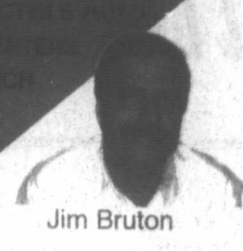


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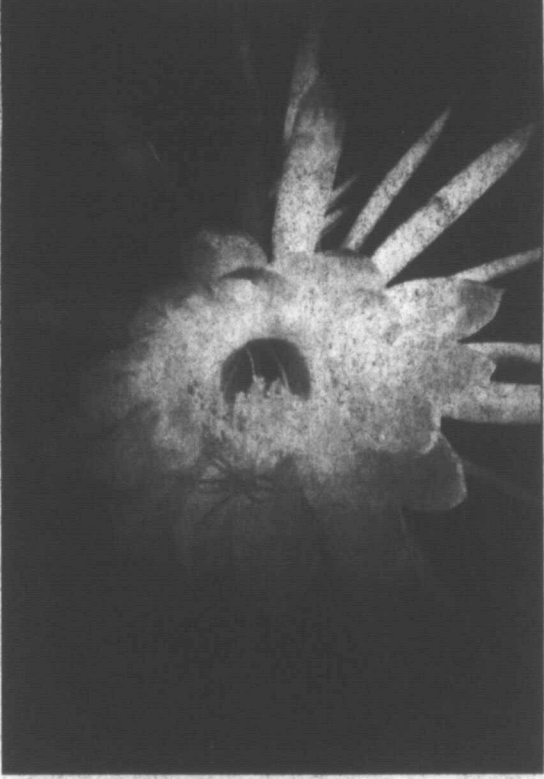
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The Night Blooming Cereus, owned by Kathryn Green who is a member of the Las Pampa Koi and Water Garden Society, is a rare member of the cactus family, which only blooms a night and only lasts but one night. The cactus blossoms just a few times during the summer with the flowers opening at approximately 10 p.m. They reach full bloom by 2 a.m. and close by daybreak. The plants are native to tropical and subtropical America including the West Indies, and they are known for their fragrance. The large white flowers are the largest in the cactus family. Green received her Cereus from a friend many years ago, and the plant has grown in size and now has 18 blooms.



City talks tax rate, fees for services

There was no citizen input offered at a public hearing yesterday on a proposed property tax increase for the city of Pampa. That doesn't mean that residents didn't contact their public servants with opinions. The city proposes setting the property tax rate at 66.5 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation, a rate that is actually 2.5 cents lower than the current rate. However, because of increased appraisal values in the community, most property owners will see an increase in their tax bills. "For the last few days we've been meeting with people in the community," City Manager Trevlyn Pitner told the member of the City Commission. "We met with 12 people today." Pitner said the group had a lot of questions and "spoke negatively" about the proposed increase in relation to

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Update: Injured Lefors man set for hospital release

by Rachel Stennett
 rstennett@thepampanews.com
 A Lefors man who was severely injured in an accident in May and has been hospitalized since, is scheduled for release soon. Jeff Kent's injuries included multiple broken vertebrae as the result of a head-on collision. He is scheduled for release from Denver's Craig Hospital on Sept. 25. Kent was thrown from his semi-truck in the accident and was initially paralyzed from the chest down. He was a patient at North West Texas Hospital for three weeks, and then was transported to the rehabilitation hospital in Denver. His family have expressed gratitude for all of the support from the Lefors and Pampa communities. "We would like to say how much we appreciate the prayers, cards, financial gifts and support," said Jeff's wife Debra. At first, doctors were uncertain whether or not Kent could regain mobility, but Debra said he has gradually improved. "He is no longer on a ventilator and has regained movement in his arms down to the wrist area," she said. "He goes to classes and gets around in his new electronic wheelchair quite well. With continued prayer and hard work, we are hopeful that more movement will come." See Release, Page 3

NWS hosts open house

The Amarillo National Weather Service will hold its eighth annual Spotter and Cooperative Observer Appreciation Day and public open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the NWS office, on Highway 60 just north of the Amarillo airport. The event will include a complimentary meal consisting of hot dogs, sausages, chips, cookies, lemonade and iced tea. Approximately 150 people attended the event last year, including spotters, observers, emergency managers, various NWS customers and partners and Amarillo NWS staff. "The appreciation day is just one way the NWS in Amarillo chooses to show

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A breakfast was held at M.K. Brown recently for the Class of 2009 seniors and their parents to "kick off" the senior year. The PHS Drama Club performed a skit. From left are Katy Jones, Meghan Asencio, Tanner Kimbell, Haley Smith, Jae Adams, Jeff Johnston, Shiloh McCamy and Amber Chavarria.

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Saturday

Sunday

Monday



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Partly cloudy

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Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 59. North-northeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. Windy, with a north wind between 20 and 25 mph, with gusts as high as 35 mph.

Sunday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 53. North wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 72. North-northwest wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 52.

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Allie Tyler Bolch, 98

Allie Tyler Bolch, 98, of Pampa, died Sept. 12, 2008, at Lubbock. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Grain prices

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer for the close of the last open market day.

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Obituaries

Eudell Burnett, 80

Eudell Burnett, 80, of Pampa, died Sept. 9, 2008, at Panhandle. A private funeral service is planned. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Burnett was born March 23, 1928, at Umbarger. When she was an infant, her family moved to

Pampa, where she graduated from high school.

She married Othel W. Burnett on Dec. 21, 1945, at Pampa. They moved to Rockport in 1985 and returned to Pampa in 2006.

Mrs. Burnett was a charter member of Harrah Methodist Church. She was a member and former Texas president of the Women's

International Bowling Congress and was a board member for Girl's Town as well as a volunteer for Genesis House.

She was a doll maker and sculpted with porcelain. She was preceded in death by her husband, Othel W. Burnett; her parents, Eli and Lovie Hancock; and a sister, Patricia Inez Hancock.

Survivors include a daughter, Dian Burnett of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to Pampa Sheltered Workshop, P.O. Box 2808, Pampa, TX 79066-2808.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whitley.com.

Emergency Services

Correction

A headline on page one of the Thursday edition should have read "Panhandle man dies in accident at Price Road & Highway 60."

Pampa PD

200 block of West Browning by Pampa PD on a Potter County charge of theft by check and a Deaf Smith County charge of theft by check.

Kingsmill and the 2400 block of Dogwood.

Found property was reported at the intersection of Browning and Wynne streets.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1400 block of Hamilton.

Violation of a city ordinance was reported in the 1500 block of North Wells, and the intersection of Worrell and Dwight streets.

A sex offender registration was conducted in the police department lobby.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester and the 500 block of North Warren. At least one arrest was made in connection with the incident in the 500 block of North Warren.

Criminal trespass was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner and the 900 block of East Albert.

Harassment was reported in the 1400 block of West Somerville.

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of South Dwight. At least one arrest was made in connection with the inci-

dent.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Banks. A generator was taken.

Theft was reported in the 800 block of East Albert. Taken from a storage shed were an air compressor, chain saw and several tools.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 600 block of Craven. A bicycle was taken.

Theft was reported in the 2200 block of Williston. An air conditioner valued at \$800 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 200 block of North Wynne. Taken from one vehicle was a stereo, work badge and wallet. Taken from a second vehicle was a work badge and coins. Nothing was taken from a third vehicle which was burglarized.

Burglary was reported in the 100 block of West Foster.

Friday, Sept. 12

Two traffic stops were made.

Animal complaints were received from the 1700 block of Fir and the 800 block of East Kingsmill.

US says Venezuelans aided drug traffickers

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States on Friday accused three members of anti-American Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's inner circle of aiding Colombian rebels by supplying arms and helping drug traffickers. Washington also expelled Chavez's ambassador as a diplomatic clash intensified.

State Department spokesman Sean McCormack condemned the expulsions this week of the American ambassadors to Venezuela and Bolivia. He said the United States would kick out the Venezuelan even though Chavez had announced Thursday night that he was yanking his ambassador.

"This reflects the weakness and desperation of these leaders," McCormack said of Chavez and the embattled Bolivian president, Evo Morales. He suggested that the expulsion of the U.S. ambassadors was meant to distract attention from the countries' regional and domestic difficulties.

McCormack also warned: "No country has ever improved the well-being of its citizens by antagonizing neighbors and refraining from fruitful integration with the world's democracies."

Morales began the diplomatic spat by expelling the U.S. ambassador on Wednesday; U.S. officials responded by kicking out Bolivia's envoy to the United States. Chavez, who has been a political patron for Morales, followed suit Thursday. "Clearly he's worried about his protege," McCormack said of Chavez.

McCormack added: "The charges leveled against our fine ambassadors by the leaders of Bolivia and Venezuela are false — and the leaders of those countries know it."

Separately, the U.S. Treasury Department announced sanctions against Hugo Armando Carvajal Barrios and Henry de Jesus Rangel Silva, both high ranking Venezuelan intelligence officials. A former government minister, Ramon Emilio Rodriguez Chacin, was also named.

Treasury said Friday the three helped the narcotics trafficking activities of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, describing the leftist group as a narco-terrorist organization.

At the State Department, McCormack said the sanctions had been in the works for some time and are unrelated to the diplomatic dispute.

The three officials are from Chavez's inner circle, and have served as his most trusted security chiefs.

Signs of FARC links to Venezuelan military intelligence chief Gen. Carvajal surfaced earlier this year in documents on laptops seized from a bombed Colombian rebel camp in Ecuador.

In one 2007 message, the rebels' main go-between with the Chavez government said that Carvajal would help "get us 20 bazookas."

Rodriguez Chacin stepped down on Monday as justice minister, saying he was leaving for personal reasons but continues to be a "revolutionary" and hopes to serve in another capacity. The specific reasons for his departure have not been explained.

A close ally to Chavez, Rodriguez Chacin was the president's primary contact with the FARC in talks on freeing hostages during the past year, and has for years been Chavez's leading go-between with the rebels.

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Commemorating 9/11



Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa set out flags to commemorate 9/11. The 50 flags, representing the 50 states, were positioned along a portion of Price Road. submitted photo

Hearing

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the general increase in the cost of living.

"They were very understanding," Pitner said, adding that he encouraged any citizen with questions to call City Hall or arrange a meeting with city officials.

"No one on the commission has any intent of putting a hardship on any citizen," said Commissioner Bill Allison, "especially those on a fixed income."

In the regular meeting that following the public hearing, the commission voted to approve ordinances adopting increased fees for sewer, water and trash collection which amount to a total monthly increase of \$7.83.

The commission also approved the final reading on a resolution approving

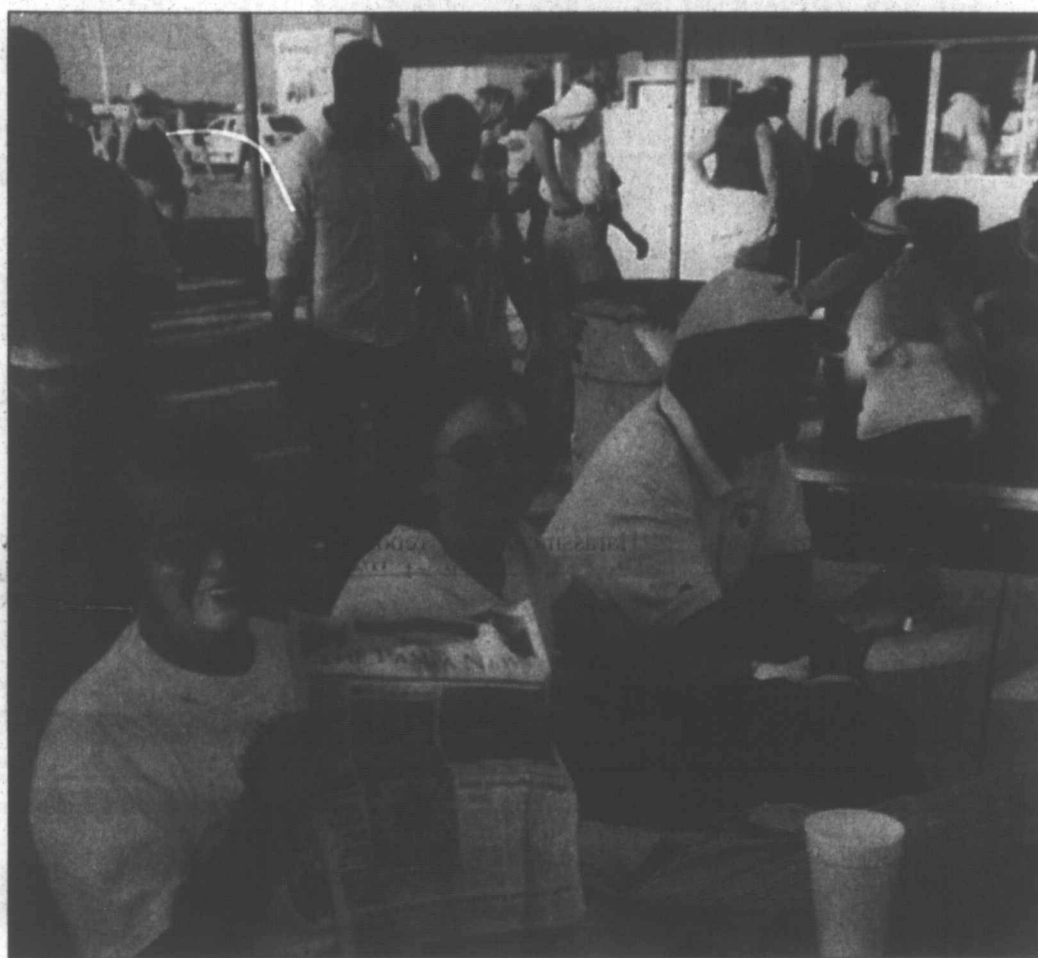
the Pampa Economic Development Corporation's \$50,000 project grant for the Gray/Pampa Community Fund. The PEDC will receive a matching grant amount from the Amarillo Area Foundation. The \$100,000 will be invested for use in local community projects in the future.

The commission tabled until its Tuesday, Sept. 16 meeting the consideration of the proposed 2008-2009 budget for the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

Pitner told the commission that the city has reached a collective bargaining agreement with local firefighters and a report on the agreement will also be on the commission's agenda for next Tuesday.

On Vacation with the Pampa News!

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo - Phillipsburg, Kansas



Martha Hadley of Pampa, along with Bernita Hadley and Bob Hadley of Thornton, CO, pose with a copy of The Pampa News during a break at the "biggest rodeo in Kansas" held in Phillipsburg back in August.



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Release

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She added that the family is hoping to live in the Pampa area with family and friends once Jeff is released from Denver, a situation that will require 24 hour on-site medical care.

Goodcare Health Services in Amarillo is in the process of hiring nursing care from Pampa that can provide for Jeff's needs, but if they are not successful, the Kent family will have to relocate to Amarillo.

Anyone interested in working with the Goodcare Agency to provide medical care, contact Carrie Jacobs at 806-373-7373.

The Kent family is also accepting financial donations, which may be sent to the Kent Family, P.O. Box 8, Lefors, TX 79054.

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The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on September 4, 2008 and September 11, 2008 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Pampa from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.70 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.690000 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$3,301,985.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.665000 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$3,481,645.

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The City of Pampa Commissioners of City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 23, 2008, at City Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, P.O. Box 2499, Pampa, Tx 79065 at 4:00pm.

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NWS

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our appreciation for all the fine work of our spotters, cooperative observers and other NWS volunteers," said Meteorologist-In-Charge Jose Garcia. "The open house provides us the opportunity to showcase our office and demonstrate to the public how their NWS works to fulfill our mission of protecting life and property."

Complimentary office tours will be conducted along with music and games. Coffee Memorial Blood Bank will hold a blood drive during the event. For more information, log on to the Amarillo NWS web site at www.srh.noaa.gov/ama or call 806-335-1121.

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Viewpoints

Churching styles a matter of preference

"Silencio!" yelled the Italian security guard.

As I walked into the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican four years ago, it was surprising how much the notorious chapel felt like nothing more than a museum.

Roped-off areas adorned the small room with Michelangelo's amazing works of art. At the front of the room was the pulpit and a communion table-looking area. Wooden church benches lined the back of the room.

Although so obviously a church, even with the commands of forced silence from the Vatican guards, it was still missing something: The presence of God.

I bring this up due to an

interesting discussion that sparked among my family and friends last week over a column printed in The Pampa News regarding the issue of entertainment in churches today.

I will be the first to admit that a good editorial column gets people thinking — if not talking — about an intriguing issue. That column did just that.

The Rev. Michael Erickson defended the idea that churches today are overly concerned with entertaining members, often in an effort to attract new members. He gave a compelling argument stating that many churches today have "gone the way of the world" in their practices.

I, however, respectfully disagree.

While I would love to spend the rest of this column discussing the potential merits of reaching out to the

Miranda Bailey

Guest Columnist

I won't.

Despite the fact that technological advances have afforded us the opportunity to create church services that



match the technology beyond the church's front doors — I'll keep my mouth

shut.

And even though I believe with all my heart that Jesus was anything but traditional in His approach to reaching out to the lost, a reformer who set out to change things, who "rocked" the Pharisees' worlds, who ate with the sinners, washed the feet of His own followers, and broke

traditions on the Sabbath — no, I won't go there either.

Instead I will say this: Why does it matter?

Why does it matter if Christians wear used clothing, spike their hair and get tattoos, if they love the Lord with all of their hearts and are reaching out to sinners who share these same affinities for fads in today's pop culture?

Why does it matter if churches hand out cups of coffee and pack the hymnals away, opting for words via computer projection screens in a sanctuary of cushy chairs instead of wooden benches, if the intent is to help people who were either turned off by traditional services as young people, or

are young people who are turned off by traditional church practices?

Why does it matter if churches are looking for ways to reach out to a generation addicted to caffeine and who can't sit still long enough to read "Lord of the Flies," or any novel for that matter?

It doesn't.

I've attended small churches, big churches, churches with hymn books, churches without, churches with wooden benches, churches with couches, churches with and without choirs, churches that baptize with immersion and some that don't.

I've even been to the
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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 12, the 256th day of 2008. There are 110 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 12, 1958, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Cooper v. Aaron*, unanimously ruled that Arkansas officials who were resisting public school desegregation orders could not disregard the high court's rulings.

On this date:

In 1609, English explorer Henry Hudson sailed up the river that now bears his name.

In 1918, during World War I, U.S. forces led by Gen. John J. Pershing launched a successful attack on the German-occupied St. Mihiel salient north of Verdun, France.

In 1938, Adolf Hitler demanded the right of self-determination for the Sudeten Germans in Czechoslovakia.

In 1943, German paratroopers took Benito Mussolini from the hotel where he was being held by the Italian government.

In 1953, Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy married Jacqueline Lee Bouvier in Newport, R.I.

In 1958, the science-fiction movie "The Blob," starring Steve McQueen — billed as "Steven" —

'Nothing strengthens the judgment and quickens the conscience like individual responsibility.'

— Elizabeth Cady Stanton
American feminist (1815-1902)

was released.

In 1960, Democratic presidential candidate John F. Kennedy addressed questions about his Roman Catholic faith, telling a Southern Baptist group in Houston, "I do not speak for my church on public matters, and the church does not speak for me."

In 1974, Emperor Haile Selassie was deposed by Ethiopia's military after ruling for 58 years.

In 1977, South African black student leader Steven Biko died while in police custody, triggering an international outcry.

In 1992, the space shuttle Endeavour blasted off, carrying with it Mark Lee and Jan Davis, the first married couple in space; Mae Jemison, the first black woman in space; and Mamoru Mohri, the first Japanese citizen to fly on a U.S. spaceship.

Ten years ago: The White House responded to Kenneth Starr's graphic report on President Clinton by calling it a "hit-and-run smear campaign." Leaders of striking pilots at Northwest Airlines ratified a new contract, ending a walkout that began Aug. 28. Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs became the fourth player in major league baseball history to reach 60 homers in a single season.



McCain's running mate a Pittsburgh girl

—Some folks are befuddled by who Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin is. I know exactly who she is. She's a "Pittsburgh girl."

Maybe I better explain. Palin embodies everything feminists have been asking for — she really does "have it all." She's a wife, a working mom and the most powerful woman in her state — yet she's got feminine poise (as reflected in this bumper sticker: "Coldest State. Hottest Governor.")

Palin's husband is also what feminists have been asking for. He works part time to support her career and nurture the kids — yet he's masculine and self-assured (Alaskans call him the "First Dude.")

You'd think in a truly progressive society folks would set aside their politics for a moment to celebrate real

equality in action (just as folks praised Hillary for being the first female presidential candidate and Barack for being the first black).

But that didn't happen, of course.

The same folks who argued for years that there are few differences between males and females — we were just socialized to think there are, you see — are suddenly singing the opposite tune.

Somehow — with a straight face — they are now arguing that moms are expected to take on the lion's share of the family burdens and that by becoming the VP candidate Palin is turning her back on hers.

What's worse, to some, is

that conservative folks aren't responding the way they're supposed to.

Conservatives are supposed to prefer their women barefoot and pregnant in the kitchen. But they're 100 percent behind Palin — especially the old, white conservative fellows who are speculating that,

eight years hence, a more experienced Palin just might have a shot at the highest office in the land.

The first female president a Republican?

Such a thought has to be maddening to those whose carefully constructed image of "Neanderthal" conservatism is being shattered by simple reality. Such folks can't get a bead on who and

what Palin is, so let me take a stab at it.

As I said, she's a "Pittsburgh girl."

I was born and raised in Pittsburgh, a down-to-earth blue-collar town. Like so many places in America, it is the land of big hearts and common sense. If your car breaks down, expect a couple dozen people to stop and help you.

It's a place where neighborhoods are tightly knit and families even tighter. It's a place filled with genuine people who are concerned for their relatives, friends and neighbors — and especially their country.

Folks in Pittsburgh are sitting around dinner tables and on their front porches talking about the future of this country. Their ideas may be different — arguments may get

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Tom Purcell
Columnist



Thoughts from around the nation

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around the nation:

■ Aug. 30

The Blade, Toledo, Ohio, on John McCain's running mate:

No sooner had the echoes stilled from Sen. Barack Obama's stirring acceptance speech in Denver ... than Sen. John McCain made a bold move. He picked as his running mate Gov. Sarah Palin of Alaska, who was not much known outside her home state and represents a maverick's gamble if ever there was one. ...

There's nothing in her paper-thin resume to suggest she knows anything about foreign affairs, which Republicans have hitherto insisted was

essential, and the issues that matter to America's great urban centers, given that Alaska is not typical of the rest of the country. ...

Still, there's no denying her political appeal. A mother of five and staunchly anti-abortion, she will bring those wary Christian conservatives into the McCain camp.

... Whether her right-wing views will attract white working-class women who supported Hillary Clinton is debatable. In her introductory speech, she explicitly said: "The women of America aren't finished yet."

On the issues, there is much to dislike about Sarah Palin — and other Clinton, not to mention Obama, supporters will be the first to point that out. But her candidacy is exciting — and

excitement can count for a lot in politics.

On the Net:
<http://tinyurl.com/6ofbbr>

■ Sept. 2

The Ledger, Lakeland, Fla., on taxpayers and the cost of political conventions:

As voters watch the expensive sets and glitz of the national political parties' conventions, they may wonder who's paying for all this. The answer: They are.

Taxpayers are footing a large share of the bill for the conventions, and they shouldn't have to. To begin with, each

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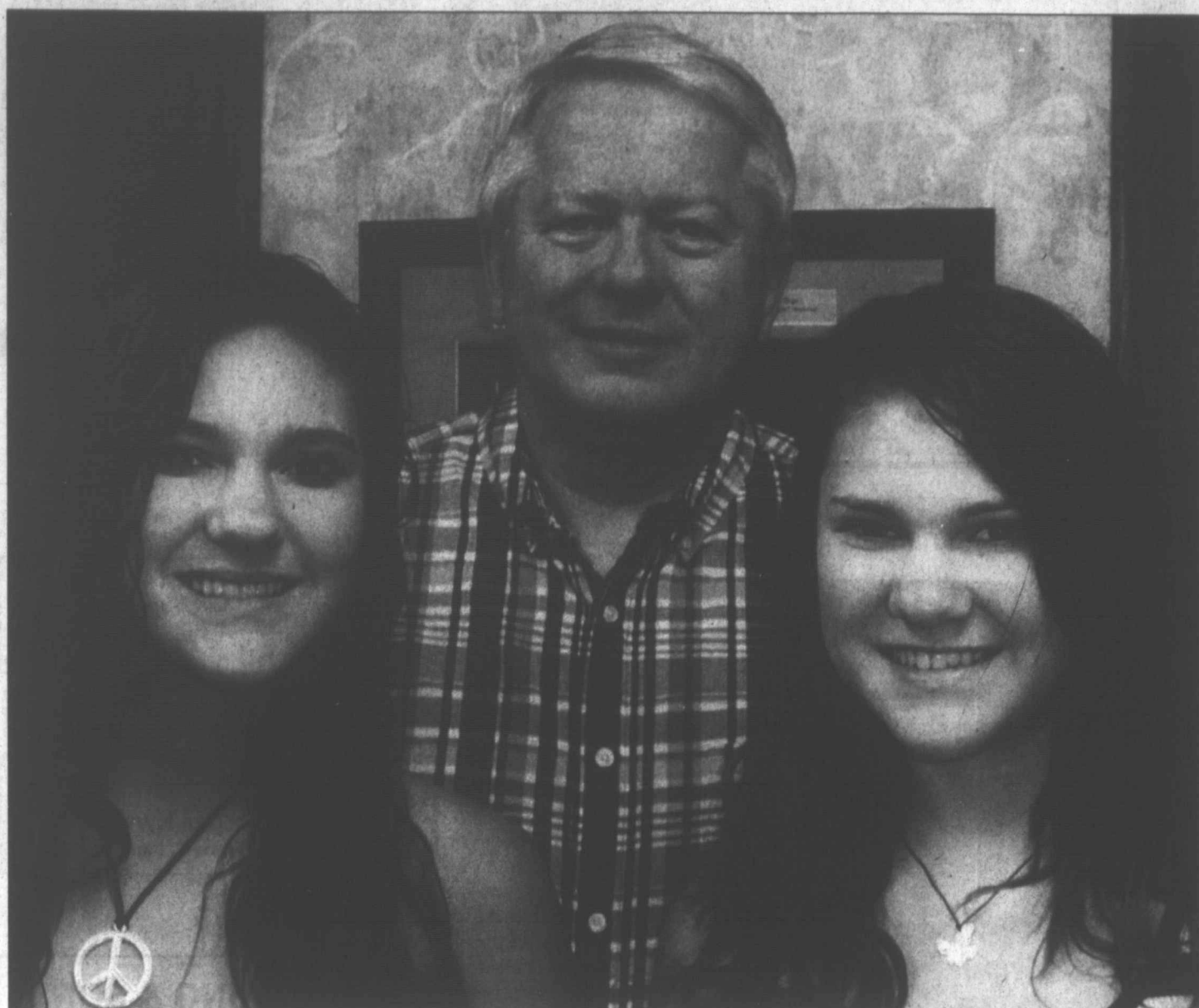
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Scholarship recipients

Dr. Jay Johnson presented two Evelyn and H.J. Johnson scholarships to Erica and Monica Schepp. The scholarship, in honor of Johnson's parents, is awarded annually based on academic achievement and extracurricular involvement. Erica and Monica plan to attend Texas A&M University in the fall.

Events calendar

• **Top O' Texas Republican Women** will meet from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 17 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. All are welcome. For more information, call 669-2380.

• **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases. 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., Sept. 17, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

• **The Better Business Bureau** of the Texas Panhandle will host a "Secure Your ID Day" from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 20 in the parking lot of Wal-Mart Supercenter in Pampa. Participants may bring up to three boxes or bags of paper materials for free shredding and receive free goody bags with tips and resources to prevent identity theft.

• **Institute for Natural Resources** will present a seminar for health care professionals worth six credit hours Oct. 2 at the Holiday Inn Lubbock Plaza in Lubbock and Oct. 3 at the Ambassador Hotel in Amarillo. "Chronic Pain" will be presented by instructor S. Thomas Deahl II, D.M.D., Ph.D. The pre-registration fee is \$82. The seminar will be conducted from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. at both locations. For more information or to register, call 1-800-937-6878.

• **Clarendon College-Pampa Center** will host a MIP alcohol awareness program from 6-9:30 p.m. Oct. 3-4 in room 209 of the campus. The class fee is \$45 and is limited to the first 25 students. Attendance is required at both classes to receive credit. The class is to be taught by Dennis Burton, Texas Department of State Health Service, and covers the following topics: Possession, consumption, DUI, public intoxication, purchase of alcohol and misrepresentation. For more information, call (806) 898-5300.



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Fund-raiser car wash

Pampa High School's Choir will hold a car wash fund-raiser from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot of National Bank of Commerce. Though the car wash is free, the team will be accepting donations. Above, from left: Will McKay, Robin Fernuik, Kimberly Curtis, Blake Sieck, Diana Mechelay, Keisha Crowell, Brenna Albracht, Coleby West, Erin Buck and Kaitlin Winegeart. (Editor's note: This photo was originally misidentified as the PHS Swim and Dive Team.)

Paparazzi get duped by look-alike Spears

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Cameras flashing and films rolling, a crowd of paparazzi surrounded a police escort, trying to get the perfect shot of Britney Spears' little sister as she left the Los Angeles International Airport.

Just one snag: The woman wasn't Jamie Lynn Spears.

In what appears to be a case of the old switcharoo, airport police on Wednesday duped paparazzi at the crowded terminal by leading an unidentified woman — wearing sunglasses and looking away from cameras — down an escalator and through a hallway while the real Jamie Lynn and her baby girl safely left the airport from another area.

Police denied any trickery and said they were not escorting the woman.

"All (the officers) did was follow the crowd down to the baggage area," said Sgt. Jim Holcomb of the Los Angeles airport police. "The people they were following assumed that this was Spears because she was blonde."

Despite the denial, a video posted by TMZ showed several officers tucked in tight around the woman, some giving paparazzi repeated warnings to "keep backing up" and "keep moving."

Several in the crowd greeted the woman with, "Hello, Jamie," and "How's the baby?" and later learned she was a decoy.

Holcomb said it's against department policy to provide security for celebrities, but officers were willing to do it after the Spears family asked

for an escort for Jamie Lynn, her baby, her mother and her older sister Britney, who ended up being a no-show.

"If there's extenuating circumstances, we can do what we need to do," Holcomb said. "If there was no baby — hey, you're on your own. You're an adult."

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Vatican and back. The Sistine Chapel, the most solitary, traditional, sacred of churches — while a sight to behold — was just that: A sight.

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We go to church to worship, to draw near to God among the fellowship of our brethren, to be in the presence of the Lord with other Christians, to hear the Word. And whether we do this in a solitary or traditional manner, or with flashy lights and high fives in the background of drums beating on stage — who cares!

Do it however you want ... as long you do it.
 —Miranda Bailey is a teacher and freelance journalist. Her columns run every Friday. She can be reached at frazierbailey@sbcglobal.net.

Purcell

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heated — but they're trying to work this election out, trying to do what is right.

Palin resonates with such folks, who have sisters, mothers and wives just like her — authentic, honest, attentive women who will fight tooth and nail to do what is best for their kids, neighbors and communities.

Unlike some ambitious politicians who need the constant affection and reassurance of the public — politicians who say "don't you know who I am?" when waiters in trendy restaurants fail to give them the best seat — you get the sense Palin couldn't care less about such things.

It's early yet and we're just beginning to know fully who she is, but I offer a bit of advice to her opposition. It's probably not a good idea to underestimate her (like or hate her politics, she hit it out of the park at the convention).

I wouldn't attempt to portray her as a bimbo or an inexperienced lightweight or a religious-right wacko. Most of all, I'd avoid dragging her family into the fight.

I've been in the unfortunate position of opposing a Pittsburgh girl now and then. The outcome has never been pretty.

When prompted, a Pittsburgh girl will reach into your belly and rip out your guts before you have a chance to blink.

And she'll do it with a smile on her face and not a hair out of place.
 —Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Thoughts

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convention will get more than \$16 million in federal money to help pay for convention operations. To make matters worse, Congress voted to appropriate \$50 million in Homeland Security funds to pay for security at each convention.

There's really no reason for this expense when money is tight and the federal government operates at a tremendous deficit.

The conventions are no longer a decision-making part of the election process. Nominees have long been set. The Democratic National Convention last week and the Republican National Convention this week are nothing more than political theater. They are scripted campaign commercials on free network television time.

While the federal government is operating in the red, the campaigns are awash in revenue. Both presidential campaigns are raising tens of millions of dollars each month. They and their parties should pay for their conventions. ...

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A 'Capitol' prayer



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Rod and Ann Crow recently had an opportunity to visit the U.S. Capitol Building while visiting their son, Clifton C. Dyer, Special Agent SA Protective Services Battalion, and their two grandchildren from Germany. While standing on the steps and facing the Capitol, the couple said a prayer for the nation, the upcoming election and the City of Pampa. Rod and Ann are part of a group that prays for the City of Pampa the last Saturday of each month. They carried The Pampa News and a Pampa to the Capitol Building. Dyer is currently stationed in D.C.



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George W. Gamblin recently received the Elder Emeritus Award from Pampa's First Christian Church. Above, from left, Steve Snelgrooes, elder, Jim Crossman, elder, Jackie Harper, elder, Gamblin, Ron Hayes, vice chair of the elders, the Rev. Barry A. Loving, senior minister, and the Rev. Brian D. Christen, associate minister of Youth & Christian Education.

Church bestows emeritus award

A longtime member of First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Pampa, George W. Gamblin, recently received the church's highest honor.

The Elder Emeritus Award is bestowed upon any church member who has been exemplary in their service to the church, including business as well as spiritual matters, explained the Rev. Barry A. Loving, pastor of the church.

Only four other church members have ever received the award — the late Clyde Carruth, the late Phyllis Cherry, the late E.E. "Pinky" Shultz and the late Max Presnell.

Gamblin and his wife, Mardell, joined First Christian 52 years ago and continue to be active members. They both belong to Lamplighters Sunday School Class.

Mr. Gamblin has served as deacon, elder, board chairman and sat on various church committees, as well. He has been a Sunday school teacher, a CYF Youth Group teacher and volunteered with the Boy Scouts.

Mr. Gamblin was instrumental in establishing the Timothy Fund which helps young people from the church go on to ministerial school. He was greatly active in the Biscuit Ministry which served a delicious breakfast every Saturday morning for many people from various churches in the community.

The couple has four sons, Kris, Marshall, Kory and Grant.

The Elder Emeritus was presented to Mr. Gamblin during a special worship service held recently at the church.

Church briefs

AMARILLO — The Catholic Historical Society of the Diocese of Amarillo will sponsor a two hour seminar from 3-5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21 in the Community Room of St. Francis' Convent in Amarillo.

Presenters will include writers, compilers, editors and publishers of church and family histories. Among the presenters will be Loretta Britten of

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Groom and Caroline Rapstine of Sacred Heart Parish in White Deer.

The seminar will be free-of-charge and open to the public. For more information, call (806) 383-7447.

AMARILLO — Larry and Jodi's Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will present Shiloh, Noah Michael,

and Larry Daniells along with the Good-Time Gospel Jamboree Band with special appearances from Dan Hall and Miss Trudy Value beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo. Admission will be free. For more information, call (806) 944-5255 or visit www.gospeljamboree.blogspot.com on the Internet.

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DEAR ABBY: I have come to dread family gatherings. My extended family holds a different political perspective than I. It seems like at every occasion they sit around and expound on the good points of their candidate or elected official, while belittling the opposition and ridiculing his or her supporters. I have tried on several occasions to change the subject or tell them I don't wish to discuss politics, to no avail. Recently at a family party, I sat down with some relatives I hadn't seen in a long time in an effort to reconnect. They soon began their political bashing. I excused myself to go to the bathroom, only to discover that while I was gone they had discussed my political leanings. When I attempted to go to another room, a relative asked whom I was voting for. I said my vote was a private matter -- and the statement prompted peals of laughter in the room. I would really like to spend time with my family, but with the elections coming up, I feel the need to avoid them. Please assist me on how to handle this. -- **NO POLITICS (OR RELIGION) PLEASE, IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR NO P. OR R.: The surest way is to avoid them until all the votes are counted, after which they'll be so weary of politics that you won't be bothered again -- until the next election.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 25-year-old woman who moved in with a friend, "Natasha," who is also 25, after her boyfriend of seven years kicked her out three months ago. One of the conditions of my moving in was that I'd get to use her car for work and errands because I'd be moving out of my mother's house and had shared Mom's car. Well, I accidentally spilled a drink in Natasha's car while I was using it, and she revoked my privilege to drive it. I'm looking for a car of my own, but I have already spent a great deal of money to move in with Natasha and help her in her time of need. I understand that the car is Natasha's property, and she can do with it as she pleases. But I'm concerned that she went back on her word so quickly into our living situation. She has now started leaving me nasty, belittling little notes and is scathing with her choice of words. She refuses to talk to me and will communicate with me now only through writing. I'd like to take the high road, but I'm having a hard time finding it. Until now, I enjoyed living with her, and I don't want to end our arrangement. How can I have backbone but still be a good friend and roommate? -- **STRANDED IN A SMALL TOWN IN ILLINOIS**

DEAR STRANDED: Because of the way your roommate is acting, it may not be possible. While I can understand Natasha being upset about the drink you spilled in her car, it appears she has gone a little over the top -- unless there are other things about you that also make her angry. (Was the vehicle cleaned to her satisfaction after the mishap?) It would be helpful if you could have a frank, face-to-face discussion. You need to hear what's on her mind, minus the nastiness. If she is unwilling, then you should look for other living arrangements as soon as possible. P.S. Wouldn't it be interesting if the reason for her change in attitude is a desire to reunite with her boyfriend?

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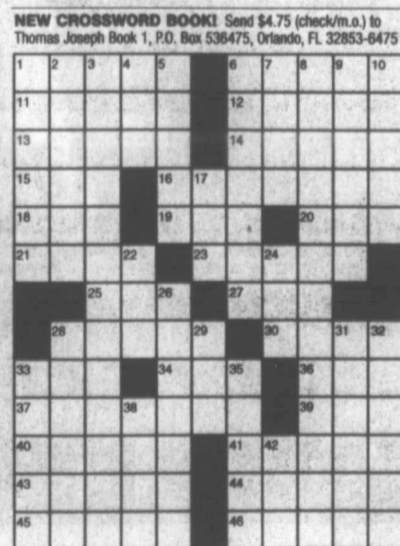
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 - 16 Explain
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 - 19 Farm female
 - 20 Empty talk
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 - 25 Ballroom maneuver
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 - 37 Intensity
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 - 44 Seize by force
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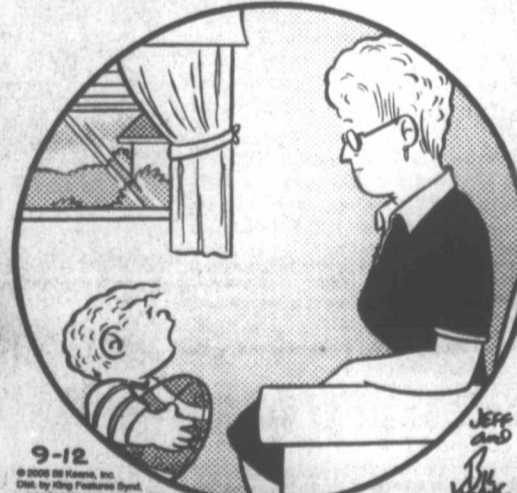


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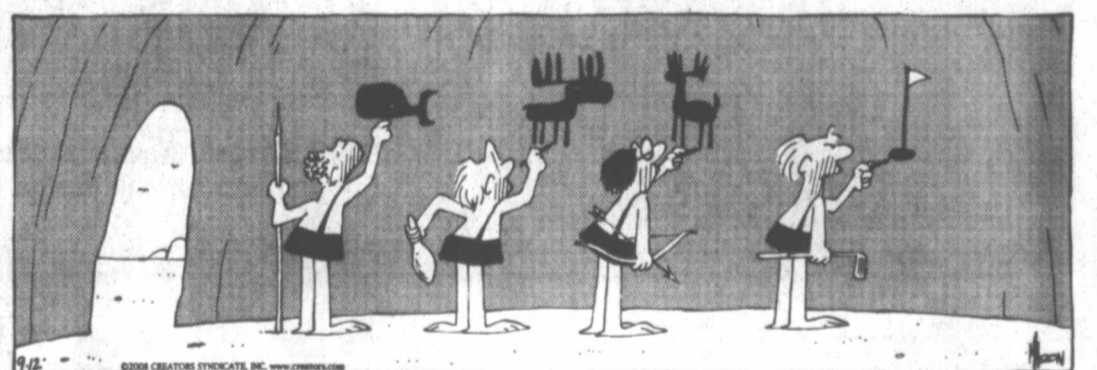


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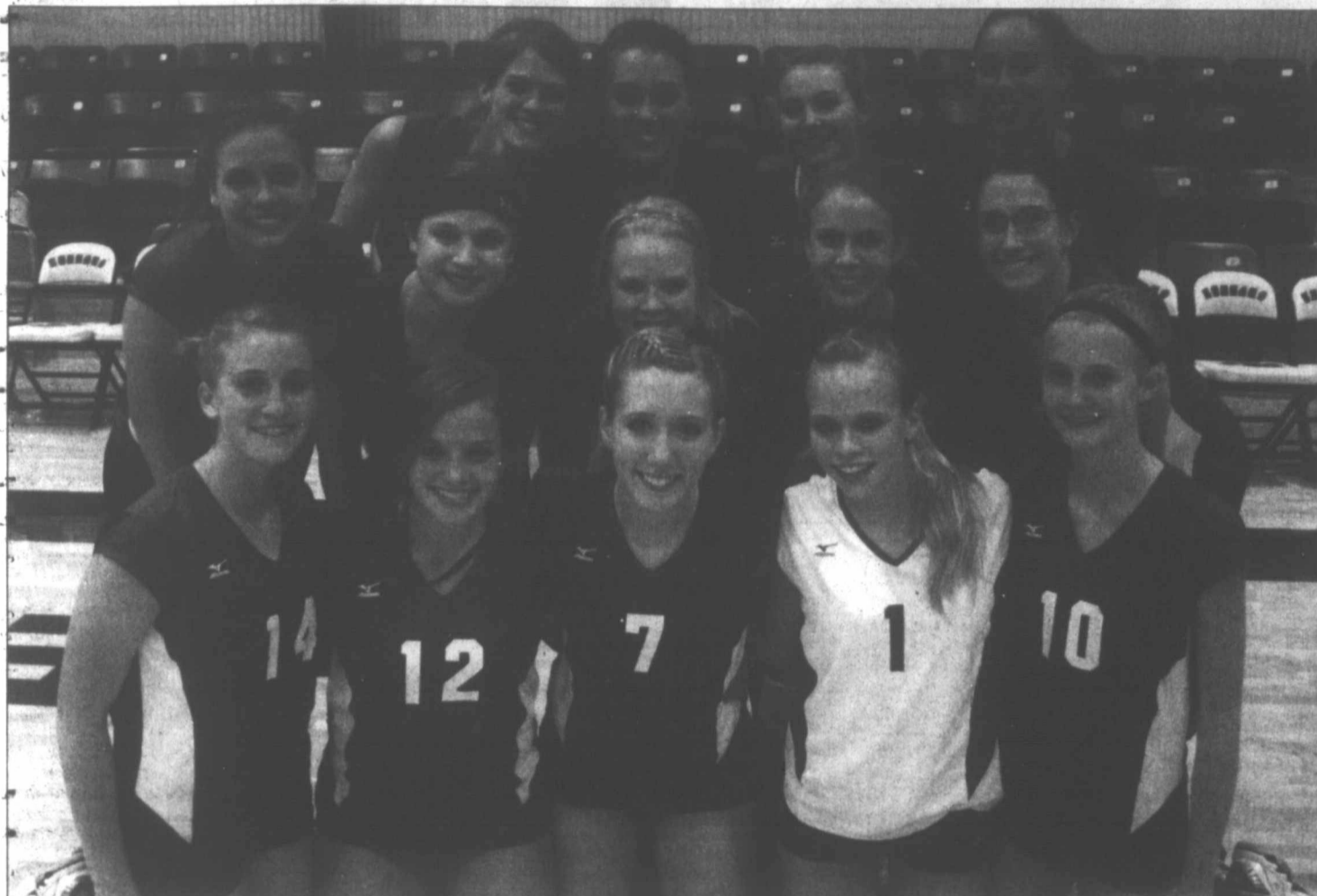


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Lady Harvester volleyball



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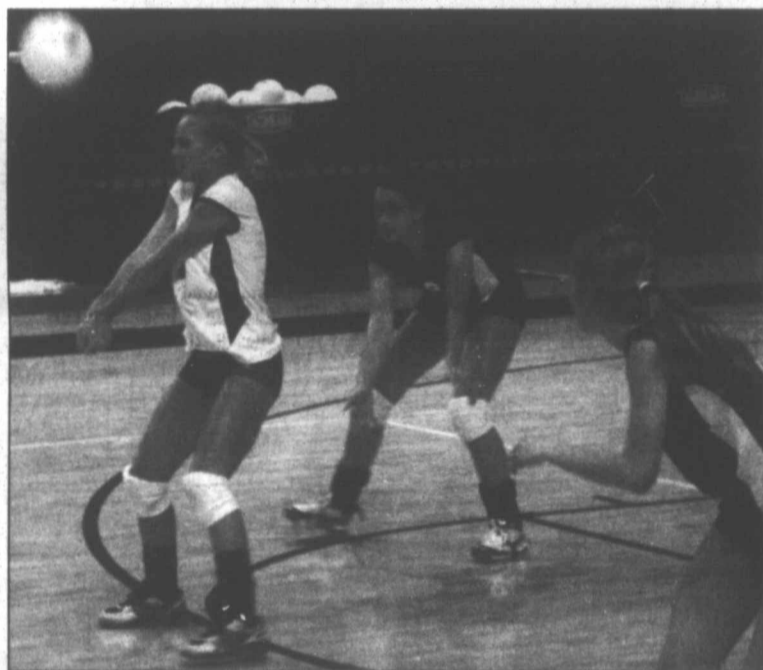
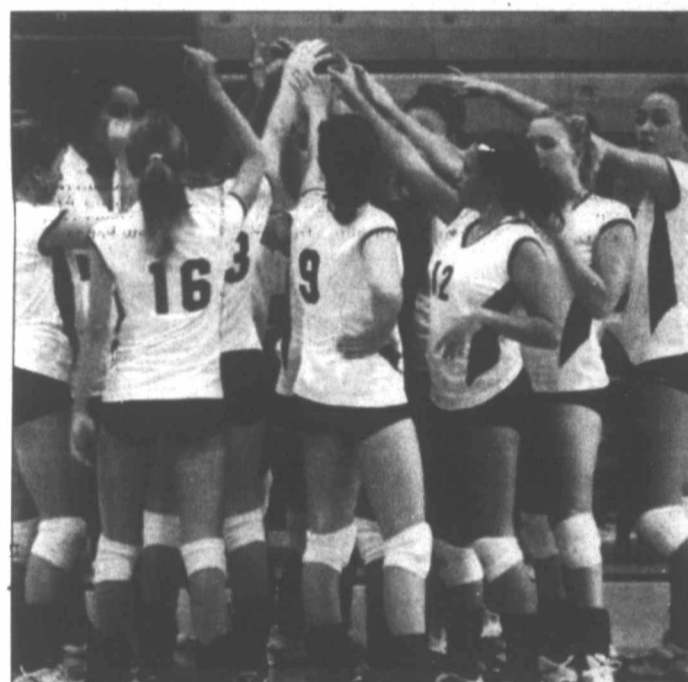
The Varsity Lady Harvester Volleyball Team after defeating Fort Elliot and Childress on Tuesday, Sept. 9. The Harvesters beat Childress 25-20 on the first match, 25-23 second match, and 25-19 third match. The harvesters also beat Fort Elliot 25-15 for the first match, 25-12 for the second match. The district season starts Saturday against Randall. The freshmen will play at 1 p.m. and JV will start at 2 p.m. and the varsity will immediately follow the JV. All games will be played at McNeeley Fieldhouse. First row - Emilie Troxell, Gabby Powell, Chelsie Douglas, Libby Dyson, Kailyn Troxell. Middle row - Kelby Doughty, Cheyanne Collins, Natalie Parker, Taryn Eubank. Back row - Jessica Miner, Chandler Talley, Kara Stephens, Victoria Campbell and Lariat Lowrey.



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Libby Dyson of the Pampa High School varsity volleyball team was recently selected to the All-Tournament Team at Wayland Baptist University Coca Cola Classic. She and her teammates will square off against the Randall Raiders this Saturday at McNeeley Fieldhouse in their first district game of the season.

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The Lady Harvesters huddle during a time out.



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Libby Dyson makes a pass while teammates Taryn Eubank and Natalie Parker back her up.



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Kara Stephens makes a kill.

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Chelsie Douglas prepares to serve the ball at Tuesday's game.

Volleyball Update

The Lady Harvester volleyball team will play their first district game of the season this Saturday against Randall.

"Coach Garza would really love to have a big Harvester crowd there to cheer them to victory," volleyball parent Renee Doughty said.

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO AMEND A WATER INJECTION WELL PERMIT

XTO Energy, Inc., 210 Park Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73102 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the current permit to inject fluids into a formation which is productive of oil and gas in the Key, E Lease, #18W well. The applicant proposes to amend the injection interval from 2734'-2677'-2694'. The applicant also proposes to amend the type of fluid injected from fresh water to saltwater. The proposed injection well is located approximately 3 miles Northeast of Lefors, Texas in the Panhandle Gray County Field, in Gray County.

AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792). B-46 Sept. 12, 2008

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BUSY Automotive shop needs Secretary. Honest, dependable, good with public. Computer skills a must. Bring resume w/ references to 447 W. Brown.

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4 Family Garage Sale. Children clothes & toys, Boys Bears, Furniture, Colored TVs, designer clothes, 501 Levis, household items, books, mens work shirts, 115 Cuyler. Th. Fri. & Sat. 7:30am-5:30 pm

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Pakistan: Main opposition party wants plan on border issue

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The main opposition party Friday called on parliament to meet in a joint session to devise a strategy to deal with cross-border attacks after the latest suspected U.S. missile strike killed 12 people in Pakistan's northwest.

American forces in Afghanistan are stepping up efforts to hit Taliban and al-Qaida militants in what they call safe havens in Pakistan's border regions, despite stiff protests from Islamabad.

With the insurgency in Afghanistan intensifying, President Bush secretly approved more aggressive cross-border operations in July, current and former American officials have told the AP.

Chaudhry Nisar Ali, a senior leader of former Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif's opposition party, demanded the government convene a joint session of parliament to discuss and devise a strategy on what he called an increasing and alarming number of the U.S. strikes inside Pakistan.

"This is very serious and very concerning to us," he said. Two intelligence officials told The Associated Press that missiles struck a home near Miran Shah, the main town in the North Waziristan tribal region, before dawn Friday.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized to speak to media, said 12 people were killed and 10 injured. The identities of the casualties were not immediately clear.

North Waziristan is part of a belt of tribally governed territory where Pakistan's government has little control. The frontier region is considered the most likely hiding place for Osama bin Laden and al-Qaida No. 2 Ayman al-Zawahiri.

Since Aug. 20, there have been at least seven reported missile strikes as well as a raid by helicopter-borne U.S. commandos that Pakistani officials claim killed 15 people, all civilians.

Both the U.S. military and the CIA operate drone aircraft armed with missiles of the type believed to have killed two senior al-Qaida commanders in Pakistani territory earlier this year.

Pakistani officials warn that the strikes — especially ones involving ground troops — will fan anti-American sentiment in the country and wreck efforts to win over moderate tribal leaders and bring economic development to the impoverished border region.

Authorities negotiated a peace deal with tribes in North Waziristan earlier this year. Similar efforts have failed or broken down in other parts of the northwest.

Ag news

Switchgrass may mean better soil

by Don Combs
ARS News

Soils with native grasses such as switchgrass have higher levels of a key soil component called glomalin than soils planted to non-native grasses, according to a study by the Agricultural Research Service at two locations in Mandan, N.D.

Kristine Nichols, a microbiologist with the ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory in Mandan, conducted the study. Glomalin is a sugar-protein compound that might trigger the formation of soil. The more glomalin in a given soil, the better and less erosion-prone that soil probably is.

In 2004, Nichols collected soil from under grass plots established between 1987 and 2002. The amount of glomalin in the soil increased as the degree of interdependence between plants and the arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi increased. These fungi produce glomalin and live inside plant roots and the surrounding soil. That interdependence is greatest in warm-season native grasses such as switchgrass, blue grama, big bluestem and indiagrass.

Further evidence that soils underneath native grasses are higher in glomalin came from another study on rangeland areas at Mandan and near Platte, S.D.

In an earlier study, Nichols analyzed samples from undisturbed soils with native vegetation in Maryland, Georgia and Colorado. According to her analysis, glomalin stored a large percentage of the carbon found in those soils and contributed greatly to soil fertility. On average, glomalin stored 15 percent of the soil carbon, with the highest amount — 30 percent — in a Colorado soil and the lowest amount — 9 percent — in a Georgia soil. These results are similar to those from other soil samples taken around the world.

The increased glomalin and underground carbon storage observed with switchgrass adds to its value as a potential source of cellulosic ethanol.

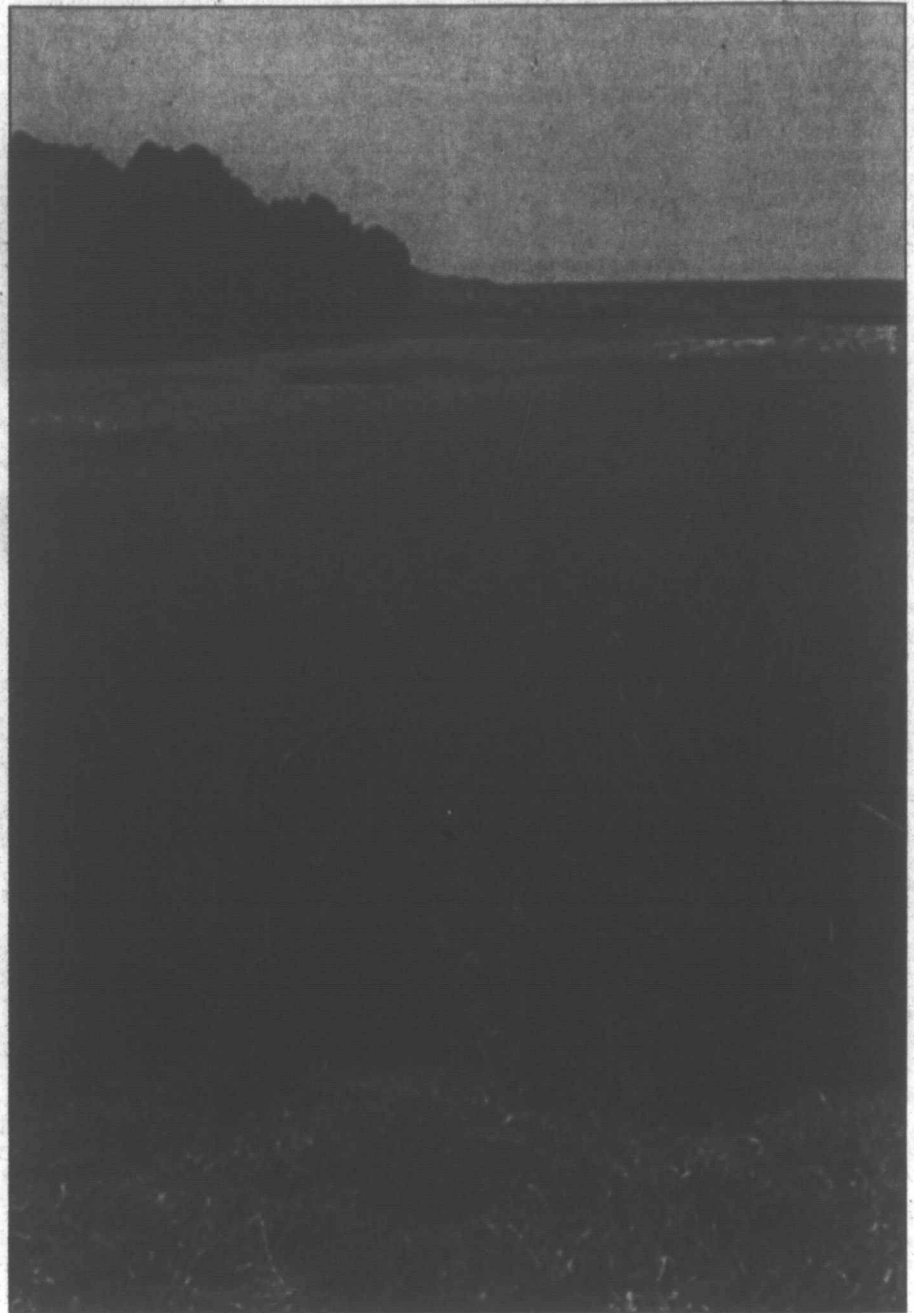


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Native grasses like switchgrass may contribute to soils with higher levels of glomalin, a glycoprotein that helps store carbon and may increase the value of the grass as a source of ethanol.

Nichols uses glomalin measurements as a quick guide to evaluate how "soil-friendly" farming or rangeland practices actually are. She originally worked with soil scientist Sara Wright,

who discovered and named glomalin in 1996. Wright has since retired. ARS is a scientific research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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