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Check out the 'Back to School' special section in today's issue of The Pampa News.

Top O' Texas Rodeo

Rain pours on first night of annual performance

The Top O' Texas Rodeo Association began the three-day long annual rodeo last night with a free barbecue to all ticket holders. Although the attendance was low because of pouring rains that lasted throughout the rodeo, the crowd present enjoyed the events and new open format.

The following is a list of winners for Thursday from the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association.

The Bull Riding winners were Brandon Langford of Eric, Okla., with

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Pampa News photo by Rachel Stennett
 Michael Craig carried the Top O' Texas Rodeo Association flag last night during the grand entry. He is a long time board member of the association and Kid Pony Show and Junior Rodeo co-chairman.

EDC discusses money matters at board meeting

by Marilyn Powers
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It was all about money at Pampa Economic Development Corporation's board of directors meeting, which began at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Nona Payne Room of Pampa Community Building.

A public hearing on a proposed action to create a \$50,000 grant drew no public comments. Board members

agreed to proceed as planned to create the grant for the Gray Pampa Community Fund.

"We are set up to work with the Amarillo Area Community Fund for a matching grant," said board president Ken May. "The purpose of the Gray Pampa Community Fund is to use the funds for specific community

improvement projects as the steering committee recommends."

Board members approved sending Kathy Cota, administrative assistant, to attend a grantmanship training program in Amarillo. Cost of the program, scheduled for Oct. 6 through Oct. 10, is \$895 per person. Cota will also be reimbursed for travel expenses in connection with attending the program.

The training program covers all aspects of researching grants, writing grant proposals and negotiating with funding sources. It will be held at the Non-Profit Service Center, a program of the Amarillo Area Foundation.

Executive Director Dwight Fiveash reported on the current status of the housing project by Hampton Village on Alcock Street.

"They have started

bringing in fill dirt and have done a lot of survey work," Fiveash said. "They are still in the process of selling their tax credits."

"Because they have gotten state money, they have \$10,385,000 in tax credits. They will sell these at a discount and then take it off of their income tax. The current going rate is something less than 100 percent, probably about 80 percent."

"The selling of the

tax credits impacts their buildout schedule. They will not complete construction until the selling occurs," he said.

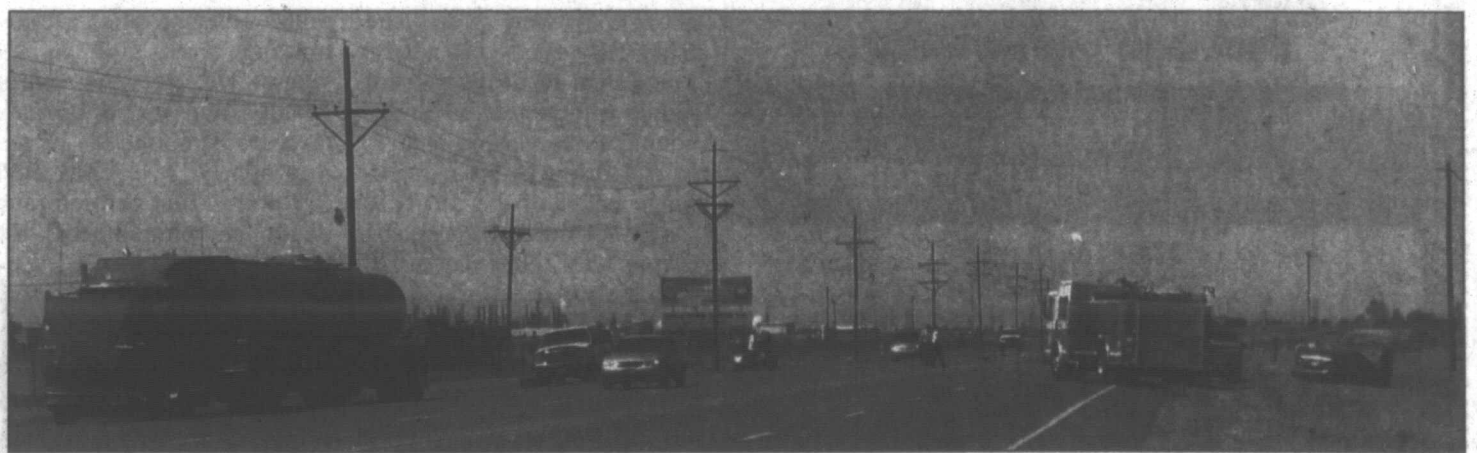
Fiveash said that he and Pampa City Manager Trevlyn Pitner had sent Hampton Village demographic data such as school enrollment and other population figures.

"I understood they were selling to mort-

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Highway 60 accident

A collision involving a passenger car and a tractor-trailer rig shut down the two inside lanes of Highway 60 about 4 miles west of Pampa just after noon Thursday until debris could be cleared from the roadway. Damage to the front driver's-side corner of the red semi is visible in the photo. Also involved was the passenger car visible off the roadway on the grass to the right of the highway. Emergency services which responded to the scene included Pampa Fire Department, Guardian EMS Ambulance Service and Gray County Sheriff's Office.



Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers

Woman found guilty of 2002 aggravated sexual assault of a child

by Marilyn Powers
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A Booker woman was sentenced Wednesday to 10 years in a Texas Department of Criminal Justice facility after being found guilty of aggravated sexual assault of a child.

Ginger Brown, 33, was found guilty

of the first-degree felony Tuesday in 31st District Court in Lipscomb County Courthouse. Jury selection had begun Monday morning, with a jury seated by 2 p.m., said Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal in 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's office. The guilty verdict was handed up at about 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, she said.

The range of punishment for a first-degree felony is five to 99 years or life imprisonment and a fine, if any, not to exceed \$10,000. Brown did not receive a fine as part of her sentence, Rutherford said.




"The offense occurred in March

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Saturday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rainfall. Cloudy, with a high near 77. Southeast wind around 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Sunday Night: Showers and thunderstorms likely. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Cloudy, with a low around 59. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Monday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 74. North-northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Child dies in hot vehicle in hospital parking lot

HOUSTON (AP) — A 3-year-old who was left in his mother's truck in 90-degree heat as she worked her shift at a Houston hospital died after wriggling free from his car seat, climbing into the front seat and apparently trying to start the ignition or open the windows, officials said.

Cameron Thomas Boone is the second child to die in a locked, hot vehicle in the Houston area within less than 24 hours. Temperatures reached 94 degrees Thursday. Sheriff's Lt. John Denholm said the boy's mother found him unconscious when she returned to

the truck after her shift at North Cypress Medical Center about 3:30 p.m.

She broke the back windshield and called for help, but the child was dead when she brought him into the hospital emergency room. Denholm says the woman had meant to drop the child off at day care but had forgotten he was in the truck.

Denholm said the hospital had security guards patrolling the lot, but the truck had tinted windows and it was difficult to see inside. The key found in the truck ignition may not necessarily have belonged to the vehicle, he said.

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Texas school district OKs pistols for staff

HARROLD, Texas (AP) — A tiny Texas school district may be the first in the nation to allow teachers and staff to pack guns for protection when classes begin later this month, a newspaper reported. Trustees at the Harrold Independent School District approved a district policy change last October so employees can carry concealed firearms to deter and protect against school shootings, provided the gun-toting teachers follow certain requirements.

In order for teachers and staff to carry a pistol, they must have a Texas license to carry a concealed handgun; must be authorized to carry by the district; must receive training in crisis management and hostile situations and have to use ammunition that is designed to minimize the risk of ricochet in school halls.

Superintendent David Thweatt said the small community is a 30-minute drive from the sheriff's office, leaving students and teachers without protection. He said

the district's lone campus sits 500 feet from heavily trafficked U.S. 287, which could make it a target.

"When the federal government started making schools gun-free zones, that's when all of these shootings started. Why would you put it out there that a group of people can't defend themselves? That's like saying 'sic 'em' to a dog," Thweatt said in Friday's online edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Thweatt said officials researched the policy and considered other options for

about a year before approving the policy change. He said the district also has various other security measures in place to prevent a school shooting.

"The naysayers think (a shooting) won't happen here. If something were to happen here, I'd much rather be calling a parent to tell them that their child is OK because we were able to protect them," Thweatt said.

Texas law outlaws firearms on school campuses "unless pursuant to the written regulations or written authorization of the institution."

It was unclear how many of the 50 or so teachers and staff members will be armed this fall because Thweatt did not disclose that information, to keep it from students or potential attackers. Wilbarger County Sheriff Larry Lee was out of the office Thursday and did not immediately return a phone call seeking comment, the newspaper said.

Barbara Williams, a spokeswoman for the Texas Association of School Boards, said her organization did not know of another district with such a policy. Ken Trump, a Cleveland-based school security expert who advises districts nationwide, including in Texas, said Harrold is the first district with such a policy.

The 110-student district is 150 miles northwest of Fort Worth on the eastern end of Wilbarger County, near the Oklahoma border.

On the Web: Harrold Independent School District, <http://harroldisd.net/>

Emergency Services

Ambulance

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

8:57 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location 3- to 4-miles West of Pampa on Highway 60. No transport.

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12:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a location 3- to 4-miles West of Pampa on Highway 60. No transport.

2:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of West 21st and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of Somerville and transported a patient to PRMC.

Fire

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

10:05 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Huff on a call for medical assistance.

12:05 p.m. — Three units and five personnel responded to a motor vehicle accident three miles west on Highway 60. No injuries were reported.

Death sentence upheld despite Bible in jury room

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal appeals court has ruled that East Texas jurors wrongly used a Bible during deliberations in a capital murder case, but that there isn't enough evidence to show they were prejudiced when they decided to send a Waco man to death row for fatally shooting and bludgeoning a 64-year-old man.

The ruling from a three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals comes in the case of

Kristian Oliver, condemned by a Nacogdoches County jury in 1999, a year after authorities said he and three companions were involved in the break-in and slaying.

Oliver's three accomplices received prison terms ranging from five to 99 years. He got the death penalty, and in his appeals lawyers contended jurors improperly consulted Scripture that called for death as punishment for murder.

"The jury's use of the Bible here amounts to a type of private communication, contact or tampering that is outside the evidence and law," the New Orleans-based court said.

But the appeals court, in a ruling posted late Thursday, said it didn't see enough evidence to overturn decisions from Oliver's trial court and the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals that upheld the jury verdict.

"As Oliver has not presented clear and convincing evidence to rebut the state court's finding that the Bible did not influence the jury's decision, we cannot say that the jury's use of the Bible had a substantial and injurious effect or influence in determining the jury's verdict," the 5th Circuit said.

The court last year upheld Oliver's conviction and denied his request for a federal evidentiary hearing on the Bible-related claims but agreed to consider arguments on the matter.

At issue was a passage in Chapter 35 of Numbers which, in the New American Standard Bible, reads: "But if he struck him down with an iron object, so that he died, he is a murderer; the murderer shall surely be put to death." Other versions of the Bible have similar passages, some referring to an "iron rod" as the weapon.

The victim in the case, Joe Collins, was shot and then

struck with the barrel of a gun, which Oliver's lawyer said could be likened to an iron rod.

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Edwards' ally explains \$14,000 payment to mistress

WASHINGTON (AP) — A \$14,000 payment to John Edwards' mistress from the candidate's political action committee — after she stopped working for it — was made in exchange for 100 hours of unused videotape she shot producing short Web movies for which she already had been paid \$100,000, an associate of Edwards' told The Associated Press.

The explanation, which Edwards' advisers declined to discuss on the record, is the first effort to justify the payment in April 2007 to Rielle Hunter, which came months before Edwards'

chief fundraiser quietly began sending money himself to the pregnant woman.

Edwards last week acknowledged he had an affair with Hunter in 2006. The former Democratic presidential contender and senator from North Carolina has denied any knowledge of those payments to Hunter from Fred Baron, Edwards' national finance chairman and a wealthy Dallas-based trial attorney. Baron also has described his payments to Hunter as a private transaction.

But the earlier, \$14,000 payment to Hunter is significant because its source was

Edwards' OneAmerica political action committee, whose expenditures are governed by U.S. election laws. Willfully converting money from a political action committee for personal use would have been a federal criminal violation.

An associate of Edwards', speaking on condition of anonymity, said the \$14,000 was paid to Hunter only after she relinquished about 100 hours of cutting-room floor videotape excerpts that were not part of four short Web videos she had produced for Midline Groove Ltd. in 2006.

When Hunter provided the

last of over 100 hours of footage, the firm was paid as contracted for, said the associate.

Legal experts said it was important for Edwards to demonstrate the PAC wasn't paying Hunter merely to keep quiet about the affair.

"One thing that's possible is that she was still owed money from what she'd done before for the political action committee, but obviously there are less charitable explanations," said Richard Hasen, a professor specializing in campaign finance law at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

Edwards said several

times in an Aug. 8 interview with ABC News the affair was short-lived.

But there is evidence that Edwards and Hunter spent months together in 2006, traveling the world and the country as he prepared for his second run for the White House. One of Hunter's friends, Pigeon O'Brien, told the AP that Hunter told her the affair with "John from North Carolina," who was married to a woman who had been seriously ill, began in March 2006. That conflicts with Edwards' statement the affairs started only after he hired her to produce several videos for his Web site, the first payment for which came in July 2006.

It appears from her videos that she accompanied him on several trips during the summer and into the fall: to Pittsburgh for a rally against Wal-mart Stores Inc., to Iowa for a speech to an education group, to New York

for an appearance on "The Daily Show with John Stewart." She also apparently tagged along during a five-day trip to the African nation of Uganda.

Edwards said several times during his interview with ABC the affair ended in 2006, when he confessed to his wife Elizabeth that he had "made a very serious mistake, a mistake that I am responsible for, and no one else."

"And then she forgave me, and we went to work on it," Edwards said.

Rodeo

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83 points; Deric Creswell of Weatherford, Okla., with 77 points; and Clay Taylor of Sayre, Okla., with 76 points.

The steer wrestling winners were Shawn Downe of Dodge City, Kan., with 4.4 seconds; Tanner Winkler of Pampa with 6.5 seconds; Casey Coleman of Pampa with 8.2 seconds; Dustin Lanham of Amarillo with 8.5 seconds; Kelly Downey of Dodge City, Kan., with 10.03 seconds; and Eddie Sharkley of Garden City, Kan., with 20.7 seconds.

The Bareback Riding winners were Justin Henderson of Canyon with 75 points; Cody Ziober of Huntsville with 72 points; and Ross Cooper of Lubbock with 69 points.

The Calf Roping winners were

David Witcher of Canyon with 11.06 seconds; Jarod Stovall of Canyon with 12.40 seconds; Clay Paige of Amarillo with 13.02 seconds; Slim Couch of Goodwell, Okla., with 13.70 seconds; Travis Chester of Pampa with 17.05 seconds; Jacob Wichert of Pampa with 23.09 seconds; and David Moore of Goodwell, Okla., with 24.30 seconds.

The Mutton Bustin' winners were Bradley Hannon of McLean, first place; Landry Brainard of Pampa, second place; and Cheyenne Barker of Pampa, third place.

The Breakaway Roping winners were Kaylee Hold of Gruver with 3.7 seconds; Brittany Young of Alva, Okla., with 3.9 seconds; Katie Adock of Miami with 4.1 seconds; Phylli Black of Crawford with 4.5 seconds; Rachelle Holt of Gruver with 5.5 seconds; and Erica Cresswell of Weatherford, Okla., with 13.3 seconds.

The Saddle Bronc Riding winners

were Sterling Crawley of Stephenville with 78 points; Aaron Lide of Odessa with 74 points; Jacobs Crawley of Stephenville with 73 points; and Cody Joe Bonds of Canyon with 72 points.

The Barrel Race winners were Kaylee Holt of Gruver with 16.68 seconds; Rachele Holt of Gruver with 17.22 seconds; Diana Martin of Scott City, Kan., with 17.32 seconds; Brittany Young of Alva, Okla., with 17.72 seconds; Jean Winters of Dalhart with 17.95 seconds; Jaye Lynn Wright of Canadian with 18.14 seconds; Shannon Cowan of Canyon with 18.28 seconds; Addi Bennet of Canyon with 18.92 seconds; Jennifer Douglas of Canyon with 19.57 seconds; and Karli Douglas of Pampa with 24.05 seconds.

The Team Roping winners were Darren Bennett/Artie Sailor with 8.4 seconds and Brice Bennett/ Artie Sailor with 12.2 seconds.

EDC

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gauge companies, but have had trouble doing so," said Gary Sutherland, board treasurer. The Hampton Village constructs housing for low- and moderate income occupants.

The local industrial foundation has been conversing with General Electric about a wind energy project for the local area, Fiveash said. The project is expected to be underway sometime in 2009 or 2010.

"MXT, one of the projects we (the EDC) supported, is in the process of buying their building from the industrial foundation," Fiveash said. "They close

on it on Aug. 28."

MXT manufactures packing material and pet treats in the former Marie Foundations building on Marie Street.

Sutherland reported that the EDC currently has \$2,210,000 in total assets, with the most recent income being \$147,537.10 in quarterly sales tax revenue received Aug. 8.

"Today, we pay the last \$25,000 on the marquee sign," Sutherland said, referring to the electronic sign on Hobart Street. "That leaves about \$40,000 in the checking account."

Sutherland also mentioned a \$3,580 bill from the Pampa Chamber of Commerce for charges incurred by the EDC over the past six months. These

charges include rent, dues, telephone service and copying costs.

"By the end of the fiscal year, we will be 10 to 15 percent over budget on revenue and 20 to 30 percent under budget on expenses," May said. "One of the EDC's goals this year is to get a million dollars in grant money."

Fiveash and Sutherland stated that the EDC would not go over its \$90,000 budget for salaries by hiring Cota as a paid employee, in response to a query by Pitner.

Fiveash said he is currently looking for two people to fill two vacancies on the board of directors. Both would complete existing terms, which end at the end of calendar year 2009, he said.

"My intent is to have the positions filled by Oct. 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year," Fiveash said.

The prospective board members would have to be approved by the Pampa City Commission, and would have to be elected to serve past the end of the current term.

Court

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2002, but was not reported and investigated until four years later," Rutherford said. The victim was 8 years old at the time of the incident.

A co-defendant, Jimmy Brown, who is Brown's husband, is already serving a


sentence in a TDCJ prison after he pleaded guilty to injury to a child and aggravated sexual assault of a child. The pleas were entered by Brown in late 2006 and early 2007, Rutherford said.

Jimmy Brown was sentenced to five years for the injury charge and 18 years for the sexual assault charge. The sentences are to run concurrently.

Injury to a child is a third-degree felony with a punishment range of two to 10 years and up to \$10,000 in fines.

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Viewpoints

Journalists serve as gov't watchdogs

There's nothing that gets me going like a room full of people bashing "today's media." I'm fairly certain that the majority of the public enjoy ... no ... take great pleasure in blaming the media for the world's woes.

In my estimation, there are a number of overly-used scapegoats for the evils of modern-day society including oil companies, big businesses in general, the president, the government, lawyers, fast food restaurants, mothers-in-law and the media.

As a former full-time member of the print media myself, I feel somewhat compelled to discuss the merits of the occupation;

however, as a former teacher of journalism I feel 100 percent duty-bound to adamantly defend what I believe is a noble profession.

Allow me to explain. First of all, the life of a journalist is not an easy one. It is a stressful, fast-paced, deadline-oriented job. Think about trying to finish your taxes on the evening of April 15 everyday of your life. The stress is exhausting.

Which brings me to the vacation/days off aspect of the journalism world. Do criminals take a day off from committing felonies and misdemeanors? Do earthquakes, famines and war-mongers wait until after the holidays to vex the planet?

Uh, no. So taking days off? Not so easy.

Then there is the glorious pay. Want to know what a beginning journalist makes? Half of what a beginning teacher gets, and they both have four-year degrees. But being a journalist is one of those kinds of jobs where you have to work your way up, or make a name for yourself to make the big bucks. And we wonder why journalists get a little crazy in pursuit of "the story."

Ah, the story — the crux of a journalist's life. But getting

the story is no easy feat. It requires talking to people you don't know, calling those who are often dealing with difficult issues, and standing by at the scene of an accident

or crime — quickly trying to find out things that most people involved would rather not discuss. It often means asking tough questions that you, yourself, wouldn't want to be asked either. Overall, it's uncomfortable, and most usually entails making others uncomfortable as well.

So why do they do it? For you! A journalist is similar to the disciplining parent. We, the people (a.k.a the kids) don't like to be dealt with harshly. We don't want to be in the hot seat. But journalists are the watchdogs, the ones keeping people, entities, agencies and our government accountable for their actions. It's an extremely necessary evil.

Journalists are the embodiment of a true democracy. They represent the principles of a free nation. They are here to serve the public with information as well as to provide an outlet for the exchange of ideas — as crazy as those ideas may be and whether we all agree with

them or not.

Look, I understand the media-bashing mentality. I see how different today's media is than in decades past. But the world is different, too. And sure, there are journalists out there, paparazzi in particular, who lie and deceive to get a story.

Many of you media-bashers have been burned yourselves. You've said something one time to a reporter and think that it was distorted to sound a different way. Reporters are human. It happens. One person says something, and another hears it in a different way. (Not much different than you and your

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Miranda Bailey

Guest Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Aug. 15, the 228th day of 2008. There are 138 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 15, 1945, Emperor Hirohito announced to his subjects in a prerecorded radio address that Japan had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

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In 1057, Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

In 1769, Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

In 1914, the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

In 1935, humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow, Alaska.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces landed in southern France in Operation Dragoon.

In 1947, India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

In 1948, the Republic of Korea (South Korea) was proclaimed.

In 1961, East German workers began building the Berlin Wall.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

In 1971, President Nixon announced a 90-day freeze on wages, prices and rents.

Ten years ago: Twenty-nine people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

Five years ago: Bouncing back from the largest blackout in U.S. history, cities from the Midwest to Manhattan restored power to millions of people — but encountered difficulties in fully reviving public services.

One year ago: Former NBA referee Tim Donaghy pleaded guilty to felony charges for taking cash payoffs from gamblers and betting on games he'd officiated in a scandal that rocked the league. (A federal judge sentenced Donaghy to 15 months behind bars.) A magnitude-8 earthquake in Peru's southern desert killed at least 540 people. Master jazz percussionist Max Roach died in New York at age 83.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Rose Marie is 85. Political activist Phyllis Schlafly is 84. Actor Mike Connors is 83. Actress Lori Nelson is 75. Civil rights activist Vernon Jordan is 73. Actor Jim Dale is 73. Actress Pat Priest is 72. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 70.

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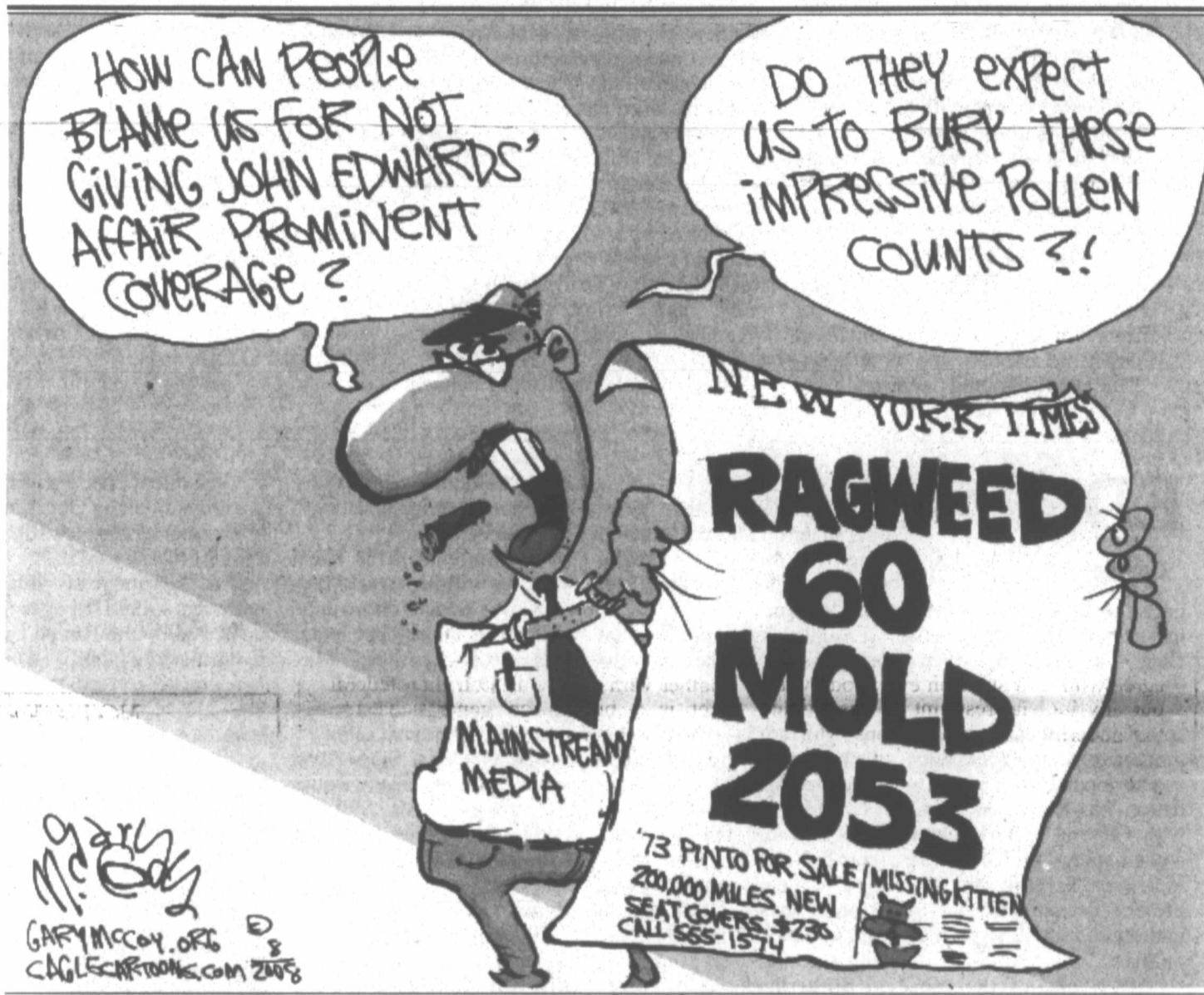
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Democracy not an American invention

Despite all the blather about democracy, we did not invent it, do not support it and have, during the recent administration, become less democratic than we were before.

We are and always have been too large a country for a true democracy. That's why the Founding Fathers created a republic. In a true democracy, the people would decide practically all the issues. In a republic, the people delegate that power to elected representatives who serve for a fixed term.

A republic is a good form of government provided the people pay attention, fairly judge the performance of their elected officials and boot 'em out of office when they don't cut the mustard. It is a good form of government provided the best peo-

ple, not the worst, offer themselves to serve in public office.

Our government really does not support democracy, except rhetorically. When the Palestinians had a free and fair election and chose Hamas members to man their government, we refused to recognize the new government. Apparently, the Bush administration's definition of a free election is one that provides the results the president wants.

Most of our "allies" are far from democratic. Egypt, Jordan, Saudi Arabia and the Gulf states are all authoritarian in one form or another.

Ironically, Iran does have an elected government, but there again, it's one Bush doesn't like. Poor Hugo Chavez in Venezuela has been elected and re-elected, but still gets called a tyrant by Bush's step-and-fetch-its. China, which is a stern one-party dictatorship, seems to find our favor.

I'd say that if you are a dictator seeking the favor of the United States, you must offer financial incentives, be a supporter of Israel or volunteer for lap-dog status.

If you dare indicate that you are interested in the welfare of your own people and your own nation, you are

likely to end up on the president's bathroom list. This basic rule of foreign policy doesn't seem to change regardless of which party occupies the White House.

It also should be noted that people keep insisting that Iran give up weapons it doesn't have while remaining dead silent about the nuclear weapons Israel does have. If our government were truly interested in nuclear nonproliferation, it would support a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East that includes Israel and would not be making deals to increase the nuclear capability of India.

So, the second rule of American foreign policy is that hypocrisy and expedience trump principles.

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Charley Reese

Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 31
Victoria Advocate on the legacy of the World War II veteran:

Author and journalist Tom Brokaw has called them "The Greatest Generation."

It was these young soldiers, their eyes full of wishes and dreams for the future, who were suddenly jerked into military service when an evil Axis of nations formed across both oceans from America, and threatened the freedom of peoples not only here but on

every continent of the globe.

In the small town of Cuero, a handsome, smiling young man named Ralph Gonzales was nearing graduation from high school when he was suddenly inducted into the Army in 1941 and, three years later, thrust into the greatest military endeavor in history the D-Day invasion of France in June 1944.

It took a lot of blood and guts to charge into Hitler's Atlantic Wall, and Mr. Gonzales supplied his share of both. Ahead of him on Utah Beach were miles and miles of well-trained Nazi soldiers, equipped with some of the deadliest weapons of war on Earth. Allied troops, including Mr.

Gonzales' 79th Infantry Division, landed amid withering fire from the Germans and began their trek inland. But in the town of St. Lo, a major objective of the Allies, they were ambushed by German troops. As Mr. Gonzales dived for the ground, he landed on a mine and was seriously injured.

It says a lot for Mr. Gonzales that more than his own injury, he speaks of a close comrade who had died earlier in the streets of Cherbourg.

By the time he recovered, his service was over, and he was discharged from the Army and sent home, where he

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Jury rejects assault suit against Osteen's wife

HOUSTON (AP) — Victoria Osteen, the wife of megachurch pastor Joel Osteen, says her faith never faltered after she was sued for allegedly assaulting a flight attendant over a spill on her first-class seat.

"If I had to go through this, I could at least be an example of trying to live out what's right, trying to stand strong and trying to just keep my faith intact," she said. "I stood strong because I believe in the truth."

Victoria Osteen said she never touched Continental Airlines flight attendant Sharon Brown and a jury on Thursday believed her, deciding that the co-pastor of Houston's Lakewood Church did not attack the airline employee.

After the jury's verdict, which came following nearly a weeklong trial, Victoria Osteen began to cry and hugged her attorneys and several supporters in the courtroom as she said "thank you God" and "praise God." The 12 jurors deliberated for about 2 1/2 hours.

Brown had testified Victoria Osteen got so upset when a spill on her first-class seat's armrest was not quickly cleaned

up that she threw the flight attendant against a bathroom door and elbowed her in the left breast while attempting to rush into the cockpit.

But Victoria Osteen testified no such incident took place, as did her husband and other first-class passengers.

Brown quickly left the courtroom without talking to reporters, but in a brief statement her attorney Reginald McKamie read, she said, "We gave the truth to the jury. We are happy we had an opportunity to try our case."

She had been seeking at least \$405,000 for actual damages — physical and mental pain as a result of an attack she alleged took place before the start of a December 2005 flight from Houston to Vail, Colo.

The jury's foreman, Gilles Labbe, said he and other jurors believed what happened on the plane was not an attack but a disagreement between a passenger and one or more flight attendants.

"This lawsuit in my opinion should not have been filed because nothing happened," he said.

Joel Osteen, whose church draws about 42,000 a week for

services and whose TV show and books are popular around the world, said he and his family hold no ill will toward Brown and they have prayed for her.

"It's a great vindication and shows us the faithfulness of God," he said.

In his closing argument earlier Thursday, Rusty Hardin, Victoria Osteen's attorney, dismissed Brown's lawsuit as a made-up story concocted to land a courtroom payday.

In his closing argument, McKamie told jurors that because of Victoria Osteen's status as a religious leader, she felt she had "favor from God." That led her to believe she was above reproach for humiliating and assaulting his client, he said.

Besides money for actual damages, Brown had requested punitive damages amounting to 10 percent of Victoria Osteen's net worth as part of her lawsuit.

But jurors only would have considered punitive damages if they had found that Victoria Osteen had assaulted Brown and had done so with malice. Victoria Osteen's net worth, which her attorneys declined to discuss, only would have been detailed in court if the trial had reached the punitive damages stage.

The Osteens paid a \$3,000 fine the Federal Aviation Administration levied against Victoria Osteen for interfering with a crew member but testified they did that to put the incident behind them.

Bailey

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spouse.) It's often not on purpose. Besides, even if it is, let's not be naive. There are bad guys in every profession.

But here's what I don't understand: Why are you people always bellyaching that there's not enough "good news" in the media, and furthermore, why is everything the media's fault?

I think we have some bonafide miscommunication. The news is not here to merely tell the warm, fuzzy stories of the day. That's what sermon illustrations

and grandma's gab sessions are for. Journalists must report on the news, whether we like it or not.

If the news were about anything that happened, then we would be printing articles on the front page about me plucking my eyebrows and losing my dog in the rain.

That's not news.

What makes something newsworthy? Here's what they teach in journalism school. A story is news if it has conflict, impact, timeliness, human interest, prominence and proximity. (PITCH if you want a handy, dandy acronym.)

Did the event happen recently? Will people be interested in it? How will

this event impact my readers/viewers? Is there an element of conflict? Does it involve someone of prominence? Did it happen in this area?

A story may have one or all of these elements, but that is how something is judged as news. There is a method to the madness. And yes, sometimes there is madness. I, too, get sick of the news cycle and its implications. The traditional values of the media — verification, objectivity, relevance and depth of reporting — are shifting toward sensationalism, entertainment and opinion. Agreed. But you have the same on/off button on your television as I do. And just because we don't like it

doesn't mean that journalists don't serve a valid purpose overall.

The news is ever-changing. The news is blunt, it's in our face, and it keeps people accountable. Sometimes it's bad news, sometimes it's unethical, sometimes it's done wrong or poorly or all of the above. But on a good day it makes us think and question issues. It informs, urges and compels. And if it happens to entertain or make us smile, that's good, too.

Our founding fathers knew what they were doing when they gave us the freedom of speech and the freedom of the press. Journalists, whether they always do it in practice, are here in theory to serve the greater good. But nobody's perfect. Not the president. Not the lawyers. Not the media. It doesn't mean we should boot 'em all out.

And if you disagree, that's what we have editorial sections for. Complain all you want there. And I will complain all I want here. Ain't America grand?

Reese

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Internally, we have become decisively less democratic. The present administration has a bad habit of questioning the patriotism and loyalty of people who disagree with it. It spies on everybody without any judicial restraint. It has riddled the government with partisans who are incompetent. It is the most secretive administration in American history. It lies like a drunken fisherman. It puts people in jail and holds them incommunicado without charges. It tortures people. It is contemptuous of the Constitution and especially of the principle of checks and balances.

Congress is too cowardly to do it, but George W. Bush and Dick Cheney are a

lot more likely to deserve impeachment than Bill Clinton was. Clinton lied about his private sexual peccadillos, while the Bush administration seems to lie about everything. Clinton lied to prevent a war with Hillary, while the Bush mob lied to get us into a war in Iraq. A big difference, I'd say.

Thomas Jefferson did not believe that one generation had the right to burden another with debt. Our \$9 trillion federal debt is a burden on generations too numerous to count. This is almost as serious a civic sin as lying our way into a war.

We seem to be following the familiar path of history where republics slide into empire and eventually a fascist dictatorship. Too bad that freedom, like a good wife, is most appreciated in its absence.

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

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went to an electronics trade school and had a lengthy career at Kelly Air Force Base.

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Every American can be proud of every military person who has served in every conflict in which America has taken part.

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The Lefors Independent School District will hold a public meeting at 7:00 PM, August 26, 2008 in the Lefors High School Library, 209 E. 5th Street, Lefors, Texas 79054. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$1.04000/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$0.30000/\$100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	12.40000% increase	0.00000% decrease
Debt service	0.00000% increase	0.00000% decrease
Total expenditures	12.40000% increase	0.00000% decrease

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value
(as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$132,489,322.00	\$193,959,540.00
Total appraised value** of new property**	\$95,270.00	\$321,840.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$123,472,049.00	\$174,494,392.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$95,270.00	\$321,840.00

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$1,840,000.00

*Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates					
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04000	\$0.30000	\$1.34000	\$9,207.00	\$7,029.00
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service					
Proposed Rate	\$1.04597	\$0.30000	\$1.34597	\$13,966.00	\$4,532.00
Proposed Rate	\$1.04000	\$0.30000	\$1.34000	\$13,920.00	\$4,698.00

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$17,432.00	\$17,724.00
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$17,432.00	\$17,724.00
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.34	\$ 1.34
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 99.59	\$ 103.50
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes	\$	\$ 3.91

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.34. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.34.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,321,328.00
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0.00

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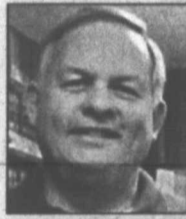
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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

God wants to use you, so get busy!

His name was Todd. He was a red-headed fireball at a summer Bible camp that I taught in Missouri in 1977. I moved that summer and didn't hear anything further from Todd until 1983. Today's article is about that reunion and how God can take the tiniest of things to accomplish His will.

Mike Sublett
Hi-Land Christian



In 1983, I was a youth minister in Pueblo, Colo., and took a group of teens to Soul Quest at York Christian College in Nebraska. During a break, I went to the student union to get a soft drink. While waiting in line, the door burst open and a young man yelled, "Mike Sublett!"

I turned around and was attacked with the biggest bear hug I've ever gotten. He finally relaxed his death grip hug, looked into my eyes and said, "You don't have a clue who I am, do you?" Those moments are when you wish like everything that you could do a pictorial search of your brain, but Todd had changed so much that it wouldn't have helped. So I replied, "Nope, sorry."

About that time, he opened his wallet and took out an orange string, a blue ribbon and an old worn out piece of paper with "me" written on it.

The light came on, and I exclaimed, "Todd, it's you. Man, have you ever changed?"

We sat there and reminisced about old times concerning that week during the summer of 1977. Since I had teens from my youth group at the event, I couldn't stay for long. Just as I said that I had to go, Todd said, "But I have to tell you something before you go."

"After camp that year, I thought I would be strong and faithful to the Lord for the rest of my life. I thought I was invincible, but I wasn't. I made a real mess of things for a couple of years. My life got so bad that I decided to end it all. I had the gun all ready. For some reason, I decided to clean out my wallet before I ended it all. I didn't know why; now I

know that it was the Lord.

"When I pulled out all of the stuffing, the orange string, the blue ribbon and the piece of paper fell out. I hadn't seen them in a long time. They took me right back to that life-changing summer. You gave us all the orange string and told us that it represented the wonderful week

that we had shared and the promises of faithfulness that we had all made to Jesus and to each other. You gave us the blue ribbon so that we would be reminded that in God's eyes we were all WINNERS. And you gave us that stupid piece of paper with 'me' written on it and said that for the rest of our lives we would take a little part of you with us and that we'd better be careful where we took you and what we did with you there.

"That did it. God used the memories of that summer to wake me up. I broke down in tears and balled like a baby. Life has been different since that night. I'm here at York now, and I'm going to be a preacher. I've always wanted to tell you, but didn't know where you were. That's why I was so excited to see you. Thanks."

By that time, we were both crying like babies in a place filled with everyone else laughing and horsing around. I wish I could tell you that I picked those three items out of my "deep relationship with God" or that "the Lord told me what to use," but that would be a lie.

About 30 minutes before class on Friday night, I decided to put something in their hands and all that came from the craft supplies. You see, it's not so important the size of what we do for Jesus, just that we be faithful. God can take the tiniest of things from our faithfulness and use them to do His mighty deeds in the lives of others. So get busy serving Jesus and then watch closely for what God just might do. And then give Him the glory. God bless.

Local church briefs

Pampa's Cornerstone Baptist Church is hosting a Panhandle Christian Hotrodder's Association Car Show Saturday in the church parking lot. Registration will be free and is set to begin at 8 a.m. Judging will begin at 12 p.m. with awards to be presented at 3 p.m.

The show will include the following categories: Pre-1950s cars; 1950, 1960, 1970, 1980s and up; street rod/roadster; muscle cars; open cars; Pre-1970s

trucks; 1970 trucks and up; and open truck. For more information, call the church office at 669-6509.

AMARILLO — Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will present Psalms IV Men's Acapella Quartet, Suzy Gayle and Special Surprise Guest along with the jamboree band at 7 p.m. Aug. 21 at the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo. At 7 p.m. Aug. 22, Larry

and Jodi's Jamboree will present Rosie O'Toole, Dan Hall and Ranch-Hand Hank with the jamboree band at the Great Plains Western Church in Claude.

Admission to both events is free. For more information, call (806) 944-5255.

SKELLYTOWN — Skellytown First Baptist Church will present The Southern Plainsmen in concert at 7 p.m. today at the church.

Church leaders ask Mo. gov't to commute death sentence

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — Several religious leaders have asked Gov. Matt Blunt to grant clemency for a man scheduled to be executed later this month.

Dennis Skillicorn is scheduled to be executed Aug. 27, in Missouri's first execution since 2005.

Skillicorn was convicted of killing Richard Drummond in Lafayette County in 1994.

In a letter sent Tuesday to Blunt, the religious leaders argued that Skillicorn "has turned his life around, becoming a model of rehabilitation and service to others." They asked Blunt to

reduce the sentence to a life prison term without the possibility for parole.

The clemency request was signed by Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran, Baptist, Quaker and Church of the Brethren leaders.

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Agriculture news

Test vaccines show promise against parasite of cattle

By Ann Perry
ARS News

An effective vaccine against a parasite-borne disease called neosporosis may be a few steps closer to development, thanks to Agricultural Research Service (ARS) scientists and cooperators.

Neosporosis, caused by the parasite *Neospora caninum*, affects cattle worldwide. Infected animals often abort their calves and develop other debilitating complications that can cost producers millions of dollars every year.

Animal scientist Wenbin Tuo and microbiologist Mark Jenkins work at the ARS Animal Parasitic Diseases Laboratory in Beltsville, Md. They collaborated with ARS Molecular Plant Pathology Laboratory molecular biologist Yan Zhao and National Institutes of Health researcher Daming Zhu to test a new neosporosis vaccine in a mouse model.

The team created the vaccine using the parasite's own proteins. One of these proteins, called *Neospora caninum* cyclophilin (NcCp), regulates the response of the host immune system that limits the survival of the parasite in the host after infection. The other protein — called NcSRS2 — helps the para-



Courtesy photo by Scott Bauer
A small dairy farm in western Maryland. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines "small farms" as those averaging \$50,000 in gross sales annually — which net, on average, around \$23,159.

site attach to and invade host cells.

The researchers tested three different vaccine cocktails containing these proteins. One group of mice received a formulation of NcCp. A second group received a formulation of NcSRS2. A third group was immunized with a mix of both proteins. After vaccination, the mice were inoculated with the parasite.

The researchers found

mice that received the vaccine formulated with NcCp alone exhibited the highest levels of protection against the disease. On average, only 13 percent of the mice in this group had detectable levels of *N. caninum* in brain tissue following infection. In contrast, more than 80 percent of the non-vaccinated mice were infected after challenge.

The scientists found that the serum antibody levels against the protein correlat-

ed well with the levels of protection. They also observed that the vaccine containing both NcCp and NcSRS2 was no more effective than the vaccine that just contained NcCp. However, more work is needed to evaluate the efficacy of these proteins in protecting cattle — the host animal — against the disease.

ARS is a scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Spears, Brown, Jonas Brothers get MTV Award nods

NEW YORK (AP)—After delivering one of the worst performances in the history of the MTV Video Music Awards, Britney Spears has a chance to be crowned this year as the absolute best.

The rebounding pop queen is nominated for video of the year for "Piece of Me," a clip that had fun with her reputation as a tabloid queen. Other nominees included the Jonas Brothers for "Burnin' Up," Chris Brown for "Forever," the Pussycat Dolls for "When I Grow Up" and newcomers The Ting Tings for "Shut Up and Let Me Go."

Other nominees announced Friday — Paramore, Fall Out Boy, Slipknot, Linkin Park and Foo Fighters — were in the category of best rock video.

This is Spears' third nomination for this year's VMAs; earlier, fans nominated her for best pop video and best female video, both for "Piece of Me."

Spears' nominations are ironic considering the neither the song nor the album from which it came, "Blackout," were significant hits; both were released amid Spears' spectacular public decline over the past year, and her performance at last year's VMAs in Las Vegas represented one of the lowlights of her fall from grace. She was universally ridiculed for her unkempt look and sloppy performance, which kicked off the VMAs and instantly became one of pop's classic moments.

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US: Quds, Hezbollah training hit squads in Iran

WASHINGTON (AP)—Iraqi Shiite assassination teams are being trained in at least four locations in Iran by Tehran's elite Quds force and Lebanese Hezbollah and are planning to return to Iraq in the next few months to kill specific Iraqi officials as well as U.S. and Iraqi troops, according to intelligence gleaned from captured militia fighters and other sources in Iraq.

A senior U.S. military intelligence officer in Baghdad described the information Thursday in an interview with The Associated Press. He spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive intelligence.

The officer on Wednesday provided Iraq's national security adviser with several lists of the assassination teams' expected targets. He said the targets include many judges but would not otherwise identify them. Iraq's intelligence service is preparing operations to determine where and when the special group fighters will enter the

country and is to provide an assessment to Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

The U.S. official acknowledged disclosing the information in an attempt to pressure Iran to suspend the training and prevent the militia fighters from returning to Iraq. The U.S. military also wants the Iraqi government to take steps to protect the targets. "Wanted" posters picturing men believed to be heading the special groups are being posted around Baghdad, the military officer said.

The U.S. also is encouraging the Iraqi government to confront Iran with the information in diplomatic channels, and it wants Iraq to continue pumping money into its own reconstruction. By building stability and Iraqis' confidence in their government, internal support for militia groups should decline, making it more difficult for them to operate.

The fighters are expected to return to Iraq between now and October, but the officer

said there's no intelligence suggesting they are actually in Iraq yet. The information came from militia fighters captured in Iraq and other sources in the country that the officer would not describe.

Many of the fighters fled to Iran this spring after Iraqi government forces cracked down first on militia sanctuaries in Basra and Baghdad's Sadr City district, then in Amarah and now in Diyala province, the military officer said.

One of the reasons the U.S. believes the special groups moved out during that period is the sharp decline in the number of deadly roadside bombs bearing Iran's signature explosive design. In March, there were 55 such attacks. By July, that number had dropped to around 18, the officer said. U.S. intelligence believes those sophisticated bombs can be traced back to Iran.

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• **The deadline to enter the Name the Mascot Contest** being sponsored by Amarillo Botanical Gardens is Aug. 20. The name will be applied to a new statue erected at the gardens of a six-foot "frog musician." The winner will be announced at the season finale of "Music in the Gardens" on Aug. 25. If more than one

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• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Aug. 20, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

GUEST UNEASY AT BAT MITZVAH SHOULD STEP UP TO THE PLATE

DEAR ABBY: I am 14 years old and the daughter of a successful businessman. Daddy recently announced that we have been invited to the bat mitzvah of the daughter of one of his co-workers. I don't want to go. When I was in seventh grade, I went to her brother's bar mitzvah. While the actual ceremony was interesting and enlightening (I'm Catholic), the party afterward was really uncomfortable. I'm not shy, but it is hard to socialize with people I have never met before on such a large scale. I am afraid I'll be intimidated by all the other kids there who know each other. How can I enjoy myself this time around? I'd appreciate any advice you have.

QUIET AND INTIMIDATED IN CLEVELAND

DEAR QUIET AND INTIMIDATED: You are older and more socially skilled now than when you were a seventh-grader. You don't have to "sparkle," because the attention will be centered on the bat mitzvah girl. Why not use being Catholic and not knowing anyone to your advantage? Pick out the cutest boy in the room, walk over and explain that this is all new for you. Remember the circle dance in which everyone participated at the last party? It's called the "hora." Tell him you don't know how and ask him to show you and lead you when the music starts. You may make a friend.

DEAR ABBY: When I had my first child, my sister "Ursula" bought me a cradle swing that retails for about \$180. I have used it for both my children and have kept it in excellent condition. My youngest is nearing the recommended weight limit for the swing, so I'm considering selling it, as I do with all the items my children outgrow. I should get about \$75 for it. I'm a stay-at-home mom and my husband works

two jobs. We live on a tight budget. I'd like to use the money I get for the swing for birthday and Christmas gifts for the kids. Ursula's husband's niece, "Bree," is having a baby boy in two months. I'm not close to Bree and see her only every other year. I plan on giving her lots of the baby clothes, toys and equipment I have. I could have sold them, but chose to give them to Bree. I don't plan on giving her the swing. Ursula is now reminding me that she and her husband gave me the swing and they would like me to pass it along to Bree. Am I obligated to give what was a gift to me and my children to Bree's child? There were no stipulations when I received it. How do I handle this? — **PUZZLED IN PLANO, TEXAS**

DEAR PUZZLED: For Ursula to dictate to you how you dispose of the gift takes a lot of nerve, and no rule of etiquette obligates you to give the swing to Bree. However, unless you want that swing to become a bone of contention and a source of resentment, give it to Bree with a smile. The good feelings it will generate are worth more than \$75 -- and the penalty isn't worth it. Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: This may be a dumb question, but I don't have the answer. If my elderly roommate dies (of old age) during the night, who do I call the next morning -- his doctor at a big, impersonal HMO, the county coroner or the cremation society of which he is a prepaid member? He has no living relatives. — **ANXIOUS ROOMIE, IN SAN FRANCISCO**

DEAR ANXIOUS: Your question is not "dumb." In the event that someone dies at home, the police should be notified so they can be sure the person passed away of natural causes.

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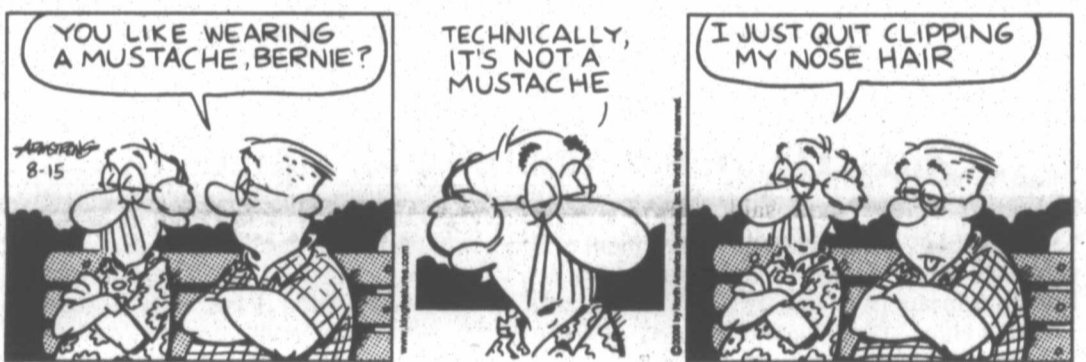
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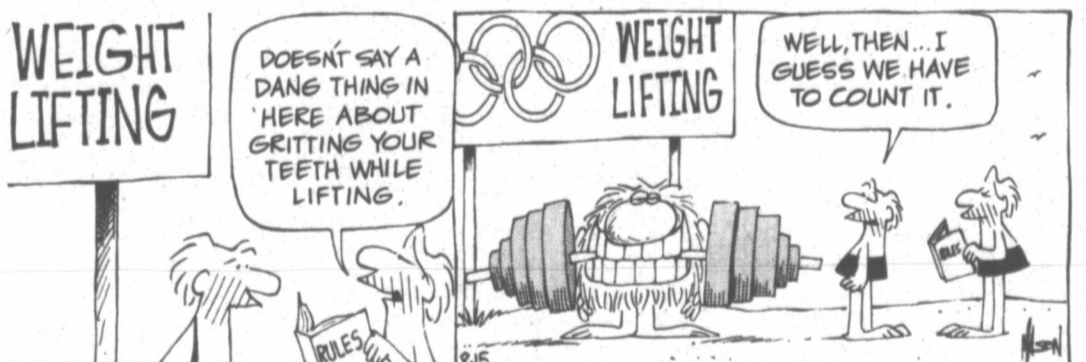
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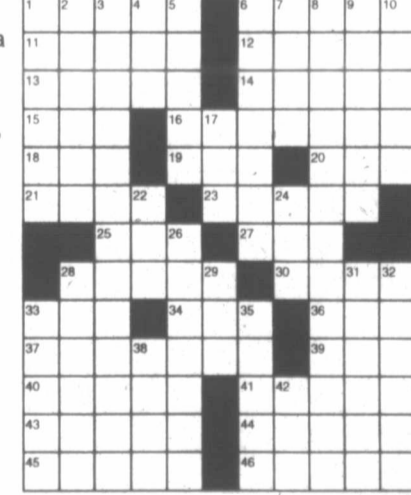
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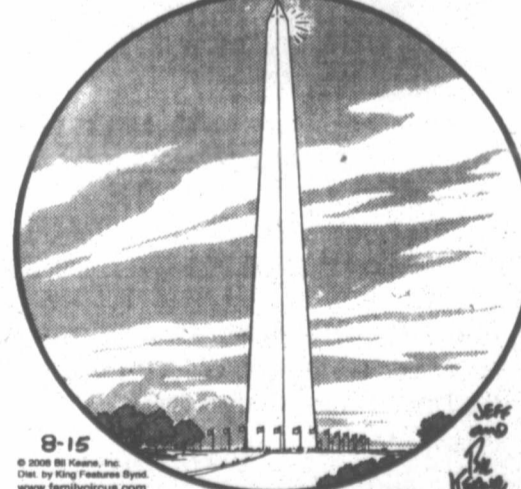
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Sports

Blake rips foe after Olympic loss

BEIJING (AP) — James Blake could shrug off the three match points he failed to convert, and even the misfire on an easy forehand that would have given him a berth in the Olympic final.

What stuck in his craw was the notion his opponent didn't play fair.

Blake came up one shot short Friday, losing in the semifinal to Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 4-6, 7-5, 11-9. Afterward he accused Gonzalez of failing to fess up on a disputed point two games before the finish.

"I've spoken all week about how much I've enjoyed the Olympic experience, how much I love the spirit of it," Blake said. "That's a disappointing way to exit the tournament, when you not only lose the match, but you lose a little faith in your fellow competitor."

Actually, the No. 8-seeded Blake remains in the tournament. A first-time Olympian at 28, he'll play for a bronze Saturday as the last hope for a U.S. medal in men's or women's singles.

Gonzalez, seeded 12th, will play in Sunday's final against the winner of the later match between Rafael Nadal and Novak Djokovic.

The incident that upset Blake occurred with Gonzalez serving at 8-9 in the final set. On the first point, Blake hit a backhand passing shot long but contended the ball ticked Gonzalez's racket before landing, as TV replays confirmed.

Blake appealed in vain to the chair umpire, and said Gonzalez should have conceded the point. Blake went on to lose the game to make it 9-11.

"Playing in the Olympics, in what's supposed to be considered a gentleman's sport, that's a time to call it on yourself," Blake said. "Fernando looked me square in the eye and didn't call it."

Gonzalez said he was uncertain whether the ball hit his racket.

"I didn't feel anything," Gonzalez said. "I mean, it's just one point. There is an umpire. If I'm 100 percent sure about it, I mean, I will give it. But I'm not sure."

Blake described Gonzalez as a great player who does everything in his power to win, "usually" within the rules.

"Whatever he wants to say is fine," Blake said. "Whatever is going to get him to have some sleep tonight, then that's fine."

New No. 1 Jelena Jankovic lost in the women's quarterfinals to No. 6 Dinara Safina of Russia, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3. Safina won her 14th match in a row and will play Li Na of China in the semifinals Saturday.

The other women's semifinal will be an all-Russian matchup between No. 5 Elena Dementieva and No. 9 Vera Zvonareva.

Roger Federer, eliminated in singles Thursday by Blake, kept alive a bid for the first

medal of his career by winning a rain-interrupted doubles match with Swiss partner Stanislas Wawrinka. They advanced to a semifinal match later Friday against top-seeded Mike and Bob Bryan of the United States by beating Mahesh Bhupathi and Leander Paes of India 6-2, 6-4.

Venus and Serena Williams, also eliminated in singles Thursday, completed a suspended second-round doubles match and beat Ayumi Morita and Ai Sugiyama of Japan, 7-5, 6-2.

The two doubles matches were suspended at 1:15 a.m. because of rain and resumed 15 hours later.

Americans Lindsay Davenport and Liezel Huber lost in the quarterfinals to Anabel Medina Garriguez and Virginia Ruano Pascual of Spain 5-7, 7-6 (6), 8-6.

Blake and Gonzalez played the first match on center court, and there was tension between them as early as the second set, when Gonzalez slammed an easy forehand at his opponent's head from point-blank range.

Blake glared at Gonzalez, who apologized. Afterward Blake said he was upset only in the "heat of the moment."

As for the later point of dispute, the match wouldn't have reached that stage had Blake converted one of his three match points after Gonzalez fell behind 5-6, love-40 serving in the final set.

At 10-9 it was Gonzalez

who struggled to convert match points, but on the fifth one he smacked a service winner for the victory.

"It was really one or two points, and who played those one or two points better," Blake said. "Today he did at the end."

After beating Federer, Blake showed no sign of an upset hangover. He served well, winning 15 consecutive service points at one stretch, and repeatedly negated the big-swinging Chilean's forehand by pinning him deep in baseline rallies.

Blake even pulled off a nifty trick shot, retreating to retrieve a lob and hitting a back-to-the-net, between-the-legs forehand. Gonzalez was so startled he dumped an easy forehand into the net.

Three times in the second set, Blake was two points from victory. But the best opportunity came in the third set, when he went for a winner on his first match point and sailed a forehand long.

Gonzalez then hit four winners in a row to hold for 6-all, and eight games later he was thrusting his arms to sky after clinching a medal.

Four years ago in Athens, Gonzalez and Nicolas Massu won the doubles for Chile's first gold medal in any sport. Gonzalez also won a bronze in singles in 2004, and he's guaranteed at least a silver Sunday.

"I'm happy because the worst thing that can happen is I'm going to have all the medals," he said.



Molly Manhart competed in barrel races last Sunday at the Kid Pony Show. Courtesy Photo

Hidden Hills sees seven-way tie

The seven teams who participated in Hidden Hills' Senior Scramble this week, remarkably, all tallied the exact same score ... a 32 on nine holes.

"We only played nine because we were rained out," Golf Pro David Teichmann said. "When they all tied, we did a score card play-off to decide the winners."

The play-off involves playing the three hardest holes on the course. The teams with the lowest scores win.

"It is pretty unusual to see this many teams score the same," Teichmann said. "Usually you just expect maybe three or four like that."

Hidden Hills Results

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6th Place (32)

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Meeting Chinese gymnast? Like jail visiting hour

BEIJING (AP) — For a few brief moments, it was as if a curtain had parted. We had one of China's young — perhaps too young — Olympic gymnasts alone.

Yang Yilin, through no fault of her own, has been one of the stories of these games because of questions about whether she and two other gymnasts on the Chinese team are old enough to compete. China insists they are, but that hasn't erased the doubts that they may be under the minimum age of 16.

Now we had our chance to find out more, to get a close-up look at this 4-foot, 11-inch figure of controversy, as she waited for her medal-winners' news conference to begin.

How fragile she looked, like a baby deer in the headlights of an oncoming SUV. Little pink hearts and the word "love" in blue letters decorated her hair clips. The glitter on her forehead twinkled under the lights. Chalk was encrusted where the skin met her slender fingernails. So thin, so uneasy, so out of place she seemed, in a downstairs room in Beijing's National Indoor Stadium.

She'd just won an Olympic bronze medal in all-around gymnastics, one of the toughest sporting tests there is.

Two Americans had stood with her on the podium. Nastia Liukin got the gold, Shawn Johnson the silver, and they were late. As minutes passed, reporters crowded around Yang, scrutinizing, asking questions.

Unlike Johnson, who arrived later, obviously delighted with her medal, Yang displayed little outward emotion. She smiled obediently, all small teeth, when reporters asked her to pose for photos. Her little mouth pursed again when the lenses were turned away.

Perhaps Yang is shy by nature. But, really, she just seems to have been sheltered by the Chinese coaches who direct her life.

"For the drug test," coach Liu Qunlin said, passing Yang a bottle of water so she would be able to provide a sample for the dope-testers.

Then, a little hesitantly, Yang started to answer the questions. And the more she said, the more shocking it was. The answers were brief, spoken without heart. What emerged was a picture of a

young girl who has been kept largely cut off from family and the outside world for more than a year, so she could be intensely trained to win medals for China at its own Olympics.

Were your parents here to see you compete, among the cheering crowds?

"I don't know."

When was the last time you went home?

"Ummm ... before I joined the national team," Yang said, her small voice hard to hear.

When was that?

"More than a year ago."

Will you go on holiday after the games?

"I don't know."

How many holidays do you get a year?

"I have not had a holiday since I joined the national team."

China's national gymnastics squad trains in a sports complex in Beijing, not far from the Temple of Heaven, where elderly men and women keep their aging joints and minds supple with taiji exercises in the misty mornings. The training center is a guarded, single-minded and demanding world, where China's brightest talents are honed to bring glory to their

country and the communist government.

State-run TV got a look inside last year. On the gymnasium's end wall was a revolution-red Chinese flag and this slogan in big Chinese characters: "Endure all possible hardships, go all out to achieve success, start from nothing, do one's utmost to catch up."

The Chinese girls' coach, Lu Shanzhen, has gotten his alchemy right at these games, after previously falling short. His young charges beat the United States this week to win China's first women's team gold.

With his square glasses, Lu bears a slight physical resemblance to the Dalai Lama. He's soft-spoken, friendly, if a little awkward in public. Liu Xuan, one of his former gymnasts who won balance beam gold and all-around individual bronze at the Sydney games, says he can be intimidating and stern behind closed doors.

He changed his way of doing things after his team came back from Athens four years ago with just one medal, an all-around-bronze for Zhang Nan. He seasoned his young gymnasts for the

Beijing games by sending them overseas to compete and by having them compete against each other.

Yang, He Kexin and Jiang Yuyuan are among the six who came out on top. Questions have been raised about those three because of Chinese competition records and media reports that suggested they may be underage — and therefore more flexible and less troubled by old injuries or fear.

The body that runs gymnastics and the International Olympic Committee say they've checked the girls' passports, issued by Chinese authorities, and they show they are old enough to be here.

For someone who supposedly turns 16 this August, Yang still seems to have a lot of growing up to do. If the Chinese passports are correct, then Johnson is only 7 months older than Yang. But the age difference seems much larger than that. At the news conference, Johnson was bubbly, talkative, self-assured — everything Yang was not.

"They are very confident," Yang noted of the American women.

Asked what she does on her Sundays off, Yang said: "I go to the gymnastics hall to have fun. ... A lot of us play together, 'hitting the duck,' 'running through the line' and 'getting on the cat.'"

In "hitting the duck," kids throw and hit each other with a small, sand-filled bag. It wasn't clear what the other games involve, but it sure didn't sound like listening to tunes in your bedroom at home with girlfriends, watching MTV and dreaming about boys.

When questions turned to what Yang might like to do after sports, the coach interjected.

"It's too soon," she said. "She hasn't done enough gymnastics yet."

Then, after a few final questions, the curtain closed again.

"Let her rest a little," the coach said, cutting the moment short.

And to Yang: "Drink some water."

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Aussie sprinter Cale Campbell leads 80 free prelims

BEIJING (AP) — Youth topped experience in the Olympic pool on Friday night, with Aussie teen Cale Campbell out-sprinting 41-year-old American Dara Torres in the 50-meter freestyle preliminaries.

The 16-year-old swimmer qualified fastest in 24.20 seconds. She swam her heat in a lane next to Torres, who moved on to Saturday morning's semifinals as third-fastest in 24.58.

"I love 50s, they're so much fun," Campbell said. "Every time I touch the wall it's a mystery until I look

up." Campbell wants to improve on her showing in the 100 free, where she failed to make the final. Torres had already been on three Olympic teams before Campbell was born.

"I think she's an amazing woman and an amazing competitor," the Aussie said. "I really admire her. I'm not going to be swimming when I'm 40. No way."

Torres is looking to pad her stash of Olympic medals. She earned her 10th career medal last weekend, anchoring the U.S. women to a sil-

ver in the 400 free relay. But she wants an individual souvenir from her fifth Olympics, a record for an American swimmer.

Torres was the bronze medalist in the 50 at the 2000 Sydney Games. She retired but launched her comeback after giving birth to her first child in 2006.

"It felt really easy. I've been working on my starts," she said. "My finish was horrible, but hopefully by Sunday I won't think about anything. I'll just do it."

Torres is in Beijing without her personal coach,

Michael Lohberg, who found out last month that he has a rare blood cancer in which the bone marrow doesn't produce enough new cells.

Marleen Veldhuis of the Netherlands was second overall in 24.38. Libby Trickett, the world record holder who earned a silver in the 100 free earlier Friday, was fourth in 24.67. She is the only woman to have gone under 24 seconds, clocking 23.97 at the Australian trials in March.

"It's going to be a fast final so I've really got to bring it each round," she said. "It's

obviously a very different format to have the finals in the morning and the heats at night. I really want to make it through to the next round, but once you're there, it's anyone's game."

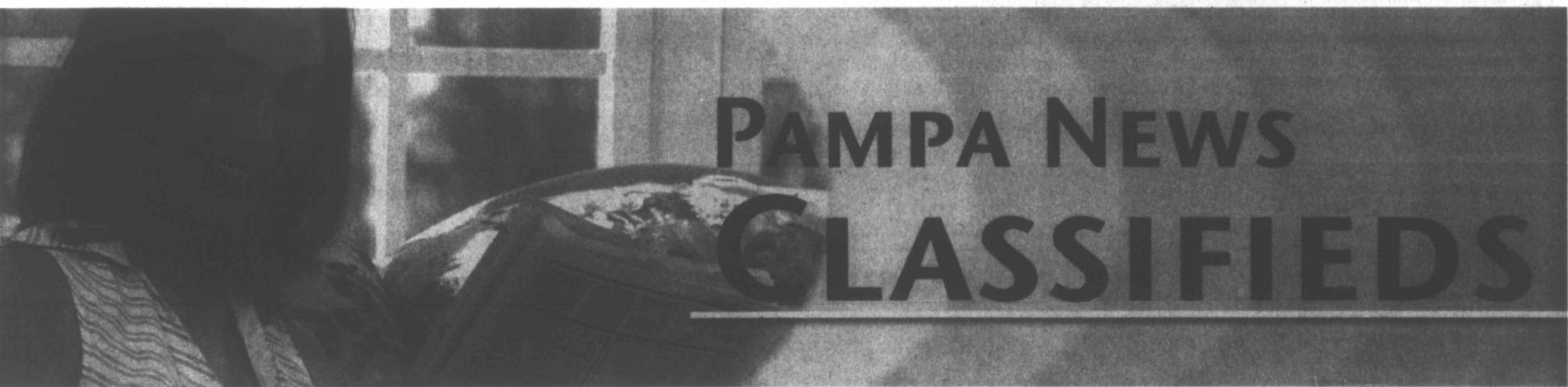
Trickett first recorded a sub-24-second time in a race against Michael Phelps in April 2007, but swimming's world governing body refused to ratify a world mark because it was a mixed gender race.

Also advancing among the top 16 were 100 champion Britta Steffen of Germany (sixth); Therese Alshammar

of Sweden (ninth); and American Kara Lynn Joyce (14th).

Joyce, who was fifth four years ago in Athens, added the sprint event to her schedule after Jessica Hardy withdrew from the team because of a positive drug test at the U.S. trials.

The women sprinters and distance men took over the Olympic pool on a night when Phelps rested after claiming his sixth gold medal earlier Friday, with a world record in the 200 individual medley.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 16, 2008: This year, others ask a lot. The issue might be as simple as determining to whom and how much you are willing to give. You could be redefining boundaries and directions, knowing what is important to you. You do not want to scatter your energies too far. Yes, it might be nice to be giving, but you also must choose some limits. If you are single, many people would like to be your significant other. Choosing the right person could be quite a job with so many choices. If you are attached, juggling your needs with your sweetie's will take talent. AQUARIUS has the same issues as you, but approaches them differently. 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) Others seem to be energized, and you are part of the reason for the enthusiasm. You scarcely have a choice but to join in. You might feel as if you have a choice to make between friends and plans: Happiness and caring simply emanate. Tonight: Lead the fun. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take a stand, and know what must be done. Sometimes, you have so much on your plate that you do not know which way to go. You juggle certain responsibilities, although there is one with no way out. Tonight: A must appearance. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Overview could be very important. Make a point of hopping in the car and going for a drive. A movie could work too. Avoid the tried and true, and new doors will open up as a result. Remain as open as possible. Tonight: Break pattern. CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone brings a new option to the table that could delight you. If you are tired and withdrawn, this person will do his or her best to energize you. Recognize that you might be pushing your limits. Tonight: Togetherness works. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Others want your feedback, but on some level you could be drained, just trying to be you. Let go, and do not push too hard to achieve what you want. Let today unwind, then later decide on actions. Tonight: Choose from many invitations. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Stay even and upbeat. How you get to the point of understanding with someone might be quite curvy. Let go and allow others to be in control. A loved one or a child doesn't make anything complicated. This person simply lets you know how very much he or she cares. Tonight: Know when to call it a night. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A relationship could be changing. Though you might be worried which direction it might evolve, ultimately, you will see it as "better." You have pushed very hard to project certain attitudes and behavior here. Tonight: Relax and smile! SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Investigate, and understand when enough is enough. Your ability to breeze through a problem might be admirable, and it works - most of the time, but not right now. You will need to loosen up and go with the moment. Tonight: Happy at home. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) No longer lay back and count on luck. A more proactive style might be just what the doctor ordered. You might be putting more money into an investment. Make a must appearance with a smile. Tonight: You make a difference. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your optimism carries over to others. You might be surprised by how many people surround you, and quite suddenly at that. By understanding and accepting, you win friends wherever you go. Tonight: Make that caring gesture. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are all smiles. Take the initiative, especially with a key relationship. Sharing your vulnerabilities warms up the emotional climate far more than you thought possible. Schedule a walk with a child or loved one. Tonight: Zero in on what you want. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Realize the difference a friendship makes to you, as well as others. You still might opt for some private time and/or quality time with a very special loved one. Avoid becoming overly serious, even if you are reflective. Tonight: Mystery adds to your allure. Vanish!

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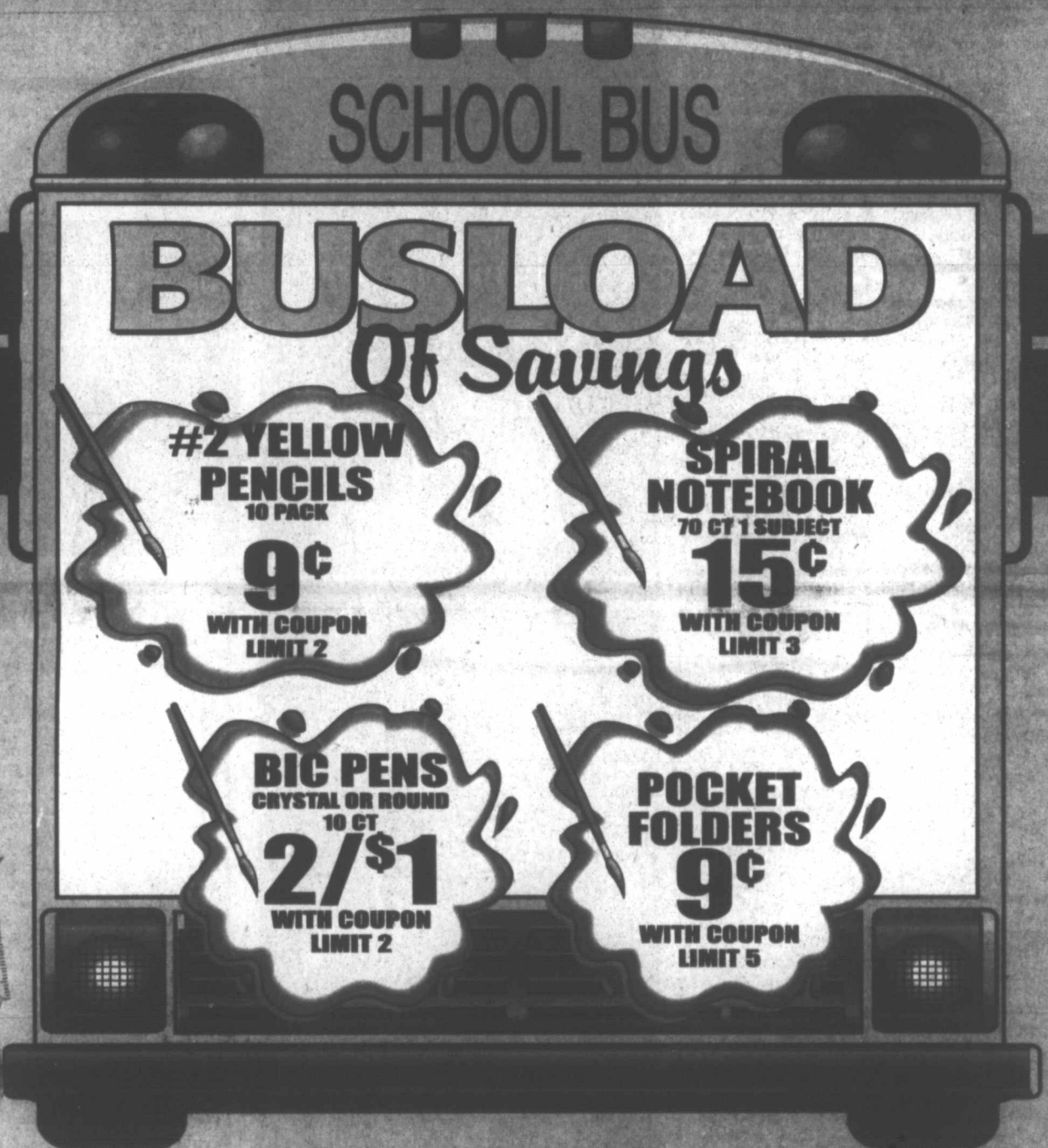
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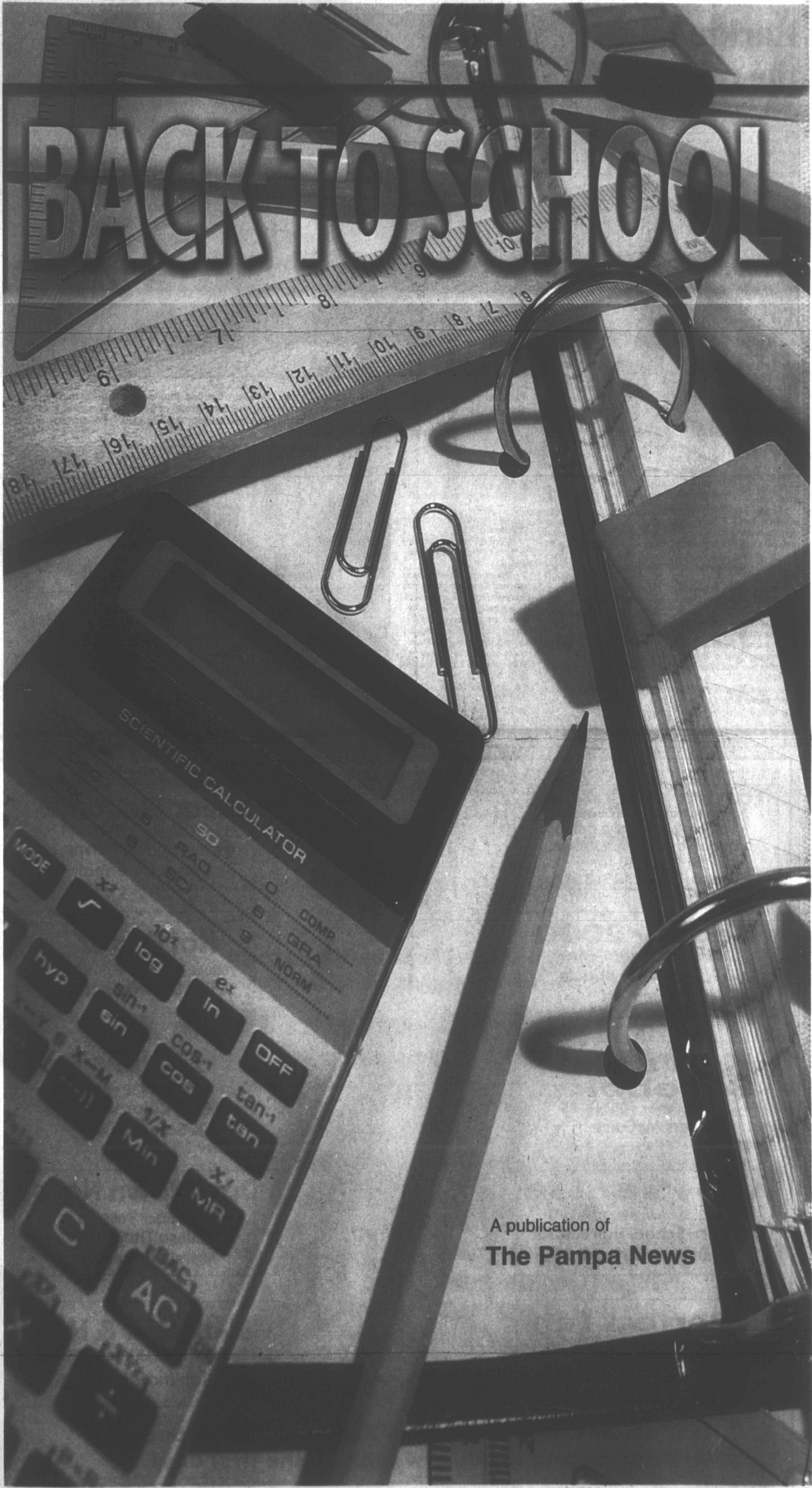
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Larkin takes the reins at PHS

by Miranda G. Bailey
Special to The Pampa News

Tanya Larkin's journey to the Pampa High School principal's chair has not always been the easiest of roads.

Larkin, a native of Shamrock, said it was her own experiences in school, and high school in particular, that led her into a career in education.

"I had a rough transition between my 8th and 9th grade years ... my father was murdered and my whole world fell apart! I was not the best model of a high school student at that time and boy, did I have an attitude," Larkin said. "But my teachers did not give up on me. They cared for me and were so compassionate during this difficult time."

She said her teachers, however, "never expected less of me and always kept pushing me to expect more from myself ... they saved me from myself!"

Larkin said this helped her later realize that being a teacher was only partly about passing on knowledge and learning, but mostly about caring for kids and challenging them to discover who they are and what they can become.

"In short, I am a believer in the power of high school to change lives," she explained.

Although a first-year principal to Pampa High, Larkin is not a newcomer to Pampa, the PHS, administration or the educational field.

"I took some courses through Clarendon College while I was in high school, but most of my education was at WTAMU," she said. "I received all of my degrees from there ... I have a BA in English/Speech Communications, MA in Communications and MA in Administration."

She began her teaching career at Shamrock High School, returning to her alma mater to teach English, Speech, and Theater in addition to coaching a state-qualifying debate team.

"I was there for four years and then moved to Pampa High School in 1998. There, I taught English and Speech for two years. Then I went to Pampa Learning Center where I taught English, Speech, Theater and U.S. History for two years, and from there I moved into administration with the curriculum office at Carver Center," Larkin said.

At Carver, she worked with K-12 curriculum and later with secondary curriculum and instruction, eventually moving on to become the Director of Federal Programs and Grants.

"After three years there, I

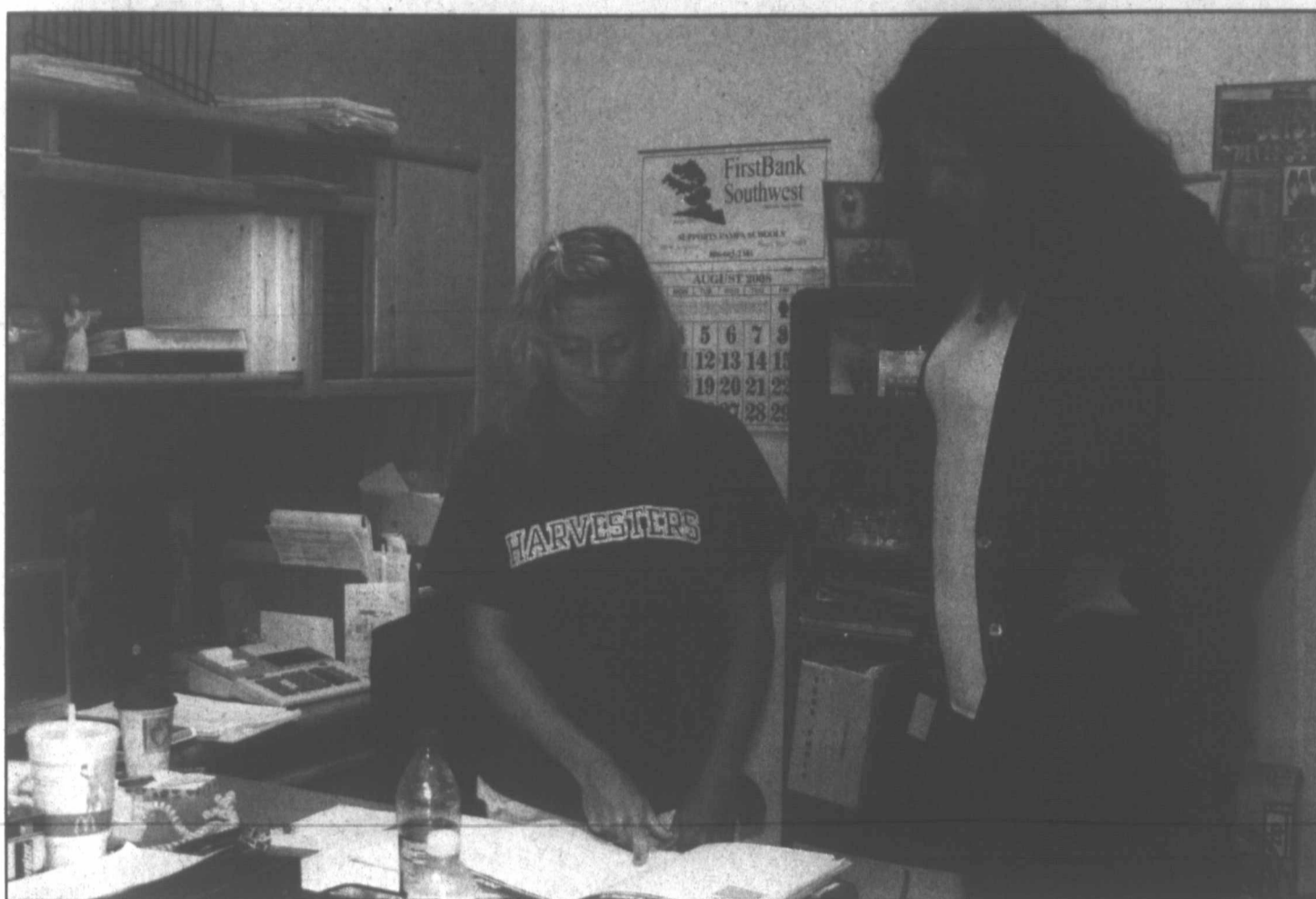


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PHS Principal Tanya Larkin and Administrative Assistant Sandee Stokes prepare for the beginning of school. "The teachers and staff in Pampa work harder than any group of people I have ever been around. It is amazing to see how much of themselves they put into the job," Larkin said. "It is obvious that for so many of them, it is not just a job."

became the principal at Wilson Elementary ... wow! Being a principal is the hardest job I have ever had, but also one of the most rewarding," she said.

This summer she became principal of PHS.

"And the rest of the story is yet to be told," Larkin added.

The main reason she transitioned from teaching into administration, Larkin said, is because she began to see how an effective leader could help more students overall by serving teachers.

"Since I have been an administrator, I have missed the classroom at times, but am rewarded daily when I hear from a teacher about a moment when something



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Working in her office, Larkin says that the biggest challenge in education today is time. "What frustrates me is the lack of ample time to meet all the needs of the students and teachers, and to provide all the resources they need," she said.

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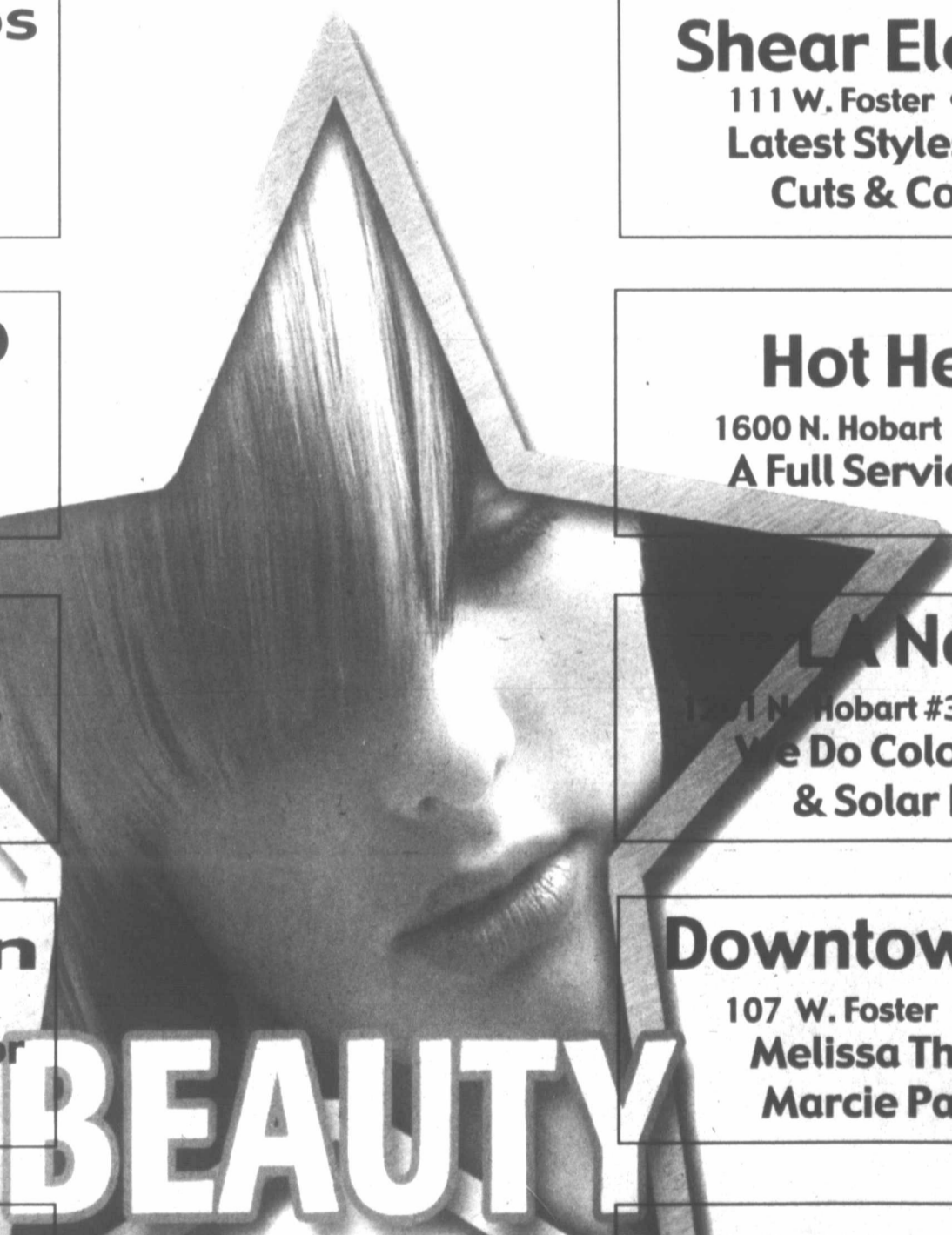
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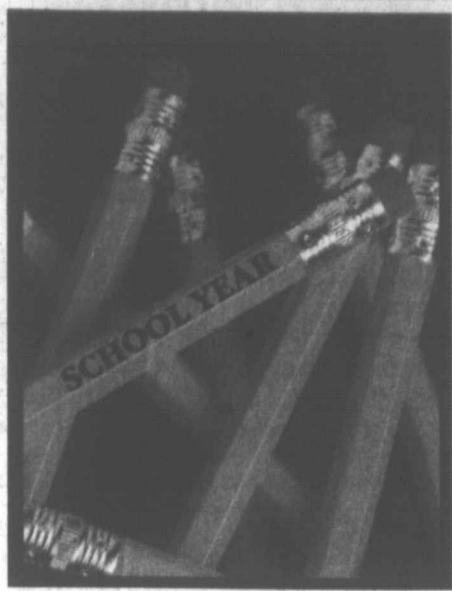
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Kindergarten

- 2 Boxes crayons (8 count), skinny, basic colors
- 1 Pkg. Crayola markers (fat size, classic colors)
- 4 #2 pencils
- 1 Pink pearl eraser
- 1 Large box Kleenex or Puffs
- 1 4-oz. Elmer's Glue All (no blue gel glue or school glue)
- 4 Large glue sticks
- 1 Plastic school box (cigar box size)
- 2 Pocket folders (1 with brads and 1 without brads)
- 1 Backpack that zips, large enough to hold winter coat (no backpacks on wheels)
- 1 Towel for rest time (no mats)
- 1 Wide-rule 70-sheet spiral notebook
- 1 Crayola washable watercolors (8 colors)
- Scissors
- Label ALL supplies with child's name

First grade

- 1 Box of crayons (24-count)
- 1 Pkg. yellow #2 pencils
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 4-oz. bottle of Elmer's School Glue
- 1 Hard plastic school box (no larger than cigar box size, no zipper bags)
- 2 Large pink pearl erasers
- 4 Pocket folders with brads
- 1 composition notebook
- 1 Box of Classic markers
- 1 Box of gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 1 Backpack, large enough to hold coat without wheels
- Do not label supplies

Second grade

- 1 Pocket folder
- 1 Box crayons (24 colors)
- 8 #2 Pencils (label each one)
- 1 4-oz. Elmer's Glue All (no school glue)
- 4 Glue sticks
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Spiral notebook, wide-ruled/70-page count (no tear out pages)
- Crayola broad tip markers
- School box (cigar box size only)
- 2 Pink pearl erasers
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags (quart or gallon size)
- 1 Composition book (hard cover with bound pages)
- 1 Study carrel (see diagram)

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Third grade

- 2 Folders (with pocket only)
- 1 Box colored pencils
- 1 Pkg. #2 pencils
- 2 Red grading pencils
- 1 Elmer's 7.625 oz. white school glue
- 2 Boxes of crayons (24-count)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Bottle of hand sanitizer
- 1 Small school box
- 1 Pink pearl eraser
- 1 Composition book
- 1 Container of antibacterial wipes
- No notebooks

Fourth grade

- 24 Plain wooden pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 5 Red grading pens
- 4 Pkgs. wide-rule notebook paper
- 5 Plain pocket folders
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Roll paper towels
- 3 Single-subject spiral notebooks (no perforated notebooks)
- 1 Small box of colored pencils
- 1 Pair scissors (sharp point)
- 2 Highlighters
- 2 Elmer's glue sticks
- 2 Soft vinyl 1" 3-ring binder (no large binders)
- 1 Large pink pearl eraser
- 1 Pencil bag
- 1 8-oz. pump hand sanitizer
- 1 Pkg. markers (10-count)
- 1 Set of five notebook dividers
- 2 Boxes of colored pencils
- No backpacks on wheels
- No Sharpie markers

Fifth grade

- Notebook paper, wide-line (no narrow or college-ruled paper)
- Pencils, mechanical acceptable
- 1 Pkg. of red grading pens
- 1 Box map colors
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Roll of paper towels
- 5 Spiral notebooks (non-perforated)
- 8 Pocket portfolios
- 1 Bottle hand sanitizer
- No backpacks on wheels

New PHS Assistant Principal assumes 'active' role

by Julie Ann Thompson
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New to Pampa ISD but not to the panhandle, Michael Stovall is bringing new energy to Pampa High School as the new assistant principal ... literally. He seemingly never sits still.

"I just got here Monday morning and there's a lot to do, obviously," Stovall said with a laugh. "I'm still getting my office set up."

Stovall is very excited about the new year, even though construction is still underway and he has a building full of busy teachers who are wondering how they're going to be prepared for the first day of school.

"Getting ready for the school year, it's a progression," Stovall said. "Any time there's progress being made it's a good thing."

After wrestling for two years, Stovall attended Friends University in Wichita, Kansas to play football. He's been there ever since. In his 13 years of teaching, he taught English for seven, Special Education for four and his last three as an assistant principal.

"I've been wanting to return to the panhandle for a long time. My dad and brother both still live in Amarillo and this is as close to Amarillo as I want to get," Stovall laughed. "And the draw of being able to go to a Texas Friday night football game again had great appeal."

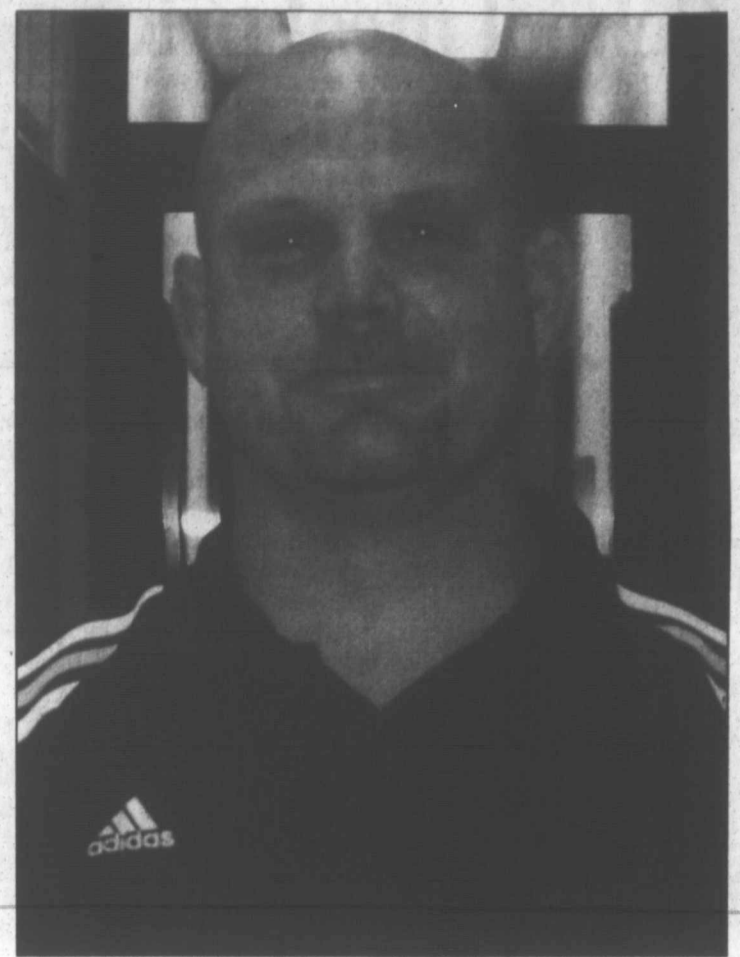
Stovall said that the tradition and folklore of Pampa had big appeal for him when taking the job.

"There's very strong support for education and athletics here, it's a strong-knit community," Stovall said. "All you've got to do is

drive down Harvester lane to see that."

As assistant principal, Stovall's job includes everything from discipline, to facilities, to transportation. He said the most important part of his job, and for anyone in school administration, is to keep the best interest of the students first. It's a job he's more than prepared for.

"My expectations are pretty high. I want to collaboratively make this place the best in the Panhandle and be the best administrator I can be," Stovall said. "I got into education because I had great administrators and teachers in high school. It's a payback thing. On the best days you get to see the future."



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Larkin

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they did or said made the light bulb come on for one of their students," Larkin said. "I like to think that I am providing the teachers with the resources they need to make that happen every day!"

When describing her goals and vision for the PHS campus, Larkin said she wants to help create a place where students, staff, parents and even the community have "hope for a better tomorrow."

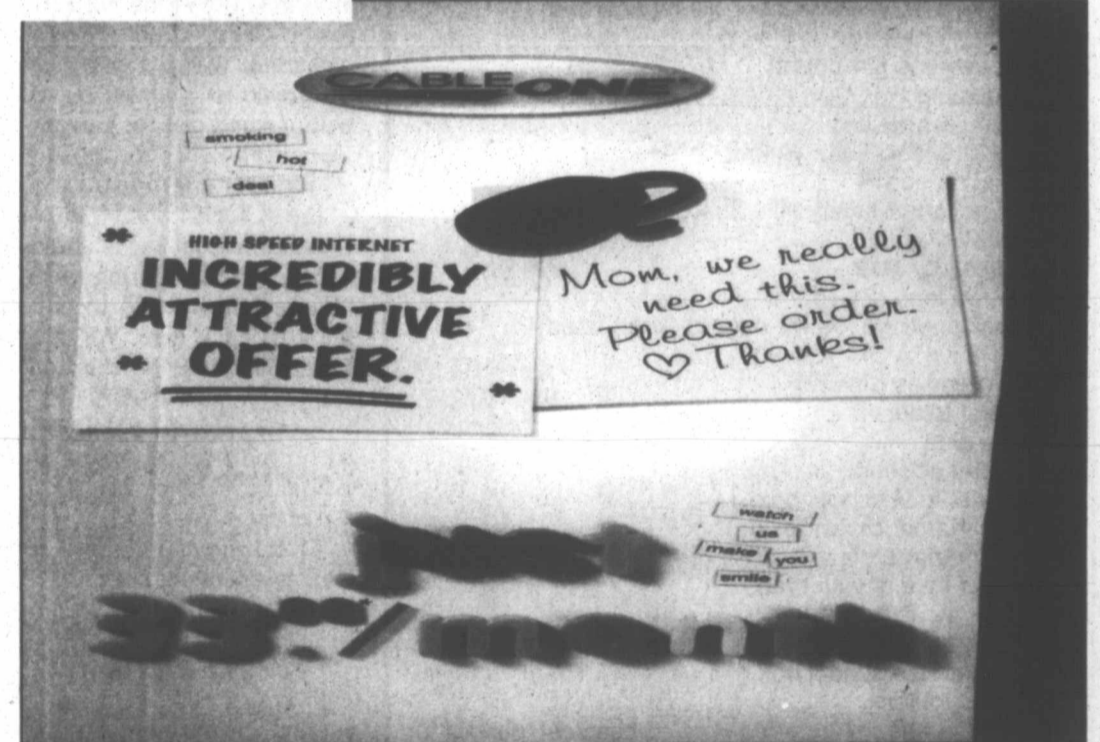
"I know that sounds trite or cliché, but it really is what it is all about. If we can wake up each morning and truly feel that there is hope for the day, then we will always be doing the right things for the right reasons," she said. "Success will come to a place like that and to the people who function and behave that way ... I truly believe that."

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School meal prices increase this year

by Julie Ann Thompson
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Not since 1985 has the price of breakfast and lunch for students at Pampa ISD been raised. That is, not until now.

"This is the first year in the 20 years I've been doing this that they've gone up," School Nutritionist Debbie Middleton said.

School breakfasts will now cost \$1.50 and lunches will be \$2.50. The biggest reason for the increase in prices, Middleton said, is

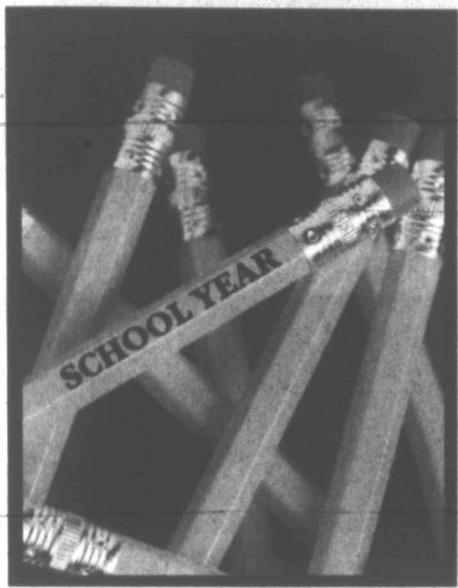
because the companies that bid for school vendors will not give the district fixed pricing for six months at a time.

"The price of everything has gone up and I'm hoping that things level off," Middleton said. "We're paying fuel surcharges for the first time to get food to us."

The state mandates that schools provide fresh fruits and vegetables to their students. Since the district has no farm-to-school programs

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LAMAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

All Lamar students need a basic backpack.

Kindergarten

- 1 Pkg. #2 yellow pencils (sharpened)
- 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
- 18 Solid (not liquid) glue sticks
- 3 Boxes Crayola crayons (24-count, regular size)
- 1 School box
- 1 Pkg. gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 1 Spiral notebook (70-page, wide-rule)
- 2 Plastic pocket folders with three hole prongs (one yellow, one purple)
- 1 Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- Backpack without wheels

First grade

- 1 Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- 10 Pack plain, yellow #2 pencils (sharpened)
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 6 Glue sticks
- 1 Plastic school box
- 2 Pocket folders (one yellow, one purple)
- 1 Spiral notebook
- 1 Box gallon or snack-size Ziploc bags

Second grade

- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 10 Pack plain, yellow #2 pencils (sharpened)
- 1 Eraser
- 2 Large boxes Kleenex
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 8-oz. glue
- 1 Pointed scissors
- 1 Regular-size school box
- 1 Spiral notebook (wide-line)
- 1 Pkg. markers
- 2 Pocket folders with brads

Third grade

- 1 Regular size school box
- 4 Pocket folders
- 30 #2 Pencils (sharpened, no mechanical pencils or pens)
- 6 Glue sticks
- 2 pink erasers (no pencil top erasers)
- 1 Pointed scissors
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 1 Box of markers (10-count)
- 1 Spiral notebook (wide-ruled)
- 3 Large boxes Kleenex
- 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 Pkg. gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 1 Pkg. flexible paper plates
- No notebooks or Trapper Keepers

Fourth grade

- 2 Pkgs. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 2 Pkgs. #2 pencils (24-count, sharpened)
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- Crayons
- Markers
- Map colors
- Glue stick
- 2 Block erasers
- Scissors
- Pencil pouch
- No notebooks or Trapper Keepers

Fifth grade

- 4 Pocket folders with brads
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 2 Large boxes Kleenex
- 2 Pkgs. notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 10 Pkgs. #2 pencils (sharpened, no mechanical pencils)
- 1 Pointed scissors
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- No notebooks or Trapper Keepers

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Back to School notes

by Rachel Stennett
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Pampa elementary schools and junior high have provided the following information that parents and students may find useful.

Austin Elementary

-Class rosters will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, Aug. 15.

-Students and parents can come meet their teachers and drop off and label school supplies on Aug. 22 from 12 to 2 p.m.

- Kindergarten students can be dropped off at 7:55 on Aug. 25. A reception will be held immediately after dropping kids off in the cafeteria for a "Tears and Cheers" reception, where a continental breakfast will be served with a small gift for parents.

Lamar Elementary

Jan Cleek, principal of Lamar Elementary, is anticipating the upcoming year. "We are all excited to have the kids back here. We have some new staff who are all excited to get started."

-Class rosters will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m.

- Students can come meet their teachers on Aug. 22 at 3 p.m.

Travis Elementary

Principal Jill Faubion is excited for the new changes this school year will bring. "We have about six new staff members we want to welcome to Travis. We also have new instructional software we are excited about that will help the students learn," Faubion said.

-Class rosters will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, Aug. 15 at 4 p.m.

-Students can come to the school and meet their teacher and drop off school supplies on Aug. 22 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Wilson Elementary

Wilson Elementary Principal Tanya Larkin has high expectations for the upcoming school year because of events and a new playground that has been installed. The school will have a "Refuse to Lose" theme, which will teach the students winning and losing behaviors, Larkin said. Larkin, who served as a teacher last year at Wilson is hopeful about her new position within the school.

"I'm excited to go from teacher to leader at Wilson,"

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PISD dress code revised for the coming year

Pampa Independent School District recently issued its revised Student Dress Code for the 2008-09 school year. The code was revised this past June. According to a press release from the district, campus standards for students in pre-K through third grades will be defined in individual campus handbooks.

• General rules for grades 4-12:

– All lower garments must be worn to ensure that the midsection is covered at all times.

– All lower garments must be worn at the waist, fitted properly, hemmed or cuffed.

– All lower garments must be worn in a manner which eliminates the presence of sagging at all times.

– Male students must tuck their shirt-tails into their pants in a manner in which their waistline can be determined.

– All upper garments must have sleeves, and must be worn in a manner which eliminates exposure of the male chest or female cleavage, shoulders, back, armpits, midsection and undergarments.

– If belts are worn, they must be cinched, sized appropriately, worn through all belt loops, and contain no inappropriate writing or studded attachments.

– Shoes must be worn at all times. House shoes are not acceptable.

– Undergarments are required and shall not be visible at any time.

– All clothing must be sized appropriately, be in good condition and be free from any holes, tears or fraying except at the hem or cuff. Patches may be worn on clothing, if the patch is of like color and fabric.

– Shorts, skirts, skorts and dresses must be knee-length.

• Unacceptable dress for grades 4-12:

– Caps, hats, gloves and head coverings are not permitted to be worn indoors.

– Sweatbands, bandannas and hairnets are not permitted to be worn, unless required by class.

– Under Armour® and spandex type material may not be worn as outerwear.

– Trench coats and dusters

are not permitted.

– Clothing may never be worn in a manner which reflects gang affiliation.

– Clothing containing any form of tobacco, alcohol, drugs; lewd, sexual innuendoes; vulgar, racial slurs; or inappropriate writings, pictures or embroidered emblems is not permitted.

– Cheerleading outfits that do not conform to the dress code are not permitted to be worn at school except during pep rallies.

• Outerwear for grades 4-12:

– Coats, jackets, windbreakers, sweatshirts, hoodies or other outerwear may not be worn in the classroom unless an exception is granted by the teacher.

• Jewelry, tattoos and hair (schoolwide policy for all students)

– All facial piercing (including tongue piercing) is prohibited for both genders.

– Students are allowed to wear piercings in their ears.

– All tattoos must be covered at all times.

– Spiked jewelry and chains

are not permitted at any time.

– Hair is to be neat, clean and well-groomed.

– Hair should be of a natural color.

– Hair should not obstruct vision and should not be a distraction to others.

– Eyebrow notching is not permitted.

Violations of the dress code include five hours of school service for one violation; 30 hours of school service for two violations; 15 days of in-school suspension and 30 hours of school service for three violations; and 30 days of DAEP for four violations.

School officials advise that more than 20 violations involving inappropriate writing on shirts at any given campus during a one month period will necessitate board action and an amendment to the code limiting any writing on shirts "to support of school spirit and/or local student groups."

Deviations from the dress code for the purpose of promoting school spirit, holidays or special events will be left to the discretion of each campus principal. Dress code exceptions based upon medical or religious reasons will require documentation from a medical provider or an established religious authority before being granted.

At the campus-level, the campus administrator will hold complete and final judgment on all matters concerning the interpretation of the dress code. Matters concerning appearance and dress not specifically covered within the dress code policy will come under the jurisdiction of the superintendent, and any changes or revisions to the policy must be approved by the school district's board of trustees.

Lunch costs

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the Dallas/Fort Worth area, it's costing more to provide that.

There are options for families who can't afford the price increase. Applications for free and reduced lunches will be sent home with every student on the first day of school and families can sign up at any time. Reduced pricing provides lunches for a mere 40 cents and breakfast for 30 cents.

"I don't want to say sorry, but I am. This is the last thing we wanted to do," Middleton said. "But you know, ten dollars a week to feed your child a hot meal is not much money."

School bus safety

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related accidents. Such accidents are almost always preventable and require just a few moments of instruction with kids to help save their lives.

• Don't walk directly in front of the bus: When most children get off the bus, they cross the street directly in front of the bus. This makes it difficult for the bus driver to see if any children are still in front. In general, parents should instruct children to take five long paces in the direction the bus is traveling before crossing in front of the bus. This will leave enough room for the bus driver to see, especially if kids drop any-

thing while crossing the street.

• Look both ways before getting off the bus: Before stepping off the bus, kids should always look both ways. While buses should always be in the right hand lane, bikes or even cars in a hurry could attempt to get around the bus on the shoulder. Most children killed in bus accidents are killed getting on or off the bus or waiting at the bus stop. Many motorists disobey the laws pertaining to stopping when a bus stops, so kids should be extra careful and always keep their eyes peeled for moving traffic.

• Listen to crossing guards: Urban neighborhoods or those

with a busy intersection often have crossing guards to help keep children safe. Kids should be instructed to wait for crossing guards before venturing across the street. At stops where no crossing guards are present, encourage children to act with extreme caution when crossing the street. Should any books or supplies be dropped in the middle of the road, finish crossing the street first. Once a child has made it across the street, check to see if it's safe to go back and pick up the book. If worse comes to worst, let kids know the books or supplies can always be replaced.

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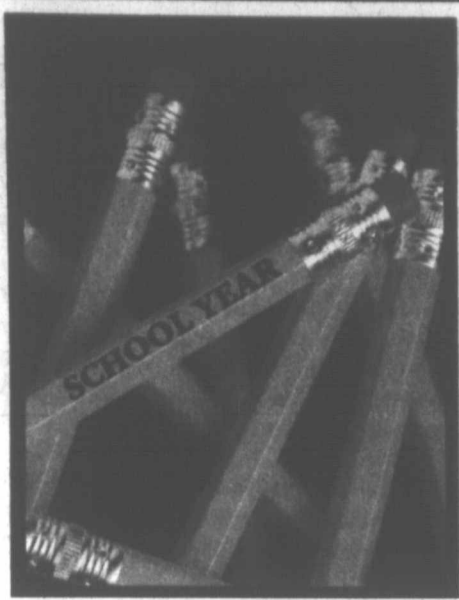
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- 3 Boxes of Crayola Brand (only) Crayons (24-count/small size/no fluorescent)
 - 2 Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 Pkg. yellow #2 Pencils (10 or more)
 - 6 Large glue sticks or 12 small glue sticks
 - 2 Sets Fat Crayola Brand Markers, not skinny (classic colors, no bolds or pastels)
 - 1 School backpack (large enough to hold pocket folder, no wheels)
 - 1 Box of Ziploc bags (any size)
 - 2 Rolls of paper towels
 - 1 Pump bottle of hand soap
- Additional supplies will be requested as needed.
Label jackets and book bags only.
Do not label crayons or markers with child's name.

First grade

- 2 Spiral Notebooks (70-page)
 - 3 Boxes crayons (24-count)
 - 1 Fiskars pointed scissors
 - 1 Bottle Elmer's white school glue (no gel)
 - 2 Glue sticks
 - 1 Pkg. #2 pencils
 - 4 Pocket folders with brads (in red, yellow, blue and green with pockets at the bottom)
 - 1 School box (cigar box size only; no zipper boxes)
 - 1 Box quart-size Ziploc bags
 - 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 2 Black dry erase markers
 - 1 Box slender washable markers
- Place child's name or initials on all items above.

Second grade

- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
 - 20 #2 Pencils
 - 1 8 oz. bottle of Elmer's white glue (no gel)
 - 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (200-count)
 - 1 Box of Crayola Markers
 - 1 School box
 - 1 Spiral notebook (wide-rule, 70-page)
 - 2 Pocket folders with brads
 - 2 Pocket folders
 - 1 Pencil sharpener with lid to catch shavings
 - 1 Pink eraser
- A few additional supplies may be requested by the homeroom teacher at enrollment in August.

Third grade

- 1 Pkg. of 24 pencils
 - 2 Pkg. wide-lined paper
 - 5 Pocket folders with brads (solid colors)
 - 1 Pkg. colored pencils (24-count)
 - 6 Red grading pencils
 - 3 Large boxes of Kleenex
 - 1 Box of crayons (24-count)
 - 2 Large pink erasers
 - 3 Composition notebooks (100-sheets, wide-ruled, 9.75 x 7.5)
 - 1 Small zipper pencil bag
 - 3 Boxes of flash cards (1-box multiplication/1 subtraction/1 addition)
 - 1 Study carrel
- No Trapper Keepers, binders or rolling backpacks

Fourth grade

- 1 Box #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils; leave pencils in box)
- 1 Box red grading pens or pencils
- 1 Pkg. notebook paper (wide-ruled)
- 1 Large zippered pencil bag
- 8 Pocket folders (write name at the top of each folder)
- 1 Box crayons (24-count; leave in box, label)
- 1 Box washable markers (8-count; leave in box, label)
- 1 4-oz. white Elmer's glue
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex (200-count)
- 1 Wooden centimeter and inch ruler
- Set of two highlighters (to be used in all classes)
- Put name on all supplies with permanent marker

Fifth grade

- 1 1 1/2- or 2-inch three-ring binder
- 2 Three-hole pocket folders
- 4 Pkg. notebook paper
- 3 Pkg. mechanical pencils (10-count)
- 1 Pkg. #2 pencils (24-count)
- 3 Plain solid color folders with brads and pockets (one yellow, one red, one blue)
- 1 Box map colors
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 1 Pkg. 50 cap erasers
- 2 Pkg. red grading pens
- 1 Pencil bag with metal reinforced holes for binder
- 1 Box of Ziploc bags (any size)
- Put name on all supplies

Pampa ISD adopts extracurricular behavior standards for students/adults

(Editor's Note: The following is a policy recently adopted by the Pampa ISD.)

The Pampa Independent School District Board of Education recognizes the value of extracurricular activities in the educational process and the values that young people develop when they have the opportunity to participate in an organized activity outside of the traditional classroom.

Student participants and all adults in board-approved extracurricular activities are expected to demonstrate responsible behavior and conduct. The board encourages the development and promotion of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity in all phases of the educational process, including athletics and all other extracurricular activities. The board encourages the demonstration of sportsmanship, ethics and integrity by all segments of the community, including administrators, participants, adult supervisors, parents, fans, spirit groups and booster groups.

The board authorizes contest/event supervisors and security personnel to ensure that the contest/event can be enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. Contest/event supervisors and security personnel are charged with the responsibility to ensure a safe, sportsmanlike environment before, during and after the contest/event. For the purposes of this policy, "contest/events" also refers to practice sessions. The Pampa ISD Board of Education authorizes contest/event supervisors and security personnel to act in cases of the following behaviors demonstrated at

any Pampa ISD extracurricular contest/event:

- Profanity or obscene/indecent language,
- Threats or the menacing or intimidating of another or the striking of another person,
- Disruption of a contest/event in any manner,
- Obscene/indecent behavior,
- Interference with a contest/event supervisor and/or security personnel in the performance of their duties.

The above listed behaviors will subject the violator to removal from the contest/event. If needed, the county sheriff or other appropriate law enforcement officers may be called upon to deal with any person who refuses to leave a contest/event upon request.

Offenders may also be subject to criminal prosecution for disorderly conduct, trespassing or other applicable violations. Extracurricular contests/events are for the enjoyment of the participants and spectators, and behavior that disrupts the enjoyment of the contest/event will not be tolerated.

In the event that a spectator is removed from a contest/event by a game official, security personnel or school employee, that spectator shall be denied admittance to any contest/event involving the Pampa ISD for a period of time to be determined by the school superintendent or designee. The duration of the suspension will depend upon the seriousness of the offense and the cooperation

of the ejected fan. Probationary status may be granted if the following conditions are met:

1. A meeting with the Superintendent is requested by the ejected fan. A fan who has been removed/ejected from a contest/event will not be permitted admittance to future contests/events until the meeting is held.
2. The ejected fan accepts in writing all guidelines as set forth by school personnel, and the individual agrees to behave in a manner expected of all who follow the principles of good sportsmanship/citizenship.
3. Any other infraction will result in the fan being denied admittance to any Pampa ISD extracurricular contest/event for one calendar year.

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Tips on setting up a homework station

Success in school is a marriage of many factors. Proper study habits and continued education at home are some of those factors.

"The assignment of homework, over time, serves to foster the kinds of qualities that are critical to learning — persistence, diligence, and the ability to delay gratification," says Janine Bemepechat, author of "Getting Our Kids Back on Track: Educating Kids for the Future" (Jossey-Bass, 2000). "These [skills] become increasingly necessary as students graduate to higher levels of scholarship in middle school, high school, and beyond."

To facilitate the homework process and good study habits at home, create a study/homework area at home that can help students along the way. Here's what can be included.

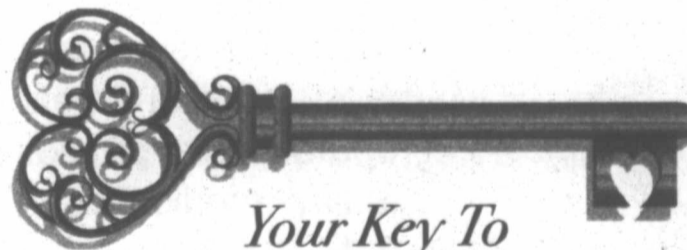
Desk

A desk is the centerpiece of any homework area. Think about the purpose of the desk and what activities it should be able to handle. You may want the desk to be able to grow with the child. Do you envision it holding a desktop

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School Notes

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Larkin said.
- Class rosters will be posted on the front doors of the school on Friday, Aug. 15, at 4 p.m.

-There will be two opportunities for students to meet their teachers on Aug. 21 from 5 to 6 p.m. and on Aug. 22 from 10:30 to 11:20 a.m. Pampa Junior High
-Schedules will be given

to all students from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 15.
-Sixth grade orientation will be held at PJH from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Aug. 15.

Work and school: Find a balance

With the costs of a college education continually on the rise, more students than ever before are looking for part-time jobs that can help them earn some money. Whether they're hoping to contribute to their tuition or simply gain spending money, the question for many students these days isn't "Should I work?" but "How much should I work?" What's more, many college freshmen will be balancing work and school for

the first time, as many high school students only work during the summer. While academics should always be first and foremost on a student's priority list, the College Board, a not-for-profit association aimed at helping students be as successful as possible, offers the following tips for balancing work and school.

• Talk with parents and/or counselors. Parents might not be on board with their

children working, particularly if they think it will distract them from their studies. Counselors can be an asset in helping to make the decision by suggesting job opportunities or offering time-management tips to help the transition go more smoothly. Colleges with work-study programs, for instance, often offer jobs with flexible schedules aimed at ensuring students can work without sacrificing their studies.

• Schedule classes and work as far ahead of time as possible. If students know what their time commitments will be far in advance, they can find a suitable job that meshes well with their class schedule. The longer a student waits to schedule classes, the less likely he or she is to get a class schedule that's amenable to working.

• Use your commute. Commuter students who take public transportation to school should use their commuting time to catch up on studies or homework. Oftentimes, successfully balancing work and school comes down to simple time management, so any free time that is routine, such as that during a daily commute, should be optimized as much as possible.

• Be sure to schedule relaxation time. Burnout is common for students who work too hard, whether they're engrossed in their studies, taking on too many hours at work, or a combination of both. Semesters are long and tend to get more difficult as they go on, so students need to recognize the need for relaxation time throughout the semester to make sure they make it through and do their best.

• Take it easy at first. For college freshmen who didn't work during the school year when they were in high school, adapting to classes and working can be tough. Because the first year of college and the freedom that comes with it is tempting on

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Homework

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computer or a laptop at some time? Keep these factors in mind when purchasing a desk.

Size is an important component, too. A desk that is too tall or large may not fit into the space you have in your home, and it simply may not be comfortable for the student using it. He or she should be able to sit at the desk with feet flat on the floor and arms clearing the top of the desk. If placing a computer monitor on the desk, it should be eye level and a foot or more away from the person using it.

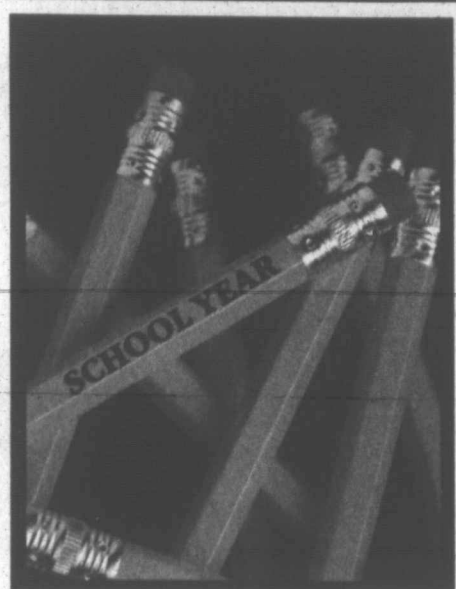
Quiet

Most students find a quiet place is conducive to studying. Therefore, the study area should be placed in a quiet part of the home. Is there a spare bedroom that can be used? What about a nook in a finished basement? The student's own bedroom may not be the best place, because he or she may be distracted by other things in the room, such as televisions, phones, or toys.

Proximity

Study supplies, such as pens, paper, reference books, and other items, should be located nearby to the homework station so that it does not necessitate a trip into another room to retrieve something. Consider a desk that has drawers for small supplies. A bookcase or storage container placed next to the desk can house larger items. Allowing for the fewest distractions possible, including getting up and leaving the study area for supplies, are ideas for promoting good study habits.

You will need these supplies for school!



WOODROW WILSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarten

- 3 Boxes Crayons (thin, 24-count)
- 12 #2 yellow pencils
- 1 School box (8 x 5-inches, no larger)
- 10 Glue sticks
- 1 Box washable markers
- 1 Box gallon-size Ziploc bags
- 2 Large boxes Kleenex
- 1 Spiral notebook (70-page)
- 1 Fiskar sharp point scissors
- 1 Small backpack (no wheels)
- 1 Small bottle hand soap

First grade

- 1 Eraser
- 1 School box
- 2 Pkg. #2 pencils
- 1 8 oz. glue
- 3 Boxes crayons (24-count, regular size)
- 3 Pocket folders
- 2 Pocket folders with brads
- 1 Fiskar scissors
- 1 Backpack
- 3 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Box of markers
- 1 Box sandwich-size or larger Ziploc bags
- 1 Container antibacterial wipes
- 6 glue sticks

Second grade

- 2 Boxes of crayons (24-count)
- 2 Pkgs. #2 Pencils
- 1 Elmer's school glue (no gel)
- 1 School box
- 1 Box gallon or quart size Ziploc bags
- 2 Pkgs. glue sticks
- 2 Pocket folders
- 1 Eraser
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Red pencils
- 1 Sharp point Fiskars scissors

• Third grade supply list

- 2 Large pkgs. notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 2 Large erasers
- 10 #2 wood pencils
- 1 Box crayons (24-count)
- 1 4-oz. Elmer's glue
- 1 School box (no large boxes)
- 3 Pocket folders
- 1 Spiral notebook
- 1 Box quart-size Ziploc bags
- Map pencils
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Scissors
- No rolling backpacks, markers or notebooks

Fourth grade

- 1 Box #2 wood pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 1 Box crayons (36-count)
- 1 Large pkg. notebook paper (wide-rule)
- 6 Pocket folders with brads
- 1 Box map pencils
- 2 Pkg. glue sticks
- 1 Scissors
- 1 Box Ziploc bags
- 2 Boxes of Kleenex
- 2 Red pens or pencils
- 1 Cloth supply bag
- 1 Large good-quality eraser
- 5 Spiral notebooks (no easy tear lines)
- 1 Binder
- 2 Pkg. dividers
- Flash cards (multiplication & division)

Fifth grade

- 4 Spiral notebooks
- 1 Box crayons or markers
- 1 Box map pencils
- 1 Pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper
- 4 Pocket folders with brads
- 4 Boxes of Kleenex
- 1 Highlighter
- 2 Boxes #2 wood pencils (no mechanical)
- 1 Boxes of sandwich or quart size Ziploc bags
- No binder

WIN Supply List

- Backpack
- 2 Pkg. #2 pencils
- 3 Box crayons (24-count)
- 4 Glue sticks
- 1 Boxes Ziploc bags (any size)
- 1 Plastic folders with brads and pockets
- 4 Boxes of Kleenex
- 3 Erasers (no pencil top)
- 1 Pkg. wide-ruled notebook paper



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FALL 2008 SCHEDULE

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	DAY	TIME	INSTRUCTOR	
ACCT-2301 231	ACCOUNTING I	MW	07:00PM 08:20PM	Taylor R
ACNT-1403 221	INTRO TO ACCT I	MTWR	09:00AM 11:55AM	Haynes T
ACNT-1403 221	INTRO TO ACCT I	MW	03:30PM 05:20PM	Taylor R
ARTS-1303 231	ART HISTORY I	R	07:00PM 09:50PM	Morey M
BCIS-1405 231	BUS COMP APPL	T	05:30PM 08:20PM	Knight S
BIOL-1406 921	BIOL/MAJORS I	T	05:00PM 07:50PM	Estlack R
BIOL-1406L.231	BIOL/MAJ I LAB	T	08:00PM 10:20PM	Estlack R
BIOL-1411 221	GEN BOTANY	MWF	11:00AM 11:55AM	Estlack R
BIOL-1411L.221	GEN BOTANY LAB	W	01:00PM 03:20PM	Estlack R
BIOL-2401 231	ANAT & PHYS I	W	05:00PM 07:50PM	Estlack R
BIOL-2401L.231	A & P I LAB	W	08:00PM 10:20PM	Estlack R
BUSG-1304 221	INTRO FINANCE	MW	01:30PM 02:50PM	Taylor R
BUSG-1341 290	SMALL BUS. FIN	S	08:00AM 12:00PM	Taylor R
CHEM-1111 231	GEN CHEM LAB I	TBA		Wiginton L
CHEM-1311 231	GEN CHEMISTRY I	M	05:30PM 08:20PM	Wiginton L
CJCR-1011 231	CORR OFFICER	MTWRF	06:00PM 10:00PM	McAlpine J
COSC-1003L.231	COMPUTER LAB	R	05:30PM 08:20PM	Knight S
COSC-1401 231	MICROCOMP APPS	T	05:30PM 08:20PM	Knight S
COSC-1436 231	PROG FUND. I	M	05:30PM 07:20PM	Knight S
COSC-1436L.231	PROG FUND. I LAB	M	07:30PM 09:20PM	Knight S
CSME-1310 221	INTRO HAIRCUT	MTWRF	08:00AM 04:00PM	Kiser M
CSME-1401 221	ORIEN TO CSME	MTWRF	08:00AM 04:00PM	Kiser M
CSME-1405 221	FUND OF CSME	MTWRF	08:00AM 04:00PM	Kiser M
CSME-1531 221	PRIN NAIL TECH I	MTWRF	08:00AM 04:00PM	Kiser M
CSME-1547 221	SKIN CARE/FACIAL	MTWRF	08:00AM 04:00PM	Kiser M
DEVS-0200L.221	DEVELOP LAB	TR	03:30PM 04:25PM	Paul L
DEVS-0200L.231	DEVELOP LAB	T	07:00PM 08:55PM	Paul L
DEVS-0200L.232	DEVELOP LAB	R	07:00PM 08:55PM	Paul L
DEVS-0200L.233	DEVELOP LAB	MW	05:30PM 06:50PM	STAFF
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ECON-2301 231	MACROECONOMICS	MW	05:30PM 06:50PM	Taylor R
EDUC-1301 231	INTRO TO TEACH	T	04:00PM 06:50PM	Frazier J
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ENGL-0301 231	DEV WRITING I	TR	05:30PM 06:50PM	Paul L
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ENGL-0303 231	DEV WRITING III	TR	05:30PM 06:50PM	Cotter W
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GOVT-2305 221	FED GOVT	R	09:30AM 10:50AM	McLachy M
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ITMT-1400 221	IMPL. MS XP PRO	MTWR	08:00AM 08:55AM	McCarty J
ITMT-1400L.221	M XP PRO LAB	TR	09:00AM 11:45AM	McCarty J
ITSC-1405 221	INTRO PC OP SYS	MW	01:00PM 01:55PM	McCarty J
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ITSC-1409 221	NT SOFT APPL I	TR	08:00AM 09:20AM	McLeland P
ITSC-1421 221	INT PC OP SYS	MWF	08:00AM 08:55AM	McLeland P
ITSC-2386 288	INTER CAPSTONE	TBA		McCarty J
ITSW-1404 221	INTRO SPREAD	TR	06:00PM 09:50PM	Lewis L
ITSW-1407 221	INTRO TO DATA	TR	01:00PM 01:55PM	STAFF
MAR-0301 231	DEV MAR I	MW	05:30PM 06:50PM	Peet T
MAR-0302 232	DEV MAR II	MW	07:00PM 08:20pm	Peet T
MAR-0303 231	DEV MAR III	MW	07:00PM 08:20PM	Peet T
MAR-1314 221	COLL ALGEBRA	MWF	12:00PM 12:55PM	Vance P
MAR-1324 231	MAR BUS & SOC I	MW	04:00PM 05:20PM	Vance F
MAR-1350 231	FUND. OF MAR I	R	04:00PM 06:50PM	STAFF
MAR-2413 221	CALCULUS I	MW	02:00PM 03:20PM	Vance F
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MUSI-1306 221	MUSIC APPR	TR	11:00AM 12:20PM	SMIR, C C
PHIL-1316 221	HISTORY RELIG I	T	07:00PM 09:50PM	Wood L
POFT-1301 221	BUS ENGLISH	MWF	10:00AM 10:55AM	Rompson H
POFT-1309 291	ADMIN OFFICE PROC I	W	10:00AM 11:20AM	McLeland P
POFT-1313 231	PROF DEVELOP	MTWR	04:00PM 05:55PM	Haynes T
POFT-1313 295	PROF DEVELOP	W	02:00PM 03:30PM	McLeland P
POFT-1321 221	BUSINESS MAR	MWF	11:00AM 11:55AM	Vance F
POFT-1329 221	DOCUMENT FORM	TR	12:30PM 01:50PM	McLeland P
POFT-1331 101	OFFICE EQUIP	TR	02:00PM 03:20PM	McLeland P
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Pampa High School's New Look

This artist's rendering from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. shows what the west elevation of the new entry and commons area at Pampa High School should look like when renovations are complete.

Parent voluneers have a lot to learn on class trips

(AP) — Sure, volunteering on your kid's class trip sounds like fun. How hard could it be? Make sure they use the bathroom before leaving school and check the bus for lost backpacks, right?

Right. Except that kids always manage to throw adults a few curve balls. What if your tween declares that he is mortified by your presence? What if a kid forgets her lunch? What if you tell a slowpoke to catch up, only to have him run, fall and skin his knee?

All these things and more have happened to me while accompanying my sons on class trips over the years.

Lessons learned: Keep a low profile once your child's age hits double digits; bring extra food or cash for that sad little kid with no lunch (there's one on every trip); and if you tell a child to hurry up, check first that his shoes are tied, then hold his hand to make sure he doesn't trip.

Here are some other tips from class-trip veterans and educators.

MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOR

Don't smoke in front of students, pay attention, be on time, follow directions, stay positive, don't interrupt the teacher or guides, and compliment kids for doing a good job, said Catherine Holecko, mother of two and editor of the Parents Channel for Scholastic.com.

Also, "avoid discussing your child's progress or other irrelevant topics with the teacher during the trip," she added.

Do ask how you can help.

"Teachers usually have in their mind exactly what the roles of the parents should be, and by asking the teacher you will gain their trust that you will be helpful," said Helen Eckmann, co-author of "Simple Principles to Raise a Successful Child" and "Simple Principles to Excel at School" (WS Publishing Group).

Treat the children with respect and try not to raise your voice. If you need to remind a child of the rules, "say something about it in a gentle way," said Kathy Riccardelli, a teacher at Wanaque (N.J.) Elementary School who recently took her class to the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan, accompanied by three moth-

ers and an aunt.

ASK BEFORE FEEDING

Don't bring or buy a treat for your own child unless you're willing to shell out for the class. And if you want to provide snacks for everyone, check with the teacher first.

"Today many kids have allergies," said Robin Ryan, a career counselor and mother of a fifth grader in Washington state. "My son and two others in his class are allergic to nuts and peanuts. One child has diabetes. The school is liable for these kids and has a strict policy because of these children's school medical plans."

STAY NEUTRAL

"Don't try to resolve issues between children," Eckmann said. "Go to the teacher and tell them what you saw, unless a child is in immediate danger."

I once tried to make peace between a crying girl and a group of second-graders who decided en route to a museum that they didn't like her. "But she was your friend five minutes ago!" I said, to no avail. Finally I invited the scorned child to be my partner for the rest of the trip, and she cheered up. What I learned: Do offer comfort, but don't try to sort out the complicated social lives of 8-year-olds.

BEWARE THE EMBARRASSMENT FACTOR

"Don't become the loud screaming mother. That's a quick way to draw attention to yourself and embarrass the heck out of your child," advised Jen Singer, who writes a blog at MommaSaid.net and has accompanied her two pre-teen boys on class trips to the Bronx Zoo and the Liberty Science Center in New Jersey.

Eckmann suggests talking to your child beforehand about what he or she would

like you to do on the trip.

"If they are embarrassed or shy about you being there, take a back seat and stay out of the way as much as possible," she said. Instead, "take the 'happy to help' mentality."

FOCUS ON CROWD CONTROL

A chaperone's most basic tasks are not unlike a border collie's. Keep the line together, cross the street safely, don't fall behind the larger group.

Patrol against spills and litter, make sure seat belts are buckled, advertise bathrooms whenever you have the opportunity, bring Band-Aids and tissues. And when your group leaves a room, building, bus or bench, make sure no bags or coats were left behind.

Above all, count heads early and often.

Also, try to anticipate trouble. "You're usually assigned to a certain number of kids," Singer said. "You have to identify which kid is going to be the one most likely to wander off, break something, hurt someone else or come home covered in mud. You can shadow that kid a little bit more than the other ones. Hopefully you can intervene before things get bad, and hopefully you only have one like that."

One technique for dealing with problems: "Get up close to the face of the offending child and calmly but firmly tell them they should not be sticking gum on someone's hair," Singer said. "It's not so public. But it's effective."

FOLLOW UP


Jennifer Song, associate educator at the Museum of Modern Art, led Riccardelli's class in discussions of works by Chagall and Rousseau, then helped the students collaborate on their own artwork. But the trip's impact did not end there.

The museum gave the kids

free passes to come back with their families. A return visit, said Song, can

the experience. It's great when a chaperone or parent brings kids back to the muse-

um on a different day to do something else."



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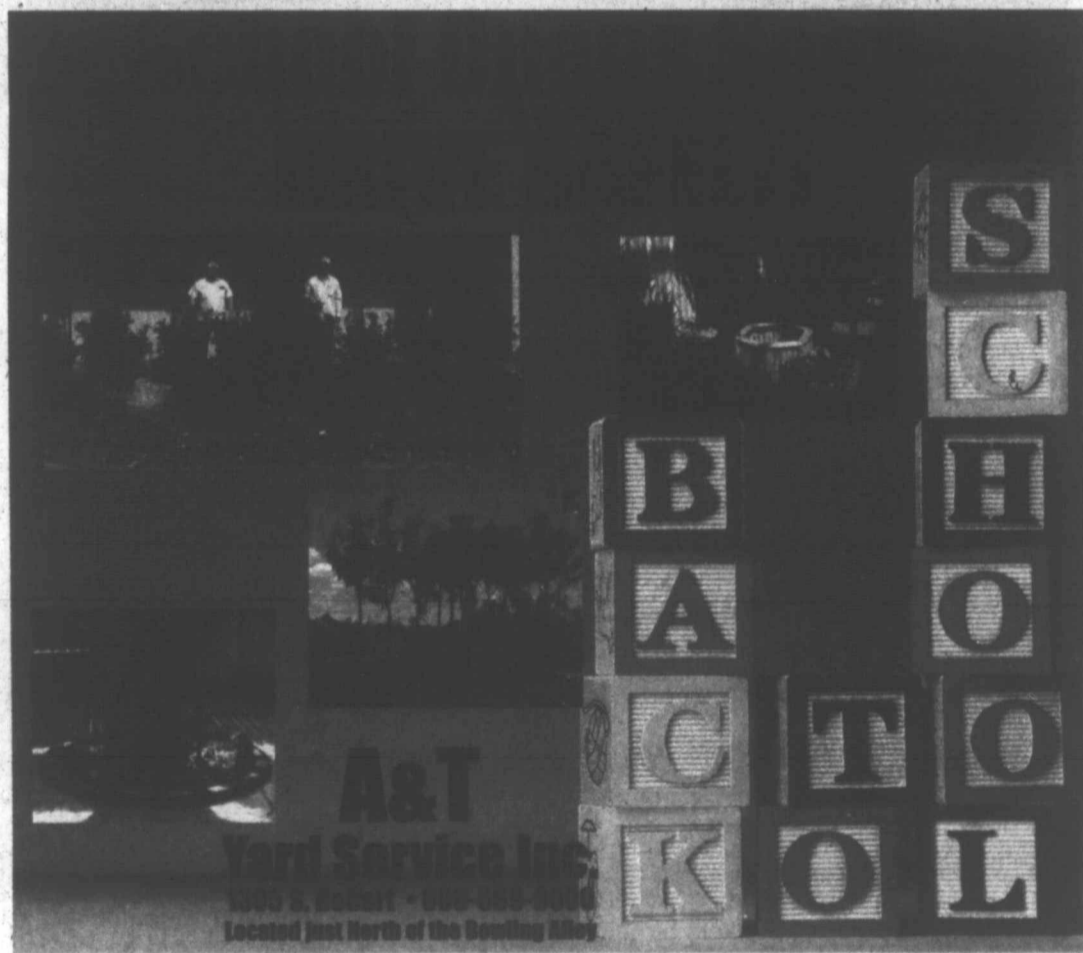
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its own, students should start slowly and see what they can handle. Scheduling too many hours at first could negatively impact a student's studies. Students should take it easy at first, see what they can handle, and then add more hours if they can effectively manage it.

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