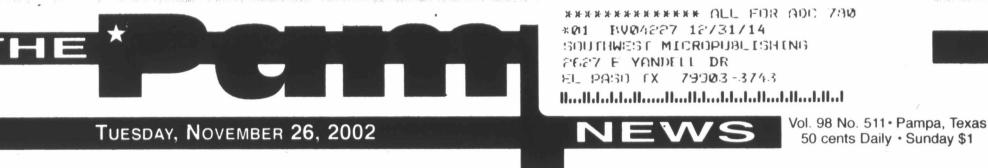
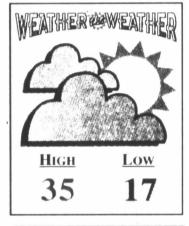
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### **Cookie decorating** workshop planned

Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa will host a free cookie decorating workshop from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 7, at the library for any children who would like to come. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will have cookies, frosting, and sprinkles for the participants. To register or for more information, call 669-5780

# **PEDC OKs change to dissolution plan**

### **By NANCY YOUNG** MANAGING EDITOR

Dissolution of the Pampas Economic Development Corporation (PEDC) is still a contentious issue in Pampa evidenced by Monday night's meeting.

Even with an Attorney General's opinion received in September, there is still disagreement among local citizens about how to shut down the entity that voters voted to dissolve on Nov. 6, 2001.

After receiving the legal opinion from the state's highest ranking lawyer on Sept. 12, PEDC board members met Sept. 30 and shaped a dissolution plan which they submitted to the Pampa City Commission. This plan called for sale of all PEDC assets.

At the Oct. 8 meeting of the city commission, commissioners received the plan, but took no action. At the Oct. 22 meet-



(Pampa News photo) **Doug Locke** 

ing, the commission approved the plan with the exception of selling property which has become known as Section 53.

Two local residents, Shirley Nicholson and Jim Terry, spoke to the board and asked the PEDC board to follow the Sept. 12 Attorney General ruling in dissolving the PEDC.

Nicholson urged the board to sell the Section 53 property. donated to the PEDC by Celanese Chemical Corp. "The city commission voted to exclude the Section 53 property from the sale of PEDC property. I urge you to sell that property. Not only because it's a taxpayer asset that can reduce the taxpayer's obligation, but because it also upholds the attorney general's decision. It says 'where feasible' all properties should be sold to satisfy the debt of the PEDC," said Nicholson. Local citizen Jim Terry

asked how much of the PEDC debt has been paid by the taxpayers of Pampa through the PEDC tax in the last year. City Finance Director John Horst, who was at the meeting, said he didn't have the exact figures with him but said they are available

Horst said this morning that the amount is \$356,132.99.

Terry said, "I have a feeling that there has been a deliberate delay by the city commission in the dissolution process so that they could claim a specif-

(Pampa News photo) **Gary Sutherland** 

ic portion of PEDC property." He asked for a response from the board.

President Dalton Lewis said it would call for a poll of the board, and that wasn't possible at the time.

Pampa City Commissioner Jeff Andrews said he was at the meeting to speak for himself, not the city commission. "You delivered a dissolu-

tion plan to the city commission, and the one thing I

thought was important was to get as much of that passed as possible so that you all (PEDC) could begin working on it," said Andrews.

Andrews said, "My fear as a commissioner was that the whole dissolution plan could be delayed and thus you all (PEDC) wouldn't have it to work on it if we didn't modify it slightly - and take care of the items we could get off out table. That's the reason I felt like that was the right thing to do at the time of that meeting. "What I would really like to

Outgoing PEDC Board see is a full appraisal of Section 53," he said. "One item that is extremely important to the city is the water rights. The water rights that the city has for the existing prison are very limited. At some point in time we're going to have to get additional water rights out there. For the city to possibly try to be in the

(See PLAN, Page 5)



## Citizens respond to call for letters Veterans Land Board officials reviewing proposals for veterans retirement center

**By NANCY YOUNG** MANAGING EDITOR

Almost 1,100 people has been a time-consuming responded to the Pampa Chamber of Commerce call for letters supporting the effort to bring one to two proposed veterans retirement centers here. Clay Rice, Chamber executive, said that 1,080 citizens responded with letters or ities signed letters showing their support for the project.

received for the two new Texas State Veterans Homes

Evaluating the proposals

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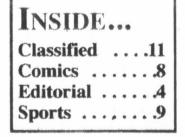
### **Cool weather** plunges south

DALLAS (AP)-Get those coats and mittens out.

A strong cold front surging across Texas could bring the first freezing temperatures of the season Tuesday and Wednesday to parts of the state including Del Rio, Austin and East and North Texas, forecasters said.

### DEATHS

Hal Brown, 89, ranch manager. Roy H. Kretzmeier, 94, business farmer. Ann Pierce, 61, funeral home employee.





(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Capt. Gary Steward and Dena Sissom of the Salvation Army in Pampa put the finishing touches on boxes of groceries for Thanksgiving dinners for the less fortunate this holiday season. The groceries are being distributed this week. Capt. Steward said that the Salvation Army will deliver hot dinners on Thanksgiving Day so Meals on Wheels personnel can have time off for their own families.

"The public really responded," Rice said. "It was very successful.

The letters and signatures were sent overnight to State Rep. Warren Chisum's Austin office last week and were to be hand delivered to the Veterans Land Board (VLB) offices across the street from Chisum, he said.

**PHS Hall of Fame nominations open** 

process, according to Paul Sturrock, VLB public information officer.

Gray County is one of 40 communities or counties in Texas asking the VLB to select their town as the site to build one of the 160-bed facil-

"VLB is still evaluating the proposals," said Sturrock. "We are thoroughly evaluating these proposals. It just can't be determined when (the process) will be finished."

Sturrock said the final decision by the state agency might not be made until 2003. Gray County Judge Richard Peet, who is spearheading the local effort, said (See VETERANS, Page 5)

## **Cloud seeding results** topic of joint meeting

results of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District's cloud seeding program will be presented in a district-wide meeting at Amarillo's City Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

C.E. Williams, executive director of PGWCD, said the meeting, scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Amarillo City Commission Chambers, will also cover the district's program and its background.

"The program is designed to educate the public on general rainfall enhancement facts, provide a better understanding of why we chose to implement this program, explain seeding processes and finally provide seasonal results along with their eco-

AMARILLO - This year's nomic impact to the region," Williams said.

> He said they would discuss the facts, myths and results of rainfall enhancement programs

The meeting is being held with the North Plains Ground Water District which is also involved in the cloud seeding project

Counties participating in the rainfall enhancement program within the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District include all or parts of Gray, Armstrong, Carson, Donley, Hutchinson, Potter, Roberts and Wheeler.

Counties in the North Plains Ground Water District include Dallam, Hansford, Hartley, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Ochiltree and Sherman.

Harvester Hall of Fame for the Induction Class of 2003, according to Pampa Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Dawson Orr.

"It is exciting that our students want to honor the accomplishment of those who have come before them," he said. "Traditions are those things from our past that we wish to continue in our future and I think a Hall of Fame is a wonderful way to honor those traditions."

Pampa High School will accept nominations for the 2003 Harvester Hall of Fame through July 7, 2003. Any person may make a nomination and all nominations should be delivered to or addressed to Harvester Hall of Fame, Pampa Independent School District. 321 W. Albert, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Nominations forms may be obtained at Lovett Library, Pampa Chamber of Commerce and at the Pampa Independent School District Administrative Offices, 321 W. Albert, or call (806) 669-4700.

The forms may all be downloaded from the internet by going to www.pampaisd.net, selecting Pampa High School, next alumni information and Hall of Fame.

Applicants must have graduated from for our student body.

Nominations are now open for the Pampa High School at least 10 years ago. The applicant must have made significant contributions and have been successful for a number of years in their chosen field as well as be an excellent citizen in the community in which they live.

All initiates must have served their school and community in a way deserving of this honor. All initiates will be selected by a selection committee comprised of Pampa High School principal, student council sponsor, student body president, a senior student will chair the committee, a junior will co-chair committee and move up to chair of committee as a senior. Two alumni members of the Hall of Fame or Pampa High School will also serve on the selection committee.

According to John Kendall, principal of Pampa High, "The Hall of Fame will be a project handled by the school administrative offices in conjunction with the Pampa High School student council. Each year when we go through our files of former PHS graduates, we are thrilled to see the great strides that many of our former students have accomplished. The formation of the Harvester Hall of Fame serves as an excellent example and motivation

### Did You Know... When Was The Genesis House, Inc. Opened? Information Was Obtained From "Gray County Heritage" 1985 - Pampa Chamber Of Commerce 669-3241 Late Spring 1971

### **OBITUARIES**

#### **ROY H. KRETZMEIER** 1908-2002

Visitation Services for Roy H. Kretzmeier, 94, of Tyler, formerly a retired business farmer in Pampa, Texas, are scheduled for 6-8 p.m., Wednesday evening at Burks-Walker Tippit Funeral Home with Past Grand Masters of the Grand Lodge I.O.O.F. of Texas officiating in the Odd Fellows Funeral Memorial Services. Graveside Services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday at Memory Gardens in Pampa, Texas.

Mr. Kretzmeier was born Jan. 22, 1908, in Clay Center, Kan., to the late Ottive and Elizabeth Kretzmeier. Roy Kretzmeier died Nov. 25, 2002, at Hospice Home Place in Tyler after a lengthy illness and "Entered Into Eternal Rest."

Mr. Kretzmeier lived more than half of his life on the farm that he and his family loved so much. After retirement, Roy and his wife, Ellen, built a home in Wildewood on Lake Palestine near Chandler, Texas, where they served in church and community affairs for 28 years. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Chandler and was dedicated in Church and Civic activities.

Mr. Kretzmeier was a 75-year member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and a member of William Tell Lodge #27 I.O.O.F. of Tyler. He served the Order as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas from 1959 to 1960. He was a longtime member of Tyler Rebekah Lodge #142 of Tyler and a faithful member of all branches of the Fraternal Order of Odd Fellows.

live in The Odd Fellow and Rebekah Home Retirement Center in Ennis, Texas.

He Loved that Home. Mr. Kretzmeier served on the Home Board of Trustees for 14 years. His wisdom and leadership inspired others to love one another, while leaving behind each step "Foot Prints of Service." Mr. Kretzmeier was recognized by the Mayor of Tyler and has a day dedicated to him.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Stanley Kretzmeier and Waldo Kretzmeier and one sister, Vera Daughtery.

Survivors include his wife of 71 years, Mrs. Ellen Kretzmeier of Tyler; one son and daughterin-law, LeRoy and Gladys Vera Pleasant Kretzmeier of Mercedes, Texas; one granddaughter, Paula Layfield of Aiken, S.C.; one grandson, Wayne Kretzmeier of Eustace, Texas; and one sister, Ruth Barber of Oregon City, Ore.

He is also survived by six great-grandchildren, Jason, Kimberly, Amanda, and Amber Layfield, Christopher and Wayne Harris Kretzmeier and two great-great-grandchildren, Dustin and Cameron Tyler and numerous nieces and nephews, friends and neighbors.

Pallbearers will be Don Stafford, Jason Layfield, Steve Layfield, Harold Lawley, Gale Seat, Gary Seat, James Ulmer, Warren Kretzmeier, and Wayne Kretzmeier.

Honorary Pallbearers will be members of

retired from the Bank of Commerce and was Home.

1978; he died Nov. 23, 2001.

grandchildren.

HAL BROWN 1913-2002

Hal Brown, 89, of Pampa, died Saturday, Nov. 23, 2002. Services will be at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday at the Central Baptist Church with Dr. Derrell Monday, pastor, and the Rev. Rick Parnell, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa. Mr. Brown was born on May 2, 1913, in Quitaque and came to the Pampa area in 1944

from McLean. He married Dora Mae O'Hair on Jan. 29, 1938, in Memphis. Mr. Brown worked on the Hayhook Ranch

west of Pampa for 41 years, and he managed the ranch for 20 years, retiring in 1983. He was a member of Central Baptist Church

where he served as a deacon.

Survivors include his wife, Dora Mae Brown, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Judy and

Joe Rogers of Katy; two sons and a daughter-inlaw, Jimmie Brown of Austin and Rickey and Sharron Brown of Pampa; a brother, Frank Brown of Bandon, Ore.; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Central Baptist Church, 513 E. Francis, Pampa, TX 79065; or to a favorite charity. www.carmichael-whatley.com

### **ON RECORD**

### POLICE

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

Saturday, Nov. 23

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A runaway was reported in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

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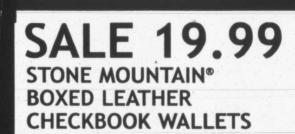
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# The rest of the story

When I wrote about a trip to the Texas Hill Country with my husband Vic recently, I talked about roadkill and deer hunters, but I didn't tell you the "whole 'nother story."

We went to Llano so Vic could attend a two-day safe opening school held by one of the top seven safecrackers in the nation, Keith Knott. Each year he hosts this school on his property near Llano to pass on the dying art of opening safes.

It's an informal affair attended by 10 or 12 safe professionals who want to learn more about the craft. Sometimes they bring their wives, who join Knott's wife in preparing lunch for the crew each of the two days. After lunch, the wives head out on a shopping blitz in Llano, Mason or Fredericksburg.

Knott invites his prospective students to bring challenging safes to be opened during the school. These "toughies" prove to be the best instruments of learning for everyone.

Vic had attended the school several times, but he had never taken a safe to be opened. This year, he decided he would take a safe - one he had unsuccessfully tried to open in a community several counties away.

(For security reasons, I won't say where the safe was located or who it belonged to. I hope you'll understand.)

Vic lives by the philosophy that more is more. If it's bigger, it's better. If a little does, a little good, a lot will do a lot of good. Get the picture?

Since he couldn't get this safe opened, he thought it would be a good one to take to Knott's class. With the safe owner's permission, he began making plans to transport the safe several hundred miles to Llano.

This safe was built in Chicago in the



been built as a small town bank safe. It stands about five feet high, is about three feet wide and three feet deep. Ornate scroll work and delicate scenes are faint but still visible despite its age. Even the name of the bank can be seen written in gold on the front.

Around the base of the safe, about 18 inches from the floor, is the rusty evidence that it had stood in water for a long period of time.

Vic felt he had opened the locks on the safe, yet he could not get the doors open. He thought that probably the water had rusted the doors shut, but he didn't know for sure. He wanted Knott and the other safecrackers to help him open the safe and find out what was really going on inside it.

Knowing the construction of the safe heavy steel plate and concrete, Vic estimated the safe weighed 7,000 to 8,000 pounds. We later learned the weight was closer to 10,000 pounds That's five tons! Most cars weigh two or three tons. Moving this leviathan would be no simple matter.

It wasn't!

A front end loader lifted the safe onto the heavy duty trailer we rented for the trip. The safe had to transported standing up, so Vic wielded pieces of angle iron next to the wheels to keep it from rolling. With the help of some of his buddies, he then chained it round and round, over and

through. You can just imagine what it looked like.

My pickup is a heavy duty one, but this load stretched its abilities as far as they could go. It felt a lot like taking a trip on a bucking horse. Imagine several hours of that ...

People drove up behind us, rode along side, and practically broke their necks trying to figure out what was on that trailer. Watching the rubberneckers provided a bit of entertainment to take our minds off our bouncing innards.

I was never so relieved as I was when we got to Llano and could unhook the trailer.

For two days, Vic and six other safecrackers worked on opening the safe. It had everyone stymied. They poked, prodded, drilled and hammered. Looking through scopes into the interior of the safe, they could tell Vic had indeed unlocked it, but the bolts had rusted to the doors and the doors themselves had rusted to the main body of the safe. The only way to open it would be to somehow take the 1,000-pound door off of the safe frame.

All this time Vic had carried a little secret. He knew what was in the safe. Usually, he opens a safe and finds a few pieces of paper and a pencil. He claims almost every safe contains these items. But this time was different and he wanted the other safe guys to discover what was inside on their own.

Finally, in a great crash of rust dust, the front door came off, followed by a great roar of satisfaction, applause, hugs and slapping each other on the back.

Inside the safe were stacked silver bars and an extensive coin collection - muddy, wet, and covered in rust. It must have felt like opening a treasure chest from a sunken Spanish galleon.



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### TODAY IN HISTORY

#### BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Nov. 26, the 330th day of 2002. There are 35 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 26, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt ordered nationwide gasoline rationing, beginning Dec. 1.

On this date:

In 1825, the first college social fraternity, Kappa Alpha, was formed at Union College in Schenectady, N.Y.

In 1832, public streetcar service began in New York City. The fare: 12 1/2 cents.

In 1940, the half-million Jews of Warsaw, Poland, were forced by the Nazis to live within a walled ghetto.

In 1942, the motion picture "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, had its world premiere at the Hollywood Theater in New York.

In 1943, during World War II, the HMT Rohna, a British transport ship carrying American soldiers, was hit by a German missile off Algeria; 1,138 men were killed, including 1,015 American troops.

In 1949, India adopted a constitution as a republic within the British Commonwealth.

In 1950, China entered the Korean conflict, launching a counteroffensive against soldiers from the United Nations,

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In 1965, France launched its first satellite, sending a 92pound capsule into orbit.

In 1986, President Reagan appointed a commission headed by former Sen. John Tower to investigate his National Security Council staff in the wake of the Iran-Contra affair.

In 1990, Japanese business giant Matsushita Electric Industrial Company agreed to acquire MCA Inc. for \$6.6 billion.

Ten years ago: The British government announced that Queen Elizabeth II had volunteered to start paying taxes on her personal income, and would take her children off the public payroll.

Five years ago: Under heavy international pressure, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein said he would allow visits to presidential palaces where U.N. weapons experts suspected he might be hiding chemical and biological weapons. In a small but symbolic step, the United States and North Korea held high-level discussions at the State Department for the first time.

One year ago: President George W. Bush appealed to Congress to outlaw human cloning after scientists in Worcester, Mass., reported they had created the first cloned human embryo. The National Bureau of Economic Research, the recognized arbiter of when recessions begin and end in the United States, declared that the country had entered a downturn the previous March.

Today's Birthdays: Singer Robert Goulet is 69. Impressionist Rich Little is 64. Singer Tina Turner is 63. Singer Jean Terrell is 58. Pop musician John McVie is 57. Actress Jamie Rose is 43. Country singer Linda Davis is 40. Blues singer-musician Bernard Allison is 37. Country singer-musician Steve Grisaffe (River Road) is 37. Actor Peter Facinelli ("Fastlane") is 29. Actress Maia Campbell is 26. Actress Jessica Bowman is 22. Singer Lil Fizz (B2K) is 17

Thought for Today: "Freedom is always and exclusively freedom for the one who thinks differently." - Attributed to Rosa Luxemburg, German socialist leader (1870-1919).

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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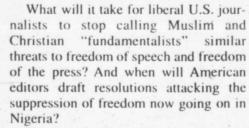
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Letters submitted must include name, address, phone number and signature for verification. Addresses and telephone numbers will not be printed, unless requested for a specific reason.

Due to volume and repetition, we will limit submissions from the same person to two letters per month.

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The horror of the Nigerian developments may make us miss what's happening to press liberty there. In case you missed the story, last week Muslim anger over a newspaper article about the Miss World beauty pageant touched off riots that left 220 dead and over 1,000 seriously injured.

How bad was it? Los Angeles Times correspondent Davan Maharaj reported that "thousands of Muslim youths armed with knives and machetes (were) burning cars and assaulting bystanders they suspected were Christian." If some U.S. journalists don't feel much sympathy for Christians, they should read on: "Rioters pulled a local journalist off a motorcycle and told him he would be killed unless he could recite verses from Islam's holy book, the Quran. The crowd released him unharmed when they realized he was Muslim."

Christian fundamentalists did not act that way when writers depicted Jesus as a homosexual or when an artist submerged a cross in urine. But perhaps we should look at the huge provocation that launched the disaster: A writer for the Nigerian newspaper ThisDay, speculating on how Muhammad would react to a beauty pageant, wrote that "he would have probably chosen a wife from one of deliver propaganda for their cause.



them.

That's It? Sure, given the tinderbox that Islamic extremists have made of northern Nigeria, it was a dumb comment to make. But it's also a reasonable speculation, for stories about Muhammad's life that have semi-sacred status within Islam show the religion's founder appreciating and sometimes appropriating to himself the beauties of his time.

Book eight, numbers 3325 and 3328, of the sayings and deeds collected by the esteemed ninth century editor Abul Husain Muslim bin al-Hajjaj al-Nisapuri records how Muhammad heard that a young woman was so beautiful that a disciple said, "She is worthy of you only." Muhammad had her brought to him and was so enraptured that he "granted her emancipation and married her."

ThisDay could have footnoted its story with these and other references, but that probably would have increased the tensions. Nigeria's Islamic "fundamentalists" don't want anyone to raise questions about how Muhammad actually lived, because that might hurt their effort to set up an extreme Islamic regime. Like some European kings up to several centuries ago, they think the job of journalists is to

Most Muslims in the United States are great citizens and enjoy living in a free country - but why do Muslim leaders in Nigeria and many other countries fear freedom? Do they believe that if people start thinking for themselves many will turn away from Islam? Some countries under Christian influence were once governed by similar fears. But John Milton, the Puritan author of "Paradise Lost," wrote in the 1640s, "Though all the winds of doctrine were let loose to play upon the earth, so truth be in the field ... let her and falsehood grapple; whoever knew truth put to the worse, in a free and open encounter."

Milton's view soon took hold in countries led by Christians who had confidence in God's providence. Milton's view is still suspect in much of the world, and especially in Muslim-dominated, areas. The enemies of journalistic freedom used to have their capital in Moscow; now it's Mecca. Radical Islam has now replaced communism as the world's most potent hater of press liberty.

President Nigerian Olusegun Obasanjo criticized ThisDay and said murderous riots could happen in his country "any time irresponsible journalism is committed

against Islam." That's what's so sad: This is not a one-time occurrence, but something to be expected "any time."

American journalists should do what we can to help those suffering persecution in other lands. We should also stop insulting Christians who, more and more, are prime defenders of freedom of the press.

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bidding process for the water because we need it is something I would like to see. As far as I'm concerned I don't think that item is off the table."

Board member Gary Sutherland said, "The city approved the dissolution plan with the exception of Section 53. I have expressed before I would love to be able to keep Section 53, but the city commission is who we answer to. I think the Attorney General's opinion says we've got to sell everything, but the city commission is who we answer to.

"My philosophy about that is, we let them take the heat. We have enough other things we have to do that need to be done," he said. He proposed the PEDC receive the revised plan of the city commission.

Board member Doug Locke said he ran an ad prior to the election to keep the PEDC going, and is pro-economic development.

Locke said, "The legal opinion looks the other way. The Attorney General's opinion - even though it is wishywashy - it has implied that it should be sold, but it does give the city some rights."

. He said he favored staying with current dissolution plan as it was initially written, and also suggested the PEDC get an appraisal of the property.

Board member Bill Allison questioned whether the city commission interprets the AG opinion the same as the PEDC.

Locke said he hasn't spoken with anyone on the commission to know about the interpretation.

"Different factions wanting different things brought us to this point," said Steve Phillips, secretary-treasurer of the board. "We have to realize we do away with everything if we do just exactly to the letter of what's in this then we are destroying the basis of economics in Pampa.

"I think that by the actions that have taken place in the past up to this point we have done nothing but fight against ourselves, and it's a point that the commission, the industrial foundation, this board and the citizens must look at the entire package to regain something of our own personal pride and our own steps forward as to what we need to do," he said.

Phillips said the PEDC board could take the AG opinion of exactly what needs to be done and develop it into a Pampa City Commission.

plan, but he said if the property is sold they are hurting themselves and Pampa.

"We've got a plan to work with; let's work with what we've got," he said. "We have to stop and think that we have to retain something."

"We'd better come to the place where our (PEDC) interests and the city commission's interests are all for Pampa," said PEDC board member Bill Allison. "That's where we need to go."

Board members approved the dissolution plan revised by the city commission.

In other action Monday, Doug Locke, local businessman, was named new president of the Pampa Economic Development Corporation.

He will lead the board as they work to dissolve the entity during the upcoming year.

Locke replaces Dalton Lewis who was elected as president a year ago.

Gary Sutherland and Steve Phillips were re-elected to their respective offices, vice-president and secretarytreasurer, which they held the last year. Lewis and Bill Allison are the other members of the board.

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"We have stumbled upon something that is bigger than any of us imagined, judging by the tens of thousands of people who were ripped off B. Comey said.

The prosecutor said more than 30,000 people were victimized, some of them discovering that their bank accounts were drained, addresses changed, lines of approval.

As he announced the arrests of three men blamed for giving others access to credit reports, Comey pre- Comey said.

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of the scam would rise "many, many millions" above the \$2.7 million already counted.

In nearly every instance, individuals will recover the money they lost, sometimes after time-consuming and stressful efforts to prove they were victims and to elean their financial records, authorities said.

"Their liability will be here," U.S. Attorney James limited," Comey said. "The people that take the hit ultimately will be all of us.

> Comey said authorities are trying to determine how many individuals were victimized.

"With a few keystrokes, credit opened and new credit these men essentially picked cards opened without their the pockets of tens of thousands of Americans and, in the process, took their identities, stole their money and swiped their security,'

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## VETERANS

he talked with the state agency a couple of weeks ago to check on the selection process. He said he will call them at the end of November to inquire about the status of the selection process if he has not heard anything before then.

Cities, counties and economic development corporations from all areas of Texas have made proposals to VLB seeking to obtain one of the veterans homes.

The proposal was submitted by Gray County to build one of the 160-bed facilities in Pampa.

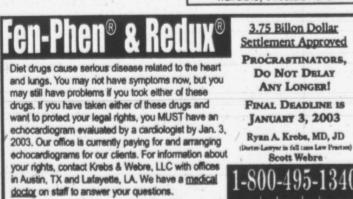
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Four TSVH facilities are currently located in Temple, Floresville, Big Spring and Bonham. None of the present facilities are currently located in the Texas Panhandle.

Five communities in the Panhandle, including Pampa, are vying for the two new locations. Lubbock, Tulia, Amarillo and Childress have also indicated they want to be considered.

An internal review team of Texas General Land Office/

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Veterans Land Board staffers will be appointed to review each proposal and, if necessary, visit some of the proposed sites for further evaluation.

The review team will formulate recommendations for the locations of the two new homes and submit them to the VLB, which will them make the final decision on the selected location.

Additional sites being considered include Graham, Bandera County, Taft, Smithville, Tyler, Angleton, Kilgore, Victoria, El Paso, Orange County, Huntsville, Wichita Falls, Glen Rose, Navasota, Mercedes, Nash, Edinburg, Donna, Port Lavaca, Wharton, Luling, Kerrville, Marshall, McAllen, Brownsville, Harlingen, West Columbia, Bay City, Palestine, Longview, LaGrange, Burnet, Weimar, Hallettsville and Richmond.

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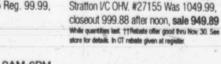
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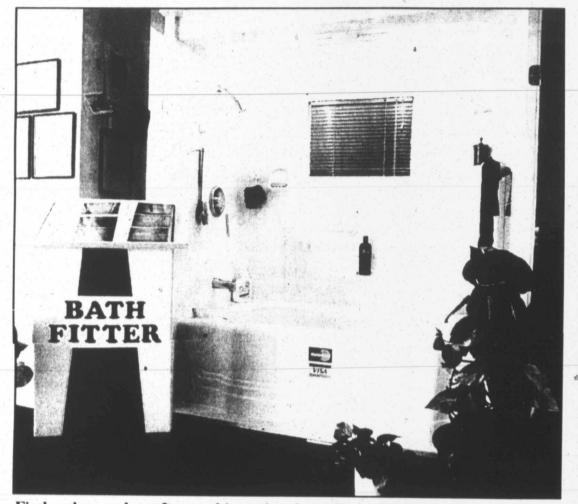
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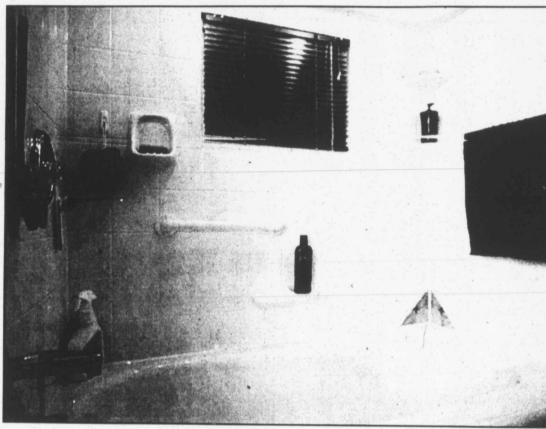
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# Austria's Haider changes mind about resigning

### **By GEORGE JAHN** ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

VIENNA, Austria (AP) -Throwing Austrian politics into fresh turmoil, far-rightist Joerg Haider announced Tuesday he would stay on as a provincial governor and Freedom Party member, hours after vowing to resign when the party was thrashed in weekend elections.

The flamboyant Haider, whose praise of Hitler and anti-foreigner rhetoric helped fuel the meteoric rise of his party into the government two years ago, said political colleagues persuaded him overnight not to quit the movement or his job as governor of the southwestern province of Carinthia.

"I accept personally much of the responsibility for the bad results," the Austria Press Doris Bures mocked Haider Agency quoted Haider as saying. "A resignation would have been the logical consequence. But my party friends lier announcement that he

did not accept this because they believe my 'Carinthian way' is good and I'should continue.

Critics ridiculed Haider for backing off on his latest threat to leave politics, saying it showed he cannot be taken seriously. The reversal also was likely to further alienate swing voters who abandoned his party in Sunday's general elections.

With his decision to stay, Haider was expected to keep his party from becoming moderate.

Haider should quit once and for all in the name of "political decency," Franz Fischler, an Austrian who serves as the European Union's agriculture commissioner, told Austrian radio Tuesday.

Senior Social Democrat for his "ridiculous attempt" to reimpose his will on his tattered party, suggesting his earseriously. "He tried to turn things

around one more time with his empty threats," she said.

Haider's earlier threats to withdraw from public life apparently were made to pressure opponents in his party to accept his points of view. But his decision Monday was taken more seriously because of widespread rejection of his attacks on rivals, three muchcriticized trips to Iraq in little over a year, and other antics that provoked public outrage.

As late as Monday night, as he headed into a six-hour meeting with senior Freedom Party leaders, Haider had repeated his intention to quit as governor — the main post he now holds. But even then, party leader Herbert Haupt predicted that Haider would remain both in the post and the party.

Haider's flashes of pro-Nazi sentiment and flamboyant exposes of corruption in other parties brought his Freedom Party from obscurity in the mid 1980s to unprecedented strength — it joined the present government coalition after coming in second in 1999 elections. But the same confrontational streak that attracted vot-

would resign was never meant ers to Haider proved his party's undoing in Sunday's general election.

> Weakened by months of infighting provoked by Haider, the party lost nearly two-thirds of its previous voter support to capture only 10 percent of the vote. Only hardcore Haider fans remained loyal.

Disaffected swing voters powered the conservative People's Party — the Freedom Party's government coalition partner - to more than 42 percent, its best showing since the mid-1960s. The Social Democrats also gained, receiving just under 37 percent of the vote.

Former supporters attributed some of Haider's problems - including electoratealienating attacks on Freedom Party moderates<sup>\*</sup> — to his growing suspicions of those around him.

"He would start crying in the middle of a meeting," said Peter Sichrovsky, a former Freedom Party general-secretary and the party's only prominent Jew, who broke with Haider in September when his supporters purged moderates.

"He would yell, 'You have betrayed me, you are destroying me," Sichrovsky told The acceptance. While remaining Associated Press.

Weariness with the status quo pushed many Austrian voters to embrace Haider in 1999, along with his establishment-bashing line that Austria's problems were caused by corruption and favoritism of "those in power."

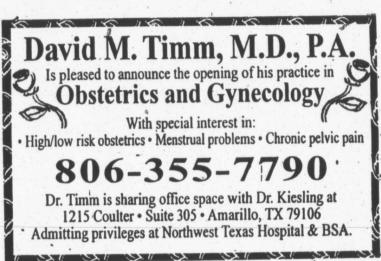
His party captured nearly 27 percent of the vote to finish second-strongest - the peak in a steady growth in popularity that began when Haider ousted his predecessor at a noholds-barred 1986 party convention that opponents likened to a putsch.

A change in message helped Haider gain wider confrontational, the 52-yearold lawyer blunted his sharp rhetoric.

There was no more praise of Hitler's "proper employment policies," like in 1991, or of Hitler's SS veterans as men of "character," as in 1995. Instead, he focused on bashing other parties and their leaders. And he took moderates on board to mask his party's image as a refuge for Nazi sympathizers.

Still, when Haider's party came to power, the EU imposed seven months of diplomatic sanctions on Austria. Israel withdrew its ambassador and still has not replaced him.

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# **U.S., Mexico hold** cross-border talks

Secretary of State Colin Commerce in Mexico. Powell says he is not optimistic about the possibility of early agreement with Mexico on changes in migration laws and on Mexico's huge water debt to the United States.

Powell commented to reporters while en route here for high-level discussions on a range of cross-border issues. Joining Powell are five other members of President Bush's cabinet.

Before the deliberations get under way, President Vicente Fox planned to receive the U.S. delegation at Los Pinos, the presidential compound. In addition to remarks from Fox, Powell earlier this month. Mexican Foreign and Secretary Jorge Castaneda, a videotaped message from President Bush also was planned. Afterward, the U.S. and Mexican delegations were expected to divide up into working groups for discussions that would continue until the afternoon. Besides Powell, the visiting American VIPs are Attorney General John Ashcroft, Secretary Transportation Secretary Norman Mineta, Interior Secretary Gail Norton, Labor Secretary Elaine Chao Environmental and Protection Agency Administrator Christie

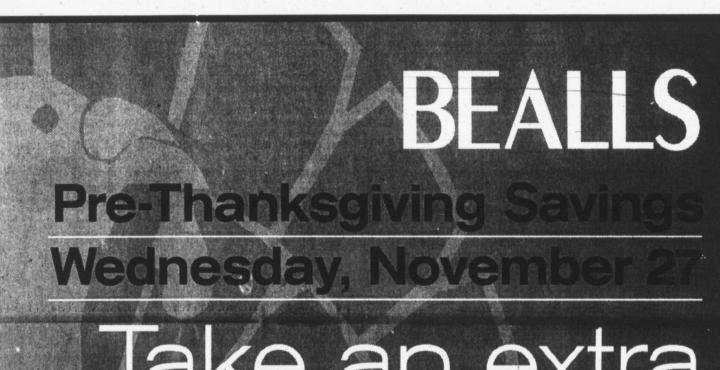
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He said lingering concerns about the security of Americans make it highly unlikely that substantial headway would be made toward an immigration overhaul agreement, one of Fox's top priorities.

"Progress has not been as rapid as we would like because of intervening circumstances," Powell said, alluding to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

He added that congressional resistance to a migration agreement may have increased as a result of the strong Republican showing in congressional elections

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Bush could be ready to push for an agreement once the newly created Department of Homeland Security makes progress on reducing potential terrorist threats.

Bush "has not lost his desire to move forward on this front," Powell said. He did not suggest in his comments that Mexican migrants posed a terrorist threat.

Some leading Democratic Education lawmakers believe the time Rod Paige, to act on immigration reform is now. Outgoing House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., has proposed granting legal status to undocumented immigrants who have resided in the United States for five years, worked for two years and have played by the rules. There are more than 4 million illegal Mexican aliens in the United States, according to Census figures.

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## **Single Mom Keeps Secret** Her Lover's Double Life

DEAR ABBY: I am a 37-year-old single mom of one. For the past seven years I've led a secret life, because the man I'm in love with is married. (I'll call him Mike.) Mike made a commitment to me to love me forever, and I believe him. He gives me the world.

My family loves Mike to death. They think we should be married because we make such a "perfect couple." They do not know he's married. I've kept this secret from them all these years. Mom went to her grave not knowing Mike has a wife.

I should mention that this man is 18 years my senior. When I met him, his marriage was "on the rocks." Mike was up-front with me about how he would never divorce because of his kids. He doesn't love his wife.

It's been a wonderful seven years. He's the only guy I've ever loved. I can't get enough of him. Should I sit tight and hope a divorce is in the future?

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DEAR I'VE GOT A SECRET: From what you have written, your lover has clearly stated that he does not intend to divorce his wife. I wouldn't hold my breath if I were you. He appears to like things just as they are.

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DEAR ABBY: My husband of is a terrific per-"George wo years.

always gotten along beautifully.

About two years ago I had a falling-out with my sister and we didn't speak more than 10 words until last week, when she offered me a truce. I gratefully accepted.

The problem is that Jill continued a relationship with my sister. while we were feuding, and my hus-band found out about it. George won't forgive and forget. He hasn't talked to Jill in a week, and I have been caught in the middle. Yesterday I upset George further when I failed to give him my full attention, and now he isn't speaking to me either! Abby, what can I do to

restore the peace in our home? TIRED OF THE TENSION, AKRON, OHIO

DEAR TIRED: I don't approve of your husband's tacaggression," "manipulation" and "withholding" all come to mind. Your daughter is old enough to have the right to carry on a relationship with any relative she chooses. As to how to restore peace in your Los Angeles, CA 90069 home - family counseling would be helpful.

DEAR ABBY: My parents get

drunk every weekend. Dad's OK by

### **DEAR TEENAGER: Your par**ents' behavior is not "normal." They need help – and so do you. Please talk to a trusted aunt, uncle, neighbor, minister, the parent of one of your friends, a teacher, nurse or coach at your school. A responsible adult needs to know what is going on in your home and how it is affecting you.

In addition, check your phone directory for the Alateen listing. The organization provides information and emotional support to young people in your situation - and right now you need support from understanding friends.

Please let me know how you are doing. I care.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440.

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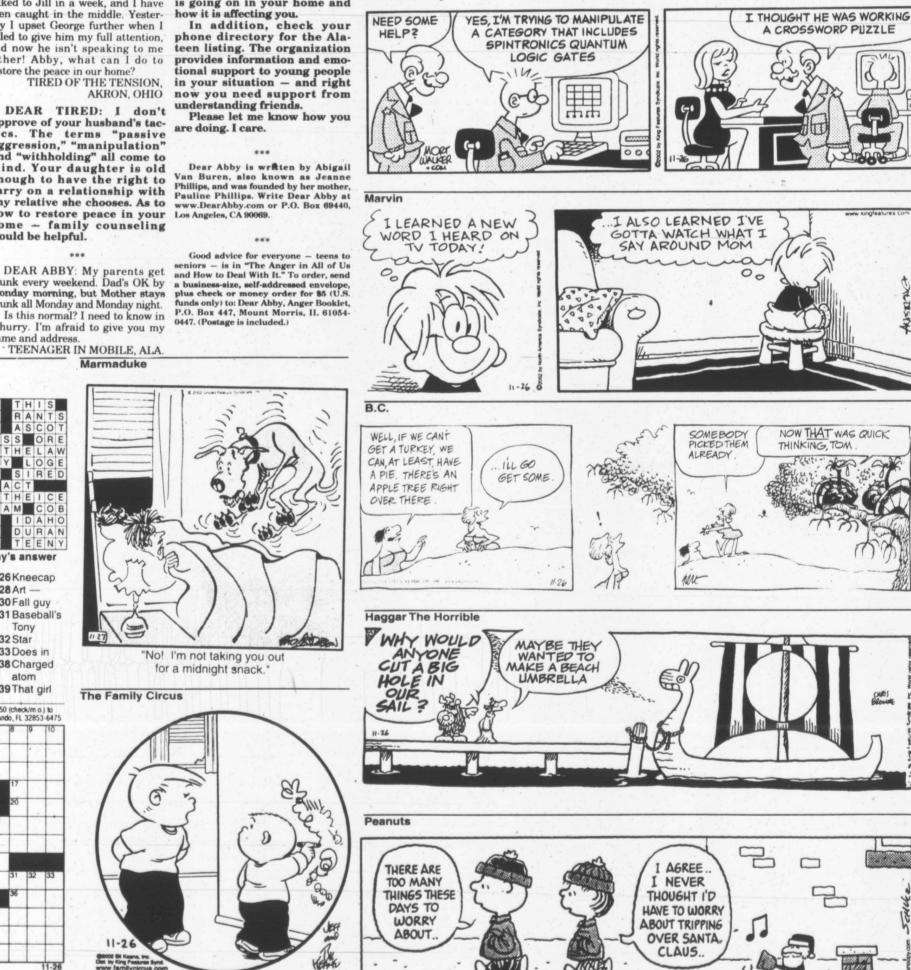
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## Sports

# **Students make "Chain of Love" for Harvesters**

PAMPA — Elementary school students are showing their support for the Pampa Harvesters on their march through the football playoffs.

Last Monday, Travis teacher Pam Zemanek organized a move to make a long paper chain with the help of the students. Many grade school age students starting making the chain out of green and gold crepe paper to present to the Harvester Booster Club.

The students, using scissors and a lot of glue, worked fervently from Tuesday morning until Friday morning piecing together the two-inch wide stripes of paper. Harvester players went to the schools to pick up the chains and deliver it to the booster club.

One of the highlights occurred when some of the Harvesters went to Lamar school to pick up the chains. They were instructed to back their truck up to one of the doors for easy loading. When one of the players said they would just carry the chains to the pickup, that drew some chuckles from the Lamar crowd. The players soon found out there was enough chain to fill two pickups.

When linked together, the chain was over five miles long and barely fit into the high school's Valhalla building.

Booster club members then went all over the city, placing the colored links of paper poles, in bushes and trees.

The chain made the most impact when it was strung around the fence on the Harvester side of Grande

Midland. It was placed in a heart-shaped position around the "Harvester log" at the end of the stadium.

chain through fences, around Communications Stadium in all the students who helped area round of the playoffs. make the "chain of love."

> The Harvesters demonstrated their appreciation by beating previous-undefeated El Here's a big thank-you for Paso Riverside 27-7 in the

- This article was submitted by Grover Black, Pampa News photographercorrespondent.



(Photo by Grover Black)

Booster Club members (I-r) Kathey Clark, Tanner Davis and Pam Zemanek wrap the paper chain around the Harvester logo at Grande Communications Stadium in Midland.

# **Cowboys finally show offense they envisioned**

IRVING, Texas (AP) -Finally, in the 11th game, the Dallas Cowboys showed the kind of offense they envisioned when offensive coordinator Bruce Coslet was hired.

With five drives of at least 65 yards -- including a 99-yard drive on which they also over-

going to work," said Joey Galloway, who had seven catches for 144 yards and two touchdowns. worked. Now people can sit back and say, 'OK, it does work.' Now we can say it does work, let's get real good at it."

breakout day in the 15th game Filipovic, who averaged 38.8 last season, throwing for 241 yards on his five punts, yards and two touchdowns to lead the Cowboys to a 27-21 win over San Francisco. He struggled in the season finale and Dallas

losses and wins while starting 3-

4 this season, Carter was equally

inconsistent. A week after he

threw two TD passes in the final

four minutes to beat Carolina, he

had a career-worst four intercep-

tions in a 9-6 overtime loss at

Arizona the last game he played.

my enthusiasm from game to

game," Campo said. "We still

have to continue to progress.

Next week is another game. We

have to base it on what we see

wait long. They play Thursday

Extra points: CB Duane

Hawthorne had an MRI on his

sprained right knee Monday.

Special teams player Randal

Williams is day-to-day after suf-

fering a concussion. "Getting a

concussion on Sunday and play-

ing on Thursday, it's a concern,"

Campo said. ... The Cowboys

aren't happy with the inconsis-

tency of their rookie kickers -

from a progress standpoint."

against Washington.

"That's why I'm tempering

Carter appeared to have his Jacksonville, and Filip

including a couple that got distance only after rolling several yards.

Detmer leads Eagles As the Cowboys alternated sises and wins while starting 3- past San Francisco

### BASKETBALL

FRENSHIP — Pampa fell to Frenship 80-58 in boys basketball action last weekend. Frenship twins Harold and

NOTEBOOK

Jerod Crow, both 6-foot-7, scored 26 and 25 points respectively.

Collin Bowers topped the Harvesters in scoring with 18 points. James Silva had 8 points, followed by Jed Martin, Max Simon and Matt Robben 7 each.

FRITCH - White Deer was defeated by Sanford-Fritch 58-33 in basketball action last weekend. Cunningham paced

Sanford-Fritch with 19 points. Leading scorer for White Deer was Jacob Brame with 12 points. Brian Knocke followed with 10.

Sanford-Fritch also won the girls' contest 46-41.

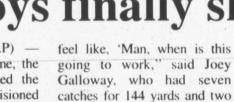
Vanna Jackson was high scorer for S-F with 13 points. Ashley Davis topped White Deer with 19 points. Cassie Petty added 13.

PAMPA — First State Bank of Miami opened the 5th-6th grade girls' basketball season with a 12-10 overtime win over Hidden Hills of Pampa in Optimist League action.

Ashley Schroeder led the Bankers in scoring with 6 points, followed by Bailey Adcock with 4. Sissy Page scored a basket in overtime to put the Bankers on top.

### WRESTLING

AMARILLO — Pampa fell to Palo Duro 75-12 in a high school wrestling dual



"It finally

lost at one-win Detroit 15-10.

Monday night in the PD Activity Center.

Three Pampa wrestlers, T.J. Sherrell, Ross Andreen and Trent Mogers, won their matches. Sherrell pinned Paz Acosta in the 112-pound class, Andreen pinned Trenton Winn in the 135-pound class and Mogers pinned Nabil Alsidan in the 180-pound class.

Pampa hosted a middle school wrestling tournament last weekend with Dumas coming away with the team title. Pampa was second and Boys Ranch third.

### FOOTBALL

WICHITA FALLS -Canadian was defeated by Holliday 30-20 last weekend in a regional semifinal game in Memorial Stadium.

Quarterback Riley Morris scored the three Canadian touchdowns on runs of 1 yard, I yard and 12 yards. He would finish with 120 yards rushing.

The Wildcats had bad luck, losing tailback Auston English, the leading rusher for the season, when he suffered a broken leg with less than two minutes left in the first half.

came 11 penalty yards - the Cowboys moved the ball effectively against Jacksonville.

They finished with a seasonhigh 405 yards and scored three offensive touchdowns in the same game for the first time.

Rookie quarterback Chad Hutchinson had 301 yards on 16 of 24 passes to seven different receivers, including three completions that went for at least 43 yards. Emmitt Smith carried 20 times for 73 yards and a 1-yard TD in the 21-19

"That is what we envisioned. That is the way we saw the system at the beginning of the season," Smith said Monday. "That is what we thought we'd do to start, and then get better as the season went on."

Instead, the Cowboys offense sputtered and struggled through the first 10 games as the NFL's lowest-scoring team.

Smith said there never was anything wrong with Coslet's West Coast-style offense. The Cowboys (4-7) just finally did what Coslet had been trying to get them to do all season.

"We know it works. You go and hit your head against the wall so many times you start to

Coach Dave Campo had been repeatedly asked about when the Cowboys would show some progress offensively.

"The answer was we won't see any progress until we start to get some consistency and continuity in the offensive line," Campo said Monday, repeating what became his constant answer. "Once we do that, we'll show progress."

Against the Jaguars, the Cowboys starting offensive line was unchanged from the previous game. The bye week before that loss at Indianapolis gave the five blockers extra time to work together.

While encouraged, Campo isn't getting overly excited about the offense as a whole or Hutchinson, who won his first game in four starts since replacing Quincy Carter.

Hutchinson's 301 yards were the most by a Dallas rookie since Troy Aikman set the club record with 379 in 1989, but it's too early to know if that was a breakthrough game or an aberration.

The Cowboys have been through that feel-good stage with Carter only to be disappointed.

Dozens of players reverently crowded around the cart to offer words of encouragement to Koy Detmer. The game was all but decided, and Detmer's fine play earned admirers in both uniforms.

As long as the Philadelphia Eagles don't run out of quarterbacks before the end of January - a distinct possibility at this rate — there might be no limit The Cowboys won't have to to how far their impressive offense can go.

> Filling in tremendously for injured Donovan McNabb, Detmer passed for 227 yards and two touchdowns and rushed for another score before leaving with a dislocated left elbow late in the Eagles' 38-17 win over San Francisco on Monday night.

Detmer's big night began and ended with a fall. He Billy Cundiff, who missed a tripped on the first play from 33-yard field goal against scrimmage, and he hurt his

elbow late in the third quarter, his legs flailing in excruciating pain after his awkward landing. Before he was carted off, the Eagles' entire bench emptied onto the field to wish him well along with the Niners' defense.

"It meant a lot to me," Detmer said. "I was in pain and disappointed at the same time. It was an incredible night up to that point. ... That was a great show of sportsmanship on (San Francisco's) part. They showed me a lot of respect."

Nobody will know how long Detmer will be out until he's reexamined in Philadelphia on Tuesday, but third-stringer A.J. Feeley, who finished for Detmer, expects to start Sunday against St. Louis.

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Before the fall, Detmer completed 18 of 26 passes while executing with remarkable precision for a player who'd thrown just 17 passes since 1999.



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# **Baseball**, two other sports, face Olympic elimination

### **By STEVE WILSTEIN**

### Ap Sports Writer

Baseball, softball and the ever-fascinating modern pentathlon are on the Olympics' endangered list.

They may survive a proposal to eliminate them at the Olympic International Committee meeting this week in Mexico City, but their future in the games is shaky. IOC president Jacques Rogge is determined to shrink the games, 'or at least contain them.

"The games have reached a critical size which may put their future success at risk if the size continues to increase," says a preliminary report released Monday by the Olympic Games Study Commission. "If unchecked, the current growth of the games could discourage many cities from bidding to host the games."

Rogge and the commission, headed by Canadian member Dick Pound, are on the right track. They just might want to take it a little further, really probe the possibilities of a quick Olympics.

-Track and field pared down to two events: 100meter dash and the decathlon. That would settle the issue of the world's fastest humans and world's greatest athletes. —Swimming and diving:

One sprint, one plunge.

Kick out basketball (a reshuffling of NBA stars), boxing (a judging mess), ten- ey, boxing, equestrian, skiing, nis (the Grand Slam is figure skating, Gravity

down events in everything else.

With a little judicious pruning, the Olympics can be over in a week

The Winter Games could be done in less time. Knocking out the judges in figure skating — the winner is the one who makes the most jumps in three minutes - getting rid of biathlon and skipping most of the Nordic events is a good start.

The advantages of a slimmed-down Olympics are numerous: lower costs, less scandal, fewer worries.

Or maybe Rogge has it all wrong. Maybe the Olympics should pump itself up with all manner of sports, from the extreme to the sublime motocross and rock climbing, bowling and bullriding, ballroom dancing and skydiving, billiards and chess. Rather than just two weeks of fun and games, the Olympics could grow to four or six or become a veritable yearlong world festival

If fans, instead of IOC members, were voting, the Olympics might have a whole different look. It might look more like what's already on TV every Sunday, thanks to the miracles of cable and satellite.

Consider the lineup of sports shows this past weekend, some of which were taped on other days and repackaged, not unlike the Olympics:

Basketball, football, hockenough), weightlifting (a den Games, kickboxing, golf, to 2012, at the earliest.

of steroid users) and whittle rodeo, bowling, thoroughbred racing, wakeboarding, soccer, and, to stretch the definition of sports, pro wrestling and cheerleading.

> If you missed the equestrian, you missed seeing horses jump over a fence between giant bottles of Budweiser.

> If you missed the rodeo, you missed hearing bullriding champ Wiley Peterson praise God and the bank that sponsored him.

> If you missed Ohio State beat Michigan on Saturday, you had a chance to see the 1972 and 1977 games between those schools on Sunday.

> Maybe the Olympics should just keep growing, feed the insatiable appetites of sports junkies around the world.

Some might say the Olympics don't need baseball and baseball doesn't need the Olympics, both of which are true. Baseball stadiums run up construction costs unless the games are held in the United States or one of very few other countries, and major league teams aren't sending off their million-dollar players for Olympic glory in midseason.

But that isn't stopping those pushing to keep the sport in the games and it probably won't matter to the IOC

The IOC probably may vote on baseball, softball and modern pentathlon this week and could decide to just pass on the issue until next year, pushing the possible elimination of the sports from 2008

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### **SCOREBOARD**

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#### N.Y. Jets at Oakland, 9 p.m. HORSE RACING

#### **AQHA All-American Futurity Poll**

AMARILLO, Texas (AP) - The American Quarter Horse Association racing poll for the leading 2-year-olds. Rankings, with records covering racing performances through Nov. 24 are based on the votes of media and industry representatives on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis with first-place votes in parentheses and total points (Sex: C-colt, G-gelding, H-horse, F-filly, M-mare): SSt-1-2-3 Pts Pvs

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# Stars defeat Coyotes, 5-1

trend of fast starts on Monday

DALLAS (AP) — The high slot 5:25 in for his ninth you if you let them.

Dallas Stars continued their goal. Dallas held a 15-1 shots (DesRochers) kept us in the advantage after the opening game. He's the only reason we

night, and the Phoenix Coyotes could not recover.

Dallas got a goal from Mike Modano early in a dominant first period and the Stars the Coyotes to remain unbeaten at home in regulation.

"We talk all the time about getting off to a good start, and we did that again," Stars coach Dave Tippett said. "Getting that first goal was big, and then we kept chipping away.'

With an 8-0-0-1 record at the American Airlines Center, the Stars are off to their best home start in franchise history.

Scott Young had two goals, Bill Guerin scored on the power play for his team-high 10th goal, and Pierre Turgeon had three assists for the Stars, who have a league-high 33 points.

"We're playing great at home and we want to keep it up," Young said. "It's been a lot of fun. We're prepared and focused for every game."

Marty Turco stopped 19 shots for the Stars to improve to 11-5-2.

Rookie goalie Patrick DesRochers made 32 saves is 2-2. for Phoenix in his eighth NHL game, third this season.

The Stars came out flying and took the lead on Modano's one-timer from the

minutes and outshot 10 Phoenix in the period 18-3, but DesRochers kept the Coyotes close.

Dallas, 6-1-1 in its last went on to a 5-1 victory over eight, has outscored opponents 29-10 in the first period this season.

> The Stars went 2-for-6 on the power play, making them 10-for-34 at home with the man advantage.

"You've got to give them credit for how they get started, but we came out flat and slow," Coyotes center Daniel Briere said. "We took too many penalties. They've got so much talent that their power play is going to hurt

all over us." Guerin's sixth power-play goal of the season at 8:52 of the second period, on a blast

from the left circle, made it 2-

were within reach. They were

Deron Quint's weak shot through a screen got through Turco's pads 1:07 after Guerin's goal to get the Coyotes on the scoreboard.

Young scored his fourth and fifth of the season at 4:33 and 12:36 of the third period to pad Dallas' advantage to 4-

Scott Pellerin added his first goal of the season with 10 seconds left on a power play.

## Pampa freshmen claim **Perryton JV girls title**

PERRYTON — Pampa's freshmen girls won the Perryton JV Tournament with wins over Borger, Dalhart and Dumas.

Pampa's junior varsity team placed third with wins against Spearman and Borger. Their only loss was to Gruver.

Pampa's freshmen have a 5-1 record while the JV team

> **Perryton Girls JV** Tournament

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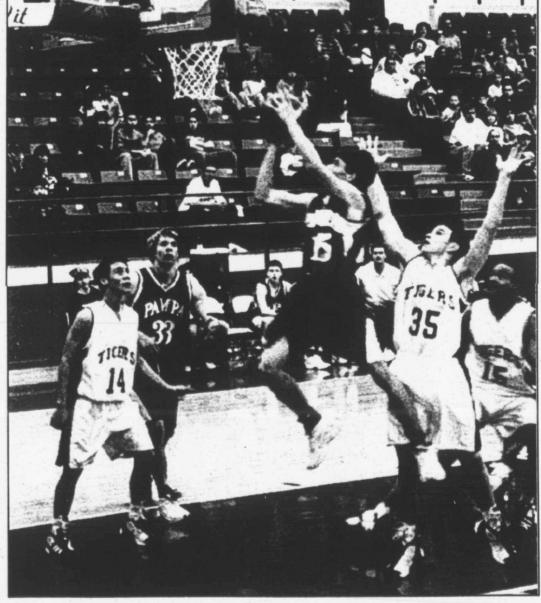
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(Championship game) P - Urban 8, Darden 6, Dunn



(Photo by Grover Black)

Pampa's Clayton Hall goes up for a shot against Frenship in a basketball game last weekend. Both the Pampa boys' and girls' teams play at Borger tonight.

# Heart problems apparently caused Texas A&M player's death

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — A family history of heart problems may provide a clue into the sudden death of Texas A&M defensive lineman Brandon Fails, Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said.

Fails died Monday morning after complaining to his roommate of breathing problems. Fails had no history of heart problems, but his father survived a heart attack at age 32 and his grandfather also had heart problems, Slocum said.

"The doctors are speculating that it was a heart condition,'

Slocum said in Tuesday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman. "He had a very faint pulse rate at the dorm."

An autopsy has been scheduled.

Like all freshman players at A&M, Fails was given a complete physical before reporting for football practices Aug. 5. But echocardiograms, which produce an ultrasound picture of the heart, usually are not included, and a source familiar with the case said Fails was not given one.

Those who knew Fails said

he will be remembered as friendly freshman with a frequent grin and a bright future at Texas A&M.

"He was a young, talented young man who I thought had a chance to be an outstanding lineman for us," said defensive line coach Buddy Wyatt. "He was a bubbly kid. I don't think he ever ran into anyone who wouldn't remember his smile.

"He'd only been here two months, and over at Cain Hall everyone knew him. You could see the grief on everybody's passed away," Wyatt said.

Fails died at St. Joseph Regional Health Center in Bryan after collapsing in his Cain Hall dorm room.

Fails played in four games this season before undergoing knee surgery Oct. 22. He would have been a starting prospect for next season.

Fails' roommate, freshman tight end Patrick Fleming, told Slocum that Fails collapsed as the two players prepared to leave for breakfast in the dorm cafeteria.

"He was fine. He was at

practice yesterday afternoon. He did not practice. He was recuperating from knee surgery early in the year," Slocum said.

Fleming told Slocum he and Fails had been to dinner with a friend Sunday evening without any problems.

Slocum informed the player's parents, Charles and Valerie Fails of Euless, of their son's death.

"Any time you get in a situation like this it dramatically points out what is really important," Slocum said. "You are sitting in a room with a mother and father and telling them their son is dead. Everything else pales by comparison."

Slocum called off Monday's practice but planned to return to workouts Tuesday to continue preparations for Friday's game against Texas.

It is the second time in four years that the Texas-Texas A&M game has been marked by tragedy. On Nov. 18, 1999, a 59-foot tower of logs being prepared for the traditional A&M bonfire collapsed and killed 12 people and injured 27.

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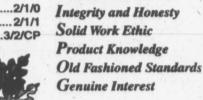
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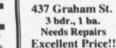
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday major social event. Know when to say Nov. 27, 2002:

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Have: 5-Dynamic; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

tion of getting out of work on time. you like it. Others seem to dump more and more on LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) you. A loved one's gesture makes your \*\*\*\* Recognize your limits when Tonight: Put your feet up. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

to a Thanksgiving dinner or participating SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Pitch in.

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home, if possible. Understand that your yourself. You can do it. Tonight: Where http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. efforts at work and at home help everyone. Understand when to stop and do for SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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4-Positive; \*\*\* Express your diligence in a smile wins friends. Reach out for those friend. around you, especially if a friend might PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Focus on work and completing not have plans for Thanksgiving. Express \*\*\*\* Others seek you out. Ask for

obstacle through revealing more of \*\*\* You might be more playful than what's on your mind. You're now in the many. Make an effort toward a loved one position to release an emotional obstrucor friend, whether it is inviting him or her tion in your life. Tonight: Rest up.

in his or her life in some other fashion. A \*\*\*\* Aim for more of what you partner could be overwhelmed. Tonight: want from someone else. Friends sur- (1964) round you in your immediate circle. Reach out to a friend who might have

your friends are. yourself. An errand develops into a \*\*\*\* You have the best of intentions.

though you might overreact to someone's demands. Know when to put a halt to spending. Get life to conform a bit more to your needs for a change. Tonight: work and potential educational or growth Understand that not everyone expresses Bring family and friends together as 'AXIDERMY-all types Juality work. Reas. price,

your success as education. Travel and a more direct in your dealings. Explain \*\*\* Pressure builds in a somewhat unprecedented manner. You can and will be able to make inroads with someone at

a distance whom you really care about. quite unique and different. You make \*\*\* Financial dealings take prece- You can make a difference where others waves in his or her life, much as he or dence, especially with a domestic matter. cannot. Loosen up. Tonight: Hop in the

\*\*\*\* A partner needs and wants you're more together than you have been friend makes a statement that might more communication, which perhaps you need. Extremes modify a situation. You might opt to do a double take. Carefully consider options that surround a friendship. You might decide to make manner that makes a difference. Your separate plans. Tonight: Say "yes" to a

the job, especially if you have any inten- your unusual thoughtfulness. Tonight: As more support if you need it. Pressure WED NOV. 27TH ...... TUES. NOV. 26TH NOON builds, encouraging you to head in a new direction. Realize your limits with care involving a boss or a parent. You might day. Do whatever you can to pitch in. dealing with someone who might make need to back down in order to get the you a bit uncomfortable. Get past an results you desire. Tonight: Go along with the program.

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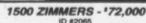


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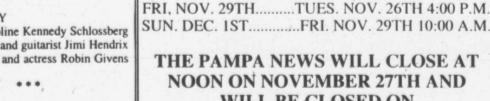
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Pampa Altrusans recently delivered bags of paper goods to Schneider House residents. Above: (left-right) Terry Gamblin, Gaye Whitehead, Ruby Royce, Chleo Worley, and Myrna Orr, project chair.

# **Governors: Worst year for state budgets since Second World War**

WASHINGTON (AP) – Despite draining rainy-day and other reserve funds, state governments still could face a collective budget shortfall of \$40 billion or more next year, the nation's governors say.

State lawmakers have responded with the largest tax increases in a decade, but may have to raise taxes even further or cut higher education and

1992, when \$15 billion in tax hikes were enacted, the association reported.

The report found that 23 of 49 states raised taxes; Florida did not participate in the survey. Cigarettes and other tobacco products saw the biggest tax

products saw the biggest tax hikes, \$2.9 billion, followed by sales taxes, \$1.4 billion; corporate income taxes, \$1.2 billion; and personal income taxes, \$1 "It's a pretty dire outlook for states," Scheppach said. "Unfortunately, even when the economy comes back, it will help, but I think states are going to continue in a very, very difficult situation for at least the next two or three years until, in particular, we get some major reforms in the Medicaid program."

Exploding health care costs, which generally make up one-

# **Report: Immigration** rates not decreasing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legal and illegal immigration into the United States so far this decade has kept pace with the surging rates of the 1990s, with nearly onethird of the new immigrants arriving from Mexico, a private analysis released Tuesday said.

More than 3.3 million new immigrants entered the country between January 2000 and March 2002 as the nation's foreign-bom population swelled to over 33 million, according to a report from the Center for Immigration Studies, a 'research group that supports some limits on immigration.

Researchers remain divided over how the souring economy and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks affected immigration. The report's author, Steven Camarota, said his analysis of Census Bureau data showed little evidence of an immigration slowdown.

"There's such a huge queue of people in line on legal immigration, that even if some people dropped out, there's still a tremendous number waiting to get in," Camarota said. Even during a recession, the economy is better in America than in most of the countries from which new immigrants come, he said.

Roberto Suro, director of the Pew Hispanic Center, cautioned against using the data as a barometer of any post-Sept. 11 immigration trends since the study stopped at March 2002, just six months after the terrorist attacks.

Typically though, Suro said, there is a short-term response in immigration rates to dramatic events and then "the underlying trend reasserts itself — trends tied to economic factors and family reunification."

Among the findings by Camarota:

 The number of foreign-born residents increased about 1.1 million a year between 1990 and 2000, to 31.1 million.
Adding to that number the

3.3 million new immigrants this decade through March, then sub-

tracting the 1.3 million immigrants who either died or left the country during the same period, gives the number of immigrants as of March  $2002^{*}-33.1$  million.

- That total includes an estimated 8 million to 9 million-illegal immigrants, with roughly 1 million to 1.5 million entering during the first two-plus years of this decade.

-Of all immigrants who arrived since 2000, about 1 million were from Mexico and 88,000 were from the Middle East.

Some evidence points to small declines in the number of studentand employment visas granted to immigrants from Middle Eastern countries since Sept. 11, in large part due to crackdowns after the attacks, said Jim Zogby, president of the Arab-American Institute.

Other potential immigrants may be hesitant to come to the United States amid reports of increasing discrimination against Arab-Americans, Zogby said. The FBI on Monday said Muslims and people who are or appear to be of Middle Eastern descent were reported as victims of hate crimes more often last year than ever before.

The mission statement for Camarota's group calls for "fewer immigrants but a warmer welcome for those admitted." According to Camarota, that could be accomplished by better–policing the nation's borders and punishing employers who hire illegals, along with maintaining stricter guidelines over who gets visas.

### Radio Shack to discontinue address policy

DALLAS (AP) – Electronics retailer RadioShack Corp. says it will stop a decades-long practice of asking every customer for his name and address when making a purchase.

Chairman and chief executive Leonard Roberts said the company has probably lost sales over the years because of the practice, which was used to build the company's directmail advertising list.

"Our customers find it very time-consuming and annoying to give their name and address with every single purchase," Roberts said, adding that some customers gave phony names.

"It's not a customerfriendly thing, and our people hate doing it — this was a pressure point in their relationship with their customers," Roberts said.

Beth Givens, director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse, a consumer-advocacy group, said she was alarmed that supermarkets and other retailers appear to be increasing their collection of information on shoppers. "They are building large data bases for datamining purposes," Givens said. "You shouldn't have

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other state programs already scaled back in current spending plans.

"We don't have an estimate of the total shortfall because states are going back now and re-estimating revenues in budgets," said Raymond C. Scheppach, executive director of the National Governors Association. "But my sense is, probably, we have a shortfall of at least \$40 billion now. That's going to be a drain on the economy going forward."

State budgets are in their worst shape since World War II, and soaring health care costs and a sputtering economy that hurt tax collections are to blame, said a report the governors association released Monday.

States have enacted \$8.3 billion in tax hikes for the fiscal year that began for most states on July 1. That was the largest dollar increase since

### Cruise ships coming under fire for illness

PORT CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — At least 25 passengers on the Disney cruise ship Magic have contracted a flu-like illness, just days after the ship was scrubbed for hours because 275 people fell ill on an earlier trip.

The ship was disinfected Saturday after about 275 people developed the Norwalk-like virus on the Magic's last sevenday trip, which ended Saturday. The cause of the illnesses has not been determined, Disney Cruise Line spokesman Mark Jaronski said.

There are about 2,400 passengers and 950 crew members aboard the current Magic cruise, Jaronski said. At least 25 passengers on the 964-foot ship are ill. "We're focused on taking

care of the guests," Jaronski said Monday.

A cruise, where hundreds of passengers and crew mingle in close quarters for days or weeks, can provide ideal conditions for the Norwalk-like virus to spread. The virus is spread through food and water and close contact with infected people or things they have touched. It can cause diarrhea, stomach pain and vomiting for up to two days.

y billion, according to the report. I- Alcohol and gasoline were

among other items that saw tax increases. More than a dozen states also raised various fees, including those for emergency services, driver's licenses and filing of court records. third of state budgets, continued to outpace\_tax revenue for state governments, many of which already have cut services, combined programs and trimmed work forces to try to keep pace, the report said.

In the end, Perez himself

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### Los Angeles prosecutors concluding Rampart police corruption probe

LOS ANGELES (AP) – After three years, millions of dollars and untold damage to the reputation of local law enforcement, Los Angeles may finally be able to turn the page on a police corruption scandal that began when a renegade officerwas caught stealing cocaine from an evidence room.

The investigation into the department's anti-gang unit in the Rampart area west of down-town officially ended Monday with the district attorney decid-ing not to file criminal charges in 82 remaining cases.

"Rampart showed us that there are some bad law enforcement officers who themselves became the gangsters that they were supposed to be policing," District Attorney Steve Cooley said in a report closing his office's probe at the Rampart station.

At the center of the scandal was former officer Rafael Perez and his partner, Nino Durden. Perez spent months talking to investigators and making allegations of vast police wrongdoing including shootings, thefts and planting of weapons on suspects.

About 100 criminal cases were overturned because they were considered tainted by involvement of officers implicated in the investigation.

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