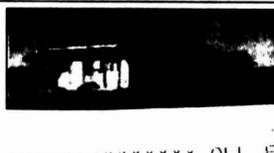


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Panhandle RAC meets Wednesday

AMARILLO — The Texas Panhandle Regional Advisory Council (RAC) will conduct its annual needs assessment during a public meeting at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 19, in the Pavilion Auditorium of Northwest Texas Hospital. Suggestions may be submitted during the meeting or in writing to Panhandle Regional Advisory Council, Trauma Service Area A, 4101 Mockingbird, Amarillo, TX 79109, or via e-mail to hkaye@arn.net.

The RAC represents area hospitals, EMS services, and First Responders as well as interested physicians and individuals. Its mission is to reduce injury-related deaths. For more information, call (806) 358-7114.

DEATHS

Jewell Clark, 85, father of Pampa resident.
O.L. Coble, 70, trucking company owner.
Martin Riphahn, 70, services pending.
Debra Lynn 'Debbie' Vinyard, 43, Shamrock native.

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County, city to talk over fire contract

By NANCY YOUNG
MANAGING EDITOR

Gray County Judge Richard Peet and Commissioner James Helley were appointed to represent the Gray County Commission in a meeting with the City of Pampa to discuss the 2003 fire contract during the county commission meeting Monday morning.

Peet said the amount of the contract will remain the same. He said his main concern is to coordinate better communication between the fire department and the Gray County Sheriff's Office.

Presently, he said the county sheriff's department is not notified when the fire department goes on calls outside the city limits.

"I realize they are in a hurry to get to their calls," he said. "We would like to develop a way to coordinate the calls through the sheriff's office."

Peet said there are some other minor areas of the contract which need to be clarified.

Commissioners approved closing the Tex-Pool account for the tobacco settlement money. The money will be placed in the county's General Fund as it is earmarked for the courthouse restoration.

Fees for serving papers by the sheriff's office and county constables were approved for 2003. The fees will remain the same.

Dean Copeland was reappointed to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health. (See COUNTY, Page 5)

Serious soccer



(Courtesy photo)

Referee Megan Jouett, kneeling, gently instructs young players at their first soccer game. The youthful players are members of the Under 6 Boys soccer teams sponsored by Pampa Physical Therapy and Southwest Collision, participating in the Pampa Soccer Association.

U.S. skeptical of Iraq's about-face

By DAFNALINZER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Under the threat of U.S. military action and pressure from Arab states, Iraq has agreed to admit U.N. weapons inspectors without conditions. But the United States expressed skepticism about Baghdad's willingness to allow a real search for weapons of mass destruction.

Secretary of State Colin Powell said Tuesday that Washington would seek a new U.N. Security Council resolution spelling out the steps Iraq needs to take to meet 11-year-old U.N. demands.

"We will press for a resolution," Powell said. "If they (the Iraqis) are serious, they will want one."

A day earlier, Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Ivanov, the Russian foreign minister, appeared opposed to

that strategy. "It is necessary in the nearest future to decide the question of the return of inspectors. No kind of new decision is necessary for this," he said, according to the news agency ITAR Tass.

Other nations on Tuesday cautiously welcomed the Iraqi about-face. Russia and China, who hold veto power on the council, said it was a victory for concerted international efforts.

"Now our main task is to ensure that the inspectors can get to Iraq as soon

as possible and start their work," Kanoy said.

In Baghdad, Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz said weapons inspectors should finish their work "within a reasonable time" to bring the lifting of sanctions. Aziz said the United States may still be looking for a reason to attack Iraq.

"If the inspectors come and act honestly, professionally ... they can reach the truth within a reasonable time. But if the Americans are using

this as a pretext, they might use some other way in order to commit an aggression against Iraq," Aziz said.

Earlier, Aziz said Washington's sole goal was to dominate oil in the Persian Gulf region.

Aziz called on U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to monitor inspectors closely to ensure they do not overstep their mission. He said Iraq hoped the return of inspectors "will lead as soon as possible to the lifting of sanctions and normalizing the situation."

The issue is likely to be on the minds of all 15 Security Council members when they attend a previously scheduled meeting Tuesday. For the council, the main goal over the past four years has been getting inspectors back inside Iraq in order to curb Saddam Hussein's chances of procuring weapons.

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Mudders get stuck with ticket

An early morning joy-ride Saturday got three juveniles a traffic citation.

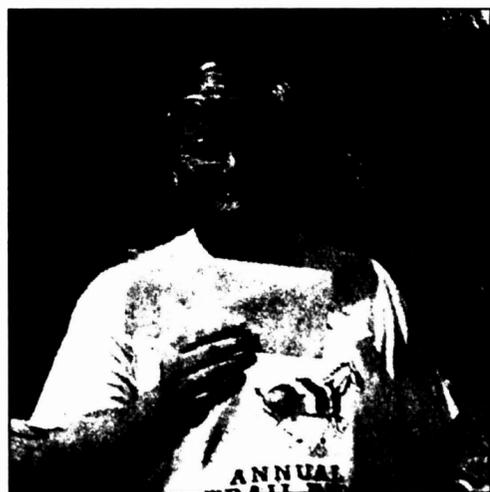
Pampa Police were dispatched to Coronado Park at 1 a.m., Saturday, after receiving a complaint of vehicles driving in the park area.

According to the police report, a juvenile male was four-wheeling in the park and became stuck in the mud due to the rains.

He contacted two friends to pull him out, but their vehicle also became stuck. A wrecker had to be called to extract the vehicles from the park.

The juveniles received a citation for violating a city ordinance. Approximately \$500 in damages was reported.

Hard worker



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Randy Swires holds the gift certificate he won for bringing in the most donations to Gray County Association for Retarded Citizen's annual trail ride recently. Swires' efforts garnered more than \$1,000 for the non-profit organization, earning him a pair of boots from Wayne's Western Wear.

Poll: Republicans have advantage on military issues

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic hopes for winning congressional elections apparently are tied to how well they can keep domestic issues in the forefront because Republicans have a big advantage with voters on national security, an Associated Press poll found.

When people are asked whom they trust most to handle the economy the two parties are very close, the poll indicated. But Democrats ran ahead among those who think domestic issues in general — including the economy, education and health care — are most important.

When it comes to dealing with national security and the war on terrorism, 57 percent favored Republicans to 15

percent who favored Democrats.

Most voters say they want the Capitol and the White House to remain controlled by different parties.

In the competition for control of Congress, 40 percent of registered voters said they would support the Democratic candidate and 40 percent the Republican, according to the poll conducted for the AP by ICR International Communications Research of Media, Pa. Five percent said neither and the rest didn't know or declined to answer.

By a 2 to 1 margin, people said they preferred that different parties control the White House and Congress. Democrats felt that way by a

(See POLL, Page 5)

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Puritan	15.76	Phillips	50.62	-1.26
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa:		Schlumberger	41.54	-1.06
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Coca Cola	50.80	NS Group	6.85	-0.24
		New York Gold	317.45	
		Silver	4.56	
		West Texas Crude	29.67	

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Sept. 16

12:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of North Wells. One patient was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center (PRMC).

1:46 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC to transport a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West in Amarillo.

4:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home. One patient was transported to PRMC.

8:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded three miles east of Pampa on Highway 60 on a fire stand-by. No patients were transported.

11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West Locust. One patient was transported to PRMC.

POLICE

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

Monday, Sept. 16

A theft of two cell phones, wedding band and check book was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Estimate of loss is \$1,700 and there was no forced entry reported.

An assault was reported in the area of Buckler and Faulkner.

A simple assault was reported at Pampa Middle School.

A gas drive-off in the amount of \$5 was reported in the 2200 block of West Brown.

A burglary of a building was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart. Entrance was reportedly gained through a picture window. Damage was reported to a gumball machine and a soft drink vending machine. Estimate of damage is unknown.

A gas drive-off in the amount of \$5 was reported in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

A theft was reported from a storage building in the 300 block of North Davis. Taken was an 18x48 mirror and a 24x80 door with hinges and lock. Estimate of loss of \$100.

ACCIDENTS

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

Monday, Sept. 16

A 1991 Chevy Suburban driven by Eric Randall King, 21, 821 Brunow, and a 1987 Ford F-350 pickup driven by Evaristo Gonzalez, 65, 853 Locust, collided in the 1000 block of East Frederic. King was cited for failure to yield right of way exiting a private drive.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is mostly sunny and breezy with highs around 90, and south winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight should be mostly clear with a slight chance of thunderstorms, lows around 60, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph, and 20 percent chance of precipitation. Wednesday is calling for mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s, and southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

STATEWIDE

One to three more inches of rain may hit the Coastal Bend today, particularly in the Corpus Christi area, adding to recent flooding. Rivers upstream in south central Texas, some at record height and in excess of July flood stages, likely have crested.

Elsewhere in South Texas today it will be mostly cloudy with highs around 90 inland, in the mid 80s on the coast, and hotter in the deep south.

In North Texas, it will be partly to mostly cloudy, with highs in the upper 80s to the lower 90s. Partly cloudy skies will continue Wednesday with highs warming to the low to mid 90s, and possible rain Wednesday night.

Thursday, a chance of showers and thunderstorms will exist over most of the region, and slightly cooler temperatures.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

CLARK, Jewell — 10 a.m., Union Congregational Church, Nucla, Colo.

COBLE, O.L. — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Memory Gardens Cemetery, Pampa.

MARTIN H. RIPHAHN

Martin H. Riphahn, 70, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2002, at Amarillo. Services are pending under the direc-

tion of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa. www.carmichael-whately.com

DEBRA LYNN 'DEBBIE' VINEYARD

1959-2002

GLEN ROSE — Debra Lynn "Debbie" Vineyard, 43, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 2002, at a hospital in Fort Worth. Services were held Sept. 13 at First United Methodist Church in Glen Rose. Burial was in Glen Rose Cemetery under the direction of Wiley Funeral Home.

Ms. Vineyard was born April 21, 1959, at Shamrock, to Charlie and Donna Meacham. She lived in Glen Rose for 36 years, graduating from Glen Rose High School

in 1977. She was a member of First United Methodist Church and enjoyed painting and music. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Philip and Onie Gibson and J.W. and Dixie Meacham. Survivors include a son, Brandon Shane Vineyard of Austin; her mother, Donna Vineyard of Glen Rose; her father and stepmother, Charlie and Linda Vineyard; and a brother, Charlie Don Vineyard of Corsicana.

O.L. COBLE

1932-2002

O.L. Coble, 70, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 16, 2002. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Memory Gardens Cemetery with John Turner, minister of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mr. Coble was born Jan. 20, 1932, in Harmon County, Okla. He had been a resident of Pampa most of his life. He married Jackie Defoor on Dec. 17, 1950, in Hollis, Okla. He was a co-owner and operator of the Tex-O-Kan Trucking Company.

He was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester

Church of Christ. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Jack Dean Coble and Winford Coble.

Survivors include his wife, Jackie, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Freida and Terry Walker of Pampa; four sisters, Geraldine Loving of Hollis, Okla., Mildred Deger of Clarendon, and Doris Young and Melba Watson, both of Pampa; a brother, David Coble of Lake St. Louis, Mo.; and two grandsons, Brandon Niccum of Pampa and Shad and Debbie Walker of Elk Grove, Calif.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity. www.carmichael-whately.com

JEWELL CLARK

1916-2002

WEINER, Ark. — Jewell Clark, 85, father of a Pampa resident, died Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, at Newport, Ark. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday in Union Congregational Church in Nucla, Colo., with Mike Childress officiating. Interment will be in Nucla Cemetery. Cortez Four Corners Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services, Hale and Gerken Funeral Directors are handling arrangements.

Mr. Clark was born Dec. 29, 1916, at Swifton, Ark., to John Logan and Maggie Lunsford Herring Clark. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II and was stationed at Fort Hood. He married Minnie Bell Mross in 1937 at Jonesboro, Ark. The couple moved to Naturita in 1954.

He was a former farmer and rancher and uranium miner, working for Union Carbide, Lowell Staats, and Ceghorn Washborn in the west end of Montrose County. As a young man, he operated a saw mill and retired from West End School District as a custodian.

Mr. Clark was a member of First United Methodist

Church of Weiner and enjoyed gardening, wood-working, hunting, and fishing.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Minnie; his parents, John and Maggie; a sister, Letha Starkey; three brothers, Floyd Clark, Ernest Clark, and Rayburn Clark; and three grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife, Nettie Lee (Mross) Clark of Weiner; six sons, Billy Clark of Valmy, Nev., Bobby Clark of Palisade, Colo., Larry Clark of Riverton, Wyo., Bo Clark and Ernie Clark, both of Green River, Wyo., and Paul Clark of Blaring, Utah; five daughters, Maggie Lemons of Cortez, Colo., Janit Wood of Riverton, JoAnne Davis of Pampa, Finis Barnes of Nucla, and Tiny Burbridge of Jonesboro, Ark.; a sister, Geneva Sterling of Wenatchee, Wash.; 30 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Nucla Moose Lodge #650. Visitation will be from 6:30-9 p.m., today in Union Congregational Church.

City Briefs

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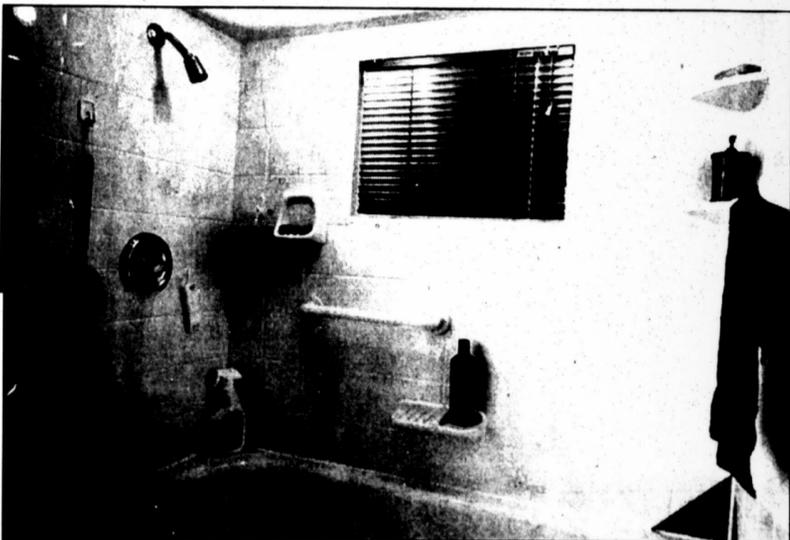
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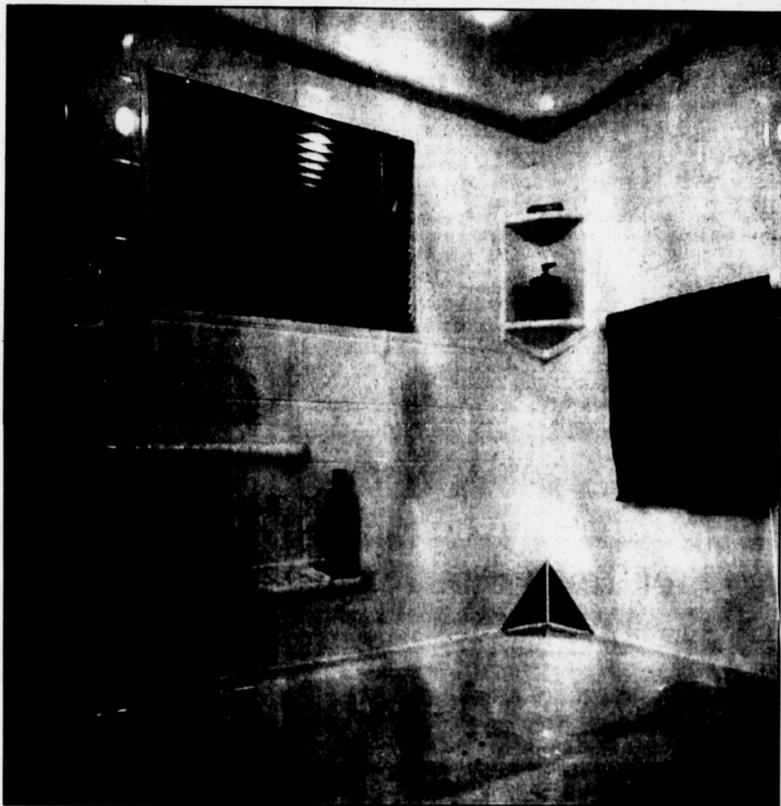
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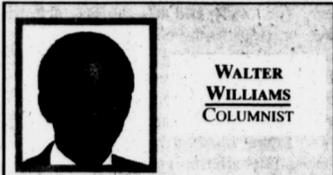
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Poor language, poor thinking

Here's what the Harvard University Civil Rights Project's "scholars" said in a July 2001 press release: "Almost half a century after the U.S. Supreme Court concluded that Southern school segregation was unconstitutional and 'inherently unequal,' new statistics from the 1998-99 school year show that racial and ethnic segregation continued to intensify throughout the 1990s."



WALTER WILLIAMS
COLUMNIST

What's their evidence? They say that over 70 percent of black students attend schools where the student population is predominantly black, in some cases over 90 percent black. This, to Harvard's scholars, is resegregation — but let us examine the term segregation.

Blacks are about 65 percent of the Washington, D.C., population. Reagan National Airport serves the Washington, D.C. area, and like every airport it has water fountains. At no time have I seen anything close to blacks being 65 percent of water-fountain users. It's a wild guess, but I'd speculate that at the most 5 percent or 10 percent of the users are black. Would Harvard's scholars say that Reagan National Airport water fountains are segregated? If so, might they propose bussing blacks in from Anacostia to integrate the water fountains?

What about ice hockey games? These are "segregated" affairs, for at no time have I seen any significant number of black fans in the audience. In fact, most times it was zero. There's also racial segregation at opera performances, dressage

or wine-tastings. If you want to see some segregated states, visit South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana and Vermont. Not even 1 percent of their populations are black.

What proposal might Harvard's scholars have for us? Might they propose rounding up blacks where they're over-represented, such as in Georgia and Alabama, and bussing them to America's segregated states? Might they suggest drafting blacks to attend operas, dressage and wine-tastings?

Of course, being politically correct, they might feel that blacks should not bear the burden of desegregation. Thus, Harvard's scholars might recognize that there are two ways to skin a cat and propose that whites leave states such as South Dakota, Iowa, Maine, Montana and Vermont until the percentage of the black population reaches 13 percent?

America's non-scholars would easily recognize that just because blacks aren't proportionately represented in some activity, we can't call the activity racially segregated — at least, in the historical usage of the term. A non-scholar's test for

segregation would be: If a black person is at Reagan National Airport, is he free to drink at any water foundation he pleases? If the answer is yes, then the water fountains are not segregated. That would be true if a black person never uses the fountains.

The identical test applies to the question of school segregation. A non-scholar would ask: If a black student lives within a particular school district, can he attend that school? If he can, then the school is not segregated, even if not a single black attends that school. The same test applies to whether ice hockey games, operas and wine-tastings are racially segregated or not.

At one time, there was racial segregation. If a black wanted to use a water fountain, he was denied, often by law. And he was similarly denied by law from attending certain schools. Today, none of that is true. In turn, that means there is no school segregation. Because an activity is not racially integrated, a better word is heterogeneous, doesn't mean that it's segregated.

More importantly to the issue of education, there is no evidence anywhere that supports the civil-rights vision that black education excellence is impossible unless white children have first been captured to sit beside black children in school. From my view, to contend that race-mixing is a necessary requirement for black academic excellence is racially insulting.

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TEXAS EDITORIALS

Competitive Senate race good for Texas and Texans

From the The Dallas Morning News:
 A year ago this week, Sen. Phil Gramm stunned the Texas political world by announcing his retirement. After 12 months of jockeying in both parties, the race to replace him has settled into a red-hot contest between Republican John Cornyn and Democrat Ron Kirk. This week alone, they have sparred over which one is too partisan and which one has misleading ads.

The debate will grow even more intense as Nov. 5 approaches. But as Texans weigh the charges and countercharges, the fact is that Texans have two exceedingly capable candidates. Ron Kirk and John Cornyn each bring a sharp intellect and a capacity for leadership.

Mr. Kirk served ably as Dallas' mayor for six years. The Austin College graduate knows the state well through his service as secretary of state. He worked in Washington for former Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen. And the Dallas lawyer is the Democrats' best campaigner since Ann Richards.

John Cornyn has served the state well as attorney general since 1998. Before that, the Trinity University graduate sat on the Texas Supreme Court for six years. And he was a district judge in San Antonio for six years. The San Antonian's solid legal training provides him a quiet, serious manner.

Texans should like that they have a highly competitive race. This is the closest Senate campaign since Republican Sen. John Tower and Democratic challenger Bob Krueger squared off in 1978.

Despite what either party's true believers predict, this race will be won in the middle. The candidates must reach out to swing voters with practical proposals on issues like the deficit, health care, international trade and energy policy. Like most Americans, many Texans are more interested in finding leaders who can solve problems than they are in electing partisan puritans.

Texans also should look to see which candidate can best press his case with the Byzantine Washington bureaucracy. They want a senator who knows a lot and can translate that knowledge into constructive change. Sen. Kay Hutchison works hard for such Texas interests as developing the border. Texans would benefit from another senator with her level of constituent service.

This race obviously draws attention for the fact that Texas has a chance to elect its first African-American senator. Mr. Kirk already has drawn reviews in Time magazine and the New Yorker.

The Bush administration, however, has an equal stake in the contest. Republicans do not want to lose Phil Gramm's Senate seat with the margins so narrow in Congress.

Texans will see many parts of their state come into play like never before as battlegrounds. Getting particular attention will be suburban areas like Williamson County, urban centers like Dallas, rural East Texas, the Lower Rio Grande Valley, plus other areas with large Hispanic populations.

Texans should use this opportunity to pin the candidates down on their solutions for the issues that affect their lives. Phil Gramm became a national leader on numerous issues. Texans should expect no less from his successor. Let the race to determine that leader begin.

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Mallard Fillmore by Bruce Tinsley



Smoltz throws heat and defeats his fear

ATLANTA - The reporters who cluster around John Smoltz's locker following a game ask whether he'll break the National League record for saves (53) or the Major League mark (57). Smoltz is close - as of Sept. 15 he had retired the last opposing batter in a close contest 51 times.

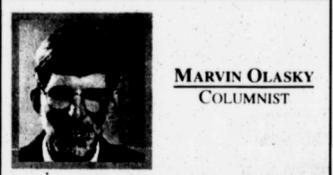
But what he really likes talking about is saving kids - and the faith that impels Smoltz in his school-creating work has also made him a better pitcher.

Smoltz is serious enough to talk about Christian education for close to an hour while some of his teammates are playing cards and tossing towels into laundry bins, but intellectually playful enough to discuss evangelistic gambits.

"How's this for an icebreaker question?" he asked. "How many days in a row have you been happy?" Smoltz has been happy recently, and not only because he is pitching well. His happiest day last year, he said, did not come when he recovered from arm surgery and became the Braves' closer, but "when I walked in and saw our school opening. I almost broke down ... through Christ, we had overcome so much."

"Our school" is King's Ridge Christian School, which recently began its second year in Atlanta's northern suburbs largely because of Smoltz, according to headmaster Barbara Adler. "John was the inspiration, the catalyst," she said. "He said, 'We're going to start it, we can do it, we're going to do it.'"

Unable to pitch in 2000 and during most of the 2001 season, Smoltz - 35 years old and the father of four children



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

between the ages of 2 and 10 - poured himself into the project.

"Building a school takes an incredible amount of time," he said. "In one sense, I'd rather have another surgery on my arm than go through all this again."

Hiring teachers, developing curriculum, enrolling students - 300 this year - and finding a place to meet ... all very hard but "very rewarding," according to Smoltz.

The effort is vital, he said, because American society is in trouble and it's vital to "prepare kids for battles in life. ... Kids need the ability to differentiate between evolution and Christian understanding. ... They need the weapons to defend Christianity, to be able to understand and debate the differences between religions, to know what's happening in the world and how to compete."

Smoltz also spoke about his own education, starting with learning religious ritual and good principles of conduct in Michigan, but never having "a personal relationship with Christ" or a sense that God, a heavenly Father who cared for his children, was in charge of all that happened.

Early in the 1990s, Smoltz felt guilty whenever he did anything wrong, and he

worried that fans and writers who put him on a pedestal would soon knock him off it. In 1996, though, he came to "live without fear" as he came to understand that "whether I win or lose, God loves me just the same."

Smoltz pitched wonderfully in 1996, winning the Cy Young Award as the National League's best pitcher after posting a 24-8 record and a 2.94 earned run average. But arm trouble followed in the next several years: "God started stripping me of my control. My arm went. ... A lot of people have faith in the process until the process fails us. That's what I faced."

He recalled: "Baseball was God to me. It's God to most of the people here," he said, gesturing around the Braves' locker room and speaking intensely. But Smoltz's arm surgery, which left him unable to pitch but with time to start a Christian school, was "the greatest challenge and the greatest blessing. ... I realized I don't need baseball. I've gained total confidence that God is in control. No more fear."

Paradoxically but reasonably, Smoltz's new non-attachment to baseball success made him more successful. He explained that his new understanding "doesn't mean I won't put all my effort into the pitch — God wants us to compete, hard. But being a baseball player is not who I am, it's a product of who I am, so I don't have to worry about losing my identity. Without fear of losing, I can concentrate all my attention on the moment. ... I've gained total confidence that God is in control. No more fear."

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 17, the 260th day of 2002. There are 105 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and

signed by a majority of delegates attending the constitutional convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam.

In 1920, the American

Professional Football Association — a precursor of the National Football League — was formed in Canton, Ohio.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany launched its assault.

In 1947, James V. Forrestal

was sworn in as the first Secretary of Defense as a new national military establishment unified America's armed forces.

In 1948, the United Nations mediator for Palestine, Count Folke Bernadotte, was assassinated in Jerusalem by Jewish extremists.

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Even before Annan announced the deal with Iraq on Monday, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin told reporters: "We have one goal, which is the fight against proliferation" of weapons of mass destruction.

Washington quickly dismissed Iraq's offer as a tactic meant to split the Security Council, where the Bush administration has been lobbying hard for a resolution that would authorize force against Iraq if it failed to let the inspectors return.

For the United States, disarmament in Iraq is contingent on removing Saddam, who invaded neighboring Kuwait in 1990 and lobbed Scud missiles at Saudi Arabia and Israel months later during the Gulf War.

"This is not a matter of inspections. It is about disarmament of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction and the Iraqi regime's compliance with all other Security Council resolutions," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said in Washington.

France, which is one of the five permanent Security Council members, said the world body should act quickly to test Iraq's motives. "This will, of course, be discussed in the coming days at the Security Council, but we must not lose time, act quickly, send in the inspectors," said Francois Rivasseau, a spokesman for the French Foreign Ministry.

Britain, however, questioned Saddam's motives.

"This apparent offer is bound to be treated with a high degree of skepticism by the international community," Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said.

Annan credited President Bush for helping to bring about Iraq's decision. "I believe the president's speech galvanized the international community," he said.

Arab league chief Amr Moussa turned out to be pivotal in the negotiations with Iraq, using the backing of Arab states to push through a deal meant to avert U.S. military action in Iraq.

While the United States and its allies have long agreed that something needed to be done about Iraq, they were bitterly divided over what to do. Now the contrasting goals and approaches will likely make it much harder for the United States to get the resolution it wants.

U.N. weapons inspectors were put in place after the Gulf War under resolutions which tied Iraq's disarmament to the lifting of punishing U.N. sanctions.

But the inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 ahead of U.S. airstrikes, amid Iraqi allegations that some inspectors were spying for the United States and countercharges that Iraq wasn't cooperating with the teams. Since then, Baghdad had said it would let inspectors back in only for a limited time and if the Security Council lifted the sanctions.

With pressure mounting four days after Bush told the U.N. General Assembly that the United States was no longer willing to tolerate Iraqi violations, the oil-rich nation changed direction.

"I am pleased to inform you of the decision of the Government of the Republic of Iraq to allow the return of the United Nations weapons inspectors to Iraq without conditions," said a letter signed by Iraqi Foreign Minister Najib Sabri and delivered to Annan late Monday.

Powell spent Monday lobbying support for a resolution that would mandate the return of inspectors and permit the use of force should Iraq refuse.

Powell said the other Security Council members were moving toward the U.S. position on Iraq. But none was prepared to use force and they made those views clear to Annan who worked tirelessly over the weekend and through Monday on the looming crisis.

According to U.N. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, drafts of the Iraqi compliance letter went back-and-forth between Baghdad and Annan's office on the 38th floor of U.N. headquarters.

Right up until the end of business Monday, officials said Sabri, the Iraqi foreign minister, was on the phone at U.N. headquarters going over the final text with his superiors in Baghdad. Shortly after delivering the letter to Annan, Sabri said, "There is good news."

Annan forwarded the letter to the Security Council and to the chief weapons inspector, Hans Blix.

It was not clear when the council would discuss the letter, a necessary first step before sending inspectors back. Blix has said he could have inspectors on the ground within days but it would take his teams several weeks before they could begin monitoring Iraqi sites.

Texas Round Up

Parolee set to die today for slaying of woman, 80

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Jessie Joe Patrick already was on parole for multiple assaults when evidence showed he crawled through the window of a Dallas home to attack the 80-year-old woman who lived there — biting, beating and raping her. Her throat was also slashed.

"This was not his first go-round with the law," recalled Jerri Sims, the former Dallas County district attorney who prosecuted Patrick for capital murder for the July 8, 1989 death of Nina Rutherford Redd. "It was so brutal. And, of course, he had no remorse."

Patrick, now 44, was set for execution Tuesday evening.

He'd be the 25th Texas inmate put to death this year and the first of two on consecutive evenings this week.

Patrick's case challenged a state law that took effect last year that allows DNA tests for offenders.

In a ruling last week, the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals said Patrick did not legally qualify for tests, even though his family had raised the \$1,000 needed to conduct the tests.

A state district judge in Dallas earlier ruled Patrick did not show he might be exonerated by such testing but agreed to go ahead with them. Prosecutors successfully argued in their appeal the judge had no authority to order the tests.

Patrick's lawyer, Keith Hampton, asked the court

again to withdraw Tuesday's execution date so the test could be complete.

Chemical safety board meets to set new rules

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal safety board was set to vote Tuesday on recommendations to improve safety within the U.S. chemical industry, including reworking federal guidelines and providing better access to information on hazardous substances.

The U.S. Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board's recommendations are the result of a two-year study that examined 167 serious accidents over the last 20 years at U.S. locations that manufacture, store or use potentially reactive chemicals.

The group was set to release and discuss its findings at a public meeting in Houston, which has been the site of various accidents over the years, including a 1989

explosion at the Phillips Petroleum refinery in suburban Pasadena that killed 23 people and injured 132 others.

The study found that more than half of the accidents, which resulted in 108 deaths, involved chemicals not covered by either Occupational Safety and Health Administration or Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

"The lack of comprehensive regulatory coverage for reactive hazards has been a deficiency since the process safety rules were first issued in the 1990s," said Carolyn Merritt, the chemical board's chairwoman. "We will be voting on recommendations to OSHA, EPA and industry that — if thoroughly implemented — will have a significant impact on chemical process safety in this country."

The study also found that while information on chemical reactivity is readily available, some companies aren't sufficiently using it.

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68-28 margin, while Republicans were evenly split.

"Competition is great," said Edward Allen Jr., 77, a Republican retiree who lives in rural central Georgia. "I think it's best to have different parties in control of Congress and the White House."

Democrat Jeannette Sasse, a 76-year-old resident of Plymouth, Wis., agreed.

"I feel that if the president and the Congress are all from the same party, we can get sort of a dictatorship," she said. "We should have a balance."

Political analysts are skeptical whether the public's preference for divided government has much effect on votes in individual congressional races.

Democrats have been counting on their traditional edge on domestic issues to give them an advantage this election, but the Republicans' even standing on the economy and big advantage on military matters could make that less likely.

Terrorism is the most important issue for David Houle, a 20-year-old part-

time worker at Sears in southern California.

"You wonder if people are safe going down the street and going to school," said Houle, who considers himself a political independent.

On the question of which party would handle the economy best, Democrats got more support from those who make less than \$50,000 a year, while Republicans got a bigger share of the support from those who make more than \$75,000 a year. Whites were evenly split on which party would handle the economy best, while blacks overwhelmingly preferred Democrats.

Asked which issue is most important in the elections, 23 percent said the economy, 19 percent education, 18 percent health care and 17 percent fighting terrorism.

The Republicans advantage on handling national security matters showed up among all age, income and education groups.

Darrell Crum, a 52-year-old resident of Jamestown, Kan., is a Republican who thinks the war on terrorism is the top issue and favors the GOP on that issue. But he still prefers that Congress and the White House be controlled by different parties

"so one can't roll over the other."

While the Bush administration has gained ground recently in public support for its stance on possibly attacking Iraq, some in the AP poll who agreed to be called back said in interviews that the reason they prefer divided government is to promote debate on such decisions.

Republican Allen said he wants the government's focus to remain on the economy and has reservations about invading Iraq. "I think we should stay away from those people over there," he said.

Democrat Kathleen Reardon, a 54-year-old employee of a defense technology firm in Casper, Wyo., said she wants a healthy debate on Iraq.

"When you're declaring war on another country," she said, "you'd better have both sides' opinions on that."

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County commissioners approved advertising for requests for insurance proposals. Included are comprehensive general liability, property, public officials and employees liability, airport general liability and lessor's interest, heavy equipment floater, business auto insurance, county law enforcement professional liability coverage and workers compensation.

The requests are to be considered at the Nov. 15 meeting of the county commission.

Peet said the commission will discuss medical network options at the Oct. 1 meeting.

He said the administrator of Pampa Regional Medical

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Designing Woman Will Not Have Time for Boyfriends

DEAR ABBY: I want to add to your advice to "Confused in New York," the 18-year-old girl who wants to be an architect and whose mother is pressuring her to find a boyfriend. Your advice was on target, but you forgot something. As an architecture student in my fifth year, I can attest to the fact that "Confused" will not have time for a boyfriend once she starts college. Architecture school is extremely demanding. I rarely had time to sleep, eat and bathe, much less time for a boyfriend and a life outside of school.

She can use this legitimate excuse to keep her mother at bay while she sorts through her feelings about the opposite sex. Once she graduates, she'll have her pick of successful men if that's what she desires.

In the meantime, Mom should lay off the pressure and thank her lucky stars that her daughter is college-bound.

CAROL IN JACKSON, MISS.

person, but I don't feel like I am ready to grow up just yet." In this day and age, where 13-year-old girls are having babies, that mother should be relieved. As you advised, the young woman may need counseling to help her understand why she avoids men, but her mom definitely needs it so she won't push her daughter into relationships she's not ready for and for making her feel like a failure at 18.

K. WATSON IN FLORIDA

DEAR K: Well said.

DEAR ABBY: You missed what could be an important point for "Confused in New York." If she spends some time reflecting on who she is vs. who her mother expects her to be, she may find out she's gay. "Confused" should concentrate on her goal of becoming an architect (preferably at a school far from her hometown) and see how she develops out of her mom's shadow. She can stay single as long as she wants and just explore what's out there.

Whether she's meant to date boys or girls, it will happen when she's ready.

NO LONGER CONFUSED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR NO LONGER CONFUSED: I agree that the young woman should concentrate on her goals, but I advised her to seek counseling because it will help her to find out, in a safe

and nurturing environment, who she is and what she wants.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 18 I, too, had no interest in having a boyfriend. When I was 21, I met the man who is now my husband. He was the first guy who didn't gross me out, and 16 years later, he is still my soul mate.

She should go out, have fun, and do things she loves. When I was ready, she'll meet someone. Other 18-year-olds could take a lesson from her. More power to her.

HAPPY IN HAYMARKET, VA.

DEAR HAPPY: You're right that true love has no timetable. It usually happens when a person least expects it.

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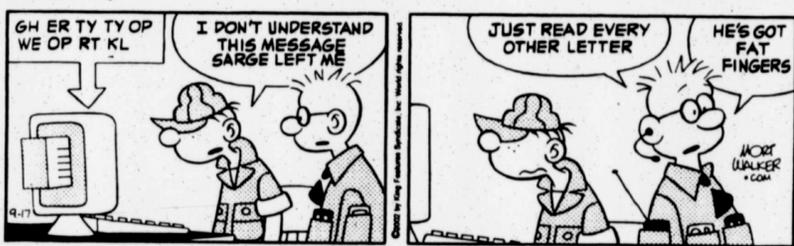
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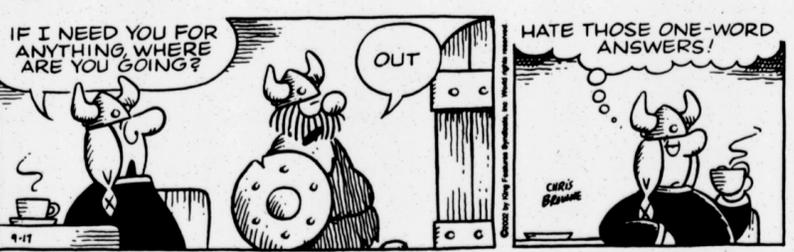
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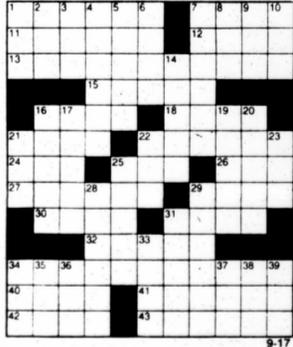
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Final plans are being made for the steak supper and all soccer parents are encouraged to attend.

The all-you-can eat steak supper will be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday in the Pampa High cafeteria.

Cost is 12 dollars for adults and six dollars for children 10 and under. Tickets can be purchased from any male or female soccer player, or at the PHS Athletic Office or Randy Dunn at the PHS Ag. Dept.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the high school soccer program.

Call 669-4830 if more information is needed.

BASEBALL

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marquis Grissom robbed Rich Aurilia of a home run in the ninth inning, and Brian Jordan hit a grand slam as the Los Angeles Dodgers held off San Francisco 7-6 Monday night to tie the Giants for the NL wild-card lead.

Aurilia hit a long drive to center field leading off the ninth, but Grissom got back to the wall and made a leaping catch above the fence to preserve the lead.

After Eric Gagne struck out Jeff Kent, the Dodgers intentionally walked Barry Bonds with nobody on — putting the tying run at first.

Bonds, who hit his 44th homer in the seventh to cut it to 6-5, was stranded when Benito Santiago struck out.

Gagne got five outs for his 49th save in 53 chances.

Hideo Nomo (15-6) gave up three runs on five hits in six innings to win his sixth consecutive decision in a span of 11 starts. He struck out six and walked four.

FOOTBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) — With bagpipes wailing and his coffin covered in white flowers, Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas was remembered Tuesday as a player who "made the impossible possible."

Former Baltimore Colts receiver Raymond Berry, Unitas' most frequent target, told the crowd his teammate was a "once-in-a-lifetime quarterback." Unitas died Wednesday of a heart attack at 69.

"You elevated all of us to unreachable levels, whether we were in the stands or on the field," Berry said.

Berry was joined at the service at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen by NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue; Baltimore Ravens coach Brian Billick and players Ray Lewis, Peter Boulware and Michael McCrary. Also attending were former Baltimore Colts teammates Art Donovan and Tom Matte, and Mayor Martin O'Malley.

Outside the cathedral, a small plane flew overhead with a banner that said, "Unitas We Stand" in red, capital letters.

"We remember the cheers that rang out from 33rd Street, celebrating a man in black high-top shoes," said Cardinal William Keeler, the archbishop of Baltimore, recalling Unitas' glory days at Memorial Stadium.

Win No. 100 didn't come easy for Cav

PAMPA — Win No. 100 certainly didn't come easy for Pampa coach Dennis Cavalier last Thursday night.

Going against Class 5A Amarillo High, a team that owns a one-sided 59-17-3 record over Pampa, Cavalier figured the going would be tough. It was, but the Harvesters came away with a 23-16 overtime win over the Sandies to run their record to 2-1.

"It was a great game and our boys had a fantastic performance," Cavalier said. "I was so pleased with the way the players stepped up and made critical plays."

It was a bruising contest for the Harvesters although none of the players who saw action are expected to miss Friday's game with Borger. Bruised up are cornerback-kicker Jered Snelgrooves, free safety Joe Meraz, running back Dannie Meza, quarterback John Braddock and free safety Tristan Brown.

"These guys have bruises to some degree or another, but as of Monday we don't have anybody who won't be able to play," Cavalier said.

Brown, a 160-pound senior, was one of Pampa's standout performers against the Sandies. He finished the game with five solo tackles, four assisted tackles, two tackles for losses and three pass breakups. He received the team's Big Hit Award this week.

Noseguard Britton East and end Tommy Abernathy also came up big defensively for the Harvesters.

Braddock — who has now thrown nine touchdown passes in three games — threw three TD strikes to Jesse Tarango (30 yards), Ryan Zemanek (23 yards) and Seth Foster (12 yards) against the Sandies. His TD pass to Foster in overtime turned out to be the game-winner.

Tarango, a 170-pound junior, was Pampa's leading receiver with eight catches for 113 yards against AHS. Johnny Moore had nine catches for 63 yards.

The Harvester Booster Club honored Cavalier for his 100th win with a reception Monday night in the athletic fieldhouse. Cavalier is in his 16th year as head coach.



(Photo by Jerry Heasley)

Pampa safety Tristan Brown (5) makes a touchdown saving play in the fourth quarter when he dives to knock a pass away from an AHS receiver.

Pampa tennis team No. 10 in Class 4A

PAMPA — The Pampa High tennis team has climbed to No. 10 in the latest Class 4A rankings.

Pampa is ranked just ahead of Texarkana (11th place) and behind Austin Anderson (9th place) in the latest 4A team poll. The top-ranked teams are Dallas Highland Park (No. 1), San Antonio Alamo Heights (No. 2) and Wichita Falls (No. 3).

The Harvesters' latest victim was Plainview, defeating the visiting Bulldogs 14-5 last weekend.

The Pampa boys' team—composed of Jay Gerber, David Thacker, Britton White, Zach Hucks, Adam Etchison, Tyler Howard and Kevin Turner — won all nine singles and doubles matches, never dropping a set.

"Plainview had a solid boys' team, but our guys took care of business quickly. I am proud of how they played," said coach Carolyn Quarles.

The Pampa girls' team also had some outstanding matches at No. 1 and No. 3 doubles, and No. 3, 5, and 6 singles.

"We split sets in all three girls' doubles matches and fought hard to win at No. 1 and No. 3, 6-4 in the third," coach Quarles said. "Those two matches were a huge momentum swing on the girls' side."

The Harvesters won the doubles matches 5-2 and went on to win 9 of 12 singles matches.

"Plainview has a good, solid team. We are extremely pleased with our win," Quarles said.

One Heartbeat players of the week are freshman Myca Vinson and junior Zach Hucks. Both players won their singles and doubles matches.

Pampa 14, Plainview 5

Boys Singles

Jay Gerber (Pampa) def. Matt LaFont 6-2, 6-3.
David Thacker (Pampa) def. Eric Bickel 6-0, 6-2.
Britton White (Pampa) def. Neal Patel 6-2, 6-1.

Zach Hucks (Pampa) def. Austin Stone 6-2, 6-4.
Adam Etchison (Pampa) def. Nick Manesa 6-0, 6-0.

Tyler Howard (Pampa) def. Try Isaacson 6-1, 6-1.
Kevin Turner (Pampa) def. Ak.J. Loggins 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Singles

Colbie Boedeker (Plainview) def. Helen Brooks 7-6, 6-4.
Richelle Bain (Plainview) def. Tara Jordan 6-2, 6-3.
Myca Vinson (Pampa) def. Colti Webb 7-6, 6-1.
Laura Wright (Plainview) def. Abby Bradley 6-3, 6-0.
Vanessa Orr (P) def. Alana Dixon 7-6, 6-1.
Payton Baird (P) def. Alyssa Villanueva 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.
Stephanie Williams (Plainview) def. Ashlee Lucas 6-4, 6-4.

Girls Doubles

Tara Jordan-Helen Brooks (Pampa) def. Bain-Webb 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Boedeker-Noel (Plainview) def. Bradley-Lucas 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Vanessa Orr-Myca Vinson (Pampa) def. Wright-Dixon 7-6, 6-7, 6-4.

Boys Doubles

Jay Gerber-David Thacker (Pampa) def. Patel-Manesa 6-1, 6-0.
Zach Hucks-Britton White (Pampa) def. Stone-Isaacson 6-2, 6-2.
Kevin Turner-Tyler Howard (Pampa) def. Bickel-Loggins 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles

LaFout-Williams (Plainview) def. Adam Etchison-Erin Norris 6-4, 6-3.

Junior Varsity Results

Girls Doubles
Villanueva-Bowen (Plainview) def. Shelley Smith-Lacy Long 1-6, 6-1, 7-6.

Boys Doubles

Austin Morton-Mitchell Crow (Pampa) def. Gogu-C. Isaacson 6-1, 6-1.

Girls Singles

Erin Norris (Pampa) def. Suzanne Noel 6-3, 6-4.
Boys Singles
Austin Morton (Pampa) def. Sujun Gogu 8-6.
Mitchell Crow (Pampa) def. Cody Isaacson 8-0.
Nick Robbins (Pampa) def. Eric Olsen 6-3.

Lady Harvesters fall to Plainview

PAMPA — It was one of those volleyball matches that could have gone either way. Unfortunately, it didn't go Pampa's way as Plainview pulled out a 15-8, 8-15, 15-13 win last weekend in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Leslie Ammons led the Lady Harvesters with 9 service points and Abbi Covalt had 7. Covalt had 12 assists and Ammons 11. Angie Williams led Pampa

in kills with 11 while Covalt added 7.

"We had our chances. We came back against them, but we just couldn't take control of that last game," said Pampa head coach Mike Lopez.

In digs, Jaclyn Spearman led Pampa with 12, followed by Stacey Johnson with 11.

"The girls keep improving every game," Lopez said. "The future looks bright."

The Lady Harvesters meet defending state champion Hereford at 6 tonight in Hereford. The Lady Whitefaces defeated Dumas 13-15, 15-1, 15-8 last weekend.

Hereford is currently ranked No. 3 in Class 4A by the Texas Girls' Coaches Association poll.

Pampa's next home match is at 2 p.m. Saturday against Palo Duro.

Making the tackle



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Q. B. Cobb tackles an Amarillo High ballcarrier from behind during a junior varsity game last weekend in Harvester Stadium. The game ended in a 7-7 tie.

Youth leagues forming

PAMPA — Youth leagues are now forming at Harvester Lanes in Pampa.

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10 & Under match



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Goalie Jacob Rios of the Culberson-Stowers team stops a shot during a 10 & Under boys' soccer match with T-Shirts Plus. Culberson won 4-0.

Eagles coast to 37-7 victory

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — The only scare on a near-perfect night for the Philadelphia Eagles came when the smell of pepper spray sent them scurrying off the bench.

The Eagles routed the Washington Redskins 37-7 on Monday, sending coach Steve Spurrier to his worst loss in more than six years.

"We got clobbered," Spurrier said. "We never could go anywhere. They beat us every which way."

Philadelphia held Washington's offense to 179 yards and zero points and did not allow the Redskins past

the Eagles' 35-yard line. The Eagles also had four sacks and forced three turnovers.

Donovan McNabb and the offense did the rest.

"The coaches showed us a lot of stuff this week in practice," Eagles cornerback Bobby Taylor said. "Sometimes it was a bit overwhelming. ... They gave us a full dose, and it gave us a chance to show what we can do."

In the fourth quarter, pepper spray used by police to break up a fight the stands spread to the Eagles sideline. At least one player vomited, but the spray soon dissipated and play resumed after an

eight-minute delay.

"I looked up and saw what was going on and just started hearing people scream," Philadelphia receiver Antonio Freeman said. "I had so many thoughts about post-9-11 and this being such a big game in D.C."

This was Spurrier's worst coaching defeat since Florida's 62-24 loss to Nebraska in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2, 1996. He had only one other loss by 30 or more points with the Gators: 45-3 at Tennessee in 1990.

Washington's only score came on Jacquez Green's 90-yard punt return in the second quarter.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

National League					San Francisco (Ortiz 12-10) at Los Angeles (Brown 3-4), 10:10 p.m.				
At A Glance					At A Glance				
By The Associated Press					By The Associated Press				
All Times EDT					All Times EDT				
East Division					East Division				
x-Atlanta	94	54	.635	—	New York	94	55	.631	—
Montreal	74	76	.493	21	Boston	85	65	.567	9 1/2
Philadelphia	74	76	.493	21	Toronto	69	81	.460	25 1/2
Florida	73	77	.487	22	Baltimore	66	83	.443	28
New York	70	79	.470	24 1/2	Tampa Bay	49	100	.329	45
Central Division					Central Division				
St. Louis	86	63	.577	—	x-Minnesota	87	63	.580	—
Houston	80	70	.533	6 1/2	Chicago	74	76	.493	13
Cincinnati	74	76	.493	12 1/2	Cleveland	67	84	.444	20 1/2
Pittsburgh	65	85	.433	21 1/2	Kansas City	58	92	.387	29
Chicago	64	86	.427	22 1/2	Detroit	54	96	.360	33
Milwaukee	52	97	.349	34	West Division				
West Division					West Division				
Arizona	92	57	.617	7 1/2	Anaheim	94	56	.627	—
Los Angeles	85	65	.567	7 1/2	Oakland	94	56	.627	—
San Francisco	85	65	.567	7 1/2	Seattle	86	64	.573	8
Colorado	69	81	.460	23 1/2	Texas	69	81	.460	25
San Diego	63	87	.420	29 1/2	x-clinched division				
x-clinched division					x-clinched division				
Sunday's Games					Sunday's Games				
Atlanta 6, Florida 4					Baltimore 8, Boston 3				
Chicago Cubs 6, Cincinnati 0					Tampa Bay 7, Toronto 4				
Montreal 10, N.Y. Mets 1					Minnesota 5, Cleveland 0				
Philadelphia 1, Pittsburgh 0, 10 innings					N.Y. Yankees 8, Chicago White Sox 4, 5 1/2 innings				
Houston 8, St. Louis 0					Kansas City 9, Detroit 3				
Colorado 5, Los Angeles 4					Seattle 6, Oakland 3				
Arizona 6, Milwaukee 5, 13 innings					Anaheim 13, Texas 4				
San Diego 4, San Francisco 1					Monday's Games				
Monday's Games					Boston 6, Cleveland 1, 1st game				
Florida 5, Atlanta 1					Cleveland 7, Boston 1, 2nd game				
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 3					Toronto 2, Baltimore 0				
Los Angeles 7, San Francisco 6					Detroit 5, Kansas City 2				
Tuesday's Games					Seattle 6, Texas 5, 11 innings				
Montreal (Kim 0-0) at Florida (Tavarez 10-11), 7:05 p.m.					Oakland 4, Anaheim 3				
Cincinnati (Moehler 2-3) at Pittsburgh (Benson 7-6), 7:05 p.m.					Tuesday's Games				
Chicago Cubs (Al.Benes 2-1) at N.Y. Mets (Leiter 13-11), 7:10 p.m.					Minnesota (Radke 8-4) at Detroit (Loux 0-1), 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (Padilla 14-10) at Atlanta (Maddux 13-6), 7:35 p.m.					Toronto (Miller 7-4) at Baltimore (Stephens 1-4), 7:05 p.m.				
Houston (Saarloos 6-5) at Milwaukee (Sheets 9-16), 8:05 p.m.					Cleveland (Sabathia 11-10) at Boston (Wakefield 10-5), 7:05 p.m.				
St. Louis (Finley 5-4) at Colorado (Cook 2-1), 9:05 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 8-4) at Tampa Bay (P.Wilson 6-10), 7:15 p.m.				
Arizona (Batista 7-8) at San Diego (Eaton 0-1), 10:05 p.m.					Kansas City (Ascencio 3-6) at Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 17-11), 8:05 p.m.				
San Francisco (Rueter 12-8) at Los Angeles (Daal 11-8), 10:10 p.m.					Texas (Park 9-6) at Seattle (Franklin 6-4), 10:05 p.m.				
Wednesday's Games					Anaheim (Washburn 18-5) at Oakland (Mulder 17-7), 10:05 p.m.				
Montreal (Ohka 13-8) at Florida (Pavano 5-10), 7:05 p.m.					Wednesday's Games				
Cincinnati (Haynes 14-9) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 12-11), 7:05 p.m.					Cleveland at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
Philadelphia (B.Myers 4-4) at Atlanta (Marquis 8-9), 7:05 p.m.					Toronto at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.				
Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-9) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 9-11), 7:10 p.m.					Minnesota at Detroit, 7:05 p.m.				
Houston (C.Hernandez 7-5) at Milwaukee (Rusch 10-13), 8:05 p.m.					N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 7:15 p.m.				
St. Louis (Finley 5-4) at Colorado (Stark 10-3), 9:05 p.m.					Kansas City at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.				
Arizona (Helling 8-11) at San Diego (Ol.Perez 3-3), 10:05 p.m.					Texas at Seattle, 10:05 p.m.				
					Anaheim at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.				

Tejada conjures more late-inning magic in A's 4-3 win over Angels

By MIKE FITZPATRICK
AP Sports Writer

When the Oakland Athletics need some late-inning magic, they know they can turn to Miguel Tejada.

The A's moved back into a tie with Anaheim for first place in the AL West when Tejada singled home the winning run in the ninth inning to beat the Angels 4-3 Monday night.

Eight of their 17 meetings this season have been decided by one run.

"It's always going to be like this," Tejada said. "We just have to keep ourselves in position to get a big hit to win it."

Tejada has grown accustomed to providing that big hit, boosting his MVP chances with some memorable moments in September.

He kept Oakland's AL-record 20-game winning streak going with game-winning hits on consecutive days, including a three-run homer.

This hit handed the Angels just their second loss in 18 games, and salvaged a rough night for the All-Star shortstop. He left six runners on base in his previous three at-bats — striking out with two on in the third and with the bases loaded in the fifth.

"Sometimes you have to stop being too anxious," Tejada said.

In other AL games, it was: Seattle 6, Texas 5 in 11 innings; Boston 6, Cleveland 1 in the first game of a doubleheader and Cleveland 7, Boston 1 in the nightcap; Toronto 2, Baltimore 0; and Detroit 5, Kansas City 2.

Ray Durham and Jermaine Dye homered for the A's in the opener of a key four-game series. Cory Lidle pitched seven strong innings, and Billy Koch (10-3) worked the ninth for the victory.

Troy Glaus hit a three-run shot in the first inning to match a major league record with a home run in four straight at-bats, but that was all the offense Anaheim could muster. Glaus hit a career-high three homers Sunday against Texas.

The Angels had won six straight since losing 2-1 at home to the A's last Monday. Anaheim followed that with three straight victories over Oakland in which the bullpen was outstanding, particularly in a pair of one-run wins.

A few days later and a few hundred miles north, the A's took the first step in returning the favor with their major league-leading 30th one-run victory.

"It's a plus for us in the first game of the series to break through their armor and let them know their bullpen isn't untouchable," said Durham, who reached base four times and scored the winning run.

Anaheim ace Jarrod Washburn will pitch on three

days' rest against Mark Mulder on Tuesday night. **Mariners 6, Rangers 5, 11 innings**

Ichiro Suzuki drew a bases-loaded walk from Rich Rodriguez with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning and Seattle won at Safeco Field.

After closer Kazuhiro Sasaki blew a 5-3 lead in the ninth, the Mariners bounced back to win their second straight following a season-high six-game losing streak.

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (7-1) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory as Seattle remained eight games behind in the wild-card race.

Red Sox 6, Indians 1, 1st game
Indians 7, Red Sox 1, 2nd game

Brian Tallet pitched six shutout innings in his major league debut and Travis Fryman hit a three-run homer to give Cleveland a day-night doubleheader split at Fenway Park.

Boston's loss cut the New York Yankees' magic number in the AL East to four.

In the opener, Pedro Martinez (19-4) pitched five scoreless innings, Manny Ramirez hit his 32nd homer and Nomar Garciaparra went 4-for-5 with two doubles.

Martinez, removed following a 72-minute rain delay, improved to 9-1 lifetime against Cleveland and lowered his major league-best ERA to 2.23.

Blue Jays 2, Orioles 0

Pete Walker (9-4) pitched four-hit ball for seven innings, and Josh Phelps homered and drove in two runs at Camden Yards as Toronto won for the seventh time in eight games.

The Orioles were denied their first successive victories since Aug. 22-23. Baltimore, which has lost 20 of 23, was shut out for the 14th time this season.

Sidney Ponson (7-7) allowed six hits in his third complete game of the year.

Tigers 5, Royals 2

Carlos Pena hit a three-run homer, sending Mike Maroth (6-8) and Detroit over Kansas City at Comerica Park.

Damian Jackson hit a two-run single for the Tigers, who won for only the fifth time in 25 games. The Royals, who are 3-11 this month, lead Detroit by four games in the race to avoid last place in the AL Central.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

for Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2002: Use your intuition and inner knowledge. Sometimes you don't listen to your own advice. Be a better role model, and follow your sixth sense. You need downtime this year, especially as work might have a frenetic pace or your nervous energy often could be at its limit. Open up to innovations that make your life easier. Learn new technology. Bosses, parents and responsibilities could weigh you down. Use everything you can to make your life easier. If you are single, a special relationship will appear on the horizon next summer. Are you ready for a commitment? If you are attached, your relationship needs special time. Pull away from the daily grind together. Renew in each other's company. AQUARIUS surprises you more often than not.

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)

Unexpected news gets your adrenaline running. Get into the moment and deal with what might be coming up via a friend or associate. Meetings give yet another slant on a personal problem. Talk with someone directly. Tonight: Visit with friends on the way home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Take the lead, especially if unexpected matters disrupt plans. You can deal with much more than others can because of recent experiences. Finances might be tight, but you will figure out a way to get around any hassles. Tonight: Make it to a meeting.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

Reach out for someone who cares a lot about you. Carefully consider

options that surround travel, more education and a better ability to understand other styles. Your serious, thoughtful consideration touches someone you care about. Tonight: Try something different.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Work with an associate or partner. Your feelings will go in another direction if you stay open. Carefully consider your options that surround a child or loved one. Sometimes you give too much, causing yourself a problem. Tonight: Togetherness counts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Carefully consider options that surround an unpredictable pal. How you deal with someone can make or break a key issue. Talk about your long-term needs with someone who can help you develop a long-term plan. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Recognize others for their help and extra efforts when you explain a change or initiate a new project. How you see a developing situation might not be as hard or difficult as you think. Express your interest in learning something new. Tonight: Know when to call it quits. Go home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Excitement and change get you going. Be willing to adapt and change direction. Your humor and fun nature like the challenge. Reach out for someone at a distance. You might not have a complete perspective, but someone else does. Tonight: Find a Leo to play with!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Consider someone's feelings. This person might act in a most unexpected way, but ultimately this person knows what works for him or her. Take your time in a discussion with someone who seems closed off. You have good

people skills; use them. Tonight: A quiet evening at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Continue to reach out to those in your immediate environment. You could be jolted, as an unanticipated development blows your plans. Don't be hard on an associate or loved one. This person might feel bad enough already.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Recognize your limits with an associate or friend. You won't be able to change his or her mind. Work drains you, and you might need some time off. Be realistic about how much you can do. Take a break or cut out of work early. Tonight: Get extra sleep.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You decide that another approach can work. As a result, you might not get done what you need to. Carefully consider your options surrounding a difficult loved one. Talk all the way you want, but actions always speak louder than words. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

You could be more drained than you realize. Take your time with those you care about. Slow down. In fact, if you can take a personal day, do so. Everyone needs time off sometime. Don't let depression get the best of you. Tonight: Vanish. Do for yourself.

BORN TODAY

Bicyclist Lance Armstrong (1971), actor Robert Blake (1933), actress Greta Garbo (1905) ***

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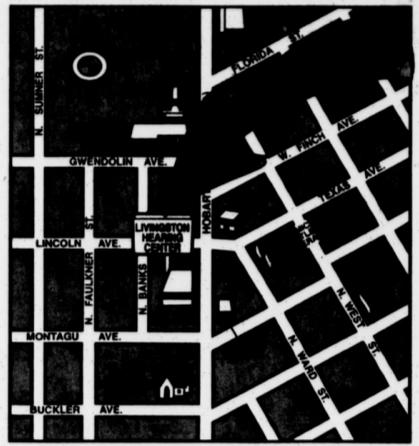


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Branding Iron Theatre set to begin 43rd season

CANYON — Fantasy, heroics, love and family will take to the stage during the Branding Iron Theatre's (BIT) 43rd season at West Texas A&M University.

This year's theatre season features a full calendar of four different plays and the bonus of added attractions in student-directed productions.

The BIT opens its season Oct. 2-6 with Arthur Laurents' "A Clearing in the Woods." Perry Crafton, assistant professor of theatre, will direct this fantasy drama about a search for peace, truth and comfort. Virginia, the play's main character, will take the audience with her as she struggles through memories of her past in hopes of surviving her future.

Performances for "A Clearing in the Woods" are set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2-5. A 3 p.m. matinee is set for Sunday, Oct. 6.

The production will be the University's entry in the American College Theatre Festival Oct. 15-20 at Texas A&M-Commerce. "A Clearing in the Woods" will compete against plays by at least seven other schools at the festival.

The BIT season will continue in November with the production of Shakespeare's "The Life of Henry the Fifth." This production combines history with modern theatre to tell the story of the young King Henry V of England as he faces a powerful enemy. A beautiful princess adds romance to this heroic masterpiece. Royal Brantley, professor of theatre and head of the Department of Art, Communication and Theatre, will direct.

The play will run Nov. 13-16 and Nov. 20-23.

"Company," a musical comedy by Stephen Sondheim and George Furth, will run Feb. 12-16. This play won the 1971 Tony Award for Best Musical and looks at the life and insecurities of Robert as he faces his 35th birthday. Songs include "Being Alive" and "The Ladies Who Lunch." Crafton will direct.

The 43rd season will close out with the drama "A Different Moon" by Ara Watson. The play looks at the hopes and dreams of the American family when the main character prepares to defend his country in Korea. Brantley will direct the production set for April 23-27.

The four-show schedule sets a demanding pace for WTAMU students and requires hours of rehearsal and production time throughout the season. Students involved include those classified as freshman through seniors with a variety of majors mixed in.

The season's added attractions include a musical theatre revue by Stephen Sondheim called "Side by Side." The revue is set for Sept. 19-21 in the Intimate Theatre.

In January, "The Laramie Project" will be a student-directed project. Performances are set for Jan. 16-18 in the BIT. Students also will direct one-act plays during the spring semester.

For ticket information, call the BIT box office at (806) 651-2798.

North Korean comes clean at summit

By YURI KAGEYAMA
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — In an astonishing concession at a summit with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il confirmed Tuesday that North Korean spies kidnapped Japanese citizens decades ago, and said at least four are still alive.

Ending years of denials, Kim admitted a dozen Japanese were kidnapped by North Korean agents, said it was "regrettable and would never happen again," and added that those responsible would be punished.

Kim's comments opened the way for Japan and North Korea to begin long-stalled talks toward establishing diplomatic ties. Kim and Koizumi announced in a joint statement the talks would resume in October.

"I strongly protested the abductions," Koizumi said in a news conference, adding that Kim apologized.

"Kim said it was done by elements in the military, and an investigation was under way."

"I thought we had to hold talks to improve relations between Japan and North Korea. But my heart aches when I consider how the families must feel," Koizumi said.

In the joint statement, North Korea promised to continue a moratorium on missile firing through 2003 and allow nuclear inspections by the International Atomic Energy Agency, and Japan pledged economic cooperation. It did not have details.

"This happened over decades of hostile relations and I want to talk about it frankly," Kim was quoted as telling Koizumi by a Japanese delegation official who briefed reporters afterward. "I want to apologize and it will never be allowed to happen again."

Six of the 11 Japanese citizens Tokyo has long claimed were abducted were confirmed to be dead, while one never entered the country. North Korea also admitted that two others who disappeared in Europe had also died.

Although one of the victims, Megumi Yokota — who disappeared when she was 13 — had died, her daughter was confirmed to be still alive in Pyongyang, the official said.

Kim acknowledged that in the past some misguided people in his country had carried out the kidnappings to learn the Japanese language and assume their identities, the official said.

"I am shocked. When I think of the families' feelings, the pain is unbearable," Koizumi was quoted as telling Kim.

How the people had died was not immediately clear. Japan demanded a thorough investigation of the deaths.

Many other divisive issues — including the North's suspected development of nuclear weapons and alleged spying activities off Japan's shores — loomed over the one-day summit between Kim and Koizumi, the first ever between the two nations.

But for the Japanese public — and Koizumi's political career — the most volatile issue was securing the return of the 11 people who were allegedly abducted by North Korea in the 1970s and 1980s.

"We take it seriously," North Korea's Central News Agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying in a statement. "It is regrettable that these issues surfaced in the past as a product of the abnormal relationship between the (North) and Japan. We will prevent such things from happening in the future."

The spokesman, who was not identified by name, said North Korea is ready to help the survivors to meet with their families and Japanese officials, and take "necessary steps to let them return home or visit their hometowns if they wish."

The isolated communist state had repeatedly denied the abductions but had recently promised to look for missing Japanese as a humanitarian issue.

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