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Bush seeks more anti-terror funds

By **TERENCE HUNT**
 AP WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, facing doubts about his handling of Iraq amid rising casualties, is asking Congress for \$87 billion to fight terrorism and cautioning Americans that the struggle "will take time and require sacrifice."

Bush's money request would come on top of the \$79 billion that Congress approved in April for the initial costs of the war and its aftermath and for worldwide efforts against terrorism.

Despite calls from Republicans and Democrats alike for more troops, Bush said the 130,000 U.S. forces in Iraq

were sufficient. But he urged other nations, even those that had opposed the war, to contribute troops and money.

On Monday, Britain's Ministry of Defense said that country will send two additional battalions to Iraq, adding 1,200 troops to its forces already there. Britain has 11,000 troops in the country.

The president addressed the nation Sunday night, his first speech on Iraq since May 1 when he stood on the aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln and declared an end to major combat.

In the four months since, U.S. casualties have risen steadily, to the point where more have died in the aftermath

of the war than during the combat phase.

The attacks on American forces continued Monday when an explosion struck a U.S. patrol convoy near the center of Baghdad. Two soldiers were wounded, a military spokesman said.

Bush described Iraq in his 18-minute speech as the central battleground of the terrorism war and blamed the violence on Saddam Hussein loyalists and foreign terrorists.

"We are fighting that enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan today, so that we do not meet him again on our own streets, in our own cities," Bush said, four days before the second anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bush said that roughly \$66 billion of the \$87 billion he will seek from Congress for the fiscal year starting Oct. 1 is for military and intelligence operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and elsewhere. Earlier cost estimates of the terrorism war had ranged between \$60 billion and \$80 billion.

Of the nearly \$66 billion, \$51 billion would be for Iraq, \$11 billion for Afghanistan and about \$200 million for the Horn of Africa, a congressional official knowledgeable about the request said Monday.

This source also said that \$1.5 billion would be used for U.S. support of foreign troops participating in stabiliz-

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Foam falls



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Almost two inches of rain that fell on the city during the night causes a foamy waterfall on Red Deer Creek in Central Park this morning. Thunderstorms laden with moisture passed through the Panhandle last night, dumping much-needed precipitation throughout the area. Moore County posted seven inches of rain from the storm.

Sorry, we're full

Sheriff deals with lack of beds for Gray County Jail prisoners

By **DAVID BOWSER**
 STAFF WRITER

If Don Copeland was in private business, he'd have a problem most hotel owners would love to have, too many guests and not enough beds.

But the shortage of beds at his hotel is causing other headaches for Copeland, the Sheriff of Gray County.

The Gray County jail has 78 beds, and this morning had 89 guests.

"We're doing our best with them," Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing said today. "It's just, by golly, pretty tough right now."

This isn't the first time this year that the jail has been overcrowded.

"What we had to do earlier

this year," Sheriff Copeland said, "was ship some of them off to Dickens County."

Dickens County charged Gray County \$38 per prisoner per day.

Still, Sheriff Copeland said, the jail population fluctuates enough that it wouldn't be economically feasible to build more detention facilities.

"We were in the 60s last week," Copeland said, "and the 80s this week."

While the jail had 89 people in it this morning, the key, the sheriff said, is what they will end up with by the end of the day.

It's not uncommon to release 10 or 11 people during the day on bail, Rushing said.

"We never know what we'll

(See **JAIL**, Page 3)

City '04 budget vote on tap

The 2004 budget will top the agenda of the Pampa City Commission Tuesday evening.

In their regular meeting at 6 p.m., in the commission chambers in Pampa City Hall, the commission will hear and vote on the first reading of the city budget for the 2004 fiscal year beginning Oct. 1. They will also hear the first reading on the ad valorem tax rate for the new fiscal year.

The commission will also consider the PEDC annual budget, also.

Other ordinances which will be presented on first reading involved reducing the minimum water and sewage charges to 1,000 gallons.

The commission will hear the second and final reading of an ordinance calling for a special election Nov. 4, to adopt the Fire and

Police Employee Relations Act. The act would allow Pampa firefighters to participate in collective bargaining.

The commission is also expected to award bids Tuesday evening to paint booths and sell tax delinquent property. Javier Gonzales has bid \$200 on tax delinquent property at 601 E. Foster.

In addition to considering placing weather equipment on city property, the commission will also consider amending the lease agreement with McCarty-Hull on the old U.S. Bus building, 822 E. Foster.

Tuesday evening's agenda and a review of advisory board term expirations are scheduled for the commission's work session at 5 p.m., Tuesday, in the main floor conference room of City Hall.

Deputies hunt for meth lab suspect

A Shamrock woman was in Gray County jail today and her partner was the object of a manhunt after Gray County deputies broke up a meth lab operation between Alanreed and McLean over the weekend.

Jennifer Renee Elliott, 26, Shamrock, was in Gray County jail today in lieu of \$10,000 bond on charges of manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance.

Sheriff Don Copeland said today that Deputy Larry Wallis

developed information that a methamphetamine lab was being operated in a rural part of the Gray County south of Interstate 40.

After checking the area on a regular basis, officers said, Wallis found two people Saturday afternoon cooking what he believed to be methamphetamine.

When he drove up on the couple, Sheriff Copeland said, both ran. Wallis was able to capture Elliott and to identify the man with her. Officers said

they expected a warrant would be issued for the man's arrest.

"An arrest is eminent," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

Lab technicians with the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force were called to inspect the scene, authorities said today.

A hazard materials team was called from Lubbock to clean up the scene of the suspected lab.

Bond for Elliott was set by Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman.

PHS Open House set



(Courtesy photo)

Keisha Childress, a senior at PHS, participated in Howdy Day the first week of school by dressing up in her best cowboy gear. Parents now get the chance to meet the school's new principal Evan Smith and the 2003-2004 faculty at the Pampa High School Open House Tuesday, Sept. 9. The event is a little different this year. It will begin at 6 p.m. with 10 minutes allowed to go to each of the seven classes and a five-minute passing time between class visits. Parents are encouraged to bring their high school students with them. Door prizes will be given away for the first time this year, also.

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Donations to help fight crime



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Lt. Fred Courtney, coordinator for Pampa/Gray County Crime Stoppers, accepts a donation for \$500 from Wal-Mart Manager Carol Harris.



(Courtesy photo)

Chief Trevlyn Pitner of the Pampa Police Department receives a \$500 donation from Wal-Mart Manager Carol Harris.

Texans head to polls Sept. 13 to decide on 22 propositions

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Perry, doctors, senior citizens, police officers and Mothers Against Drunk Driving are among the many voices weighing in on the high-profile Proposition 12 in Saturday's election.

But along with that proposed constitutional amendment, which would allow the Legislature to limit non-economic damages in medical malpractice and other civil lawsuits, 21 other ballot items are before the voters. They cover a multitude of subjects, from bank lending to wine-making to bond money for military communities.

Early voting ends Tuesday. Texas Secretary of State Geoffrey S. Connor, the newly appointed top state elections official, is trying to boost voter

interest. Turnout typically is light for Texas constitutional amendment elections, ranging from 6 percent to 10 percent of registered voters in recent years.

"During this election, Texans will be making tremendously important choices which will impact the future of our state for years to come. By not voting, you are letting someone else decide your future for you. That's not the Texan way," Connor said.

A wild-card factor is whether the expensive advertising and news media attention paid to Proposition 12 will push turnout higher.

Among other amendments on the ballot are two that would give homeowners more ways to borrow against their equity. Propositions 6 and 16, respec-

tively, would allow a homeowner to refinance a home equity loan as a reverse mortgage and use equity as a line of credit.

Proposition 3 would ban local governments from taxing undeveloped land owned by religious organizations. The bill is aimed at protecting property that may have been purchased by a religious group that eventually intends to expand onto it.

The Texas wine industry could benefit from Proposition 11, wine producers say. The proposed amendment would override local restrictions and allow wineries to manufacture and sell wine on their premises and dispense wine for free tastings.

Proposition 20 was pushed by legislators from San

Antonio and El Paso and would authorize issuance of up to \$250 million in general obligation bonds for low-interest economic development project loans that would benefit military communities. The move is part of an effort to protect the state's remaining military installations as the 2005 round of base closures approaches.

Other amendments would allow certain travel trailers to be exempt from property taxes; limit property tax increases school districts can impose on disabled residents; and authorize municipalities to donate surplus firefighting equipment to rural volunteer fire departments.

Proposition 12 is generating the most debate — and the most campaign spending. It pits doctors and business

groups, who want passage of the proposition, against plaintiffs' lawyers and consumer groups, who don't.

Proponents include the Texas Medical Association and Texans For Lawsuit Reform. They say limiting non-economic damages such as pain and suffering will help eliminate frivolous lawsuits and reduce the cost of doing business for physicians and private companies by getting rid of arbitrary damage awards.

Perry and fellow Republican state leaders have campaigned for Prop 12.

"I think frivolous lawsuits need to be stopped in Texas and that's what this is about," Perry said after casting his early ballot in Austin.

Opponents, however, say limiting damage awards denies

citizens their legal rights and allows individuals and corporations that commit wrongdoing to escape accountability.

Among those against Prop 12 are AARP, MADD and the consumer group Texas Watch.

Last week several police associations also opposed it, saying the amendment would take away the ability to hold criminals accountable in civil court.

"A strong civil justice system working alongside a strong criminal justice system is essential to deterring crime and punishing criminals," said Glenn M. White, president of the Dallas Police Association.

Trial lawyers have been footing much of the bill for the advertising against Prop 12, although they have been deliberately quiet otherwise.

The 22 proposed constitutional amendments

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The 22 proposed constitutional amendments on the ballot in Saturday's election are as follows:

Proposition 1— Authorizing the Veterans' Land Board to use assets in certain veterans' land and veterans' housing assistance funds to provide veterans homes for the aged or infirm and to make principal, interest and bond enhancement payments on revenue bonds.

Proposition 2— Establishes a two-year period for the redemption of a mineral interest sold for unpaid ad valorem taxes at a tax sale.

Proposition 3— Authorizing the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation property owned by a religious organization that is leased for use as a school or that is owned with the intent of expanding or constructing a religious facility.

Proposition 4— Relating to the provision of parks and recreational facilities by cer-

tain conservation and reclamation districts.

Proposition 5— Authorizing the Legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation travel trailers not held or used for the production of income.

Proposition 6— Permit refinancing of a home equity loan with a reverse mortgage.

Proposition 7— Permit a six-person jury in a district court misdemeanor trial.

Proposition 8— Authorizing the Legislature to permit a person to take office without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

Proposition 9— Relating to the use of income and appreciation of the permanent school fund.

Proposition 10— Authorizing municipalities to donate surplus firefighting equipment or supplies for the benefit of rural volunteer fire departments.

Proposition 11— Allow the Legislature to enact laws

authorizing and governing the operation of wineries in this state.

Proposition 12— Concerning civil lawsuits against doctors and health care providers, and other actions, authorizing the Legislature to determine limitations on non-economic damages.

Proposition 13— Permit counties, cities and towns, and junior college districts to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly and their spouses.

Proposition 14— Providing for authorization of the issuing of notes or the borrowing of money on a short-term basis by a state transportation agency for transportation-related projects, and the issuance of bonds and other public securities secured by the state highway fund.

Proposition 15— Providing that certain benefits under certain local public retirement systems may not be reduced or

impaired.

Proposition 16— Authorizing a home equity line of credit, providing for administrative interpretation of home equity lending law, and otherwise relating to the making, refinancing, repayment and enforcement of home equity loans.

Proposition 17— Prohibit an increase in the total amount of school district ad valorem taxes that may be imposed on the residence homestead of a disabled person.

Proposition 18— Authorizing the Legislature to permit a person to assume an office of a political subdivision without an election if the person is the only candidate to qualify in an election for that office.

Proposition 19— Repeal the authority of the Legislature to provide for the creation of rural fire prevention districts.

Proposition 20— Authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds or

notes not to exceed \$250 million payable from the general revenues of the state to provide loans to defense-related communities, that will be repaid by the defense-related community, for economic development projects, including projects that enhance the military value of military installations.

Proposition 21— Permit a current or retired faculty member of a public college or university to receive compensation for service on the governing body of a water district.

Proposition 22— Authorizing the appointment of a temporary replacement officer to fill a vacancy created when a public officer enters active duty in the United States armed forces.

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JAIL

have by the end of the day," Rushing said.

With a state jail commission inspection coming up later this month, Copeland said he expects inspectors to note the problem on their report, but he said the commission generally works with counties in such situations, understanding the fluctuations in jail populations.

"It's a constant hassle," Copeland admitted, "but we can't afford to cut back on law enforcement."

"We're not going to quite working just because the jail's full," Rushing said. "The sheriff wouldn't let us do that."

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BUSH

ing Iraq; \$5 billion for security there and \$15 billion for work on restoring and upgrading the nation's infrastructure. Another \$2.2 billion would be set aside for reserve mobilization, if necessary, said this official, speaking on grounds of anonymity.

At the White House, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan defended the size

of Bush's pending request for funds. "We continue to believe the deficit is manageable. We have a plan to address it, and we're working to address it," he said.

"This is the war on terrorism. This is about making the world safer," McClellan added. "This is about making America more secure. And the president will do what it takes when it comes to the highest of priorities."

Bush's national security

adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said Monday the additional money the administration is badly needed.

If Iraq can be stabilized, "those costs will be won back over and over again,"

she said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We don't know the numbers in which they are going to Iraq, but that's why they're going," she said on CBS's "The Early Show."

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Woman's Dream Wedding Does Not Include Fiance's Family

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Karl" for nearly two years. We are discussing marriage. The problem is, I can't stand his family. They are rude, unkempt, lazy and opinionated. Karl's family blames me for helping him to overcome his poor social skills and unhealthy lifestyle. Karl has lost a lot of weight since we started dating. He now wears clean clothes and has had his teeth fixed.

I have always wanted a lavish outdoor wedding and reception, but I don't want to invite Karl's family. I am afraid they will ruin it. I think it might be better to have a small civil ceremony. Karl disagrees, and it's causing a rift in our relationship. Please help.

BEWILDERED IN OHIO

DEAR BEWILDERED: Before your wedding plans go further, you and Karl have some important issues to iron out. For better or worse, those rude, unkempt, lazy, opinionated people are his family. Do you expect him to divorce them in order to marry you? If the answer is yes, tell him now. If the answer no, accept that Karl comes with some heavy baggage that will be difficult to handle, unless a way is found for you to accept his family the way they are. Remember, too, that his parents will be your children's grandparents. So look again before you leap.

DEAR ABBY: I am gay and have been dating "Warren" for more than four years. He's wonderful. The problem is, some members of his family strongly oppose his homosexuality and are rude when we visit his parents.

Because of their overt hostility, I no longer wish to attend these family functions. However, I want Warren to continue to go to the gatherings — without me. Warren disagrees. He says I should continue to go with him, because the more his family sees us together, the more understanding they'll become.

Do you agree? Should I go to Warren's family gatherings, even though it's clear that I am not welcome?

HELPLESS IN HARTFORD, CONN.

DEAR HELPLESS: Since this treatment has continued for more than four years, it's obvious Warren's family is not receptive to the two of you as a couple. Warren might try speaking to his parents about this problem, if he hasn't already. But if that doesn't change the atmosphere, I see no reason for either of you to subject yourselves to more rudeness or hostility.

DEAR ABBY: I have been widowed for five years. My neighbor, "Matt," lost his second wife three years ago. We are both in our 60s and have been friendly for two years. Matt seems convinced that every woman who is nice to him has marriage on her mind. I don't want to remarry — and he knows it — but it doesn't seem to matter. He has been in my home numerous times, but nothing comes of it. He seems shy, and I know he is lonely, but he doesn't seem interested in an intimate relationship.

Matt is a wonderful man. I know he and I could be closer if he would just open up a little. People need people, Abby. What do you suggest?

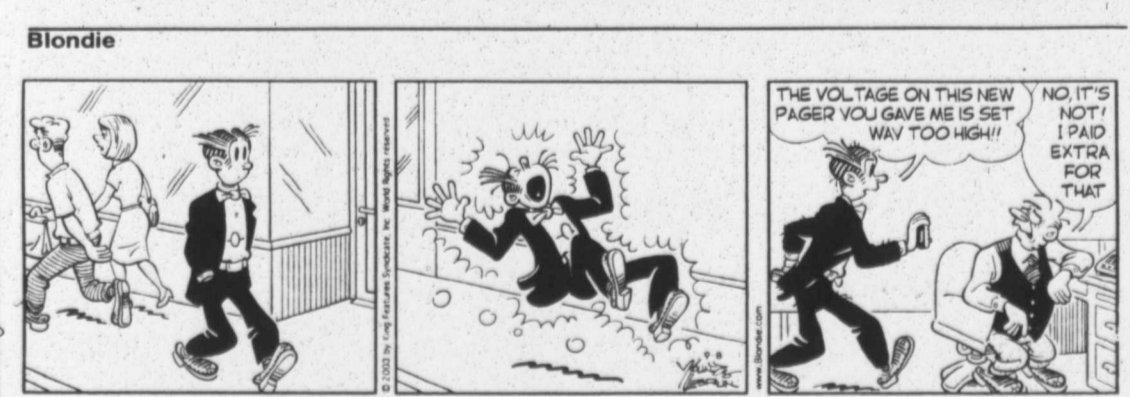
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DEAR PEOPLE PERSON: That you ease up and accept your neighbor for the person he is. Matt may not want an intimate relationship — or he may be unable to have one.

It's also possible he doesn't want to be hurt again. His reasons are his own, and if you pressure him, you may cause the end of a very nice friendship.

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, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

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Cowboys fall to Falcons 27-13 in opener

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys are about to find out how Bill Parcells responds after a mistake-filled loss.

Parcells showed little emotion on the sideline Sunday and didn't seem too perturbed when he spoke to reporters after a 27-13 loss to the Atlanta Falcons in his first game as coach of the Cowboys.

Players weren't so sure what to expect when they got to work Monday.

"We'll find out," receiver Joey Galloway said.

Dallas had a 7-3 halftime lead, and it could have been bigger if not for Quincy Carter's ill-advised pass that was intercepted and Billy

Cundiff's missed 33-yard field goal the last two first-half drives.

Carter then fumbled three plays into the second half. That led to a touchdown and the first of 17 straight points by the Falcons, who won with quarterback Michael Vick watching from a coaches' box with a broken left leg.

"Everyone figured we couldn't win without Mike. ... That makes this win that much more special," cornerback Ray Buchanan said. "We proved a lot of people wrong."

Vick's replacement, Doug Johnson, overcame a 1-for-11 stretch to finish 16-of-27 for 228 yards with an interception

and two touchdowns — both in the third quarter, a 7-yarder to Warrick Dunn and a 41-yarder to tight end Alge Crumpler.

After Carter threw a 49-yard TD pass to Galloway with 11:37 left, Johnson led the Falcons on a 14-play, 75-yard drive that he capped with a 1-yard plunge 8 1/2 minutes later.

"I think my players are more confident with Doug now and this win has given us, as a team, more confidence for the rest of the season," said Falcons coach Dan Reeves, who earned his 199th victory.

"I'm just trying to hold it down and keep us in con-

tenion," Johnson said. "I understand that role and I'm doing everything I can to keep us in playoff position."

Dallas mistakes made Johnson's job a little easier.

Carter's two turnovers offset his career-high 268 yards on 15-of-32 passing. Plus, a penalty wiped out a 48-yard play to Galloway, who still had seven catches for 139 yards.

"We have a lot of work to do. We'll see where we go from here," said Parcells, who coached in his first game since 1999. "I'm concerned about a lot of things."

Still, Parcells mostly kept his emotions in check on the sideline, even when things

went bad. He stood with his hands on his hips or behind his back, or crossed his arms when he wasn't looking at the play chart he carried.

Parcells also lost his debuts with the New York Giants and New England Patriots. And he knew after being hired by the Cowboys in January that it would take a lot of work to turn around the five-time Super Bowl champions coming off three straight 5-11 seasons.

"I don't think you can make any judgment where we are team-wise until you start playing for keeps, so right now we're not doing that well," Parcells said.

Texans pull upset

MIAMI (AP) — A Super Bowl season isn't supposed to start with a loss to a second-year expansion team, and the Miami Dolphins know it.

That's what made their 21-20 defeat against the Houston Texans so galling.

"I'm stunned. Shocked. Disappointed. Amazed," defensive tackle Larry Chester said. "No one could have told me we were going to lose — not with this team."

But there was nothing fluky about the Texans' win Sunday. They stopped Jason Taylor and stymied Ricky Williams, forced three turnovers while committing none and played better down the stretch.

Kris Brown kicked his fifth field goal, a 35-yarder, with 25 seconds left for the victory.

"Not many people gave us a chance to win," Brown said. "But we're not shocked."

The Week 1 upset was the Texans' second in as many seasons. Last year, they became the first expansion team since 1961 to win their opening game by beating the Dallas Cowboys.

The Dolphins fell to 0-1 for the first time in 12 years. They committed 11 penalties, squandered timeouts they could have used in the final moments and failed to sack David Carr, who was sacked an NFL-record 76 times last year. He threw for 266 yards, including a 78-yard touchdown to Corey Bradford.

"It almost turns the game into 7-on-7," Carr said. "When we do that, we have more than enough skill on the outside to make plays."

The Texans limited Williams, last year's NFL rushing champion, to 69 yards on the ground. Marcus Coleman made two interceptions, including one to set up the winning kick by Brown, who also made field goals of 50, 36, 24 and 23 yards.

Coleman intercepted Jay Fiedler's desperation pass at the 5-yard line on the final play, and the crowd booted the Dolphins as the clock ran out. Miami lost to a team that went 4-12 last year and was outscored 107-38 while losing all four exhibition games last month.

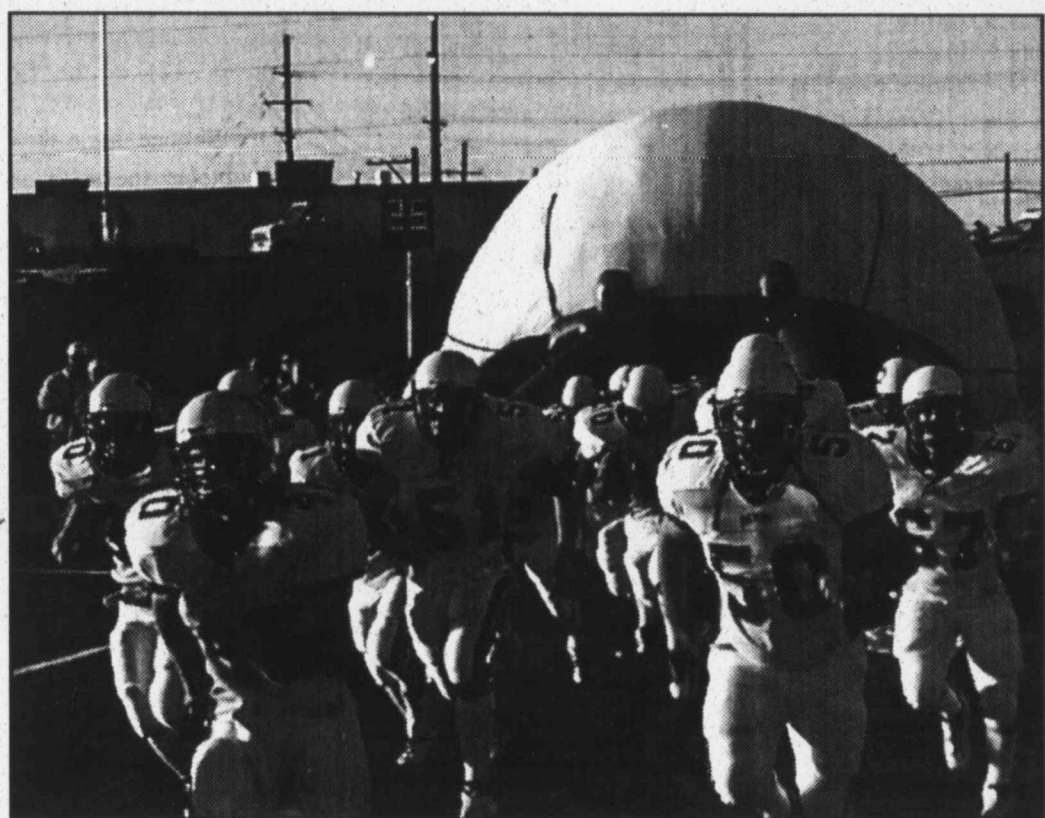
"We could have played a pee wee team, and we still would have lost," cornerback Sam Madison said.

The Dolphins, touted as a potential Super Bowl team, had won 11 consecutive openers and 17 straight home games in August and September since 1994. They're below .500 for the first time since the end of 1996.

"In a way I'm glad it happened early," Chester said. "This shows we're human. We're not machines. But this team can bounce back from anything."

Chris Chambers gave Miami a 14-6 lead by making touchdown receptions of 57 and 21 yards.

Leading the way



(Photo by Ray Boring)

Leading the Harvesters out of the tunnel at Lubbock Estacado are (l-r) linebacker Mac Smith (40), Jared Winegeart (51), defensive tackle Tyrel Bolin (50) and lineman Michael Shaw (67). The Harvesters shut out Estacado 35-0 to go 2-0 for the season. Up next for the Harvesters is Amarillo High at 7:30 Friday night in Harvester Stadium.

Red Raiders outlast New Mexico

LUBBOCK, Texas (AP) — B.J. Symons threw for five touchdowns and ran for another as Texas Tech beat New Mexico 42-28 Saturday night.

After D.D. Cox's 3-yard touchdown run pulled New Mexico within 35-28 in the fourth quarter, Symons engineered one last drive. He took the Red Raiders (2-0) 66 yards in 12 plays and took the ball in from the 1 on a quarterback sneak with 2:43 left.

He finished 37-of-54 for 418 yards.

The Lobos (1-1) turned the ball over four times in the game. Casey Kelly was intercepted three times, but Tech only turned one of those into a score.

Symons' performance in his first two starts for Tech has already brought him more yards (715) and passing touchdowns (eight) than he compiled during his three years as a backup (545 yards and seven touchdowns) to record-setting quarterback Kliff Kingsbury.

Three of Symons' touchdowns went to Mickey Peters, two for 8 yards and one for 52.

Peters, who finished with

121 yards on eight receptions, has already tallied half as many TD passes this year (four) as he had all of last season.

Tech safety Ryan Aycock intercepted two passes, giving him three for the season. He had one all of last season.

The only time New Mexico got inside Tech's 15 in the first half, Kelly threw into double coverage and safety Vincent Meeks came out with the ball.

Defense and special teams set up Tech's first two scores, both 8-yard touchdown passes from Symons to Peters.

Early in the first quarter, Aycock intercepted his first pass of the night when Tech lineman Fred Threweatt tipped a pass by Kelly. Aycock pulled it in and returned 14 yards.

Symons then connected

on four straight passes, the last one for an 8-yard score to Peters to put Tech up 7-0.

The Lobos failed to get a first down on their ensuing possession, and Tech's Wes Welker returned the punt 31 yards to New Mexico's 31. Welker's return made him the school's punt return yardage leader with 1,470 yards.

A short time later, Symons lobbed an 8-yard pass to Peters in the corner of the end zone for a 14-0 lead.

Until the Lobos opening drive of the second half, it looked like Tech might hold them scoreless for a second consecutive year.

But New Mexico drove 80 yards in 12 plays with Cox scoring on a 2-yard run to make it 21-7.

NOTEBOOK

BASEBALL

PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Baseball Booster Club meeting at 7:15 p.m. Tuesday in the Ready Room at the Pampa High athletic building.

Plans will be made for a fund-raiser.

All baseball parents are urged to attend.

GENERAL

The Pampa News sports department now has its own website.

Stories and photos from coaches and correspondents can be submitted to moosecours@yahoo.com

Photos need to have a J-Peg format.

Stories can still be submitted by fax to 669-2520.

GOLF

PAMPA — David Hall had a hole-in-one Sunday on the No. 12, 210-yard hole at the Pampa Country Club course. He used a 4-iron.

The hole-in-one was witnessed by Bill Heuston and Jeff Pike.

FOOTBALL

HAPPY — Groom lost to Happy 48-0 in a six-man contest Friday night.

Jack Sims scored three touchdowns to lead the Happy offense.

Groom's top rusher was Bobby Ratteree, who had 32 yards on 10 carries.

The Tigers are now 1-1 for the season. They play at Bible Heritage in Amarillo this coming Friday.

VOLLEYBALL

PAMPA — Pampa opens the District 3-4A season Tuesday night against Randall at McNeely Fieldhouse.

The junior varsity match starts at 6, followed by the varsity around 7:30.

AUTO RACING

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Ryan Newman held on through three restarts — the last with four laps to go — to win the Chevrolet 400 at Richmond International Raceway on Saturday night. On the last restart Newman's Dodge pulled away from Jeremy Mayfield to earn his Winston Cup series-high sixth victory.

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Sam Hornish Jr. edged Scott Dixon and Bryan Herta at the finish line to win his second straight Delphi Indy 300 on Sunday. His margin of victory was .0099 seconds, the third-closest finish in IRL history.

It was the closest 1-2-3 finish in Indy Racing League history.

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High Plains Food Bank Night
Friday, Sept. 12
Bring 3 canned goods and get gate admission and unlimited rides for \$15.

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Monday, Sept. 15
Bring a new or clean, gently used children's coat and get an unlimited rides wristband for \$10. Does not include gate admission.

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Wednesday, Sept. 17
\$8 per person (of any age) For Gate & Unlimited Rides!!!

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Call for other specials!

NEW COUPON SYSTEM
The Tri-State Fair has a new coupon system for purchasing food, games, and individual rides. Coupon booths will be available throughout the Fairgrounds to make this system quick and convenient. Any coupons not used can be redeemed for full cash value.

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For information, call 806-376-7767.

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EDUCATION, PSAS

HFA Publication. Hospice Foundation of America has published "Caregiving and Loss: Family Needs, Professional Responses." The book offers insight and practical suggestions for those assisting family caregivers as they respond to the challenges of caregiving, make critical end-of-life decisions and cope with grief. For more information, call 1-800-854-3402 or visit www.hospicefoundation.org on the World Wide Web. HFA also offers the following pamphlets: "Supporting Your Friend Through Illness & Loss," and "Caring for Someone Who is Dying."

International Library of Photography. ILP holds several free photography contests throughout the year for amateur photographers. For more information or to stay abreast of upcoming shows, visit www.picture.com on the World Wide Web.

National Arbor Day Foundation. The National Arbor Day Foundation is offering "What Tree is That?," a 72-page tree identification guide book. The book is free of charge and may be obtained by sending your name and address to: "What Tree is That?," The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. Also available is a "Conservation Trees" booklet with colorful photos and illustrations and easy-to-understand descriptions to help people plant and care for trees. To obtain a booklet, send name and address to: Conservation Trees, The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

NESRI. A booklet, "Nuclear, Biologic and Chemical Attack — Survival Resource Guide," is being offered through New Era Survival Research Institute. To receive the free booklet, consumers must send five first-class stamps for postage/handling to: New Era Survival Research Institute, NBC Survival Booklet Offer #NBC0924, P.O. Box 60944, Washington, DC 20039-0944. Additional information is available by calling (202) 882-9000 or via the Internet at www.NewEraSurvival.org.

NFFF SCHOLARSHIPS. Scholarships are available through National Fallen Firefighters Foundation for children of firefighters who have died in the line of duty. For more information, visit www.firehero.org and look up scholarships. To receive a free information packet, call 1-877-453-FIRE.

NIA Guides. National Institute on Aging is offering "Talking with Your Doctor: A Guide for Older People." The 30-page booklet is available in single or bulk copies. Also available through NIA is the 36-page booklet, "Who? What? When? Resources for Women's Health and Aging" to help women as they age. For more information, call the NIA Information Center weekdays between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., toll-free at 1-800-222-2225 or TTY at 1-800-222-4225.

PETFINDER.COM. Petfinder.com, the Internet's largest and oldest virtual animal shelter, is available to those seeking to adopt a pet. The Internet service includes a multitude of shelters in Texas and nationwide. The website allows users to search by kind of animal, breed, gender, size and age. Results of the search are ranked in proximity to the user's zip code.

PIE. Pacific Intercultural Exchange is seeking host families for foreign exchange students. The students, age 15-18, have spending money and carry accident and health insurance. PIE reps match students with host families through an informal in-home meeting. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. For more information, call 1-800-631-1818.

PRS. Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services conducts a monthly informational meeting for individuals interested in becoming a foster or adoptive parent every second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., at its office (6200 I-40 West) in Amarillo. Contact Darla Ingram at (806) 354-6230 for more details.

School-to-Career Program. Texas AFL-CIO has announced the "School to Careers" project for high school students interested in union apprenticeship programs. To learn more about the benefits of union-sponsored apprenticeship training programs, contact the local Texas Workforce Commission or call (512) 470-0918.

SHARE. SHARE! High School Exchange Program, sponsored by Educational Resource Development Trust, is seeking host families for foreign exchange students for a semester or for a year. The hosts must provide housing and meals. The students are covered by medical insurance and have their own spending money for personal expenses. For more information, call Yvette Coffman at the Southwest Regional Office, 1-800-941-3738.

Stuttering Foundation. Stuttering Foundation of America is offering a free copy of its brochure "The Child Who Stutters at School: Notes to the Teacher." For more information, contact the

non-profit foundation by mail: Stuttering Foundation of America, P.O. Box 11749, Memphis, TN 38111; or phone 1-800-992-9392. The brochure is also available at www.stutteringhelp.org on the World Wide Web.

TCA Web site. A list of "10 Hot Summer Cultural Events" can be accessed via the Texas Commission on the Arts website at www.artsonart.com — the most comprehensive arts calendar on the Internet in Texas. Visitors to the site can search the database by city, region, date, topic or organization name as well as access a travel planner section that allows visitors to hyperlink to vendors to rent a car, make airline reservations or book hotel rooms.

TG Web Site. Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corp. (TG) has revamped its "Adventures in Education" website located at <http://www.adventuresineducation.org> or <http://www.aie.org> on the Internet. Although the site is targeted to middle school, high school and college students as well as high school counselors, each section can assist parents in helping their children prepare for college. TG is a public nonprofit corporation that helps create access to higher education for millions of families and students through its role as an administrator of the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Its mission is to provide information to help families and students realize their educational and career dreams.

Tuition Assistance. U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance — College Bound is an organization with a listing of over 700 different private scholarship sources for college students. Many scholarships pay the entire tuition; other can be applied towards tuition, living expenses and/or other fees. Most scholarships can be used at junior colleges, career and vocational schools, 4-year colleges, graduate schools, medical and law schools. For more information, send a SASE (business size, #10) to: The U.S. Commission for Scholastic Assistance, P.O. Box 668, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

World Heritage. World Heritage, a non-profit student exchange program, is currently seeking a local community representative to provide high school exchange students with program support. For more information, call Ande Bloom at 1-800-888-9040 or visit www.world-heritage.org on the World Wide Web.

MUSEUMS, MILITARY

82nd Airborne. The 82nd Airborne Division Association is seeking new members. Airborne is the only requirement for membership. The Association holds a national reunion each year plus many mini-reunions, picnics and dinner dances. For more information, write AIRBORNE 2001, 5459 Northcutt P. Dayton, OH 45414-3742; or call S.R. Gossett (WWII) at (937) 898-5977.

Freedom Museum USA. Freedom Museum, USA, 600 N. Hobart is open from 12-4 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday. Revolutionary War to Kosovo. All branches of service are represented. For more information, call 669-6066.

Harrington House. The 2001 tour season for Harrington House, 1600 S. Polk, Amarillo, is in full swing. Built in 1914 by cattlemen John and Pat Landergin, the house was acquired in 1940 and preserved by Don and Sybil Harrington. The hour-long tours are conducted from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, April through mid-December. There is no admission fee. For more information call (806) 374-5490.

The Old Guard. Current and former members of the U.S. Army's oldest Infantry Regiment, the 3d U.S. Infantry or "The Old Guard Association" (also known as TOGA) are being sought for membership in the association. For more information, write to: Membership Committee, The Old Guard Association, 1000 Winchell Rd., Drawer 22, Aurora, OH 44202; or visit www.oldguard.org on the Internet.

Old Mobeetie Jail Museum. Old Mobeetie Jail Museum in Mobeetie offers various volunteer opportunities to interested individuals. For more information, call (806) 845-2028.

PPHM Story Time. Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon will present "Story Time" at 2:30 p.m. every second Saturday of each month except December and January on the second floor of the museum. For more information, contact PPHM at (806) 651-2244.

USS Columbus. USS Columbus Veterans Association is seeking Navy and Marine Corps shipmates who served on the USS Columbus (CA-74/CG-12) 1944-1976 and the USS Columbus (SSN-762) past and present. Contact Alvin S. Lewis, president, 726 E. Covina Blvd., Covina CA 91722-2955; (626) 339-3568; e-mail homeport@lewisengraving.com

White Deer Land Museum. White Deer Land Museum

(112-116 S. Cuyler) winter visiting hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. No charge for admission; elevator provided.

OTHER

Ballroom Dancers. United States Amateur Ballroom Dancers Association is seeking support for a chapter for beginner social or recreational ballroom dancers in the Amarillo area. If enough interest is expressed, a local steering committee will be formed to guide the project and enroll members. For more information, call 1-800-447-9047; e-mail USABDACCENT@aol.com; or write: USABDA, P.O. Box 128, New Freedom, PA 17349.

Clarendon VFW Bingo. Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7782, Hwy 287 east, Clarendon, hosts charity bingo every Saturday. Doors open at 6 p.m. with games starting at 7 p.m. Ten games are played per session. For more information, call 874-VETS. The maximum award is \$750 per game and \$2,500 per session.

Geezer.com. Green Thumb, Inc., the nation's oldest and largest provider of training and employment for mature workers, now offers consumers Geezer.com, an on-line service featuring the handiwork of seniors from across the country. The site is a must for shoppers looking for distinctive, often one-of-a-kind gifts. Geezer.com includes scores of artisans and craftspeople with more than 2,000 hand-wrought products in more than a dozen categories — apparel, art, doll houses, home and hearth, music and videos, pet store, sports, recreation, toys and games, yard and garden and more.

Tetra's Virtual Aquarium. Tetra's Virtual Aquarium is located at www.tetra-fish.com on the World Wide Web.

TEXAS Vacation Packages. The Musical Drama "TEXAS" is continuing its fall, winter and spring vacation packages showcasing area attractions such as Amarillo Rattlers, Amarillo Opera, Amarillo Symphony, Lone Star Ballet, American Quarter Horse Association and much more. The packages include hotel/motel accommodations, dining in the best western tradition and one-stop shopping. For more information, call 1-800-655-2181 or visit www.texasmusicaldrama.com on the Internet.

COMMUNITY, CHURCHES

ACCORD. Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

Boy Scouts. Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

Celebration of Lights. The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meetings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

Clean Pampa, Inc. Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart. The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Eastern Star. Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

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