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School board sets \$1.561 tax rate Fields said the estimated revenue is tax rate be increased to .061 for a com- she said.

BY DEE DEE LARAMORE

EDITOR

Pampa school board Tuesday set the tax rate at \$1.561 and approved a \$19.6 the end of the budget year. million budget for the 2003-2004 school year.

hearing on the budget and tax rate at for facility maintenance, she said. the Pampa Independent School District

The new budget includes an absorpdance of 3,000 students.

million received the year before.

She projects a \$300,000 surplus at

No citizens appeared for the public High School and still leaves \$175,000 ing.

Almost 60 percent is dedicated to my," she said. board meeting last night at Carver instruction. "Which is where it should be," Fields told the board.

tion of 20 teaching and aides positions, the state's tax rate at \$1.50 per \$100. Fields explained. said Carol Fields, business manager, valuation for maintenance and operamendation that debt service part of the all debt payments for the coming year.

set at \$19,963,608, down from \$20.2 bined tax rate of \$1.561 per \$100 valu-

The budget reflects money set aside than-expected drop in student populato build the girls softball field at Pampa tion and less-than-expected state fund-

As a result, the 2002-2003 budget Although Pampa ISD has reached of the \$300,000 projected surplus, to New York City, May 5 10. The tup

and is based on an average daily attention, the board accepted Field's recom-will enable the school district to cover Zero, Central Park. Metropolitan

First of school enrollment figures look promising, officials reported. On She explained that the 2002-2003 Aug. 22, more than 3,240 students revenues fell short due to a greater- were enrolled. Aug. 26 enrollment showed 3,262 students enrolled in Pampa public schools.

Board members unanimously "We got hit with a double wham- approved spring trips for the Pampa High School Band and Choir.

Bruce Collins, PHS band director, ended with a \$71,665 shortfall, instead plans to take 110 students and sponsors includes tours of Times Square, the The increase in the debt service rate Empire State Building and Ground (See SCHOOL, Page 3)

City tables budget, tax rate readings

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

deferred action on the city's Tuesday night will still allow budget and tax rate for next the commission to hear two year during their meeting readings during their regularly Tuesday evening, approved budgets for the and pass a budget by the Pampa Area Chamber of required deadline. Commerce Tourism

The commission also set a approved. special election allowing pate in collective bargaining this plan for city employees.

Committee and the PEDC.

Commissioner Tuesday's said they wanted to wait until \$80,000. Curry suggested ent before voting on the city's seal coating project that other-

The budget ordinance must pass two readings and be adopted by Oct. 1. Deferring Pampa City Commission the first reading of the budget but scheduled September meetings

> The budget must be passed before a tax rate can be

The proposed budget is Pampa firefighters to particibased on the same tax rate as year, and arbitration and approved a Commissioner Curry has sugnew deferred compensation gested using the effective tax rate that would bring the same Jeff amount of revenue into city McCormick was absent from coffers as it raised this year. meeting. That would mean a slightly Commissioner Faustina Curry higher tax rate, but it would and Mayor Lonny Robbins also give the city an extra-(See CITY, Page 3)

(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Flanked by Clay Rice, executive director of the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, left, and John Forrester, tourism committee member, right, Paula all commissioners were pres- using that money for a street Goff of the Pampa chamber's tourism committee told city commissioners during their work session that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has published a map showing wildlife viewing areas around Pampa.

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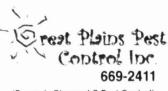
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PEDC board negotiates **building sale**

Pampa Economic Development Corporation may have sold one of the buildings that it owns, but that has upset one of its clients.

At their meeting last week, the PEDC voted to offer the American Energy Building on Price Road to Frac Services, Inc., for \$175,000. The sales package would include leasing the building to them for \$2,000 a month for three years, then getting a lump sum payment for \$103,000.

Doug Locke, president of the PEDC said this week that they are awaiting a reply from FSI.

Earlier this month, David Gayanich of FSI had proposed buying the building for \$110,000. Gayanich said the company wanted to lease the building at \$2,500 a month for one year with lease payments going toward purchase of the building. FSI would then pay the PEDC \$80,000 for the building at the end of the year.

PEDC board members countered by meeting Gayanich's leasing proposal, but they upped the purchase price to \$175,000.

It was an offer FSI refused last week, so the board countered with their latest offer of \$2,000 a month for three years and a one-time payment of \$103,000.

Locke said he hoped to have a reply from FSI before the next scheduled

(See SALE, Page 3)

Fire and rain



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Firefighters battle a grass fire north of Pampa near the Little Red School House Tuesday afternoon. The fire was thought to have started from a lightning strike.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

This sign on Farm to Market Rd. 282 north of Pampa takes on greater meaning as thunderstorms rumble through the area Tuesday afternoon.

Fire contract in budget for **Gray County**

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said that as the county begins the approval process for their next fiscal year budget, the Commissioners Court has not cut any funding on what they pay Pampa for fire protection

That budget comes up for its first vote Tuesday. Sept. 1. at the county commission's regular meeting.

Gray County contracts with the City of Pampa for firefighting services for the northwestern and most of the western part of the county. The county also contracts with area volunteer fire departments, including Hoover, Lefors, Groom and McLean, for fire protection services, but the cost of Pampa's fire protection, at \$130,000 a year, costs the most.

County and city officials met last week to discuss the city's role in county fire protection.

Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant told commissioners that the city would like to continue the existing contract.

"I think it went really well," Grant said of the meeting. "We want to continue to provide service to the county.

Grant said there are a lot of fires around town as well as in town.

"We're trying to give the citizens of Gray County the best protection for the least amount of money," Peet said.

Earlier this summer, the Hoover

(See CONTRACT, Page 3)

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POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Sunday, Aug. 25

Patricia Perez Ramirez, 25, 714 N. Christy, was arrested on a warrant for theft under \$50 and a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Monday, Aug. 25

Harassment was reported in the 800 block of East Frederic.

Part of a car's CD player was found at the Alcock and Dwight intersection.

Theft of \$150 from a wallet was reported in the 500 block of North Faulkner.

An assault between two pregnant women was reported in the 1600 block of West Somerville. One was taken by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center due to complications of the pregnancy. Her condition is unknown, according to the police report. The other went to the hospital by personal vehicle and was seen and released.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

A lawn mower was reported stolen in the 1800 block of North Sumner. Two persons were arrested.

Three persons reported being threatened at an apartment complex parking lot in the 1000 block of North Sumner.

Cherisse Christine Chambers, 25, 601 Short, was arrested for theft under \$500/over

Jayson D. Calfy, 18, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested for theft over \$50/under \$500.

Mickey Alvarez, 36, 937 S. Hobart, was arrested for no driver's license, failure to control speed, following too close, ran stop sign, public intoxication, and disorderly conduct.

Brandon Bowman, 17, 1031 N. Sumner, was arrested for theft over \$50/under \$500. Wednesday, Aug. 27

David Seth Corder, 20, Morton, was arrested for driving under the influence - a minor, no driver's license, and no insurance.

south winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should see

should be partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of

showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon.

Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 10 to 20

mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy with a 30

percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lows around 70. South winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday, mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance

SHERIFF

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26

Eduardo Camillo Vaquera, 23, 544 Tignor. was arrested on Hemphill County warrants for evading arrest with vehicle, speeding, failure to appear, and no insurance. He was released on bond and to pay later.

Michael Glen Palmer, 37, listed as homeless, was arrested by Pampa police and sheriff's deputies on a blue warrant for engaging in an organized criminal act.

Melvin Dale Haynes, 46, 921 Schneider. was arrested for driving while intoxicated second offense.

Wednesday, Aug. 27

Joshua Aaron Daum, 26, 1044 S. Hobart. was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram, under four grams. Jean Marie Withers, 24, Amarillo, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram, under four grams.

Alvin Leroy Hilbern Jr., 29, 521 N. Ward, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance over one gram, under four grams.

Holly Ruth Crutcher, 33, 921 Schneider, was arrested for public intoxication.

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clearing. Lows in the lower 60s. Labor Day,

mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 80s. Monday

night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs around 90.

FIRE

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26

4:31 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire on Texas Highway 70, north of Pampa, a half-mile into Roberts

6:19 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire on the Taylor Ranch, four miles east of Pampa on Ragsdale Road. McLean Volunteer Fire Department assisted and stood by to put out spot fires.

9:17 p.m. – Two units and six firefighters responded to a fire alarm at One Medical Plaza. Firefighters helped hospital maintenance personnel locate the source of an alarm malfunction that had caused the alarm to activate.

AMBULANCE

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

Tuesday, Aug. 26

5:34 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Faulkner. No patient was transported.

2:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1600 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical

4:27 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Ballard. No transport.

5:36 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Highway 748. No transport.

6:21 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Wednesday, Aug. 20

12 noon – A 1987 Chevrolet Silverado pickup driven by Jessica Knipp, 21, 820 N. Christy, struck a legally parked 1994 Lincoln owned by Betty J. Anderson, 2200 N. Russell, in a parking lot at One Medical Plaza. Knipp was cited for failing to leave proper information at the scene of an accident.

Tuesday, Aug. 26

8:11 p.m. - A 1993 Geo Prizm driven by Mickey Alvarez, 36, 937 S. Hobart, and a 1972 Chevrolet pickup driven by Juan Manuel Mendoza, 28, 617 N. Sumner, collided at Hobart and West Wilks. Alvarez was charged with no driver's license, failure to control speed and following too close. Mendoza was cited for no driver's license.

UBITUARIES

RALPH McLAUGHLIN

LAKETON - Ralph McLaughlin, 76, of pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Pampa, died Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2003. Services Directors of Pampa.

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Dr. Hatfill accuses feds of wrecking reputation in suit over anthrax probe

The forecast today is calling for partly of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around

cloudy skies, a 20 percent chance of showers 90. West winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night,

and thunderstorms, highs in the mid 90s and mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of

partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of 60s. Saturday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bioterrorism expert Dr. Steven J. Hatfill is going to court for what he says was a malicious campaign by the government to use him to make up for its failure to find the person responsible for the 2001 anthrax attacks.

Hatfill filed a lawsuit Tuesday against Attorney General John Ashcroft and other government officials saying that by labeling him a "person of interest" in the case, circulating his photo and leaking aspects of the investigation to the media, they have damaged his reputation and made him virtually unemployable.

Hatfill is under 24-hour surveillance, leaving him unable to freely talk to his girlfriend, family or friends, according to the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Washington.

"He has been a target of a coordinated campaign to publicly implicate him in a crime he did not commit," Hatfill's attorney, Thomas Connolly, said at a news conference at the federal courthouse

Hatfill also said the Justice Department was responsible for his firing last August from a job directing bioterrorism research at Louisiana State University.

The lawsuit says he's been unemployed since and

that other potential employers have been scared off from hiring him because he is followed by a team of five to seven FBI agents.

Connolly said the federal authorities "have trampled Dr. Hatfill's constitutional rights and they have destroyed his life."

Hatfill wants his name cleared and seeks unspecified damages from Ashcroft, the Justice Department, the FBI and other current and former FBI and Justice Department officials.

FBI officials declined to comment. Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo also declined to discuss the case, but released a January memo from H. Marshall Jarrett, a counsel with the agency's Office of Professional Responsibility.

Jarrett dismissed Hatfill's charges. "We concluded that your statements did not violate any law, regulation or Department of Justice policy or standard," Jarrett wrote in a memo.

Federal officials have said Hatfill is not a suspect and that they have no evidence directly linking him to the October 2001 attacks in which anthrax-laced envelopes were sent to government and media offices. Five people died and 17 oth-

ers were sickened. Jonathan

George Washington University law professor, said Hatfill faces a stiff challenge in court.

Because prosecutors are allowed to publicly identify a person they are seeking to interview in a criminal investigation, Hatfill would have to show his name was singled out with malicious purpose, Turley said. That usually requires a so-called "smoking gun" document that rarely

exists, he said. Hatfill once worked as a researcher at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Md. The facility housed the strain of anthrax found in the envelopes sent to the victims, though Hatfill repeatedly has said he never worked with the infectious

The lawsuit claims federal officials orchestrated a public campaign beginning in June 2002 to link Hatfill to the attacks because the investigation had stalled and it was politically necessary to make it look like the government was making progress.

On the Net: Department of Justice: www.usdoj.gov

District Court for the District of Columbia: http://www.dcd.uscourts.gov

Baytown reaches \$350,000 settlement in wrongful death lawsuit filed last year

BAYTOWN, Texas (AP) — A \$350,000 settlement has been reached in a wrongful death suit filed in last year's death of a man being arrested by Baytown police, officials

The family of Mexican national Luis Torres filed the lawsuit against the city of Baytown and its police department.

"This is a very important moment for the Torres family to give them some sort of relief," said Marco Nunez, spokesman for Mexican Consul General Eduardo Ibarrola. "It is unusual to have settlements like this."

Officials said the city agreed to pay the money to Torres' widow, Yolanda Torres, 45, and three children, ages 23 to 26.

Details are to be announced Wednesday at a news conference. The police department was still reviewing the settlement package late Tuesday and had no comment, police Lt. David Alford told the Houston Chronicle for a story in Wednesday's edi-

The Harris County Medical Examiner's Office ruled Torres' death a homicide due to mechanical asphyxia, which means something physically kept him from breathing, and blunt impact trauma.

A grand jury cleared the officers involved in the arrest and the U.S. Justice Department declined to prosecute.

A videotape released by Baytown police several weeks after the death showed patrolmen Bert Dillow and Micah Aldred speaking with Torres after they found him walking along Main Street in Baytown. He backed away after the officers told him to stop, then Dillow and Aldred wrestled him to the ground and struggled with him for several minutes. Sgt. Rodney Evans and patrolman Chad Billeaud also helped arrest

The video showed about eight minutes passed from the time officers began questioning Torres to when they realized he was no longer breathing.

The officers had been asked to find Torres after he ran from an ambulance crew trying to treat his high blood pressure. Officers said they had to take custody of Torres because he might be a danger to himself or others.

Report: Perry's approval rating down

Perry's approval rating amid his battle with Texas Democrats over congressional redistricting has fallen to its lowest point since his election last year, according to a newspaper poll.

Forty-eight percent of those questioned in the Scripps Howard Texas Poll disapprove of Perry's job performance, while 44 percent give the Republican high marks.

The poll, Wednesday in several Texas newspapers, also found that the George W. Bush.

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. Rick Texas Legislature's approval ratings have hit an all-time low. Sixty-eight percent disapproved of the job legislators are doing, while just 22 percent

Perry's efforts to push the Legislature into redrawing congressional boundaries has failed during a regular session and in two special sessions. His disapproval rating equals that of former Gov. Ann Richards in published 1994, the year the Democrat was defeated by Republican

Perry dismissed the low numbers, however.

"I get up everyday and try to do what's right for the people of the state of Texas," he told reporters on Tuesday. "I don't wake up and fret about what a particular poll at a particular point in time says.'

The Texas Poll was conducted by the Scripps Data Center. The telephone survey of 1,000 Texans selected at random was conducted Aug. 7-21. The margin of error was plus or minus three percentage points.

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Museum of Art, Broadway shows, and a world premiere performance by the New York Philharmonic Orchestra.

He said he is setting up performances for the PHS concert band and jazz band.

Cost of the trip is estimated at \$900 per student.

PHS Choir Director Fred Mays has set up a trip to San Antonio, May 6-9, to compete in the Director's Choice Festival there. The choir will sing at the State Capitol in Austin, Mays said, and are auditioning for the Show Choir to sing at a Texas Rangers game in Dallas. The trip, which includes an overnight stay in Dallas and two nights in San Antonio, is expected to cost \$375 per student, he said.

After reviewing a contract

between the City of Pampa and Pampa ISD on sharing demolition of delinquent tax property costs, the board took no action. Board members will wait to take action on paying approximately \$4,000 in debris removal costs for a property on Ballard Street.

Board members elected Lance DeFever to serve as alternate delegate at the Texas Association of School Board Convention, Sept. 18-22. DeFever takes the place of Dr. Jay Johnson who will be unable to attend.

Also, the board approved the hiring of nine teachers: James Carter, Pampa Middle School band director; Mary Diggs, Wilson Elementary kindergarten; Courtney Finsterwald, Travis, third grade; Lyndee Gasaway, Wilson, first grade; Sabrina

Klusmeyer, PMS math; Patricia Macumber, PHS speech; Amy Pierce, Lamar, fourth grade; Connie Wildcat, Lamar, fourth grade; and Curtis Peterson, Pampa Learning Center, social studies and busi-

In other action, the board approved an agreement with Amarillo Regional Day School Program for the Deaf, July financials, appointed Supt. Barry Haenisch to the Region 16 regional advisory committee, approved a Tobacco Education Grant. The board members also okayed staff recommendation to approve snack food item bids as presented and reject all bids for computer hardware.

The board went into brief executive session for the superintendent's evaluation. No action was taken.

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CITY

wise would have to be delayed or eliminated.

Curry said using the effective tax rate would increase taxes about \$3 a year for most citizens, or about 25 cents a month.

"That would go a long way toward helping the streets," she said.

Those figures, said John Horst, the city's financial director, are based on a 94.5 percent collection rate. Horst said that presently the collection rate for city taxes is running about 94.8 percent.

"If we don't collect as much next year as we did this year," Curry said, "we could be in a bad bind."

"Collections have been very satisfactory," Horst said.

In the past, rising property values have negated the need for raising taxes, but this year property appraisals are down.

While deferring the budget and setting a tax rate, the commission approved a \$15,000 budget for the Chamber's tourism committee.

Tourism Committee Chairman Paula Goff told the commission during their premeeting work session that the chamber had contracted for two billboards promoting Pampa as a tourist destination. One is at Shamrock and the other is at Dalhart.

The committee is spending \$7,500 on the two billboards as a test to see what kind of response they will bring.

Goff also presented commissioners with a Texas Parks and Wildlife map showing (See CITY, Page 5)

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CONTRACT

Volunteer Fire Department offered to expand their area of fire protection, which now is across the northern part of the county east of Pampa.

Peet said the Hoover Volunteer Fire Department has done an excellent job over the past 10 years.

While the county has not made any cuts in the amount budgeted for next year in the there have been problems mended them for their work. over the past year. Recently, battling a grass blaze south of Pampa, they called County Commissioner Gary Willoughby for help. He had

to take county employees from east of Pampa off the maintenance work that they had been doing so they could drive a county tank truck filled with water to help Pampa firefighters.

Peet said it would have been more efficient, and would have cost less, if the city had called Hoover to bring their water truck from their Price Road facility.

crews. "All bring water."

The Hoover Volunteer Fire Department, on the other hand, are trained firefighters. "They're first responders,"

Peet said. "Who knows what the future of fire protection will

be." Grant said. "There's a push toward volunteer departments." Grant said that the Hoover

Volunteer Fire Department Pampa fire contract, Peet said, was quite good and com-"I think in the future there

when Pampa firefighters were will be more volunteer firefighters out in the county," Grant said.

"Across the country," Judge Peet said, "fire protection is moving more and more

we can do is toward volunteer departments."

Still, Grant said he thinks the county would be wise to continue to use the city's fire department.

"The city, right now, provides top notch fire protection," Grant said. "It makes sense to me to use that resource to the maximum. I would think everybody would want to use the Pampa Fire Department."

It basically comes down to funding fire protection, Gant

Most of the revenue the county gets comes from inside Pampa, Grant said.

"We should get part of it

back," Grant said. (See CONTRACT, Page 5)

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SALE

PEDC meeting on Sept. 8. In the meantime, Billy Scribner, who had received a loan from the PEDC six years ago, told The Pampa News he was upset because he had been negotiating with and U.S. Highway 60.

Scribner said that his was the only major loan that the PEDC had outstanding that was current.

"I have paid them every month for six years," Scribner said.

Locke said this week that he was not personally aware of Scribner's negotiations

"We are not first respon- FSI, trying to sell them propders," Peet said of the county erty he owns at Price Road

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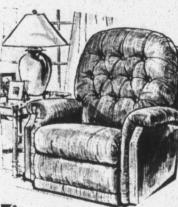


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#7, 1625' from South & 2125' from East line of Sec.

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Oil Well Completions

ROBERTS (MATHERS Morrow) Range Production Co., #15 Ben Hill, Sec. 144,42,H&TC, spud 4-30-03, South & 1200' from West line, drlg, compl 6-5-03, rested 7-28-03, flowed 77 bbl. of 40 grav. oil + no water thru 6/64" choke on 24 hour test, TD 11400', PBTD 10996'

> **Gas Well Completions** HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #0812P Noah, 8,4,AB&M, spud 4-22-03, drlg. compl 5-11-03, tested 7-

> 26-03, TD 11750', PBTD

11625' — HEMPHILL (BUFFALO WALLOW Granite Wash) Patina Oil & Gas Corp., #4401P Willis, Sec. 44,M-1,H&GN, spud 4-11-03, drlg. compl 5-5-03, tested 7-20-03,

TD 11730', PBTD 11675' -HEMPHILL (HEMPHILL

Granite Wash) Samson Lone Star Ltd. Partnership, #5 Hobart Ranch '50', Sec. 50, A-2,H&GN, 1spud 5-9-03, drlg. compl 6-11-03, tested 7-28-03, TD 11500', PBTD 11372'

ROBERTS (GILL RANCH Brown Dolomite) Ocean Energy, Inc., #2016 Gill, Sec. 16,44, Poitevent Survey, spud 6-5-03, drlg. compl 6-11-03, tested 7-21-03, potential 2230 MCF, TD 4800', PBTD 4720'

Plugged Wells

CARSON (PANHANDLE) Ina Street Operations, #51-D R.C. Ware, et al, Sec. 105,4,I&GN, spud 6-16-57, plugged 7-18-03, TD 3120' (injection) —

Myriad Resources Corp., #34 Powell 'B', Sec. 28,B-2,H&GN, spud 10-31-45, plugged 5-21-03, TD 3067'

(oil) - Form 1 in Danciger' Oil & Refining

HEMPHILL (CANADIAN Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L,C., #1074 Urschel, Sec. 74,1,G&M, spud 3-8-03, plugged 5-30-03, TD 7150' (gas)

HEMPHILL (N.W. CANA-DIAN Douglas) Bracken Operating, L.L.C., #1081 Nix 'B', Sec. 81,42,H&TC, spud 2-18-03, plugged 5-28-03, TD 6900' (dry) -

HEMPHILL (RED DEER CREEK Granite Wash) Apache Corp., #2 Wiggins 'A', Sec. 55,1,I&GN, spud 11-7-76, plugged 5-13-03, TD 11360' (gas) — Form 1 in Citiees Service Oil

WHEELER (PANHAN-GRAY (PANHANDLE) DLE) Vernon Davenport, #10W M.S. Bills, Sec. 45,13,H&GN, spud unknown, plugged 6-3-03, TD 2170' (oil) — Form 1 in Texaco, Inc.

Talks on North Korea's nuclear program begin

BY AUDRA ANG ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIJING (AP) — The United States and North Korea held direct talks for the first time in months Wednesday, meeting for a half-hour on the sidelines of six-nation summit designed to resolve the standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear program.

The South Korean official who confirmed the meeting took place said the North appeared "willing to resolve the nuclear issue through dialogue."

The meeting, held soon after the six-way talks opened Wednesday, was the first concrete sign progress in six-nation talks designed to resolve the disagreement over the nuclear program - and to ensure security for the East Asian region. China, Russia, Japan and South Korea are also participating in the three days of meetings.

The U.S.-North Korea meeting was confirmed by Wie Sung-rak, director-general at the South Korean Foreign Ministry's North American Affairs Bureau. It came hours after the North Korean government reiterated its insistence that the United States agree to a nonaggression treaty.

"The U.S. side made comments about easing North Korea's security concerns, but I cannot give you any more details," Wie said. "From what North Koreans said during the meeting, we could read that North Korea is willing to resolve the nuclear issue through dialogue."

The contact between the delegations ended a diplomatic drought between the the nuclear program and U.S. demands that it cease immediately. Pyongyang demands guarantees of security and economic aid as conditions for doing so.

Earlier, when the full sixnation talks convened, the two nations' delegation heads — U.S. Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly and North Korean Kim Yong Il — shook hands and smiled before sitting evil."

alongside the other participants around a vast hexagonal table behind the high brick walls of the Chinese government's state guest house.

"I am very happy the six countries are all here," Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wang Yi 'told the assembled diplomats before the meeting was closed to reporters.

The North Korean government had long demanded one-on-one talks with the United States, but dropped its objections to the multilateral arrangement after Beijing agreed to host it.

Wie had no information about whether any breakthroughs were made in the one-on-one talks, nor did he say if Kim and Kelly took part in the meeting.

The U.S. Embassy in Beijing said she had no word of any bilateral talks between the United States and North Korea.

North Korea repeated its demand for the nonaggression pact from the South's key ally — the United States — saying it would not give up its "nuclear deterrent force" for anything less than that.

The United States should "clarify its will to make a switchover in its hostile policy toward (North Korea) and conclude a nonaggression treaty with it," Rodong Sinmun, the North's official newspaper, said in a commentary carried by KCNA, the North's official news agency.

U.S. officials say they believe North Korea has one or two nuclear weapons, and experts believe it could produce five to six more in a few months. The North has withdrawn from key intertwo nations, at odds over national agreements in recent months, including the Nuclear Nonproliferation

In October, according to the United States, North Korea acknowledged having a secret nuclear program, beginning the standoff and war of words that led to this week's talks. President Bush already was wary of North Korea, call-Deputy Foreign Minister ing it in a January 2002 speech part of an "axis of

Tailgate Picnic



(Courtesy photo)

Elise Kennedy and Harper Kelly sell Shannon Buck tickets to 20th Century Forum Study Club's annual Tailgate Picnic scheduled to be held prior to the Pampa High School football game Friday, Aug. 29, in the teacher parking lot across from Harvester Stadium. Proceeds will benefit the club's PHS scholarship fund. To purchase tickets, call 665-7099.

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On Sept. 13th and 14th, sion plays of "Wildfire." He Childress will also be the site has had songs recorded by of the 7th annual Red River Lyle Lovett, Jerry Jeff Gun and Knife Show at Fair Walker, Kenny Rogers, John Park Auditorium. This show Denver and Nitty Gritty Dirt will include a variety of gun and knife dealers to buy, sell Murphey co-hosted the or trade. They will have displays set up in the auditori-Austin City Limits with Lyle um. Admission will be \$4 at

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TDA hosts town hall meetings across state

AUSTIN — Agriculture Quitman. Commissioner Susan Combs recently announced that she will be visiting with agricultural producers and rural communities at town hall meetings throughout the state to discuss issues impacting the agricultural industry as well as rural Texas.

The town hall meetings, hosted by the Texas Department of Agriculture, are open forums where producers and members of the community can discuss rural issues as well as present their ideas and solutions to the commissioner.

Town hall meetings scheduled to date include: Thursday, Sept. 4

counties, 9 a.m., First Bank Southwest, 115 South Main, Booker

•Wilbarger County, noon, Wilbarger County Memorial Auditorium, 2100 Yamparika, Vernon.

•Cooke County, 2:45 p.m., Gainesville Area Chamber of Commerce, Large Meeting Room, 101 South Culberson, Gainesville.

•Wood County, 5:30 p.m., Carol Green Civic Center, 602 McAllister,

wildlife viewing areas near

"We have at least eight

Goff passed out brochures

The committee is funded

With regard to the PEDC

budget, Doug Locke, presi-

dent of the PEDC, told com-

missioners during their work

session that utility costs will

be lower because the city took

over the U.S. Bus building,

which has since been leased.

He said there were also

changes in taxes and insur-

ance for one of the properties.

PEDC would shut down with-

revenues of about \$646,000

and expenditures of about

\$425,000. The \$221,000 in

toward paying off the PEDC's

Horst said the PEDC start-

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CONTRACT

back." Grant said.

fire protection.

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Subtracting what they've paid

Grant said that the decision is completely up to the

county. He also said that the

city would like to retain the

money the county pays for

"It's that much less money

Although Grant said that

we can use to provide serv-

the loss of the contract would

be felt, it wouldn't be a fatal

significant a difference,"

blow to the city's budget.

Texcess. Locke said, would go

in two years.

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Locke estimated that the

The PEDC is expecting

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and cards the committee has

produced advertising Pampa's

around Pampa," she said.

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by the hotel-motel tax.

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Pampa.

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Tuesday, Sept. 9 •Hudspeth County, 8 Dell (MST), Telephone Co-Op, 610 South Main St., Dell City.

•Edwards County, 12:45 p.m., Rocksprings Park Building, Highway 377 North at the Fairgrounds, Rocksprings.

•Zavala County, 3:15 p.m., Zavala Elderly Nutrition Center, 1210 North 7th Ave., Crystal

Wednesday, Sept. 10 •Atascosa County, 8 a.m., Atascosa County Livestock Showbarn, 2209 Oaklawn, Highway 97 West, Pleasanton.

•Colorado County, 11 ·Lipscomb/Ochlitree a.m., Colorado County Courthouse, 400 Spring St., Columbus.

> •DeWitt/Lavaca counties, 1:30 p.m., The Carl and Mary Welhausen Library, 810 Front St., Yoakum.

TDA is working with the Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Cooperative Extension Service and various commodity groups to organize these town hall meetings across Texas. The town hall meetings are free and open to the public.

off this year and the half mil-

lion dollars in cash that they

have, leaves the PEDC with about \$1.1 million in debt.

Earlier this year, the city

commission was presented

with a petition to allow fire-

fighters to participate in col-

lective bargaining and arbitra-

tion. City Attorney Don Lane

told commissioners Tuesday night that the signatures on

the petition had been

reviewed and met the require-

ments needed to put the ques-

hold the public vote on Nov.

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authorized a new compensa-

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Life Insurance Company.

Commissioners elected to

The city commission

The new deferred compen-

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voluntary. City employees

enrolled in the old plan will

have the option of staying in

the old plan or rolling their

funds into the new plan. The

advantage of the new plan is

that it will have a local contact

person. Under the old plan,

employees had to call a toll-

in connection with the plan.

There is no cost to the city

The fire protection agree-

"We have a lot of con-

tracts with the county," Grant

said. "We try to work with

with the county judge that

the city, the county and the

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together to provide services

as inexpensively as possible

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November.

Liberian official: Attack on town false rumor

MONROVIA. Liberia (AP) - Liberia's defense chief said Wednesday that reports of rebel attacks on one central town were rumors spread by his own troops to facilitate looting. West African peace troops headed into the interior to examine other reports of fighting.

The moves come as heavy streams of refugees flowed toward Monrovia from towns just to the north, fleeing what the government has claimed were new rebel attacks despite a week-old peace deal.

Persistent reports of clashes in the interior, while not seen as any serious threat to the peace deal, have provoked calls for West African peacekeepers to speed up deployment in the countryside.

Fighters on both sides in Liberia's conflict are generally rag-tag bands with little conventional discipline and patchy communication with top commanders, and some of the unrest uprooting civilians in the countryside is believed to be fighters out to secure last bits of spoils or territory.

Authorities had determined reports of attacks on the town of Bong Mines, 50 miles north

on the capital, were "just rumors" spread by soldiers to allow for looting, Defense Minister Daniel Chea told The Associated Press.

However, Chea insisted that genuine, "heavy" fighting was continuing farther north of Monrovia, around the towns of Gbatala and Gbarnga.

Throughout years of fighting, Liberia's forces have been suspected of staging some attacks on towns to scare away civilians to free the area for unimpeded loot-

Civilians and aid workers had said many of those refugees on the road in recent days were coming from Bong Mines and from Gbatala.

Gbatala was the former base of ex-President Charles Taylor's feared personal army, dubbed "anti-terrorist units," notorious for using the town as a center for torture and killings.

With Taylor fleeing into exile Aug. 11, the anti-terrorist units, demoralized are believed to have abandoned the base and dispersed into the countryside and the capital, Monrovia.

continues despite a nearly 4week-old West African peace force and an Aug. 18 peace deal, meant to end 14 years of bloodletting ushered in by

Refugees flowed toward Monrovia from both the north and southeast, saying they were fleeing explosions and reports of rebel attacks.

Conditioned by 1 1/2 decades of vicious attacks on population centers here, few civilians wait to determine the source of artillery and gunfire before fleeing again.

Unrest in the countryside ing to the north, around Gbarnga, have appeared more genuine.

Col. Theophilus Tawiah, chief of staff of the West African peace force, said he planned to send a "fact-finding team" up toward Gbarnga on Wednesday.

"We are concerned about happenings in the hinterland ... the allegations and counterallegations," Tawiah said. "So we are going to try to find out what is happening.

Tawiah also said he hoped to engage rebel commanders there in a "general discussion" Persistent reports of fight- of deploying peacekeepers.

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WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 27, 2003

DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Disputed Heirloom Silver Causes Family III Will

DEAR ABBY: I was very close to my grandmother. My sister, "Julie," was not: Grandma had beautiful silverware that I used to help her polish when I was a child. She promised it to me. A couple of weeks before she died, she said that her silver should go to Julie. Grandma often mixed our names at the end, and I think she was confused about who was who. My mother disagreed, the silverware was given to Julie. A few years later, after she realized how much it meant to me, Julie gave me the silverware.

Recently, my father told me that because our family has had a run of bad luck, that Grandma was "cursing" us from the grave for disobey-ing her wishes. He has ordered me to give the silverware back to Julie. I think this is nonsense. To suggest that my sweet grandmother would send my 14-year-old nephew severe health problems from "beyond the grave" is a vile thing to say about a woman who loved us all very much.

I am scheduled for major surgery in a few weeks (further proof of the curse, according to Dad). Should I return the silverware to Julie, even though I don't believe in curses, or should I just ignore the "curse" and take the consequences?

Please don't tell me to see a priest. We're Jewish. "CURSED" IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR "CURSED": Curse, indeed! Call a rabbi and tell him or her what you have told me. There may be a blessing in Hebrew that can be recited that will put your father's superstitions to rest. However, the most precious legacy your grandmother bequeathed to her family is not her silver and china; it is the treasured memories of the good times you shared together. I hope that one day soon you will all enjoy a wonderful family dinner using Grandma's silverware.

DEAR ABBY: When you receive a gift on a special occasion and it's obvious that it's an envelope with a check inside, should the envelope be opened in front of the person or should it be tucked away to open

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I always worry that if I open the envelope in front of the giver, it's as though I am checking the amount. On the other hand, if I don't open it, it might appear that I think their gesture is insignificant. What do

NOT AN OPEN-OR-SHUT CASE

DEAR NOT: I see no reason not to open the envelope, and to thank the giver verbally on the spot. No mention of the dollar amount should be made unless there is no one else around to overhear. The amount is no one's business but yours. A written thank-you should also be sent to the giver - preferably before the check clears.

DEAR ABBY: I am at my wit's end with how to deal with my parents. I am 29 years old and live 1,500 miles away from them. If I don't call or talk to them every day, Dad will say something like, "Your mom missed hearing from you on Monday and Tuesday." This is after I have just told them about some event I attended on those nights.

I prefer to talk to them once over the weekend. There would be ample topics to cover, and I wouldn't feel so smothered. Why don't they understand this? I'm tired of feeling pressured to talk to them every single day. How can I politely tell them to ease off a bit?

TALKED OUT IN TEXAS

DEAR TALKED OUT: Understand that you can't change your parents. Their problem is you have been the sole focus of their lives for so long, they are having a hard time letting go. That said, you must change the way you react to their pressure tactics. The next time you talk to them, be firm, upbeat and direct. Sign off by saying, "Bye! I'll talk to you next Sunday."

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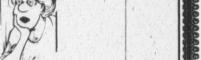
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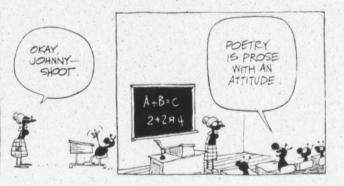


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NEW YORK (AP) On the second day of play at the U.S. Open most top players advanced, including men's No. 1 Andre Agassi and No. 4 Andy Roddick, and women's No. 2 Justine Henin-Hardenne and No. 6 Jennifer Capriati.

Three men's seeds were eliminated: No. 14 Gustavo Kuerten, No. 29 Feliciano Lopez and No. 32 Vince Spadea. On the women's side No. 10 Magdalena Maleeva, No. 16 Elena Bovina, No. 21 Anna Pistolesi and No. 31 Alexandra Stevenson lost. Michael Chang played his last professional match, losing 6-3, 7-5, 5-7, 6-4 to 15thseeded Fernando Gonzalez of Chile. Chang had announced in January that he would retire after the U.S. Open.

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pamcel Ladies Golf Association held a two-day Club Championship Tournament last weekend at the Celanese Course.

Sharon Crosier won first low gross in the Championship Flight with Angie Beyer winning first low net and Brenda Kelley second low net.

Vera Williams won first low gross in the first flight and Sonya Everson won first low net.

Gail White won first low gross in the second flight and Delpha Cates was first low net.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Harvester Basketball Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Sept. 2 in the high school library.

Club members will plan for a baked potato supper on Sept. 12.

HOCKEY

DALLAS (AP) -Dallas Stars center Mike Modano, the team's career leader in nearly every significant category, signed a oneyear contract extension Wednesday that prevents him from becoming a free agent until the summer of 2005.

With the league's labor situation after this season uncertain and potentially combative, this deal likely bridges the end of the current collective bargaining agreement and the start of the next one. That keeps Modano from being in limbo during a possible lockout next season.

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Big 12 coaches ready to get season started DALLAS (AP) - Kansas about it and running into

State's Bill Snyder is the each other." only Big 12 coach who has

Snyder had a mixed reaction about the No. 7 Wildcats' 42-28 opening win over California, saying Monday that his team "left a lot to be desired and did some fine things."

league's coaches are ready to be able to make their own on-field assessments.

play, to get on the field with Texas," North said Bob Oklahoma coach Stoops, whose Sooners start the season as the nation's No. 1 team. "We're talked out. We're tired of talking

The Sooners Saturday, the same day that nine other Big 12 teams also play their season openers and Kansas State plays its second game against Troy

"We're really excited McCarney.

(AP) — When a team has used 14 starting pitchers by late August, that's usually a

where manager Tony Pena's favorite starter these days seems to be named TBA as in, To Be Announced strong performances by new arrivals have kept the Royals in the AL Central it." race despite a season-long struggle with injuries.

Brian Anderson's turn.

A day after the Royals acquired him in a trade with Cleveland, Anderson with plenty of support from Mike Sweeney and Aaron Guiel - gave his new team six solid innings in a 9-2 win over the Texas Rangers.

"I was as nervous as I've but stay in," said Sweeney, ever been in the major who was on the disabled list leagues," said Anderson (10-10), who gave up two runs and four hits in six innings with no walks and three strikeouts. "I'm join- single in the sixth, after ing a team at midseason, Guiel worked back from an which I've never done 0-2 count and chased relievbefore. I hadn't pitched in er Aaron Fultz with his twosix days, and I hadn't even had a chance to meet a lot of these guys."

Anderson's nerves didn't that inning," Texas manager show. He retired the first 11 before Alex Rodriguez singled with two outs in the career homer tied him for fourth, and Rafael Palmeiro followed with a two-run list, along with Willie homer that cut Kansas McCovey and Ted Williams. City's lead to 3-2.

Sweeney and Guiel each Star OF Rondell White from homered and drove in four San Diego in exchange for runs as the Royals stayed two minor leaguers. ... one game back of Chicago Kansas City placed RHPs

Guiel, whose four RBIs Kevin Appier on the diswere a career high, went 3for-5. He homered off injuries. Hernandez (7-5) starter R.A. Dickey (8-6) in will need "Tommy John" Kansas City's three-run surgery to replace a torn ligthird and ignited a six-run ament and isn't expected to sixth with a two-out, two- return before the middle of run single with the bases next season. The Royals are

The homer came on a 3-0 Appier (8-9) will need surcount, when Dickey grooved a fastball - not knowing that Pena had told Guiel to swing away.

"I took it for granted that 0 when holding opponents

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gotten to see his team play in for some football against different colored jerseys.

"We're all anxious to about starting our season. conference.

Royals beat Rangers to stay in Al Central pennant race

KANSAS CITY, Mo. strike, and I threw a BP fastball in there," Dickey said. "He did just what he should have done with it, if he was going to swing away. It took sign of desperation. me totally by surprise."

But in Kansas City,

On Tuesday night, it was

in the AL Central.

loaded.

he was going to take a to two or fewer runs.

starting quarterback. Junior Chance Mock has played just 10 games, going 6-of-9 open for 65 yards and a touch-

chance since signing with State. Fifth-ranked Texas played, we're really anxious stances. Now, the rest of the has to wait until Sunday to get on the field to find out before playing New Mexico how good we might be," had always cherished, and

> We've got some unanswered questions and we want to see how the team is going to respond," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said during the weekly Big 12 coaches' tele-

It surprised Guiel, too.

patient hitter," he said. "It's

not very often that I get the

hit sign when it's 3-0. But I

get excited when I do get

with one hit in his previous

13 at-bats, went 3-for-5. He

had an RBI single in the

third and capped the

Royals' big sixth with a

three-run shot off Rosman

Garcia — his first homer

York and Minnesota, I had

some balls get to the track

from June 16 to Aug. 8 with

a sore back. "Hopefully

Joe Randa had an RBI

"We were one strike

Notes: Palmeiro's 521st

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today, I found something."

run single to right.

Buck Showalter said.

"When we were in New

since June 16.

Sweeney, who came in

"I'm usually a pretty

down, while waiting for his

the Longhorns in 2000.

Austin Flynn replaces Seneca Wallace in the Cyclones' starting lineup

The Cyclones were 7-7 Crew" defense from a 4-3 to

Texas, after consecutive last year, losing six of their 11-2 seasons, has a new last seven games after a sixseason.

> Texas A&M's Dennis Franchione and Baylor's

Franchione has a job he said Iowa State coach Dan has brought a new sense of optimism to Aggieland after Freshman quarterback a disappointing 6-6 season. He plans to use both Reggie quarterback, but won't say and makes his debut against who will start against players lived in a dormitory Division I-AA Northern Arkansas State, and has together after turning in

"When it's the first game game winning streak that of your tenure, it's kind of had pushed them into the an exciting week in particu-Top 10 midway through the lar. It's a unique time," said Franchione, at Alabama the past two seasons after an impressive turnaround at Guy Morriss will make their TCU. "I'm anxious to see "Like everybody else in Big 12 coaching debuts the players in game situathe country that hasn't under different circum- tions and how productive they are."

Morriss is the fourth Baylor coach since the league started in 1996, taking over a team that has gone 4-52 in conference games. He tried to build McNeal and Dustin Long at team unity with a two-week preseason boot camp where changed the "Wrecking their cell phones and car keys.



(Photo by ReDonn Woods)

Students in the T&W Martial Arts class of Pampa are preparing for their next belt test. Instructor Gary Willoughby (far left) is pictured with (front, I-r) Hunter Hall and Samuel Smith; (second row, I-r) Christopher Taylor, Corey McCarn, Luke Abraham, Steven Marszel, Aaron Danner and Maddie Abraham; (back row, I-r) Vic Hathaway, Rebecca Taylor, Caroline Schwerzenbach, Martieka Jackson, Casey Jackson and Brian Bogges. They all passed the last martial arts test to advance to the next step.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GRANDVIEW HOPKINS ISD will hold a public meeting at 7:30 PM, September 9, 2003 in THE MEETING ROOM LOCATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE ON HIGHWAY 293 OR RURAL ROUTE 1, BOX 27, GROOM TEXAS.. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate this 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.

Co	omparison of P	roposed Rates	with Last	Year's Rates	
	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenu Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 0.932300	\$ 0.390000	\$ 1.322300		\$ 141
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\$ 0.390000 \$ 1.322300 Proposed Rate \$ 0.932300 \$ 24,214 The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and he 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	\$ 18 265	\$ 18,265
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 3,265	\$-3,265
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.322300	\$ 1.322300
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 43.17	\$ 43.17
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 00.00

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 \$2.370356. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of \$2.370356.

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:

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) \$ 718,120 Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

the teams that participated in Yardball IV.

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NASCAR bowlers



Bowlers in the NASCAR Summer League at Harvester Lanes received driver jackets and Oval Earnhart Mirrors from Budweiser, the league sponsor. Holding the mirror is Genna Salazar, one of four Oval Mirror winners determined in a drawing. Also shown are Shirley Jernigan, Peter Woodin, Mike Robbins, Ginger Jernigan, Harli Jernigan, Andrew Morriss, Eric Nord, Belinda Nolte, Krista Villareal, Harvester Lanes Manager Ralph West, Randy Skovbo, Shane Nolte, Pete Long, Rocky McInturf, John Loche, Randy Skovbo, Joy Hilbern, Jesse Cannon, Amelia Dominey, Rusty Stover, Vickie Long and Morris Long. Other mirror winners during the summer were Jennie Vaughn, Judy Morriss and Donanne Gonzales.

Youngsters can still register in Pampa Soccer Association

tion is still possible at T-Shirts & More for the Pampa Soccer Association's fall season. However, there is no guarantee of being placed on a team, according to Michelle Dyson, the Association's Players Commissioner. Registration has been excellent so far, she said.

There will be at least 10 U-6 boys teams and six U-6 girls team, an increase over last year. There will also be eight U-8 boys teams and five U-8 girls teams. These age groups will have teams from Wheeler, McLean, White Deer and Panhandle.

"This makes our registration ahead of last year," Dyson added.

In the U-10 Division, there will be two boys teams and two girls teams involving Pampa teams and

In the U-12 Division, girls team. They will have Hightower.

PAMPA - Late registra- matches in Amarillo, Borger, Pampa, and possibly, Perryton.

Coaches Director Roy Anderson said all coaches should note that the players draw will be Thursday at First Christian Church, starting at 7:30 p.m. A coaches meeting will be held at 7:30 Sept. 2 at the Lovett Memorial Library. A coaches clinic will also be held Sept. 6 from 8 to 12.

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All practices can start Sept 1 and the first games are scheduled to begin Sept.

Several improvement were made on the PSA fields during the summer. The fields were covered with 600 yards of sand, goal posts were painted and new nets were installed.

Nine new referees were certified for the PSA match-

For questions, contact ' there will be both a boys and PSA President Brenda

Prior putting playoff pressure on the Cubs' opponents

By BEN WALKER AP Baseball Writer

Pitching in a pennant race really seems to agree with Mark Prior.

Prior won again, shutting, home run. down St. Louis for eight innings Tuesday night as the Busch Stadium.

Two weeks shy of his 23rd birthday and in the midst of his first playoff chase, Prior appeared unaffected by any pressure.

"I'm not trying to go out and strike out 10 guys, I'm every time," he said. "My job is to keep them from scoring as many runs as we do, and that's the bottom blanked at home in 354

three hits. He's been dominant since coming off the disabled list from a bruised shoulder, going 5-0 with an tine fly. 0.69 ERA in five starts.

of a three-game series and stayed within a half-game of Central-leading Houston. The Cardinals are one game back, and play Chicago seven more times in Saturday. the next 10 days.

In other NL games, San Francisco beat Colorado 3-1. 18-4, Montreal rallied past Philadelphia Milwaukee topped Cincinnati 7-1, New York

held off Atlanta 6-5, Pittsburgh defeated Florida 4-3 and San Diego beat Arizona 5-4.

broke it open with a six-run was tagged for 10 runs and third inning.

That was plenty for Prior, who struck out six and walked one, he retired 14 of his final 15 batters, with Albert Pujols hitting his 35th

Kerry Robinson went 0-for-Chicago Cubs won 7-4 at 4, not that he was impressed by Prior.

> "His fastball is pretty straight," Robinson said. "It's not like he dominated anyone out there. I know he didn't dominate me."

Giants 3, Rockies 1

Jason Schmidt pitched not trying to put up a shutout shutout ball into the eighth won at Coors Field.

Colorado hasn't been games, an NL record. That Prior gave up one run and streak was in jeopardy until the Rockies scored when right fielder Jose Cruz Jr., dropped Todd Helton's rou-

The Cubs won the opener of seven since a season-long six-game losing streak. They've won two of three 4 without Barry Bonds, who's been on bereavement leave since his father, Bobby, died

Astros 18, Dodgers 4

Jeff Kent homered, doubled and drove in five runs Houston routed Los Angeles as Houston trounced Los Angeles at Minute Maid

> The Astros came within one run of tying the highestscoring game in franchise history, last done in 1999.

Fred McGriff's 489th career homer gave the Randall Simon and Dodgers a 3-0 lead in the Aramis Ramirez hit consec- first. But Odalis Perez utive homers as the Cubs couldn't hold the edge and

10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Brewers 7, Reds 1

Doug Davis pitched a victory and Milwaukee won its eighth straight game.

The Brewers' winning Cardinals leadoff man streak is their best since a nine-game string in 1997. Milwaukee improved to 56-75, matching its 2002 victo-

Davis, who pitched for Texas and Toronto earlier this season, held Cincinnati to an unearned run at Miller

Expos 14, Phillies 10

Wil Cordero hit a pair of inning and San Francisco two-run doubles, helping Montreal overcome an 8-0 deficit at Olympic Stadium.

The Expos still trailed 10-4 before rallying for seven runs in the seventh, with Cordero and Jose Vidro hitting two run doubles.

Montreal won its third in a row. Ricky Ledee homered The Giants have won six twice for Philadelphia, which has lost four straight. Padres 5, Diamondbacks

Phil Nevin and Ryan Klesko hit RBI doubles in the eighth and San Diego rallied past Arizona at Bank One Ballpark.

Down 4-0, the Padres began their comeback on a two-run homer by Gary Matthews Jr. in the seventh. Sean Burroughs added an RBI triple in the eighth.

Before the game, the Padres acquired All-Star outfielder Brian Giles from Pittsburgh for pitcher Oliver Perez, a minor leaguer and a player to be named. San Diego then sent All-Star outfielder Rondell White to Kansas City for a pair of three months with a strained minor leaguers.

Mets 6, Braves 5

Mike Piazza hit a threefour-hitter for his first NL run homer and New York won at Turner Field.

> Piazza homered against Atlanta for the first time this season. He missed the first 13 games between the teams, sidelined for almost to be traded along with singled.

right groin. Gary Sheffield homered,

doubled and singled for the Braves. But their three-game winning streak came to a halt when he grounded out with a runner on first base to end it.

Pirates 4, Marlins 3

Jason Kendall, who hoped

Brian Giles to San Diego earlier in the day, hit a tworun homer in the seventh that led Pittsburgh at PNC

Florida lost for the sixth time in seven games, yet stayed tied with Philadelphia in the wild-card race.

Kendall also doubled and

Major League Standings

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Arizona 11, San Diego 8 Tuesday's Games Pittsburgh 4, Florida 3 Montreal 14. Philadelphia 10 Milwaukee 7, Cincinnati 1 N.Y. Mets 6, Atlanta 5 Houston 18, Los Angeles 4 Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 4 San Francisco 3, Colorado 1 San Diego 5, Arizona 4

Wednesday's Games N.Y. Mets (Heilman 2-5) at Atlanta (Maddux 12-10), 7:05 p.m Florida (Penny 11-9) at Pittsburgh (Wells 5-7), 7:05 p.m. Philadelphia (Myers 12-7) at Montreal (Ohka 8-10), 7:05 p.m. Milwaukee (W.Franklin 9-10) at Cincinnati (Etherton 1-1), 7:10 p.m. Los Angeles (Nomo 15-9) at Houston (W.Miller 10-11), 8:05 p.m. Chicago Cubs (Wood 11-10) at St. Louis (W.Williams 14-6), 8:10

San Francisco (Ponson 1-3) at Colorado (Jimenez 1-6), 9:05 p.m. San Diego (Lawrence 6-14) at Arizona (Schilling 7-7), 9:35 p.m. Milwaukee (Obermueller 0-4) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 8-10), 12:35.

Philadelphia (Telemaco 1-1) at Montreal (Vazquez 11-8), 1:05 p.m. San Francisco (Hermanson 2-3) at Colorado (Jennings 10-12), 3:05

Florida (Willis 11-4) at Pittsburgh (Ol.Perez 4-7), 7:05 p.m. N.Y. Mets (Leiter 12-7) at Atlanta (Hampton 12-5), 7:35 p.m Los Angeles (W.Alvarez 2-1) at Houston (Redding 8-12), 8:05 p.m.

Monday's Games Boston 8, Seattle 1 Oakland 8. Toronto 6 N.Y. Yankees 5, Baltimore 2 Tuesday's Games Detroit 5, Cleveland 4 Chicago White Sox 13, N.Y. Yankees 2 Kansas City 9, Texas 2 Minnesota 3, Anaheim 0 Seattle 9, Tampa Bay 3 Oakland 2, Baltimore 1, 12 inning Wednesday's Games

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Minnesota (Rogers 11-6) at Anaheim (Sele 7-9), 10:05 p.m. Tampa Bay (Gaudin 1-0) at Seattle (Pineiro 13-9), 10:05 p.m. Baltimore (Hentgen 5-6) at Oakland (Zito 10-11), 10:05 p.m. Thursday's Games

Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 11-12) at N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 14-7 Baltimore (Lopez 6-8) at Oakland (Halama 2-4), 3:35 p.m.

Minnesota (Lohse 10-10) at Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 15-10), 4:05 p.m. Tampa Bay (Sosa 4-9) at Seattle (Garcia 11-12), 4:35 p.m. Detroit (Bonderman 6-17) at Cleveland (Lee 2-1), 7:05 p.m Texas (Valdes 7-8) at Kansas City (Abbott 0-0), 8:05 p.m.

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other. VIRGO is a soul mate: The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. ??)

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ** Whatever you begin might be hard to complete. Expect disruptions. You will do well as a result. Your ability Rearrange the living room or clean out ful with your temper, you could lose it to jump over hurdles needs to come out. Give up being angry. Look at how you LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) can put a stop to the situation. Tonight:

Put your feet up. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

Pressure builds when dealing with others. Someone expresses strong feelings, Try your vanishing act. which, up to now, you were clueless SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) * Your ruler goes retrograde, causing rethinking your expectations, as well as

about Tonight: Pretend it is already the *** For a month or so you might Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at weekend!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. Though you might wonder what is going same place. Tonight: Hook up with your on with someone close, you'll get friends. answers if you ask the right questions. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

name of the game. Do watch a tendency walk in another's shoes. A work project weekend. to overeat or overindulge. 'If single, develops differently than you originally CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

lighthearted "ith a loved one. Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; ★★★ Consider information someone' quently. Often you throw out the baby tosses in your face. Although you might with the bath water. Tonight: Do some not be comfortable with all that you hear, thinking about a key relationship. it is important to evaluate another per- PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) spective or viewpoint, especially this ** Be sensitive to a possible change

vour desk.

some confusion in the next few weeks. possibly looking at different routes to the

* * Taking a step back might be the Give yourself several weeks to cool only appropriate action at the moment, down. Tonight: Say "yes." and actually for a while. Do your work *** Creativity and ingenuity can and concentrate on one item at a time. BORN TODAY only go so far, especially if you are deal- Stop worrying. Keep your eye on the big Figure skater Scott Hamilton (1958), ing with an outrageous situation. picture. Try to understand why someone singer Shania Twain (1965), poet Johann might be triggered and upset. Tonight: Wolfgang Goethe (1749)

deserts. What might make a difference is

out realizing it. You could be heard to Bosses make demands. Tonight: Happy ** Pressure builds in a most anticipated way. You finally get a grasp on what is happening with yourself vis-a-vis ** * Reach out for someone close. several different areas of your life. Relax weeks, you enter a new life cycle where You might not have the control you with yourself while you see others react ultimately you have the ability to create desire, but you will manage to get and express upset. Tonight: Put in the more of what you want. Expansion is the through a problem if you stretch and extra hours so you can have a special

sometimes you might find it challenging thought. Tonight: Swap jokes and stories ** * You gain understanding, which could prevent a difficult, if not close to intolerable, situation. How you deal with * * Be careful when dealing with oth- someone close could make all the differa new direction, though you might need ers and finances. Rethink plans in the ence in the outcome. If you feel as if you

> boundaries in a kind manner. This person AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) might take a while to get a. Tonight: Be *** You might not always get the end results you seek. Be sensitive to your goals, and success will happen more fre-

> > Talk to a trusted friend or loved one.

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Experts fear fixing NASA may prove difficult task

By PAUL RECER AP SCIENCE WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) Fixing NASA may be harder than fixing the space shuttle.

The Columbia Accident Investigation Board included in its 29 recommendations a call for fundamental changes in the "culture" of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, a way of doing business that has resisted change for more than two decades.

NASA of characteristics that were blamed 17 years ago for the accident that destroyed space shuttle Challenger and killed seven astronauts. NASA had pledged to change, and did for a while, but eventually drifted back to its old ways, the report

By the time Columbia was launched last January, "NASA retained too many negative ... aspects of its traditional culture," according to the report, which was released Tuesday.

Former astronaut Sally Ride, first American woman in space and a member of the board, said there were "very disturbing" echoes of the Challenger disaster. NASA "put a lot of attention" into solving those problems in the few years right after 1987, but those lessons seem to have been lost," she told NBC's "Today" on Wednesday.

Columbia broke apart while returning to Earth on Feb. 1 following a 16 day mission. All seven astronauts on board were

The report said some of the negative aspects included flawed decision making and a tolerance by managers of abnormal events, such as the shedding of toam insulation from the shuttle's external fuel tank during launch.

Members of the board also found that communication was stifled in NASA and that the safety program often was "silent" because engineers with safety concerns were intimidated into

The board's chairman, Ret. Navy Adm. Harold Gehman Jr., said the panel was confident that NASA would make sure that the next few space shuttles that fly will be among the safest ever, pushed by a vigorous vigilance, zeaf and attention to detail inspired by the Columbia tragedy.

Gehman and others said they were worried that that enthusiasm will tade with time and NASA will slip into its old culture, setting the stage for another accident

To guard against this, Gehman said the board included in its report recommendations designed to prevent the "atrophy of energy and zeal.

He added on CBS' "The Early Show" that "we have kind of fallen into a trap here of a mix between NASA overmarketing and overpromising what they can do and NASA's masters, both the Congress and the White House, demanding more than NASA can really achieve. That's a fatal trap.'

The recommendations calling for culture changes in NASA, he said, "are more fundamental and harder to do" than the repairs that have to be made on the space shuttle. But that culture must be modified "for success in the future," Gehman said.

After the Columbia tragedy, the space shuttle fleet was grounded. But the board said the shuttle was "not inherently unsafe," and NASA officials have a goal of resuming flights sometime between March 11 and April 6 next year. However, they acknowledge that may be too optimistic, given the board's recommendations.

The organizational recommendations include establishing: An independent Technical Engineering Authority to In the report, the board found a continuation in the modern assure that all the safety standards are met before each launch. The authority engineers would vigorously investigate any Congress annual reports detailing how these recommendations abnormal events in the complex spacecraft and not ignore problems that could cascade into another catastrophe. In Columbia,

engineers knew that chunks of foam insulation coming off the fuel tank could damage the shuttle, but continued to fly because they were convinced, even without proof, that it posed no risk.

-An Office of Safety and Mission Assurance, with powerful authority over the space shuttle program. The office would have the power to stop launches if there were unresolved safety issues and would not be swayed by scheduling demands.

-A Space Shuttle Integration Office that would monitor quality and assure that quality is maintained in equipment, testing, parts and design changes.

The board said NASA should be required to submit to were being carried out.

Gehman said the recommendations were just a start.

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The house is dark My folks aren't home When my mommy does come I'll try and be nice, So maybe I'll get just One whipping tonight. Don't make a sound! I just heard a car My daddy is back From Charlie's Bar. I hear him curse My name he calls I press myself Against the wall I try and hide From his evil eyes I'm so afraid now I'm starting to cry He finds me weeping He shouts ugly words,

He says it's my fault That he suffers at work. He slaps me and hits me And yells at me more, I finally get | ee And I run for the door. He's already locked it And I start to bawl, He takes me and throws me Against the hard wall. I fall to the floor With my bones nearly broken, And my daddy continues With more bad words spoken. "I'm sorry!", I scream But it's now much too late His face has been twisted into unimaginable hate The hurt and the pain Again and again Oh, please, God, have mercy! Oh, please let it end! And he finally stops And heads for the door, While I lay there motionless Sprawled on the floor My name is Sarah And I am but 3, Tonight my daddy Murdered me.

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