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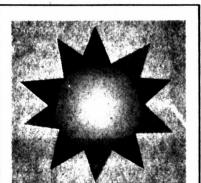
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Rotary Golf tourney set for Saturday

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

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 (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.

Anna Marguerite Philpott, 85, Wheeler native.

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ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE SEEN IT ALL!

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 discus-

sion, 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"

"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 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

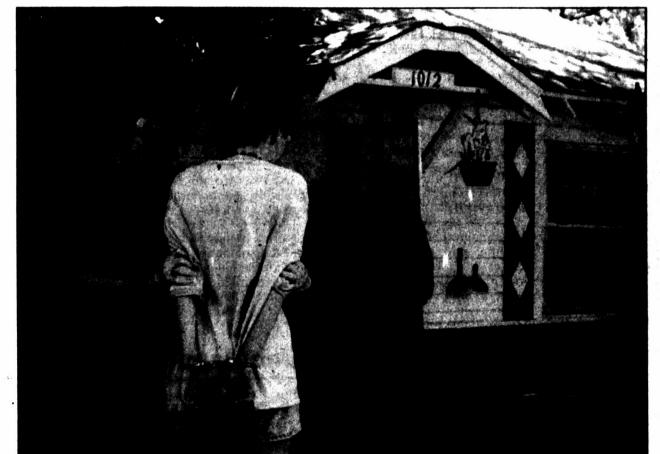
Dixon amended the amendment to a 66 cent tax rate which would bring in \$55,000 more in tax revenues. The motion failed, two votes to three.

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(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.



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

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman 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 parapher-

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



Officer Lockhart and Guerrero

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

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Reality 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

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 bedroom. was pleading for the dispatcher because her step-father, Pierre, ring in her home. Frightened, was beating her mother in the

Amid the screams and tears, to send the police to her home. Lisa described the events occur-

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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—her house as she and her daughter plantfiled 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 been pulled up." 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

ed 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 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.

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All Aboard!! The Chamber Of Commerce Invites You To A "Country Fair Night On The Orient Express", October 14, 2000!! For Ticket Information Call The Chamber Office At 669-3141!!

Daily Record

Services tomorrow

BACK, David Wayne — 1 p.m., Memorial Park Funeral Home, Amarillo. **ELLISON**, Irene Mae — Graveside services, 11 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, McLean.

Obituaries

DAVID WAYNE BACK

AMARILLO — David Wayne Back, 74, father of a Pampa resident, died Monday, Sept. 11, 2000. Services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Memorial Park Funeral Home with Paul White, pulpit minister of Olsen Park Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be in Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Memorial Park Funeral Home of

Mr. Back was born at McLean and received a bachelor's of business administration degree from the University of Texas in 1949. He married LaVaughn Hampton in 1970 at Dumas. He retired from Diamond Shamrock as refinery supervisor and had been an Amarillo resident since 1997, moving from Dumas.

He belonged to Olsen Park Church of Christ. He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the Pacific during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, LaVaughn; a daughter, Debbie Pennington of Amarillo; a son, Lee Carter of Pampa; two sisters, Dorothea Goodwin of McLean and Mary Ann Hale of Mesquite; and three grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to American Cancer Society.

The body will be available for viewing until 8 p.m. today and from 8 a.m.-12 noon Thursday at the funeral home

IRENE MAE ELLISON

McLEAN — Irene Mae Ellison, 79, died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at Houston. Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in Hillcrest Cemetery with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Lamb Funeral Home of McLean.

Mrs. Ellison was born March 9, 1921, in Floyd County, Texas, to Horace Jefferson Marler and Maudie Lankford Marler. She married James Gilbert Ellison in 1947 at Vernon. She had been a McLean resident for 30 years, moving to Houston seven years ago.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James; and by a daughter, Marsha.

Survivors include three sons, James Douglas Ellison of Key Largo, Fla., Gary Don Ellison of Austin and Stephen Gil Ellison of Houston; and seven grandchildren.

ÄNNA MARGUERITE PHILPOTT

MIDLAND — Anna Marguerite Philpott, 85, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000, in a nursing home at

Midland. Memorial services were today, Sept. 13, in Manor Park Chapel with the Rev. C. Lane Boyd officiating. Interment will be at 3 p.m. Friday in Fairview Cemetery at Pampa with the Rev. Todd Dyess, of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Philpott was born Oct. 12, 1914, at Wheeler, to John

Ficke and Harriett Elizabeth McBee Ficke. She was reared and educated at Wheeler. She was a member of the Methodist Churches in Miami and Pampa prior to joining First United Methodist Church of Midland in April 1993.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Philpott; her father, John; her mother, Harriett; her brother, John Ficke; three sisters, Leona Hall, Silva Dillard and Fay Gwyn; and several nieces and nephews.

Survivors include three sisters, Lois Poe, Bessie Clark and Ferrol Voliva; and several nieces and nephews

BRANDON ANDREW WOLFE

Brandon Andrew Wolfe, 23, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 10, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Memory Gardens Cemetery with Tim Walker, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Wolfe was born July 11, 1977, at Pampa and had been a lifelong Pampa resident. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Zachery Andrew Wolfe of Pampa; his parents, Lloyd and Betty Wolfe of Pampa; two brothers, Marcus Wolfe of Kansas and Christopher Wolfe of Cooes Bay, Ore.; and a grandmother, Loreta Doan.

The body will not be available for viewing.

Deputy Beverly Chace was sent to

fulness saved the horse and possibly a

motorist that might have hit it.

Police report

The Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 Burglaries on Aug. 30 and Sept. 9 were reported at Pampa High School. About \$1,600 in cash was reported taken along with a digital camera and tool set. School authorities also reported about \$80 in damage.

The theft of a Game Boy valued at \$22 was reported in the 300 block of Ann.

About \$1,700 in damage was reported to a rent house in the 2200 block of North Wells.

The theft of about \$400 in tools and automotive equipment was reported in the 700 block of

A green 1997 Dodge Dakota pickup was reportedly taken from the 1500 block of North Dwight. About \$10 damage was reported to a side door of a house in the 1300 block of Hamilton.

Sheriff's Office

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

Tuesday, Sept. 12

Norma Juanita Guerrero, 27, 1012 Duncan, was arrested by Pampa police on charges of possession of marijuana, a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Jerad S. Mattock, 17, 360 Henry, was arrested by Gray County deputies on dog fighting

Ambulance

Rural Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 6:13 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported one to Pampa

Regional Medical Center (PRMC). 4:40 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of South Hobart. No one was transported. 8:33 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local

nursing facility and transported one to PRMC. 10:56 - A mobile ICU responded to Texas 70 north of Pampa and transported one to PRMC. Two persons refused transport.

Fires

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Sept. 12 4:40 p.m. - One unit and four firefighters

responded to a motor vehicle collision in the 1100 block of South Hobart. 8:16 p.m. - Two units and five firefighters

responded to a report of smoke at Finley and Campbell streets. The smoke came from a barbecue grill.

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THIEF

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Davis was brought to Rhoten's tags that remained on the bushes. to verify Rhoten's story. Cross

had bought the rose bushes from on the prosecution. a man named Kevin Reese.

contact Reese, none of them had talked to him.

house where she identified the was no proof that Rhoten took rose bushes from the extreme the roses, Assistant District pruning she said she had done on Attorney Phil Pendleton said the them the night before and from defense had not produced Reese Rhoten's attorney, Steve Cross, countered that the burden of said Rhoten told officers that he proof was not on the defense, but

"They should have gone out said that while they had tried to the police with regard to Reese.

Deputy snags horse with crime scene tape

A Gray County deputy earned her spurs she could find with which to capture it was

her patrol car.

ight have hit it.

"We're going to have to get her a horse and he horse, but the only think lariat," Sheriff Don Copeland said today.

today as she penned a horse on the south- a roll of yellow plastic crime scene tape in

McCullough and Barnes streets about 7:30 the crime scene tape, leading it off the road

a.m. today to check on a report of a horse loose on the roadway just outside the Pampa city limits. Her quick thinking and resource—"You have to use what you've got," Chace

Judge Waters noted that the burden of proof in a trial is based While Cross argued that there on reasonable doubt, but proof in a probation revocation hearing is simply a preponderance of evi-

> Waters found the accusation to be true and added 90 days confinement in Gray County jail as an additional condition of Rhoten's probation.

"If you violate probation one During questioning, officers and investigated," Cross said of more time," Waters warned Rhoten, "you're going to prison."

wearing a life jacket. A Coast Guard helicopter Wednesday.

> Trinity Bay Galveston Bay to the north.

Pampa church hosts event Rev. Frank D. Hammond, an internationally known minister

Conference to focus on spiritual war

HiLand Church of Pampa, 18th and Banks, is hosting the Spiritual Warfare Conference featuring internationally-known authors and speakers beginning at 7 p.m. tonight.

A free continental breakfast will be held at 8 a.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, as the conthe Captives Free."

and author.

Hammond and his late wife, Ida Mae, have authored several books including: "Pigs in the Parlor," "Kingdom Living for the Family," "God Warns America," "Overcoming Rejection," and several others.

Since Mrs. Hammond's death in 1997, the reverend has continued to travel, teaching with emphasis on family relationships and deliverance. He has recently authored two new books: "The Marriage Bed" and "The Tale of Two ference continues. The theme of Franks," a compilation of unusual this year's conference is "Setting experiences as told by Hammond and long time friend and deliver-Keynote speaker will be the ance minister, Frank Marzullo.

The Rev. Lavon Thompson, pastor of Life of Praise Fellowship in Amarillo, brings a wealth of ministerial experience

with him to the pulpit. Kathy Sistrunk will minister in music. She has authored the

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Commissioners then passed Andrews' amendment setting the tax rate at 65 cents on a vote of three to two.

Commissioners also approved ordinances relating to solid waste collection fees and solid waste tipping fees.

If passed, solid waste collection fees will go up 65 cents for residential customers. Landfill tipping fees would increase from \$22.50 to \$23.50. Both increases are to go into effect Jan. 1, 2001.

A second and final reading of all four ordinances is planned for the next commission meeting. The ordinances will not go into affect until after the second reading.

Commissioners awarded a bid to Luckinbill Inc. to repair and paint the North Crest water tower for \$589,404. Luckinbill was the lowest of four bids.

The bid includes covering the structure with a shroud to prevent overspray, hazardous material cleanup due to lead paint chips, and extensive welding and repairs.

a Catch 22 situation."

booklet, "Women of Worth," based on the Proverbs 31

Word of God.

A registration fee of \$10 entitles registrants to a packet of materials which includes two audio tapes by Hammond and the booklet "Conquering Anger"

The conference itself is free

"One point is we must be nuts to have to pay for all this," commented Curry. "On the other hand, we don't want kids in the North Crest area running around eating lead based paint chips. It's

Commissioners authorized City Manager Bob Eskridge and Public Works Director Richard Morris to contract with engineers of CH2M Hill to develop improvements to the city's water treatment pro-

In the work session prior to the Tuesday, meeting Morris at changing the use of chlorine as a disinfectant to some other type such as chloramines. He said pilot Meredith water to see what will ness be most effective.

lot at 811 E. Denver was accepted boards.

by commissioners. A three-year contract with David Teichmann to operate Hidden Hills Municipal Golf Course was changed to a one-year

renewal date of Sept. 30, 2001. "I see some possibilities to reduce expenses out there," commented Neslage. "We owe it to the citizens to look at this very closely."

contract by commissioners with a

In the work session, commissioners indicated they were satisfied with Teichmann's supervision of the golf course, but felt a three-year contract was not in the best interest of the city.

In other action, the commission approved on first reading an ordiexplained that the city is looking nance granting an extension of the cable television franchise with Cable One Inc. to March 31, 2001. Neslage abstained from voting tests will be made with different due to a conflict of interest conblends of weil water and Lake nected with his advertising busi-

Commissioners also appointed Chuck Ingram's bid for \$50 for a persons to nine committees and

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lance.

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information from an anonymous

source that there were drugs in

the house. Officers said that the

raid was the result of several

months of work and surveil-

investigation of reported drug

sale activity in the area," said

Deputy Police Chief Terry

Coast Guard searches

HOUSTON (AP) — The

U.S. Coast Guard was search-

ing for a man in Trinity Bay

Wednesday morning by a

for missing boater

"The raid resulted from an

she told the dispatcher Pierre was drunk as he beat her mother. This wasn't a first time occurrence in little Lisa's home.

Attempting to keep Lisa on the phone until the police arrived, the dispatcher guizzed her about weapons and other residents of the home. There were no weapons, but he was hurting her mommy,

Lisa said she was the oldest of three children. A four-year-old sister, Julie, and a newborn baby brother also were in the home. Her step-father was attempting to remove the baby from the home. Lisa was afraid Pierre would do something to hurt the baby if he took him. The dispatcher continued asking Lisa questions,

and the child answered. As the dispatcher asked the child to unlock the front door for the police to come in when they arrived on the scene, she said, Pierre, had knocked Julie to the floor and she was crying.

Lisa said Pierre and her mother were now fighting in the bathroom. Suddenly, the child screamed, that violence is okay. And it is not."

"Oh my God." Lisa was begging for the police to help them. The dispatcher told her the police were on their way.

'Um...my step daddy's got the baby..." were the last words on the tape. Town said that day was the last day of Lisa's mommy's life. Town tearfully told the group such instances

happen daily, and they happen locally. She said victims of violence are co-workers, friends, relatives as well as members of the community. "A contribution to United Way is a contribution to someone's mother, someone's neighbor and someone's child. Many of the member agencies

serve victims or at-risk victims," said Town. "We need to tell people it is our responsibility to get involved—not look the other way." Town stressed the need of the United Way agencies as she emphasized that it is important the children of today are allowed to be children today, and

tomorrow. "These incidents hurt. It hurts all of us. It hurts you as a community," she said. "As long as we sit back and do nothing it becomes socially acceptable

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Young, one of the team that raid-

ed the house. Officers found Guerrero sick in Earlier Tuesday, narcotics the front bedroom of the two agents had been able to obtain bedroom home. the search warrant based on

narcotics officers. "No problem." Authorities said they found what they believed to be over five grams of methamphetamine, a small amount of marijuana and an undisclosed amount of

Officers questioned Guerrero as they searched the home, then took her to Gray County Sheriff's office about noon Tuesday where she was booked into jail.

Police Chief Charlie Morris described the area as a quiet, residential neighborhood on a main thoroughfare.

The house sits back from "It was easy," said one of the Duncan, behind a row of shrubbery. In the courtyard behind the shrubbery at the front of the house were children's toys. "The children are in school,"

> Morris said. The fact that the drugs were found close to a city park is being examined for violations of a drug

free zone, Young said. "If accepted by prosecutors, this could enhance the penalty of the offenses," he said.

City Briefs

on Wednesday after his boat The Pampa News is not responsible for the content of paid advertisement A fellow boater rescued

DRAIN STOPPED? Why passing crab boat said their wait? Call Ingram Sewer and boat capsized about 4 p.m. Drain Cleaning. Your drain Tuesday. The survivor was cleaning specialist. 665-8317. 24 Service Avail.

LADIES DO you want a was searching for the man chance to be a Millionaire??? 1st 50 ladies, Wed. Night, Sept. 13th, borders at Sunset Bar & Grill will have a chance to become a Millionaire!!

30% OFF demo vacuums. Top Of Texas Vac & Sew, 407 W. Foster, 665-0930.

MISSING ON the 2200 block Sumner, female black (little bit of white on front) Schnauzer, about 6 mo. old, clipped ears & tail, skirt, small in size, goes by name of Cammy. Reward, 669-9310.

Weather focus

PAMPA - Sunny today with a high of 96 and south winds at 5 to 15 mph. Clear skies tonight with a low of 65 and southsouthwest winds at 5 to 15 mph. low of 90 and north-northeast winds at 10 to 20 mph. A 20 percent chance of thundershowers Thursday evening with a low near 60. Partly cloudy Friday with a high of 87. High Tuesday was 89 and the overnight low,

STATEWIDE - Scattered thunderstorms pounded some parts

sible for rain in northern sections

moved away from the state. **Thunderstorms** extended along the gulf coast were associated with the remnants of an crossed the Rio Grande between

Del Rio and Laredo. Showers and thunderstorms in Southwest Texas produced golfball-size hail in Fisher County. Other rain fell in the Concho Valley, Trans Pecos and Edwards

of Texas and only teased others Wednesday ranged from the overnight as a cool front respon-upper 50s and 60s in the Panhandle and South Plains to 80s elsewhere.

Winds were variable from north to east at 5 to 20 mph.

The chance for rainfall in Thursday, partly cloudy with a easterly tropical wave. Some North Texas was less than 20 storms in northern Mexico percent, with some storms expected in South Texas.

Daytime highs should range from the upper 80s and 90s to 103 in the Big Bend and along the Rio Grande.

Lows overnight were expected from the 50s in the Panhandle and southwestern mountains to Early morning temperatures mid 70s in the Big Bend valleys.

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 arrowhead 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

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

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.

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-registering, a refund less a \$20 processing fee, will be ister, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, given if the request is received one week prior to the

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 kickoff 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. ? with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

> 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 wel-

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 preregister, 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 regfessional 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

immunization clinics for vaccines that give protec-

program. The course is approved with various protion 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, The Texas Department of Health will be offering McLean Clinic, McLean; 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., 1-3 p.m., Canadian Clinic, Canadian.

Variety Show try-outs



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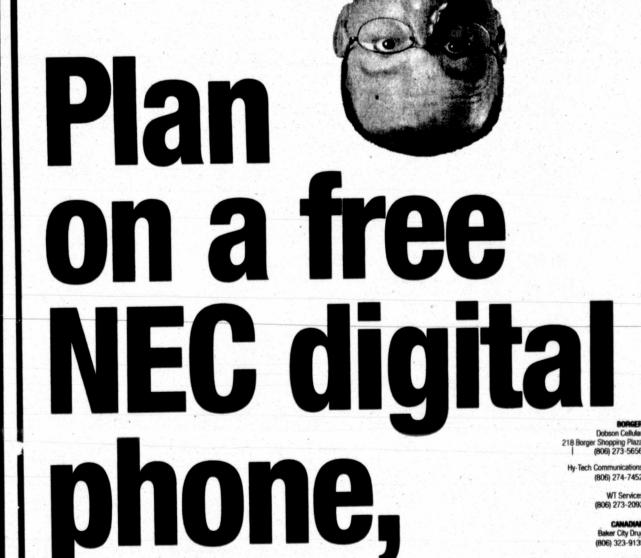
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Well-Meaning Remarks Add **Guilt to Little Sister's Stress**

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.

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

Abigail Van Buren

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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

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

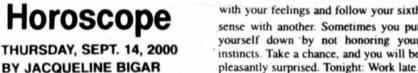
and explain to this needy (and presumptuous) woman that you don't have time to fulfill all her needs - you already have a family and social life.

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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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

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

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

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

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

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

deal with another could change substan- you believe is financially sound suddentially once you realize this person's impact on your work. Discussions need at work. Take a needed break. Tonight: 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 PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) and explore options. Tonight: Rent a ★★★ Deal with financial matters head-

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

34 Actor

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*** Carefully consider a change relating demonstrates another way or with a loved one. Family proves to be opportunity. Financial success marks unusually supportive, even if an idea is a bit offbeat. Talk to co-workers and help or agreement you want. A celebration others feel more included rather than iso- seems in line. Tonight: Treat another to lated. You have a unique ability to draw dinner.

Marmaduke

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

vourself 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 **** One-on-one relating brings not always agree with another about new results and possibilities. How you which is the best way to proceed. What changes. Don't push yourself too hard

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

* * * * Kick up your heels and allow

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.

on. If another puts down your ideas, don't take it personally. One-on-one your inquiries. You find the kind of terms

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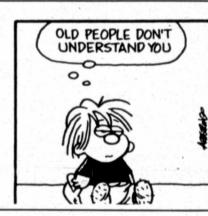


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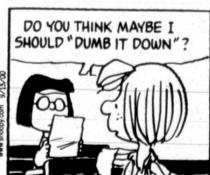


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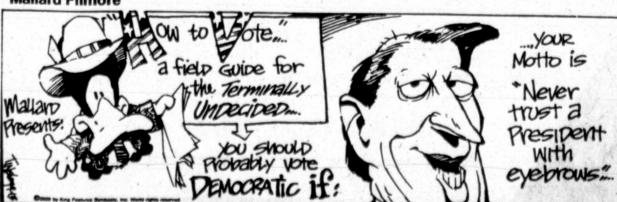
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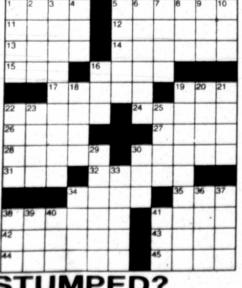
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"Bush, Gore — I don't care which one wins. Both are easy to spell."

SPORTS

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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,

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

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 threehit ball for eight innings in the 9-1 opening-game victo-

"We've been playing better lately," Rangers second baseman Luis Alicea 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," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "The pitchers did their jobs."

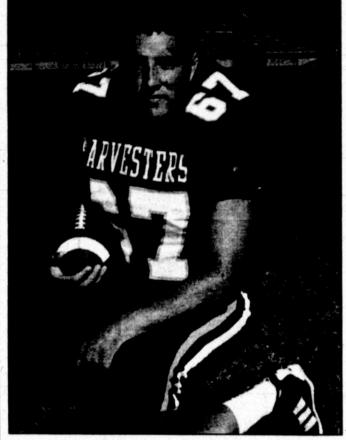
Rogers (12-13) allowed three runs and seven hits in his first win since Aug. 8, helping the Rangers sweep their only doubleheader this season. Rogers struck out six and walked one before allowing hits to the first two batters in the eighth.

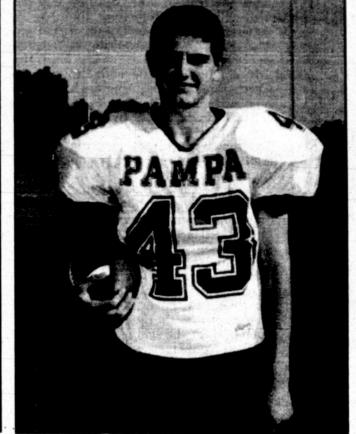
"It was nice to hold on to a lead," said Rogers, who had dropped his last four decisions.

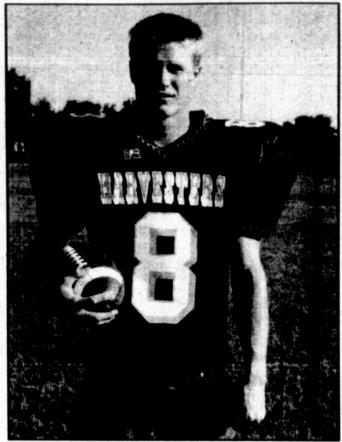
John Wetteland earned his 33rd save, despite allowing a two-run double to Greg Myers in the ninth.

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

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 (I-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

"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 enthusi-asm among the players and, lo and behow, 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 I.J. Roark to a capital T. Roark had another strong

PAMPA — It's expected to offensive performance in down. A week earlier, Roark lined with a severely-sprained coming up soon."
be a close contest when Pampa's 31-9 win over had rushed for 106 yards and ankle. He could be out from Rober's position. Pampa takes on traditional Lubbock Estacado last week- scored two TDs against about two weeks, according to rival Amarillo High Friday end, rushing for 146 yards and Dalhart. night in Dick Bivins Stadium. two touchdowns. He had Pampa wasn't without a The Harris Ratings have the plenty of help in the backfield. casualty in the win over on it, so that indicates to me a ing with Orlando Madrid at Sandies listed as a 7-point Fullback Thomas Long rushed Estacado. favorite, but the Harvesters for 107 yards while tailback have some of those intangi- Terrance Lemons finished Baker, who had a fumble ready to play after our open

bles that may work in their with 75 yards and a touch- recovery in the game, is side- date or off-week, which is 2-0 records. Gametime is 7:30.

Cavalier.

fast recovery," Cavalier said. Senior strong safety Lane "We're hoping Lane will be

Baker's position will be filled by senior Josh Baker (no rela-"He's already back walking tion), who has been alternatfree safety.

Both Pampa and AHS have

PHS tennis team boosts district mark to 3-0

team surprised District 3-4A favorite Dumas 16-3 Tuesday to they're young and excited A.J. Smith (P) def. Bjorn Subia Perez 6-2, 6-1.

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 a.m. Saturday on the PHS way to win even when they courts. weren't playing their best.

Quarles said Pampa has a tough stretch ahead of them with Caprock coming to town Saturday and the Harvesters Cody Crouch 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

DUMAS — Pampa's tennis going to Canyon next Tuesday. "These kids are fun to coach, Kozak 6-3, 6-3. raise their district record to 3-0. about the challenge ahead," 6-2, 6-2. coach Quarles said.

Players of the week are the Andrew Ward 6-4, 6-1. 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

Pampa 16, Dumas 3

Boys Singles Michael Cornelison (P) def. Bryce Jordan (P) def. Aaron Moran 6-4, 6-1.

Jared Spearman (P) def. 3, 6-0.

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.

Helen Brooks (P) def. Meagan

Liz West (P) def. Alana Bell 6-**Boys Doubles**

Cornelison-Jordan (P) def. Crouch-Kozak 6-4, 6-4. Spearman-Smith (P) def. Subia-Ward 6-1, 6-1.

Gerber-Thacker def. Strickland-Roberts 6-4, 6-1. **Girls Doubles**

Stucki-Kindle Schubert-Bottoms 5-7, 6-4, 6-2. Lee-A. Jordan (P) 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-Tara Jordan (P) def. Becky Brooks 6-4, 6-3.

Pampa girls drop VB match to Dumas

DUMAS — Dumas defeated leyball match Tuesday night.

their district record to 3-0.

Morgan White had 3 each.

tabbed as the starting quarterback

for North Texas, replacing junior

Richard Bridges in the lineup for

"We've been evaluating the

position since two-a-days and he

has picked up things very quick-

games he's done pretty well. He

hasn't gotten a lot of reps in prac- yards.

Saturday's game at UNLV.

while Destiny Engel and McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa in a District 3-4A vol- Pampa's defensive effort with of the imagination. Dumas won 15-3, 15-8, as McCullough with 3. Lindsey well," said PHS head coach the Demonettes improved also had 7 assists and Charity Carmen Pennick. Nachtigall 6.

The Lady Harvesters, 1-2 in Danielle Martinez led the district play, host Amarillo 15-1; Canyon won over Palo Pampa attack with 4 kills Caprock at 2 p.m. Saturday in Duro 15-10, 15-9, and Hereford

North Texas going with freshman at QB

Freshman Scott Hall has been Hopefully the more practice he straight games, but had lost seven

Green (0-2). He entered the Baylor

game on the last series of the third

ly," said North Texas coach Darrell played against Texas Tech. He has ing," Dickey said. "It might do him

first two games for the Mean season.

him get better on the field."

DENTON, Texas (AP) — tice with the No. 1 offense.

Dickey. "When he's gotten into completed 8-of-15 passes for 159

Jennifer Lindsey led the district race by any stretch 5 digs, followed by Chelsea I'm still expecting us to do

Randall defeated Borger 15-2,

downed Caprock 15-2, 15-2, in "We're certainly not out of other district matches Tuesday.

Bridges had started eight

in his first start last season. He is 9-

"Richard has done some things

some good to sit back and watch

game he'll be more effective."

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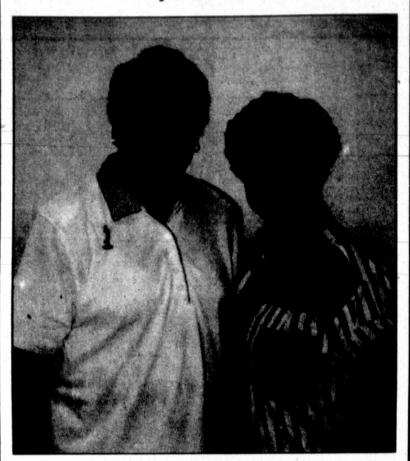
gets with the No. 1 unit can help in a row since beating Boise State

Hall came off the bench in the of-18 passing for 107 yards this

quarter and led the Mean Green to well this year. I think he is trying

its only touchdown, and also so hard to do well that he is press-

yards and rushed 14 times for 33 things so when he gets into the



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

Estes hurls Giants past Astros, 9-5

Francisco Giants aren't celebrating but go on from there.'

Shawn Estes won for the 10th Francisco beat the Houston Astros the second straight night. 9-5 Tuesday night for its 12th win in 14 games.

the NL West and are tied with the New York Mets beat best record (86-58).

"I'll relax when we win it," man-since going 65-97 in 1991. ager 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 third-highest for a pitcher on a to go beyond the finish line and team with a losing record, trailing into the playoffs. We have the

desire to be there." The Giants want to do more in the postseason than they did in 1970). 1997, when they won the West but

playoffs by the Florida Marlins. "This is a different team and a different year," Kent said. "I think that inning, I came back really '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 firstinning 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 fifth with his 46th homer, matchkeep playing this type of baseball, ing his career high set in 1993.

HOUSTON (AP) — The San we'll not only get to the playoffs

Marvin Benard, Barry Bonds and Bill Mueller all homered as the time in 11 decisions as San Giants rallied past the Astros for

Houston, which had won three straight NL Central titles, was The Giants have an 8 1/2-game eliminated from postseason conlead over second-place Arizona in tention earlier in the night when Chicago White Sox for baseball's Milwaukee. The Astros (63-82) are assured of their first losing season

> 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 only Sandy Koufax (19-5, .792 for Los Angeles in 1964) and Bib Gibson (23-7, .767 for St. Louis in

"It wasn't me in the third were swept in the first round of the inning," Elarton said. "I really got away from the way I've pitched the last two or three months. After

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-all in the bottom half.

Bonds, who went 3-for-4, put the Giants ahead to stay in the

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 women's teams that kicked things the 2000 Olympics. women's teams that kicked things off. Host Australia and three oth-

In a physical battle with the Czech Republic, the Americans managed a 2-2 tie Wednesday scoring opportunities. Chris Albright and Josh Wolff scored winner over Sweden. for the United States.

"I tell people all the time that we have players in the United guys proved that tonight.

'We had quite a few chances to score - we were a little unforteam played," he said.

the rest of the Americans at the Friday opening cermony in Sydney's Olympic Stadium. Saturday's game against Cameroon.

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

Melbourne Cricket Ground could not help them overcome the American team. an Italian team that posted a 1-0

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

ers nations started the competition at the Sydney Games. It was an inauspicious debut

a game in which they twice led for the Aussie women, who were and suffered several missed thumped 3-0 by Germany. In the second game, Brazil was a 2-0 A vocal 23,000-capacity crowd

packed into Canberra's Bruce Stadium to see the first States that can play very well in Australians in action. Not all of any arena," U.S. coach Clive them saw the game's start, Charles said. "I just think the though, as heavy security caused long delays getting inside.

- GOING, GOING, GONE: tunate not to convert. Overall I There was little rhyme to the reawas happy with the way the sons - drugs, mental exhaustion, a pennant race — but an The soccer players will not join assortment of athletes disappeared from the Summer Games

U.S. baseball player C.C. Instead, they will remain in Sabathia was yanked off the Canberra to prepare for American squad Wednesday (Tuesday night EDT) by the Cleveland Indians after team officials discovered their prized prospect would be pitching in

The Indians had agreed to let Sabathia pitch only if he started For the host Australian team, a and was held to a pitch count. screaming crowd of 93,252 in the Sabathia, 20, was one of the few top major-league prospects on

next week in Fenway Park when Iv after his arrival. "It's a terrific the Indians play back-to-back doubleheaders with the Boston Red Sox — a key matchup in the American League wild-card

Swiss tennis star Marc Rosset pulled himself out of the Games. first daughter Chelsea Clinton. 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 International Weightlifting Federation that Chen had tested positive for prohibited drugs" on Tuesday, Taiwan's Central News Agency reported.

And swimmer Yevgeniya Yermakova of Kazakstan was dumped from the Olympics after testing positive for a drug far. masking agent. Yermakova tested positive for Furosemide, a Miranda, who missed out on a diuretic, at a meet in Monte Carlo in May.

ARRIVALS: McCaffrey, head of the White International House drug policy office, Committee. Cuban officials touched down in Australia and refused to grant a waiver to the immediately praised China for Havana-born Miranda, who dropping more than 20 athletes became a Canadian citizen in from its Olympic team over December 1999. failed drug tests.

tion of their seriousness of pur- dropped by the Cuban squad for Rather than pitching in their own teams," McCaffrey before the Barcelona Games.

Australia, Sabathia could start told The Associated Press short-

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

 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."

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INELIGIBLE: So close. So

Canadian diver Arturo shot at the 1992 Games, was barred from participating in the Sydney Olympics by

It was his second near-miss at "It's a tremendous demonstrathe Olympics. In 1992, he was pose of acting against doping in financial reasons just 15 days

Pampa's Rainey entered in Karate tourney

By GROVER BLACK

Pampa News correspondent

fighters featured in J.R. sparing arena for the last two him to miss four tournaments a state championship. 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 Kenjuitsu, 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 Kenjuitsu Association. This will be his first "open-hand" tournament, but he has high hopes of qualifying for the 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, com- years where he is currently this year, Rodriguez is hopepeting in the full contact ranked third in the state. ful that the work he's put in arena where he holds a record Though sidelined by a work- at J.R. Youth's Survival Club PAMPA — Two of the four 69-0, and now in the point related knee injury, causing will be enough to bring home



(Photo by Grover Black)

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

Major League Standings

Philadelphia	59	85	410	25	
Central Divisi	on				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	
St. Louis	84	61	579		
Cincinnati	74	71	.510	10	
Milwaukee	63	81	.438	20 1/2	
Houston	63	82	.434	21	
Pittsburgh	61	83	424	22 1/2	
Chicago	60	84	417	23 1/2	
West Division					
	w	L	Pct.	GB	
San Francisco	86	58	.597	_	
Arizona	77	66	.538	8 1/2	
Los Angeles	75	70	.517	11 1/2	
Colorado	74	70	.514	12	
San Diego	71	75	.486	16	
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N.Y. Mets (Rusch 9-10) at Montreal (Thurman 4-5), 7:05 p.m. Milwaukee (Haynes 11-12) at Cincinnati (Villone 9-9), 7:05 p.m.

Pittsburgh (Arroyo 2-5) at Houston (Holt 7-14), 8:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Quevedo 2-8) at St. Louis (Hentgen 14-10), 8:10 p.m. Colorado (Rose 3-2) at Los Angeles (Park 15-9). 10:10 p.m

Only games scheduled American League

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New York	83	59	585	_	
Boston	75	67	528	8	
Toronto	75	69	521	9	
Baltimore	65	80	448	19 1/2	
Tampa Bay	61	84	421	24	
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Chicago	86	58	597	_	
Cleveland	76	64	543	8	
Detroit	71	73	493	15	
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The General plans to coach again

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) - ball." 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

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 for a place to teach. There are too many things that I have yet to explore about the game of basket- zero-tolerance policy that had been

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 presiteacher right now, and I'm looking dent Myles Brand cited in firing

Brand said Knight violated a

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.

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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 smallscale the atmosphere can work when part of the county gets a significant amount of rain and a site 10 Service meteorologist in Fort

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 centurylong tradition in the and other travelers scrambling to wake of a report on the 1999 collapse that killed 12 students and injured 27 others.

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 univer-Cindy Lawson, executive director routes. 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 op executive says.

miles away gets nothing," said But Donald J. Carty, American Gary Woodall, a National Weather 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 planeloads of people sitting on runways for hours rebook after canceled flights.

American's restructured schedule, to start Oct. 1 at DFW Airport, One of seven board members for will include eliminating some monaut Yuri Malenchenko finished the organization who requested the morning flights, stretching out

Texas Branded Community program

meeting with Bowen said t he arrivals and departures and extending the operating day, Carty

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 sity's position on the issue, said International Airport on other

Third Continental jet suf-fers engine failure on take-

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," spokesman 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 proiects 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 the station.

Astronaut Edward Lu and cossliding 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 con-trollers. The two up for replace-ment this time were near the end of their operational lifetimes, and may also have been improperly

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 21mile 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

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."

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"Without it, whenever our lake goes dry, that will be it," Bowlin

An intense Texas summer heat, combined with about three months on Lake Throckmorton. Normally 20 feet deep, the lake has sunk to an average depth of 2.9 feet.

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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 administra-

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New fair facility manager

AMARILLO - The Board of such as preparation and imple-Directors of the Amarillo Tri- mentation of safety programs, State Exposition recently record keeping and reporting, announced the hiring of Roy and payroll and scheduling of Joseph Grona as Facilities man- employees. Grona has also ager. Grona assumed his duties served in the Army, most

Grona will be responsible for Operations Desert Storm. event preparation, general

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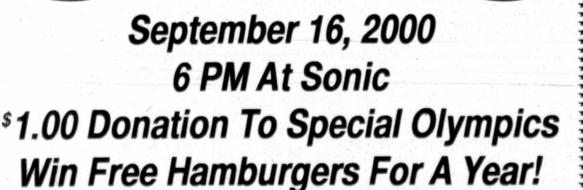
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With the new Amarillo maintenance and repair of facil- National Center and the ities as well as supervising all increased usage of the other building and grounds person- facilities on the exposition grounds, the Board of Directors Grona most recently was farm felt that Mr. Grona's backforeman for Grona Farming in ground and experience would Canyon. In that position, he was serve the Exposition well. We responsible for maintenance and are fortunate to have a Facilities repair of all related facilities and Manager of Mr. Grona's calequipment. He was also respon- iber," says Bill Davis, Exposition



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, cochairmen 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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