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FPC students sign up in Miami on Aug. 18

Representatives from Frank Phillips College will be in Miami on Monday, Aug. 18, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to register students for the Fall 2003 semester. Registration will be at the Miami High School. A complete listing of classes will be available at time of registration. For more information, contact FPC Director of Extended Education Preston Haddan at 274-5311, ext. 775.

STATE
Drunken driver gets 30-year sentence

LUBBOCK (AP) — A man was sent to prison for 30 years Thursday following his sixth drunken driving conviction. Martin Ocanas, 42, had been arrested 11 times for DWI. The construction worker faced between 25 years and life because of his previous crimes.

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Offices to become Action Center

By DAVID BOWSER
 STAFF WRITER

City resurrects centralized services area

Offices that were once used for storage and for the Pampa Community Services Department in City Hall are now being cleaned out and cleaned up to be used as Action Central.

"It's not a new idea," Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant said.

Back in the 1980s, a number of city offices were housed across the hall from the city manager's office, but over the years, through changing

administrations and differing priorities, they were moved to other areas in city hall and to other city facilities.

"It's an Action Center," Grant said, walking through the freshly painted walls Tuesday afternoon. "It's a system where people can call in or come in and find what they need."

The new Action Center will house the Fire Marshal, Code Enforcement, building officials, health officials and com-

munity services. "It's a clearing house," Grant said.

He said there are times people come to city hall and don't know exactly who they need to see concerning a problem or a question. The new Action Center is an effort to centralize some of the people who are most often called upon.

"It makes them more accessible," Grant said.

For the most part, the new Action Center is simply mov-

ing people from remote offices to an office where they can be more easily found by the public.

"We're not talking about spending any money," Grant said.

But he said that the new center should make city staff more readily available to answer questions.

The four public access computers that had been located in one area of what is now the Action Center have been

moved to the foyer on the main floor of city hall during the painting and renovation.

One of them will likely remain there. Grant said. The others will probably be moved back into the Action Center, possibly with additional uses.

Grant said he would like to be able to load the city's codes and rules onto the computers so the public could access them more easily, but the details of that haven't been worked out yet.

"Everybody's pretty excited about the move," Grant said.

Can't beat this band



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Pampa High School trumpet players belt out the last note of a fanfare as PHS band members practice on the front lawn of the high school Thursday evening. The high school has been the site of a flurry of activities including pre-season football practice and junior cheerleader camps in preparation for the start of school Aug. 20.

Pampa ISD resets date for hearing

In a brief meeting Thursday at Carver Center, Pampa Independent School District Board of Education members reset the date for a public hearing on the 2003-2004 budget and proposed tax rate from Aug. 21 to Aug. 26.

The date change allows the required 10-day period to pass from the time a state-required legal notice concerning the tax rate is printed in the newspaper to the time the hearing is conducted, school officials said.

For the 2002-2003 budget year, Pampa ISD reached the state's ad valorem tax rate ceiling of \$1.50 per \$100 valuation. Therefore, the tax rate will not be changed for 2003-2004.

The board will meet in regular session on Tuesday, Aug. 26, at 6 p.m. in Carver Center.

A public hearing on the budget and tax rate will be conducted during the meeting.

The Thursday, Aug. 21, meeting is canceled, officials said today.

Some power returns; new problems arise

By LARRY MARGASAK
 ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

Lights and air conditioners flipped on across a wide swath of the north-eastern United States and southern Canada on Friday, but the creaky power grid that blacked out 50 million people encountered new problems as it struggled back to life. Three deaths were linked to the blackout.

Officials working to understand the origins of the nation's largest power outage increasingly focused on the Midwest.

Touring a national park north of Los Angeles, President Bush urged patience during the recovery and an overhaul of the power-sharing system that failed.

"It's going to take a while to get 100 percent of the power up," Bush said. "It's a wake-up call. The grid needs to be modernized; the delivery systems need to be modernized. We've got an antiquated system."

In Connecticut, Gov. John G. Rowland issued an emergency plea for residents to save power Friday morning after a state transmission line fizzled. "There presently is insufficient capacity to remain a reliable power supply," John Wiltse, a spokesman for the governor, said after a transmission line that feeds southwestern Connecticut went

down around 5:45 a.m.

Cleveland weathered its worst water crisis in history as the blackout shut all four major pumping stations. The pumps which serve more than 1 million residents in the city and 20 suburbs began operating Friday morning, but the National Guard tanked in 7,600 gallons of drinking water to help until taps flowed again.

Blackout brings out brighter, lighter side

NEW YORK (AP) — It wasn't all chaos and angst across the nation's great powerless swath, as thousands of people took a break from life's hectic pace and paused to enjoy the lighter side of darkness.

In New York City, from Greenwich Village to midtown, a festival spirit filled the air. Along 6th Avenue, people packed the sidewalks and spilled into the street. Candle-toting crowds gathered around street musicians, joining in song and swaying to the sounds.

A police officer outside Port Authority bus terminal directed traffic with a maestro's moves, saying "Thanks very much for waiting. I appreciate it," to brazen jaywalkers and then mouthing exaggerated obscenities to the giggling crowds

The Detroit water department, which serves much of southeast Michigan, was pumping about half its usual volume as officials worked to restart pumps. Low pressure led officials to warn residents to conserve water and boil any for drinking or cooking.

In New York's Hudson Valley, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

waiting patiently for their turn.

The good vibes stretched well beyond New York: In Lansing, Mich., Cooley Law School student Anne Block celebrated with some classmates at a bar after finishing an exam by the little sunlight that filtered through the classroom window.

"We were taking an exam and boom, the lights went out," Block said. "But I was determined to finish. I kept writing. I wanted an 'A.'"

In the southern Connecticut town of Haddam, Jeannie and Kevin Wiese discovered a new way to heat bottles for their 9-month old baby: on the grill. Joanne Margnelli read gardening magazines by the light of lanterns. "And I've been enjoying

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began rolling blackouts throughout its service area because too few plants had some back online to handle full, normal loads. The intermittent interruptions were expected to last all afternoon Friday.

In New York City, power was restored Friday morning to parts of all five boroughs and some suburbs, but millions endured a morning rush hour without subway service or many traffic lights. There was no timetable for full restoration of power, but officials said subways would not resume in time for evening rush hour.

"Today will also present challenges," New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg told reporters. He asked essential city workers to come in but told nonessential counterparts to stay home and urged citizens to use judgment about working Friday.

"There are worse things than taking a summer Friday off from work," he said.

Bloomberg said a trying, hot night had cost the life of a 40-year-old who suffered a heart attack during one of New York City's 60 serious fires, most caused by candles used to stave off darkness. There were 800 elevator rescues; 80,000 calls to 911 and a record 5,000 emergency medical service calls. Emergency personnel "worked incredi-

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Thursday, Aug. 14

R. Hernandez Herrera, 40, Houston, was arrested by Pampa police officers for theft of property by check.

Joyce Ann Carter, 53, 120 S. Russell, was arrested by Pampa police officers on two charges of no insurance, two charges of failure to appear, and for speeding and running a stop sign.

Criminal mischief, in which a water hose was damaged along with a rear bumper and a transmission, was reported in the 1100 block of South Christy. Estimated damage was \$500.

Two motor vehicles were reported burglarized in the 2500 block of North Mary Ellen. A garage door opener was taken and a bike stolen from the front yard. Estimated loss was \$105.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported

in the 1100 block of East Darby. A CD player, worth an estimated \$450, was taken.

A burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Darby. Nothing was reported taken from the vehicle.

Theft of a lawnmower was reported in the 500 block of North Dwight. Estimated loss was \$100.

Theft of a bike was reported in the 1200 block of Mary Ellen. Estimated loss was \$150.

An information report was taken in the 1900 block of Coffee.

Friday, Aug. 15

A report of possession of drug paraphernalia was taken in the 2600 block of North Hobart.

Burglary of a habitation, in which it was unknown if anything was taken, was reported in the 300 block of Sunset. Entry was made and a glass door broken. Estimated damage was \$300.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Thursday, Aug. 14

Kelly Don Anderson, 29, Hinton, was arrested by a Gray County constable for public intoxication.

Ronald Clark Woolums, 56, 533 N. Roberts, was arrested for public intoxication.

Justin L. Martinez, 17, Pampa, was arrested for no valid driver's license and failure to appear.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.42	Unated	17.06	0.01
Milo	3.70	Williams	8.13	0.12
Corn	4.18	MCD	22.96	+0.01
Soybeans	4.79	XOM	36.80	0.14

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

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AMBULANCE

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

8:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of North Christy on a lifting assist.

5:49 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Texas Highway 273 and Loop 171 on a mutual aid request from McLean and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

9:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Huff Road and transported one to PRMC.

10:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1300 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

FIRE

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

Thursday, Aug. 14

10:14 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1300 block of Russell.

This Chevy's a winner



(Courtesy photo)

Pampans Johnny and Cindy Harper of the High Plains Cruisers won second place with their yellow Chevrolet in the "Original '56 Chevy" class at Summer's Last Blast Car Show in Vernon Aug. 10.

Erika gathering strength

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Tropical Storm Erika's race westward caught Gulf Coast residents by surprise Friday, sending vacationers, farmers and fishermen scrambling from the unusually abrupt onset of the storm.

The National Hurricane Center issued a hurricane warning from Brownsville to Baffin Bay at 10 a.m. CDT, with a tropical storming warning extending north to Port O'Connor. The Mexican government issued a hurricane warning from the U.S. border south to La Pesca.

"I sure don't recall one moving this fast," said Harley Londrie, manager of ZimCo Marine Inc. on Port Isabel, who spent Friday morning calling his fleet of 23 boats in from spots around the Gulf. He advised some to turn north, docking near Galveston.

"It's moving so fast they'll otherwise be right in the middle of it," he said.

Forecasters said that at 10 a.m. Friday the storm was moving west at 23 mph, with winds increasing from 40 to 50 mph. Erika was about 235 miles southeast of the mouth of the Mississippi River and less than 375 miles east of Brownsville.

High winds, heavy rains, and storm surges of three to six feet were expected, with a possible upgrade to category 1 hurricane status by early Saturday morning landfall.

Category 1 is the least-severe, a hurricane with winds of 95 mph or less.

If the storm doesn't change course, its trajectory was expected to bring it in south of Brownsville as soon as Saturday morning.

Texas Division of Emergency Management officials were meeting Friday morning to develop a hurricane plan, spokesman William Ayres said. He declined further comment until after that meeting.

NWS meteorologist Ramon Sierra said the storm could bring several inches of rain to Brownsville, but said that's a "tough call."

The four to six inches threatened to devastate

the 35 percent of the remaining cotton harvest still in the fields, said Hollis Sullivan of the General Valley Co-Op Oil Mill.

"You can't do anything if the cotton is wet," he said. "Some of them are out in the fields now picking and stripping."

The storm's surprising speed meant farmers could only do so much, he said. Even where the crop was ready to be harvested, the equipment might not be ready and there might not be enough workers.

Business owners along the coast were preparing to close early and begin boarding up.

Raymond Moreno, manager of Pirate's Landing restaurant on the bay at Port Isabel, said workers were "more or less getting ready," even as tourists continued fishing on the restaurant's piers.

"I thought it was going to scare people away, but people are going out there to fish," he said.

Campers at Cameron County's South Padre Island recreational vehicle park were being advised of the storm, with officials warning the predicted high winds would be strong enough to tip trailers over.

Officials were coordinating emergency plans, and the Coast Guard was on guard.

Brownsville residents apparently were waiting for a more definitive warning before packing up on supplies. Business remained light a Friday morning at stores such as Home Depot, Kmart and Wal-Mart Supercenter.

"I guess with Claudette the last go-around, people are really hesitating on buying early," said Alan Le Grice, a Kmart manager in Brownsville. "It's kind of a late thing. Once they know for sure, they'll react. I'm sure we'll see a little more activity as the day progresses."

Rafael Flores, the Harlingen Home Depot assistant store manager said he too was surprised by the light morning store traffic.

"I'd thought it would have been really moving by now," he said.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today's forecast is calling for partly cloudy skies, highs in the upper 80s and south winds 5 to 10 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies along with lows in the mid 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Saturday night, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday, mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday

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Hundreds spend night in Texas waiting for flights to Northeast

DALLAS (AP) — Travelers awaiting flights to the Northeast at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport crowded around televisions showing the power outages that awaited them if they were able to reach their destinations.

Once they realized it might be a long wait Thursday night, many turned away from the news and sat around calmly, said Jerry Foreman, a bartender at Friday's American Bar.

"Now most everybody knows about it, nobody's watching," Foreman said a couple of hours after the widespread outage hit.

About 60 DFW flights were delayed or canceled after the blackout hit states from New York to Michigan and some major Canadian cities shortly after 3 p.m.

The airport lined up more than 700 hotel rooms for those who had to wait overnight. In the terminals, some concession stands were ordered to stay open.

Meanwhile, electricity companies assured Texans their power would stay on. The self-contained power grid that serves 85 percent of the state isn't connected to the Eastern power system, which has been blamed for the blackouts.

"The grid was absolutely not affected here. Everything is operating normally," said

Texas' main grid contains about 77,000 megawatts of generating capacity and 37,000 miles of transmission lines.

Theresa Gage, a spokeswoman for the Public Utility Commission. "You can see how beneficial it is for Texas to be an island at times like this."

Texas' main grid contains about 77,000 megawatts of generating capacity and 37,000 miles of transmission lines. It passed a challenge last week by withstanding two days of record heat.

Peak usage hit 61,157 megawatts on Aug. 7, according to the Electric Reliability Council of Texas, a power-industry group that runs the grid.

No other problems were reported in areas not connected to the main grid, including the region around Texarkana and parts of the Panhandle. There were also no electrical disruptions in Texas metropolitan areas Thursday.

Officials with TXU Energy, which serves 2.7 million Texans, and CenterPoint Energy, which serves the Houston area, said their services weren't affected.

That wasn't true for some Texas-based businesses with ties to the Northwest.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines grounded an undetermined number of flights in 11 airports, including four in the New York City area. Spokesman Tim Wagner said some eastbound planes stopped down in St. Louis.

Other flights on their way to the Northeast were landed with the help of air traffic controllers on backup power, Wagner said.

Houston-based Continental's Cleveland and Newark, N.J., hubs were hit by the outage, and flights were continuing on backup power, spokesman Rashaan Johnson said.

Dallas-based Southwest spokesman Ed Stewart said the company had seven flights canceled at Islip, N.Y., Cleveland and Detroit. Some passengers had to wait until Friday to get on their planes.

"We're going to treat them just like this was a bad snow day," Stewart said.

Other Texas companies said they have contingency plans for power failures.

Houston-based El Paso Corp., the nation's largest natural gas pipeline company, has auxiliary generators along its 58,000-mile system, said spokeswoman Norma Dunn. The company can burn its own gas to drive the generators.

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bly hard to get us through the night safely," Bloomberg said.

In Canada's capital, Ottawa, police reported 23 cases of looting, along with two deaths possibly linked to the blackout — a pedestrian hit by a car and a fire victim.

In Michigan, some customers may have to endure a weekend without electricity. Everywhere officials urged residents, businesses and travelers to cope with the inconvenience.

"This is truly one of the instances where we're all in this together," Gov. Jennifer Granholm of Michigan said during a statewide address Thursday night. "So be calm, be supportive of your neighbor." State workers in Michigan's capitol, Lansing, were told to report to work Friday but in harder-hit Detroit to the east, they were ordered to stay home.

While terrorism was swiftly ruled out by President Bush and other officials, there was scant indication of what had caused the outage, which began on the cusp of Thursday's afternoon rush hour in Eastern cities.

"We had some indication that the first transmission lines that were tripped were in the Midwest," said Michel Gent, president of the North American Electric Reliability Council.

Gent, whose nonprofit council was formed after the 1965 Northeast blackout to promote the reliability of the bulk electric systems, backed off his initial statement that the blackout was triggered by an event in Ohio. But he said signs do point to the Lake Erie Loop power circuit, which runs from New York into Detroit and Canada, around Niagara Falls and then back down into New York.

"I hesitate to say that's the

cause, but that's the center of the focus," Gent said. The path along Lake Erie and Lake Ontario has always been "a big, big problem." On Thursday afternoon, power headed east along the line and then nine seconds later surged backward, Gent said.

New York Independent System Operator president William Museler said huge power fluctuations originating from a Midwest power plant started the downfall of the grid. He said the power swings became so large that the Ontario, Canada, system could not sustain them, and the problem migrated to New York.

The New York Independent System Operator, which runs the state's wholesale electricity market and monitors power usage, said it had detected a sudden loss of power generation at 4:11 p.m.

More generally, industry and government experts blamed a system composed of interconnected grids that has not been upgraded to meet power demands.

The disruptions were as diverse as they were widespread.

A small explosion at the Marathon Oil refinery 10 miles south of Detroit was blamed on the outage which cut power to a pump, allowing a buildup of gasses that ultimately exploded in a smokestack. No one was hurt but police fearing additional explosions or possible release of toxic gas evacuated hundreds of residents from a one-mile radius around the refinery.

In New York City, thousands of stranded commuters were forced to sleep in bus and train terminals and even in the streets. Hundreds of out-of-towners at the Marriott Marquis slept on sidewalks because the hotel did not have a generator to power its electronic room keys.

In Sudbury, Ontario, 210 miles north of Toronto, more

than 100 miners at a nickel mine were stranded in underground lunchrooms because the outage halted elevators to bring them to the surface, but authorities said they were not in immediate danger because they had water and backup power was running the ventilation system.

In Cleveland, the loss of power wasn't the only problem. About 1.5 million residents faced a crisis because there was no electricity to pump water from Lake Erie. At least three Eastern suburbs were out of water and officials said Western suburbs could go dry.

With sewage treatment plants blacked out, untreated waste releases forced the closing of beaches in New York City and Cleveland.

About 540,000 customers in Ohio were without power, mostly in the Cleveland area.

In New Jersey, where more than 1 million homes and businesses lost power at the peak of the outage, all but 50,000 had been restored by 5:30 a.m. Friday and full service was expected a few hours later. Northern New Jersey commuter railroads and buses announced limited to full service Friday.

In Connecticut, where nearly 310,000 customers served by two power companies lost power, all but about 53,000 had service restored by early Friday.

But in New York, where early estimates had 80 percent of the state without power, the percentage only dropped to some 60 percent near midnight.

Despite the outages in Manhattan, New York's financial markets had no intention of shutting down.

The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq resumed stock trading on schedule Friday morning, but the American exchange delayed trading because problems at a Consolidated Edison substation prevented air conditioning from reaching the trading floor.

However, businesses from Manhattan through the Midwest were anxious about technical glitches and more power outages a day after the biggest blackout in U.S. history.

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quite a few cold beers," she said.

On New York's tony Park Avenue, civilians, bathed in tail-light red, helped direct traffic.

Edna Nassimi, a jeweler who had closed her nearby shop, applauded their efforts. "Bravo" she said. "It's something — in this heat — it's something magical."

In Times Square, a man in a charcoal-gray suit entertained a crowd with an impromptu standup comedy routine. Surrounded by traffic, he held up a piece of paper hand lettered with "Long Island," and thumbed theatrically in some direction.

"I'm thinking out of the box!" said David Eisenberg.

"You're also pointing south," retorted passer-by

Stuart Blaustein. "You want to go east. Or else Long Island becomes even longer."

In Brooklyn, a man hawking sparkly, battery-powered balls shouted "Be seen! Be seen!" Raucous laughter ensued when the pitch drew a passerby's snarky reply: "Be shot at!"

"It's like a rock concert," said Maria Drattel as she stepped off the ferry from Weehawken, N.J., into a thick crowd of commuters. People immediately beckoned paramedics when one woman fainted, and five officers carted another woman into a police van after she apparently suffered a seizure.

Observing a ferry worker with a megaphone attempting crowd control, Drattel quipped: "We have Moses over here trying to part the Red Sea."

Lockerbie settlement may end U.S. sanctions against Libya

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — For years, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi has been trying to get into America's good graces. He condemned the Sept. 11 attacks, arrested Islamic militants and handed over two Libyans for trial in the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jumbo jet over Lockerbie, Scotland.

Washington wasn't moved. But Libya's agreement on a financial settlement with the families of the 270 Lockerbie victims could finally open the most important door that has remained closed to Gadhafi: the lifting of U.S. sanctions that have kept American oil companies away from Libyan oil fields.

The U.S. government has not commented on the Lockerbie settlement announced Wednesday by lawyers for the victims' families. A State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Thursday that the administration had not reached any decisions on sanctions.

Libyan Foreign Minister Abdel-Rahman Shalgam made clear Thursday that the Lockerbie agreement is part of the drive for international rehabilitation that Gadhafi began in the mid-1990s.

Shalgam said that if Washington did not lift

the sanctions it imposed in 1986 and remove Libya's name from the State Department list of states that support terrorism, his country would pay only half the agreed \$2.7 billion in compensation to the Lockerbie families.

"We accepted this only after we got the necessary guarantees from the other parties," he told reporters in Tripoli, Libya's capital. He did not elaborate.

Under the agreement outlined by lawyers, Libya was supposed to transfer the \$2.7 billion into an escrow account by Thursday and follow up with a letter to the United Nations admitting responsibility for the Lockerbie attack.

Friday is the target for the United States and Britain to send letters saying Libya has met requirements for formally ending suspended U.N. sanctions, for Britain to circulate a draft resolution on lifting those sanctions and for the State Department to hold a meeting with victims' families, U.N. diplomats said.

"The Libyans have a lot to gain," said Jeremy Binnie, Middle East editor for Jane's Sentinel Security Assessments magazine in London. "They want the sanctions to be dropped against their country and to re-engage with the rest of the world."

Democrats say redistricting orchestrated at White House

AUSTIN (AP) — With a band of Democratic lawmakers refusing to end their self-imposed exile, Republicans are considering a new piece of arm-twisting: Yanking the rebels' parking spaces, cell phones and other privileges.

Denying parking privileges to boycotting senators and their staffs as well as cell phones and office purchases until fines are paid are among the penalties tentatively approved Thursday by Senate Republicans, according to an e-mail sent to several Senate staffers and obtained by The Associated Press.

Other penalties mentioned in the e-mail include limiting postage to \$200 a month, taking floor passes away from staffers and prohibiting the printing of letterhead and newsletters.

In Albuquerque, N.M., where the Democrats are staying, Sen. Leticia Van de Putte of San Antonio called the penalties "petty."

She said parking privileges and other things the Republicans want to take away were fairly minor. For example, she said she does not have

a state cell phone and that volunteers have already agreed to provide parking and rides to the Capitol in Austin.

But she said anything they do to limit her office is not a personal attack but one against her constituents.

"At least they're being consistent," Van de Putte said. "They just don't understand they're hurting people."

A source who spoke on condition of anonymity said the penalties, which would be formally adopted on Friday, would kick in five days after fines approved earlier this week began to accrue on Thursday.

A spokesman for Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said no decision on penalties had been made during a two-hour conference call about how to enforce the fines.

"I am not going to comment on that meeting," said Dewhurst spokesman Dave Beckwith.

The 11 boycotting Texas Democrats have been staying at a hotel since July 29, in protest of Republican-led efforts to redraw the state's

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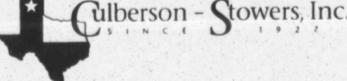
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Beginning Mike Sublett's class on the book called "The Ap Christ" from 7 p.m., Wednesday Christian Ch Banks.

As has been more than six years an advanced class of students, Sublett, desiring to take them to make needs:

1. Purchase McGuigan's "Revelation" Borden's book "The Beast" (\$1.99 the weekly reader)
3. Do one's best
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5. Listen to any classes missed or being out.

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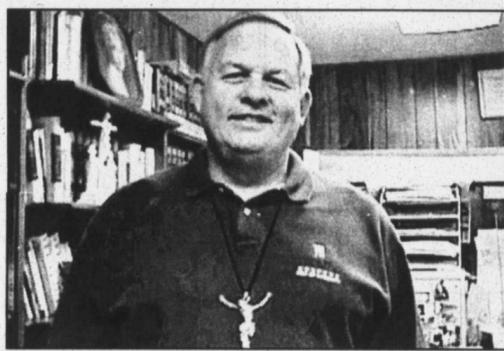
Class on Revelation begins Sept. 10

Beginning Sept. 10, Pastor Mike Sublett will be teaching a class on the book of Revelation called "The Apocalypse of Jesus Christ" from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Wednesdays, at Hi-Land Christian Church, 1615 N. Banks.

As has been the case for more than six years, this will be an advanced class for committed students, Sublett said. Those desiring to take the class will need to make five commitments:

1. Purchase either Jim McGuigan's book "Revelation" (\$19) or Eli Borden's book "The Death Of The Beast" (\$16);
2. Complete the weekly reading assignment.
3. Do one's best on all pop tests.
4. Do one's best on the final exam.
5. Listen to the tape of any classes missed due to sickness or being out of town.

Those who have attended any of the previous years "advanced classes" can verify that it doesn't take a long time to complete the weekly reading assignments, Sublett said. Every question that will be on the pop tests will be clearly identified



Mike Sublett

ahead of time. The only surprises might be on a bonus question. And there will not be a pop test every week, probably not even most weeks, he said.

This class is not for the believer who wants a "discussion class" that requires no preparation. But every believer is capable of fulfilling the requirements for this class. And to those who think that the tests and weekly reading assignments is "over the top", Sublett said, "Tests and required assignments don't seem to stop us from getting our driver's license or doing our best at work. So it certainly

shouldn't prevent us from committing to study God's Word more seriously.

"As with previous advanced classes, there will be an extensive notebook which we will be giving 'free of charge' to those who regularly attend the class. I have had a couple of people ask about getting a copy of the notebook without attending the class and my answer, even to my mother, is NO! Especially with this class on Revelation, notes can be very easily misunderstood without the classroom instruction."

Sublett explained, "I have

bounced a few of my ideas for teaching the class off of a preacher or two and a couple of authors of Revelation books and their observations have been that the class will definitely be unique.

"Sometimes we are going to be using some rather unusual techniques to help

better grasp and remember the message of Revelation. I think that it will be

downright FUN at times." Sublett said he also felt a need to let everyone know that this study of Revelation will in no way be anything similar to the popular viewpoint of the Left Behind series of books.

"So if you are open to considering a different viewpoint of Revelation, plan to attend. Or if you just want to better understand how any faithful Christian could possibly look at Revelation differently than 'Left Behind,' set your Wednesday nights aside and join us," he said.

Back to school rally set for this Saturday

"Soar in '04" Back to School Youth Rally begins with a free hot dog feed at 6 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 16, at Calvary Baptist Church, 900 E. 23rd.

The rally starts at 7 p.m. in the youth Sanctuary. Entrance is located in back of the church.

Topics and speakers for the three-hour event are as follows:

- Seek God by Paul Carruth, 1st Christian Church
 - Obedience by Carlos Regalado, Trinity Fellowship
 - Assurance by Justin Eason, Cornerstone Baptist and
 - Restore by Chris Crow, Calvary Baptist
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It's all about who you know

The book "Yeager" is the autobiography of Chuck Yeager, war hero and test pilot, the first to break the sound barrier.

There is a chapter titled, "To Moscow With Jackie" in which Yeager tells about his flying across the Atlantic to visit the Soviet Union with famous woman pilot Jackie Cochran. Before they set out, they had received permission from the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Tommy White, to make stops at various Air Force installations for refueling and service. Gen. White had sent letters ahead to base commanders along the way.

One of their first stops was to be at Presque Isle, Maine, at about 2 a.m. In approaching that field, they were unfortunately almost out of fuel. Nevertheless, they were refused permission to land. Yeager told the tower they had permission from Gen. White, to which the tower responded, "So does Lana Turner."

They argued over the radio and finally Chuck told the tower it was an emergency and they were going to have to land. The tower people threatened to turn off the runway lights. Jackie grabbed the mike, "This is Jacqueline Cochran. I am landing."

The moment they came to a stop, the air police surrounded them, climbed aboard, ordered them out, and took them under guard to base operations.

When the officer in charge, a colonel, finally showed up, unfortunately for him, he did not recognize the name of Jackie Cochran:

"You people will leave immediately. This base is



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closed to all civilian traffic." Smiling pleasantly, Jackie asked for permission to use the telephone, which the colonel granted. It was now two-thirty in the morning. Jackie was dialing the Chief of Staff.

"Tommy, sorry to wake you, but I've just landed at your base at Presque Isle and I'm getting the idiot's treatment ... Yes, sir, he's standing right here." The phone went to the colonel.

Yeager writes that the colonel was "the first guy I ever saw talk on the phone while standing at attention." He went white and began murmuring, "Aye, sir; yes, sir," to the voice at the other end. After he had

hung up, he smiled weakly at Jackie and said, "Miss Cochran, you can have anything you need or want, including this air base."

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The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.054000	\$1.554000	\$3,509	\$2,454
Rate to Maintain Same Level of maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.461400	\$0.059500	\$1.520900	\$3,568	\$2,425
Proposed Rate	\$1.500000	\$0.060000	\$1.560000	\$3,624	\$2,399

*The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$31,228	\$32,364
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$16,228	\$17,364
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.554000	\$1.560000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$252.18	\$270.88
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$18.70

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is \$1.697371. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$1.697371.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Guest's Vulgar Floor Show Ruins Perfect Reception

DEAR ABBY My husband and I were married several weeks ago in a beautiful, reverent, Christian ceremony. Our reception, held in an upscale restaurant, was designed to be both fun and tasteful. Everything from the dance music to the cake-cutting was planned to represent the love and respect we had for each other on our first day of wedded life.

That spirit was shattered by "Simone," my husband's brother's girlfriend. She took over our reception. Her shrill voice screamed at least 50 times for my husband and me to kiss and smear cake in each other's faces. She drank champagne straight from the bottle. She showed our guests X-rated photographs of her unmarried daughter's natural childbirth. She performed a "strip-tease" by whipping her skirt over her head and gyrating against other guests in a practically nonexistent thong. We didn't realize the extent of her misbehavior until we returned from our honeymoon and saw the video. The expression on the faces of our guests is horrified, and she dominates every scene.

Simone will no doubt be a permanent fixture in my husband's family. I do not want to cause a rift, but that vulgar woman ruined my wedding. I don't know how I'll control my feelings the next time Simone and I are thrown together. How would you handle this?

MORTIFIED BRIDE
IN NEW YORK

DEAR MORTIFIED BRIDE: I'd keep uppermost in mind that Simone may have a drinking problem that causes her lapses in judgment once she's had a few. I'd say this plainly to your new brother-in-law as I handed him a copy of the video. Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words. And this is one of them.

DEAR ABBY I am a 23-year-old single working woman, and I'm in love with an older married man in my office. This has gone on for about two years.

I have never acted on my feelings,

and I never would. I wouldn't do anything to jeopardize his marriage and have never told him how I feel. However, a little incident recently made it pretty clear he feels the same way I do.

No, it's not what you're thinking. We simply shared a "moment" (corny as it sounds). It was like in the movies when the music soars, the man and woman suddenly lock eyes and slowly move in for "the kiss." In fact, that's exactly what happened — but I pulled away.

I don't know why I hesitated. I have fantasized about that moment for the longest time. But when it finally happened, I couldn't go through with it.

Now when I see him, I ache inside. It's a different kind of pain than anything I've ever experienced. I desperately need your help. I'm not even sure what I'm asking. I'm afraid if I'm ever again in a position to kiss him, I might just do it, and I'm afraid of where it would lead. Any advice?

ACHING AND ANXIOUS
IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR ACHING AND ANXIOUS: You appear to be a sensible and honorable woman. You and I both know you and this man are swimming in dangerous waters. The wisest thing you can do is to remove yourself from any situation that could tempt you both and cause future pain, embarrassment or regret. If that means a change of employment, so be it.

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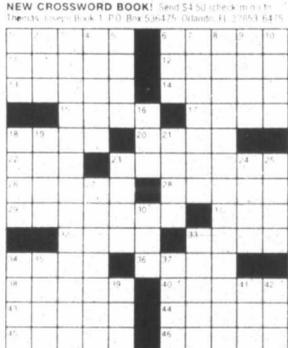
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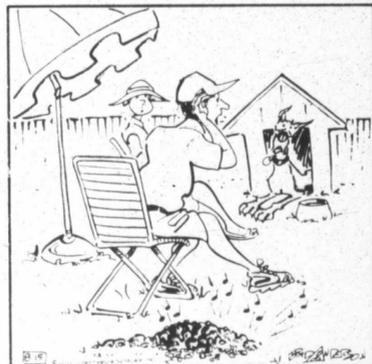
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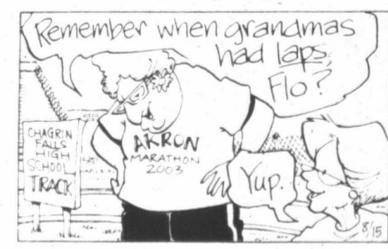
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SPORTS

Simon signs to play baseball at K-State

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Max Simon has those intangibles that can make an outstanding college pitcher.

That's the conclusion Kansas State assistant coach Tommy Myers came to after watching Simon in action on the mound.

Simon, a 2003 Pampa High graduate, climaxed his high school athletic career by signing a major college baseball scholarship with Kansas State. He went through the signing ceremony Wednesday at the PHS athletic office.

"Max has size, raw ability and good velocity on his fastball. At the level he's at now, he's got nowhere to go but up," Meyers said.

Simon, Meyers noted, could earn a spot in the starting rotation on the mound staff within a year or two.

"Some people may question why we're signing someone so late in the season, but we saw those intangibles, and liked what we saw. Max is strong, durable and intelligent. We believe he'll make a good pitcher for us," Myers said.

The 6-3 Simon has been pitching for the high school

varsity since he was a sophomore. As a senior, Simon compiled a 9-3 record with 93 strikeouts as Pampa tied Randall for the District 3-4A

title and advanced to the third round of the Class 4A playoffs. He logged a 17-9 record in his three-year career as a Harvester pitcher.

Simon earned all-district honors in both baseball and basketball.

"He may be Pampa's first baseball player to sign with a

Division I school," said Dennis Doughty, who has been the head baseball coach since 1994.

"Max was an outstanding athlete for us."



(Pampa News photo)

Pictured with Max Simon as he signs a baseball scholarship with Kansas State are his parents, Bill and Robin Simon; (standing, l-r) Jerry Schaeffer, former Pampa head boys' basketball coach; Dennis Doughty, Pampa head baseball coach, and Dick Dunham, Pampa athletic director.

Lady Harvesters begin volleyball season with new coach

PAMPA — The Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball varsity, junior varsity and freshmen teams will begin the season Saturday with scrimmages in Plainview, starting at 10 a.m.

With the beginning of the new school year, Pampa also begins with a new head coach. Shannon Stroud, WTAMU and Amarillo High graduate, begins her coaching career here. Stroud

helped lead the undefeated Sandies to the 1999 Class 5A state championship her senior year. At WT, she was part of the highly-rated Lady Buffaloes' volleyball team, earning All-American honors in that division.

Coach Stroud will have Bobbi Gill returning to coach the junior varsity and newcomer Valerie Valdez will guide the freshmen

team. The varsity will be made up of three seniors, six juniors and one sophomore.

As seniors, Stacey Johnson, Abbi Covalt and Jera Skinner bring plenty of experience to the court, and backed by a strong junior class, the Lady Harvesters could surprise a few opponents this year.

"The girls are definitely ready to get things started," Stroud added. "The girls

and I are really excited about playing this weekend."

Pampa's first home matches will have the freshmen girls playing host to Tascosa at 6 p.m. on Aug. 18.

The varsity and junior varsity's first home date will be Sept. 2 vs. Fort Elliott.

Pampa's first District 3-4A match is with Randall on Sept. 9 in McNeely

Fieldhouse. The Lady Harvesters are entered in three tournaments — the Berger Tournament, Aug. 22-23, Coca-Cola Classic, Aug. 29-30, and Seminole Tournament, Sept. 5-6.

Stroud replaces Mike Lopez, who coached volleyball and girls track in Pampa for several years.

Lopez retired, then came back to coach volleyball in 2002.

Franchione sees 1,000-yard rusher in Aggies' future

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — It's been four years since Texas A&M had a 1,000-yard rusher. Coach Dennis Franchione thinks it's time for another.

Franchione, beginning his first season at Texas A&M, has some potentially explosive choices — complete with nicknames — to get the Aggies running again after last season's rushing attack, which ranked 92nd in the nation.

They call themselves Derek "The Pounder" Farmer, Courtney "Cadillac" Lewis and Jason "Slasher" Carter and they are ready to fill the Aggies' quota for ground yards.

"At any time Derek,

Courtney or myself can hit you for big plays," Carter said. "We call Courtney 'Cadillac' because he's so smooth the way he runs and Derek he just pounds you and pounds you and then he breaks. I'm the 'Slasher' because of my moves. It's hard to hit me at the line of scrimmage."

Franchione's desire for a 1,000-yard rusher has given them a goal.

"We tease each other about the nicknames but we back each other 100 percent," Carter said. "There is a lot of chemistry between us."

Maybe that should be 1,000 percent.

"We hope either all of us get 1,000 yards or at least two

of us, and the other will be close to it," Carter said. "We don't care who gets it, we just want to get the job done. We're going to have our chances."

Improving the Aggies running game is a high priority for Franchione.

"We haven't had a 1,000-yard rusher at A&M since 1998 and we need to have that again," Franchione said. "For us to become a really good offense, we're going to be able to utilize these receivers but there will come a time when we're going to run the football."

"When we get to that point, then we'll be even harder to defend."

Big time runners once

were commonplace in the A&M offensive attack. In the 1990s, the Aggies had five 1,000-yard rushers and two others were close to that mark.

Dante Hall's 1,024 yards in 1998 was the last such per-

Lions sponsor Day-Night Scramble

PAMPA — The Pampa Lions Club Day-Night Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Aug. 22 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The scramble is Pampa's only day-night tournament.

There will be shotgun start-registration at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 for the four-person scramble. Hamburger and drinks will

be provided.

The format will have only one player per team with a 9 or less handicap. Team handicap will be 50 or more. Entry fee is \$45, which include cart, green fees and "glow ball."

Contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills for 806-669-5866 if more information is needed.

Rangers win against sloppy Tigers

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Detroit Tigers committed three errors, and the Texas Rangers made them pay.

John Thomson pitched seven innings on two days rest and Texas capitalized on Detroit's sloppy defense with two unearned runs in the Rangers' 6-3 victory Thursday night.

"We've done a good job taking advantage of our opportunities," said Texas rookie Laynce Nix, who went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs. "We have a lot of confidence in our approach with guys on base. We've been patient and looking for good pitches to hit."

Rangers rookie Ramon Nivar used his speed for two infield singles, forced throwing errors on each.

"It puts a sense of urgency on the defenders," Rangers

manager Buck Showalter said. "There is no margin for error. The defense operates at a pace they're not comfortable with."

Tigers manager Alan Trammell said he was embarrassed by his team's defensive lapses.

"I take it as a personal reflection," Trammell said. "When we get behind early, it forces us to do things we can't afford to do. It puts pressure on us and we make mistakes."

The young Tigers have lost 21 of 27, since the All-Star break as they trudge toward 100-plus defeats.

"We think it's well worth it to get these guys experience," Trammell said. "Down the road it could be a good learning experience. Everybody looks at our record, but we're learning."

Thomson (10-10) kept the

Tigers' offense in check after starting Monday against Detroit. He threw only 20 pitches on Monday before a rain delay of almost two hours. He was pulled when his arm stiffened during the delay, and Showalter decided to bring him back three days later.

The short layoff didn't seem to hurt as Thomson reached 10 victories for the first time in his pro career.

Thomson struggled early in the season, but he refined his breaking pitch and success followed. He pitched seven or more innings for the 12th time this season.

"I started to throw a curve and it felt good in my hand," said Thomson, the first Texas pitcher with double-digit victories this season. "Guys can't sit on my fastball and slider anymore."

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SOFTBALL

PAMPA — The City of Pampa Recreation Department will be offering the following leagues for Fall Softball: Men's Open & Mixed Open.

The entry fees or sponsor's fees for teams are \$200 per team (\$185 if team is already sanctioned). The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open.

The entry deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 5 p.m. There will be no teams added after this date.

Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. on Aug. 27 at the Recreation Office, City Hall, Room 204.

Play will begin the week of Sept. 2.

Roster forms, fact sheets and by-laws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please contact the Recreation Office at 669-5740 during business hours.

FOOTBALL

PAMPA — Pampa 8th grade football prospects can check out equipment at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the middle school.

GENERAL

NEW YORK (AP) — Jay Payton and the Colorado Rockies usually have no problems with power.

Until this week, that is. The Rockies found themselves smack in the middle of Thursday's massive blackout, one day after being plunged into total darkness at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

The power outage that struck the Northeast and parts of Canada, Ohio and Michigan on Thursday afternoon postponed one major league game — San Francisco at the New York Mets — two WNBA games in New York and Cleveland, and one minor league game in Toledo.

There was no immediate word on whether the outage would claim more games Friday. The Giants were forced to wait outside Shea Stadium until 10:30 p.m. Thursday, then left by bus for Philadelphia to catch an early morning flight to Montreal.

But for Payton and the big-hitting Rockies, the power problem was becoming all too familiar.

"The lights went out on us last night, too," Payton said Thursday as he killed time in the lobby of a midtown Manhattan hotel, one day before opening a series at Shea.

"You just have to hang out. Hopefully, we'll play," he said.

Colorado pitcher Adam Bernero was walking around Times Square when the lights went out. "People started coming out of the buildings. It was kind of weird."

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Cubs defeat Astros again; Central Division tightens up

CHICAGO (AP) — Six weeks left and the NL Central can't get much closer. The Chicago Cubs have a simple plan for the days ahead: stick around.

"The way the season has been it's been somebody up and somebody down, but never really ever out of it," Chicago right-hander Matt Clement said Thursday after the Cubs tightened the race by beating Houston 7-1 and knocking the Astros into a first-place tie with the St. Louis Cardinals.

"It looks like all three teams have the talent to stay in this thing or win this thing," said Clement, whose team is one-half game back.

"We knew no matter what happened, good or bad, coming into this series, that there are 41 games left after these," said Houston's Craig Biggio, who was 1-for-16 as Houston won the opener and dropped the final three at Wrigley Field.

"They are knocking at our doorstep, they are right behind us. I still think it will come down to the last weekend," Biggio added.

Alex Gonzalez, in a 2-for-46 slump when the series began, had three hits, including a homer, and drove in three

Thursday. "That's the way it's been going the last couple of weeks, it seems to be a different guy every game," Gonzalez added. "That's what it's going to take to win a championship, to get everybody involved, even the guys on the bench."

The Astros managed just eight runs in the four games as some of their top hitters, especially Biggio and Lance Berkman (1-for-15 in the series with four strikeouts Thursday), struggled.

"We had chances. We had base runners on with the right people up. We just didn't get those hits," manager Jimy Williams said after Thursday's loss.

"We talked about it before,

we are going to go through some highs and lows," Biggio said, crediting Chicago's pitching. "There are five good starting pitchers over there and you are not going to score many runs, especially if the wind is blowing in."

Clement (10-10) lasted 5 2-3 innings, allowing three hits and a run, but walked four and made two throwing errors. The Cubs bullpen gave up just two hits over the final 3 1-3 innings.

Hee Seop Choi hit a two-out, two-run double in the first off knuckleballer Jared Fernandez (1-2) to get the Cubs started.

Kenny Lofton had a sacrifice fly to make it 3-0 and Gonzalez added an RBI double for a four-run lead in the fourth.

Palmer earns gold medal

It wasn't his best throw ever, but Pampa's Wendell Palmer still earned a gold medal at the 2003 USA Masters Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Eugene, Ore. Pampa took first in the discus with a throw of 134-0 in the men's 70-74 age division.

"I threw terrible. Everybody threw terrible, and

the weather was nice," Palmer said.

Palmer placed third in both the hammer and long jump.

It was Palmer's 17th discus championship in master's track and field competition. Last summer, the 71-year-old Palmer broke the American discus record in his age group while competing in a Wichita, Kan. meet.

Parcells adds new twist to Dallas quarterback search

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells added an interesting twist to determining the Dallas Cowboys' starting quarterback. One of the candidates for the job may not even play Friday night.

Quincy Carter will start against the Houston Texans because it's his turn. But Parcells plans to use rookie Tony Romo, not Chad Hutchinson, as the second quarterback.

"It doesn't mean anything, don't interpret anything," Parcells said. "I've got three

quarterbacks here. I'm not just keeping two. I've got three. It doesn't mean anything except I want to look at Romo."

Parcells said he just wants to get a longer look at Romo, an undrafted rookie from NCAA Division I-AA Eastern Illinois. The coach wouldn't say if he considered Romo a candidate as the starter or if Hutchinson would even play against the Texans.

"My pressure is different from theirs," Romo said of Carter and Hutchinson. "My pressure is just trying to make

the team — not trying to be the starter for the Dallas Cowboys."

Parcells' decision came as a surprise, considering he had planned to let Hutchinson and Carter both start a preseason game with hopes of determining the starter after that.

With David Carr, Houston has no questions about its starting quarterback.

Carr is expected to play 20-25 snaps against the Cowboys, probably staying in until midway through the second quarter.

Escobar wins 4th straight as Blue Jays salvage split with Mariners

SEATTLE (AP) — The way he's pitching as a starter right now, it could be another 10 years before Kelvin Escobar takes to the mound again as a closer.

Escobar, who logged a career-high 38 saves last season, won his fourth straight and Carlos Delgado hit his 33rd home run as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Seattle Mariners 5-2 on Thursday night.

"Confidence means a lot for a pitcher," Escobar said. "You focus and go out there and concentrate on what you're doing. Have a game plan and stick with it. That's been the key for me."

Escobar (9-6) threw into the eighth, holding the Mariners to eight hits with seven strikeouts and two walks. He improved to 4-0 since the All-Star break and 6-1 on the road with a 2.03 ERA. He has a 1.21 ERA in three August victories.

"He's a guy who had a four- or five-pitch repertoire," Toronto manager Carlos Tosca said. "In the closer's role, he just didn't have the opportunity to get to those pitches."

Rookie Aquilino Lopez pitched the ninth for his fifth save in seven opportunities.

In other AL games, it was: Cleveland 8, Minnesota 3; Boston 4, Oakland 2 in 10 innings; New York 8, Baltimore 5; Texas 6, Detroit

3; and Anaheim 5, Chicago 1.

Delgado led off the second with a 382-foot shot over the wall in right for a 1-0 lead. It came on a 3-2 pitch from Gil Meche (13-8) and moved Delgado into second place behind New York's Jason Giambi (34) for the AL lead in home runs.

Delgado also had a fourth-inning triple, helping the Blue Jays extend the lead to 4-0 with three more runs.

Indians 8, Twins 3

At Minneapolis, Travis Hafner hit for the cycle and Brian Anderson came within two outs of a shutout.

Hafner homered in the first, doubled in the fourth and reached on an infield single in the seventh against Twins starter Brad Radke (8-10). Hafner then tripled to right-center field in the eighth off James Baldwin.

It was the rookie's first triple of the season, coming in his 184th at-bat.

Hafner is the seventh Indian to hit for the cycle and the first since Andre Thornton on April 22, 1978 against Boston.

Anderson (9-9) allowed six hits, two walks and a run in 8 1-3 innings while striking out eight to get his first win in four starts.

Red Sox 4, Athletics 2

In Oakland, Calif., Manny Ramirez hit a game-tying homer in the ninth and Bill

Mueller drove in the go-ahead run with a sacrifice fly in the 10th.

It was the first time in 59 games the A's failed to win when taking a lead into the ninth.

Ramirez tied it with his 28th homer on a 3-2 pitch from A's closer Keith Foulke, who blew his fifth save in 34 chances. In the 10th, Gabe Kapler reached on an infield single and scored on Mueller's fly to center off Jim Mecir (2-2).

Johnny Damon scored an insurance run after a throwing error by Eric Chavez.

Byung-Hyun Kim (5-3) pitched two scoreless innings for the victory.

Yankees 8, Orioles 5

At Baltimore, Hideki Matsui drove in the tiebreaking run in the seventh, then preserved the lead with a sensational catch as the Yankees rallied to win.

Andy Pettitte (14-7) allowed five runs and 11 hits in six-plus innings. The left-hander improved to 17-4 lifetime against Baltimore, including 11-2 at Camden Yards. Mariano Rivera got four outs for his 24th save in 29 chances.

Jorge Posada hit a two-run homer in the ninth, and Bernie Williams went 3-for-3 with two RBIs and two walks to help New York maintain its three-game lead over Boston in the AL East.

Mean Green



The Pampa Mean Green team (above) was one of the Under 8 girls team which were members of the Pampa Soccer Association last year. Both girls and boys can sign up for the fall and spring soccer seasons at T-Shirts & Plus until Aug. 23. Mean Green players are ((l-r) Arin Rice, Serena Reyes, Kelly Silva, Alex Ragsdale, Riddhi Jani and head coach Daniel Silva. Not pictured are assistant coach Ash Jani and team mom Cindy Silva. The team was sponsored by Culligan Water.

Baylor's leading scorer to visit Arizona, Mississippi

HOUSTON (AP) — Lawrence Roberts, Baylor's leading scorer, said Thursday he plans to visit Mississippi State and Arizona in the coming days after receiving his release to explore transfer options.

"I talked to both coaches today," he told Houston television station KRIV on Thursday. "I can't wait to take the visits and then go on and make my choice."

Attempts by The Associated Press to reach Roberts by telephone Thursday night were unsuccessful.

A number of players from the school are looking at their options after Baylor

president Robert Sloan said last week he was putting the program on probation for at least two years because of major infractions. Sloan said the school will not participate in any postseason tournaments next season, including the Big 12 tournament.

Roberts said there are many reasons why he is focusing on Mississippi State and Arizona.

He also said he hasn't yet ruled out remaining at Baylor.

"The two schools are great schools," he said. "Good opportunities for me to move ahead and try to go

on with my basketball career."

Former coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton abruptly resigned last week after school officials revealed that Bliss was involved in two players' receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests by players.

These developments followed the disappearance of Baylor player Patrick Dennehy, whose body was found in a field July 25. He had been shot twice in the head. A former teammate and roommate, Carlton Dotson, has been charged in Dennehy's death.

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1 Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION / MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS

Dist./Div. Amarillo Contract 0904-00-088 for CRACK POURING in POTTER County, etc will be opened on September 10, 2003 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's web site at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 10608
State Office
Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s)
Amarillo District
District Engineer
5715 Canyon Dr.
Amarillo, Texas 79110
Phone: 806-356-3283
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
D-2 Aug. 15, 22, 2003

1 Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to the Local Government Code Section 118.025, the Gray County Commissioners Court will hold a Public Hearing September 2, 2003 9:00 a.m. in the Gray County Courthouse, to discuss implementing a \$5 archive fee on instruments filed in the County Clerk's Office. The fee is for the preservation and restoration services performed by the County Clerk in connection with maintaining a County Clerk's records archive.
D-4 August 15, 17, 2003

PAMPA COUNTY CLUB HAS MADE APPLICATION WITH THE TEXAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE COMMISSION FOR A PRIVATE CLUB LICENSE TO BE LOCATED AT 1761 E. HARVESTER, CITY OF GRAY, AND WILL OPERATE UNDER THE TRADE NAME OF PAMPA COUNTY CLUB. OFFICERS BEING WILLIAM ROBERT TERRY, PRESIDENT, ROBERT EARL HOGAN, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND CHRISTOPHER JOE RODEN, SECRETARY/TREASURER.
D-3 August 14, 15, 2003

3 Personal

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1304 Christine, 669-3848

5 Special Notices

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A major supplier of specialty products and services is currently soliciting resumes for the position of Industrial Treating Specialist and Customer Delivery Specialist in various areas of West Texas. The qualified candidate will have a minimum of three years experience driving and operating a diesel truck with an excellent driving and work record. He will have a current CDL driver's license with HAZMAT and Tanker endorsements as well as chemical handling experience. We are looking for individuals who are who self-motivated and are customer oriented to join a winning team. DOT company physicals, and drug screens are required. Interested parties should send their current resumes to the following address.
LF-ITS
P.O. Box 61377
Midland, Texas 79711

Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003:
With your imagination and sense of direction, little eludes you this year. Use that important creativity spiced with your intellectual prowess. The key to your success will be thinking outside of the box. Your fiery impulsiveness takes you in new directions. Make the most out of the moment. You might need a tight schedule in order to get what you want done. Express your tendency to make the most out of the good life. If you are single, you will meet people easily; not only because you are a Leo, but also because you will be even more social than usual. What you decide you want to do here really depends on your immediate and future goals. If you are attached, your relationship will flourish in this fun atmosphere. Leo will be unusually fortunate with finances this year. ARIES helps you think outside of the box.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Whether you take a day trip or opt for some R and R this weekend, you feel renewed as if there is nothing you cannot handle. Know that you are a powerhouse. Try to walk in someone else's shoes before making a decision. Tonight: You're the key player.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
** Spending a few low-key days with a loved one could make a considerable difference. Realize what might be happening with a partner. Conversations remain instrumental to others. Sit back and work with others. Tonight: Take a deep breath.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
***** Listen to a friend and his or her feedback. Gather with friends. Others

seek you out, so you might as well forget any ideas of playing the recluse. Be more observant, trying to understand where someone else is coming from. Tonight: Where the gang is.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Take charge and follow through on what you want. You might need to put in some extra time at the office to get a job completed. How you feel with a partner could be quite special if you share more. Revamp your schedule if need be. Tonight: A must appearance.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
***** Reach out for others; invite loved ones and/or a special friend to join you. Your visualization of what might be fun could be very different from someone else's. Express your imagination, directing it toward a loved one or a new friend. Tonight: Love blossoms, no matter what your status.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
***** Deal with another on a close level. Though you might not be in the mood to sit around at home, establishing this type of atmosphere could help clear the air. A lot lies between you. Open up doors. Share what you have refused to share in the past. Tonight: Make nice.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** Others seek you out. What a difference you can make becomes clear. Don't always hold to the status quo. Don't think you have to present a certain image. Loosen up and enjoy yourself. Let the real you out. Tonight: The wilder, the better.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Get into a project or hobby, inviting a child or loved one along. Sharing occurs on many different levels. Someone close appreciates you to the point of idolizing you. Be careful with his or her feelings. Understand another's limits. Tonight: Make nothing a big deal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
***** No one can stop your playfulness. You'll really like what goes on if you just loosen up and be yourself. Don't always worry so much about what might or might not be proper. Relax and let what you desire occur. Others enjoy this relaxed person they meet. Tonight: Let it all hang out.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
***** Your balance comes from family as well as financial security. You might need to revamp your thinking so that you get along with others. Your playful attitude helps many relax. You anchor a child or family member more than you realize. Tonight: Entertain at home.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
***** Your imagination leads you out the door and perhaps on a strange or unique adventure. A friend might offer to join you, especially as he or she can imagine just how much fun it is to be around you. The fact remains that you enjoy yourself the most with those you love. Tonight: And the party goes on.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
***** Expenses go out of whack. Perhaps you have a dream or vision — not that you really care right now, but you might at a later point. Let go of your inhibitions and enjoy yourself. Do check in with a parent or older relative who might be full of fun and spirit. Tonight: Why stop?
BORN TODAY
Celebrity Kathie Lee Gifford (1953), football player, sportscaster Frank Gifford (1930), singer Madonna (1958)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
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10 Lost/Found

LOST: 650 Pound Black Bull Calf. Has Yellow Sale Barn Tickets on back Earl Smith 669-6007.

LOST: Collie, Blue Heeler mix, black and tan with blue collar. 665-2975

FOUND: Blonde Pekinese, 17th Ave., around Austin Sch. area. Call 665-3666.

REWARD: lost Female black & white Border Collie. 1/2 tail. Call 669-6498 or 662-8745.

13 Bus. Opp.

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CUSTOM homes, additions, remodeling, residential / comm. Deaver Construction, 665-0447.

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ROOFING, remodeling, cabinets all residential repair. Call Dennis or Rich at 665-6298 or 664-6025

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NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost. It pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town. 800-536-5341.

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IS your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in bricks or walls? Door won't close? Call Childers Brothers Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo, Tx.

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19 Situations

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NEEDED exp. pulling unit operators & floor hands. Permanent work in N.E. OK. & S.E. KS. Lots of hours, good pay & good benefits 918-475-2345 leave message.

IMMEDIATE openings for Director of Nurses, CNA's, LVN's and Dietary help at McLean Care Center Contact Billy Ray Johnson at 779-2469

BIDS are being accepted for janitorial service for the Department of Human Services located at: Texas Department of Human Services 1509 North Banks Pampa, Tx. 79065 Bid opening will be on August 28, 2003 at 3:00 pm. Bid information packets can be picked up at the local office. The contract will start September 1, 2003 at 5:00 pm.

RECEPTIONIST needed for busy physicians clinic. Medical experience preferred. Work hours are Mon.-Fri., 8-5pm. Please mail or drop off your resume to: Medical Plaza, Attn: Debbie, 202 S. McGee, Borger, TX 79007

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KITCHEN Help & Catering person needed. Must have driver's license. Apply in person Dyer's BBQ

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-Hawkins .50 cal.
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69a Garage Sales
1708 Charles Fri 8/15/03 8:00 til 4:00 Sat 8/16/03 8:00 til 12

2401 Comanche Fri. & Sat. 8-?? 2 family garage sale, furniture, frig. clothes, collectables, lamps and much more!!

401 N. Zimmers Fri-Sun 9-6 Two Family garage sale- Wranglers, Rockies and lots of misc.

OVERSIZE S.W. sofa & loveseat, Lazyboy rocker recliner w/heat & massage, end tables, lamp, floral arrangements, baby clothes. Fri 6:30-9 Sat 8:30-? 1529 N. Dwight

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NEW Management! Low rent. 1 bdrms, duplexes, & homes -Remodeled, Nice, clean, call 665-4274

2 bdr., cent. h/a 332 N. Christy, 1140 Terrace. 3 bdr.: 1109 Crane, 1072 Prairie-sale or rent. HUD 669-2080, 665-2119.

FOR rent or sale, nice neighborhood, 2/1/1 w/4 hookups, \$400, 1704 Hamilton, 665-5667

RENT or Sale. 3 bdr. 1995 Redman mobile home. Call 662-8066.

620 Hazel-2 br, w/d, Wilson, 700 Bradley, 3 br, w/d, gar, screen porch, HUD 669-6948 after 5pm.

REMODELED, nice neighborhood, 3 bdr, 1 bath, W.D. hook ups, fenced yard, storage, Ref. required, \$425 mo. 600 Lefors, 665-8320

LEASE extra nice brick 3 br., 1 3/4 ba., cen h/a \$750 dep. 2100 Lea 669-6467 or 806-681-8919

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1718 Christine, Fri. & Sat. 8-1, nice children's clothes size 8-14, child's desk and bedding.

GARAGE Sale Sat. 9:00 am-5:00 p.m. 2238 Evergreen

1900 Coffee St. Sat. & Sun. 8-3 (?) Huge multi family garage sale, NICE name brand clothing for the whole family for a great price. Maternity, Baby, Kid's, Jr's, Women's, Men's, baby items, car seat, swing, bouncer, walker, etc. Household items, computer items, toys, the list goes on. Come check us out. No Checks, No Early Birds.

GARAGE Sale, 1109 E. Kingsmill Sat. 9-? 1996 Dodge Van, many items too much to mention.

FURN. exercise equip, kids-adult clothes. 2317 Evergreen Sat. 8-1. For Early Bird bids on big items call 669-9513

YARD Sale, Fri., Sat., &

Shopping for shoulder fired rocket? They're not that hard to find

BY WILLIAM J. KOLE
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — They're light but lethal — and capable of bringing down a commercial jetliner within seconds.

Shoulder-fired, surface-to-air missiles similar to the ones involved in a sting operation this week are relatively inexpensive and chillingly easy to buy, said Jonathan Stevenson, an arms control analyst with the London-based International Institute of Strategic Studies.

"There are thousands of them out there, and they're fairly easy to procure — at least the cruder versions," Stevenson said.

"There are 4,000 to 5,000 of these missiles around Iraq. Africa is full of unregulated weapons left over from Cold War sponsorships, and the Eastern Europeans are major league gun merchants. They're probably not a lot harder than buying a shotgun in places where there effectively is no government."

In fact, experts say it's amazing the world hasn't seen more attempts to down airplanes.

One reason may be that the rockets are still rather conspicuous when being fired.

They also aren't very accurate, and they were designed to take out helicopters and smaller military aircraft, not jumbo jets with powerful engines. Egyptian forces fired hundreds of SA-7s at Israeli bombers during the 1973 Arab-Israeli war, and most of the bombers survived the assaults, which experts say may have discouraged their wider use by terrorists.

In the past, the main threat to commercial flights was hijackings — long, drawn-out affairs that guaranteed terrorists days of publicity without risking the kind of universal condemnation that mass murder would inspire.

Former top NASA administrator Goldin to head Boston University

BOSTON (AP) — Former NASA administrator Daniel S. Goldin will be the next president of Boston University.

Goldin, 63, accepted the school's offer Thursday and will take over at the school, the nation's fourth largest independent university with 29,000 students, on Nov. 1. The university had picked Goldin from a pool of 50 candidates after a yearlong search, and had offered him the position last month.

"I'm just a kid from the Bronx," said Goldin, currently a fellow at the Neurosciences Institute in San Diego. "I still feel that way, and nothing energizes me and excites me like talking to young people."

Boston University has been without a president since John Westling's resignation last summer.

Dobson sponsoring school supply drive

As part of an effort to help local schools, Dobson Cellular Systems is collecting school supplies for Pampa school district as part of an "Activate Your School" promotion.

Customers who bring a new school supply item — any item whether it be paper, pencils, folders, ectetera as long as it's packaged — to Dobson Cellular Systems, 2131 Perryton Parkway, will receive \$10 off a new activation or 25 percent off a phone accessory of their choice.

Donations will be

accepted throughout the month of August with a goal of collecting at least 100 school supply materials for the district.

"Back to school time is often a financial burden for a lot of parents," said Craig Davis, public relations manager for Dobson. "We at Dobson Cellular Systems want to ensure that every child has the supplies necessary to foster their learning experience."

School supply donations may be dropped off at Dobson Cellular Systems, 2131 Perryton Parkway, throughout August.

But because airport security was tightened considerably after Sept. 11, making hijackings harder, some experts think terrorists may be rethinking the missiles.

The rocket at the center of Tuesday's arrest of British suspect Hemant Lakhani was a deactivated Russian SA-18 Iгла missile. Weapons experts say the Iгла is the most sophisticated, accurate and hard-to-obtain portable rocket.

But there are other choices for terrorists, including the American-made, Stinger shoulder-fired missile. Intelligence officials say hundreds of Stingers are in Afghanistan, sent there by the U.S. government in the 1980s to help the Afghan resistance to Soviet occupation. Stingers also are said to be common-place in the former Yugoslavia. There are also thousands of a class of missile known as the SA-7 Grail, which is also called the Strela, or Arrow, in Russia. They have been produced in Russia, Eastern Europe, China, the former Yugoslavia, Egypt and other countries. Some have sold for as little as \$500, according to U.S. intelligence.

"There's a considerable number of these sloshing about on the market. You can get the latest version or a 20-year-old rocket," said Wing Cmdr. Andrew Brookes, a weapons expert and a former reconnaissance pilot for Britain's Royal Air Force.

"The big question is how many of them have been bought by the bad guys. They wouldn't need many. A dozen would do the trick for terrorists trying to achieve their main objective: to strike fear into the general population."

Last November, terrorists fired two surface-to-air missiles that barely missed an Israeli charter airliner taking off from the airport in Mombasa, Kenya, with tourists returning to Israel. Al-

Qaida claimed responsibility for the attempt. In 1998, rebels in Congo used a shoulder-fired SA-7 missile to shoot down a jetliner carrying 40 civilians. There were no survivors.

"Clearly, there's an interest in bringing down a commercial airliner. It's probably inevitable that it will be tried again," Stevenson said. "There are a lot

of people in the intelligence community who have been worried about this for a while."

Shoulder-fired, surface-to-air missiles chase the heat produced by an airplane engine and explode on impact. They are effective only while the target plane is flying low and slow, usually during takeoff and landing.

It wouldn't necessarily be easy to take out a jumbo jet with such rockets, which are designed to target one engine. The larger commercial airliners have four engines and can fly safely if one is knocked out.

But defense analysts say the weapons — known in military jargon as MANPADs, or Man Portable Air Defense Systems — have numerous tactical advantages that make them attractive to terrorists.

They weigh up to 40 pounds and their 5-foot tubes are compact enough to be concealed in a large duffel bag.

Although their performance varies depending on the type, the missiles tend to have a minimum range of 600 yards and a maximum of roughly 3 miles. They can hit airborne targets ranging from 50 feet to 10,000 feet.

Scorching summer melts Italian resistance to AC

ROME (AP) — From babyhood, Italians are steeped in old wives' tales that cold air can be bad for your health, particularly in the summer.

With the air of self-appointed saviors, the first thing many Italians do when climbing aboard an air-conditioned city bus is open all the windows. Foreigners asking waiters to turn up the A/C have long been viewed as modern-day barbarians.

But Italian resistance to air conditioners has started to melt.

Those who manufacture, install or sell air conditioners say the last few blistering summers — including this season's scorcher, Italy's hottest in some 50 years — have speeded up what had been a slow erosion of national bias against air conditioning.

"We've sold out, and more than once already this season," said Mose' Di Veroli in his appliance store Cucciolo in Rome's historic center.

De'Longhi SpA, a major Italian appliance maker, said there was such a boost in demand this year that it diverted to the Italian market some air conditioners that had been destined for the Southern Hemisphere, where summer is still months away.

"In the last 10 years we went from selling 2,000 to 3,000 air conditioners to 70,000" a year in Italy, said Luca Farci, sales manager for air conditioning systems for Samsung Electronics Italia SpA, based in Milan.

From last year to this year alone, there was a 30 percent jump in demand, Farci said.

Guglielmo Rota, a software programmer in Rome, said he broke down and purchased an air conditioner in July. He used to reason that it didn't pay to fork out more than \$1,150, the going price for a top brand and installation.

In past summers, "for 10 days you suffer," said Rota. But he's convinced the climate is changing and heat waves will last months, not days.

Decio Oberholtzer, a urologist whose Rome duplex penthouse fills with heat like a double-decker oven in summer, considers himself a pioneer. He bought his first air conditioner 20 years ago and this year he bought two.

"I believe getting a backache or a cold is better than suffering the heat," said Oberholtzer, referring to widely held Italian beliefs that a blast of cold air can harm you.

Samsung's Farci says the rapidly increasing embrace of air conditioning for homes also reflects Italians' desire for a higher standard of living, despite a sluggish economy.

"You have to think, five or six years ago Italians didn't even use air conditioning in their cars," said Farci.

While much of northern Europe shrugs off air conditioning because hot weather there is usually brief, Italy, at the continent's southern end, seemed for generations to accept sweating through summers as a way of life.

"But life went a little slower then," said Renata Suriano, who works at a two-year-old shop in Rome doing brisk business in air conditioner sales and installation.

Yet a myriad of regulations could crimp air conditioning's expansion.

Italy's main business daily, *Il Sole-24 Ore*, devoted an entire page recently to the intricacies of laws limiting where condominium owners can install air conditioners. Historic city centers have even stricter rules.

The nation's expensive and often inadequate supply of electricity also complicates the quest for cool.

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