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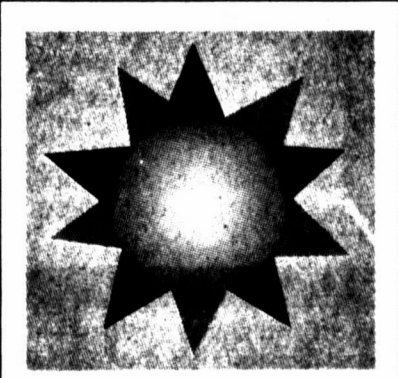
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**Rotary Golf tourney set for Saturday**

Pampa Rotary Club Golf Tournament is set for Saturday, Sept. 16. To enter a team, call David Teichmann, Hidden Hills Golf Course, 665-4242.

**ACT I membership drive now under way**

ACT I Community Theater's annual membership drive is currently under way. The campaign will conclude at the end of the month. Season tickets are available for the following three shows: "The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940" (November); "Natalie Needs a Nightie" (February); and "Grace and Glory" (April). For more information, contact Membership Director Michele Andorfer at (806) 669-0356. All shows will be staged at the ACT I theater located in the Pampa Mall.

**Red Cross CPR class to begin Sept. 19**

Gray County Chapter of the American Red Cross will hold a Community CPR class from 3-7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Red Cross office, 108 N. Russell. Participants are encouraged to sign-up now. To register, call (806) 669-7121 or come by the GCARC office.

David Wayne Back, 74, refinery supervisor.  
 Irene Mae Ellison, 79, homemaker.  
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## Commission divides over city pay raise

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
 Staff Writer

A philosophical division between Pampa city commissioners revealed itself on the first reading of an ordinance for the new budget Tuesday night.

While Mayor Bob Neslage and Commissioner Robert Dixon favor cutting a step pay increase for city employees, the three other commissioners held fast to the belief that keeping the pay increase would save the city money in the long run.

Dixon moved to amend the first reading of the budget by adding a moratorium on pay increases which would cut \$68,000 from the proposed budget. Mayor Neslage seconded.

During the following discussion, Commissioner Faustina Curry termed the measure as "self-defeating," and said, "Limiting pay increases affects the police and fire departments. We have a hard time keeping them because they go to other places and get paid more."

"It's not only the police and fire," said Commissioner Jeff Andrews. "We are training people all the time to take the place of those who have gone somewhere else for higher pay. It will cost the city far more in turnover."

Dixon said he based his decision partly on a downward trend for sales tax revenue, which he said was down \$180,000 from previous years.

Andrews countered that city sales tax figures have been flat for two years. "They are not rapidly declining," he said, adding that Dixon was comparing figures with one "stand-out" year.

"Look at all the closed businesses," Dixon said. "That is not a phenomenon, it's a reality."

"Our pay is comparable to any other city the size of the City of Pampa," he added.

"People are saying we need to balance our budget, (that) we need to be fiscally responsible. That's what we are doing here," Neslage said.

Andrews said he felt it would be more efficient to choose a service to stop than to cut the proposed pay increase.

"There will be a lot of turnover internal to Pampa if we're not competitive to Pampa wages," he said. "Freezing wages is basically saying you're cutting every service you've got."

"You're saying there is going to be a mass exodus of employees if we don't give them a step pay increase?" Dixon asked.

"I'm saying the routine training of employees far exceeds \$68,000," Andrews answered.

On a two-to-three vote, the amended motion failed. The motion to accept the budget on first reading passed three to two, with Neslage and Dixon casting the "nay" votes.

A similar division appeared on the first reading of the ordinance to set the 2001 tax rate at 67 cents per \$100 valuation.

Andrews, seconded by Curry, amended the ordinance to a tax rate of 65 cents which would generate \$35,000 in revenue above that estimated in the proposed budget with a 64.5 cent tax rate.

Dixon amended the amendment to a 66 cent tax rate which would bring in \$55,000 more in tax revenues. The motion failed, two votes to three.

(See PAY, Page 2)



(Pampa News Photo by Nancy Young)  
**Linda Town, Director of Tralee Crisis Center, Reed Echols, chair of the 2000 United Way Fund Drive, and Katrina Bigham, executive director of Pampa United Way, were on hand for the Tuesday United Way kickoff luncheon.**

## Rose bush thief loses probation privileges

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

Nothing seemed to come up roses for a Pampa man who is in Gray County jail today as an added condition to his probation on a burglary conviction.

Jerry Lynn Rhoten, 46, 618 N. Gray, was convicted of burglary of a building on May 18. On July 3, he was arrested in connection with the theft of half a dozen rose bushes.

The Gray County adult probation office filed a motion to revoke Rhoten's probation based upon the arrest in July.

At a hearing in 223rd District Court Tuesday afternoon, Judge Lee Waters ordered Rhoten to spend 90 days in Gray County jail as an additional condition to his probation. Judge Waters told Rhoten that if he violated his probation again, he would be sent to prison.

Kathy Davis Morris testified that on the evening of July 2, three people passed by

her house as she and her daughter planted nine rose bushes in her yard. Rhoten was one of them. She said that when she got up early the next morning to water the plants, six of them were missing.

"They were gone," she said. "They had been pulled up."

She said there were also four petunia plants missing.

Morris said she called police. Pampa Police Sgt. Alvin Johnson said he contacted Mrs. Morris about noon on

July 3 and took the initial report. Because he was busy that day, he passed the information along to the police shift that came on duty at 3 p.m. July 3.

Officer Keith Morris, on the evening shift that day, told the court that based on the descriptions and information he received from Johnson, he and two other officers went to Rhoten's residence where they found six freshly planted rose bushes in his yard.

(See THIEF, Page 2)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
**Pampa Police Officer Connie Lockridge leads Norma Juanita Guerrero from her home Monday after law enforcement officers raided the home, acting on a tip that there were drugs there. Guerrero was charged today, her birthday, with possession of a controlled substance, marijuana and drug paraphernalia.**

## Woman turns 27 in jail

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

A Pampa woman has little to celebrate on her birthday today.

Norma Juanita Guerrero, 1012 N. Duncan, turned 27 today in jail. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Guerrero remains in Gray County jail in lieu of bonds totaling \$11,500 after her home was raided Tuesday by law enforcement officers armed with a search warrant.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman set bond this morning for Guerrero at \$10,000 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, \$1,000 on a charge of possession of marijuana and \$500 on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Six officers, including Pampa police officers, Gray County Constable Chris Lockridge and officers of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, rushed up the empty driveway at Guerrero's home about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday and crashed into the house through the front door



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
**Officer Lockhart and Guerrero**

while Pampa Police Chief Charlie Morris blocked the back door to the white frame house on Duncan.

(See WOMAN, Page 2)

## Realty jars United Way kick-off

By NANCY YOUNG  
 Managing Editor

Children living in violent home conditions is a reality that no one wants to face, but it happens to be an unpleasant truth.

Linda Town, director of Tralee Crisis Center in Pampa, delivered an emotionally-charged talk at the United Way kickoff luncheon Tuesday at the Pampa Country Club, telling the workers how their help is needed to fund the local United Way.

As Town played a tape of an actual 9-1-1 tape received by a dispatcher in another community, the emotions of the United Way workers were highly charged. A typed narrative of the entire conversation between the six-year-old girl, Lisa, and the 9-1-1 dispatcher was distributed to those in attendance.

## Annual fund drive begins

The 2000 United Way Fund Drive is under way in Pampa. Local workers will soon be contacting residents about giving to the agencies which serve the people of the Pampa community.

"United Way is a way of uniting the people of a community in a common goal," said Reed Echols, chairman of the United Way Drive.

Aiming for a goal of \$350,000 in the immediate Pampa area, the local group is well on its way as Echols said the advanced gifts committee has already secured \$27,000.

Echols told the group tours would be offered anyone desiring to take one and told the workers at Tuesday's luncheon to contact Katrina Bigham at the United Way office, 669-1001.

Bigham said the first check-in meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 21. Additional meetings will be held through Oct. 26. The check-in luncheons will be held at noon in the Community Building's M. K. Brown Room.

Making the call to 9-1-1, Lisa was pleading for the dispatcher to send the police to her home because her step-father, Pierre, was beating her mother in the

bedroom. Amid the screams and tears, Lisa described the events occurring in her home. Frightened, (See REALITY, Page 2)

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# Calendar of events

## WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

## CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

## LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

## HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

## 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.

## 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. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

## BUSINESS LUNCHEON

The Contract Procurement Center in Amarillo has announced a Business Luncheon for small, minority and women entrepreneurs will be held from 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19 at Luby's Cafeteria, 2101 S. Coulter in Amarillo. David D. Terry, business consultant with West Texas A&M University Small Business Development Center, will be the guest speaker. For reservations or for more information, call Edmond Esparza at (806) 372-3381.

## 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.

## 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.

## MILK TOUR

The Milk Mustache Mobile "Get Moo-Ving with Milk Tour" will be in Amarillo from 3-7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 18 at Braum's, 1909 S. Grand, and from 2-8 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 19 at the Tri-State Fair, 3301 E. 10th. The tour will include Mia Hamm, Mark McGwire, Terrell Davis, Venus and Serena Williams and other athletes.

## 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.

## PPQC

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.

## PREGNANCY SUPPORT CENTER

The Pregnancy Support Center of Pampa will hold a fund-raising banquet with Kenneth McCaughey, father of septuplets, at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3 in M.K. Brown Heritage Room. Beef and chicken fajitas will be catered by R&R Catering. Tickets are \$10. To make reservations, call 669-2229.

## MEDIATION TRAINING

The Conflict Resolution Training Institute, a partnership between South Plains Association of Governments' Dispute Resolution Center and Division of Outreach and Extended Studies at Texas Tech University, will sponsor a 40-hour Basic Mediation training Oct. 2-6 at Ruidoso, N.M. To pre-register, contact the Dispute Resolution Center at (806) 762-8721 or 1-800-858-1809. Cost of the course is \$695. If individuals are unable to attend after registering, a refund less a \$20 processing fee, will be given if the request is received one week prior to the

program. The course is approved with various professional groups for continuing education units.

## IRISH CRAFTFEST

Shamrock's Irish Craftfest is slated Oct. 7 and 8. Booths are available for \$30 a piece plus an additional fee if electricity is required. Santa will be present and booths will include everything from candles and Christmas decorations to baked items and much more. For more information, call Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, (806) 256-2501.

## IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protec-

tion against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Sept. 14, Shamrock School Clinic, Shamrock; 10 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Sept. 21, Groom School, Groom; 2-4 p.m., Sept. 22, McLean Clinic, McLean; 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Canadian Clinic, Canadian.

## Variety Show try-outs



(Community Camera photos)

Joanna Wheeley and Clay Britton sing "Still Holding On" during try-outs for the Pampa High School Variety Show slated at 7 p.m. Sept. 22, in the high school auditorium. The Variety Show is under the direction of Dean Birkes, Theater Arts and Drama teacher at PHS.

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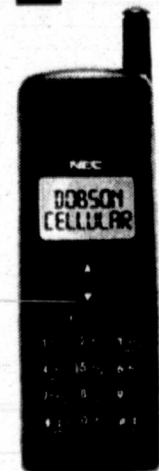
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# Well-Meaning Remarks Add Guilt to Little Sister's Stress

**DEAR ABBY:** My 9-year-old sister witnessed our mother's murder and her killer's suicide, and she now suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder. She has since come to live with me and has become an important part of my life. Having her with me has helped me to cope with my grief.



**Abigail Van Buren**

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

When people hear of our shared tragedy, they react with sympathy. However, they seem to feel it's their duty to tell my sister how grateful she should be to me. Both of us find this remark insulting, bordering on a guilt trip.

I think their comments are inappropriate and more than a little insensitive. How do I firmly cut these people short before they cause my sister more undue stress — but gently, to also spare their feelings?

**PROTECTIVE IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR PROTECTIVE:** I offer my sympathy for the tragedy that befell your mother. When well-meaning but insensitive people start talking about how grateful your sister should be, simply say: "I'm the one who's grateful. I need my sister at least as much as she needs me. We're fortunate to have each other." It's the truth.

**DEAR ABBY:** I recently moved to a new neighborhood with my husband and children. It's a nice street, nice neighbors, no complaints really — except one. My neighbor "Cheryl" won't

leave me alone. She wants our children to play together constantly. When our kids aren't playing, she is calling me. I like her, but enough is enough. I have my own family and friends, and I don't have time to talk to her 24/7.

I cannot hide. She knows when I am home and when I'm out. As soon as I get home, the phone starts ringing. Even when I'm out, she calls my cell phone and asks what I'm doing. And now the computer! She checks to see if I'm online!

It's getting to be too much. I don't know how to say anything without hurting her feelings. I actually pray for rainy days so I can stay indoors. Other than moving, what can I do?

**PRISONER IN MY NEW HOME**

**DEAR PRISONER:** Some of this is your own fault. You gave Cheryl your cell phone number and e-mail address, so you shouldn't blame her for using them.

If you want your life back, put some starch in your spine

and explain to this needy (and presumptuous) woman that you don't have time to fulfill all her needs — you already have a family and social life.

When she comes over uninvited, tell her you are busy. If she calls at an inopportune time, explain that you will call her back because it is not convenient to talk "now." (Return the call when you have time to chat.) Ask her not to call you on your cell phone. If she persists, change the number. Do the same with your e-mail address.

In other words, draw some boundaries around your life and kindly (but firmly) insist that she respect them. Your life will not be your own if you don't, and you'll have nobody to blame but yourself.

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with your feelings and follow your sixth sense with another. Sometimes you put yourself down by not honoring your instincts. Take a chance, and you will be pleasantly surprised. Tonight: Work late.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Take an overview while others are still picking at details. Only then will recent events make sense. You could question a decision. Emphasize your direction. Do needed research. Hop on the Internet and explore different opportunities. Another inspires you with creativity and ideas. Tonight: Make some calls.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating brings new results and possibilities. How you deal with another could change substantially once you realize this person's impact on your work. Discussions need to be upbeat, with the goal of finding solutions as opposed to cutting your options. Remain nurturing. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Defer to others, and you'll gain. Though a discussion might be problematic at first, opportunities open up. Another wants to see eye to eye with you. You work through problems and find a reason to celebrate. Don't delay an important meeting. Do needed research and explore options. Tonight: Rent a movie.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Carefully consider a change with a loved one. Family proves to be unusually supportive, even if an idea is a bit offbeat. Talk to co-workers and help others feel more included rather than isolated. You have a unique ability to draw

others together. Trust your intuition. It's right on. Tonight: Get some exercise.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Kick up your heels and allow yourself to be more creative and spontaneous. A partner might be hard on you and put you down. Count on this person doing the same, no matter what you do. Keep communicating with a friend. Explain to others where you are coming from. Make a must meeting. Tonight: Be naughty and nice.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* Examine priorities, with an eye to building solidity. Check out a real estate investment carefully. You might not always agree with another about which is the best way to proceed. What you believe is financially sound suddenly changes. Don't push yourself too hard at work. Take a needed break. Tonight: Happy at home.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for others. Continue with conversations, even though they force you to detach. A loved one or child could be provocative. Understand where another is coming from. Analyze choices carefully. Your imagination empowers you with the ability to find solutions when many cannot. Tonight: Out and about.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* Deal with financial matters head-on. If another puts down your ideas, don't take it personally. One-on-one relating demonstrates another way or opportunity. Financial success marks your inquiries. You find the kind of terms or agreement you want. A celebration seems in line. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

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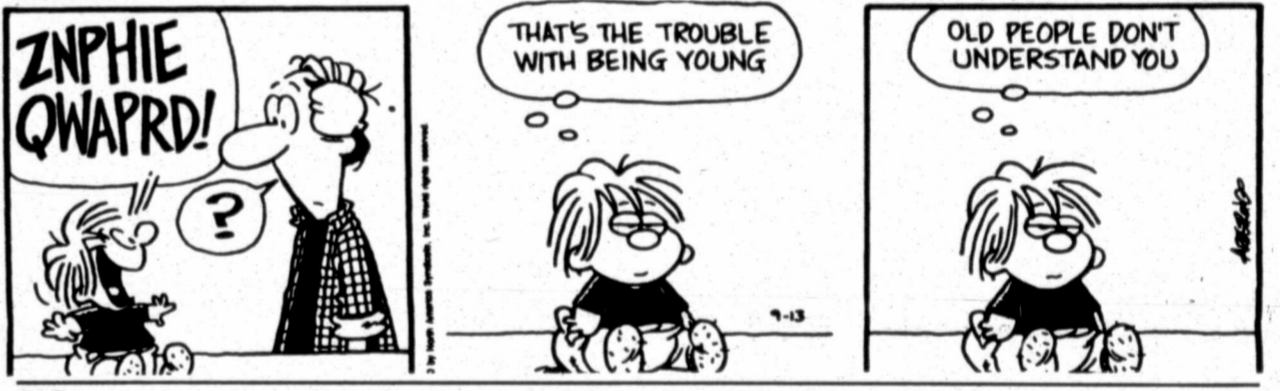
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## Horoscope

THURSDAY, SEPT. 14, 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)

\*\*\*\*\* You feel a change in energy. Energy marks your communication. Stay on top of calls. Return messages. You find solutions. Your upbeat responses help another and allow brainstorming to resume. You gain and are able to lasso your long-term goals. Tonight: Where your friends are.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Assume a low profile, especially after what went on yesterday. You come from an upbeat point of view. Make financial decisions. You'll gain professionally. Don't limit yourself unnecessarily. You intuitively know which way to go with someone in charge. This person appreciates your efforts. Tonight: Take it easy.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. Your strong sense of direction, mixed with endurance, helps you zoom in and grab the victory. You express your happiness in a way that makes others want to join in and cheer as well. Make a call and spread your good news. Others appreciate hearing from you. Tonight: Do nothing halfway.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*\* Recognize how much others observe your decisions and choices. You take a leadership role. Be more in touch

## Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH

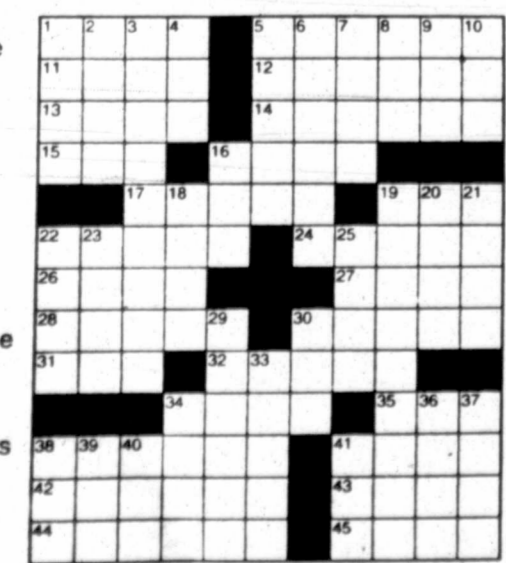
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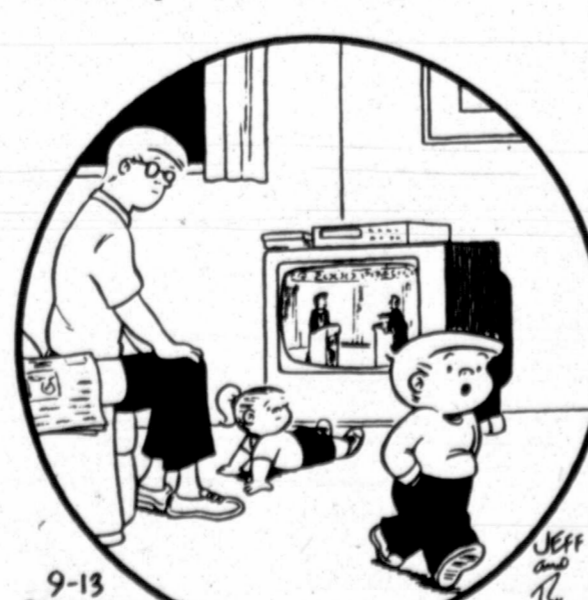
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# SPORTS

## Notebook

### VOLLEYBALL

**PLAINVIEW** — Wayland Baptist University fell to Eastern New Mexico University 6-15, 8-15, 15-13 and 12-15 in collegiate volleyball action Tuesday night.

Eastern New Mexico has a 9-3 record while Wayland falls to 1-7.

Traci Phipps led the Lady Plainsmen with 13 kills and 11 digs. Amy Smith had 12 kills and 2 service points. Pampa freshman Tandi Morton added 3 kills, 9 digs and 1 service point.

### GOLF

**PAMPA** — Hidden Hills Senior Golf Association held a four-man scramble on Monday.

Results are as follows:  
First place: Bob Young, B.F. Dorman, OK Lee and L. Ogden, 62

Second place: Bill King, Jerry Davis, Charles Terrell and Bill Abernathy, 63.

Third place: Whitey White, Jack Combs, Preston Cox and George Gamblin, 64.

Fourth place: Bob Swope, Howard Musgrave, Bill Brown and Bill Stevens, 64.

**PAMPA** — The annual golf tournament to benefit the Pampa boys basketball program will be held Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Hidden Hills public course.

The tournament will be a four-man scramble with a \$40 entry fee.

For more information, call David Teichmann at Hidden Hills, 669-5866.

### BASEBALL

**ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)** — Although the Texas Rangers will miss the playoffs for the second time in five years, the defending AL West champions haven't mailed in the rest of this lost season.

The Rangers have won seven of their last 10 following Tuesday night's doubleheader sweep of the Baltimore Orioles despite the fact that they've been in last place in the AL West for most of the summer.

Kenny Rogers pitched seven strong innings for his first win in seven starts as the Rangers completed the sweep with a 6-5 victory.

Rick Helling threw three-hit ball for eight innings in the 9-1 opening-game victory.

"We've been playing better lately," Rogers second baseman Luis Allicea said. "We've been scoring some runs, and even in the games we've lost, we've had a lead. We still have to go out and play and do our jobs. It's hard sometimes when the games are long, but we're trying to finish strong."

Rogers and Helling combined to walk only one over 15 innings. Meanwhile, Orioles rookie starters John Parrish and Jay Spurgeon walked eight over a total of 5 2-3 innings.

"In both games, we scored early and the veterans did what they are supposed to do, which is throw strikes," Rogers manager Johnny Oates said. "The pitchers did their jobs."

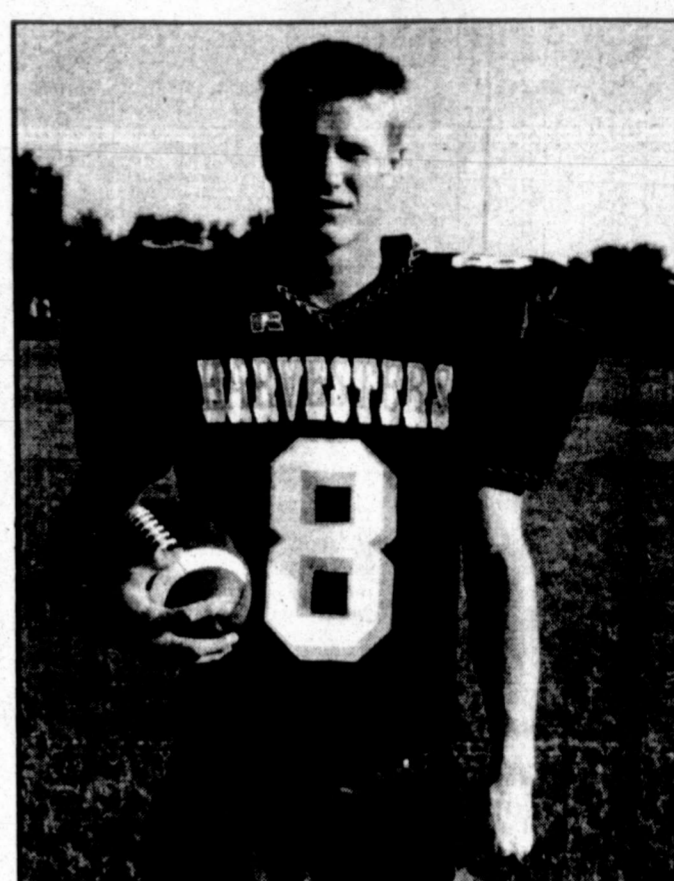
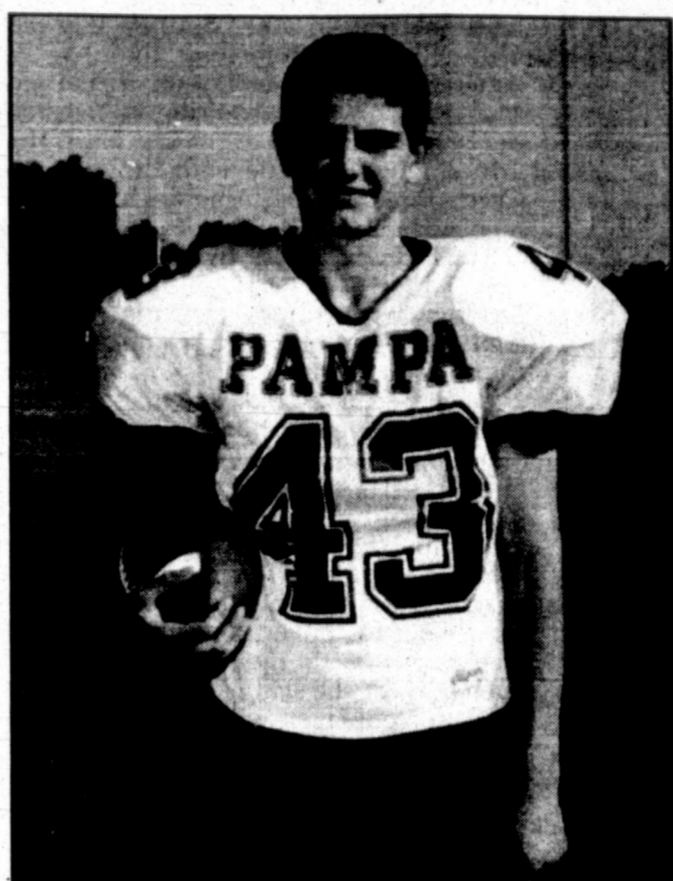
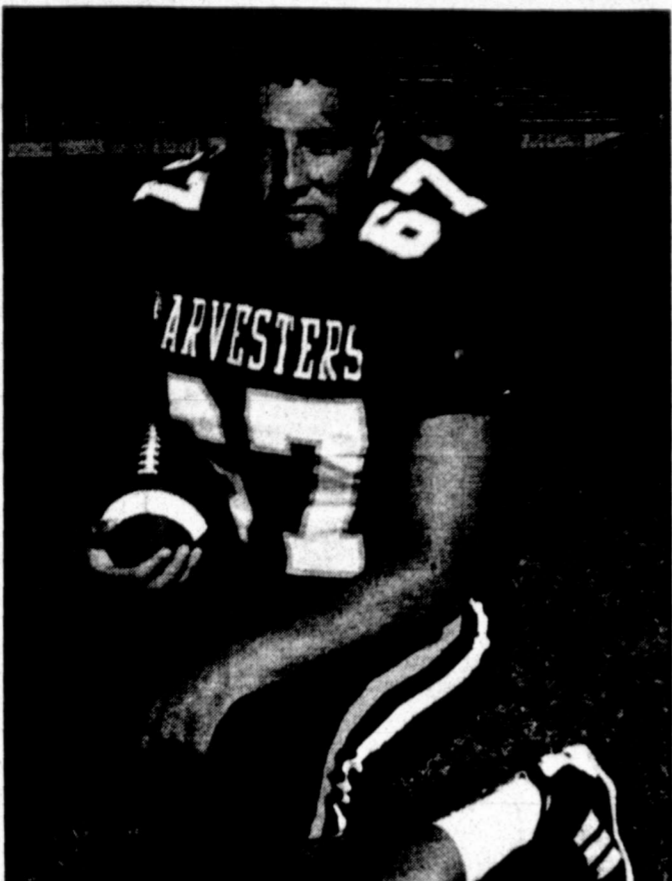
Rogers (12-13) allowed three runs and seven hits in his first win since Aug. 8, helping the Rangers sweep their only doubleheader this season. Rogers struck out six and walked one before allowing hits to the first two batters in the eighth.

"It was nice to hold on to a lead," said Rogers, who had dropped his last four decisions.

John Wetteland earned his 33rd save, despite allowing a two-run double to Greg Myers in the ninth.

Texas also took both ends of its last doubleheader on Sept. 6, 1999, over the Chicago White Sox. Baltimore was last swept on June 8, 1999, by the Florida Marlins.

## Players of the Week



In an effort to give the athletes more recognition, the Pampa football coaches are selecting Players of the Week this season. Named as the top players for Week One are (l-r) defensive lineman David Sigala, junior varsity (parents, Alex and Debbie Sigala); tailback Jordan Klaus, junior varsity (parents, David and Jan Cory); and wide receiver Tony Beck, varsity (parents, Derrick and Barbara Eldridge). Not pictured is freshman defensive back Joe Meraz (guardians, Alberto and Maria Copado)

## Harvesters are 7-point underdog to AHS

**PAMPA** — It's expected to be a close contest when Pampa takes on traditional rival Amarillo High Friday night in Dick Bivins Stadium.

The Harris Ratings have the Sandies listed as a 7-point favorite, but the Harvesters have some of those intangibles that may work in their favor.

"I'm very pleased with our football team and mostly it doesn't have anything to do with football. There's great comradery and great enthusiasm among the players and, lo and behold, it's leading to great things happening on the football field," said Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier.

Pampa is off to a 2-0 start, disposing of Lubbock Estacado 31-9 and Dalhart 35-0 in easy fashion.

"There's been great leadership on the field," Cavalier said. "Besides that we've got weapons we can take advantage in three categories: running, receiving and defense."

Pampa's wide-open offense appears to fit senior quarterback J.J. Roark to a capital T.

Roark had another strong

offensive performance in Pampa's 31-9 win over Lubbock Estacado last weekend, rushing for 146 yards and two touchdowns. He had plenty of help in the backfield.

Fullback Thomas Long rushed for 107 yards while tailback Terrance Lemons finished with 75 yards and a touch-

down. A week earlier, Roark had rushed for 106 yards and scored two TDs against Dalhart.

Pampa wasn't without a casualty in the win over Estacado.

Senior strong safety Lane Baker, who had a fumble recovery in the game, is side-

lined with a severely-sprained ankle. He could be out from about two weeks, according to Cavalier.

"He's already back walking on it, so that indicates to me a fast recovery," Cavalier said.

"We're hoping Lane will be ready to play after our open date or off-week, which is

coming up soon."

Baker's position will be filled by senior Josh Baker (no relation), who has been alternating with Orlando Madrid at free safety.

Both Pampa and AHS have 2-0 records. Gametime is 7:30.

## PHS tennis team boosts district mark to 3-0

**DUMAS** — Pampa's tennis team surprised District 3-4A favorite Dumas 16-3 Tuesday to raise their district record to 3-0.

Dumas, the pre-season favorite to win the district title this fall, was never in the match. Pampa took a commanding 6-1 lead after the doubles matches.

"I was extremely pleased with our effort," said Pampa head coach Carolyn Quarles. "As a whole, we can play much better, but our kids found a way to win even when they weren't playing their best."

Quarles said Pampa has a tough stretch ahead of them with Caprock coming to town Saturday and the Harvesters

going to Canyon next Tuesday. "These kids are fun to coach, they're young and excited about the challenge ahead," coach Quarles said.

Players of the week are the players who found a way to win even though they weren't at the top of their game, she said. They include Michael Cornelison, Bryce Jordan, Jared Spearman and A.J. Smith, who continue to dominate in singles and doubles.

Pampa plays Caprock at 10 a.m. Saturday on the PHS courts.

**Pampa 16, Dumas 3**

**Boys Singles**  
Michael Cornelison (P) def. Cody Crouch 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Bryce Jordan (P) def. Aaron Kozak 6-3, 6-3.

A.J. Smith (P) def. Bjorn Subia 6-2, 6-2.

Jared Spearman (P) def. Andrew Ward 6-4, 6-1.

David Thacker (P) def. Justin Bonner 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Jay Gerber (P) def. Cannon Strickland 6-1, 6-4.

Britton White (P) def. Chris Myers 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.

**Girls Singles**

Alicia Schubert (D) def. Brittany Kindle 6-4, 6-4.

Anna Kesnik (D) def. Ashley Stucki 6-2, 6-0.

Michelle Lee (P) def. Crista Cochran 7-5, 7-6 (7-2).

Ashlei Jordan (P) def. Adrienne Bottoms 6-3, 6-3.

Tara Jordan (P) def. Becky

Moran 6-4, 6-1.

Helen Brooks (P) def. Meagan Perez 6-2, 6-1.

Liz West (P) def. Alana Bell 6-3, 6-0.

**Boys Doubles**

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Crouch-Kozak 6-4, 6-4.

Spearman-Smith (P) def. Subia-Ward 6-1, 6-1.

Gerber-Thacker (P) def. Strickland-Roberts 6-4, 6-1.

**Girls Doubles**

Stucki-Kindle (P) def. Schubert-Bottoms 5-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Lee-A. Jordan (P) def. Cochran-Moran 6-4, 6-2.

T. Jordan-Bradley (P) def. Perez-Bell 6-2, 5-7, 6-1.

**Mixed Doubles**

Kesnik-Kozak (D) def. White-Brooks 6-4, 6-3.

## Pampa girls drop VB match to Dumas

**DUMAS** — Dumas defeated Pampa in a District 3-4A volleyball match Tuesday night.

Dumas won 15-3, 15-8, as the Demonettes improved their district record to 3-0.

Danielle Martinez led the Pampa attack with 4 kills while Destiny Engel and Morgan White had 3 each.

## North Texas going with freshman at QB

**DENTON, Texas (AP)** — Freshman Scott Hall has been tabbed as the starting quarterback for North Texas, replacing junior Richard Bridges in the lineup for Saturday's game at UNLV.

"We've been evaluating the position since two-a-days and he has picked up things very quickly," said North Texas coach Darrell Dickey. "When he's gotten into games he's done pretty well. He hasn't gotten a lot of reps in prac-

tice with the No. 1 offense. Hopefully the more practice he gets with the No. 1 unit can help him get better on the field."

Hall came off the bench in the first two games for the Mean Green (0-2). He entered the Baylor game on the last series of the third quarter and led the Mean Green to its only touchdown, and also played against Texas Tech. He has completed 8-of-15 passes for 159 yards and rushed 14 times for 33 yards.

"We're certainly not out of

the district race by any stretch of the imagination. I'm still expecting us to do well," said PHS head coach Carmen Pennick.

Randall defeated Borger 15-2, 15-1; Canyon won over Palo Duro 15-10, 15-9, and Hereford downed Caprock 15-2, 15-2, in other district matches Tuesday.

"Richard has done some things well this year. I think he is trying so hard to do well that he is pressing," Dickey said. "It might do him some good to sit back and watch things so when he gets into the game he'll be more effective."



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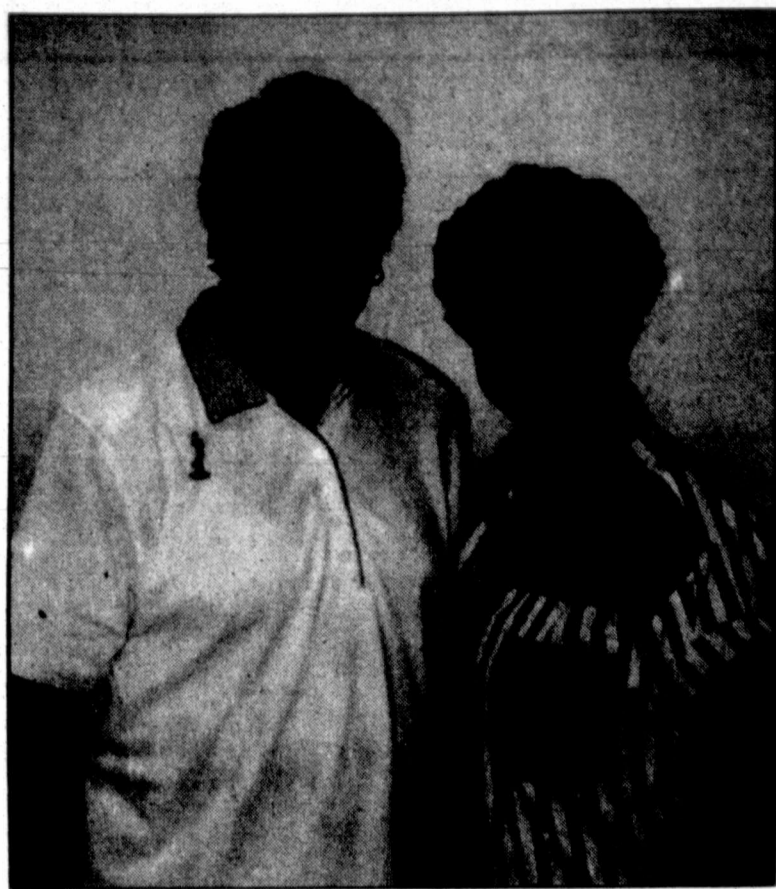
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## Club champion



The Pamcel Ladies Golf Association held a two-day Club Championship Tournament last month at the Celanese Course. Sharon Crosier (right) won the club championship with a 175 while Joyce Epperson (also pictured) placed second with a 186. Brenda Stroud won first flight (193) and Barbara Turner was second (209). Debbie Stroud won first low net (163), Brenda Kelley was second (166) and Gail White third (173).

# Estes hurls Giants past Astros, 9-5

HOUSTON (AP) — The San Francisco Giants aren't celebrating just yet.

Shawn Estes won for the 10th time in 11 decisions as San Francisco beat the Houston Astros 9-5 Tuesday night for its 12th win in 14 games.

The Giants have an 8 1/2-game lead over second-place Arizona in the NL West and are tied with the Chicago White Sox for baseball's best record (86-58).

"I'll relax when we win it," manager Dusty Baker said. "It's too early to get excited. We still have a lot of important games to go."

However, with 18 games left, the Giants have practically locked up the division title. Now they have loftier goals.

"We've already won the West," Jeff Kent said. "We're playing now to go beyond the finish line and into the playoffs. We have the desire to be there."

The Giants want to do more in the postseason than they did in 1997, when they won the West but were swept in the first round of the playoffs by the Florida Marlins.

"This is a different team and a different year," Kent said. "I think '97 was the start of building something special in our organization. I don't know when we will finish it but we hope it will be this year. We're going to keep fighting for it until they tell us to go home."

Estes (15-4) allowed four first-inning runs, then gave up only one in the next six innings to earn his third straight victory. He allowed nine hits and struck out eight.

"If this team wants to win the World Series, we have to focus on each game," Estes said. "I think in 1997, we were happy to just be in the playoffs. This team has a different outlook. We feel like if we keep playing this type of baseball,

we'll not only get to the playoffs but go on from there."

Marvin Benard, Barry Bonds and Bill Mueller all homered as the Giants rallied past the Astros for the second straight night.

Houston, which had won three straight NL Central titles, was eliminated from postseason contention earlier in the night when the New York Mets beat Milwaukee. The Astros (63-82) are assured of their first losing season since going 65-97 in 1991.

Jeff Bagwell hit his 43rd homer, tying the Astros team record he set in 1997.

Scott Elarton (16-6) allowed six runs and seven hits in six innings. Coming in, according to research by the Elias Sports Bureau, his .762 winning percentage was the third-highest for a pitcher on a team with a losing record, trailing only Sandy Koufax (19-5, .792 for Los Angeles in 1964) and Bib Gibson (23-7, .767 for St. Louis in 1970).

"It wasn't me in the third inning," Elarton said. "I really got away from the way I've pitched the last two or three months. After that inning, I came back really upset with myself."

Benard hit his 12th homer of the year on the third pitch of the game, but Houston took a 4-1 lead in the bottom half on Richard Hidalgo's two-run double and Moises Alou's two-run triple. Hidalgo has nine RBIs in his last four games.

San Francisco came back in the third on Felipe Crespo's two-run single and Rich Aurilia's two-run double, but Bagwell's homer made it 5-1 in the bottom half.

Bonds, who went 3-for-4, put the Giants ahead to stay in the fifth with his 46th homer, matching his career high set in 1993.

# Olympic's opening day is Friday

By LARRY McSHANE  
Associated Press Writer

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Two days before 600 U.S. athletes march in the Sydney Games' opening ceremony, the American soccer team took a small step toward advancing in the 2000 Olympics.

In a physical battle with the Czech Republic, the Americans managed a 2-2 tie Wednesday — a game in which they twice led and suffered several missed scoring opportunities. Chris Albright and Josh Wolff scored for the United States.

"I tell people all the time that we have players in the United States that can play very well in any arena," U.S. coach Clive Charles said. "I just think the guys proved that tonight."

"We had quite a few chances to score — we were a little unfortunate not to convert. Overall I was happy with the way the team played," he said.

The soccer players will not join the rest of the Americans at the Friday opening ceremony in Sydney's Olympic Stadium. Instead, they will remain in Canberra to prepare for Saturday's game against Cameroon.

A half-dozen soccer games kicked off the Summer Games, with both men and women taking the field for the first glimpse of the competition.

For the host Australian team, a screaming crowd of 93,252 in the Melbourne Cricket Ground could not help them overcome an Italian team that posted a 1-0

win.

In other men's action, defending gold medalist Nigeria managed a 3-3 tie against Honduras, while Cameroon defeated Kuwait, 3-2.

— WOMEN'S SOCCER: When the games began, it was the women's teams that kicked things off. Host Australia and three other nations started the competition at the Sydney Games.

It was an inauspicious debut for the Aussie women, who were thumped 3-0 by Germany. In the second game, Brazil was a 2-0 winner over Sweden.

A vocal 23,000-capacity crowd packed into Canberra's Bruce Stadium to see the first Australians in action. Not all of them saw the game's start, though, as heavy security caused long delays getting inside.

— GOING, GOING, GONE: There was little rhyme to the reasons — drugs, mental exhaustion, a pennant race — but an assortment of athletes disappeared from the Summer Games.

U.S. baseball player C.C. Sabathia was yanked off the American squad Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) by the Cleveland Indians after team officials discovered their prized prospect would be pitching in relief.

The Indians had agreed to let Sabathia pitch only if he started and was held to a pitch count. Sabathia, 20, was one of the few top major-league prospects on the American team.

Rather than pitching in

Australia, Sabathia could start next week in Fenway Park when the Indians play back-to-back doubleheaders with the Boston Red Sox — a key matchup in the American League wild-card race.

Swiss tennis star Marc Rosset pulled himself out of the Games, citing "extreme physical and mental exhaustion." Rosset, 29, the 1992 Olympic gold medalist, said his condition made it unlikely that he would medal in Sydney.

Gone as well, due to a failed drug test, was Taiwanese weightlifter Chen Po-pu. Chuang Tsun-che, chief of Taiwan's Olympic delegation, said he received formal notice from the International Weightlifting Federation that Chen had tested positive for "prohibited drugs" on Tuesday, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported.

And swimmer Yevgeniya Yermakova of Kazakhstan was dumped from the Olympics after testing positive for a drug masking agent. Yermakova tested positive for Furosemide, a diuretic, at a meet in Monte Carlo in May.

— ARRIVALS: Barry McCaffrey, head of the White House drug policy office, touched down in Australia and immediately praised China for dropping more than 20 athletes from its Olympic team over failed drug tests.

"It's a tremendous demonstration of their seriousness of purpose of acting against doping in their own teams," McCaffrey

told The Associated Press shortly after his arrival. "It's a terrific signal that they are committed."

McCaffrey, part of the 10-member official U.S. delegation, delivered the same message in a letter to China's sports minister. The delegation also included first daughter Chelsea Clinton.

— GYMNASTICS: After missing some practice time with injuries, a pair of U.S. gymnasts were back at work Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT). Stephen McCain and John Roethlisberger were expected to compete this weekend when the games get rolling.

McCain severely sprained his right ankle during training camp 10 days ago in San Diego. Roethlisberger strained his left calf at the Olympic trials last month, and it flared up again a few days ago.

"Stephen responded today with brilliance," U.S. coach Peter Kormann said. "He gets the badge-of-courage award."

— INELIGIBLE: So close. So far.

Canadian diver Arturo Miranda, who missed out on a shot at the 1992 Games, was barred from participating in the Sydney Olympics by the International Olympic Committee. Cuban officials refused to grant a waiver to the Havana-born Miranda, who became a Canadian citizen in December 1999.

It was his second near-miss at the Olympics. In 1992, he was dropped by the Cuban squad for financial reasons just 15 days before the Barcelona Games.

# Pampa's Rainey entered in Karate tourney

By GROVER BLACK  
Pampa News correspondent

PAMPA — Two of the four fighters featured in J.R. Moreno's Youth Survival Boxing Tournament is heading to the heart of Texas for a Karate Tournament sponsored by United Martial Arts.

Adam "Thinman" Rainey, a black belt in Shorin-Ryu Karate, and Okinawan Kenjitsu, and Joseph "Wolverine" Rodriguez, a black belt in Tae Kwon Do and Shorin-Ryu Karate, will be heading for San Antonio to compete Sept. 30.

Rainey, a native of Pampa, was instructed by the late Shidoshi Myoshu Shimosas, and has been a practitioner for 9 1/2 years.

He competes primarily in Kendo (Japanese art of the sword) tournaments around the United States and has qualified for international competition in Okinawa, Japan twice. Distinguished achievements include two State titles and one National title along with being sanctioned by the American Kenjitsu Association. This will be his first "open-hand" tournament, but he has high hopes of qualifying for the State championships in December.

Rodriguez, a native of San Antonio, was instructed by the late Sensei Michael Maldonado and Sensei Sergio Mencha. He has been a practi-

tioner for eight years, competing in the full contact arena where he holds a record 69-0, and now in the point sparring arena for the last two

years where he is currently ranked third in the state. Though sidelined by a work-related knee injury, causing him to miss four tournaments

this year, Rodriguez is hopeful that the work he's put in at J.R. Youth's Survival Club will be enough to bring home a state championship.



(Photo by Grover Black)

J.R. Moreno (center) with Adam Rainey (right) and Joseph Rodriguez.

Major League Standings												
National League					American League							
<b>East Division</b>					<b>West Division</b>							
Atlanta	W	L	Pct.	GB	Seattle	W	L	Pct.	GB			
New York	84	60	58.3	—	Oakland	77	66	54.5	1			
Florida	89	74	48.3	14 1/2	Anaheim	73	72	50.3	6			
Montreal	61	82	42.7	22 1/2	Texas	66	79	45.5	13			
Philadelphia	59	85	41.0	25	<b>Monday's Games</b>							
<b>Central Division</b>					Florida (Dempster 12-9) at Atlanta (Maddux 16-8); 7:40 p.m.							
St. Louis	W	L	Pct.	GB	San Francisco (Hernandez 14-10) at Houston (Miller 5-5); 8:05 p.m.	Chicago White Sox 10, Detroit 3						
Cincinnati	74	71	51.0	10	Baltimore 3, Anaheim 1	Oakland 5, Tampa Bay 1						
Milwaukee	63	81	43.8	20 1/2	Los Angeles (Brown 12-6) at Arizona (Anderson 10-5); 10:05 p.m.	Kansas City 8, Seattle 3						
Houston	63	82	43.4	21	Colorado (Bohannon 9-9) at San Diego (Eaton 5-2); 10:05 p.m.	Only games scheduled						
Pittsburgh	61	83	42.4	22 1/2	Thursday's Games	Texas 9, Baltimore 1, 1st game						
Chicago	60	84	41.7	23 1/2	Florida (Cornelius 3-8) at Atlanta (Ashby 9-12); 1:10 p.m.	Texas 6, Baltimore 5, 2nd game						
<b>West Division</b>					N.Y. Yankees 10, Toronto 2							
San Francisco	W	L	Pct.	GB	N.Y. Mets (Rusch 9-10) at Montreal (Thurman 4-5); 7:05 p.m.	Boston 8, Cleveland 6						
Arizona	77	66	53.8	8 1/2	Milwaukee (Haynes 11-12) at Cincinnati (Villone 9-9); 7:05 p.m.	Detroit 10, Chicago White Sox 3						
Los Angeles	75	70	51.7	11 1/2	Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-5) at Houston (Holt 7-14); 8:05 p.m.	Anahem 5, Tampa Bay 2						
Colorado	74	70	51.4	12	Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-8) at St. Louis (Hentgen 14-10); 8:10 p.m.	Oakland 5, Minnesota 3						
San Diego	71	75	48.6	16	Colorado (Rose 3-2) at Los Angeles (Park 15-9); 10:10 p.m.	Seattle 11, Kansas City 3						
<b>Monday's Games</b>					<b>Wednesday's Games</b>							
Philadelphia 5, Montreal 2, 1st game					Minnesota (Milton 12-9) at Oakland (Heredia 14-10); 3:35 p.m.							
Montreal 7, Philadelphia 6, 2nd game					Boston (Ortiz 3-4) at Cleveland (Colon 12-8); 7:05 p.m.							
Cincinnati 7, Chicago Cubs 6					Toronto (Loaiza 9-10) at N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 12-6); 7:05 p.m.							
Milwaukee 8, N.Y. Mets 2					Baltimore (Rapp 7-11) at Texas (Glynn 5-3); 8:05 p.m.							
St. Louis 8, Pittsburgh 4					Detroit (Weaver 9-13) at Chicago White Sox (Parque 11-6); 8:05 p.m.							
San Francisco 8, Houston 7, 10 innings					Kansas City 6, Seattle 4 at Seattle (Abbott 9-6); 10:05 p.m.							
San Diego 7, Colorado 2					Tampa Bay (Lidle 2-5) at Anaheim (Ortiz 5-5); 10:05 p.m.							
Los Angeles 6, Arizona 3					Only games scheduled							
<b>Tuesday's Games</b>					<b>Thursday's Games</b>							
Montreal 1, Philadelphia 0					Boston (Martinez 16-5) at Cleveland (Nagy 2-4); 7:05 p.m.							
Chicago Cubs 2, Cincinnati 1					Toronto (Wells 19-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Petitte 18-7); 7:05 p.m.							
N.Y. Mets 10, Milwaukee 2					Kansas City (Suzuki 8-9) at Texas (Davis 6-9); 8:05 p.m.							
Florida 5, Atlanta 4												
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Arizona 5, Los Angeles 4												
Colorado 6, San Diego 3												
<b>Wednesday's Games</b>												
Milwaukee (D'Arco 11-5) at N.Y. Mets												

# The General plans to coach again

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The General has no intention of just fading away.

Bob Knight, fired after 29 years at Indiana, says he will coach again, and he'll do it the way he always has — his way.

"I've always felt I've got to be me, I can't be something that someone's trying to construct," he said Tuesday night in a live, sometimes contentious interview on ESPN.

"I try to be fair, try to be honest. My philosophy and approach to things is just different than some people and situations," Knight said.

Ousted for a pattern of "unacceptable" behavior that violated a "zero-tolerance" behavior policy, Knight admitted he was surprised by the school's decision. But he said perhaps it was time to move on anyway, and that he still wants to coach "in the worst way."

"I thought I'd stay here till I was done coaching," Knight said. "I haven't retired. I'm an unemployed teacher right now, and I'm looking for a place to teach. There are too many things that I have yet to explore about the game of basket-

ball."

Knight said he thought about leaving Indiana at times, but his love of the basketball team was too strong. He had wanted the Hoosiers, who haven't advanced past the second round of the NCAA tournament since 1994, to become a powerhouse again.

"I kind of hung on to that thought for several years now, four or five years, and probably should've gone somewhere else," the 59-year-old Hall of Fame coach said. "And there would be somebody that was a better fit for this administration and these people than I am. And there's a place for me where there's a better fit for me as a basketball coach."

Knight repeated that he did nothing wrong when he grabbed freshman Kent Harvey by the arm last week to lecture him about manners after the student said, "Hey, what's up, Knight?"

The coach also disputed some of the other reasons university president Myles Brand cited in firing him.

Brand said Knight violated a zero-tolerance policy that had been

in place since May. But Knight said he was never told exactly what "zero-tolerance" meant, a claim university officials denied.

Knight said one episode cited by Brand, verbal abuse of a university lawyer, occurred during a meeting about the \$30,000 fine levied against him by Brand in May. But Knight said he never used profanity and didn't raise his voice.

After the ESPN interview, university officials said they stood by Brand's earlier statements.

## Flashback

1972: Pampa defeated Canyon 27-7 in high school football action. Pampa's leading rusher was Richard McCampbell, who rushed for 82 yards on 15 carries and scored three touchdowns.

Defensively, McCampbell, Carson Watt, Jesse Hunnicutt and Jody Johnson each had a pass interception.



### Rain falls around north central Texas, but record dry spell isn't broken

FORT WORTH (AP) — Rain soaked much of north central Texas for the first time in more than two months, falling everywhere except the place it counted most. No rainfall was recorded Tuesday at the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where official measurements are taken.

Initial reports of 0.01 of an inch of rain were proven false after officials, who had seen no raindrops, realized 60 mph wind gusts had skewed the rain gauge.

That meant the dry spell that dragged on Tuesday into its 74th day wasn't broken, although Dallas, Ellis and Hill counties each reported up to 2 inches of rain. Parts of Cooke County, west of Fort Worth, reported 4 to 6 inches of rain. Forecasters expected up to 4 inches of rain in Van Zandt County.

"It just shows you how small-scale the atmosphere can work when part of the county gets a significant amount of rain and a site 10 miles away gets nothing," said Gary Woodall, a National Weather Service meteorologist in Fort Worth.

The system moved away from the Dallas-Fort Worth area Tuesday afternoon, with less than a 20 percent chance of rain Wednesday.

### Off-campus bonfire group still determined to proceed with renegade plan

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Leaders of a student group planning a bonfire off the Texas A&M campus this fall say they are still determined to proceed after meeting privately with the university's president and other officials.

The organization, called Keep the Fire Burning, devised its plan for a renegade log stack after A&M President Ray Bowen announced a two-year moratorium on the almost century-long tradition in the wake of a report on the 1999 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.

One of seven board members for the organization who requested the

meeting with Bowen said the hour-long session Tuesday was "not really productive."

"They listened to our side, and we listened to their side," board member Gary Crenshaw told the Bryan-College Station Eagle in Wednesday's editions.

The closed-door meeting with students did not change the university's position on the issue, said Cindy Lawson, executive director of university relations.

A five-member panel appointed by Texas A&M cited organizational failures and structural problems with the student-designed and -built bonfire as the chief reasons for the accident in a May report.

### American Airlines plans flight schedule changes to cut delays

DALLAS (AP) — Seeking to reduce flight delays, American Airlines will restructure its schedules this fall at its two largest hubs, including Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, the carrier's top executive says.

But Donald J. Carty, American chairman and chief executive officer, predicted no easy solution to the gridlock that met many air travelers this summer.

"The next two summers are going to be pretty ugly, particularly in places like La Guardia" Airport in New York, Carty told The Dallas Morning News after a speech to Wall Street airline analysts Tuesday.

Blaming the Federal Aviation Administration's air-traffic-control system for many of the problems, Carty warned that neither American nor any other carrier can solve flight delays.

"Technologically, there is no quick fix to this," he said.

The FAA said more than 94,000 flights were delayed in June and July, resulting in plane loads of people sitting on runways for hours and other travelers scrambling to rebook after canceled flights.

American's restructured schedule, to start Oct. 1 at DFW Airport, will include eliminating some morning flights, stretching out

arrivals and departures and extending the operating day, Carty said.

The Fort Worth, Texas-based carrier said Tuesday it will also give passengers an extra five minutes to catch connecting flights at DFW.

Starting in November, Carty said, American will reduce use of its jets based at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on other routes.

### Third Continental jet suffers engine failure on take-off

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Federal regulators and the maker of a popular engine for large jetliners are scrutinizing why the models of the engine suffered uncommon failures on three separate takeoffs of Continental Airlines aircraft since April.

The airline and the manufacturer, GE Aircraft Engines, a unit of General Electric Co., on Tuesday expressed confidence in the engine.

The National Transportation Safety Board is investigating "to see if there is any common thread," NTSB spokesman Ted Lopatkiewicz said. The agency has not issued a safety recommendation on the engines.

No injuries were reported during the incidents, which led to two takeoffs being aborted. The other flight returned shortly after takeoff.

GE Aircraft Engines, of Cincinnati, suspects the failures are linked to an exhaust nozzle at the rear of the engines, company spokesman Rick Kennedy said.

### Astronauts installing fresh batteries in space station

SPACE CENTER (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis' crew completed several home-improvement projects aboard the international space station early Wednesday, snapping new batteries into place and hauling gear into the growing outpost.

The focus was on bringing full power to the two Russian segments of the station.

Astronaut Edward Lu and cosmonaut Yuri Malenchenko finished sliding three new batteries into the

station's newest addition, the Russian service module Zvezda.

Three of Zvezda's eight batteries were kept back on Earth to conserve weight aboard the hefty spacecraft, grounded for more than two years because of Russia's economic problems. Though Zvezda launched in July, it made its debut in orbit when Atlantis' crew cracked open its hatches Tuesday.

Down the hall from Zvezda, astronaut Daniel Burbank and cosmonaut Boris Morukov replaced one of six batteries aboard the Russian-built control module Zarya. They were to replace another one Wednesday night, to complete an upgrade of the craft's battery system.

In May, astronauts had to replace four of Zarya's batteries, which were damaged via careless overcharging by Russian flight controllers. The two up for replacement this time were near the end of their operational lifetimes, and may also have been improperly charged.

### Tiny town about to turn tap on water pipeline

THROCKMORTON (AP) — This small West Texas town — where the hot wind blows warmer than a hair dryer and more cacti cover the ground than grass — soon will have what everyone has been awaiting: clean water from a source that isn't about to dry up.

Beginning in July, 650 volunteers — some from as far as Austin — began helping the town build a 21-mile pipeline to connect with nearby Graham's water treatment plant in Elbert. Some came with heavy equipment, others with shovels, and some with only a helping hand to offer.

On Tuesday, Public Works Director Steve Bowlin and others completed some electrical work around the pump station and finished final preparations for Wednesday's ribbon-cutting and official turning of the tap.

"It was just a blessing because Throckmorton is a small community and without all the volunteers who came in, it wouldn't have gotten done in the time it needed to be done in," resident Teri Barrington said. "We'll never be able to give back what they gave to us."

The connection comes just in time. "Without it, whenever our lake goes dry, that will be it," Bowlin said.

An intense Texas summer heat, combined with about three months without rain, have taken their toll on Lake Throckmorton. Normally 20 feet deep, the lake has sunk to an average depth of 2.9 feet.

## Coast Guard Academy accepting applications

The United States Coast Guard Academy is now accepting and processing applications to the Class of 2005. Appointments are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional nominations or geographical quotas. Applications must be submitted to the director of Admissions prior to Dec. 15, 2000. Candidates must arrange to participate in either the SAT I or ACT prior to or including the December 2000 administration.

Appointments are based on the candidate's high school record, performance on either the SAT I or ACT and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school activities, community service and part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and have demonstrated proficiency in both mathematical and applied science.

Candidates must be unmarried at the time of the appointment, have no legal obligations and must have reached the age of 17 but not 23 by July 1, 2001. Candidates must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 2001.

Coast Guard cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances for living expenses. The Academy curriculum emphasizes engineering and science, leads to a bachelor of science degree and establishes a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates are commissioned as ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

The Academy graduate can look forward to a varied, exciting and demanding career as a regular Coast Guard officer. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard performs a variety of missions including search and rescue, maintenance of aids to navigation around the globe, operation of icebreakers, enforcement of maritime law, boating safety and marine environmental protection.

Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law and oceanography.

To obtain an application or further information: Visit [www.cgacademy.edu](http://www.cgacademy.edu) in the World Wide Web; call 1-800-883-8724; or write Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, 31 Mohegan Ave., New London, CT 06320.

## New fair facility manager

AMARILLO — The Board of Directors of the Amarillo Tri-State Exposition recently announced the hiring of Roy Joseph Grona as Facilities manager. Grona assumed his duties this month.

Grona will be responsible for event preparation, general maintenance and repair of facilities as well as supervising all building and grounds personnel.

Grona most recently was farm foreman for Grona Farming in Canyon. In that position, he was responsible for maintenance and repair of all related facilities and equipment. He was also responsible for management duties

such as preparation and implementation of safety programs, record keeping and reporting, and payroll and scheduling of employees. Grona has also served in the Army, most notable as senior sergeant in Operations Desert Storm.

"With the new Amarillo National Center and the increased usage of the other facilities on the exposition grounds, the Board of Directors felt that Mr. Grona's background and experience would serve the Exposition well. We are fortunate to have a Facilities Manager of Mr. Grona's caliber," says Bill Davis, Exposition president.

## Texas Branded Community program



(Special photo)

Jean Swindell, left, of Tucker PR firm in Dallas, and Sarah Page, far right, of Texas Department of Economic Development Tourism Division, recently introduced the Texas Branded Community tourism program to Pampa Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee. Also pictured are Linda Daniels, right of Swindell, who will serve as coordinator of the Branded Community tourism project, and Charles Henry and John Forister, co-chairmen of the Chamber Tourism Committee. During the workshop, the visitors explained the value of tourism, the benefits of developing a Texas Branded Community program, the value of a public relations promotion plan and the requirements for becoming a Texas Branded Community. Some goals for the Texas Branded Tourism Committee will be to create a theme and a community profile of Pampa's unique selling points as well as networking at local, regional and state levels, provided through the Texas Branded Community certification. Pampa was chosen along with Ennis and Del Rio to be a part of this statewide tourism promotional program.

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