Theodore Roosevelt, was born in New York City.

In 1787, the first of the Federalist Papers, a series of essays calling for ratification of the United States Constitution, was published in New York.

In 1795, the United States and Spain signed the Treaty of San Lorenzo (also known as "Pinckney's Treaty"), which provided for free navigation of the Mississippi River.

In 1880, Theodore Roosevelt married his first wife, Alice

in Swansea, Wales.

Day took place.

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on ABC

President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin were named winners of the Nobel Peace

Prize for their progress toward achieving a Middle East

Kosovo battlefronts, holding off the immediate threat of

Five years ago: Suicide bombers in Baghdad struck Red Cross headquarters and three police stations, killing dozens of people. Former Washington Mayor Walter Edward

Washington died at age 88. Rod Roddy, announcer on "The

One year ago: Despite significant dissent among some of

ts workers, United Auto Workers members narrowly passed

a four-year contract agreement with Chrysler LLC. The

Boston Red Sox took a 3-0 World Series lead with a 10-5

Hall-of-Famer and sportscaster Ralph Kiner is 86. Actress

Ruby Dee is 84. Former Secretary of State Warren M.

Christopher is 83. Actor-comedian John Cleese is 69.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Nanette Fabray is 88. Baseball

Price is Right," died in Los Angeles at age 66.

win over the Colorado Rockies in Denver.

Country singer Lee Greenwood is 66.

Ten years ago: Hurricane Mitch cut through the western Caribbean, pummeling coastal Honduras and Belize; the storm caused several thousand deaths in Central America in the days that followed. Serb forces drew back from former

In 1978, Egyptian

In 1904, the first rapid transit subway, the IRT, was inaugurated in New York

'In any moment of decision, the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

> — Theodore Roosevelt American president (1858-1919)

accord.

NATO airstrikes.



# Halloween equals movies, candy and cute kids

is why:

· Scary movies: I love horror scary movies. I will see just films, about any scary movie out there, anytime of the year. I will watch them alone, with a crowd, in a theater, or sometimes I am even lucky enough to watch them when I have a boyfriend. I will watch them all - low-budget scary movies, slashers, horrers, Jason, Freddie Kruger, Halloween (sequels and remakes), scary movies that feature Paris Hilton (True! It is called "House of Wax") animated scary movies and even Rob Zombie scary movies, which are easily the grossest and horrifying of

horrors. During the "scary season," I am not judged as much for loving scary movies. On that hallowed fall night, the horror section at Hastings is empty because everyone else is watching them, too. It is fun to be scared and be so indulged in a movie that it causes you to jump and spill popcorn all over the couch.

Halloween is the one time

I love Halloween, and this of year that my mom and I also think the free candy gets Somehow, blatant sexuality

wnich my aunt got me Stennett into at a very young Staff Writer age (Here's to you Aunt

Becky!). My mom and other mothers out there simply accept that horror and scary movies are the seasonal norm.

Thank you, Halloween. · Candy: Even though I have never been trick-ortreating to this day, because I was raised in a very conservative home, I can still appreciate the beauty of it. Halloween is good for kids, adults, and dentists because of the onrush of candy and the closely associated dental cavities. Even The Pampa News has two well stocked buckets of candy for visitors and employees to commemorate the season, including orange and white Halloween Nerds - even better than they sound. The free rations of candy are great because, well, it is free candy, but I

approaching December. Kids Costumes: I have never

been more proud to be an aunt until this Halloween season when my nieces and nephew, who are all two years old, will dress as Stars Wars characters for Halloween. The girls will be Yoda and Princess Leia, and my nephew will be Darth Vader. What is better than a two year old Darth Vader? Nothing, absolutely nothing. Kids are cute as a rule, but kids in costumes are as good as it gets.

Sadly, I will admit that costumes become tainted after adolescence. In college, I have never heard so many girls dressing up as anything. "naughty" Naughty nurse? Definitely. Naughty leopard? Yes. Even naughty train conductors somehow showed up to college Halloween parties.

don't fight over my love of everyone prepared for the has reared it's face in adult giving sea- Halloween costumes. As a son quickly senior in college, where scandalous costumes seem to have the strongest presence, I refused to celebrate in the Halloween activities. This year, I have chosen let go of the anger and will try to be a good example and participant in a purely frightening Halloween. I will carve a pumpkin, even though the interior goop grosses me out, and I will hand out candy and hope to see another child dressed as a Star Wars character, since I can't be with my own fami-

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This Halloween, I hope you dress up your child as little Chewbaca, or at least carve a pumpkin, which has been made incredibly with pumpkin carving kits, goop scooper included, and tell someone a scary story while scarfing down some orange Nerds or Snickers.

Enjoy your Halloween as much as I will, now that I am an adult and can celebrate it, that is.

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### Editorial thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around

the nation: Oct. 20

Austin American-Statesman on early

Texas is one of 10 states not prepared for problems of long lines and broken voting machines on Election Day, according to a report issued by three non-partisan groups.

State and county election officials should heed that report and prepare for problems by having a backup supply of paper ballots at polling locations in case voting machines fail and lines grow too long. But the easiest way for Texans to avoid problems is to vote

early. Early voting begins today and extends through Oct. 31. Local voters can cast ballots at numerous locations in Central Texas, from grocery stores to libraries to senior centers to courthousas the costume doesn't favor or disparage a particular candidate.

Election officials are expecting a huge turnout in this historic election, so voting early makes good sense. This is not the year to stand on tradition and wait until Nov. 4 to vote.

Those who do might have a long

There is every expectation that the Election Day lines will dwarf those that voters experienced during the March primaries. In Travis County, more than a quarter-million voters cast ballots in the Democratic and Republican primaries, a number expected to grow substantially in this general election.

Voting will be complicated in many precincts because of a long ballot. In addition to the exciting presidential race, there is a U.S. Senate race, U.S. House of Representatives races, statewide and judicial races, legislative contests and county offices to consider.

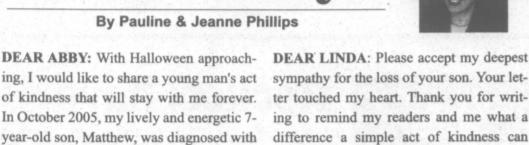
Most ballots will have several local es. You can vote on Halloween, as long propositions. The ballot in San Marcos,

for example, runs to 13 pages and includes 22 propositions and one referendum. So most voters will have to spend at least a few minutes with the ballot, which will lengthen lines at polling places.

Travis County makes it easy to vote. In addition to dozens of public locations with voting booths, the county has set up two mega voting centers, at 5501 Airport Blvd. and at 4534 West Gate Blvd. They are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For the last three days of early voting, those centers will stay open until 9 p.m.

Information on early voting locations, sample ballots and information on voting by mail is available online and by phone. Voters should have their voter registration card, driver's license or other identification with them when go to vote. http://www.statesman.com

# Dear Abby.



ing, I would like to share a young man's act of kindness that will stay with me forever. In October 2005, my lively and energetic 7year-old son, Matthew, was diagnosed with a rare brain tumor. After successfully completing treatment, he was back to his old self and happily making plans for the summer. Unfortunately, by the following summer his tumor was growing back, and there was nothing the doctors could do. One evening in July we ordered a pizza to be delivered. Matthew told me that for Halloween he wanted to dress like a pizza delivery man, and asked if he could talk to the man when he came to the house. Because of the tumor, Matthew's speech was difficult to understand. His right side was paralyzed, and his body was swollen from steroids, so I was concerned about how the person would react. I was hesitant, but agreed. When the delivery man arrived, I was shocked to see how young he was. I told him my son was sick but wanted to meet him because he wanted to dress like a pizza delivery man for Halloween. Without hesitation the young man came in and talked to Matthew about his job. He even gave Matthew his name tag to wear as part of his costume on Halloween. I was so impressed with that young man. He wasn't taken aback by my son's appearance, as so many of our adult friends had been, and he made Matthew so happy. Matthew was in the hospital by Halloween, but he wore the man's pin on his hospital gown. It was my son's last Halloween, and I'm thankful that this young man was so caring and considerate. His name is Jeff, and his kindness should be an example to everyone. --LINDA IN MASSACHUSETTS

sympathy for the loss of your son. Your letter touched my heart. Thank you for writing to remind my readers and me what a difference a simple act of kindness can make in the life of another person.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 15 and I detest my best friend's boyfriend, "Chip." He is racist, homophobic and sexist. He is also blatant about his opinions, whether or not people want to hear them. All of "Sadie's" other friends agree he's a complete jerk, and not only that, he takes up all her time. Sadie is smart. She realizes Chip has those traits. Somehow she doesn't care about his defects and looks past them. I'm not really scared for her safety. Chip seems to be nice to her. I can't stand to be around the guy, but that means I don't get to talk to my best friend most of the time. I am trying to be nice to Chip, and I have talked to Sadie about this, but nothing works! Please help. I'm at the end of my rope. -- DIVIDED FRIEND IN SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

DEAR DIVIDED FRIEND: Accept the fact that your friend is distracted right now, and concentrate on your relationship with the other girls in your group. You might be able to arrange some alone time with Sadie if you invite her for a sleepover once in a while -- but understand that her main focus is on her boyfriend. Until Sadie realizes for herself that Chip's attitude and behavior are an embarrassment and a reflection on her, this situation won't change.

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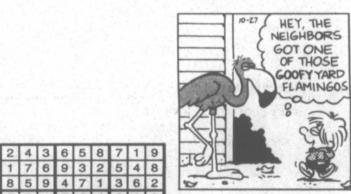


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# Sports



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Pampa High School football Harvester Madison Wilson, #5, tries to thread his way through the Dumas Demon line during a scoreless first half Friday night in Pampa.



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Harvester Heath Skinner, #89, advances the ball in a play during the first half Friday night against Dumas at Harvester Stadium.

# AILY HOROSCO

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct.

28, 2008: You have a strong sense of self this year, which carries you through any ripples you might encounter. As a result, you make waves, and quickly at that. Others find you unusually dynamic, magnetic and imaginative. As you will discover, this combo is a sure-bet winner. Relationships of all types naturally flourish. Your communication skills excel. People can relate to you. If you are single, it isn't a question of meeting people; the issue is who! If you are attached, you discover that sharing more, accepting your vulnerabilities and honoring your sweetie's will enhance your relationship.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

SCORPIO reads you cold.

\*\*\* The New Moon emphasizes what you want from a partnership and life. Is there something you have been wishing for? Now is the right time to wish upon a star. It could really happen. Tonight: Check in with an older friend or relative.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

★★★★ Defer to others. Through this process of listening to others, you might realize what you really desire in a key relationship. Make a commitment to figure it out on the New Moon. You could be surprised by the results. Tonight: Just don't be alone.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★ Emphasize getting the necessities done. Getting rid of disorganization can

happen easily. You might decide to finally clear your desk or that pantry. You might be amazed by how much better you will feel. Tonight: Take a walk.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* You might be surprised at how much creativity and vitality comes forward in the next few days and weeks. Lose the word "no," and you will gain as a result. Decide to make a wish a reality. Start talking about it. Tonight: So what if it is Tuesday?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*★ You might want to make an adjustment in your domestic life. Remodel your home or move. Even if you only want to rearrange the furniture, decide to act on it rather than overthink it. You won't know more until you see more. Tonight: Head home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Make calls. Reach out for someone you haven't spoken with in a long time. He or she will be delighted to hear from you. Are you thinking about a new car or computer? Start hunting. Clear the air with a difficult person. Tonight: Visit with a pal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You might have been thinking about revamping your finances. Why not? Listen to what is being said more carefully. A decision to take a risk or changing your MO will work, if you understand what the long-term results

are. Tonight: Your treat. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Is there some action or decision that you have wanted to take but have been hedging on? There's no time like the present. With a New Moon in your sign rooting you on, it could be hard

to miss. Tonight: What would make you happy?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★ If you feel like slowing down, do. You know what's best for you. Don't allow someone else to color your thoughts and actions. Be your own person, even if it looks like vanishing right now. Tonight: Do for yourself. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* Zero in on a key note during a meeting. You might not be as sure of yourself as you would like to be. Exercise more of your dynamic ideas and strong personality. The end results could be excellent. Tonight: Zero in on what

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\* Take a stand or the lead at work or with a major issue. Others will respect knowing where you are coming from even if they don't agree. Remember to allow different and controversial ideas into your thinking, too. Tonight: Burn the

candle at both ends. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Trust your intuition or sixth sense. If you don't, detach from a situation and/or find experts or those with more experience. You might be stunned by what doors open up if you clear your mind. Tonight: Take in new vistas.

**BORN TODAY** 

Actress Julia Roberts (1967), athlete Bruce Jenner (1949), Microsoft cofounder Bill Gates (1955)

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# **Rockets** have pieces in place to make title run

this season's Boston Celtics. matchups look favorable.

Like Boston last season. the Rockets assembled a lar to Tracy, in that he can acquiring Ron Artest to join can take people off the drib-Tracy McGrady and Yao ble," Adelman said of Artest. Ming.

points with Sacramento last two guys together and see season, adds toughness, ver- where they fit with Yao on satility and a third scoring the floor.' option the Rockets have lacked since McGrady py rebounder Chuck Hayes, arrived in 2004.

postseason series since Landry and Aaron Brooks entering the league in 1997, and bulky second-round also the last year Houston draft pick Joey Dorsey. won a series. McGrady says the addition of Artest gives and more versatile people on him and the Rockets their this team than we did last best chance yet to end their year," Adelman said. droughts.

for a while," McGrady said. "I know I get criticized for start of training camp that not leading my team out of his left shoulder was arthritthe playoffs, but it's hard ic and will require surgery when you don't have those after this season. He also pieces to elevate you to that said his left knee was heal-We'll see what happens."

The Rockets hope Artest for Boston last season, form-

said, "that gives me hope."

Yao dismisses comparglaring difference.

looking for that day. I have that confidence that we can do that."

make as big of a jump as the round of the playoffs for the began. second straight season.

in Sacramento, so he arrived at training camp as familiar with the system as any of the Rockets. He's been one of the hardest workers during the preseason, staying a few practice to work on jump shots.

"It's definitely the most talented team I've been on," said Artest, starting his 10th season. "It's extra motivation, extra 'go-get-it.' I kind of thrive under those situations. I like when I have something to play for, and this year, I really do have something to play for."

Houston also added freeagent Brent Barry, who brings championship experience from San Antonio, a sharp perimeter shot and crafty passing.

Scola, Houston's second- role for him on this team. leading rebounder, is back the bronze medal in Beijing.

Shane Battier started 78 season, but Adelman says he out.' can use Artest and Battier interchangeably to defend the best opposing players. Adelman said he'd also use

HOUSTON (AP) — The Artest to back up McGrady, Houston Rockets want to be or start both of them if

"He gives us a guy, simi-"Big Three" of their own by post up smaller people, he ! 'That's going to be our main Artest, who averaged 20.5 challenge, working those

The bench includes scrapshooting guard Luther Head, McGrady is 0-for-7 in blossoming youngsters Carl

"We have a lot of valuable

Still, Houston's immedi-"I've been waiting for this ate goal is getting healthy.

McGrady revealed at the next level. Now I have that. ing slower than expected from surgery in the spring.

The 29-year-old McGrady can do for them what Kevin played only one quarter in Garnett and Ray Allen did Houston's first six preseason games and said he might not ing a trio with Paul Pierce to be ready for the start of the lead the Celtics to the NBA regular season. He was championship. Boston was noticeably limping during a the worst team in the Eastern fast-break drill at practice Conference in 2006-07, this week and could hardly before Garnett and Allen jump on perimeter shots, leaving many short.

"For that team to go from McGrady wanted to play worst to first," McGrady in Houston's preseason finale to test his readiness.

"I'm gaining confidence." isons between the three- he said Tuesday. "I've been somes by pointing out the through three straight practices, grinding it out. A game "Boston already got a is going to be a little bit difchampionship. They can say ferent. Hopefully, it's all they have the best three positive, because I want to guys," Yao said. "We are get out there with the guys."

Then there's Yao, who's missed more than 80 games over the last three seasons The Rockets don't have to with four different injuries. Yao broke his foot last Celtics did. Houston went February, rehabbed in time 55-27 in 2007-08, its first to play in the Olympics, and season under Rick Adelman, said he was "100 percent" and lost to Utah in the first healthy when training camp?

The Rockets have reduced, Artest played for Adelman Yao's workload in the preseason, but his injuries haven't had much to do with. his conditioning. In 2005-06, he contracted an infection in his left big toe that required surgery and later broke his extra minutes after each left foot. The next season, he broke his right leg and last February, he suffered a stress fracture in his left foot.

"I wish I could play 82 games during the regular season," he said, "and then talk about it later.'

Alston had surgery to repair ligaments in his right ankle, and Battier had surgery to remove bone spurs in his left ankle. Battier missed the first four weeks of preseason practices because of inflammation in his left foot.

Houston also is still waiting to see what it can get out of Steve Francis, a three-Rafer Alston returns as the time All-Star who sat out starting point guard after most of last season with a putting up some of the best torn quadriceps tendon. The numbers of his career during 31-year-old Francis has been Houston's 22-game winning practicing, but it's up to streak last season. Luis Adelman to see if there's a

"He struggled last year in after helping Argentina win camp, in comparison to other guards," Adelman said. "That's just something that's games at small forward last going to have to play itself NOTIC

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NO.: 02448 APPLICATION AND DRAFT PERMIT, W & W Fiberglass Tank Company, 8840 County Road 10, Pampa, Texas 79065, a Plastics Products facility, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O2448, Application No. 11929 to authorize operation of the W & W Fiberglass Tank Company. The area addressed by the application is located at 116 South Price Pampa, Gray Road, County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on May 5,

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.10 (30 TAC 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The TCEO Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The TCEQ Executive Director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the Texas Commission Environmental Quality Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 Canyon Drive, Amarillo Texas 79109 4933: and the Lovett Memorial Library, 111 North Houston Street, Pampa, Texas. At the TCEO Central and Regional Offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel con-

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and comment hearing is

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# **Host to ghosts:** Texas capital home to LBJ, others

AUSTIN (AP) — Politics can be plenty spooky, especially this time of year. But in Texas, some politicians have a way of sticking around way past Election Day.

Some say Sam Houston, the Texas hero who famously gave up his job as governor rather than join the Confederacy, still roams his old home, pacing nervously. Others have seen the ghost of Lyndon Johnson watching election night returns in the mezzanine of the storied Driskill Hotel, or Susanna Wilkerson Dickinson, an Alamo survivor, standing near a posh new hotel on Fourth Street.

"That is one haunted city," said Fiona Broome, a psychic, ghost hunter and author who wrote "The Ghosts of Austin, Texas." The state capitol is a particular hot spot, she said.

"The Capitol is haunted day and night," she said. "If you've got a nice, misty day there, people see ghosts walking up the path to the Capitol building all the time."

Broome, who spent time in Austin over five years doing research for the book, said she saw many ghosts at the Capitol, including one possibly of Comptroller Robert Marshall Love walking up the promenade toward the Capitol.

Love, who was shot and killed by a disgruntled associate in his first-floor office in 1903, has long startled both tourists and state troopers in his outdated business suit. He was wearing a top hat when Broome saw him.

Across the street, the fire-blackened Governor's Mansion is known for its Sam Houston sightings. But in the turbulent years of the Civil War, the tortured wails and moans from a room where a lovesick teenager took his own life were so disturbing that Texas Gov. Andrew Hamilton locked it up and banned anyone from entering the room, according to the book "Ghost Stories of Texas" by Jo-Anne Christensen.

The fire that destroyed much of the historic landmark last summer likely didn't deter the home's spirits, Broome said.

"They'll stay there and they'll be back when it's rebuilt," Broome said. "Ghosts just seem to stay in these places ... they're probably still there now.

"I would be surprised if the grounds were not profoundly haunted."

A few blocks from the Capitol, the legendary Driskill Hotel has a few apparitions of its own.

In the hotel and bar, where it's often said more state business takes place than any official site in Austin, both George W. Bush and Johnson have hosted election night parties and top-secret strategy sessions. And Johnson's ghost is still routinely seen at the hotel where he also met his future wife for their first date.

"He is spotted sitting in a chair right around where they used to set up the TV, where politicians used to come in and watch election results," Broome said.

With the Nov. 4 election shaping up to be a tense one, "I would definitely be looking for him there" on Election Night, she said. "I would be more surprised if people didn't see him there."

Back down Congress Ave., inside the Capitol's imposing pink dome, the third floor has been a particular hot spot. According to the legend, a "lady in red" seemingly hasn't been able to leave the office once occupied by her lover or their secret stairwell, located in an office suite that was held by former House Speaker Pete Laney.

On foggy mornings, in the Capitol's east wing, mysterious handprints appear in the condensation of a Senate reception room window despite repeated cleanings. The window once occupied the bedroom where a 23-year-old horse trainer stayed before he died in a 1983 fire that destroyed the

apartment. Just outside the reception room is where Senate cook and waiter Tim Mateer said he saw a lady turn a corner late one night behind the Senate chamber when he thought he was alone. He looked around the corner to see who it could have

been, but the small cubby was empty. Not too long after that, Mateer was walking through the Senate press conference room when he was startled by a portrait. It was the woman he'd seen in the hallway — former Texas first lady Fay Wright Stevenson, who died of cancer in 1942.

Mateer says she's a friendly guest and he's happy to share his space with Stevenson, who once played hostess for Senate functions when her husband, Coke Stevenson, was lieutenant governor.

Stevenson moved to the Governor's Mansion when her husband became governor in 1941, but never occupied the once-opulent lieutenant governor's apartment in the Capitol. It was being built during her husband's term as the Senate's presiding officer but didn't have its first tenants until short-

ly after Mrs. Stevenson died. "If Austin had not been the capital city, I'm not sure it would have been as haunted as it is," Broome said. "But because it is the capitol city, it's just attracted these tremendously colorful, wonderful characters. These are not just hohum ghosts."

Former state historian Bill Green said he never had a runin with Capitol ghosts during his 1986-89 term with the state, though he heard of many.

"People tend to be skittish at night and their imagination probably works on them," he said. "I'm not particularly one of them, although I do believe in ghosts. I live in a haunted house, but that's another story."

## 4 Texas counties added to Ike's Fed disaster list

AUSTIN (AP) -Four Texas counties have been added to a federal disaster declaration for Hurricane Ike, which hit the state last month.

The latest declaration makes local governments, tribal governments and some private nonprofits in Anderson, Bowie, Leon and Milam counties eligible to apply for Federal Emergency Management Agency public assistance.

FEMA also said Saturday that local governments in Grimes, Jasper, Jefferson, Nacogdoches, San Jacinto, Walker and Wallace counties now are eligible to apply for money for repairs or replacements for public infrastructure.

FEMA said in a news release that the addition of the four counties brings to 39 the number that are eligible for public

Ike caused \$11 billion in damage to the state, Gov. Rick Perry said.



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Among those on the Sweetwater tour were (front row, from left) Marina Ortega (a student in the wind power training program at Texas State Technical College), Sweetwater Mayor Greg Wortham, Pampa Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Keith Pittner, Vanessa Bruzzard, Ray Jaramillo, Neil Fulton, Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins, Pampa EDC Secretary Kathy Cota, (back row, from left) Pampa EDC Executive Director Dwight Fiveash, James Bradley, Shawn Clifton, Tyson Curtis, Dick Stowers, Gary Sutherland, Jerry Foote and Larry Baker.

## **Sweetwater**

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got a learning curve here and I guess we should probably make valuable use of it. We need to be planning

Clifton added that one of his main concerns following the information gleaned from the EDC trip was that Pampa needs to "get creative in drawing people in

"They (wind power companies) are going to be requiring quite a few employees." he said. "I don't think we have enough people.

Sweetwater Mayor Greg Wortham gave the group and talking, driving tour of the area and some the local key players in wind energy generation. Among the stops on the tour was the General Electric Wind Energy Service Center, a facility located in Sweetwater because of its proximity to wind generator fields in the area. GE services its own towers, plus those of other companies.

"They have 150 employees at the GE Service Center," noted Dick Stowers, another Pampa businessman who participated in the trip. "I asked them if they though they might be interested in opening a service center in Pampa and they replied, 'Based upon what I hear, yes."

Stowers added that since the Pampa project is much larger in terms of power output and will be well underway within two years, the community does not have

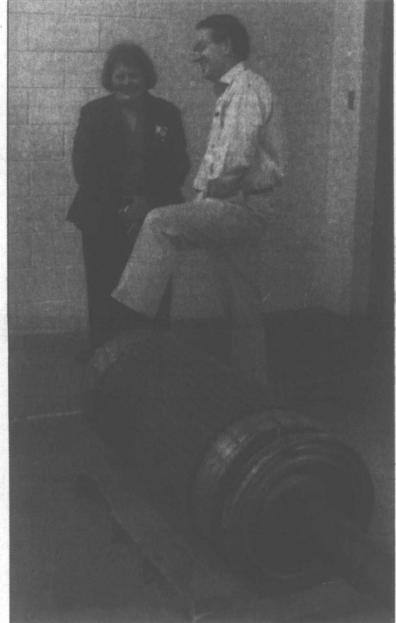
much time to make plans. EDC Secretary Kathy Cota helped to work out the details of the trip, down to driving one of the vans

transporting the group. "A photo does not do it justice," Cota said of windmill farms in the Sweetwater area. "It is awesome,

really." She added that the trip provided networking opportunities among the people in the group and among the group and the Sweetwater businesses and college.

"Making those contacts are important," she said. "We know we will be probably be doing several other trips," Fiveash said. "And we will open it up to other folks in the community.

"What we saw (there) is Pampa in the next three to five years. I think it is going to happen to us very



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Terry Blankenship, a director at Texas State Technical College, West Texas, talks with Pampa Mayor Lonny Robbins. The object in the foreground is part of a wind turbine. The group learned that sometimes students who have applied for the wind energy industrial training program at the college are snapped up by the industry before they even begin classes.

## Bovine sign in Temple comes down

TEMPLE, Texas (AP) moved up the trail.

Standing proud atop a billthat Interstate 35 in Central Temple, this red and white right to take it down. fiberglass Hereford guarded the city like a sphinx for more than 30 years. But on an early October morning, a worker lassoed the cow with a steel cable, and in a matter of minutes a crane lowered it onto a flatbed trailer.

"Our biggest concern, we couldn't find anyone who knew the weight," said Danny Coppin, the contractor in charge of the roundup.

Turns out the bull is hol-"felt like it didn't weigh anything at all."

nesses used the bull to help ment. people find their way long before Detroit added navigation devices to their automobiles. B.W. Ponder owns an automotive service shop that sits in the bovine's shadow. His business cards read "Next to the Big Cow."

"We hate to see the bull go out) in 1981 when he bought easy for people to find us. We had an agreement, we knew said, regarding the owner's

Ponder is now looking on bull. So far, no luck, he said. Ponder's office manager,

Debra Santos, said she remembers the bull from the 1970s when her grandparents took her to the steakhouse that originally hoisted the big cow into the sky.

The bull came down because a local real estate man, Reuben Marek, bought the old steakhouse building low. The crane operator said it that until earlier this month sat in the animal's shadow. Temple residents and busi- made a gentlemen's agree-

keep it for a marker."

(it's actually a steer, he points cot.

Temple's beloved bull has because it's a landmark and the building that sits below it. his steer, the man apparently overlooks the bull was always his," he that time was serving Mexican food. The cow had changed, too.

"It had horns on it, and a the Internet for a replacement jalapeno on each side," Mays said. "I had an old boy get a bucket and he painted it ... and got the horns off."

ground, Mays is going to do some cross breeding.

He said he is going to paint the bull black because he keeps Black Angus cattle on his Troy ranch. He plans to set the bull on top of a pole near his business at Enterprise Road and I-35. Motorists from both directions would The new and old owners easily see the black bull at its new home.

Over the years, Mays said "I told Reuben I wanted he has turned down a few that bull," said Lee Mays, offers. A man from the Indeco Sales and Maco offered him \$5,000 because mals. Manufacturing. "I wanted to their high school football team is called the Whitefaces Mays said he got the bull and he was looking for a mas- guy is still in business.

Although Mays didn't sell Although it was originally a succeeded. An alumni Web Sirloin Stockade, the owner at site for Hereford High School features a picture of what looks like the Temple bull riding in a trailer.

This is the second bull on 57th Street to come down within a month.

This past summer, Clem Mikeska corralled the bull With the bull now on the that stood atop his restaurant since the late 1960s, just before he razed the old restaurant and moved into the new one next door. His bull now sports a fresh coat of paint and a CM brand on its left flank. The same crew that took down the old Sirloin Stockade bull will lift Mikeska's refurbished bovine to the top of his new restaurant within a few days.

Mikeska said he bought his bull in the mid 1960s from a traveling salesman with a chief executive officer for Panhandle town Hereford truckload of fiberglass ani-

> Across the interstate, Ponders can only hope that