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PEDC dissolution taking shape

Managing Editor

Three of the five board members of the Pampa Economic Development away with the EDC, and we are guid-Corporation shaped a dissolution plan ed by the statutes. Not selling the propfor the entity during Monday evening's meeting. The plan is to be presented to the Pampa City Commission on Oct. 8.

All properties of the economic development corporation are to be sold, according to the plan. Each of the assets were voted upon individually at the meeting.

Board members brought up the much as possible to pay down the recent Attorney General's opinion in debt." framing the dissolution plan.

"The voters of Pampa voted to do erties would be the same as taxing, and we (PEDC Board) cannot do that," said Doug Locke, board member.

PEDC Board President Dalton Lewis concurred. "Our objective is to debt," he said.

Steve Phillips, board secretary, also agreed. "Our intent is to recover as

Absent from the meeting were Bill

Allison and Gary Sutherland. Total liabilities of the corporation are \$2,199,092 as of Aug. 31, according to records furnished by City of

Pampa Chief Financial Officer John Horst. Board members decided to group numerous miscellaneous items from get as much as possible to retire the the PEDC office, including supplies and several cases of soft drinks, to put

> in the next city auction. Value of furniture and equipment

from the corporation total approximately \$9,100. The City of Pampa purchased a computer several months ago from the corporation, and Don Lane, local attorney, purchased a typewriter.

Phillips said the list was dompiled by Horst and former PEDC Executive Director Susan Tripplehorn on Nov.

He suggested talking to outside auditor, Doug Ware, about obtaining

appraisals on the properties. Board members did not make a

decision on the method of disposing of (See PEDC, Page 3)

whizzes through **business**

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Three agenda items, including the second and final reading and vote on the 2002-'03 fiscal year budget took Pampa City Commissioners no more than 10 minutes to handle during a special meeting Tuesday afternoon at City

In addition to the budget, other agenda items included a proposal to lengthen the Hidden Hills Golf Course management contract from one year to three and the proposed contract with the county to provide fire services in

some unincorporated areas. There was no discussion on the \$13.1 million budget which has been the focus of numerous meetings and talks over the past several months. The five commissioners were unanimous in their budget vote as well as the vote to keep the tax rate the same at \$0.695 per \$100 valuation.

Regarding the golf course contract with pro David Teichmann, the issue was tabled at the last meeting due to concerns voiced over obligating the city for that long a period.

Commissioner Faustina Curry, who earlier had expressed reservations, said she no longer had those con-

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Harvester royalty



Members of Pampa High School's 2002 Homecoming Court gathered together Monday dressed in appropriate garb for "80s Day," the first of a week of special events culminating in the crowning of the Homecoming King and Queen during pre-game festivities Friday night at Harvester Field. Harvester Homecoming Royalty are, front row - Max Simon, Tristan Brown, and Travis Leever; middle row - Jay Gerber and Brandon McElroy; back row - Abby Cavalier, Teryn Stowers, Mary Alice Warner, Cassie Gibson, and Amanda Dyson.

Wanted: Officers for PPD

By KATE B. DICKSON Associate Publisher

Even though three new Pampa Police Department officers were welcomed to the force this week, the officer shortage is a long way from being solved as four more vacancies still need to be filled.

Interim Police Chief Ken Hall said the three new. patrolmen won't be able to ride alone for at least 14 weeks because they are now undergoing "an extensive field training program.'

With the addition of those officers there was still a three-person shortage which has grown to four with the departure of Officer Billy DeWitt who has been hired by the Amarillo Police

Department. "All these people who are leaving are excellent officers," Hall said. But they are leaving to achieve their professional goals and we certainly can't begrudge them that."

And to compound the problem of officers leaving for bigger and higher-paying departments, Hall said Canyon, Dumas and Borger are also all looking for new officers to hire. This has created a problem here in getting applications for the jobs.

Meanwhile, Hall says it is difficult to keep the shifts (See OFFICERS, Page 3)

Cloud seeding issue getting stormy

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

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LITTLEFIELD - As the White Deer-based Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District completes its third year of a five year weather modification program Monday, controversy over cloud seeding has erupted on the South Plains of Texas.

"I think we understand that we have a very controversial issue here," said C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

In August, due to complaints by Bailey County farmers, the High Plains Underground Water District. based in Lubbock, halted their cloud seeding program on the South Plains.

At a meeting of weather scientists in Littlefield last week, a number of

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> - C.E. Williams, general manager Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District.

views were expressed over the effectiveness of using cloud seeding in rain making and hail suppression activities. Billy Tiller, a rancher and former banker from Littlefield, organized the meeting, he said, in an effort to get more information on cloud seeding.

Dr. Charles Doswell, a senior research scientist with the Cooperative Institute for Mesoscale Meteorologist Studies at the University of Oklahoma; Dr. Edwin Kessler, retired director of the National Severe Storm Laboratory in Norman, Okla., and Dr. William L

Woodley, president of Woodley Weather Consultants, a company under contract to advise the High Plains Underground Water District and several other of the ten water districts in Texas that have weather modification programs, were the featured speakers.

Woodley pointed out that, according to his rainfall maps, Bailey County has had lower than average rainfall over the past four years, but other parts of the South Plains district has shown increased rainfall.

Woodley said pollution from a near

by coal-fired electric generating plant might be to blame, although he admitted that he had no data prior to the cloud seeding program to substantiate that theory. The power plant was built about 1984. The High Plains Underground Water District's weather modification project is only four years

Kessler called for more research using super computers to build conceptual models, saying that because each cloud is unique, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to do research based on comparisons between seeded and unseeded clouds and the amount of rainfall each might produce.

Doswell pointed out that the American Meteorological Association's position concerning weather modification is that there's no

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When Was **Highland General Hospital Opened?** Information Provided By "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241



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LOCAL

PISD board sets special meeting

Independent Pampa School District Board of Education have called a special meeting Wednesday morning to open bids for television cabling and band equipment.

Board members will meet at 7:30 a.m. at Carver Center, 321 w. Albert to consider bids for television cabling for elementary classrooms and band instruments and equipment.

Grief support class begins on Thursday

PAMPA — BSA Hospice will offer a grief education and support group for adults dealing with the loss of a loved one from 7-8:30 p.m., Thursdays, Oct. 3 through Nov. 7 at its location at 800 N. Sumner in Pampa. For more information, call 665-6677 or 1-800-658-6985.

DEATHS Jean

Jackson, 77, services pending.

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Alfred C. 'Slim' Oxley.

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FOSTER 'FOSSIE' WINEGEART

1926-2002

Foster (Fossie) Winegeart, 75, died of McKinney, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002, in Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Barry Loving, pastor of First Christian Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Mr. Winegeart was born Dec. 10, 1926, in Wheeler County. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1951. He married Wanda Lindale, Gene Dudley in 1959 and she preceded him in Mundy Corporation for 23 years. He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife Yvonne of the home; one son, Jackie Lee Winegeart of Washington; four step-daughters, Pat Tucker

Karla Gray of Howe, Paula Locke Troop, and Kathy Clements of Sanger; five brothers including L.J. Winegeart of Winegeart of

death in 1989. He later married Yvonne Oklahoma and Doyle Winegeart of Edmond, Howdeshell in 1996 at Pampa. He worked for Okla.; 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be sent to the First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, Pampa, TX, 79065.

www.carmichael-whatley.com

ALFRED C. 'SLIM' OXLEY 1926-2002

Alfred C. "Slim" Oxley, 76, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 29, 2002. Entombment services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday in Memory Gardens Mausoleum with Pastor Lonny Robbins, of Trinity Fellowship Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Oxley was born July 22, 1926, in Texas County, Okla. He came to Pampa in 1954 and retired from the City of Pampa after 33 years of service as a street foreman.

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He married Lillian V. Behne on June 3,

1972, at Guymon, Okla. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a member

of American Paint Horse Association. Survivors include his wife, Lillian, of the home; a son, John Oxley of Pampa; two step-

sons, Rusty Behne and Arthur Dean Behne, both of Guymon; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The family requests memorials be to a

favorite charity.

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FLOY JEAN MIKEAL JACKSON

Floy Jean Mikeal Jackson, direction of Carmichael-Sept. 30, 2002, at Pampa. Pampa.

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Services are pending under the www.carmichael-whatley.com

Texas next most likely target of Hurricane Lili

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas seldom gets an it passes through Cuba, but October hurricane, but forecasters say Hurricane Lili could strike the state with winds of nearly 100 mph by the end of the week.

Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi are Lili's likely is virtually assured to make targets by Thursday or Friday, forecaster Martin Nelson of the National Hurricane Center in Miami said Monday.

The Texas Department of Emergency Management will raise its alert status to level 2 Tuesday morning, said Jack Colley, state emergency management coordinator. Only a level 1 is a higher state of alert on the four-level system.

Only seven hurricanes have struck Texas in October or November since 1837. Texas last endured an October hurricane in 1989, when Hurricane Jerry killed three in southeast Texas and rendered Texas Highway 87 permanently undrivable between High Island and Sabine Pass.

Lili became the season's fourth hurricane on Monday when its maximum sustained winds increased to 75 mph as it passed over Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. The hurricane center predicted that Lili would cross Cuba's western tip, then make a beeline for the Texas-Louisiana

The storm will weaken as will strengthen once again as it emerges in the Gulf of Mexico, eventually becoming a category 2 storm with winds of at least 96 mph, Nelson said. From there, Lili landfall on the U.S. Gulf Coast, he said.

"Lili appears poised for some fairly significant strengthening," hurricane center forecaster James Franklin advised. waters in the northwestern gulf are high-octane."

Lili comes a week after the Texas coast was on alert for Isidore, which also appeared poised to become a major storm until it stalled over the Yucatan Peninsula and weakened before coming ashore as a wet tropical storm in Louisiana and Mississippi.

The hurricane center appears more confident about its forecast for Lili than for Isidore, which had an erratic and unpredictable track. The center projects that Lili will be approximately 200 miles east-southeast of Galveston by Thursday morning.

"What gives it a more definitive track is a high pressure system over the western Atlantic, which pretty much steers Lili to the Gulf Coast of Texas," Colley

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VICARY HOUSE Tea Room, 303 N. Frost, Grand Opening, Sat., Oct. 5th, 9-5. Items for sale by Connie Carlisle Pottery; Carol Fruge' Photography; Dottie Fraser Southern Living at Home.

Pastry Items For Sale.

ON RECORD

SHERIFF

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

Monday, Sept. 30

Donnie Lee Shipley, Jr., 38, 2600 N. Hobart, was arrested by the DPS on a Potter County warrant for failure to appear/criminal non-support.

William Anthony Sharp, 22, 1221 Duncan, was arrested by the DPS on a charge of driving with license suspended.

Pete Perez, 24, 853 S. Sumner, bond surrender on possession of drug paraphernalia, no driver's license and defective tail lamps.

CARSON CO. SHERIFF

The Carson County Sheriff's Department ssued the following jail intake report. Sept. 23-29

Guy M. McKissick, 28, Skellytown, dri-

ving while license suspended. Donald Hunter, 46, Edmonton, Ky., arrest-

ed on an Arkansas warrant. Debora Henderson, 39, Borger, theft over

\$50 but under \$500. Victor Padgett, 40, Amarillo, engaging in criminal activity.

Ronald Leonard, 25, Panhandle, arrested on an Arizona warrant.

Cody Anglin, 21, Sherman, Texas, revocation of probation/possession of marijuana.

Leslie Jones, 34, Panhandle, traffic warrants/DP\$ and terroristic threat and abandoned or endanger a child.

Kalvin Riley, 36, Romulus, Mich., possession of marijuana more than four ounces but less than five pounds.

FIRE

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

Monday, Sept. 30

9:47 p.m. - Four units and eight firefighters responded to an alarm at Pampa Regional Medical Center, One Medical Plaza. Someone had activated a fire alarm. There was no fire.

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POLICE

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

Sunday, Sept. 29 Criminal mischief with no damage was reported in the 100 block of South Sumner. Monday, Sept. 30

Domestic assault was reported in the 700 block of North Lefors where the 17-year-old male victim received minor injuries.

Two runaways, 12- and 13-year-old girls were reported in the 100 block of South Russell. They have been found and returned

An assault by threat to a 26-year-old woman was reported in the 200 block of

Frank's Thriftway, 300 E. Brown, reported

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of South Finley.

A newspaper stand was found in the 2500 block of Perryton Parkway.

Possession of marijuana was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight. An attempted suicide of a 56-year-old man was reported in the 1800 block of North Dwight.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Sept. 30

2:07 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Hobart and Somerville; no

3:47 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Baptist-St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

ACCIDENTS

The Pampa Police Department filed the following accident reports.

Friday, Sept. 27

Helen Bonner Meaker, 74, Panhandle, was cited for disregarding a stop light after the 1999 Taurus she was driving at North Hobart and West Kentucky, collided with a 1993 GMC pickup driven by Larry Dale Terry, 33, 1028 Charles. No injuries were reported. The police report noted that the sun hindered Meaker in determining the color of the light. A pedestrian, Keelei Ocean, 16, 1524 Coffee, received possible injuries when she ran in front of a vehicle in the 200 block of East Randy Matson and was struck. The vehicle was driven by Max Triston Simon, 17, 2001 Mary Ellen.

Monday, Sept. 30

Wade Ray Wood, 30, 2507 Seminole, was cited for no proof of insurance and disregarding a red light when the 1989 Ford Escort he was driving at Hobart and Somerville collided with a 1997 Ford Taurus driven by Valeria Quintana, 24, 532 Hazel, who reported a possible injury.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies with a chance of thunderstorms, highs in the upper 80s, south winds between 15 to 25 mph, and a 30 percent chance of precipitation. Caution is advised on area lakes this afternoon. Tonight should be mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms some possibly severe - lows in the middle 60s, south winds 15 to 25 mph, and a 40 percent chance of precipitation. Wednesday should be cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the middle 70s. Southeast winds 15

to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Wednesday night, cloudy. Chance of rain showers. Lows in the middle 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 40 percent. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Breezy. Chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 70s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 50. Chance of precipitation 30 percent. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.

STATEWIDE

Partly cloudy skies today will give way to mostly cloudy skies by the end of the week, with a continuing chance of showers over most of the state.

Warm temperatures will continue for several more days in North and South Texas, while West Texas temperatures will be widely varied, from cool days in the panhandle to hot temperatures in the Permian Basin.

Hurricane Lili put doubt into end-of-theweek forecasts. As of Tuesday morning, Lili was expected to make landfall somewhere in the Gulf on Thursday or Friday. Probabilities were about equal of it hitting in either Mississippi, Louisiana or the upper Texas coast, the likely spots, with about a 15 percent chance of the center of the storm passing within 65 nautical miles of any Texas Gulf city in a line from Freeport to Port Arthur. The probabilities decrease for cities further

South Texas this week will be warm to hot all week, with partly cloudy skies. Scattered showers or storms are possible all week in southeast Texas and the Coastal Bend. By Thursday, rain is possible in the south central and deep south, but will probably be confined farther north. The effects of Lili could not be predicted Tuesday morning. Today's temperatures should hold steady this week, mostly in the upper 80s to low 90s.

In West Texas, a diverse weather picture exists this week. In the panhandle, it will be partly to mostly cloudy through Friday with a chance of thunderstorms, and highs in the mid-80s today and 70s the rest of the week.

In the South Plains, it will be cloudy with week with highs mostly in the 80s, cooling some by Friday. It will be hotter in the Permian Basin, with highs ranging from 85 to 95 through Thursday, cooling Friday, with partly to mostly cloudy skies and a chance of In the Concho Valley and Edwards Plateau,

it will be cloudy with highs in the mid to upper 80s all week, and a slight chance of rain Thursday and Friday. It will be partly cloudy in far West Texas, with highs in the mid-80s all week and no rain forecast. The Big Bend and Guadalupe Mountain areas will be varied as usual, from cool in the mountains to over 100 on the Rio Grande, with a chance of rain south through Wednesday.

North Texas will be partly to mostly cloudy through Friday, with highs from the upper 80s to low 90s, and a chance of rain in the west beginning Wednesday and in the east beginning Thursday. Beginning Friday, highs should dip about 5 degrees across the region, and rain is likely in the east. Skies should clear somewhat on Saturday, with slight chances of precipitation.

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the properties. Possibilities mentioned were an auction with the reservation of the right to reject any and all bids and advertising for bids.

The board members emphasized they will contact each company that owes the PEDC to negotiate a settlement on the note.

U.S. Bus properties total approximately \$600,000, according to the financial information furnished by the PEDC. Book costs listed are the building at 822 E. Foster, \$275,000; improvements to same building, \$107,725; and addition to same building, \$201,115.

Phillips said the board needs to discuss with the city about the paint booths and crane which are separate from the properties.

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Locke said the PEDC and City of Pampa jointly own the East Foster property. Paying the Revolving Loan Fund would be the first priority from the sale of the properties, said Locke. He proposed asking for a joint sale between the City of Pampa and PEDC. He said the city originally purchased the build-

"We need to sell everything we have a deed to," he said.

Phillips said he would like for the city to look at the plan and the two entities get "in harmony."

Lewis estimates the board is looking at possibly two-and-a-half to three years to dis-

solve to corporation. Lewis said he would contact Dick Stowers, current Pampa Industrial Foundation presi-

dent, about being on the agenda to discuss the property which Celanese donated to the PEDC for industrial development. In January, Joe Mullenax, Celanese human

resources and process safety manager, and Lisa Ryan, Celanese site director, attended a meeting and requested that the land deeded to the PEDC in 1999 by Celanese be used for its original intent — to provide incentive for industrial development in order to create jobs in Pampa.

The property is located in Section 53. The future of the 627.63 acres has been in question. Several local leaders have indicated they would like for the properties to be given to the

PEDC board members indicated their interpretation of the Attorney General's opinion is

that they must obtain "fair market value" of the land by sale of it.

Lewis said when the dissolution is finished, a fund should be in place to honor the commitments made to United Medicorp.

Phillips said he had talked with Sutherland who had to be out of town due to illness in the family concerning the debts. He said Sutherland suggested the possibility of the PEDC selling the notes payable to the intity. Phillips suggested, and the board approved, making an effort to talk to PEDC leders about obtaining a lower interest rate.

Board members voted to present a cop of the board minutes from Monday's meetingto the Pampa City Commissioners before te Oct. 8 meeting so they can evaluate the prposed dissolution plan.

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CLOUD

evidence of a strong signal, either for or against rainfall enhancement.

"This is not a ringing endorsement," Doswell said, although he admitted that weather modification is not his specialty.

Williams said that from what he's seen through the PGWCD's weather modification program, he'd agree with all three speakers. "They're really not that far apart," Williams

Much of the trio's debate centered around what is known and not known about making rain, rather than whether cloud seeding is good

"Science rarely provides you with black and white answers," Doswell said. "In fact, it rarely does."

"The challenge we have is to prove one way or another and substantiate how much good we're doing or we're not," Williams said.

Williams asked if the trio would be willing to review the data now being collected from the 10 weather modification programs in Texas as the cloud seeding season draws to an

Doswell suggested the data be submitted for peer review and published in a scientific iournal

"There's no guarantee that our peer review process works, but at least then it becomes available for the entire scientific community," Doswell says.

Williams said he would like to get to a point where the scientific community could agree with a degree of certainty whether weather modification programs work or not.

"I don't know that we'll ever get 100 percent agreement on one side or the other," Williams said.

Williams said that listening to the presenta-

tions of each of the three scientists raised additional questions in his mind concerning weather modification.

"But I'm not ready to throw the baby out with the bath water, either," Williams said.

Williams said it is important that some sort of conclusion be reached concerning the effectiveness of weather modification programs.

"At the moment, the consensus in the scientific community is that there's no conclusive evidence of the efficacy of seeding," Doswell said. "End of story. That is the scientific consensus. Now, if that changes as the result of further research, so be it."

Doswell said he would like to see more research done on the subject.

"If you want to conduct an evaluation on a specific program that's going on here," Doswell said, "I suggest you develop a plan that includes proper randomizations and be prepared to carry out probably several years of trials before you begin to get significant results. That's what it's going to take. If it hasn't been done to date, then that has to be implemented immediately and carried on in a carefully constructed program. At the end of five years, you may have a result for what's going on here with this particular pro-

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, when they voted three years ago following a series of public meetings concerning their weather modification program, elected to try the program for five years, reviewing the results each year.

"I'm willing to do what it takes to substantiate it, one way or the other," Williams said, "but I'm not willing to totally shut down the deal because even if there's a chance of twotenths of an inch of rain, I've been a farmer for about 10 years myself, and I know how valuable rain can be at certain times."

Candidates touting endorsements

up endorsements from special interest groups has become a game of sorts for Democratic lieutenant governor nominee John Sharp, who faces Republican Land David Commissioner

Dewhurst in the race.

Endorsement Derby" is what Sharp calls it, and this past week he put the score at: Sharp, 153, Dewhurst, 3, among nonpartisan groups. At each campaign stop, Sharp is almost certain to tout his endorsements.

"I am very proud to be endorsed by virtually every business group in the state of Texas, every law enforcement group in the state of Texas, every education group in the state of Texas," Sharp recently told the Silver-Haired Legislature.

The Dewhurst campaign disputes the score posted on Sharp's Web site, saying support of many individuals

AUSTIN (AP) — Picking and organizations, including a recent endorsement from the Texas Restaurant Association.

> The traditional battle for endorsements is not just limited to the lieutenant governor's race. Nearly all candidates seek them.

> Republican U.S. Senate nominee John Cornyn, in receiving the endorsement from the Combined Law Enforcement Associations of Texas, said at a news conference that getting the group's support was like winning a mini-election. Cornyn faces Democrat Ron Kirk in the U.S. Senate race.

As much as candidates lobby for the support of the organizations, the endorsements are just one cue that voters look at when deciding who to support, said Jerry Polinard, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Pan American.

The main thing most voters Dewhurst has received the consider is a candidate's party affiliation, Polinard said.

Endorsements may, however, have more sway with some voters than others, Polinard said. For example, if a business group endorses a candidate and the voter is probusiness, the voter may relate to that, he said. If a candidate is endorsed by the local firefighters, it is likely many firefighters will vote for that can-

didate, he said. Endorsements deliver more than bragging rights to a candidate. Many times endorsements are accompanied by get-out-the-vote and financial

The Texas Association of Business, which endorsed mostly Republican candidates plus Sharp in the lieutenant governor's race, will spend more than \$1 million and send out close to 2 million pieces of mail in an effort to spread its election message. The group's focus mostly is on Texas House of Representatives

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cerns after being made aware there is a 90-day cancellation clause in the contract that either the city or Teichmann can initiate.

"I was concerned about if we could do a three-year contract if there is a major downturn in the economy or if we get in a bind," she said. "But the 90-day cancellation clause covers it for me."

The longer contract, which had been previously proposed by Mayor Lonny Robbins, passed by a vote of four-to-one. Robbins had said Teichmann's employees need better job security than a one-year pact can give.

Commissioner Jeff Andrews, who cast the no vote, said, "I understand the operations are just great out there but I just do not feel comfortable entering into a longer-term contract."

On the final item, the fire contract, no discussion or vote was held because no one seconded the motion to bring the item off the table from the previous meeting.

At the last meeting there was some concern voiced with regard to a proposed change in the method of dispatching city firefighters.

County Judge Richard Peet wants the county fire calls coming into the city's 9-1-1 center to be forwarded to the sheriff's department for dispatch. He told The Pampa News that as the dispatching is handled now, the sheriff's department isn't always notified of emergencies in the county. He said the sheriff's department should be notified.

County commissioners are expected to discuss the contract this morning and look at proposed changes but it is not an action item on the agenda, Peet said.

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OFFICERS

manned adequately.

"We have some scheduled times that we are using reserves and we are putting the detectives on the streets, too," Hall said. All reserves are commissioned officers.

Additionally, "because of the stress this has put on the overtime budget," Hall said all officer vacations and holidays have been canceled.

Hall says he plans to discuss with the city manager a plan to allow the officers to take some vacation and holiday time "because we don't want them to lose it."

As for the detectives, Hall said, "I know their supervisor continues to log in cases. It's a very difficult situation for everybody and it's not over yet and won't be until we get some more officers hired."



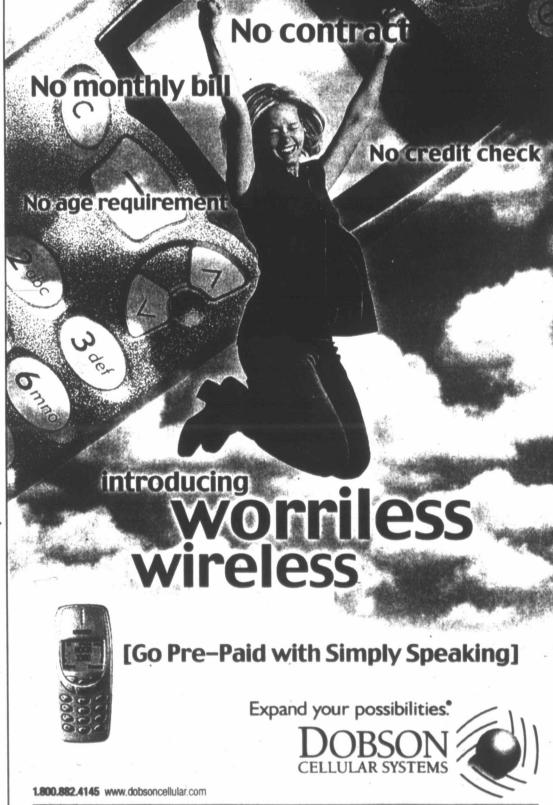
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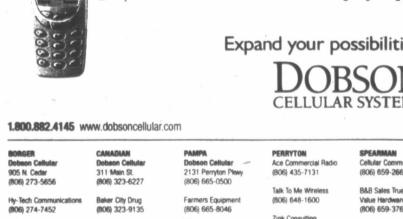
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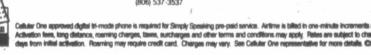
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Will cooler heads prevail?

There's a new case that is being brought before both the

court of law and the court of public opinion. It involves a

woman caught on tape "beating" her four-year-old daughter.

The fact that there is a tape involved is no doubt the reason the

case has received the national attention that it has.

Nevertheless, the end result of this case could have far-reach-

chiatrist and a social worker and found to be exhibiting some

of the tell-tale emotional signs of abuse as well. The mother

will then be prosecuted and the evidence collected will be

introduced, considered, and used to convict. And the day will

any prior abuse, she will constantly cry out for her mother, this

evidence will be brought before the judge, the tape will be fur-

ther scrutinized, and it will be concluded that the incident was

little more than a spanking taken to excess. Cooler heads will prevail, the judge in the case will dismiss, and the day will be

In the third scenario, everything occurs as in the second scenario with the exception of the cooler heads prevailing. Instead,

the court will realize that the case has gone too far and received

too much attention to turn back. The decision will be made to

try the case, the excessive spanking will be depicted as felo-

*nious assault, the woman will be convicted and either be sent

to prison or receive probation. Either, way, the child will be

forced to grow up in foster care. In this scenario, the day will

the-rod-and-spoil-the-child faction attributes today's youthful

misbehavior to the fact that physical discipline is taboo. Is this

right or wrong? That, fortunately, is not for me to say although

I personally feel spanking serves no purpose. What I can say is this: If the act perpetrated on the tape I saw is felonious activi-

ty, then my mother's face should be on the wall of every post •office in America. And I personally think that she is a living

We're not going to stop drunk driving by making it a felony

to drive with your hands positioned improperly. Nor should we

expect to end child abuse by making spanking a felony. If that's

all we can find to do with the cameras that record our every

the woman is released and the charges are dropped, we will

probably not hear about it on TV. After all, the courts will not

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be the only entity that will be thought to have overreacted.

One thing can almost assuredly be said of this incident. If

move today, then progress isn't all it's cracked up to be.

Today we complain about how young people act. The spare-

A second scenario will find that the child has not suffered

The case will likely end in one of three ways. One, the child will undergo extensive physical examinations and will be found to have numerous bodily injuries that are typically associated with child abuse. She will then be interviewed by a psy-

This is an exciting week for Pampa and Gray County. For more than a year, many people have worked long and hard on Gray County's Centennial celebration especially Darlene Birkes.

Be sure to thank her and all the members of the Centennial Committee for their efforts. You can bet that they're going to need 100 years just to recuper-

Watch for the Gray County Centennial 1902-2002 edition in tomorrow's paper. It's full of information about the 100th birthday party plans this weekend, along with lots of historical photographs and articles.

As I put the finishing touches on this publication Saturday, I realized how much I had learned from the editing and research involved in producing it.

I hope our readers find it as fascinating to see a glimpse of our community's past

One thing is certain - some things changes, but many things do not. A century has passed, but we're still facing many of the same issues that our forefathers experienced.

Nancy Young found evidence of this while reading through old newspapers from Pampa's early years.

Here's some of the tidbits she uncov-

In the Dec. 17, 1926, edition of The Pampa News, a story appeared titled, "Pampa Man Owns Record Breaking Litter of Pigs."

The story was as follows:

Here's something for hog raisers to compete with. Otis Hendrix is the owner of a sow with nine six-months-old pigs

DEE DEE LARAMORE **EDITOR**

that have a combined weight of 2,878 lbs. The average weight of each pig is 319.77

The pigs are of the Poland China variety. Hendrix is well known around Pampa for the superior quality of livestock he raises on his farm near here. The News would like to hear from anyone who can compete with these figures in livestock productions.

Rabies was a problem in Pampa in 1926, according to early-day newspapers.

In a Dec. 28, 1926, newspaper story rabies was identified in a dog in Pampa. May F. P. Reid ordered that all dogs be tied up or they would be killed. John Andrews, gity marshal, was ordered to kill all dogs running loose on the streets. Twenty-five dogs were shot the first few

Mayor Reid advised that all dogs be vaccinated at once. He said no dog license will be issued unless the owners first present a certificate showing that the dog has been vaccinated.

A licensed doctor was authorized to vaccinate the dogs and issue certificates. Dogs were ordered tied up or be placed in secure locations.

Sheriff E. S. Graves and his deputies arrested 21 people in Pampa on Jan. 11, 1927. Most of the charges filed were for being intoxicated, fighting or gambling.

Pampa Chamber of Commerce urged residents to pay their poll taxes by Jan. 31 in the sheriff's office. The taxes were due by Jan. 31 in 1927.

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No one is eligible to vote unless they have resided in the state for at least a least and the city for six months and have paid poll taxes.

Authorities told the newspaper that there will be only a small percentage of legal voters in Pampa unless the poll taxes are paid.

Charles Cook was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for the year of 1927. M. K. Brown was chosen vicepresident.

Board of directors elected were C.M. Dodson, M.K. Brown, M.W. Jones, W.L. Woodward, O.K. Baker, A.H. Doucette and J. N. Nalley.

As you can'see pigs, rabies, crime and taxes were problems in this area's early years, just as they are today.

One of the early 1900s city council meeting minutes spoke of a problem with one man wanting to raise pigs and his neighbor opposing him.

The minutes also reflected that a new city marshal was being hired about every three months. Seems they had a problem with law enforcement turnover.

They were constantly working on ways to provide water for the citizens and keep the streets up, too.

They did have one problem we don't have anymore - building enough hitching posts for the downtown horse traffic.

I'm celebrating another anniversary this week - tomorrow, in fact. Vic and I have been married 20 years. Not a record, but it's a pretty good average!

by Bruce Tinsley Mallard Fillmo



BE CONCERNED ABOUT? ITS PURGE... I JUST IM too FOUND OUT I'M NO ONGER CELEBRITY SPOKESPERSON FOR SAVE THE LEAVES!

Priceless differences between GOP, Dems

Some readers of this column view the clash of political parties as meaningless. Here's a letter from Pete Berglar of St Louis: "I find myself agreeing more often than I'd like with the old saw about the two parties, 'There's not a dime's worth of difference between the two.' I read (about Republicans) losing the Senate, House or White House to Democrats, but wonder if it really makes any difference who is in control?'

Yes, Pete, many Republicans have been disappointing — but here's my short list of where we'd be domestically if liberal Democrats had controlled all branches of government over the past two decades: Over 3 million abortions per year. Euthanasia rampant. Gay "marriage" legal everywhere. Home schooling illegal. Christian schools facing severe restrictions. Propaganda in public schools more virulent. Tax rates higher. Nationalized and inferior health care our only choice.

The GOP, for all its weaknesses (and the tendency of some Republicans to back the liberal agenda), has helped to keep those developments from occurring. Does the Democratic Party have some honest candidates and the GOP some slimeballs?

Of course, and I will not vote for a candidate I know to be an unrepentant MARVIN OLASKY COLUMNIST

pandering leads to dishonesty.

MURRAY?

Look at some specifics. Liberal teachers' unions are so influential in the Democratic Party that it can't see straight on educational choice. Al Gore's foreign policy would leave the United States dependent on the U.N.

Congressional Democrats are doing their best to eyiscerate welfare reform and make more people dependent on the government once again. The Republican Party is an ideological battleground, and that's upsetting to conservatives who would like a unified party, but the Democratic Party is a dictatorship that silences pro-life voices.

As to George W. Bush: Even though I'd like him to push harder in several domestic areas, I'm so glad that he is president, and not only because of the usual policy concerns. Let me mention an encounter I had with Bill Clinton. It came at the very end of 1997 at a "Renaissance Weekend," one of those affairs right adulterer or a major league liar. But polit-, before New Year's Eve that brought ical correctness dominates Democrats together over a thousand liberal Friends more than it does Republicans, and PC of Bill and several conservatives such as

myself. (We were entertainment.) When I had the opportunity to talk with the president one evening, I mentioned that I was writing a chapter on Henry Clay for a book on American leaders, and saw many Clay-Clinton similarities.

Clinton did not ask what the similarities were, or I would have told him: Henry Clay gave insinuating speeches in which he said, essentially, I feel your pain; other Americans saw him as smooth but untrustworthy; he was a big-time womanizer. But the president did not ask; instead he said: "That's such an interesting period of American history. I think about it all the time."

OK. The next morning, while I was saying a few words about race relations and trans-racial adoption, Clinton wandered in and during the audience participation segment made a comment: "This is such a crucial matter for America. I think about it all the time." And so it

I don't know how many times Bill Clinton told people that he was thinking about their particular concern all the time or how many times he did not tell people what he was really thinking about all the time. What's the value of having an honest president like George W. Bush? It's priceless. And what's the value of having a Congress that's often disappointing but at least not dictatorially pushing a far-left agenda? Certainly worth a minute in a voting booth.

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BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Oct. 1, the 274th day of 2002. There are 91 days left in the year. Today's Highlight in

Forty years ago, on Oct. 1, 1962, Johnny Carson suc-

ceeded Jack Paar as regular host of NBC's "Tonight" show. Carson received an onair introduction from Groucho Marx; the guests on his debut program were Joan Crawford, Rudy Vallee, Tony Bennett, Mel Brooks and The Phoenix

TODAY IN HISTORY

On this date: In 1800, Spain ceded Louisiana to France in a secret treaty.

In 1885, special delivery mail service began in the United States.

In 1896, the U.S. Post Office established Rural Free

Delivery.

In 1908, Henry Ford introduced the Model-T automobile to the market.

In 1943, Allied forces captured Naples during WWII. In 1971, Walt Disney

World opened in Orlando,

Railroad Commission posts monthly oil, gas statistics

Railroad Commission issued a total of 879 original drilling permits in August 2002 compared to 1,189 in August

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The August total included 634 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 28 to re-enter existing well bores, and 217

AUSTIN — The Texas for re-completions. Permits issued in August 2002 included 228 oil, 271 gas, 354 oil and gas, 17 injection, one service, and eight other permits.

> Texas preliminary July 2002 crude oil production averaged 953,790 barrels daily, up from the 834,616 barrels daily aver

age of July 2001.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for July 2002 is 29,567,497 barrels, an increase from 25,873,097 barrels reported

In August 2002, operators reported 239 oil, 509 gas, 24 injection, and one other

during July 2001.

RAILROAD COMMISSION PERMITS TO OIL COMPLETIONS DISTRICT DRILL OIL/GAS COMPLETIONS HOLES (1) SAN ANTONIO AREA (2) REFUGIO AREA 60 11 31 (3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS 83 21 35 (4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS 109 153 (5) EAST CENTRAL TX 42 (6) EAST TEXAS 77 11 42 (7B) WEST CENTRAL TX 14 (7C) SAN ANGELO AREA 108 12 73 (8) MIDLAND 100 66 13 (8A) LUBBOCK AREA \$ 87 50 (9) NORTH TEXAS 106 (10) PANHANDLE 50 26

2002, up from the July 2001

Table B — August oil and gas drilling permits and completions by district

compared to 299 oil, 584 gas, 22 injection and three other completions during August 2001. Total well completions for 2002 year to date are 6,414 up from 5,957 recorded during the same period in 2001.

Operators reported 493 holes plugged and 61 dry holes in August 2002 compared to 995 plugged and 149 dry holes in August 2001.

Texas oil and gas wells

produced 483,281,476 Mcf preliminary gas production (thousand cubic feet) of gas total of 432,429,126 Mcf. based upon preliminary pro-Texas production in July duction figures for July 2002 came from 142,533 oil

perators reported 493 holes plugged and 61 dry holes in August 2002 compared to 995 plugged and 149 dry holes in August 2001.

Table A — July Texas top 10 oil and gas producing counties ranked by preliminary production

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLS)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)	
1. GAINES	2,659,195	1. HIDALGO	23,299,064	
2. ANDREWS	2,204,955	2. WEBB	22,615,808	
3. YOAKUM	2,081,542	3. PANOLA	19,816,864	
4. HOCKLEY	1,859,241	4. ZAPATA	19,627,483	
5. ECTOR	1,602,368	5. FREESTONE	18,048,104	
6. MIDLAND	858,825	6. PECOS	16,973,715	
7. CRANE	857,107	7. STARR	13,248,751	
8. SCURRY	768,128	8. WISE	10,453,939	
9. PECOS	743,226	9. BROOKS	10,081,403	
10. UPTON	645,786	10. CROCKETT	9,126,118	

Business group: Selling tobacco fund bonds would help shortfall

BY CONNIE MABIN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — The leader of the Texas Association of Business said Monday that his group has found a way to cover a possible \$5 billion budget shortfall without raising taxes.

One of the group's ideas — using the state's emergency Rainy Day Fund has been opposed by some of the elected officials the association has endorsed, including Republicans Gov. Rick Perry and Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander.

The association's president, Bill Hammond, also outlined a plan to borrow against future tobacco settlement

Save Up To

fund payments to get cash for the state budget. The state uses the fund to finance the Children's Health Insurance

"These will cause some heartburn on the part of some. Not the taxpayers but on the part of those who are beneficiaries of the programs," Hammond said.

Rylander has predicted the state could face a budget shortfall of at least \$5 billion when the Legislature meets in January to draft the next two-year spending plan.

The shortfall is not a spending deficit, which is prohibited under the state constitution. It instead represents how much more money is needed in the next budget to keep government services and programs at the current level.

The state is operating under a \$114 billion two-year budget.

"The prophets of doom who claim our fiscal sky is falling and who want to raise your taxes are simply wrong," Hammond said.

Harnmond said his group plans to suggest budget cuts next month. He has not spoken to legislators or candidates about the association's views, he said.

Rylander has repeatedly said she does not favor using the Rainy Day Fund, which is estimated to be \$1 billion by next session, to plug holes in the budget. The fund must be saved for emergencies such as terrorist attacks, she

In fact, Rylander released a campaign ad Monday lauding her protection of the emergency fund. Her Democratic opponent, Marty Akins, also said he was against the association's idea to use the fund right now.

"I told people to keep their hands off the Rainy Day Fund two years ago in my state of the state address. You're probably going to hear the same thing out of me in February 2003," Perry said Monday.

The governor also said that he's not sure the projected budget shortfall will be so bad and said good leaders can fund state priorities and avoid tax increases.

The association also had suggestions for the 1998 \$17.3 billion settlement the state health department reached with tobacco companies after the state sued them to recover costs of treating sick smokers. The fund, now valued at \$15. billion, was intended to be paid over 25.

and 58,749 gas wells.

The business group figures Texas could get at least \$3 billion to cover a, shortfall by securitizing a significant portion of the fund.

Securitization works this way: the state would sell a portion of the tobacco payments it expects to get in the future. The sale of tobacco bonds, depending on market conditions, would result in a cash-advance for the state, but the state would give up those future payments and any related interest.

Area bed and breakfast owners organize

AMARILLO - Several Panhandle Bed and Breakfast owners met recently at Amarillo Chamber of Commerce to discuss creating an association of bed and breakfast owners in the region.

The world's number one industry is travel with Texas ranking second as the most visited state in the U.S. Organizers feel such an association would allow area bed and breakfast owners to take better advantage of the growing trayel industry.

During the meeting, a power point presentation was delivered by Seth Davidson, incoming president of Panhandle Tourism and Marketing Council, on the growing interest in bird watching, history, nature, and heritage tourism the panhandle has experienced in recent months.

Participants came from Spearman, Canyon, Amarillo, Dalhart, Canadian, Clarendon, and Dumas. The group plans to meet on a monthly basis at various member bed and breakfasts. A web site is also a future goal. For more information, contact Gina Gillispie, Spearman Chamber of Commerce, (806) 659-5555 or log onto spearman@arn.net.

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Business Review

Time to get coats and jackets winter-ready

Cold weather is just around the corner, and it's time to get those coats and jackets cleaned and ready to wear when the first cold snap hits.

Bob Clements, Inc., located at 1437 N. Hobart, provides professional cleaning for their customers' garments. The staff is reminding local residents to get their winter clothes cleaned and ready to wear when the temperature drops.

Mary and Neil Fulton are proud of their employees and their equipment at the local business.

When clothing is taken in for cleaning, it goes to the check-in desk where Linda Andrews and Olivia Portillo mark the articles to be cleaned.



Bill Arrington, center, admires a suit in the men's suit bar at Bob Clements, Inc. Mary Fulton, left, and Neil Fulton, right, are both ready to help anyone interested in purchasing a suit at the local business.

The garments are distributed to the cleaning area of the business to begin the cleaning process.

Following cleaning, a new shirt unit begins by pressing shirts. Employees then hand-finish clothes to remove any wrinkles. Then, the shirts are placed on a shirt form, remaining there until the process is finished.

After the cleaning process is complete, the garments are placed on hangers with plastic bags covering the items to protect them until the owners pick them up.

Both a petroleum machine and perc machine is offered by the staff in cleaning the clothes. Bob Clements, Inc. does not have the odor caused by chemical cleaning agents.

The Fultons are proud of the Pampa business. They credit the expertise of their employees for the success of their dry cleaning business.

"Our greatest asset is our employees," said

The Fulton know how important employees are to their business. "Our employees are experienced and they are dedicated," he said.

Some employees were at the business prior to the Fultons purchasing it in 1998. Cleo Spencer has been working at the dry cleaners since 1961 while Lottie Cary joined

the business in 1973. The Fultons speak high-Mary Fulton went to work at the business

in 1984. Olivia Portillo has been an employee for 15 years.

When Mary began working at the business she was front desk clerk. She learned the business from the ground up.

In time, she began cleaning garments in the back of the store and has learned all facets of the business.

The Fultons are proud of the expertise achieved by their staff through the years, and know the service will continue.

Brenda Gardner recently joined the business as the alteration lady. She brought many years of alteration experience to the business.

A unique feature at the business is a men's

suit bar. The suit bar is possibly the only business in Pampa which sells men's suits.

Experienced staff members are available to assist customers with their selection of a suit of their choice at the local business during regular business hours.

Men's suits ranging between sizes 40-60 are found in stock at the local store.

Mary said she can also obtain suits in smaller sizes for her customers upon request. Gift certificates are also available for the wide selection of the latest styles in ties and

A wide selection of colognes is available for their customers. An array of new colognes for teen boys and girls is available for purchase at the suit bar as well as ladies and men's colognes,

A distinctive feature offered by Bob Clements, Inc. is the only Ozone Room in Pampa.

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As smoke is extremely difficult to remove from clothing, the Ozone Room is a welcome feature to residents whose personal items have been saturated with the unwelcome odor.



Brenda Gardner brings years of experience in alterations to Bob Clements,



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Bob Clements, Inc., 1437 N. Hobart, owned by Neil and Mary Fulton, is located on the corner directly west of **United Supermarket.**

"Removal of the smoke odor and stains is very hard work," said Mary Fulton. The Fultons said the oxidization procedure removes the odor usually in a 24-48 hour period.

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Neil and Mary enjoy working together with their ten employees, and appreciate all of them. The staff provides a full range of cleaning services for customers.

The business offers all types of cleaning and dry cleaning. Among the services offered are heavy starched shirts and jeans.

Also, drapery cleaning, as well as bedspreads, blankets, table clothes and wedding dress preservation are among the many varied features offered by the local business. Stored in a refrigerated area at Bob Clements, Inc. are fur coats and stoles.

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creating uproar

By JOHN P. MCALPIN ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) -Democrats and Republicans immediately began sparring over the legal implications after Sen. Robert Torricelli's abrupt decision to abandon a race that could affect the balance of power in the Senate.

Democratic officials said they Monday would announce a new candidate within 48 hours, but they may need court approval to get the candidate on the ballot.

Republicans vowed to block any attempt to replace Torricelli this close to the November election.

Under New Jersey law, a political party can replace a statewide nominee on the ballot if the person drops out at least 48 days before the election. Only 36 days remain, meaning Democrats have to go to court to get a new candidate approved.

"In 36 days, decency, fairness and the rule of the law will trump this desperate attempt to retain power," said Douglas Forrester, Torricelli's GOP opponent. "The people of New Jersey have had enough of playing politics with the fundamental tenets of democracy."

Republicans have said that any attempt to remove Torricelli violates the law, but Democratic Gov. James E. McGreevey said Tuesday that placing a new candidate on the ballot would be a fair way to resolve the issue.

"This would give New Jersey voters a chance to speak," McGreevey said.

A hearing was planned Tuesday afternoon in state Superior Court.

Democrats argue that they should not be bound by the deadline. County clerks have "ample opportunity" to replace Torricelli's name, and if his name is not withdrawn, voters will be confused, they

Torricelli was admonished over the summer by the Senate ethics committee, which investigated allegations that he had accepted gifts from a campaign con-

- The Democrats are defend-

ing a one-seat advantage in the Senate in midterm elections, and the loss of New Jersey would greatly complicate their efforts to retain con-

"I will not be responsible for the loss of the Democratic majority of the U.S. Senate. I will not let it happen. There is just too much at issue," Torricelli, 51, said during his resignation speech Monday.

Democratic Party officials were considering a list of possible candidates including Sens. Frank former Lautenberg and Bill Bradley and current House members Bob Menendez, Frank Pallone and Rob Andrews, according to sources in Washington and New Jersey.

Lautenberg said he would "seriously consider serving again if asked." Calls to the other potential candidates not immediately were returned.

When asked if he would recommend any candidate, Torricelli told NBC's "Today" show Tuesday that Pallone, Andrews or Joseph Roberts, majority leader in the state Assembly, would be competitive.

Torricelli was elected in 1996 to replace Bradley, the former basketball star who later ran for the 2000 Democratic presidential nomination and lost to Al Gore. Torricelli and Lautenberg, who retired in 2000, served together in the Senate but often were at loggerheads.

Torricelli was always a powerhouse fund-raiser: He helped raise more than \$100 million for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee as its chairman in the last election cycle. He was awarded a seat on the power-Senate Finance Committee, and helped defend President Clinton against impeachment.

But Torricelli's career began to unravel as the public learned more about his relationship with businessman David Chang, who told investigators he gave the senator Italian suits and an \$8,100 Rolex watch, among other gifts, in return for Torricelli's intervention in business deals in North and South Korea.

Toricelli decision United Way supports Pampa Scouts



This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2002 "The Way America Cares. Community by Community!" fund-raising campaign.

The Boy Scouts of America is a non-profit organization that has been shaping the lives of young people since 1910. Programs are offered for boys 7- to 17-years-old, including a venturing program and a Career Exploring Program for girls and boys ages 14-20.

Young men and women can continue their relationship with scouting by becoming an adult leader at age 21 or older. Young. people need our help now more than ever as they are faced with life's difficult challenges. The programs offered allow them to have "fun with a purpose."

These programs are delivered by top-quality local leaders and with the support of community organizations. These young men and women will become our future community leaders, and they are receiving the tools to help them succeed in life.

Activities of the Boy Scouts aim at mental, moral and physical development, stressing outdoor skills and training in citizenship and lifesaving. It is truly a program a young boy can stay with his entire life. Boys can master a variety of merit badges, learn new skills, participate in physical fitness and gain knowledge that will last a lifetime along with promoting strong values and morals. Many adult men contribute skills they learned during Merit Badge sessions as helping them with their career choices.

The Santa Fe District of the Golden Spread Council covers 10 counties with Gray Co. at the heart of it all. District

Executive Tina Coligan-Holt is a Pampa resident. Santa Fe recently held a four-day Cub Day Camp at Camp M.K. Brown with participation from 160 scouts and nearly 100 adult leaders.

The scouts were offered many supervised activities including archery, BB guns, and fishing. Troop 404 from Pampa built a waterslide, Frank's True Value donated a MoonWalk, and scouts enjoyed a rock climbing wall as well as only alive and thriving in the panhandle, but in Pampa we have had a 9 percent membership growth increase over last year. This is great for Pampa, because we encourage our leaders and boys to participate in many community service projects, enabling our youth to take pride in Pampa. As we begin the 2002-2003 school year, we anticipate continued growth within the scouting program in Pampa."

"Scouting is thriving due to

grams, a strong base of financial strength is needed. A solid source of income serves as the foundation for the quality Scouting programs delivered. The United Way is a major source of income to the Boy Scouts. The organization does not receive government funding.

Although the actual annual cost for one scout is approximately \$125 a year, parents only pay a \$7 registration fee and buy uniforms. The scout-



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Melinda Montgomery, Paige Holt, Tina Coligan-Holt, Pierce Holt, and Christa Holt enjoy the "Survivor Day Camp at Camp M.K. Brown."

other fun activities. There was a turtle race and a special program from Bob Rogers of the youth of all ages a well-round-Fish and Wildlife Department on releasing the turtles at camp.

Wheeler veterinarian Dr. Ben Ed Hillhouse brought a fire. Scouts prepared skits and songs for entertainment.

the overwhelming community support, and because we offer ed value-driven program that provides year-round fun activities. We open ceremonies with the Pledge of Allegiance and a baby bobcat for the scouts to prayer, and that hasn't changed see. The fun ended with a clos- since the program began in the ing flag ceremony and camp- early 1900s, nor will that ever

In order to continue to pro-Holt said, "Scouting is not vide these high quality proing organization covers the rest through support from the United Way and other sources of income. If a boy cannot afford the registration fee or uniform, UW scholarships are available for Pampa resi-

For more information, contact Santa Fe District Executive Tina Holt at (806) 669-3145 or e-mail scoutmom@sbcglobal.net.

Final JASON Project training session in offing at WTAMU

A&M University will be a host site for the JASON Project again in 2003, and area teachers who want to participate in the project's training program on campus still may have the opportunity

to do so. Treasure Brasher, WTAMU JASON Project coordinator and instructor of physics, said a final training session will be added to the fall schedule if enough educators express interest in attending. The session tentatively has been set for Saturday, Oct. 5 and will be offered at a cost of \$100.

The JASON Project is an award-winning science program designed for students in grades four through nine. It begins each year in classrooms under the tutelage of JASON-trained teachers who take their pupils through a multi-disciplinary curriculum relevant to the expedition.

This year's theme, From Shore to Sea, will take place at California's Channel Islands National Park, but JASON students don't actual-Project - during the upcoming spring Participants at JASON host

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CANYON — West Texas to ensure they will be well versed in scientific principles

> ly have to be there in person to take part. Instead, they can visit WTAMU - as thousands have done during the University's first four years of participation in the JASON semester. sites such as WTAMU watch the expedition as it happens thanks to live broadcasts direct from the scientific site.

tbrasher@mail.wtamu.edu.

For more information about the JASON Project at WTAMU or to sign up for teacher training, contact FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — A with his wife. "I'm feeling

freeway, causing it to careen out of control, authorities said. Two people died and dozens were injured. The bus, heading from Los

passenger slashed the throat of

a Greyhound bus driver as the

bus traveled down a California

Angeles to San Francisco, flipped on its side Monday evening and slid into a cotton field about 500 feet off Interstate 5 near Fresno, officials said. The bus was carrying 49 passengers.

Officials said the attack was

not related to terrorism. According to witness accounts, the man rose from his seat, walked briskly up to the driver and attacked him before 9 p.m., said Lt. Margaret Mims of the Fresno County Sheriff's Department.

'The driver was actually cut in the neck," Mims said. "He struggled, tried to defend himself and lost control of the bus."

Authorities caught the suspect as he tried to run away. His name was not immediately released, and he was arrested on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon, Mims said.

"I saw a dude walk fast and pull past to the front (of the bus)," said passenger Howard

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Johnson, who suffered only minor injuries and later was reunited at a community center

Two dead, dozens injured in bus attack on California freeway

blessed.'

Twenty-seven people were taken to hospitals, including three in serious condition, officials said. The others were still being evaluated, but most appeared to be in stable condition, nursing supervisors said.

Other passengers received minor scrapes and bruises.

Authorities originally stated that the driver was one of the two who died, but the Fresno County Sheriff's Department later said that he survived. He was in serious condition.

There was no word on what the motive might have been, but Mims said it did not appear to be anything that would require federal involvement in the investigation.

"If somebody is thinking terrorist or hijacking or anything like that, we don't have any reason to believe that's the case," Mims said. Jamille Bradfield, a spokes-

woman for Greyhound Lines,

said a hot line had been set up

for friends and family members of passengers to call for information. "Our top priority right now is taking care of all of the pas-

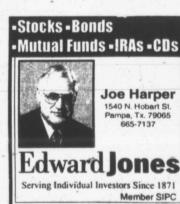
sengers as well as the driver and their families," Bradfield said.

Almost exactly a year ago, on Oct. 3, 2001, a passenger on a Greyhound bus in Tennessee cut the driver's throat, causing a crash that killed seven.

Congress has included \$3.85 billion in an anti-terrorism bill passed this year to augment aviation security. It has approved

\$15 million for security improvements on intercity buses.

Dallas-based Greyhound, the nation's largest bus service with 20,000 daily departures, has hired a private company to screen some passengers with electric wands but has inspectors at only a portion of its terminals.



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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanna Phillips

Daughter Regrets Excluding Divorced Dad From Wedding

DEAR ABBY: I have never written to a newspaper before, but when I saw the letter from the 12-year-old girl, "Mad at Dad in Virginia," who doesn't want to invite her "cheating" father to her wedding or have him walk her down the aisle when she marries, I knew I had to.

It takes two to make a marriage, and it takes a lot of pressure to break one up. My parents also divorced when I was a child. (My dad ran around, too.) Both of them remarried, and I had wonderful stepparents and wonderful stepsiblings. When I married, my stepdad urged me to have my father walk me down the aisle, but I listened to others in my family and excluded my father and his family from my wedding. My brother gave me away. Big mistake. Eventually I regretted I didn't have my father at my wedding.

I later realized that my father

loved me as much as my mother did - they just couldn't make their marriage work. Twenty-five years ago, I divorced my first husband and was married a second time. You guessed it: My father walked proudly beside me as I went down the aisle.

I hope when the girl gets older she will forgive her father and love him for who he is.

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DEAR BEEN THERE: I hope so, too. He didn't divorce his daughter; he divorced her mother. Thank you for sharing what you learned from experiadvised the girl

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and her protectiveness toward her mother were understandable, she should make no hardand-fast decisions at this time. I also told her that when she is older she will better understand the reasons her parents' marriage had failed. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: When I was in my early 20s, my mother confided to me that my father had at one time cheated on her. (They are still married.) I was shocked and disappointed.

After thinking about it overnight, I decided that what happened between him and Mother didn't change what a terrific father he had always been to me. It takes two to tango, and my mother was wrong to share something so intimate with me. I believe the reason she did it was to show me he wasn't the perfect man I thought he was.

My advice to that little girl is to recognize that sometimes adults behave like children. Some parents who divorce want their child to take their side and selfishly try to get the child to love them best. Whatever the reasons the parents had for divorcing, the intimate details should be left to the adults. I'm sure the father hasn't told

his daughter why he strayed. I agree with you that she shouldn't rush to judgment about her father. DADDY'S GIRL, MONROE, GA.

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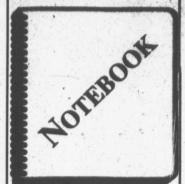
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PAMPA — Pampa has moved up to No. 9 in the latest Class 4A Team Tennis rankings.

The top 10 teams are as

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- 5. Conroe Oakridge 6. Richardson J.J. Pearce
- 7. Houston Friendswood
- 8. Boerne
- 9. Pampa 10. Austin Anderson

FOOTBALL

BALTIMORE (AP) -

Chris McAlister Baltimore set an NFL record, returning a missed field goal 108 yards for a touchdown during the Ravens' 34-23 win over the Denver Broncos.

It was the longest play in NFL history, breaking the record of a 106-yardkickoff return. That was done three times, the last by Roy Green of the St. Louis Cardinals against Dallas on Oct. 21, 1979.

BASEBALL

NEW YORK (AP) The New York Mets have decided to fire manager Bobby Valentine following a second straight disappointing season. Newsday eported luesday on its Web site.

The Mets scheduled an afternoon news conference, saying only that a "major" announcement would be

The Newsday report did not cite any sources, saying only that Mets owner Fred Wilpon decided in the past few days to fire Valentine. Wilpon previously had issued several votes of confidence for both Valentine and general manager Steve Phillips.

Valentine just finished the second year of a threeyear contract and the Mets will be responsible for his 2003 salary of approximately \$2.7 million.

The Mets finished with a record of 75-86, just two seasons after reaching the World Series under Valentine. It was their first last-place finish since 1993.

RUNNING

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CANYON - The Buffalo Stampede, a 5-K run to benefit the West Texas A&M women's basketball program, is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday Courthouse Square in Canyon. The race will begin just prior to WT's homecoming parade.

Entry fee is \$10 for runners ages 18 and under, and \$15 for those older than 18. The race will begin at the intersection of 15th street and Fourth Avenue at the Courthouse in Canyon. The race will take runners down the parade route, winding through campus and end-

ing at the WT Fieldhouse. Runners should register on the parking lot located at the southwest corner at the intersection. For more information, cotact the Lady Buff basketball offices at 651-2918 or 651-2693.

The average fan may not appreciate them, but coaches, quarterbacks and running backs couldn't get the job done without their presence up front.

Of course, we're talking about the offensive linemen; those tireless workers in the trenches who don't get much media attention because there's no statistics to measure their performances.

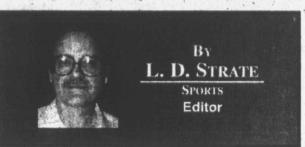
Pampa's offensive linemen — Brandon McElroy, Brian Watts, Matt Murray, Marcos Deleon, Aaron Burrows, Jerrod Carruth and Alan Curry —were the unsung heroes against Randall last Friday night.

"Their blocking was remarkably good. They provided great pass protection when it was needed, which was a majority of the time," said Pampa head coach Dennis Cavalier. "Their blocking also gave us a good running game."

It's a hazardous job in those trenches. DeLeon, a 260-pound junior who alternates with Curry, another junior, at one of the guard spots, was sidelined the second half because of a jammed neckshoulder injury.

Carruth, a 225-pound junior, was called upon to be Curry's alternate the remainder of the game.

The Harvesters finished with 434 yards of total offense, including 293 yards in the air by quarter-



back John Braddock, who tossed three touchdown passes in the 32-21 win over Randall.

"The offensive line continues to improve under coach (Scott) Lewis' influence and their willingness to work hard to get the job done," Cavalier added.

Lewis is Cavalier's offensive line coach. He brings 26 years of coaching experience to the job. It's also great to start off the district season with

a win. A year ago, Palo Duro spoiled Pampa's opener by winning 10-7. "That loss last year put us in the hole right. away. Now, we just need to keep it going,"

Cavalier said. Pampa (4-1) hopes to keep it going Friday night against Plainview in the annual homecoming con-

By the way, the Harris Ratings are out and Pampa is picked as a 7-point favorite.

Scouting the area, Fort Elliott's six-man football team has a perfect 4-0 record and kicked off the District 1-1A season last weekend with a 49-0 shutout of Miami.

With several players getting into the scoring act, the Cougars are averaging a whopping 47.5 points per game. But head coach Curtis Smith may be most proud of his defense, which has allowed just 24 points.

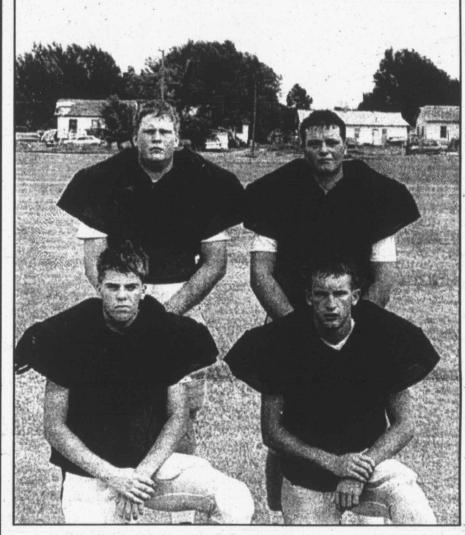
"We changed our defense this year and it seems to be working better for us. We've gone from a 3man front to a 2-man front, which has allowed us to use our speed more. We're getting to the ball a little bit quicker," Smith said.

Fort Elliott's defense accounted for two TDs against Miami, both on blocked punts which were recovered by Junior Gonzales and Jason Hathaway in the end zone.

Also, the Cougars haven't had the home field advantage yet. All their games have been on the

Fort Elliott has its home opener Friday night against Higgins.

Groom seniors



Seniors on this year's Groom football team are (front, 1-r) Lance Ollinger and Doug Fields; (back, I-r) Cody Babcock and Brett Britten. The Tigers travel to Miami on Friday night for a District 1-1A six-man game. Gametime is 7:30.

Pampa gymnasts claim first place honors at San Angelo

PAMPA — Gymnastics of Pampa was good for seventh place. team members recently competed in a District 1 Qualifying Meet in San Angelo against 100 other athletes.

Pampa was led by first-place finishers Rebecca Taylor, Madison Fatheree and Kelli Willson.

Rebecca Taylor, a second-year Level 5 gymnast, took top All-Around honors in the 11 year old division with a personal best 35.4 score. She also won gold medals with outstanding scores on bars 9.55, and on floor exercise 9.4, both personal bests.

Madison Fatheree, a 7-year-old Level 5 gymnast, won gold medals for her bar routine 9.55, and her floor routine 9.1. She won the silver medal on beam 9.05, and finished in sixth place on vault 7.9. Madison's outstanding 35.6 All-Around score was good for the silver medal in the 7-8 year-old division.

Level 6 gymnast Kelli Willson won the gold medal on the vault with an 8.75 score. She finished with the silver medal on bars with an 8.3 and was fourth on floor 8.5, and fifth on beam 6.6. Her 32.15 in the All-Around was good for fourth place in the 12-year-old division.

MaKayla Hampton competed in the 7-8 year-old Level 5 age group. She earned fifth on bars 8.6, sixth on floor exercise 8.65, seventh on vault 7.8, and ninth on balance

Competing in the 12 and older age group of Level 5, Jordan Dodge won the silver medal on bars with an 8.9 and the bronze on vault with an 8.15. She finished sixth on floor exercises 8.05, and fifth on beam 6.7. She earned fourth place in the All-Around with a 31.8.

Aleah Noble, first-time Level 5 gymnast, won the fifth place ribbon beam with a solid 8.0. She was seventh on vault 7.4, eighth on floor exercise 6.5 and eighth on bars 6.4. She finished seventh in the 11-yearold All-Around with a 28.3.

Pampa's Level 4 team was composed of Chelsee Whinery, Shanna Keoun, Payton Alvey and Caitlin Hampton.

Chelsee Whinery led the Level 4's with an outstanding 35.45 in the All-Around. She earned blue ribbons on all floor events with solid scores of 9.3 on vault, 8.85 on beam, 8.75 on floor and an 8.55 on

Payton Alvey also had solid scores and earned blue ribbons on all four events. She scored 9.1 on vault, 8.55 on floor, 8.35 on beam and 8.2 on bars. The 9-year old's All-Around score was a 34.2.

Caitlin Hampton, 11 years old, finished with three blue ribbons and one red ribbon on the events. Her scores were 9.05 on floor, 8.9 on vault, 8.4 on beam and 7.7 on bars. beam. Her 32.2 in the All-Around Her All-Around score was a 34.05.

Bonds takes aim at elusive World Series ring

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

From the start of spring, Barry Bonds has insisted he has only one goal — and it's not the career home run record.

It's that elusive World Series ring. And starting this week, he gets yet another chance to win that piece of jewelry Roger Clemens and Randy Johnson waited so long to earn.

Fresh off his first batting title and certainly headed to his record fifth MVP trophy, Bonds is hoping this will be the year. Because at 38, he won't get many more shots at the World

Following a regular season tinged by tragedy and tarnished by strike talk, baseball fans can at least focus on the fun part: October.

"I have no nerves," Bonds said. "I think the playoffs are just more thrilling. You're more nervous on opening day. That nervousness is from having 162 games to go to the postseason. You do get excited about this part of the year."

The postseason begins Tuesday, and many of the game's old, familiar faces are back for another run.

There's Curt Schilling and the Big Unit trying to help the Arizona Diamondbacks repeat as champions when they take on St. Louis. Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine are all warmed up in Atlanta, set to face Bonds and the San Francisco Giants. And Clemens starts Tuesday night at

Yankee Stadium against Anaheim. Plus, these playoffs feature a lot of

Oakland, and Anaheim do not have a

The Minnesota Twins, who play

position player has who ever appeared in the postseason — it's the first time that's happened since the 1969 New York Mets. The eventual World Series champion Mets, that is.

Anaheim manager Mike Scioscia played on two championship teams with Los Angeles. He thinks his Angels will do fine, too.

"I've found that there's no way to really pass on my playoff experience to these guys. The only way to get it is to be in the playoffs," he said. "But there's nothing that says that a team that doesn't have playoff experience isn't going to do well in the playoffs. And with the makeup of our club, I'm

very confident that we'll be all right." Bonds can only hope he does so

Clearly one of the greatest players ever, he has just one mark against him - his postseason failures.

The single-season home-run king has been in the playoffs five times, and his teams in Pittsburgh and San Francisco have never won even one round. He's a big part of the reason he's hitting only .196 with one home run and six RBIs in 97 at-bats.

"It preys on his mind the more you guys bring it up," Giants manager Dusty Baker said. "You're not going to stop people from talking about it. But instead of people bringing up the positives, they seem to bring up the negatives."

"Personally, leave all those negatives back in past years. Don't bring them forward with you. Barry's on top of his game — .370 is a good week or a good month. Over a season, that's a lot of hitting. The law of averages are on his side," he said.

The Giants head into the playoffs with an eight-game winning streak that

won them the NL wild card. Bonds is looking forward to this opportunity, starting Wednesday afternoon at Turner Field.

"It's a great position to be in, but these are little series," Bonds said. "We've seen it before. I can have a five-game slump, I can have a sevengame slump, I can have a two-week slump. Anything can happen."

Including a big series against the Braves, provided they don't simply walk him. He broke his own major league record with 198 walks, including 68 intentional.

Bonds has enjoyed exceptional success against Atlanta's top three pitchers. He's hit eight homers off Maddux and closer John Smoltz and is batting .321 lifetime against. Glavine.

The Cardinals also figured to see plenty of pitching as they take on the Diamondbacks. One star that St.

Louis will not see: big hitter Luis Gonzalez, who got the hit that won the World Series last year but then separated his left shoulder in an outfield collision last week.

The Yankees, who were denied their fourth straight title by Gonzalez's hit in November, return to the playoffs with a revamped lineup.

Paul O'Neill and Scott Brosius retired, Tino Martinez went to St. Louis and David Justice landed in Oakland. But the Yankees added Jason Giambi, who's eager to play his first postseason game in pinstripes.

"There's definitely an aura here. No doubt about it," Giambi said Tuesday.

"You see it year after year, they way they came back from 2-0 against us last year, all the last at-bat wins they got in the World Series. That's a lot to battle when you've never been through it before," he said.

Mays have 15 days to decide on Wang

DALLAS (AP) — Free agent center Wang Zhizhi has signed a three-year offer sheet with the Los Angeles Clippers, giving the Dallas Mavericks 15 days to match it, try working out a sign-and-trade deal or lose him without compensation.

Donnie Nelson, the Mavericks' president of basketball operations, said all options are being considered.

'We're not going to lose him outright," Nelson told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, which reported the offer-sheet signing in its Tuesday editions. "We are trying to come to some win-win situation."

The 7-foot-1 Wang averaged 5.6 points in 55 games last season.

Although he would have to work his way into Dallas' rotation, coach Don Nelson loves having a big man with a nice outside shooting touch, like Wang

The Mavericks made Wang the first Asian-born player in the NBA, but relations between the two have been a, bit strained by his refusal to return to China after the end of last season to join the national team.

Nelson said the international issues are no longer an obstacle.

Also Tuesday, the Mavericks announced the signing of guards Raja Bell and Adam Harrington, forward Derek Hood and center Kip Christianson, just in time for the start of training camp.

Pampa team splits twinbill in Amarillo baseball league

AMARILLO — Howard Compressor split a doubleheader last weekend in the Amarillo YMCA Fall Baseball League. Howard Compressor is a Pampa team of 13-15 year-old players.

In the early game against the Canyon All-Stars, Howard's lost 3-2 in a pitching duel highlighted by outstanding defense from both teams.

Canyon got on the board early, scoring two runs in the first inning on two hips, a •fielder's choice and an error.

Pampa went three up, three down for the first three innings. In the fourth, Marcos Campos led off with a walk, stole second and then scored when Jarred Moler bounced a pitch over the left field fence for a ground-rule double.

Canyon plated one more run in the fifth to go up 3-1. Pampa managed another run in the sixth when Campos tripled down the tight field line and then scored on a sacrifice by James Coffee. Also collecting hits for Howard's were Bradley Johnson and Jake Craig.

In the late game, Howard's avenged an earlier loss to the Amarillo Pirates by winning 4-2 in another defensive duel lasting nine innings.

Neither team had a runner reach base the first two innings. In the top of the third, Sameer Kelley led off with a single, went to third on two consecutive passed balls, then scored on a single by Ryan Hansen.

Pampa scored one more in the top of the

Jake Craig drew a walk, went to second on a passed ball, and scored on back to back singles by Weston Teichmann and Bradley Johnson.

The Pirates came right back in the bottom of the fourth and plated two quick runs on two singles and an error. The score remained tied at 2-all until the top of the ninth when Teichmann led off with a single, and Johnson and Kelley drew walks to load *

Robbie Dixon drove a 1-2 pitch back up the middle to score Teichmann. Then Kelley scored on Ryan Hansen's third hit of the game.

Kelley got credit for the win, pitching five strong innings and not allowing a run while giving up a hit and striking out five. Jake Craig pitched three innings, not allowing a run while giving up one hit and strik-

Samnorwood rallies past McLean in six-man district football opener

McLEAN — McLean dropped a 26-24 close game to Samnorwood in six-man football action last weekend.

Samnorwood, trailing 24-13 in the fourth guarter, scored the last two touchdowns to rally for the victory.

James Alexander led the McLean with three touchdowns, two on runs of 9 and 3 yards.

He also caught a 32-yard TD pass from Josh Seymour.

Dusty Moody added the Tigers' other TD on a 3-yard run.

Jessie Ramos and Landon Allen led the Samnorwood attack.

Ramos scored on a 3-yard run and threw an 11-yard TD pass to Luke Lindsey. Allen threw a 4-yard TD pass to Ryan Ward and scored on a 2-yard run.

Samnorwood finished with 316 yards of total offense while McLean had 239.

McLean falls to 1-3 for the season and 0-1 in district play. Samnorwood is 3-1 and 0-

McLean travels to Follett on Friday night for more district action. Gametime is

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Big 12 Coaches to ADs: Patience can pay big dividends

By the Associated Press

Patience. More than a virtue in college football, it can be the key to the dramatic rise of a languishing program.

Iowa State coach Dan McCarney is a prime example. In his first five seasons in Ames, McCarney went 3-8, 2-9, 1-10, 3-8 and 4-7. Most athletic directors would have pulled the plug by then.

But given time by the ISU administration to rebuild the down-and-out program, McCarney has succeeded beyond almost anyone's expectations.

The Cyclones went 9-3 in McCarney's sixth season in 2000, then went 7-5 last year. They made bowl appearances both years. This season, after Saturday's shockingly easy 36-14 win over Nebraska, the Cyclones are 5-1, ranked No. 15 and a favorite to win the Big 12 North Division.

"I'm not going to get up on any soapboxes," McCarney said Monday during the Big 12 coaches teleconference, "but I know in this situation I was allowed time to continue to build what we had started. I think our athletic director and president saw that the right things were being done, that the right person and staff were in place.

"I hope it's a good example for other ADs out there in the country. Other coaches are not given time, and I hate to see that. Patience is a great

Baylor coach Kevin Steele agrees, tive guys out there." even if he is motivated by self-interest. In three seasons at Baylor, Steele is 6-27 overall and 0-24 in the conference, and the buzzards are circling.

this program," he said. "I know their focus and commitment to building this

"It's been done before. Look at Dan McCarney at Iowa State. They went through five bad years. They looked different on Saturday, didn't they?"

Colorado's Gary Barnett also is a supporter of giving new hires a longer

Barnett took over a moribund program at Northwestern in 1992 and logged 3-8, 2-9 and 3-7-1 seasons his first three years. At many schools, he would have been fired.

Given a reprieve, Barnett led the Wildcats to a 10-2 record the following year, including a Big 10 title and their first bowl game in 47 years. The following year, Northwestern went 9-3, shared the conference title and went to another bowl.

"I would say Dan's situation is very similar to my situation at Northwestern," Barnett said.

"Dan had to overcome a recruiting image and years of a losing attitude. That all takes time. It takes persistence and a great attitude, which Dan certainly has. He's one of the more posi-

Barnett witnessed the same sort of progression at Colorado in the early

"I know the quality of the people in his first year as Colorado's head coach quarterbacks for Saturday's game in 1982. He went 4-7 the next year. With increased expectations in 1984 the same year Barnett joined the Buffaloes' staff as running backs coach the Buffs slumped to 1-10.

But athletic director Bill Marolt stayed with McCartney, and a switch to the wishbone in 1985 produced a 7-5 record and the start of a long, success-. ful run that included a national championship in 1990.

Consistently elite programs like Nebraska tend not to have such periods of coaching uncertainty, although Frank Solich is feeling the pressure this week after his team's fourth loss in the last seven games.

'Certainly, the Iowa State game was a big disappointment to us," Solich said. "We really didn't show any signs of moving forward as a team.

We're kind of at a standstill a little bit. "Iowa State has a good team. They executed well and played hard. We, at times, can be our own worst enemy in terms of penalties and turnovers. Generally, we've taken good care of the ball, but that certainly has not been the case of late.

"We've shown some signs defensively of putting it together somewhat,

although we're still allowing too many big plays. And on offense we're not getting enough big plays."

Solich dodged the question of Bill McCartney had a 2-8-1 record whether he was thinking of changing Stuntz in the fourth quarter against care of the ball.

"Any kind of changes personnelwise will be addressed on Tuesday,"

"No question, Jammal is our best running quarterback. At times he has against McNeese State. Jammal Lord thrown the ball well. But he really was replaced by sophomore Mike has not done a good job of taking

Managers lose their jobs

By The Associated Press

The Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Detroit Tigers shared the worst record in the majors this season.

They shared another distinction Monday when each fired its manager. Hal McRae was let go by Tampa Bay, and Luis Pujols was dismissed by Detroit after 55-106 finishes.

Bruce Kimm of the Chicago Cubs was fired a day earlier and there is speculation Jerry Royster of Milwaukee, and Jerry Narron of Texas might lose their jobs, too.

Oakland Athletics bench coach Ken Macha, preparing for the AL playoffs, has been contacted by the Tigers and Cubs.

"He gets the young guys going and stays on them to play," A's manager Art Howe said. "I'm glad we didn't lose him this year. He makes the Energizer Bunny look slow."

This was the second straight season

of 100 or more losses for the Devil Rays, and the worst record for the team since it began play in 1998.

McRae replaced Larry Rothschild on April 18, 2001, and managed the Devil Rays to a 58-90 record over the rest of the season. McRae had been hired the previous November as bench coach.

"It's not a surprise. ... The only thing I regret is we didn't win more games," McRae said by telephone from his home in Bradenton.

The Devil Rays lost 16 games this season after leading in the eighth or ninth innings, including 10 in which Tampa Bay came within two outs of victory.

In all five of their seasons, the Devil Rays have finished last and have lost at least 90 games.

"There's nothing he can do about it," outfielder Ben Grieve said last week." You could put any manager in the major leagues on our team and we would have lost 100 games."

Wizards' Jordan would prefer to start this NBA season

(AP) WASHINGTON Michael Jordan would prefer to be on the floor at tipoff this season.

But he said Monday he'll keep an "open mind" about possibly being a backup for a Washington Wizards team that missed the playoffs last season.

Speaking for the first time since last week's announcement that he would play this year, Jordan said he's overhauled his workout regimen, and he probably won't play any exhibition games. The Wizards open training camp Tuesday in Wilmington, N.C.

During the summer, Jordan spoke with coach Doug Collins about the possibility of coming off the bench to preserve his knees.

"For the most part I go in with the idea that I want to play minutes, important minutes," he said. "If Doug feels, after seeing me play and seeing how the development of our team is, that I can possibly support the team better coming off the bench, I will entertain that thought.

"Then again," he added, "if I'm playing well enough to start, hopefully I can get to that point, too."

Jordan said he wasn't sure he would play this season until about three weeks ago because of new pain in his surgically repaired right knee. Doctors said Jordan's joints were out of alignment and fitted him with shoe inserts.

Jordan had to resign as the Wizards president of basketball operations when he returned as a player, but he still essentially runs the team. "I think the players understand

who I am, what I do, my influences, things of that nature," Jordan said. "We have a year of experience dealing with that. I don't think I have to change myself."

Jordan will turn 40 in February. Asked if this would be his last year, he said: "I never want to say 'never' again. When I do say it, I'm going to say it 100 percent, not 99.9 percent. But I'm focusing on this

In other NBA news:

— Hakeem Olajuwon's NBA career appears over. The center has serious back injury, and the Raptors are awaiting a decision on whether he will retire. Toronto general manager Glen Grunwald does not foresee Olajuwon playing this

- Kurt Thomas, expected to be the Knicks' center, was arrested at his Connecticut home on charges of assaulting his wife. He was charged with third-degree assault and risking injury to a minor, both misdemeanors, and he posted bail of \$1,000, police said.

Latrell Sprewell has a broken bone in his shooting hand, and he's not sure how he hurt it. He will have surgery Tuesday and will be out at least six weeks.

Tim James, Mark Pope, Toby Bailey, Todd Lindeman, Danny Johnson, Jemeil Rich. - Allen Iverson wouldn't discuss his July arrest following a

why he skipped coach Larry Brown's Hall of Fame induction ceremony. However, the 76ers star again promised to be "a leader" and said he, looked forward to "shutting a whole lot of people

 The Pistons will trade forward Rodney White to the Nuggets for a first-round draft pick and two players on Tuesday, a Nuggets official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. The other players are forward Don Reid and Chinese center Menk Bateer, the official said.

Pacers forward Austin Croshere has a broken right foot that will sideline him throughout preseason.

- Rockets guard Steve Francis says he's ready to start earning his New York signed six free agents: new six-year contract that could pay him \$90 million. Francis missed 25 games last year because of foot and shoulder injuries and debilitating migraines.

— The Magic open training

domestic dispute and didn't explain camp Tuesday and are banking on Grant Hill's comeback. Problems with his left ankle limited him to just 18 games since signing with Orlando in 2000.

Bonzi Wells, Portland's second-leading scorer last season, resigned with the team. The Trail Blazers also signed center Chris Dudley, a 15-year veteran, Billy Owens and Richie Frahm.

- Michael Olowokandi, unable to work out a long-term contract, intends to make the most of this season because the Clippers might face a personnel turnover after this

- The Heat signed 6-foot-7 forward Sean Lampley. He was in Miami's training camp last year, then played in the CBA.

- New Orleans Hornets reserve Lee Nailon signed a one-year con-

- The Suns added four free agents to their training camp roster: Anthony Goldwire, Maurice Baker, Chris Burgess and Bobby Lazor.

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Listen to a partner.

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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

while. A relationship has an unusual

amount of spice right now. Think twice

before starting a problem. Tonight:

* * Curb a tendency to be overly pos-

need to do. Your finances will benefit as sessive of a loved one. Present what you understanding. Tonight: Say what you

feel are your options. Inevitably, some-

groups. You will revise your lifestyle you do. Listen and brainstorm. Curb a *** A friend's extravagance, both

tendency to push an associate away.

** * You're all smiles. You need to

special relationship. If you are attached, the near future. A mistake pops up out of choose to use them. Tonight: Go for

thrilled that you can correct the problem

opens up many new doors for the two of and that the damages have not been *** Others seek you out massive-

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll ** Slow down with Mercury, your ing out the playing field. Others fre-

go. Catch up on a co-worker's news over offers.

relax. Seek out others' excellent sources ing.

boss's eye. Associates or friends waver Karan (1948)

of information. Tonight: Play with

with indecision in the next few weeks.

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

goes on, but some serious matters come understanding. Tonight: In the limelight. http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

greater. Tonight: As you like it.

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with your family.

the blue. Rather than getting upset, be teamwork

4-Positive; ruler, now in your sign. You could cause quently push you into agreements by not

lunch. Tonight: Do something different PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

yourself a problem where you least presenting the whole picture. Take it

expect it. Conversations have a caring upon yourself to explore options. tone. For once, you relax more and let Tonight: Entertain your many different

*** * Your mood becomes conta- dig in and decide to get the job done. An

gious. You might not be comfortable associate starts spouting ideas. Don't

with what goes on behind the scenes. become distracted. Focus on getting the

You also might worry more than you job done; maybe others will chip in later.

need to. Meetings work to help you Tonight: Do something ultimately relax-

** Your high performance catches a musician Sting (1951), designer Donna

triggered. Express your caring by being Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at

beginnings stem from friendships and one else sees more opportunities than CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

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This year you often find yourself in situ-

ations with mixed feelings. Consider

your options carefully. Worry less about

the end results, and focus on what you

a result of a natural gift or talent. New

several times. In September 2003, you

professional changes. If you are single,

your life will take on a different dimen-

do more together and share more of

yourself. Fulfillment of a common goal

5-Dynamic;

*** Emphasize the process rather

than the end results. By tightening up this

area, you will get better results, anyway.

Allow more dimensions to flow into your

friendship. Try not to box others into cor-

*** A child or loved one asks for

help or some feedback. Be careful choos-

ing your words, as they could backfire. A

pride about knowing you. Juggle the

many different dimensions of your life.

*** Meetings are eventful and

successful. You might laugh at all that

Tonight: Listen to another's problem.

partner or dear friend expresses his or her friends.

ners. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

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turn more inward. Certain events point to Tonight: Forget work.

sion because of new friendships and a check your facts and figures today and in

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** * A person in charge might final-

ly become verbal. Understand that this

individual could change his or her mind

one more time. Feelings run wild, though

you might want to appear more intellec-

tual. If you detach, you will be more

emotionally and financially, could over-

whelm you. Reach out for a partner who

helps you understand what is happening.

Keep discussions behind closed doors.

Your instincts guide your dealings if you

ly. You might be concerned about a part-

ner and/or a financial matter. Start level-

** When others express reserva-

tions, question or perhaps slack off, you

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NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Two Russian-made Indian navy planes flying in formation collided and crashed Tuesday in western India, killing all 12 crewmen aboard and three people on the ground, police and defense officials said.

One plane crashed into a house that was under construction, and the other crashed into a field near a road, said Karnal Singh, the general inspector of police for Goa state, known for its resorts on the

The planes carried six crew members each and all died, said Singh. At least one of the dead civilians killed on the ground was a laborer working on the two-story house when the plane smashed into the injured, including three seriously, he said.

"It was a collision between IL-38 planes flying parallel to each other. Their wings collided," Singh

The planes went down in a residential area about a mile east of the Goa naval base.

The long-range maritime reconnaissance craft were flying in formation over the air field to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the navy's premier maritime air squadron.

"All the 12 persons on board the two naval aircraft are dead," Air Chief S. Krishnaswamy said in New Delhi. "The two naval aircraft were carrying

ground floor. Eight other construction workers were out a flypast over Dabolim Air Field from west to east when the air traffic controller observed one aircraft diving down with wings level and the leader also banking and descending," he said.

Firefighters sprayed water at the smoking wreckage as navy and air force rescue crews searched for survivors, said Anant Salkar, a reporter at the scene from Tarun Bharat newspaper.

"The plane is sitting in its upright position next to the building but the cockpit is missing," Salkar said by telephone. "No other houses have been damaged but the plane must have hit a high-tension wire electrical tower nearby, because the top of it has fallen down and is lying with debris from the plane."

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WASHINGTON (AP) -Fighting a full-scale war with Iraq would cost up to \$9 billion a month, congressional budget experts said as the Senate prepared to open debate this week on a resolution authorizing President Bush to wage that

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld continued to press the need for tough action against Iraq, citing 67 incidents. in the past two weeks of Iraq firing on U.S. and British warplanes patrolling no-fly zones in the country.

"With each launched at our air crews, Iraq expresses its contempt for U.N. resolutions" demanding that Iraq allow unimpeded weapons inspections and disarm, Rumsfeld said Monday.

nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office in a report Monday said uncertainty about the length and intensity of a war with Iraq made predicting the cost difficult.

But it estimated that deploying U.S. forces to the Persian Gulf would cost from \$9 billion to \$13 billion, and that the monthly cost of combat by either heavy ground or air forces would be \$6 billion to \$9 billion.

Another \$5 billion to \$7 billion would be required to bring the troops home after a war. The monthly cost of a postwar peacekeeping force - excluding humanitarian aid, reconstruction and the dismantling of weapons of mass destruction would be \$1 billion to \$4 bil-

"This debate should not be driven by how much it will cost U.S. taxpayers," said Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D. But he said it was important to keep in mind that three months of combat with a heavy ground force and a five-year occupation by a large U.S. force could than \$272 billion.

Saying that Iraq's biological and chemical weapons stockpiles and its attempt to attain a nuclear capability are an immediate threat to U.S. security interests, the Bush administration is urging both Congress and the U.N. Security Council to approve resolutions authorizing the use of military force if Iraq does not abide by past demands to disarm.

"We believe that one resolution with consequences in it is the way to achieve Iraqi compliance," Undersecretary of State Marc Grossman said Monday night in a speech to the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations. If Iraq feels the U.N. Security Council is divided, Grossman said, or that "nothing will happen, then nothing happens in Iraq.'

Rumsfeld said the fact that Iraq continues to fire on U.S. and British warplanes shows that Iraq's claimed willingness to open the country to weapons

inspectors was "patently false." Congress, while generally supporting the president's campaign against Iraq, has haggled with the White House over the wording of a resolution authorizing the use of force. Many Democrats, and some Republicans, say that the original White House proposal was too open-ended in ceding authority to the president and did not give enough weight to the importance of crafting a multinational coalition before taking action against Saddam Hussein.

Sen. Chuck Hagel of Nebraska, an influential Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, stressed Monday that international cooperation is essential for U.S. success in deposing Saddam. "American power alone cannot carry the day in a project of this magnitude," he said in a speech to the Eisenhower Institute. "It will require substantial assistance from our allies, including our Arab allies. Attempting to rebuild Iraq with only a Western hand would be an enormous