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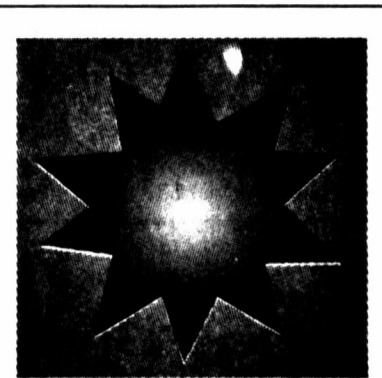
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GED classes start Tuesday

PAMPA — Adult GED classes will be offered from 6-8 p.m. at Pampa Learning Center, 212 W. Cook, starting Tuesday, Sept. 5. For more information, contact Carol Wade, Pampa High School, at 669-4800, or PLC at 669-4750.

Tots-n-Training registration to begin

PAMPA — Registration for Tots-n-Training, a preschool program for children ages 3 to 5, will be Sept. 5-7 in Pampa. Parents may register children Tuesday, Sept. 5 from 11-11:30 a.m. and from 2:30-3:30 p.m. at Lamar Elementary; Wednesday, Sept. 6 from 3-4 p.m. and from 5-6 p.m. at Frank's Foods and from 4:30-6 p.m. at Community Day Care; and Thursday, Sept. 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. at United Supermarket. As part of the program, a newsletter and book will be printed weekly and other age appropriate materials will be given throughout the year. For more information, call 669-4700.

Sunshine Lunch on tap Sept. 20

PAMPA — Crown of Texas Hospice will sponsor a bereavement "Sunshine Lunch" (Dutch treat) from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 20 at Dyer's Bar-B-Que, Hwy. 60 West. This luncheon is a social time for those who are grieving the death of a loved one. For reservations or for more information, call 1-800-572-6365.

- Bracie Sherling King, 56, retired Pampa Police Department detective.
- Dovie Steffens, 97, home-maker.
- Robbie Jo Summers, 77, retired employee Pampa ISD.
- Dr. Victor Lee Trammell, 63, pathologist, former chief of staff of Highland General Hospital in Pampa.

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Car fee out; county tax hike likely

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

A car registration fee will not be charged Gray County residents beginning in 2001 but an increase in the county property tax rate may be enacted. (See related story this page)

Approximately 45 minutes before the deadline to notify the Texas Department of Transportation whether the county would enact either a \$5 or \$10 fee per vehicle, the commissioners voted not to impose the fee.

The commission voted at 4:15 p.m. not to implement to road and bridge fee. The deadline to fax the decision to Austin was 5 p.m. Thursday.

The fee would have generated approximately \$120,000 if a \$5 fee was added to the annual vehicle registration charges, and

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris asked commission members not to implement the fee because of complaints her staff received when a \$5 road and bridge fee was in place for a year during 1990.

Morris told commissioners if they enacted the road and bridge fee she would give out the names and phone numbers of the commissioners court to each person who complained to her tax office staff.

\$240,000 for a \$10 fee. The amount was based on approximately 24,000 vehicles registered in Gray County.

Gray County Tax Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris asked commission members not to implement the fee because of the complaints her staff received when a \$5 road and bridge fee was in place for a year during 1990. The tax office collects the annual vehicle regis-

tration fees. Morris said people coming into her office to renew their annual vehicle registration were very irate about the additional charge, blaming the staff in the tax office. She said her staff shouldn't have to take the abuse of the public.

Morris told commissioners if they enacted the road and bridge fee she would give out the names and phone numbers of

the commissioners court to each person who complained to her tax office staff. She said the complaints by the public were so numerous when the tax was in place 10 years ago that she began referring customers to then-County Judge Carl Kennedy.

Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley said he had received numerous phone calls from the public

about the proposed road and bridge fee, and only one caller had been in favor of it.

During a budget session last week the commissioners discussed enacting the measure as a possible alternative to raising Gray County property taxes to meet the proposed budget.

At that meeting, County Treasurer Scott Hahn said the road and bridge fee would be the most fair revenue measure to implement in the county. He said it was a fee that would be shared by everyone in the county who has a vehicle instead of just the property tax payers.

"I don't want the county to get to the point that we have to hope and pray we don't have a flat tire because it would wreck our budget," said Hahn.

Gray County is one of 20 counties of the 254 across the state which does not have the fee.

Money-strapped county eyes tax hike, salary hold

By NANCY YOUNG
Managing Editor

There's not enough money to go around. That was the consensus of the Gray County Commissioners Court as the day-long meeting and budget session concluded Thursday.

Property taxes will probably have to be raised, and still there won't be enough to pay the county's portion for the courthouse restoration project, say the county commissioners. An eight-cent per \$100 valuation increase in taxes was discussed by the commission.

"Even with an eight-cent tax increase, we'll have a deficit," said Precinct 1 County Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "We will have to go back and cut."

If an eight-cent property tax is implemented, a homeowner would pay an additional tax of \$10.43 on a \$30,000 home, said Tax

Courthouse restoration project put in jeopardy

Woody Guthrie musicians coming for annual tribute

Woody Guthrie musicians will be coming from St. Louis, Mo., Madison, Wis., Amarillo and Fritch to participate in the annual Tribute to Woody Guthrie slated Sept. 3, and 4 in Pampa. The musicians will be performing from 6-9 p.m. Sunday in the VFW building on Cuyler and throughout the day Monday during Chautauqua in Central Park.

Efforts are under way to recruit local folk musicians to participate in the weekend activities and all who are interested are invited to perform.

Efforts are also under way to acquire the Harris Drug Store on South Cuyler where Woody worked. Organizers hope to make the drug store the headquarters for the yearly event.

Former Pampian Richard Hughes said the Woody Guthrie story is a great story and Pampa was a part of it. We say, "who would have ever believed the when a 17 year old boy came to Pampa, Texas in 1929, we would have so much to talk about?" The obvious reason is that Woody Guthrie himself had so much to write about and so much to sing about.



(Pampa News photo by Nancy Young)

Pampa resident Jannie Lewis, local real estate agent, asked Gray County Commissioners Court Friday morning to cut budgets. She said she is planning to make the same request of the City of Pampa and Pampa Independent School District.

Special Olympics benefit set

Area residents wanting to help Pampa's Special Olympics organization will be participating in a volleyball tournament on Sept. 16, to help raise funds for the group.

Local churches, organizations, civic groups and businesses are being urged to participate in the volleyball tourney. Some of the local churches are planning a challenge to the other churches in town to participate in the tournament, said Julie Kinnamon of Sonic, sponsor of the event.

The six man teams will be competing against each other in an effort to raise funds to benefit the local Special Olympics teams.

Kinnamon said all proceeds from the games will go to the Pampa Special Olympics as well as ten

percent of the sales at the local Sonic. Each volleyball team will give a \$6 donation and all team members will be given a gift for their donation. The winning team will receive Sonic Gold.

Amarillo radio station Z-93 will broadcast a remote from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 16. During that time Sonic will have hamburgers, french fries and soft drinks each at 99 cents, said Kinnamon.

Special events during the day are Roll the Egg Contest, 11 a.m.; Hula-Hoop Contest, 2 p.m.; and Hamburger Eating Contest, 6 p.m.

Prizes will be given throughout the day. Among those prizes will be a mountain bike and a candy

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County, state to sizzle over Labor Day holiday

If S stands for September, it also stands for Summer as there's no relief in sight from the relentless heat for Pampans or others in the Lone Star State.

Pampa's high may reach 99 degrees today under mostly sunny skies accompanied by a hot breeze with winds coming from the southwest at 10-20 mph.

And for the Labor Day weekend, there's more in store here with highs through Tuesday predicted in the upper 90s to 101 degrees. The nights will be clear with lows around the 70-degree mark.

Meanwhile, in other parts of the state, North Texas closed out August with only four below-100-degree days, and each of those only missed the century mark by a couple of points.

And temperatures were forecast to surpass the 100-degree mark again today.

Dallas set a new daily high of 108 degrees Thursday, topping the 106 mark hit in 1990. The all-time high for Dallas is 113 degrees set June 26 and 27, 1980.

"The high pressure system is so strong it is taking over any cooling effect. Right now it is anchored over northeast Texas," said Matt Moreland, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Houston. Dallas set a new daily high of 108 degrees Thursday, topping the 106 mark hit in 1990. The all-time high for Dallas is 113 degrees set June 26 and 27, 1980.

Houston tied its all-time high temperature of 107 degrees Thursday. The last time Houston hit 107 was Aug. 23, 1980.

Children at Lovett Elementary in southwest Houston had to endure school with-

out air conditioning, which officials hoped to have repaired Friday.

"It's ridiculous," said parent Barbara Peschon. "How do they expect kids to learn anything in the heat?"

The city has opened "cooling centers" throughout the city to give people, particularly the elderly, refuge from the heat. City community centers and libraries are designated places residents can get relief.

Weather officials aren't optimistic about the temperatures or dry, cloudless skies changing soon. To break up the high pressure dome that has been sitting over

Texas, the jet stream would have to dip down from its current position along the U.S.-Canadian border or a tropical storm would have to push inland from the Gulf of Mexico, said Mike Mach, a forecaster with the National Weather Service.

The other hope is that the high pressure system will shift eastward within the next 10 days, allowing moisture from the Pacific Ocean to move in.

"It is a stalemate on getting any relief out here," Mach said.

By noon Thursday, temperatures across Texas had approached or topped 100 degrees. Dallas hit 101 degrees, as did Waco, Corsicana, Huntsville and Port Arthur. Houston and Austin hit 99 degrees.

Galveston hit 100 degrees, close to the 101 mark set on July 16, 1932. College

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Chamber Prayer Breakfast 200 N. Ballard --
September 5, 2000 -- 7:00 a.m. -- RSVP at 669-3241

Calendar of events

PAMPA AREA LITERACY COUNCIL
Pampa Area Literary Council office is open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 665-2331.

THEE PLACE
Thee Place for Singles is open 7-10:30 p.m. Saturdays at 520 W. Kingsmill.

ADHD/ADD SUPPORT GROUP
If interested in the ADHD/ADD Support Group call Connie at 669-9364.

ST. MARK CME CHURCH
St. Mark will host a monthly breakfast the first Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Donations will be accepted.

MACEDONIA CHURCH
Macedonia Church will host a monthly breakfast the third Saturday of every month from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at 441 Elm Street with the Rev. I.L. Patrick. Donations will be accepted and the public is invited.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN COWBOYS
The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion. For more information, contact Keven Romines at 665-8547 or Jim Greene at 665-8067.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR
Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

CPF
Cerebral Palsy Foundation is seeking families with children (birth to age 12) affected by cerebral palsy in an effort to establish a chapter in the area. CPF offers financial and emotional support as well as many free services. For more information, call 1-888-872-7966 toll-free.

GED TESTING
Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS
Museum of the Plains is currently exhibiting "Panhandle-Wide Panoramic Photography" by Louise Daniel and Jim Jordan through Labor Day. The museum is located at 1200 N. Main in Perryton.

CAR WASH FUND-RAISER
Pampa High School Choir will hold a car wash fund-raiser from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 in the parking lot of National Bank of Commerce. Proceeds will go towards a PHS choir trip.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING
BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

RED CROSS CLASSES
The Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross has scheduled two CPR classes for September. The first class will be from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 11. The second class will be from 3-7 p.m. Sept. 19. Both classes will be held at the ARC office, 108 N. Russell. To register, call 669-7121.

CANYON RHYTHMS
Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum will present "Canyon Rhythms" art show and sale beginning at 7 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 9 at the museum in Canyon. To attend the gala and auction, participants must RSVP by Aug. 31. For more information, call the museum at (806) 651-2244. The art show will be held from 12-5 p.m. Sept. 9 and from 1-4 p.m., Sept. 10.

UW KICKOFF LUNCHEON
United Way of Amarillo and Canyon will hold "Campaign 2000 Kickoff Luncheon" from 11:45-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 12 in Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza in Amarillo. Tables of eight may be reserved. Cost is \$12 per person. RSVP by Sept. 7. For more information, call (806) 376-6359.

CROWN OF TEXAS HOSPICE
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ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP
The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

FIRST BAPTIST WOMEN'S RETREAT
First Baptist Church "Choices of the Heart" Women's Retreat is slated Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at New Beginnings Retreat Center in Channing with retreat leader Martha Baker. Total cost of the retreat is \$87 (two per room). Twenty-five dollars is due Aug. 25 to reserve a spot. The balance must be paid by Sept. 15. Fees refundable upon request by Sept. 21. To register or for more information, call 669-1155.

PALO DURO BENEFIT
Palo Duro Canyon State Park Endowment Fund will present Western singer and poet Red Steagall and friends Don Edwards and Andy Wilkinson in a benefit performance at 8 p.m. Sept. 9 in Palo Duro's Pioneer Amphitheater. Tickets - to be available at the door - are \$30 per person and may be purchased in advance at all First American Bank locations, at Palo Duro Canyon Visitor Center or by mail. For more information, call Larry Scruggs at (806) 488-2222, ext. 0.

CAPROCK CANYONS
Caprock Canyons State Park and Caprock Canyons Trailway State Park at Quitaque will conduct nature hikes at 9 a.m., Sept. 2 and 16 as well as "Birding 101" at 9 a.m. Sept. 9 and 23. In addition, a campfire gathering will be held at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 2, a Clarity Tunnel Adventure is slated at 6 p.m. Sept. 9 and "Canyon Ramblings" will begin at 5:45 p.m. Sept. 23. For more information, call (806) 455-1492.

PPQG
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis. The meeting will serve as a workshop for members to sew hanging sleeves on quilts to be entered in the upcoming quilt show. For more information, call (806) 779-2115. Visitors are welcome.

QUILTFEST 2000
Panhandle Piecemakers Quilt Guild will sponsor "Quiltfest 2000" quilt show from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30 and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1 at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, 1000 N. Sumner. Admission for both days is \$3 and door prizes will be awarded throughout the event which will include a large merchant mall. A drawing for a quilt and Bernina sewing machine will be held as well.

HARRINGTON CANCER CENTER
The Women's Center of the Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center has announced the following breast cancer screening clinics: Sept. 11, Shephard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest, and Aug. 14 and Sept. 5, First United Methodist Church Educational Building, 201 E. Foster, Pampa. Participants will receive a low-cost self-exam mammogram and a breast health appraisal along with individual instruction by a registered nurse in breast self-examination. Funding is available through the Texas Department of Health for Texas residents who qualify for assistance. All exams are by appointment only. For more information, call (806) 356-1905 or 1-800-377-4673.

DIALOGUE
The Don and Sybil Harrington Cancer Center will hold "Dialogue," a patient/family education support group sponsored by the cancer center and the American Cancer Society, Thursdays from 12 noon-1 p.m. this month. For more information, call Gerry Kelly at (806) 359-4673, ext. 235 or Stan McKeever at (806) 359-4673, ext. 141 or toll-free at 1-800-274-4673.

PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE SCHOLARSHIPS
President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities is hosting three scholarship competitions for post-secondary students with disabilities for the 2000-01 academic year. Two competitions are open to candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for undergraduate study at a four-year college or university. The third competition is open to female candidates with disabilities seeking financial assistance for graduate study. For more information, visit the President's Committee website at www.pcep.gov and click the "Scholarships" link on the home page.

MSAA
A wide range of free, direct support services is available to local residents suffering from multiple sclerosis through Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. Services include general information, therapeutic equipment, educational literature, national lending library, no-cost MRIs, cool suits, wheelchairs and scooters, support groups and more. For more information, contact MSAA at 1-800-LEARN-MS or access www.msaa.com. on the Internet.

FAN BOOKLET
The Financial Assistance Network in Washington, D.C., recently published the booklet, "Free & Low Cost Medical Care." The booklet includes information on how and where to get free and low-cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program. Consumers can obtain a copy by sending \$5 to cover printing, postage and handling to: Financial Assistance Network - Free & Low Cost Medical Care Booklet, Dept. MCB-0725, P.O. Box 60848, Washington, DC 20039-0848. The information is also available at www.FinancialAssistanceNetwork.org.

AIYSE
American International Youth Student Exchange Program is seeking American high school students, ages 15-19, to participate in its foreign exchange program. Students will spend a semester or year with an European family or participate in a 4- to 6-week family stay abroad in the summer. Students are screened by AIYSEP school counselors and educators in local schools. To qualify, students must have evidence of maturity, superior character and knowledge of English and a foreign language. For more information, call 1-800-347-7575.

T.O.P.S. #149
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #149 meets at 6 p.m. Monday at 513 E. Francis. Call 669-2389 for more information.

T.O.P.S. #41
Take Off Pounds Sensibly (T.O.P.S.) #41 meets at noon Monday at 511 N. Hobart. For more information, call 665-3024.

AL-ANON
Al-Anon will hold weekly meetings on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at 910 W. Kentucky.

VFW CHARITY BINGO
The Pampa Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1657, 105 S. Cuyler, will be having Charity Bingo every Sunday at 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 12 noon. The public is welcome. License No. 1-75-6037422-9.

CELEBRATION OF LIGHTS
The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

PAMPA DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB
The Pampa Duplicate Bridge Club plays Monday at 1:00 p.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m. at The Senior Citizens. For a partner, or more information, please call Marie Jamieson at 669-2945.

PANHANDLE ALLIANCE FOR THE MENTALLY ILL
A support group for the mentally ill and family members meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at 218 N. Russell. This week we are discussing the negative symptoms of paranoid schizophrenia. There is no charge. For more information or if you need a ride call Sharon King, 665-2818.

PALO DURO CANYON STATE PARK
Palo Duro Canyon State Park has released a schedule of upcoming activities. Scheduled events are as follows: Storytelling Festival, 7 p.m., Sept. 8; Palo Duro Pioneers, arts/crafts, scavenger hunt, 2-3 p.m., Sept. 2, Lone Star Interpretive Theater, evening programs, 9 p.m., "Canyon Chat," Sept. 1, "Canyon Critters," 9 p.m., Sept. 2, 8 p.m., Sept. 30, and "Canyon Heritage," 7 p.m., Sept. 3, Lone Star Theatre; 126th anniversary of the Battle of Palo Duro, Sept. 24; Walk for Christ 2000, 9 a.m., Sept. 30. For information regarding any of these programs, call the park at (806) 488-2227, ext. 49.

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Area teachers meet to coordinate JASON Project training for 2001

CANYON — About a dozen area educators gathered at West Texas A&M University recently to kick-start the 2001 JASON Project, an award-winning science program designed for students in grades four through nine.

Each year, the JASON Project takes millions of elementary and middle school students worldwide on scientific "expeditions" without taking them from the regions in which they live. The project annually culminates at approximately 40 Primary Interactive Network Sites (PINS), where students watch the expedition live and even control live-feed video cameras and communicate with on-site scientists.

WTAMU is one of only three PINS in Texas, and last March almost 9,000 fourth- through ninth-graders visited the campus to witness and participate in the expedition. In March 2001, the expedition, "JASON XII: A Living Laboratory," will be

broadcast live from Hawaii and is expected to attract nearly 10,000 area school-age students to WT.

"The JASON Project is always so interesting because it is real-life science that can be integrated into all sorts of classroom activities," Margaret Williams, an eighth-grade science teacher at Pampa Middle School, said. "And any time we do JASON activities in school, the kids just love it. I'm certain this will be an exceptional year for JASON at West Texas A&M University."

The fun begins each year in classrooms under the tutelage of JASON-trained teachers who take their pupils through a multi-disciplinary curriculum to ensure they will be well versed in scientific principles relevant to the expedition. How to get hundreds of area teachers trained was the purpose of the gathering at WT.

"We think we'll have in the neighborhood of 400 teachers



(Special photo) Margaret Williams, an eighth grade science teacher at Pampa Middle School, and Susan Williams, a science teacher from Arlington, recently attended a JASON Project teacher meeting at West Texas A&M University in Canyon.

trained by the time we're through," Treasure Brasher, WTAMU JASON Project coordinator and instructor of physics, said. "That could translate into around 10,000 students on campus for the March broadcast. And we're adding a training session and a satellite site in Lubbock, so that could really add a lot to our regional participation in JASON."

JASON teacher training sessions are planned for Saturdays, Sept. 9, 16 and 23 at WTAMU, and on Oct. 7 at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Brasher said. Only the Sept. 9 training ses-

sion is full, and educators wishing to sign up for other sessions can call her at (806) 651-2545.

This will be WTAMU's third year to coordinate and host the JASON Project, which is sponsored through grants from the Amarillo National Resource Center; New Century Energies Foundation; New Mexico's Regional Alliance for Mathematics, Engineering and Science for Disabled Students; the Texas Rural Systemic Initiative at WTAMU; Region XVII Education Service Center; and Texas Tech International Cultural Center.

Gas industry experts forecast high heating bills this winter

According to Energas Co., many gas industry experts are predicting significantly higher natural gas prices this winter since gas futures have been trading at higher levels than a year ago. The result? Some experts predict — should these potential price increases occur — consumer-heating bills could increase more than 50 percent this winter.

Several factors have combined to lead to the forecast of higher gas prices:

—Greater demand for natural gas. Industrial growth, spurred by a healthy economy, has increased the demand for natural gas. Also, summer demand for natural gas has increased due to its use in gas-fired electric generating plants to produce electricity for air conditioning.

—Less exploration and production. Natural gas exploration and production declined in 1998 and into 1999 due to low wellhead prices. Current levels of exploration and production are high but, according to market forecasters, the increased activity has all ready been factored into gas prices.

—Higher energy prices. The increase in overall fuel prices for other commodities such as crude oil, gasoline and home heating oil have contributed to the rise in natural gas prices.

"The bottom line is that we want our customers to be aware of the forecasts for high gas prices so that they can plan

for the potential financial impact and budget accordingly," Earl Fischer, president of Energas, said. "We also want our customers to know that the sale of natural gas is not a source of revenue for our company. Changes in natural gas prices — up or down — are a pass-through cost to our customers in their monthly gas bill. Energas revenues are derived from the cost of providing service, which is set by state regulators through rate filings."

Other factors can also affect gas costs. Thermostat settings and the energy efficiency of customers' homes and heating equipment can also affect gas consumption and the impact of higher gas prices.

To offset the impact of higher winter gas bills, Energas customers might consider enrolling in the company's budget billing plan which spreads the customer's average annual gas cost over 11 months in equal payments. The 12th month is a true-up month. The plan has the effect of leveling gas bills so customers do not experience sharp increases in the winter.

For more information on the budget billing plan or for any questions about your natural gas service, call 1-888-363-7427 toll-free.

Applications sought for TDA program

AUSTIN — The Texas Department of Agriculture is currently accepting applications through Nov. 15 for the 2000 Family Land Heritage Program. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in continuous agriculture production by the same family for at least 100 years.

Announcing the availability of applications, Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said this year TDA is adding two additional categories. "For the first time, we have added a 150-year-old and 200-year-old honoree level for Texas farms and ranches," Combs said. "Texas agriculture has endured generations, and these new categories will help us honor the legacy that is passed on to our sons and daughters, grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Program applications are available through county judges and TDA or may be obtained by writing to Debbie Ellis, the Texas Department of Agriculture, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX 78711; or by calling Ellis at (512) 463-7653.

Applications are also available on the TDA Internet website www.agr.state.tx.us under "Producer Information."



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MONEY

Assessor/Collector Sammie Morris this morning. An additional \$17.38 would be generated by an additional eight-cent tax on a \$50,000 home.

Preliminary figures indicate an approximate \$400,000 budget deficit for the upcoming year. A road and bridge fee which would have added as much as \$240,000 to the county coffers was voted down by the commission Thursday afternoon. It would have placed a \$5 or \$10 fee on each of the approximate 24,000 vehicles registered in Gray County.

A proposed salary increase for the county employees came to an abrupt halt as all county salaries were frozen Thursday afternoon. After reviewing the proposed budget for 2001, all county employees' salaries were frozen by the commissioners court.

During a budget session last week Gray County Commissioners included \$70-a-month-increase in pay for each county employee in the proposed new budget as well as a \$150 a month for each of the four road and bridge foremen. Those raises were placed on hold.

All county department heads are being contacted today and asked to cut still more from their departmental budgets. Another meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to further discuss the budgetary crisis.

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"We can't afford pay hikes or the courthouse restoration. Even an eight-cent increase in property taxes won't take care of the deficit," said Wheeley. "Celanese has downsized. We won't see the new dairies on the new appraised values, and the price of oil isn't going to help us."

County Auditor Elaine Morris said, "We have been deficit spending. Everybody was hoping the deficit would improve, but it didn't. We saw it coming, and hoped it wouldn't."

Pampa resident Jannie Lewis urged the commissioners court to cut all the budgets by 10 percent. She said she felt sure there was "fluff" in them that could be cut. Lewis, a local real estate agent, said "Everyone could cut 10 percent."

County Judge Richard Peet told Lewis the departments had cut their budgets.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright said, "We help support the area volunteer fire departments. All are volunteer with the exception of City of Pampa. It would be really bad to cut those supplements."

Wright also said the county assists the ambulance services. He said the fund assistance to the library has assisted them in getting matching grants which they would not receive otherwise. "It would cost more if they didn't get the supplement, and this is for education."

He also mentioned the financial assistance to the Perry Lefors Airport, saying the airport is necessary for the businesses whose personnel fly in to the community. "These businesses employ our people," he said. "Funding to the museum provides education and historical preservation. Where do we cut?"

Peet said, "If we withdraw the supplement to the ambulance service, they will be gone. What

will we do then?" He added the volunteer services haven't had an increase in several years. He said the county's contribution to the ambulance and fire protection is \$275,000 a year.

Wright said, "If we cut those funds do we want to run the risk of doing without the ambulance and fire departments? Office holders have cut back. A big percent of our budget is medical and health care."

"I guess we could cut one or two out of each office, but that will reduce services," he said.

Precinct 2 Commissioner Jim Greene said, "I'm already two people short in my precinct." Wheeley said he is two full employees lower than what he started out with 11 years ago.

Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley said he is one man short. "Last year I offered to lead and cut my budget 10 percent. No one followed," he said. "I'll cut mine 10 percent but I'm not going to be the only one to cut."

Hefley also suggested investigating a possible bond election to be able to continue with the courthouse restoration plans.

Peet said he doesn't want Gray County to go through what Newton County experienced a few weeks ago when their courthouse burned to the ground because of defective wiring. Electrical wiring replacement has been cited as a top priority for Gray County's courthouse as the county facility's wiring is the original wiring in the 70-year old building.

Peet asked the gathered officials about cutting conference and travel expenses. Morris said officials are mandated by state law as to requirements they must meet to stay in office. She said she must complete 60 CEU hours over a five year period, and the conferences she must attend are held at Dallas, Texas A&M, Houston and Austin. She said none are in the Panhandle.

County judges must attend conferences to garner 20 state-mandated hours yearly, said Peet. Justice of the Peace Bob Muns said the justices of the peace must have 16 state-mandated hours. County treasurers, county clerks and district clerks are also mandated to complete the training.

"If the officials don't receive this training, they cannot hold office," he said.

Following a 45-minute break for lunch, Peet told the commission he examined his budget and the only item he could cut was his secretary's conference and travel expense in the amount of \$465. He removed these training funds from his budget.

Peet said the county budgeted \$7,000 for the current budget year to bury county indigents, and the county has already spent \$5,300. He said workers compensation is another item in the budget that is

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mandated by law. "It costs the county \$47,000, and unemployment is \$16,000."

Wright said, "Everybody elected to office knows best what they can do without, and they have cut about all they can. The buck stops here (commissioners court). We are the ones who ultimately have to say whether to raise taxes or not."

Hefley said, "Get every officeholder in here and show us what it would take to cut their budget 10 percent. I know not all of them can do it, but let's look at it."

Greene said salaries are two-thirds of the total budget. "I hate to cut wage increases out definitely until we know that's the only way. I'd like to see if we can cut somewhere else first."

All the department heads are expected to be at Wednesday's 9 a.m. meeting to talk about cuts.

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Minister's musing ...

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How many allow their vision to become dim, their courage to wither, their faith to fail, because they lack the far look. Even Godly people may become so absorbed with the immediate problem, so weakened by present disadvantages, that they surrender before the fight has really begun.

Our point is not that present problems may be ignored. We're saying, though, that the Christian is not to do his work and fight his battles in a little narrow pit without ever raising his eyes to the blue sky of God's beauty and the wide horizon of God's presence and power.

They say that we shouldn't present our Christian faith in terms of the sweet by and by. "Preach to men where they are. Give



By Rev. Albert Maggard

First Pentecostal Holiness Church

them a Gospel with relevance to their daily toil and trial and temptation. Heaven can wait. What we need are resources for now, answers to the present puzzle, comfort for the current calamity.

This seems reasonable on the surface. The problem is, it overlooks the fact that the bulk of our inheritance is in Heaven, not on Earth.

The comfort received by the saints in Hebrews II wasn't a pleasant, present, air-conditioned adjustment of their problems. Only the contemplation of coming glory made their hard lot bearable.

This "far look" was particularly evident in Moses who "esteemed the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for

he had respect unto the recompense of the reward, (for he looked steadily at the ultimate, not the immediate reward - Phillips translation) and who "endured as seeing Him who is invisible." Hebrews 11:26-27.

We, like Moses, need to "look steadily at the ultimate, not the immediate reward". We need to see beyond the cloudy, cluttered present. We should be grateful for our Lord's help and healing and deliverance as it's given to us, but we also need to learn to commit to Him those things we can't understand, those calamities which continue, those problems which persist.

We need the far look, too, in terms of the world's need. Jesus said, "Lift up your eyes and look on the fields." How often we busy ourselves with our little concerns and forget those who live and die with no knowledge of our Savior!

Let us pray, "Lord open my eyes to You, to Your glory. Open my eyes to Your Word, Your truth. Open my eyes to Your presence, Your promises. Open my eyes to Your work, Your purposes. Help me to see beyond the things that are passing and lay hold of those things which are eternal. Amen."

New 'Millennium' Class set

Beginning September 6 on Wednesday nights (7:30pm-8:30pm) at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks, Mike Sublett will be directing a discussion class on the four major views of the millennium: amillennialism, postmillennialism, dispensational premillennialism & historical premillennialism.

Robert Clouse's book 'The Meaning Of The Millennium: 4 Views' will be the textbook for the class. Other topics that will necessarily be examined are: 1,000 year reign, methods of interpreting Revelation, Armageddon, the last days, the Kingdom/the Church, Israel's future, etc. Each class member will be expected to commit to completing a brief weekly reading assignment, taking minor pop tests from time to time and taking the final exam on Dec. 13. Anyone willing to make these three commitments is warmly welcomed to attend.

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Opening a new chapter ...

She's gone. Her sheets are changed, the floors thoroughly vacuumed, the closet straightened. It is quiet. There is no clamor over the television's remote control, no groaning at 1 a.m. telephone calls. Now it is the refrigerator motor, long-married conversation and the mewling of cats.

As this new chapter of my life opens, I am afraid my hands without a mother's work will float upward as I once sensed they would when Niels would leave for lengthy visits with his grandparents. My hands' ordained work gone, they floated into purposelessness without a little boy's face to wipe or sweater to button.

With each child came less time alone and more purpose in living as little souls entrusted to my care looked into my face for their very lives. And now, last child launched, I long for a soft cheek, a trusting hand, a confiding heart to call my own. My

From the Back Pew...



By Cheryl Berzanskis

hands feel as if they might float upward even as I type.

Now it is the reality of my life that I am no longer intertwined so closely with my children as in the last 26 years. While they may jet in and out with holidays and whim, they will no longer call my house home in any

permanent sense. Their drifting in will be suffused with the desire to be on their way again so the coming and going is conflicted and tense. I must accept that because it is the way of cleaving - leaving home and returning and leaving again until each separation is easier than the one before.

And I must come to terms with the topsy-turvy of soul which comes through the turn in life's purpose. The energy of the turning built like a storm and that is why as I walked away from my daughter's dormitory on Sunday, the purpose of my life which was its anchor exploded and now I am not the same mother. It is still my job to cheer and pray but at a distance such that she lives as her brothers live - independent and free. My task is to become my own person of purpose without the existential framework of motherhood upon which to train the vine of my being.

Caring for Creation conference slated for Lubbock

LUBBOCK — Participants will explore and celebrate the intersection of faith, agricultural research and rural development during the conference "Caring for Creation" slated Oct. 8-9 at Second Baptist Church in Lubbock.

"Celebrating the Stewards of the Land: Sustaining Creation in the New Millennium" is the theme of the conference, co-sponsored by Second Baptist Church and Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. The commission is the moral concerns and public policy agency for the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Keynote speakers will be: David Schmidly, president of Texas Tech University; State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; and Warren Chisum, R-Pampa.

Other speakers will be Charles Johnson, pastor of Second Baptist Church; Phil Strickland and Terri Morgan, Christian Life Commission; and Rob Sellers, associate professor of theology and missions at Logsdon School of Theology, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene.

Topics will include: "The Emerging Crisis Around Water Resources and Conservation";

"Agricultural Impact on Rural Development"; "Hunger Relief in the New Millennium"; and "Redeeming the Earth: A Global View."

As part of the two-day event, tours will be offered to the Sustainable Agriculture Research Station, the Plant Stress Lab at Texas Tech University and Breedlove Dehydration Plant.

Cost of the conference is \$25 and covers luncheon and the evening banquet. To register, contact Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, 333 N. Washington, Dallas, TX 75246-1798.

Religion news in brief ...

In molesting case, diocese says responsibility should be shared

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The Roman Catholic Diocese of Nashville says that if it is held liable for child abuse committed by a former priest, other people who knew about the abuse and failed to report it to the police should share responsibility. Those others include child victims who did not come forward.

Ex-priest Edward McKeown, 56, was sentenced last year to 25 years in prison after admitting he sexually molested two boys since 1995 and an additional 21 boys before then.

The former two, who were abused at ages 11 and 12 and are now teen-agers, have filed two \$35 million lawsuits against McKeown, the diocese and others.

In response, the diocese has submitted a list of people who knew that McKeown was an abuser and did not report him, including the other 21 boys. Diocese lawyers have said that if the church violated Tennessee's child-abuse reporting law, then more than 30 other people — including the 21 boys — also failed to report their knowledge of his pedophilia.

Diocese spokesman Rick Musacchio said the diocese "has merely responded to the suits brought against us, which required us to name other people who would have known about possible abuse." He said they, too, should share legal responsibility.

Church officials required McKeown to get treatment for pedophilia in 1986, and forced him from the priesthood in 1989. Church officials say that its representatives tried to report the abuse to the state's department of human services and were advised that no report was necessary. State officials say they have no record of such a report.

gius institutions for child sex abuse in other states say they have never seen church attorneys use the legal doctrine of "comparative fault" to try to spread the blame for abuse by a clergyman or former clergyman. Under the doctrine, the church would lessen the amount of any damage award it might have to pay.

Group wants white supremacist to stay out

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — The Montana Human Rights Network is urging the leader of the whites-only World Church of the Creator not to relocate to Montana.

Matt Hale, 29, of Peoria, Ill., is considering settling in Montana

or another state that will allow him to practice law. Hale passed the bar exam in Illinois, but an Illinois Supreme Court committee, evaluating "character and fitness," denied him permission to become a lawyer.

"There's a possibility I'll be moving to Montana," Hale said. "I'm looking at other states that have more of a First Amendment way of looking at things."

While Hale ponders his options, the Human Rights Network is circulating petitions against a move to Montana.

"He's the national leader in a hate movement," said Ken Toole of Helena, the network's program director. "They're the worst of the bad. This group is consis-

tently associated with violent behavior."

Hale said his group has a lot of supporters and "the vast majority of them aren't committing any crimes at all."

Randles to speak

Central Baptist Church will host the internationally known speaker Jon Randles Oct. 1-4.

He is founder and president of the Jon Randles Evangelistic Association and Randles, Inc.

Jon is a nationally recognized speaker for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and continues to work with collegiate athletic teams including Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Oklahoma and Nebraska. While in Pampa he will speak to the Pampa High School football players and hold High School and Middle School Assemblies.

Central to host Banana Split Blowout!

Central Baptist Church will host a Banana Split Blowout 2000, September 5, after school, at Central Park. There will be relay games, food, and Pampa's largest Banana Split - 24 feet. Van will pick up at Middle School, Travis, Austin, and Wilson. Preschool 4 (age 4 by Sept. 1, 2000) to sixth grade. Parents: Pick up children at 5 p.m. at the park.

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Mother Disagrees That Abusive Boyfriend's Ways Have Changed

DEAR ABBY: Last fall, my live-in boyfriend was abusive to me. My parents chipped right in and helped me move back to my hometown. They were wonderful and supportive even though I'd let them down in the past. They even bought a house so my children and I would have somewhere to live.

This boyfriend went to classes, did a lot of praying and I believe he's actually changed. I really do! Abby, he's the father of one of my children. We've started seeing each other and it really feels right. We want to get married.

My mother refuses to accept that he could have changed, and makes it clear she doesn't approve. She says if I get back together with him, they will have wasted all that time and money they invested in bailing me out. She says it's my low self-esteem that makes me want to see him.

I don't know how to resolve this.



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

I'm in my late 30s yet I still want my parents' approval. Please help.

DAUGHTER OF AN IRON-WILLED IOWA MOM

DEAR DAUGHTER: Your mother knows you better than I do. She loves you and doesn't want to see you hurt again, and I can't fault her for that.

Daughter, I'm extremely skeptical about your chances of success in this relationship. If you decide to pursue it, I wish

you the best of luck because I'm convinced you're going to need it.

A small percentage of abusers — those who are truly determined and self-motivated — can change if they receive long-term counseling. Only time (at least another year of counseling) will tell if this leopard has been able to change his spots.

Under no circumstances should you reconcile with him unless you maintain financial independence. That way, if he should backslide, you won't have to depend on anyone to bail you out. Should you decide to marry this "prize" I urge you to have a rock-solid prenuptial agreement so that you will be taken care of.

Horoscope

SUNDAY, SEPT. 3, 2000

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:

5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ All's well that ends well, but what you have to go through to get there! Others prove to be irascible and unpredictable. You could easily blow your fuse or say something you wish you hadn't. Recognize what is going on with another. If you can detach in a pivotal discussion, you'll both gain. Tonight: Togetherness works.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others inadvertently push your buttons. You might not see eye to eye with another, be it about work, family or a relationship. Perhaps keeping relationships on a superficial level would be the best idea for now. Make little demands and flow. Join others in crowds. Go to a Labor Day get-together. Tonight: Flip the burgers; keep the peace.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Others are clearly stressed out. You might want to ponder what is at the base of the problems, but then again, it might not be worth it. Be understanding, as plans change at the drop of a hat. You might not have the control you desire. Take some of the stress off another at a get-together. Tonight: Lie back.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You need your creativity to skirt problems and get past another's resistance. A loved one or partner feels undermined or uptight. You might need to give more, financially or emotionally, than you anticipated. Consider this simply as an event, not a trend. Express your loving in a fun way. Add laughter to the

mix. Tonight: Play the night away. This week: Somehow, you're there when others aren't. You fill in the gaps and get the job done. Others express appreciation on Thursday.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You take a strong stand with a family member or roommate. However, this action might not be necessary. Loosen up and enjoy someone more. Unpredictability and excitement walk hand in hand with a key individual in your life. Invite others over for a spontaneous get-together. Celebrate friendship. Tonight: You're the centerfold.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Others express their feelings. While, on some level, you could be irritated by all that you need to do, it proves to be more than worthwhile. Flex to others' needs. A discussion with a close friend or a loved one puts a smile on your face. Discuss feelings more often rather than swallowing them. Visit with friends. Tonight: Don't call it an early night. Party on.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Think twice before a friend or loved one convinces you to spend. What looks like a good idea could prove to be a mini-disaster. Though you like to say yes, saying no could be necessary. Don't feel pushed. Do what you want. Offer to pitch in with party plans. Others appreciate your efforts. Tonight: Remember how much you offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Others don't have to agree with you. You still head out on your chosen course. Another tells you what he thinks, in no uncertain terms. Family could be unpredictable and unsupportive. Your personality turns others around. Friends enjoy your presence and aren't judgmental. Tonight: Whatever makes you grin.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Sometimes assuming a low profile pleases you. You might need to make a must appearance, but otherwise you gain when you are by yourself or with one other friend. Plans change with sudden news. Flex and make the most of some quiet moments. Go for a picnic or a walk. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Gather your friends together. You might be surprised by what happens when you call another at a distance. You have a nice way of drawing others together. You're in charge of the party, and you love the moment. Let another chip in and help. Not everything has to be done your way. Tonight: In charge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ All eyes turn to you this holiday weekend. You might want to get together with a dear friend. Schedule special time, and also invite this person to your Labor Day events. Others expect you, and you cannot back off. News from a distance puts a smile on your face. Ask for what you want. Tonight: Keep the party rolling.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take off ASAP. In a way, it is pointless to hang around home base, because your mind is elsewhere. If you can't skip town, go off to the movies or escape to a concert. Recharge with a different scenario than usual. Others seek you out. Pick and choose your plans. Do only what you feel like doing. Tonight: Be imaginative.

MARSHALL MARCUS
★★★★ You take charge. Why? It makes no difference. You feel the need. You gain in many ways because of your sense of responsibility. Just wait until Thursday.

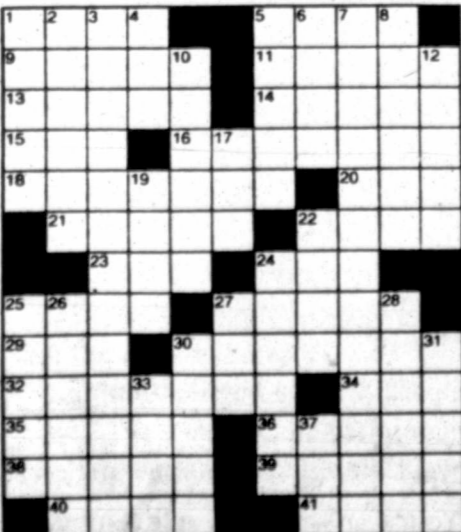
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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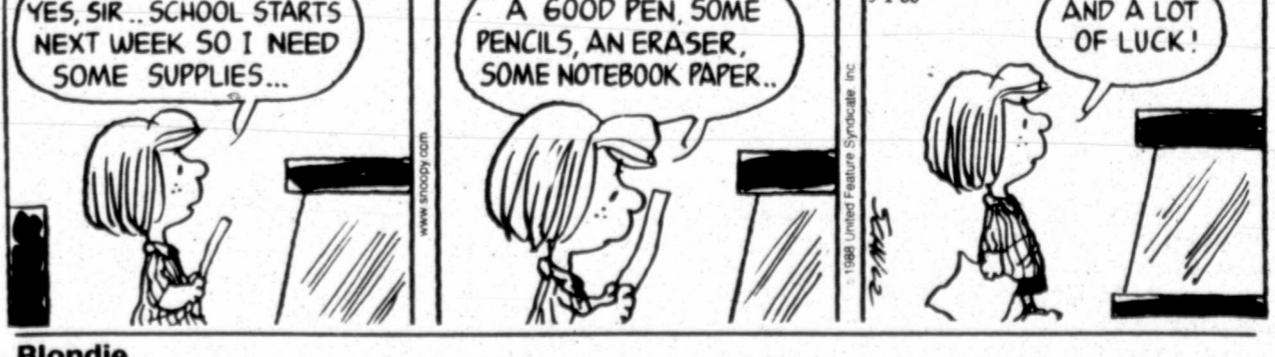
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SPORTS

Havesters go against Dalhart for first time

Notebook

SOFTBALL

PAMPA — City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering Men's Open and Mixed Open Softball Leagues this fall.

The entry fee or sponsor's fees are for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned).

The player's fee is \$12 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

Entry deadline is Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Sept. 13 at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 18.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at 816 S. Hobart between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the fall leagues, contact the Recreation Office at 669-5770 during business hours.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

The Cleveland Indians didn't have time to dwell on a long, hot night that nearly ended in a record they didn't want.

They have a critical 13-game homestand beginning Friday night at home against Baltimore. The Indians return home with a one-game lead over Boston in the AL wild-card race after Thursday night's 14-7 loss to the Texas Rangers.

"We have to be satisfied," Cleveland manager Charlie Manuel said after his team won four of seven in the road-trip. "We've got a big homestand starting and we're battling for the wild card. We've still got a chance. It's better to be ahead than behind."

The teams played for 4 hours, 21 minutes, one minute short of the major league mark for a nine-inning game.

In the only other AL games, Tampa Bay edged Kansas City 2-1 and Detroit defeated Baltimore 6-1.

Chad Curtis hit a tiebreaking, seventh-inning double and Rusty Greer followed with a two-run single as the Rangers stopped a five-game losing streak.

"I knew it was a long game. That's a record I'm glad we didn't get," Manuel said.

The Chicago Cubs and Milwaukee Brewers played a regulation game in 4 hours, 22 minutes on May 11 this season, matching a nine-inning game between the Baltimore Orioles and New York Yankees on Sept. 5, 1997.

Rangers manager Johnny Oates would have played all night if it meant ending the losing streak that buried his team further in the AL West cellar. Texas finished the month 9-21, the second-worst August in club history behind the 9-22 of 1979.

"I don't sit there and watch the clock," Oates said. "If you'll notice, I never wear a watch on the field. That's what's great about baseball, there's no time limit. You can be 25,000 runs behind, but you can keep hitting."

"When you're struggling to win games like we have, you'll take it no matter how long it takes."

B.J. Waszgis got the go-ahead rally started in the seventh inning of a 6-6 game with a one-out single off Steve Karsay (4-6). Waszgis went to second on

Luis Alicea's single and scored on Curtis' double.

Greer, who went 5-for-6 with four RBIs, drove in Alicea and Curtis, who went 4-for-5, with a single through a drawn-in infield against Paul Shuey to make it 9-6.

PAMPA — Dalhart isn't exactly a mystery team to Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier and his staff, but the Golden Wolves could still pull a surprise or two on the Harvesters.

"We've never played them before and I'm not sure what to expect. We've scouted them in scrimmages, but I don't know if they were showing everything or not. We feel like we've got a pretty good idea of what they're going to do, but you never know," Cavalier said.

Pampa and Dalhart kick off the 2000 football season at 7:30 tonight in Harvester Stadium.

"Our boys are eager to play. They're getting tired of practice and more practice. The coaches are ready to play, also," Cavalier said.

Pampa's I-formation will be directed by senior J.J. Roark, who started last season on the defensive side of the ball. Roark will be joined in the backfield

by fullback Thomas Long (210-pound senior) and tailback Terrance Lemons (195-pound senior). Long averaged 5.2 yards per carry and scored 5 touchdowns a year ago. Lemons averaged 4.8 yards and had 3 TDs.

Pampa's 4-3 defense is led by all-district players Jason Burklow (middle linebacker) and Andy Schroeder (end).

Cavalier looks for Dalhart to have a wide-open offense with senior quarterback Grant Henley at the controls.

"Henley is very versatile, very agile. He can run, as well as throw the ball," Cavalier said.

Cavalier looks for Dalhart to run a spread offense using a one-back, four-receiver setup on many of their possessions.

Henley's dad, Bill Henley, is also Dalhart's head coach. Cavalier says Dalhart will probably come out in a 5-2 pressure-type defense, running a lot of slants.

Baylor downs North Texas

DENTON, Texas (AP) — This time, Baylor didn't try to make a statement.

At the North Texas 4 in the final minute after Greg Cicero's 36-yard pass, the Bears decided against trying to score again. They instead had their quarterback take a knee the final two plays and settled for a 20-7 victory Thursday night.

"Honestly, personally, I wish we had run the ball," said linebacker Kris Micheaux, who returned a fumble 14 yards for a touchdown.

Coach Kevin Steele, however, still remembers what happens last year when the Bears tried to make a statement instead of settling for a 24-21 victory over UNLV. Trying to score on the final play, Darrell Bush was stripped at the goal line and the Rebels returned the fumble 100 yards for the game-winning

score. That was the second game for Steele, and set the tone for an ugly debut season. The Bears went on to finish 1-10, their only victory coming against the same team they beat in their 2000 opener.

A similar mistake probably wouldn't have cost the victory Thursday, but it would have soured the season-opening victory.

"People are going to look at it and compare scores, but right now a win is a win and we can build on that," said Steele, whose team ended last season with a six-game losing streak.

"This is a huge step, the first win of the season and the first road win in a long time. This is momentum building," Steele said. "Our guys have confidence and if we keep working, we'll get better."

Top O' Texas golf tourney tees off Saturday at PCC

PAMPA — The Hart Warren Top O' Texas Invitational, which starts Saturday at the Pampa Country Club course, brings back Michael Pruitt and Phil Everson from a year ago.

Pruitt and Everson were not only the top two finishers, but they also happen to be teammates on the University of North Texas golf team.

Pruitt fired a four-round total of 279 to edge Everson by one stroke.

Everson, a Pampa native, won the tournament in 1998 and set a competitive course record by shooting a 29 on the front nine holes.

"It looks like we're going to have another well-balanced field," said Pampa Country Club pro Mickey Piersall. "It should be close."

Two-time winner Kyle Kelting (1994-95) of Amarillo and '96 champion Dan Nicolet of Pampa are also among the 31-player field. Kelting tied for fourth and Nicolet placed 16th a year ago. Another strong

challenger is Oklahoma City University golfer Nick Hughes, who was fourth last year.

"I don't see any one player as being the class of the tournament. It won't be like the (PGA) Tour. We don't have a Tiger Woods who is going to dominate the field," Piersall said.

However, there are players like Amarillo's Casey Weiss, who comes into the tournament on a hot streak.

Weiss won both the Ron Clark and Tall Tower Championships. Codie Scott, the Amarillo City Champion, returns after a 17th-place finish a year ago.

A pair of former high school state champions head a foursome of Texas Tech golfers. Bubba Bailey won the Texas Class A state title and Brad Jacobson is a South Dakota state champion.

Other Red Raiders entered include David Bolen and Corey Henegar.

Practice rounds for the 72-hole tournament are scheduled today.

"Coach Henley used to be the defensive coordinator at Tascosa, and he ran that type of defense there," Cavalier said.

The Wolves return their leading tackler, linebacker Dustin Ellis (165-pound senior), from a year ago. End Jacob Burns (185-pound junior) and tackle

Josh Garcia (275-pound senior) are aggressive tacklers.

Linebacker Davis Stribling, one of Dalhart's better defenders, has a back injury and may not play.

The Harvesters have avoided injuries for the most part.

"We've very healthy from

the standpoint of our starters," Cavalier added.

Pampa will be without senior receiver Johnny Cortez, who suffered a knee injury in spring practice. Cortez, who will be sidelined until November, would have been in the starting lineup.

Local boxers compete in Amarillo

By GROVER BLACK
Pampa News correspondent

AMARILLO — The Pampa Kids & Youth Club, and J.R.'s Youth Survival Boxing Team traveled to Amarillo last Saturday for the Amarillo Boxing Club's Tournament.

The main events were scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. However, the exhibition sparring began at 5:30 p.m.

The Pampa team had only one member involved in the exhibition matches named Abel Rios. Rios, sponsored by Rick Leverich, wasted no time in proving to his opponent, Randy Morris of Grants, N.M., that he (Rios) was a very capable boxer.

At one point, Rios had Morris convinced that it must be midnight by all the stars he was seeing as well as having difficulty in maneuvering his feet and legs.

But as the old saying goes, Morris was "saved by the bell." As for Rios, he did manage a big smile through all the huffing and puffing when he was informed he was the winner of the match.

Later in the evening, five of the eleven boxers from Pampa were unsuccessful in their matches. The remaining six were unable to be matched due to problems the other clubs were having with licensing and not being able to attend.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Abel Rios (right) of Pampa defeated Randy Morris of Grants, N.M.

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