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Aquatic Center to be in Inez Carter Park

BY BETSY PHILLIPS
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Inez Carter Park will be the location of the Pampa's new aquatic center. The City Commission voted 3-2 for the decision in its Tuesday evening regular meeting.

Commissioners Bill Allison and Robert Dixon voted against the project, but for different reasons.

A few residents who live close to the location attended the meeting to voice their displeasure.

Among them was O. K. Lee, who said he thinks constructing the water park in his neighborhood would be detrimental to those who live there. Lee said the trash, noise lights and "a big fence" would bring down property values.

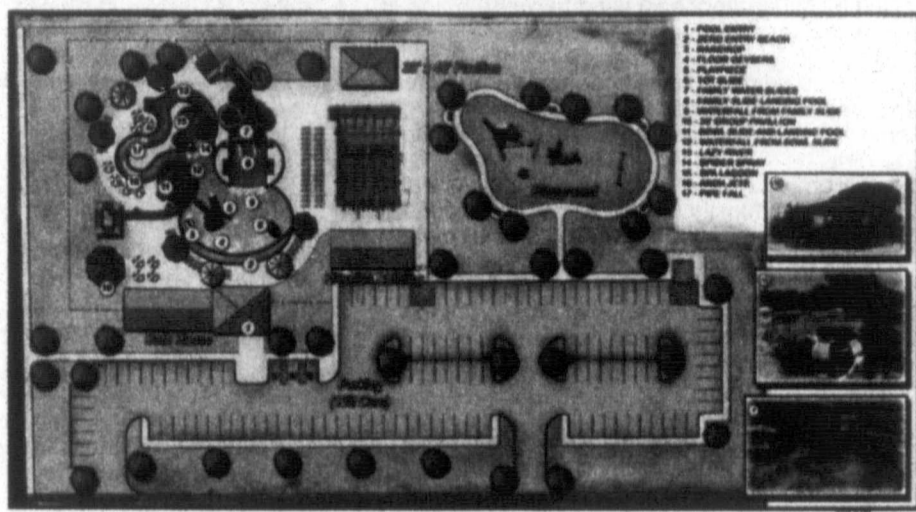
"Nobody wants to live next to a water park," Lee said, adding that the site was right across the street from a church and noise from the park might disturb Wednesday evening

services. "I can't understand why you would hurt citizens when you have a pool with no housing around," Lee said.

Commissioner Allison agreed, saying he wouldn't want it in his neighborhood either.

Beth Earhart said she thought a water park would be wonderful, but has serious concerns about the location, which she said would be "10 steps from my bedroom window." Traffic is already bad in the area, she added, as is trash.

"Young families with toddlers would not choose that area to live," she told the commission. Earhart had a question about hours of operation, saying she likes to sit on her porch or garden in the evening in peace. She said with "countless empty fields" around Pampa she doesn't understand the location choice. She also said she thinks the facility would be



Inez Carter Park Family Aquatic Center
Site Plan - Concept

unsafe in a residential area. Assistant City Manager Shane Stokes, who has been lead wrangler on the project said trash would be picked up by park employees and the only noise would be children's voices. He said they've had no noise complaints related to the current pool.

Commissioner Bill

Allison told Stokes he applauded the work he's done on the project, "... but I'm not in favor of that location. I know the PEDC (Pampa Economic Development Corporation) won't participate if we put it somewhere else, but I don't feel it's fiscally responsible to spend \$100,000 on land, when

we already own a lot of land."

"Until the contractor found out the EDC was against (the M.K. Brown site) they were for it," Allison said.

Stokes said building the park anywhere else would be taking \$1 million away from the project.

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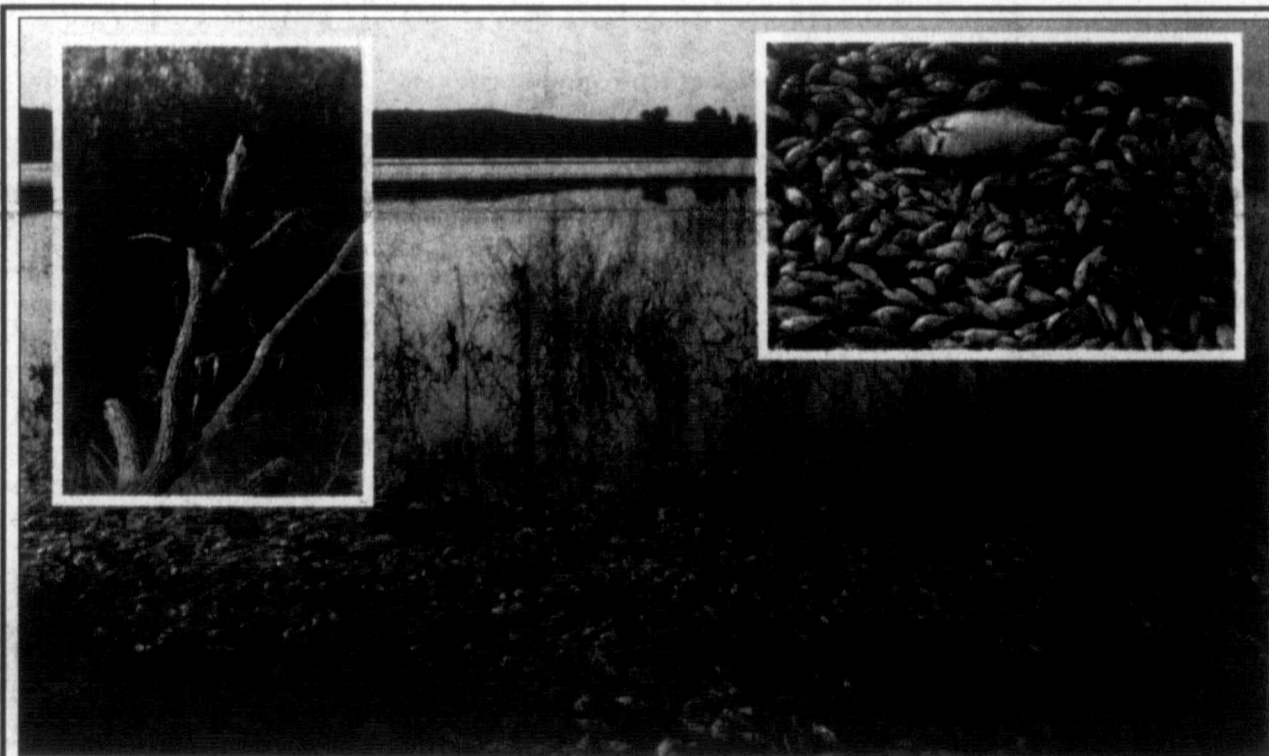
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A 'natural' fish kill at Lake Meredith means opportunity for some other wild creatures.

Fish kill 'natural phenomenon,' says biologist

A state biologist said today that the dying fish at Lake McClellan are a seasonal phenomenon.

John Clayton, assistant district fishery biologist for the State of Texas, said this morning that fish are dying in Lake McClellan are a natural phenomenon.

"There's no oxygen in the water," Clayton said.

He said it is not uncommon and usually happens in warm weather.

The fact that the lake level is rising due to recent rains means that vegetation near the shore that has been flooded starts to die adding to the situation.

Clayton said that plankton in the water manufactures oxygen for the lake and gives the lake its blue or greenish color, but on cloudy days, the plankton use more oxygen than they make.

"When they don't have sun," he

said, "they consume oxygen."

Warm, cloudy days, he said, tend to lead to fish die-offs because there is less oxygen in the water although he said he did see some live fish when he was at the lake Tuesday.

The question, Clayton said, is what's going to happen during the cloudy days at the end of the week.

There may be more die-offs do to lack of oxygen or rain may replenish the oxygen in the lake.

staff photos by David Bowser

King trial to restart Thursday

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) - The trial of a Missouri man facing the death penalty for allegedly killing three people, including an expectant mother, in 2005 is set to restart.

A judge on Monday delayed the capital murder trial of Levi A. King to await DNA test results. It's unclear what the tests involved. A bailiff said the trial will begin Thursday.

King is accused of killing 35-year-old Michell Conrad, her 31-year-old husband Brian Conrad and 14-year-old son Zach Doan. They were found dead in their Texas Panhandle farmhouse near Pampa on Sept. 30, 2005. Michell Conrad was six months' pregnant.

A judge moved the trial from Pampa to Lubbock over fears of prejudicial pretrial publicity.

Last year, King got consecutive life terms without parole in Missouri for killing two people. Those bodies were found the same day the bodies were found in the Conrads' home.

'Voice of Democracy' competition seeks entrants

Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657 is changing the way it awards scholarships to match national criteria and give one recipient the chance at as much as \$30,000 toward their education.

Danny Martin of Post #1657 said the membership has decided to participate in the national VFW's Voice of Democracy competition. This will be the only way scholarships are awarded by the Post for the 2009-10 school year.

Students in grades 9 through 12 may enter. This year's theme is

Does America Still Have Heroes?

The winner selected by the local post will then compete at a district level and perhaps all the way to the national competition.

To enter, record your original 3-5 minute (+ or - 5 seconds maximum) essay on a standard cassette tape or CD (record in .wav format) on this year's theme. Label your cassette or CD and neatly typed essay with your name and complete the attached entry form. Provide these three items to your school/group competition or your

local VFW Post for judging. All recordings must be in your own voice (hearing or speech impaired students should contact the Voice of Democracy

National Office at (816) 968-1117 for special instructions), without music, special effects or background sounds. Songs and poetry are not acceptable. You may not provide anything within the essay or recording that will identify you in any way. You may enter only one Voice of Democracy competition per year.

All entries competing at the Post level must be in the hands of that VFW Post by midnight, Nov. 1, 2009. It is the responsibility of the student to meet this deadline by submitting their entry to the proper location.

All entries must be judged at the VFW Post level. The only exception is where schools/classes/youth groups have large numbers of students and wish to conduct their own competition, submitting

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September 11, 2009 6:30 a.m. in the M.K. Brown Room
at the Chamber Building. \$6.50 per person.
Please RSVP to Holly at
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Rustlers Too will be serving scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage,
hash browns with biscuits & gravy

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PAMPA FORECAST

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		
High 86 Low 66	High 83 Low 61	High 81 Low 62
<p>Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 86. North northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p> <p>Thursday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph becoming calm.</p>	<p>Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming east between 5 and 10 mph.</p> <p>Friday Night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 61. East southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.</p>	<p>Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 81. East northeast wind 5 to 15 mph becoming south southeast.</p> <p>Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. Southeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.</p>

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Oil falls below \$68 despite tight supplies

AP - Oil prices fell for a third straight day Wednesday, dipping below \$68 a barrel despite an Energy Department report showing a drop in crude and gasoline supplies that suggests demand may be recovering.

Benchmark crude for October delivery fell 12 cents to \$67.93 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost \$1.91 on Tuesday to settle at \$68.05.

Oil and gasoline in storage is much greater than usual right now, partly because it has been a dismal travel season. It's one of the biggest reasons why you won't pay a lot to fill your tank if you travel this Labor Day.

The average price for a gallon of regular gasoline fell a half penny overnight to \$2.602, according to auto club AAA, Wright Express and Oil Price Information Service. That's about 5 cents more than a month ago, but about \$1.08 less than at this time last year.

Gasoline inventories fell by 3 million barrels to 205.1 million barrels, the Energy Department said, a steeper decline than analysts had expected.

Oil analyst and trader Stephen Schork had expected a large gasoline draw given the lateness of this year's Labor Day holiday.

Gasoline supplies have increased by 2 percent since Memorial Day, while a typical driving season at this point would show a draw of around 4.6 percent.

"A build in gasoline supplies through the summer driving season has only occurred once (2004) over the last 20 years for which the DOE provides data," Schork wrote in his morning report.

Oil had been trading higher overnight after the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday that U.S. inventories fell by 3.2 million barrels last week. Refiners voluntarily report the API numbers, while the Energy Department reports mandatory supply figures.

But crude prices slipped just ahead of the Energy Department report, as new figures from the Labor Department showed companies earlier this year slashed spending on everything, including energy. The morning crude inventories report boosted prices above \$68, but the rally couldn't hold.

Oil sank almost \$5 a barrel in the first two days of the week on worries that a global economic recovery this year would be slow and may not justify the big rallies in stocks and commodities since March.

U.S. stock indexes fell about 2 percent Tuesday, largely on rumors of a major bank failure.

On Wednesday, both the energy and equity markets were weighing mixed signs about whether the U.S. economy — the biggest consumer of oil — is improving.

The ADP National Employment Report said employment fell by 298,000 in August, the smallest drop since September 2008, though ADP said employment is likely to decline for at least several more months.

The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing executives, said its manufacturing index rose in August, indicating an expansion for the first time since January 2008. And the National Association of Realtors said pending U.S. home sales rose to the highest level in more than two years.

In other Nymex trading, gasoline for October delivery gained 1.4 cents to \$1.7966 a gallon and heating oil lost 1.2 cents to \$1.7467 a gallon. Natural gas fell 5.1 cents to \$2.77 per 1,000 cubic feet.

In London, Brent crude was down 17 cents at \$67.56.

Obituaries

Larry Frank Jones, 55

Larry Frank Jones fought a valiant battle with cancer and went home to be with his heavenly Father on Monday, August 31, 2009 at the age of 55 years. He was born in Pampa, Texas on August 28, 1954 and resided in East Tawakoni, Texas.

Survivors include his parents, Bonnie Ottolene and Ray Frank Jones, Jr. of Lake Tawakoni; his sisters Sandy Chase of Rowlett,

Pam Groves of Hondo and Sherry and Dale Conway of Georgetown; one daughter, Amanda Wamsanz of St. Louis, Missouri; grandsons Eric and Riley Wamsanz; nephews, Shane Olsen, Matthew Wilkie, Zack Guthrie, Cody Groves, Tyler Chase; nieces Jennifer Stiegler, Amy Minze, Miranda Michener, Shera Conaway, Kristi Chase and Meagan Chase; and great nie-

ces and nephews, Mattie, Rylie, Matilda, Savannah, Shyanna, Tripp, Rody, Garrett, Russell, Ben and Matt. He was preceded in death by his precious sisters, Kimberly Jones and Kristy Baston; grandparents, Ray and Flora Mae Jones and Otto and Mildred Patton.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 4, 2009 at 2:00 pm at

Church of Christ, 1342 Mary Ellen Street, Pampa, Texas. Visitation with the family will be at 2732 Beech Street in Pampa Thursday and Friday.

Memorials can be made to The Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd., Tyler, Texas 75701. Cremation arrangements were made by Quinlan Funeral Home, in Quinlan Texas.

Carl LaDon Bradford, 87

Pampa - Carl LaDon Bradford, 87, died August 31, 2009 in Pampa, Texas. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009 at First United Methodist Church with John Curry and Tyson Alexander, grandson and assistant Methodist chaplain at McMurry University in Abilene, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Bradford was born November 30, 1921 in Watonga, Oklahoma. He married Emma Lee Cole on September 25, 1942 in Watonga. She preceded him in death on May 19, 2001. He farmed at Eagle City, Oklahoma

before moving to Pampa in 1948 where he worked for Maurer Machinery Company for 10 years. LaDon later worked for Celanese Chemical Company, retiring in 1982 after 23 years of service. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and the WinSome Sunday School Class. He was a member of the Panhandlers Camping Club. He spent 17 winters in Mesa, Arizona and loved to travel.

Survivors include a daughter, Beverly Alexander and husband Don of Pampa; 2 sons, Steve Bradford and wife Katrina of Frisco, and Jim Bradford and wife Cheryl of Mundelein, Illinois;

daughter-in-law: Sharyel Bradford of San Antonio; 5 brothers, Calvin Bradford of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, Keith Bradford and wife Thelma of Katy, Jay Bradford and wife Shirley of Caldwell, Idaho, Richard Bradford and wife Jan of Loudon, Tennessee, and Raymond Bradford and wife Carol of Port Orange, Florida; 9 grandchildren, Erin Waters and husband Colby of Canadian, Tyson Alexander and wife Lisa of Abilene, Krissie Alexander of Pampa, Matt Bradford of Dallas, Chelsea Bradford of Lubbock, Greg Bradford and wife Lisa of San Antonio, Jason Bradford and wife Lynette of Hawaii, Kimberly Brown and husband Larry

of Chicago, Illinois, and Lyndsey Gilich and husband Kevin of Ingleside, Illinois; 12 great-grandchildren; special companion, Jean Norton of Amarillo; and all of his special friends at Coronado Healthcare Center. LaDon was preceded in death by 2 sons, Mike Bradford and Ralph Bradford; a grandson, David Bradford; and a great-granddaughter, Anna Mae Alexander.

MEMORIALS: First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1981, Pampa, Texas 79066-2895

Sign the on-line register at HYPERLINK "http://www.carmichael-whately.com" www.carmichael-whately.com

EMERGENCY SERVICES

SHERIFF

The Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Laray Wilson, 19, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of evading arrest and manufacturing and delivery of

a controlled substance in Ochiltree County.

Quinn Andre Evans, 21, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of evading arrest, failure to appear, not wearing a seat-belt and failure to report an address change.

Rhoda Denise Meadows, 42, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges

of tampering with a government document.

Fred Henry Pitt, 50, was arrested by Gray County Deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Wednesday, Sept. 2.

Angela May Bishop, 24, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of driving without a driv-

er's license and failure to appear.

Dana Rosalie Adkins, 35, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and credit card abuse in Potter County.

POLICE

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today.

There were 15 traffic stops.

Officers answered eight animal related complaints.

Tuesday, Sept. 1.

Medical personnel responded to an accident 25th and Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 2900 block of Rosewood.

A suspicious vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of North Banks.

Officers set up a radar trap at Bond and Nelson.

A 911 hangup was reported in the 1000 block of Huff.

An alarm was reported in the 2600 block of Evergreen.

A theft was reported in the 1100 block of North Starkweather.

About \$100 was stolen from Wal-Mart.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester.

An accident was reported in the 400 block of

South Pitts.

A car was broken into and a digital camera was reported stolen in the 1300 block North Hobart.

About \$50 was reported stolen in the 100 block of West 30th.

Phone harassment was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes.

A suspicious person was reported in the 900 block of North Frost.

An alarm was set off in the 1300 block of Terrace.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 500 block of Warren.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 1100 block of Sirroco.

Water officials were sent to 300 block of North Cuyler.

A burglary was reported in the 800 block of West Foster.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 2800 block of North Charles.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 600 block of North Christy.

An accident was reported in the 300 block of South Jean.

Criminal trespass was

reported at Starkweather and Atchison.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 400 block of East 30th.

A window was broken out in a house in the 400 block of North Zimmers.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 500 block of North Somerville.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston.

An ambulance was called to 1100 South Prairie.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 500 block of North Frost.

A domestic dispute was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 1000 block of South Neel.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner.

A 911 hangup call was reported in the 900 block of South Wells.

A medical emergency was reported in the 1300 block of West Kentucky.

Officers performed a welfare check in the 300

block of East Anna.

Authorities answered a medical emergency call in the 2300 block of Evergreen.

A suspicious person was reported in the 300 block of North Starkweather.

Wednesday, Sept. 2.

A suspicious person was reported at Alcock and Nelson.

A suspicious person was reported at Hobart and Kentucky.

A suspicious person was reported in the 1000 block of East Frederic.

A burglary was reported in the 2600 block of North Cherokee.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Hobart and Buckler.

A medical emergency was reported in the 800 block of North Lefors.

Officers performed a welfare check at Denver and Barnes.

A suspicious person was reported at Frederic and Barnes.

An open door was reported in the 900 block of Jordan.



Employees of Accolade recently made a donation to Pregnancy Support Center & Hope House. Shown above are (from left) Yvette Cuellar, Jodie Allen, Paula McGrath (of the center), Suzanne Courtney and Lindsey Been.

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Today in History

Today is Wednesday, September 2, the 245th day of 2009. There are 120 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

1666 - Great Fire of London burns for five days, nearly destroying the city, including St. Paul's Cathedral, but claims few lives.

Integrity needs no rules.

— Albert Camus
French author and philosopher (1913-1960)

1789 - The U.S. Treasury Department is established.

1866 - Crete, after long discontent with Turkish authority, revolts and merges with Greece.

1870 - Emperor Napoleon III and 83,000 French troops surrender at Sedan to encircling German troops, deciding the Franco-German War after six weeks.

1898 - British forces under Horatio Kitchener defeat the Khalifa's army at Omdurman, Sudan. The young Winston Churchill takes part in a cavalry charge.

1945 - Independent Vietnam Republic is proclaimed by Ho Chi Minh, who becomes president.

1963 - Alabama Governor George C. Wallace prevents the racial integration of Tuskegee High School by encircling the building with state troopers.

1970 - The U.S. announces cutbacks in fighting strength in Saigon as North Vietnamese and Vietcong forces continue on the offensive.

1976 - Riot police battle 3,000 mixed-race and black student demonstrators in Cape Town, in the first unrest to reach the white area of a South African city.

1985 - A U.S.-French expedition locates the Titanic wreckage, about 900 kilometers (560 miles) off Newfoundland, Canada, where the ship sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg on its maiden voyage, killing some 1,500 people.

1988 - Iran accuses Iraq of more than 70 violations during two-week cease-fire.

1989 - Riot police arrest more than 400 anti-apartheid protesters in downtown Cape Town, South Africa.

1990 - Saudi defense minister says his country cannot be used as jumping-off point for attack on Iraq.

1995 - A boat on its way to a protest at the edge of Cuban territorial waters sinks near Key West, Florida, with 47 Cuban exiles on board. One person dies.

1996 - Muslim rebels and the Philippine government sign a pact formally ending a 26-year insurgency that killed more than 120,000 people. A Tokyo court orders cult guru Shoko Asahara to pay US\$7.5 million in damages to victims of 1995 nerve gas attack on the city's subways.

1997 - The Dow Jones Industrial stock averages scores its biggest point gain in history to that date, rising 257.36 at the New York Stock Exchange.

2003 - The U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, votes to apply retroactively a recent Supreme Court decision on death-penalty sentencing procedures, overturning more than 100 death sentences in Arizona, Idaho and Montana.

2005 - A Belfast judge orders a suspected Irish Republican Army dissident to stand trial for the murders of 29 people in a 1998 car bombing in Omagh, Northern Ireland's deadliest terrorist attack.

2006 - Thousands of unpaid teachers across the Palestinian territories go on strike, shutting down schools on the first day of classes. A backlash that tests the Hamas-led government's ability to survive.

2008 - Thailand's prime minister declares a state of emergency in Bangkok to restore order after overnight clashes between government opponents and supporters left one person dead and 43 injured.

Today's Birthdays: Ewald von Hertzberg, Prussian statesman (1725-1795); John Howard, English prison reformer (1726-1798); Hirobumi Ito, premier of Japan (1841-1909); Jimmy Connors, U.S. tennis player (1952-); Keanu Reeves, U.S. actor (1964-); Salma Hayek U.S. actress (1966-).

Still time to register a booth Chautauqua set for this weekend

It's not too late to register for a booth for this year's Chautauqua Monday, September 7, at Central Park, according to event organizer Sena Brainard. This year will be the 28th annual Chautauqua festival in Pampa, Texas. According to the City of Pampa web site, the festival will have bands, food, crafts, performances, information, entertainment, and just great fun for all.

The festival runs from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. with activities occurring throughout the day in Central Park. Activities include a 5K run, a pancake breakfast and a Woody Guthrie tribute.

The Pampa Fine Arts Association puts on the event. Non-profit organizations will have booths and sell food or items. Calvary Baptist "Lighthouse on 23rd Street" will be giving away hand held rolls and mini loaves. Calvary Baptist Church will be selling Funnel Cakes and Corn Dogs. The Salvation Army will be selling coffee, popcorn, barbeque sandwiches, chips and pickles. According to Sena, it is not too late to register for a booth. All you have to do is call Sena (806) 662-6777.

A listing of the booths is below, and a map will be listed in the weekend edition.

1. Chautauqua Info - Selling Official T-Shirt
2. Pampa Fine Arts Membership
3. Clarendon College -Pampa Center Information
4. Pampa Chamber of Commerce Info
5. Pampa Regional Medical Center Fun Run, 5K: 8:00, 8:20 am
6. Prevent Blindness America (PBA) Vision Screening - Wal-Mart
7. PBA Bake Sale - (NO COOKIES)
8. Dunking Booth Wal-Mart Vision Center
9. PJHS 8th Grade Dance-Candy Art Machine Pixie-Sticks
10. Girl Scouts-Cotton Candy, Pepsi, Nachos
11. First Presbyterian Church-Water Bowling Free-Prizes Awarded
12. Lighthouse Covenant Fellowship-selling Domino Jewelry & Key Chains
13. Gray County 4-H-Washer Toss, Nutrition/Beef & Horse Quiz Free-Prizes Awarded
14. Correne's Creations-Oven Mitts, Bag holders, Door/Window Snakes, Pin Cushions, Crafts, Lots More
15. Rotary Pancakes 7 a.m.
16. Woody Guthrie Tribute Musical Performers
17. Mike Tension-Metal Art
18. St. Paul United Methodist Church-Selling Amish Jams
19. Salvation Army-Coffee, Popcorn, Barbeque Sandwich, Chips, Pickle
20. Balloons for Fun-Selling Balloons - Bouquets and Singles
21. Iglesia Nueva Vida Church-Burritos and Snow Cones
22. St. Vincent Marriage Enrichment-Fruit Juices and Beef Tacos
23. Kreations by Kristen & More-Beaded Jewelry, Car/Bag Charms, Crosses
24. Calvary Baptist "Lighthouse on 23rd Street"-Hand Held Rolls and Mini Loaves - Small Give Away
25. Kicking Bear-Archery Booth, Gospel Presentation, Free Drawing for Bow
26. Calvary Baptist Church-Funnel Cakes and Corn Dogs
27. Jesus in the Park-Joel the Puppet Free give away
28. H o m e m a d e Gourmet-Dry ingredient pre-packaged: Seasonings, Desserts, Soup/Dip Mixes, Entrees
29. E m e r g e n c y Service Foundation of Texas Information on Helipad@PTMC - Tea
30. Rose Emporium-Potato Bags, Jewelry, Ceramics, Flower Pots, etc.
31. Renner -Crafts - Painted Saws, Picket Fence Furniture, Wishing Wells
32. Panhandle Search and Rescue (PANSAR) PANSAR Dogs on display & demonstrations Live Dogs - Info about PANSAR
33. Greyhound Adoption League of Texas Live Rescued Retired Greyhounds
34. Kid's Stuff-Airbrush Tattoos, Hair Coloring Hair Bows, Tutus, Dresses
35. Gymnastics of Pampa-Obstacle Course - 10 obstacles - Can Do Challenge 2 Courses
36. Gymnastics of Pampa-Team Pampa & House of Cheer - Car Bash
37. Zion Lutheran Church-Cookies, Lemonade
38. Zion Lutheran Church-Sausage on a Stick
39. Boy Scouts 414/UMC Youth-Coke Products Dr. Pepper, Sprite
40. Optimist Club-Hamburgers
41. Dave's Custom Airbrush-T-Shirts & Visors
42. Stage Performers Tent
43. PHS Choir Sound System
44. First Assembly of God-Tamales, Enchiladas, Watermelon Aide, Gorditas
45. Church of the Nazarene-Ice Cream; Hot & Chili Dogs, Chocolate Covered Bananas
46. Pampa Outback Radio Kontrol Society-Display, Demonstration, Videos of Radio Control Aircraft, Simulator - Age & Time Restrictions
47. Pokey the Clown-Cow Herd Rides - Train rides will board here
48. Highland Baptist Church-Free Pops Cycles
49. Shepard's Crook Home Health-Rest Tent with Chairs
50. PFFA Art Tent-Booth 51 & 52 inside
51. Carson County Museum-Selling Chances on Gift Baskets - Children's Activities
52. Shepherd's Helping Hands-Sand Art, Wood, Metal, Rock and Craft Sculptures
53. White Nile Accessories-Selling Jewelry - Genuine Pearls - Demonstrating Making Earrings out of Pearls
54. PFAA Bouncer
55. Pampa Police Department (Crime Prevention)- Candles and boxed food items
56. Cornerstone Church-Free Water - Motorcycle and Hotrod Display
57. JC's Enterprises-Jewelry, Frames, Kid's Fun stuff, etc.
58. Pony Rides (LIVE)
59. Gracelyn's Goodies-Cross Clothing, Hand Sewn Pillowcase Dresses, Bows, etc.
60. Jessica Lynn Photography-Display Photo Art
61. Becky Scoggin-Flip Flops, Jewelry, Totes, Organizers, Crosses, etc.
62. Hastings-Give Away and Sign Up for Rental Membership
63. Jackie Stell-Jewelry
64. Amy Champman-Christmas Decorations
65. Pampa High School Cheerleaders-Face Painting, Autographed Cheerleader Shirts, Beads, etc.
66. A Texas Lady-Western - Jewelry, Baskets, Pillows, Place Mats, Saddle Blankets, etc.
67. Latina Glitter Fashion
68. Herbalife - Health - Weight Management-Drawing
69. Hi-Land Christian Church-Multi Colored Little Bears
70. Chris Crow-"Roll with the Punches" Selling CD's 12:30-2:30
71. First Assembly of God-Turkey Legs, Corn on the Cob, Hot Wings
72. Top O' Texas Cattlewomen-Free Drawing, Brochures
73. American Red Cross Exhibit
74. Guardian Ambulance Exhibit
75. Pampa Fire Dept-Fire Truck, Sparky, Patches & Bumpers Stickers, Handouts
76. Carriage Rides (Board at the Top of Stair on Cuyler.)

Park

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Commissioner Brad Pingle asked if the footprint of the project could be changed to alleviate some of the objections. Stokes said it could be rearranged.

Mayor Lonny Robbins appeared to want to get on with the vote. "We've been haggling over this for six months," he said.

Replied Allison: "Let's get it right. \$100,000 for an acre and a half is a lot." He suggested maybe the city could send a letter to residents in the area and see how they feel.

"I think it's been pretty well publicized," the mayor said. Commissioner Robert Dixon said he voted against the project in the beginning because he doesn't think it's the proper time to spend money on a water park.

"There are a lot of people out of work and a lot of vacant houses," Dixon said, reiterating that he likes the idea of a water park, just not now.

"And I don't like the EDC dictating to us where to put it—that's not right," Dixon said. "The whole project should be EDC, not bond (money). We're going to go in there and put up not what we wanted. I can't vote for it."

"We're caving in to the EDC," he continued. "Shane has done great work."

Dixon said there would be noise and an increase in traffic. "There are a lot of houses out there," he said, adding that residents could "probably get up a petition if they don't want it."

Robbins said he had someone stop him on the street Tuesday and talk to him about how excited they were about the project.

"I think we can make this happen," the mayor said, "I believe we've come to a good site."

Commissioner Neil Fulton said he believes it's the EDC's job to make Pampa a better place and he's with them 100 percent.

Commissioners Fullton, Pingle and Mayor Robbins voted for the project site. Commissioners Allison and Dixon against.

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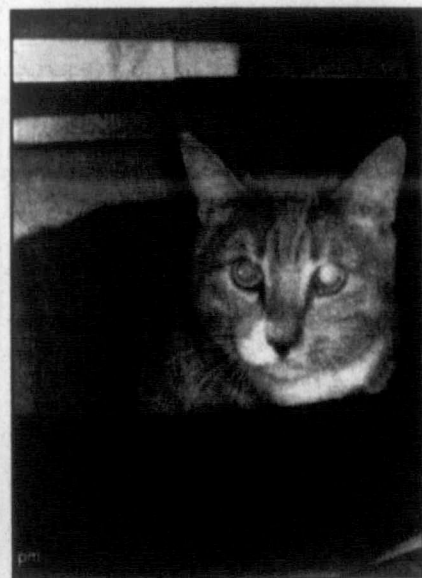
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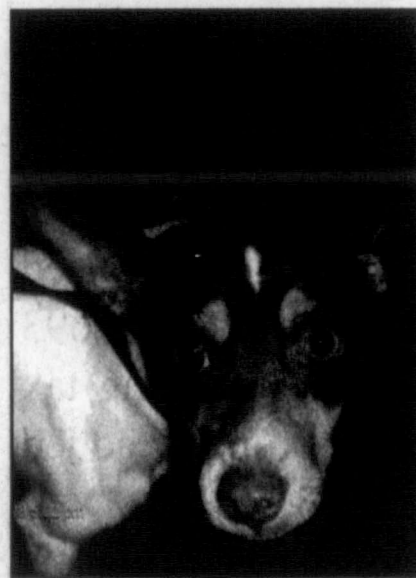
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Try deep fried butter at Texas fair


DALLAS (AP) — It's practically fattening just thinking about it.

Deep fried butter is among eight creative food items by vendors at this year's State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

Fair officials say a Labor Day cookoff will determine the winner of the Big Tex Choice Awards.

Other offerings for the annual expo include green goblins, twisted yam on a stick, deep fried peaches and cream, fried pecan pie, country fried pork chops, sweet jalapeno corn dog shrimp and fried peanut butter cup macaroon.

The State Fair of Texas runs Sept. 25 through Oct. 18.



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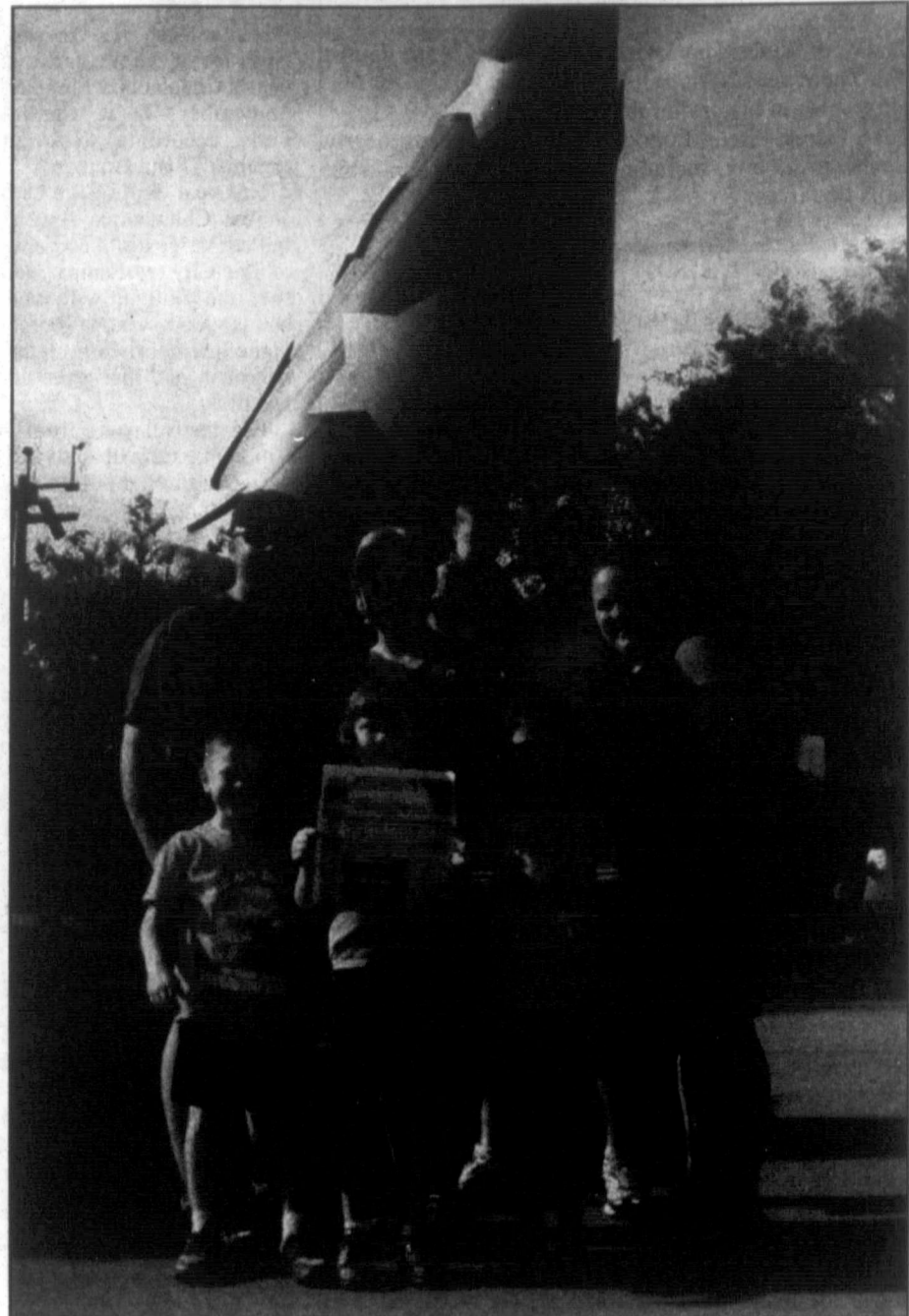
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The Parnell and Monroe families of Pampa recently had a great vacation at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Standing in front of Mickey's Hat is (front row, from left) Ky Parnell, Karson Parnell, Mady Monroe; (back row, from left) Kyle Parnell, Kayla Parnell, Ryan Monroe (holding Jackson Monroe) and Jennifer Monroe. The photo was taken on Aug. 2.



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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Pampa conducted public hearings on September 1, 2009 and September 18, 2009 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 2.56 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.66500 for each \$100 of taxable value was 3,015,935.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.62693 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenues to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,975,757.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.62693 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$2,993,269.

The City of Pampa Council of City of Pampa is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 22, 2009 at City Hall, City Commission Chambers, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas 79065 at 4:00p.m.

D-59 Sept 2, 19, 2009

Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The Gray County General conducted public hearings on September 1, 2009 and September 8, 2009 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Gray County General from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.91 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.44672 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$ 6,966,923.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.48103 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$7,406,649.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.48103 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$ 7,479,930.

The Gray County Commissioner's Court of Gray County General is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on September 15, 2009 at Gray County Courthouse, County Court Room, 205 N. Russell St., Pampa, Texas 79065 at 9:00 a.m.

D-58 Sept. 2, 9, 2009

Productivity up 6.6 percent in 2Q, most in 6 years

WASHINGTON (AP) — Worker productivity, the single biggest factor determining living standards, grew at the fastest pace in nearly six years in the spring while labor costs fell by the most in nine years, as companies slashed costs to survive the recession.

Increases in productivity can help boost living standards because companies can increase wages financed by rising output. But during the recession, companies have been using their productivity gains to bolster their bottom lines as many struggle to stay in business.

This cost-cutting helped many companies report better-than-expected second-quarter earnings despite falling sales. But economists worry that such aggressive cuts will make it harder to mount a sustainable recovery. That's because the lack of wage growth and shortage of jobs will depress household incomes and make the prospects for a sustained rebound in consumer spending less likely.

Consumer spending is critical to the recovery since it accounts for about 70 percent of total economic activity.

The Labor Department said Wednesday that productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, rose at an annual rate of 6.6 percent in the April-June quarter, the largest advance since the summer of 2003. Economists expected an increase of 6.4 percent, matching the government's initial estimate last month.

Labor costs fell at an annual rate of 5.9 percent. That's the largest drop since the second quarter of 2000, and slightly bigger than the 5.8 percent decline estimated a month ago.

The slight changes reflected that total output, as measured in productivity terms, did not drop as much as initially estimated and hourly compensation, after adjusting for inflation, did not rise as much.

On Wall Street, stocks were trading in tight range Wednesday morning. The Dow Jones industrial average dipped about 12 points and broader indices also edged down. Worries about banks and whether stocks have risen too quickly in their six-month rally caused a steep

slide on Tuesday. The 6.6 percent rate of increase in productivity in the second quarter compared with a 0.3 percent rise in the first quarter. It was the largest quarterly increase since a 9.7 percent jump in the third quarter of 2003.

The 5.9 percent drop in unit labor costs followed a 5 percent decline in the first quarter.

Businesses producing more with fewer employees means that unemployed Americans continue to face a dismal job market. The unemployment rate dipped to 9.4 percent in July, but many economists expect it returned to 9.5 percent in August. The government is scheduled to release that report Friday.

While many of the big U.S. retailers have said back-to-school sales have been dismal, the government's Cash for Clunkers program did boost auto sales in August.

Ford Motor Co., Toyota Motor Corp. and Honda Motor Co. all reported increased sales in August as consumer snapped up their fuel-efficient models. But rivals Chrysler Group LLC and General Motors Co., which have just emerged from bankruptcy protection, saw their sales fall for the month.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department said Wednesday that factory orders rose 1.3 percent in July, after the June increase was revised upward to 0.9 percent. The July bump was still below analysts' expectations of a 2.2 percent increase, according to a survey by Thomson Reuters.

Shipments of new autos grew 5.1 percent, as sales jumped due to the clunkers program. An 18.5 percent jump in transportation goods orders drove the overall increase. Orders for commercial aircraft and parts doubled after that volatile category fell 30 percent in June.

But orders for nondurable goods, such as food, petroleum products and chemicals, fell 1.9 percent, the most since December.

The report followed a positive reading about manufacturing activity Tuesday. The sector grew in August for the first time in 19 months, according to a private survey of purchasing managers.



Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Adam," and I bought a lovely, secluded home in the country. We have no children, and our nearest neighbor is a half-mile away. Now it seems like my husband plans to spend the rest of his life in the nude. He loves it and often tells me how "relaxing" it feels. I must admit his temperament has improved.

Please don't get me wrong -- I'm not a prude. But Adam goes for days on end without wearing a stitch unless we're going out or someone is coming over. He works in the yard, cuts the grass, hikes in our woods naked -- and has a head-to-toe golden tan.

I don't mind seeing my husband in the buff. He's clean and well-groomed and nearly as trim as when we first married. (We both are.) My problem is, Adam is constantly after me to join him. I admire his nerve, but just can't bring myself to go outdoors with nothing on, despite the privacy. My biggest hang-up

is fear of getting caught.

Last month, Adam was mowing the lawn and didn't hear the UPS truck come down our long driveway. Caught "red-handed," he nonchalantly signed for the package, wished the driver a good day and went back to work. The driver winked and gave me a thumbs-up as he drove away.

Should I give in to Adam's request and give his nude lifestyle a try? I know it would mean a lot to him. I told him I'd follow your advice. -- "EVE" IN UPSTATE NEW YORK

DEAR "EVE": I'm not opposed to it. From everything I have read, and from readers' testimonials, the naturalist lifestyle is healthy and upbeat, so give it a try. Just be sure to wear sunscreen.

P.S. By December, your problem should no longer be a problem.

DEAR ABBY: My friend "Opal" worries me. When it comes to dating, she meets most of her men

in bars. They're usually a lot younger than she is. Opal is in her late 50s -- her "boyfriends" are 40 or younger.

I have no problem with women dating younger men, Abby, but these are guys who have been in jail and who have had drug problems, emotional issues, etc. Because I am Opal's best pal, I am the person whose shoulder she cries on when these relationships don't work out.

I am tired of always hearing the same old sob story. Sometimes I just want to slap some sense into her. What should I do when she calls me upset because she has been dumped again? I've had it, and I don't know what to do. -- APPALLED IN CLEVELAND

DEAR APPALLED: Poor Opal appears to be desperate for companionship and incapable of learning from her mistakes. The next time she calls to cry on your shoulder, give her the wake-up call she needs. Explain that if she's

trying to hook a mountain trout, she shouldn't be fishing in a herring barrel. If she takes offense, so be it -- because she's looking for love in all the wrong places, and it appears your friendship has pretty much run its course.

DEAR ABBY: A single male friend and I have had a running debate about the phrase "I love you, but I am not IN love with you." It came up again with his telling another friend he believes there is a big difference between the two.

I have been married for 20 years, and I told him that all love starts out "in" love and gradually becomes a more meaningful and everlasting love. Can you settle this? -- TIRED OF HEARING IT IN TEXAS

DEAR TIRED: You can love more than one person at a time, but to be IN love with someone implies that you are focused only on that person and want the relationship to be exclusive. Although sometimes that feeling passes, other times it deepens into the emotion that you described. In other words, when it comes to love there are no absolutes.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle:

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PHS renovation nearing final stage

By Dave Brown

The Pampa Independent School District board of trustees met Tuesday night to discuss the progress of the PHS renovation project. The board was informed that the project is nearly complete and that the school is expected to open for the 2010-2011 school year.

City, PEDC to team up against trash

By Steve Phillips

The City of Pampa and the Pampa Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) have announced a partnership to combat the problem of illegal dumping in the city. The partnership will involve joint efforts to clean up illegal dumpsites and to educate the public on the importance of proper waste disposal.

Debate on name of PJHS mascot favors unity

By Dave Brown

The Pampa Junior High School board of trustees met Tuesday night to discuss the proposed name for the school's mascot. The board was divided on the issue, with some members favoring a more traditional name and others favoring a more modern name. The board ultimately decided to keep the name "Panthers" to maintain unity among the students and staff.

Perry says he will call special session

By Steve Phillips

Gov. Rick Perry has announced that he will call a special session of the Texas Legislature to address the state's budget deficit. Perry said that the special session will be held in the coming weeks and will focus on finding ways to reduce spending and increase revenue.

Open meetings violation suit filed against PISD

By Dave Brown

A lawsuit has been filed against the Pampa Independent School District (PISD) for allegedly violating the Texas Open Meetings Act. The lawsuit was filed by a group of citizens who claim that the school board has held several meetings in secret, without providing notice to the public.

Gov breaks collarbone in biking accident

By Steve Phillips

Gov. Rick Perry has suffered a serious injury in a biking accident. Perry was riding his bicycle on a trail near his home when he fell and broke his collarbone. Perry is expected to be out of work for several weeks.

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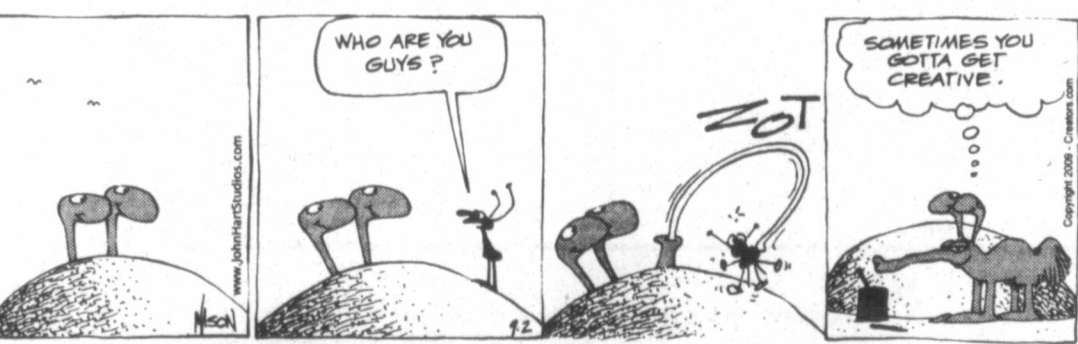
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"I don't know. I'm only half done."

Daily Crossword Puzzle

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 5 Explorer Vitus
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 - 12 Broad way
 - 13 Odometer unit
 - 14 Lease signer
 - 15 Vote seeker
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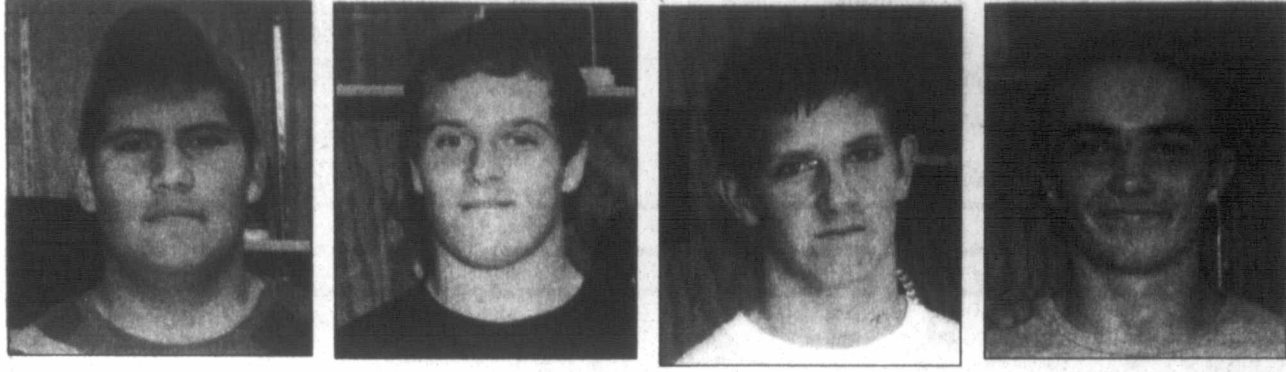
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Sports

Parker's Performers



Pampa Harvester football spotlight players of the week from L to R Senior Jessie Jimenez, Junior Trent Carter, Sophomore Colten Adams and Freshman Patterson Alvey. The coaches recognize players from each grade at the weekly booster club meetings.

Booster Notes

By Beth Rice

Players of the Week
Coach Parker and his staff have named the Players of the Week for the following grades:

Freshman—Patterson Alvey; Sophomore—Colten Adams; Junior—Trent Carter; Senior—Jessie Jimenez

Results of last weeks games and what is ahead for each team:

7th Grade—First Game—9/8 vs. Plainview (H) 6p

8th Grade—First Game—9/8 vs. Plainview (A) 5p

Freshman— vs. Borger. Won 28-16; Next Game— 9/3 Lubbock Estacado (H) at 5p

Jr. Varsity—vs. Borger. Loss 7-0; Next Game— 9/3 Lubbock Estacado (H) at 7p

Varsity—vs. Borger. Loss 43-45; Next Game— 9/4 at Lubbock Estacado at 7:30pm.

Other news
Coach Parker is teach-

ing a digital editing class through a Co-op Program that teaches the students to take a game film and edit it for mass viewing. These edited versions will be available for purchase through the athletic office. Also, a website for the Pampa Harvesters Football Program is in the works and should be up and running in the near future.

Monday, 9-7 (Labor Day) 7:00 p.m. Football Boosters Club Meets in the Ready Room at Val Halla. Parents of 7th—12th grade players are encouraged to attend

Tuesday, 9-8 at 12 noon. Pampa Harvester Quarterback Club to meet at The Dixie Cafe. This is a newly formed club for men, young and old, who have any interest in Pampa football. Open to new members. RSVP at 669-7976 or email at seana@newtexasflp.com.

Please come out and support your Harvesters!

Pampa volleyball locks up the Borger Lady Bulldogs

BY ANDREW GLOVER
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The Pampa Lady Harvester varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams defeated the Borger Lady Bulldogs, Tuesday night at Borger.

The varsity swept a best of five against Borger, to improve their record to 7-5. The junior varsity won

a best of three against the Lady Bulldogs (25-20, 22-25, 25-22). Junior varsity coach Matt Embry said his team played well and came together as a team.

"It was a good game to prepare for district," Embry said.

The junior varsity coach said the team has talked every day about coming together as a team, and

couldn't have picked a better time to do so.

"We had to get Borger back for the football games," Embry said. "Now if we can play together and play well, we should give ourselves a chance to do some damage in the district."

Embry said each of his players have taken a step in the right direction.

"They recognize that hard work and a sense of team unity, has taken them to another level," Embry said.

The junior varsity will be playing in Dumas, Friday and Saturday in a tournament. The varsity will play their final non-district match Saturday against Perryton.

Hunter Education Classes Filling Up Fast for Fall

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters in need of certification to enroll soon as fall hunter education courses are filling up fast. As hunting seasons draw closer, demand for hunter education classes is expected to increase.

"It would be much better to enroll early and avoid the rush right at the beginning of hunting seasons," said Terry Erwin, Coordinator for Hunter Education

at TPWD. "Don't wait, because the number of available courses begins to taper off as the hunting season grows closer."

Anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971 is required to take the Hunter Education Training Course in order to hunt in Texas. The minimum age a hunter may be certified was lowered last year to 9, and experts have advice for people who want to take advantage of this relatively new provision.

"Though students may be certified at age 9, we still suggest they be accompanied by an adult guardian until the parent or guardian feels that they're mature enough to hunt on their own," Erwin said.

"We lowered certification to age 9 last year to go along with the Texas Youth Hunting Program, which requires certification to participate. We do expect parents to provide good supervision during hunting, and who better should know if their

youngster is mature enough to be allowed to hunt?"

Hunters who are at least 17 years of age and have not completed the hunter education course can defer completion for one year. Hunters who opted for "deferral" last year must complete the hunter education course to hunt legally this year.

Hunter education courses are conducted by certified volunteers all year across the state of Texas. Courses cost \$15 and students have

two options: take the FREE classroom study portion on-line plus a one-day field component or take the traditional two-day course that averages 14 hours of instruction.

"The deferral is only available once. The license point-of-sale vendors are not allowed to sell a deferral once it has been purchased by an individual," Erwin said. "The database keeps track of the sale, and will not allow a sale to occur with the same indi-

vidual."

As a result of hunter education courses, Texas hunting accident rates have steadily decreased since 1966 when 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters were reported and the last three years have seen the rate lowered to 2.9 accidents per 100,000 hunters. "Hunting is safe and getting safer because of hunter education," Erwin said. If interested, please contact our office at 1-800-792-1112, Ext. 4999."

TX hunters advised how to get Crane Permits

AUSTIN, Texas — Texas sandhill crane hunters are being advised to visit one of 30 Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement (game warden) offices spread across the state to obtain a free permit, or obtain a permit online or by phone, since private hunting license retailers no longer provide the permit this year.

A federal sandhill crane hunting permit is required to hunt sandhill cranes, and failure to have the permit can result in a citation and fine. The permit is available at no cost. It is important, since it helps wildlife managers estimate hunting pressure and decide how to set sandhill crane hunting seasons and bag limits.

For the 2009-2010 season, private license retailers no longer provide sandhill crane permits. This is because it became obvious to game bird program managers at the state and federal levels over the last several years that many retailers were indiscriminately providing the permits to many hunters, regardless of whether they hunt sandhills, thus rendering permit data useless for wildlife

management purposes.

"Last year, close to 125,000 sandhill crane permits were issued in Texas, and before we went to the electronic license sales system in the 1990s we use to issue about 12,000 paper sandhill permits per year," said Vernon Beville, TPWD small game and habitat assessment program director. "It is highly unlikely the number of crane hunters has increased that much."

"We try to keep tight estimates on crane populations and harvest and this requires a good estimate of hunter numbers," Beville explained. "The U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service surveys sandhill crane hunters each year, and they asked Texas to tighten up its method is distributing crane permits so they can obtain more accurate harvest estimates."

This season, hunters can obtain the free sandhill crane permit at TPWD law enforcement offices located in Abilene, Amarillo, Austin (headquarters) Beaumont, Brownsville, Brownwood, College Station, Corpus Christi, El Paso, Fort

Worth, Freeport, Garland, SHouston (two locations, north and south), Kerrville, LaMarque, Laredo, Lubbock, Lufkin, Midland, Mount Pleasant, Rockport, Rusk, San Angelo, San Antonio, Temple, Tyler, Victoria, Waco, and Wichita Falls. See a complete list of offices with addresses and phone numbers on the department's HYPERLINK "http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/warden/office_locations/" Law Enforcement Offices Web page.

Hunters can also obtain sandhill crane permits online, and the permit is still free, but online transactions charge a \$5 convenience fee covering shipping and handling. Hunters can bundle multiple license purchases into a single online transaction and still pay only one \$5 fee.

Or, hunters can also obtain sandhill crane permits by phone at (800) TX LIC 4 U (800-895-4248). License phone center hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday, closed Saturday, Sunday and most holidays. Each phone transaction also charges a \$5 convenience fee.

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