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LOCAL

City continues mosquito spraying

The City of Pampa has begun fogging residential areas for mosquitoes and insects for the fifth time this summer.

Citizens who do not want their property sprayed may call 669-5760, Ext. 3. Permethrin and Pyrocidol or Fyfanon are dispersed through an ultra-low volume sprayer. A larvicide, Bacillus thuringiensis, Serotype H-14, has been applied to Red Deer Creek. Roundup Pro and Pendiflex, herbicides, are being applied to grass and weeds on the streets.

Citizens can help control mosquitoes by keeping grass cut and containers of water emptied.

DEATHS

Jeff Dean Bruington, 47, farmer.

Aldine Price Lawrence, 81, business woman.

Geneva Tucker, 81, missionary.

Rowena Scott Gallman, 88, homemaker.

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City's budget still up in the air

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

The mayor said his questions have been answered. Commissioner Jeff McCormick said he still has questions. Commissioner Robert Dixon said there needs to be more cuts.

Whether the city budget will pass its first reading tonight is still up in the air.

"I don't know what we're going to do," Mayor Lonny Robbins said with regard to the budget, which will be considered when city commissioners meet in special session at 5 p.m. tonight at City Hall.

Commissioner Faustina Curry said

she doesn't know either.

Curry and Commissioner Jeff Andrews said they were surprised at last week's regularly-scheduled city commission meeting when on a 3-2 vote the proposed city budget was rejected following weeks of discussion.

Andrews said he moved to accept the budget on its first reading. Curry seconded the motion, but when the Mayor called for a vote, Robbins and Commissioners McCormick and Robert Dixon voted against accepting the budget.

"I was taken aback," Curry said of last week's meeting. "I thought we had a balanced budget, and I thought we

were going to go with it."

The city is required to have a balanced budget in place by the beginning of their fiscal year, which starts Oct. 1. The city commission has to pass a proposed budget on two readings, each on a separate day.

In addition to the budget, the city commission will also set the tax rate. Under the proposed budget, the tax rate would remain the same, which means that because of lower valuations, the city's income will be cut. Using the effective tax rate, a rate, which would bring in the same amount of money as last year, would mean a slight increase.

"I don't know where we're going with the budget," Curry said.

She said Monday afternoon that apparently one point of contention was \$2,500 in travel money for city commissioners that was eliminated from the budget. She said another point revolved around \$60,000 that some of the commissioners wanted to cut.

Curry said she's worried about the message that's being sent to the city staff if the travel money is put into the budget.

"The staff is cutting supplies," she said, "and we're going to take junkets."

Curry said that the mayor had talked about cutting \$100,000 out of the budget and that Commissioner (See BUDGET, Page 3)

County calls for unity

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Commissioners for Gray County Monday called for unity after a week of distress concerning signs recalling segregation in Pampa.

Commissioner Gerald Wright, acting in the absence of County Judge Richard Peet, who is on vacation, today read a prepared statement calling on Gray County citizens to join the commissioners court in moving forward to make the county a better place to live.

Wright said that during the recent restoration of the courthouse signs noting "colored" restrooms were included.

"Realizing history forgotten

is often history repeated," Wright said. "The signs had been retained in the restoration project because it was believed the historical significance of the signs would be used in a positive, educational manner. However, the signs were not perceived in that manner by some."

Any changes to the restoration, Wright said, had to be approved by the Texas Historical Commission. He said that it wasn't until Thursday, Sept. 11, that the executive director of the historical commission told the county commissioners that they could do what they felt best for the county.

"The signs were immedi-

ately removed," Wright said.

Bea Taylor and Doug Locke, both of whom had earlier protested the signs, thanked the commissioners court Monday for their action.

"We did not mean to start controversy," Taylor told commissioners, "but we were offended. Thank you."

In other business, commissioners approved a suggestion by Anne Davidson, curator of the White Deer Land Museum, to promote a part-time employee to full-time status and leave the part-time position unfilled, at least through the winter. Davidson said wintertime is a slow time of year for the museum.

Commissioners approved a transfer of funds to replace a 30-year-old oven at the Gray County Annex. It is used by 4-H and Extension Service personnel.

They also approved the Sheriff's department taking bids concerning the jail commissary service and changing inmate telephone service from Southwestern Bell to T-NETIX.

At Sheriff Don Copeland's request, they voted not to change sheriff and constable legal service fees during an annual review.

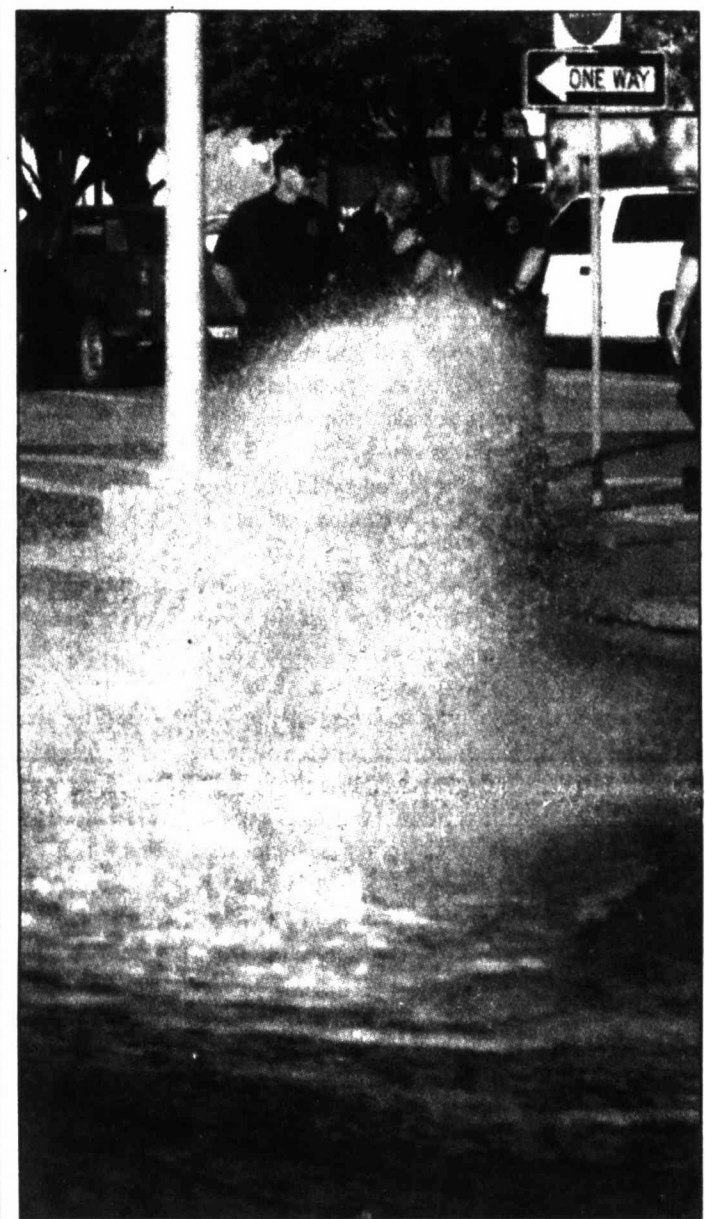
County Treasurer Lee Cornelison reported that the county's finances were in line with projections. Cornelison (See COUNTY, Page 3)



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Bea Taylor, left, addresses the Gray County Commissioners Court during their Monday session, thanking them for removing signs reminiscent of segregation in Pampa from courthouse restrooms.

Making a splash



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Firefighters Craig Harkcom, Robert McDonald and Capt. W.D. Thomas of the Pampa Fire Department were out this week performing annual tests on city fire hydrants. Capt. Thomas said the city has about 640 fire hydrants that have to be tested annually along with the department's pumping equipment and miles of hoses.

Mesa, Quixx make deal

DALLAS - Mesa Water Inc. officially announced the purchase of 65,000 acres of additional water rights in Roberts County this week.

Dallas businessman Boone Pickens, founder of Mesa Water and a Roberts County rancher, said Monday that Mesa Water purchased the water rights from Quixx Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Excel Energy.

Although the deal had been announced last summer after the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority tried to buy water rights from Quixx, Mesa officials said Monday that they had closed on the purchase.

Pickens said the additional water, which had been aligned with Mesa, would enable the company to deliver at least 150,000 acre-feet of water per year for more than 100 years anywhere in the State of Texas.

He said the purchase was great news for

area landowners interested in selling their groundwater. Without announcing the selling price, Pickens said it set a competitive price for panhandle water and that reassures potential buyers that there is a steady source of supply.

About 170 Roberts and Hemphill County landowners, representing some 190,000 acres of water rights, have also filed or are preparing to file for high impact pumping permits with the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, in an effort to join Mesa, the City of Amarillo and the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority in their ability to pump and transport ground water from the area.

Since December, 2002, CRMWA has been pumping water from its 43,000 acre well field in Roberts County to mix with Lake Meredith water for its 11 member cities, including

(See MESA, Page 3)

Local teenager hurt in rollover

A Pampa teenager remained in an Amarillo hospital today after a one-car rollover Monday afternoon, and a Borger woman was being treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center after a rear-end collision this morning.

Jennie Rogers, 16, 2101 N. Wells, underwent surgery at Northwest Texas Hospital last night in connection with injuries she suffered in a one-car rollover 1.5 miles west of Pampa on Gray County Road E about 3 p.m. Monday. Officers said Rogers was

westbound on the county road when she apparently lost control of her 1998 Chevrolet Cavalier and slammed through a fence on the south side of the road. Officers said Rogers was ejected from the car when it rolled in the field beyond the fence.

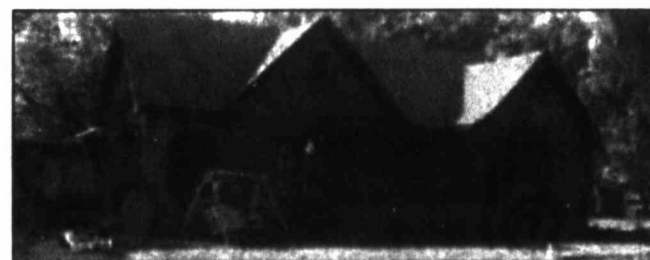
Rogers was rushed to Amarillo Monday by Rural Metro Ambulance.

This morning, Melinda Lucas, 25, Borger, was being treated at Pampa Regional Medical Center for possible neck injuries after her 2001 (See WRECKS, Page 3)

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OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

ELLISON, Robert "Bob," III — 2 p.m., Macedonia Baptist Church, Pampa.

GENEVA TUCKER
1921-2003

Geneva Tucker, 81, of Pampa, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003. Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Tucker was born Dec. 5, 1921, at Mart. She came to Pampa from Valley Mills and was a member of St. Mark's CME Church

where she was a missionary and president of Stewardess Board.

Survivors include a son, David Wortham of Pampa; a sister, Bessie Johnson of Bryan; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

ALDINE PRICE LAWRENCE
1921-2003

Aldine Price Lawrence, 81, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003. Services are pending.

Mrs. Lawrence was born Nov. 9, 1921, at Strawberry, Ark. She graduated high school at McLean in 1939. She married Carl Lawrence on Aug. 8, 1973, at Norman, Okla.; he died in 1998.

She co-owned Caldwell's Drive-In from 1952 until 1972 and later worked at Heard-Jones Drug for 10 years as a fountain manager.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by a son, David Price, in December 2002.

Survivors include a daughter, Nelda McGinnis Clements of Pampa; two sons, Gary Price of Albuquerque, N.M., and Larry Price of Pampa; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 8 a.m., Thursday, until 12 noon, Friday, at the funeral home. The family requests memorials be to Gideons International, Pampa Camp, Box 2222, Pampa, TX 79066.

—Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

ROWENA SCOTT GALLMAN
1915-2003

PLANO — Rowena Scott Gallman, 88, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003. Graveside services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Bluebonnet Hills Memorial Park with the Rev. Milton Gutierrez officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Charles W. Smith and Sons Funeral Home of Sachse.

Mrs. Gallman was born July 11, 1915, at Frost. She was preceded in death by her husband.

Survivors include a son, Jim Gallman of Richardson; a daughter, Kathy Washburn of Richardson; and three grandchildren, Lindsay Gallman, Scott Washburn and Zora Washburn.

JEFF DEAN BRUINGTON
1956-2003

INDEPENDENCE, Kan. — Jeff Dean Bruington, 47, died Friday, Sept. 12, 2003, as the result of injuries sustained in a one-vehicle accident west of Independence. Services were to be at 2 p.m., today in Zion Lutheran Church with the Rev. Ron Oldenettel, pastor, officiating. Interment will be in Lutheran Cemetery under the direction of Potts Chapel of Independence.

Mr. Bruington was born Aug. 18, 1956, at Independence, to Harold G. Bruington and Arlene Jabben Bruington. He graduated in 1974 from Pampa High School and attended Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., graduating in 1982.

He returned to Independence in 1982 to join the family farming operation.

He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church of Independence, serving as youth group leader

and on the board of education and board of trustees. He also belonged to Montgomery County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, sitting as treasurer; Montgomery Farm Service Agency, sitting as chairman; and Montgomery County Conservation District Board of Directors, sitting as treasurer.

The Clyde Clubine Outstanding Young Farmer Award was conferred upon him in 1992.

He married Julie Bell on Aug. 9, 1986, at Zion Lutheran Church in Independence.

Survivors include his wife, Julie; a son, Jeremy Bruington, of the home; a daughter, Jessica Bruington, of the home; his parents, Harold and Arlene of Joplin, Mo.; and a brother, Brent Bruington of Katy.

The family requests memorials be to Zion Lutheran Church and School in care of the church office or Potts Chapel.

ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Sept. 11

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 900 block of East Browning.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Theft under \$50 was reported by Allsup's; 1025 W. Wilks. A 12-pack of beer was taken.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 900 block of Cinderella. A rock was thrown at a vehicle, causing a dent. Estimated cost of damage was \$200.

Theft under \$50 was reported by Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. Gasoline valued at \$24.09 was taken.

Criminal mischief over \$50 and under \$500 was reported in the 2300 block of Navajo Road. A window was broken in a vehicle in the back yard. No estimate of damage cost was made.

Theft/civil dispute was reported in the 700 block of Powell. A bicycle was taken, followed by a dispute. The bicycle was then returned.

Sunday, Sept. 14

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of South Hobart. A vehicle was taken and later was returned damaged. Amount of damage was unknown.

A car was keyed in the parking lot of the Caprock Apartments, 1601 W. Somerville. Cost of damage was estimated at \$500 to \$1,500.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. Approximately \$410 in cash was taken from a locked vehicle.

Damage to an exterior window was reported concerning the Super Clean Laundromat, 715 N.

Hobart. Estimated cost of damage was \$350.

A bicycle was reported found in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 500 block of West Foster.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. Two television sets valued at \$1,400 were unlawfully removed.

A license tag, Texas #4BX-J38, was taken from a red 1998 Ford F150 pickup truck in the 400 block of Crest.

Monday, Sept. 15

Domestic violence was reported in the 2300 block of Comanche Trail. No injuries occurred.

Katherine Patricia Nichols, 78, of 2316 Comanche Trail, was arrested for domestic violence and assault by contact.

Theft over \$500 and under \$1,500 was reported in the 1500 block of West Kentucky. A wedding ring valued at approximately \$1,000 was stolen.

Theft was reported in the 1500 block of West 21st Street. A swing glider valued at \$170 was taken from the front yard.

Burglary of a building was reported in the 400 block of North Zimmers. A Grayco baby bed valued at \$100 was taken. There were no signs of forced entry; the person(s) entered through the garage.

Meesha Jo Stevens, 17, of 414 E. Browning, was arrested for criminal trespass of a habitation.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

Criminal mischief to a vehicle was reported in the 600 block of Doucette. Unknown person(s) scratched the driver's side door, causing damage of \$300 estimated value.

AMBULANCE

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

Monday, Sept. 15

4:11 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:15 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to Baptist-St. Anthony's West, Amarillo.

2:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded west of Price Road on Kentucky and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

FIRE

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

Monday, Sept. 15

2:58 p.m. — Two units and eight firefighters responded to a one-vehicle rollover a half mile west of Gray County Rd. 5 on Kentucky Avenue. Firefighters helped prepare one victim for transport by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, Sept. 14

Jerimey Ray Howard, 25, of 414 W. 2nd, Lefors, was arrested for forgery, bond surrender on a driving while intoxicated charge, and an assault causing bodily injury charge out of Carson County.

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

KMI	52.17	+0.10
XCEL	15.60	+0.19
Kerr McGee	43.75	+0.03
Limited	16.04	+0.07
Williams	8.71	+0.04
MCD	23.75	+0.26
XOM	37.64	+0.13
Atmos	24.31	+0.05
Pioneer Nat	24.46	+0.11
JCP	21.76	+0.13
COP	56.41	+0.11
SLB	48.19	+0.09
Tenneco	6.39	+0.08
CVX	73.02	+0.27
Wal-Mart	57.90	+0.15
OKE	20.81	-0.22
NS Grp	7.17	-0.11
New York Gold	374.20	
Silver	5.19	
West Texas Crude	28.14	

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

OXY	35.08	+0.18
BP	42.68	-0.19
Celanese	33.63	+0.43
Cabot Corp.	30.44	+0.10
Cabot Oil Gas	25.73	+0.05
Coca Cola	42.69	-0.81
VLO	38.05	+0.01
HAL	24.18	+0.17
Triad	30.85	-0.15
NOI	18.42	+0.17

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny, highs in the lower 90s and south winds 10 to 20 mph with gusts to 25 mph this afternoon. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms with lows in the lower 60s and south winds 15 to 20 mph. Wednesday should be partly cloudy then mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 35 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the lower 60s.

Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Thursday, cloudy, windy, cooler. Highs in the lower 70s. North winds 25 to 30 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Breezy. Lows in the upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Monday, partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the lower 80s.

STATEWIDE

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The state should be warm and dry for the next few days. The deep south will be the exception with continued scattered rain.

A cold front should bring some rain Thursday to North Texas but other parts of the state should see little or no precipitation from the front. Some northern areas will see highs drop to the 70s on Friday.

West Texas will be sunny and hot today and Wednesday. Highs will be mostly in the low 90s, with some mid-90 readings in the west and South Plains. A cold front will bring highs down to around 70 in the north Thursday. Southern

West Texas will cool down Friday into the 70s. Western areas won't feel much impact. The south and west will see some slight rain chances Thursday and Friday, with no rain predicted in the north. Thursday will be windy in the Panhandle, with 35 mph sustained winds forecast. Highs should be around 80 degrees Saturday regionwide.

In South Texas, the deep south and Coastal Bend will see scattered rain through at least Friday, with locally heavy rains possible. Central South Texas and the southeast should be free of rain, with only slight chances on Friday, then clearing Saturday. Highs will be in the 80s to around 90

On Friday and Saturday, highs will be a few degrees cooler, but will remain in the 80s. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday and Friday, otherwise partly cloudy.

North Texas will see hot weather today and Wednesday, with highs in the low to mid 90s. A weak cold front will move in Thursday, with good chances for some rain across the region.

Also the northwest should feel some of the stiff winds that will hit the Panhandle. Rain chances should diminish Friday. The weekend should be partly cloudy, with highs Friday around 80 degrees and Saturday highs in the low 80s.

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Friday, Sept. 12

5:40 p.m. — A 1984 Oldsmobile Regency driven by Vivian Weckesser Locke, 87, of 1101 Charles, and a 200 Chrysler LHS, driven by Bobby Kent Nowell, 51, of 1505 Williston, collided in the intersection of West Kentucky and North Hobart streets. No injuries were reported at the scene. Locke was cited for disregarding a traffic signal.

Sunday, Sept. 14

3:37 a.m. — A 1000 Pontiac Sunfire, driven by Jacob Rowsey, 16, of 1101 S. Hobart, collided with a natural gas meter in the alley behind the west side of the 1000 block of South Hobart. No injuries were reported at the scene. Rowsey was cited for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and leaving the scene of an accident.

10:00 p.m. — A 1995 Harley Sportster motorcycle, driven by Michael Eugene Horton, 42, of 304 Tignor, struck the curb in the 100 block of West Harvester near the intersection with the 1300 block of North Charles. Horton and a passenger, Lisa Hollowell, 31, of 1018 Love St., reported non-incapacitating injuries. Horton was transported by ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center. He was cited for no motorcycle endorsement, unsafe speed, and no helmet.

Tuesday, Sept. 16

12:20 a.m. — A 1990 Ford Aerostar, driven by Rosa Linda Garcia, 32, of 412 Hill, collided with a legally parked 1992 Chevrolet Silverado, owned by Joseph Rasmussen, 1101 Garland, in the 400 block of Hill. No injuries were reported at the scene. Garcia was cited for backing without safety.

City Briefs

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Investigation continues in deaths of two children

TEXAS CITY, Texas (AP) — An investigation into the earlier deaths of a woman's two children is continuing in the days leading up to a custody hearing to determine who should care for her three surviving children, including one the mother is charged with stabbing earlier this month.

Martha Burks, 32, remains at the Galveston County Jail. She has been charged with intent to

commit serious bodily injury for allegedly stabbing her 5-year-old daughter, causing a punctured lung.

Assistant Galveston County District Attorney Bill Read told the Houston Chronicle in Tuesday's editions that investigators are looking into the 1991 and 1999 deaths of two of Burks' children.

"We're looking into everything," Read said.

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MANTEO, N.C. — More than 75,000 visitors were urged Tuesday as Hurricane weakened but generous storm on land.

Forecasters appeared to be hit Thursday on Carolina coast; through eastern swells and dunes already were sections of the coast.

The storm's maintained wind had about 115 mph but said it would not much more.

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Welcome to Sunday of Pampa on controlled races are also the afternoon



Above: Pat D and 9-year-old

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WRECK

Sunfire slammed rear of a 1991 F van driven by Hernandez, 26, B

The collision shortly before 8 a.m. at the intersection of Highway 152 and County Road CC, miles west of Pampa.

Department Safety officers said owned by Angel Borger, who was in the van, had

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Hurricane charges toward East Coast; thousands evacuate

MANTEO, N.C. (AP) — More than 75,000 residents and visitors were urged to evacuate the North Carolina coast Tuesday as Hurricane Isabel weakened but remained a dangerous storm on a track toward land.

Forecasters said Isabel appeared to be on a course to hit Thursday on the North Carolina coast and move up through eastern Virginia. Large swells and dangerous surf already were being felt along sections of the coast.

The storm's maximum sustained wind had decreased to about 115 mph but forecasters said it would not likely slow much more.

"We aren't forecasting too

much more weakening for the next 24 hours," said Krissy Williams, a meteorologist at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

The latest evacuation order was for the low-lying Outer Banks islands, which includes an estimated 75,000 people from Hatteras to Duck, 30,000 of them permanent residents. A day earlier, hundreds of residents of vulnerable Ocracoke and Bald Head islands were ordered to evacuate.

Dare County spokeswoman Dorothy Toolan said people wouldn't be forced to leave.

"We do have some fire departments in municipalities that will visit neighborhoods and encourage people, but we

don't have any kind of law enforcement knocking on doors, forcing people to leave," Toolan said.

As the storm approaches, the Carolinas "will start feeling the effects of Isabel by Wednesday evening," Williams said.

Williams said a hurricane watch would be issued later Tuesday for North Carolina and possibly eastern Virginia. A watch means an area could face hurricane conditions within 36 hours.

Instead of heading to sea early Tuesday, commercial fisherman Rob West stayed home in Manteo monitoring weather reports. He noted that Isabel, the first major hurricane to target the North Carolina coast in four years, lost a little gusto during the night.

"We're kind of breathing a sigh of relief," West said.

He had already moved his fishing boat to a safer harbor

and triple-tied it to its moorings. He'd cut down three trees near his home to keep them from falling on the house or electrical lines.

West said he expected to decide whether to abandon his home to the storm before high tide Tuesday afternoon.

North of Manteo in Virginia, the Navy had ordered 40 Atlantic Fleet ships based in the Norfolk area to head to sea Tuesday to avoid being battered against their piers. The Air Force had started flying airplanes from coastal bases to fields inland.

"There's plenty of potential for significant damage and possible loss of life," Tom Ridge, secretary of the federal Department of Homeland Security, said Tuesday on NBC's "Today" show.

"We are preparing for the worst and preparing to respond as quickly as possible," he said.

At 5 a.m. EDT Tuesday,

Isabel's fastest sustained wind had slowed to near 115 mph, down from about 125 mph at 5 p.m. Monday but still a Category 3 storm. On Sunday, Isabel's top wind had hit 160 mph, making it a Category 5 storm.

The storm was moving northwest at around 7 mph and was about 660 miles southeast of North Carolina's Cape Hatteras, the hurricane center reported.

Hurricane center meteorologist Eric Blake said people

should not let their guard down even though the storm was weakening.

"Hurricanes are notorious for gaining strength as they cross the Gulf Stream," he said. "Even if it weakens to a Category 2 hurricane, there's still a lot of potential for danger."

Virginia Gov. Mark R. Warner had already declared a state of emergency, putting National Guardsmen, state police and transportation crews on full alert.

Garnet Poole, local pioneer, to celebrate 90th birthday

Garnet Poole, a 1933 graduate of Pampa High School, will celebrate her 90th birthday at 3 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 20, at Meredith House, 812 W. 25th St., where she is currently a resident.

Poole and her family were early pioneers in Pampa and the surrounding area. They lived in a dugout on present-day Reynolds Ranch and moved to town in 1923.

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BUDGET

McCormick had talked about cutting \$60,000. She said when she asked what could be cut, no one offered any suggestions.

Commissioner McCormick said he wants to ask some questions and wants to see how the rest of the commission feels about several issues. He said he wants to reinstate the travel funds so commissioners can get more training.

"There's a couple of issues about roughly \$60,000 that I question, not disapprove of, but I question," McCormick said Monday night.

He said he questions whether the projected income from taxes is \$60,000 too optimistic.

"If everything works out," McCormick said, "then we'll get that \$60,000, but we can't live on maybes. I would like for us to talk about it."

"I really don't know what's going to happen," Mayor Robbins said of tonight's meeting. "I believe that the budget's going to pass. I don't

know what any of the other commissioners are going to do."

City Manager Mitch Grant said Monday afternoon that he thinks the budget will pass, but he admitted that there will probably be more discussion concerning the budget during the commission's work session at 5 p.m. today in the main floor conference room of City Hall before their 6 p.m. meeting in commission chambers where any action will have to be taken.

"At this point, right now," Grant said, "I think it is pretty good as submitted, but I may get more direction."

Grant said he gets a lot of input from the commission.

"I've tried to incorporate that input into the budget," Grant said. "Now, it's to the point of the commission making the final choices. The budget is the single most important thing the commission does."

Grant said there will have to be a consensus of opinion.

"The directors and department heads have all worked hard to cut the budget," Grant

said.

He said this is the first time in several years that the city has had a budget that has not relied on cash reserves to balance.

"I'm optimistic we'll get the budget approved," Grant said.

Without elaborating, Robbins said the questions he had last week had been answered.

"I just needed to get some clarification on some of the issues as far as how they might affect us in the future," Robbins said. "Personally, I just needed to get some clarification on some things."

Commissioner Dixon said today that he doesn't want to cut services, but he thinks at least one more director's position should be abolished.

Last summer, the city eliminated the position of Community Services Director.

"I have someone in mind," Dixon said, "but I'm not going to say."

Dixon said that more cuts need to be made.

McCormick said he still

has questions.

"I do want to keep the North Fire Station," McCormick said.

Dixon, too, said this morning that he doesn't want to cut the fire station.

"I do want to keep everything intact just like it is," McCormick said, "but I have a question about that \$60,000 in our budget. The money may come, and the money may not. That's my question."

McCormick said that if the collections come in as projected the city will be all right, but the city could be squeezed if collections are down.

"I wanted to see the city manager cut another \$60,000 to make sure that we're going to make it," McCormick said.

Robbins said tonight's city commission should be interesting.

"There's always the possibility that it'll pass," Dixon said this morning.

"I really don't know what to expect," Robbins said Monday night. "I never do. We'll just show up and see what happens."

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COUNTY

was commended by commissioners for his completion of state-required education units.

Commissioners approved a bid from Warren Cat on a Model 120 H2 Caterpillar motor grader for Precinct Four.

Precinct Four Commissioner James Hefley said the bid allowed \$29,500 and \$39,500 for equipment being traded in, leaving the balance of the \$136,058 piece of equipment at \$67,058.

Precinct One Commissioner Joe Wheeley questioned two expenditures of \$25,000 for legal services, but County Auditor Elaine Morris explained they were advance credits to defense attorneys in capital murder trials.

Commissioners reviewed proposals for changes in the county's personnel policy manual, including a sick leave pool that would allow county employees to borrow sick leave in emergency situations.

The pool would consist of sick leave donated by county employees. They also discussed vacation time, discipline, mileage and personal days.

Lighting in the newly renovated courthouse continues to be a problem. Commissioners agreed to ask Judge Peet to meet with other elected officials in the courthouse and try to resolve lighting issues that would meet Texas Historical Commission guidelines.

Along similar lines, Wright told commissioners that carpet would be installed in the aisles of the district courtroom by next week in an effort to improve acoustics. Workers are applying acoustical material to the ceiling of the third-floor district courtroom this week.

Commissioners also approved a measure to advertise for insurance bids concerning comprehensive general liability, property, public official and employee liability, airport liability, a heavy equipment floater, business auto insurance, county law enforce-

ment professional liability coverage and workers compensation.

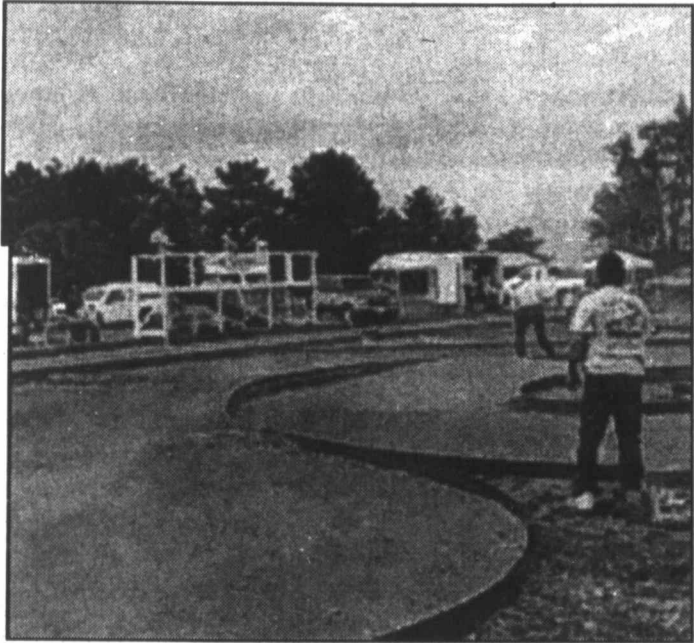
Three items on Monday's agenda - approval of the changes in the personnel policy manual, a bid on delinquent tax property at 1200 S. Dwight and replacing heaters at Clyde Carruth Pavilion - were tabled until Friday's special 10 a.m. meeting at which the Commissioners Court will canvas the vote from the Sept. 13 election concerning 22 constitutional amendments.

Precinct Two

Commissioner Gary Willoughby told the court that in conversations with the City of Pampa concerning a fire contract, Fire Chief Kim Powell agreed to submit a monthly report to the commissioners court on fire calls in the county.

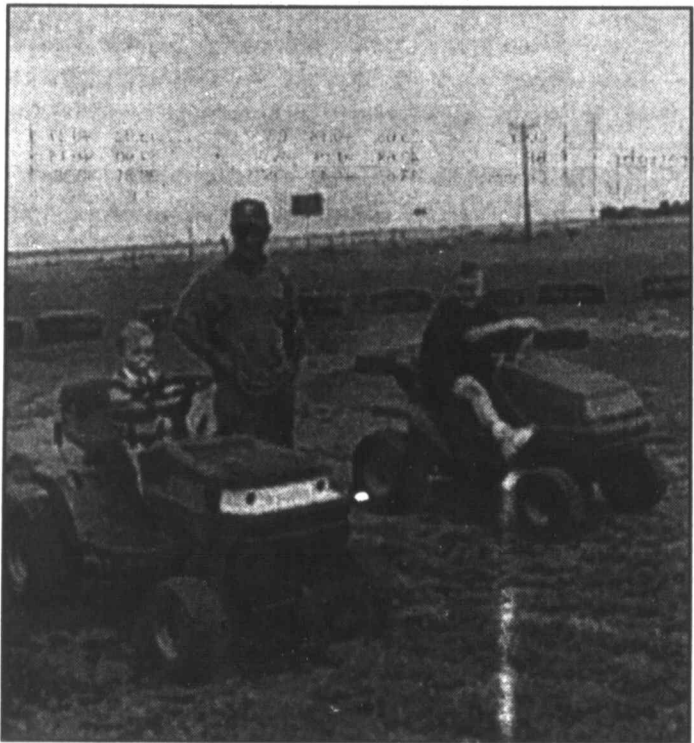
Willoughby said that as a member of the Panhandle Regional Narcotics Trafficking Task Force, Gray County would be a party to a lawsuit brought by 38 plaintiffs in Tulia in connection with a faulty drug sting.

Fun at the races ...



(Community Camera photo by L.E. James)

Welcome to the races. From 1-5 p.m., the first Sunday of each month, 4B Raceway, 1-mile east of Pampa on Highway 60, is the site of nitro radio controlled car races. "Redneck Lawnmower" races are also held at the speedway throughout the afternoon.



(Community Camera photo by L.E. James)

Above: Pat Davis oversees 17-month-old Chandler and 9-year-old Dakota at the lawnmower races.

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WRECKS

Sunfire slammed into the rear of a 1991 Ford Aerostar van driven by Agustin Hernandez, 26, Borger.

The collision was reported shortly before 8 a.m. today at the intersection of Texas Highway 152 and Carson County Road CC about seven miles west of Pampa.

Department of Public Safety officers said the van, owned by Angel Morales of Borger, who was a passenger in the van, had apparently

stopped and was making a left hand turn north onto Carson County Road CC when it was struck by the Pontiac Sunfire.

Authorities said both vehicles were driving into the morning sun and that may have contributed to the accident.

Both Hernandez and Morales were wearing seat belts, officers said.

Lucas was wearing a seat belt and the air bag on her car deployed, according to authorities.

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MESA

Pampa. While CRMWA as indicated it is looking for as much as another 100,000 acres of water rights for future use, Pickens said both CRMWA

and Amarillo have rejected his offer of Mesa's water.

Pickens said CRMWA's proposed purchase of additional water rights would not impact Mesa's plans.

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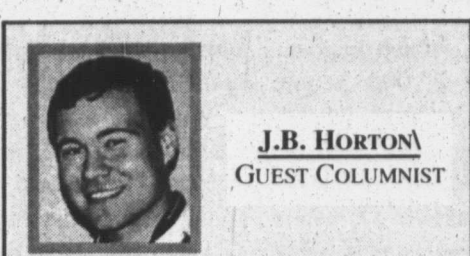
VIEWPOINTS

Sometimes dreams come true

When I was a little boy, I would often look up at the stars and wonder who God would put in my life as my wife. I would wonder if she was looking at that same star and thinking about me at the same time. I would dream about her, utter words to myself about what I would say to her on our wedding day, and would think about our future life together.

On Sept. 7, my dream came true; but it was better than I ever imagined. Never in my wildest dreams as I was growing up in Pampa did I think I would marry the love of my life in England. I tied the knot to Liz Prior, now Mrs. Liz Horton, last Sunday at Holy Angles Church near Manchester England. It was a beautiful, sunny day with many friends and family on both sides of the isle in attendance.

My hometown was well represented: My parents, Benny and Kerrick; my sister, Meredith, and her husband and son, Jason and Jackson; my Aunt Judy and Uncle John Warner, Judge and Mrs. Peet, Tracy and Kim Peet, Margaret Williams, Judy Sutton, and Wanetta Hill, all came for the big day. To say the least, Liz and I were overwhelmed by the efforts of these friends and family members, not to mention the warm thoughts and prayers said for us by other friends and family who could not be there.



J.B. HORTON
GUEST COLUMNIST

It was truly a special day.

England has so many wedding traditions and customs that are different from what we are used to in Texas. For example, women usually wear formal hats to attend weddings in England, the groom usually wears a much different suit than the traditional tux and he, along with the best man and the father of the bride, give formal speeches at a reception after the wedding. From firsthand experience, that custom can be fairly intimidating!

The reception was held in an 18th century country house overlooking a lake in an all-glass conservatory. We had a live band that started by playing a Beatles song (which was perfect for the entire crowd) and we danced the night away.

My new father-in-law commented before his speech that "the amount of miles traveled for guests at the wedding had to be one of the most traveled to weddings ever." We had guests from California, Kansas, Texas, Virginia, North

Carolina, New York, Missouri, Scotland, Norway, all over England, and The Netherlands. It was an amazing mixture of cultures and personalities. As one of my cousins from California said at our rehearsal dinner, "There will never be a time when all of these people will ever be assembled at the same place at the same time ever again. It's a very special day."

With any wedding, there are many memories that aren't forgotten by the bride and groom. For Liz and I, we will look back fondly on many things, but will especially remember the efforts and attendance of Liz's 93-year-old grandmother who is recovering from a broken shoulder and who took on the role of representing all of our affectionately remembered grandparents. We will also remember the efforts of all of our friends and family who showed such amazing love and support for being there on our big day. What will stick out in my own mind is how beautiful my bride was on Sept. 7 and how my dad did a great job at being my best man.

Dreams really do come true. God bless.

J.B. Horton is a Pampa native who was appointed by President Bush to serve in the White House Liaison office at the State Department.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Victims: Know your rights

By SANDY CARR
ROBERTS COUNTY VICTIMS ASSISTANCE

The Code of Criminal Procedure outlines specific rights of crime victims in our state. I hope none of you ever become a victim of crime, but if you should, know your rights.

The following is a few of these rights. If you have questions about your rights as a victim of crime, you may e-mail them to sandycva@nts-online.net or you may call the Office of the Attorney General's Crime Victim Services Division at 1-800-983-9933.

Code of Criminal Procedure - Chapter 56.02

A victim, guardian of a victim, or close relative of a deceased victim is entitled to the following rights within the criminal justice system:

- the right to receive from law enforcement agencies adequate protection from harm or threats of harm arising from cooperation with prosecution efforts;
- the right to have the magistrate take the safety of the victim or his family into consideration as an element in fixing the amount of bail for the accused;
- the right, if requested, to be informed:
 - by the attorney representing the state of relevant court proceedings, including appellate proceedings and to be informed if those proceedings have been canceled or rescheduled prior to the event; and
 - by an appellate court of decisions of the court after the decisions are entered but before the decisions are made public
- the right to be informed, when requested, by a peace officer concerning the defendant's right to bail and the procedures in criminal investigations and by the district attorney's office concerning the general procedures in guilty plea negotiations and arrangements, restitution and the appeals and parole process;

Author's notes:

Note on (1) Law enforcement must be aware of the threat before they can provide protection.

Note on (2) The magistrate must be aware of the need to take your safety in to consideration. You must tell local law enforcement to relay this request to the magistrate when the offender is arrested. The decision is still up to the presiding judge or JP.

Note on (3) and (4) If the right says "when requested," it is up to you to inform the prosecutor or local law enforcement that you wish to exercise this right. Then it is up to their agency to provide the information to you.

Definitions: Guilty plea negotiations- The process where a prosecutor and defense attorney negotiate the outcome of an offense in which a defendant has admitted guilt. A judge may either accept or reject the plea. Restitution- payment by a defendant to a victim or government agency for costs associated with the crime, investigation or prosecution including but not limited to: Medical, psychological, rehabilitation, cost of lost or damaged property. Appeal- the process of asking another court to review a trial court's guilty verdict. Parole- the supervised release of a defendant after he has served a portion of his sentence in prison.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 16, the 259th day of 2003. There are 106 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Sept. 16, 1953, "The Robe," the first movie filmed in the widescreen process CinemaScope, had its world premiere at the Roxy Theater in New York.

On this date:

- In 1638, France's King Louis the XIV was born.
- In 1810, Mexico began its revolt against Spanish rule.
- In 1893, hundreds of thousands of settlers swarmed onto a section of land in Oklahoma known as the "Cherokee Strip."
- In 1919, the American Legion was incorporated by an act of Congress.
- In 1940, President Roosevelt signed into law the Selective Training and Service Act, which set up the first peacetime military draft in U.S. history.
- In 1940, Samuel T. Rayburn of Texas was elected Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

MIDEAST ROAD MAP TO PEACE



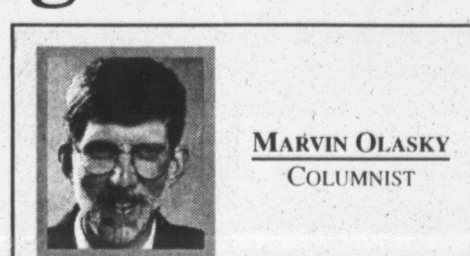
More propaganda from the Times

These days, finding New York Times lies and cover-ups is like shooting fish in a barrel, but Navy Lt. Cmdr. Mike Beidler has told me about one fish story too obnoxious to pass up.

Beidler, on his way to Iraq in January, was walking with his family toward the end of Naval Station Pier 2 in San Diego when the Times' Charlie LeDuff asked him for his view of war protesters. Beidler recalls offering a couple of sentences defending the rights of protesters and stating his hope that they offer reasonable solutions.

The article LeDuff wrote, though, had Beidler attacking a complacent United States: "It's war, Commander Beidler said, and the nation is fat. 'No one is screaming for battery-powered cars,' he added." The journalist then turned in his article to Beidler wife, Christal: "I'm just numb," she said as she patted down his collar. "I'll cry myself to sleep, I'm sure."

Beidler was at sea when he discovered how far at sea the Times' reporting was, but he sent off a letter to the editor stating what he had said and arguing that the quotes about national fatness and battery-powered cars "were completely fabricated by Mr. LeDuff in order to connect our nation's dependence on oil with the current military buildup in the Middle East."



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

say she would cry herself to sleep, but she didn't pat down my collar, either, which was impossible for her to accomplish with my civilian shirt hidden under my jacket and a duffle bag hanging on my shoulder closest to her."

In February, Times senior editor Bill Borders informed Beidler that he had "thoroughly looked into your complaint." He passed along a note from LeDuff, who wrote that he was disturbed that Beidler is "carrying bad feelings about me ... but I remember things very differently."

LeDuff's note stated: "I asked Mr. Beidler if he had heard of anyone screaming about battery powered cars, and he said no he hadn't heard anyone screaming about battery powered cars. Next, I don't quote him as saying America is at war or fat, but I rightly characterized our conversation as such. Perhaps his anger lies there. Finally, I asked his wife if she had cried that morning, she said no, that she was numb and would probably cry herself to sleep that night."

What to make of this dispute? One minor detail: LeDuff does not deny mak-

ing up Mrs. Beidler's collar-patting. Another minor detail: LeDuff quoted Mrs. Beidler as saying, "I'll cry myself to sleep, I'm sure," but LeDuff in his defensive memo substitutes "probably" for the emphatic "I'm sure." A major detail: The most LeDuff can say in his own defense is that he asked Beidler a question about battery powered cars and Beidler didn't rise to the bait.

When reporters and those they quote disagree about what was said and in what context, here's a useful test: See whether the disputed quotations and characterizations fit neatly into a publication's agenda. The neater the fit, the more likely the reporter used real people as stage props. In this case, the Jan. 18 LeDuff story mirrored the anti-Iraq-war position of the Times' editorial pages, which suggested the war was a war for oil that is not even truly needed.

Senior editor Borders concluded that LeDuff "thinks that he accurately represented his interview with you and your wife, and therefore so do I ... If you have another encounter some day with The New York Times, I hope its outcome is more satisfactory to you."

Beidler wrote back: "I will never again allow a reporter from The New York Times to interview me or a member of my family. There will be no opportunity for 'another encounter' and no chance for your paper to rise above the reputation you've established in my eyes."

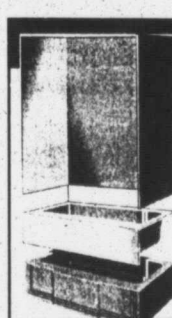
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BUSINESS REVIEW

Rasco custom buildings tailored to suit client's needs

Rasco Construction, owned by Gerald Rasco, is located at 1000 S. Price Rd. Rasco purchased the company from Ganell Overhead Doors on May 16, 2002.

Custom built buildings of any size are built by the staff at Rasco Construction. "We will build them any size the customer wants," said Rasco. "Both large and small."

The crew has built and designed buildings which are used as garages. The size of the

garages is determined by the customers. Other structures built include carports and/or storage buildings. The custom built buildings may be built for many uses, said Rasco. It just depends on how the customer wants to utilize the structures.

Selling and installing overhead doors both residential and commercial as well as the door openers to operate the doors is just another of the functions the trained staff at Rasco Construction provides for

their customers. Mid-America doors and LiftMaster overhead door openers may be purchased from Rasco.

If you are considering a new garage or carport, now is the time before the winter storms arrive.

Buildings constructed by Rasco Construction may be seen in towns across the Texas Panhandle. The staff has traveled to almost every town in the Panhandle since

the business began in May 2002.

In addition to Rasco, Gary Higgins and Chris Smith work in constructing the buildings, installing garage doors and servicing doors and openers. Maria Salvarrey keeps the office

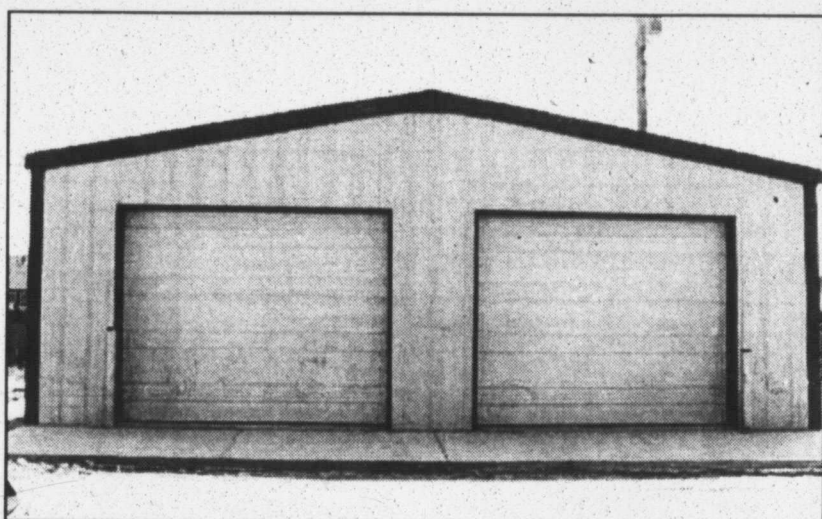
operating at the business.

They would like to welcome everyone to drop by the local business to check out the services the company provides. Prospective customers may visit with the staff and determine the "perfect" storage building for their needs. Free estimates are available.

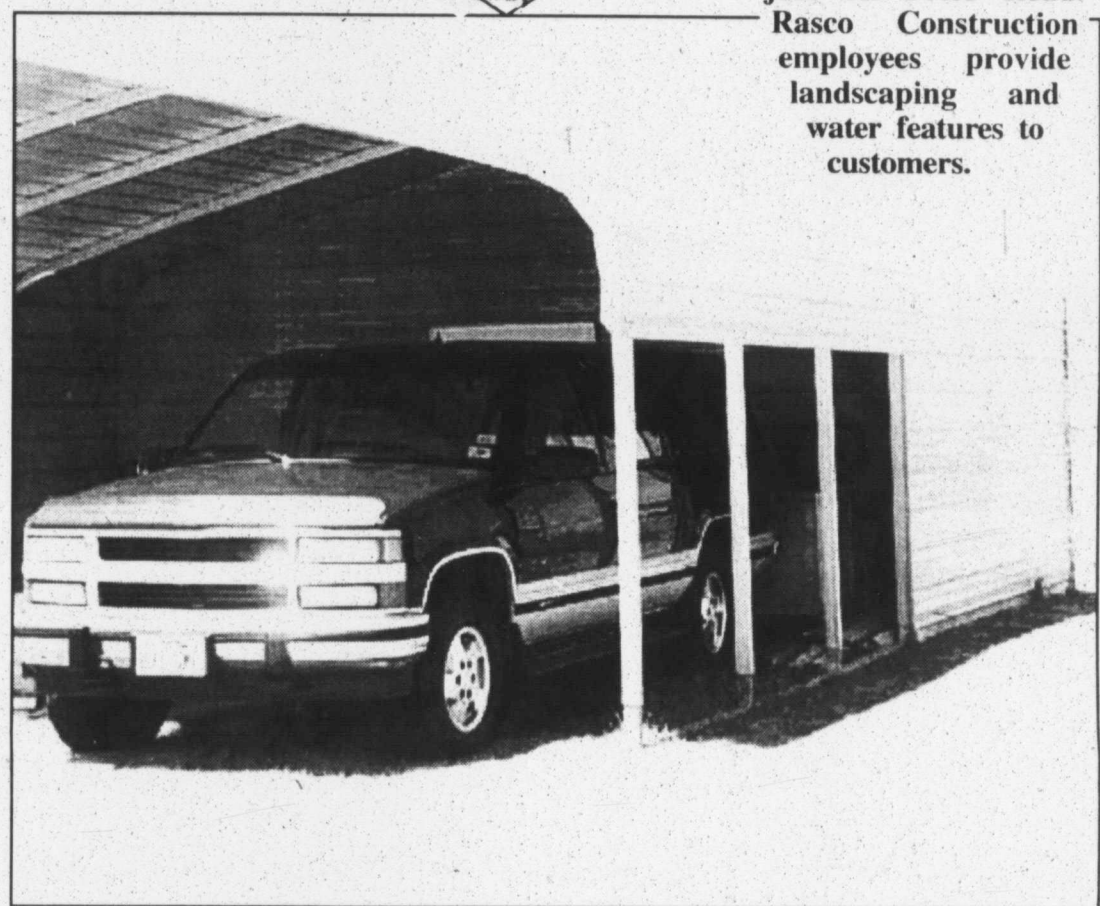
The business is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The business telephone is 665-0042.



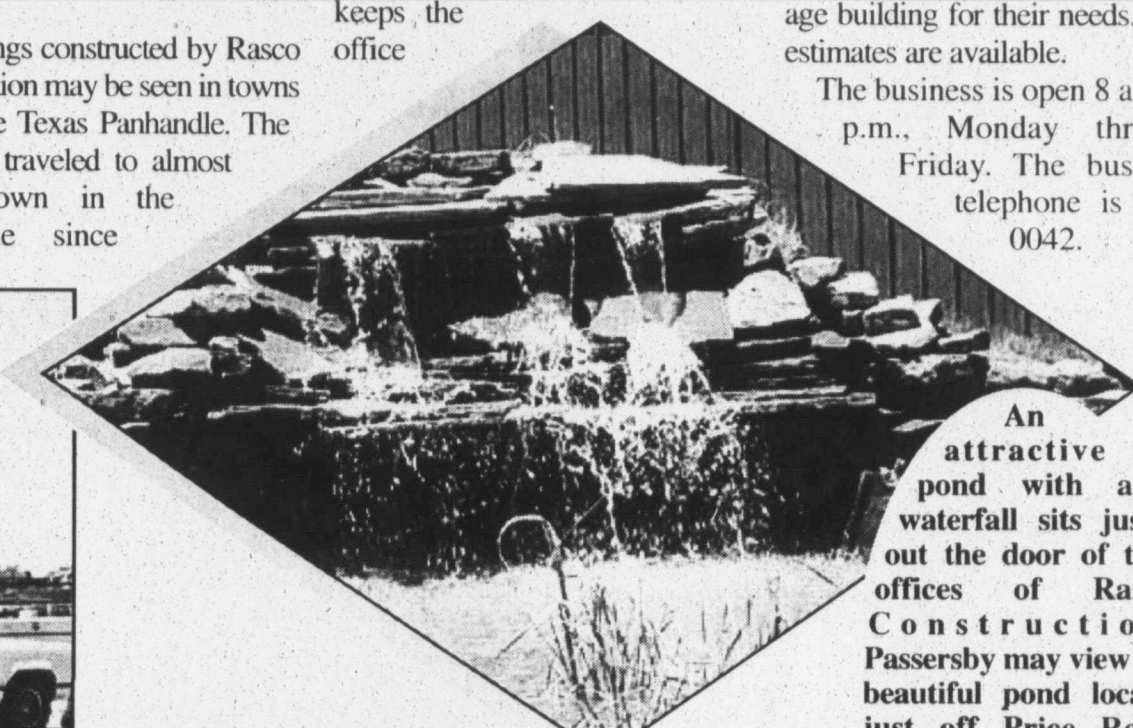
▲ Rasco Construction's custom-built buildings are of varying sizes and designs. The staff builds any size custom building to the specifications of the customer.



▲ Rasco Construction recently installed these doors at Ted Hutto's Quality Sales, 1300 N. Hobart.



▲ There's plenty of room for storage in this building while the carport allows two vehicles to be parked in it. The building may be seen at Rasco Construction at 1000 Price Road.



An attractive pond with a waterfall sits just out the door of the offices of Rasco Construction. Passersby may view this beautiful pond located just off Price Road. Rasco Construction employees provide landscaping and water features to customers.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Man's Internet Masquerade Lures Teen Into Romance

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 15-year-old girl who is in ninth grade. She has been chatting with a man on the Internet for the last 10 months. He said he was a teenager. However, we have recently learned that he is 30-plus, married, and the father of a 4-year-old child. He says he is going to divorce his wife and marry my daughter.

We have tried to make her understand that this relationship won't work. She insists that she is both waiting for her to turn 18 so they can be married.

My husband and I are devastated. Can you please make her understand the pros and cons? I'm begging with tears in my eyes. She won't listen to us.

BR • KENHEARTED MOM IN VIRGINIA

DEAR BROKENHEARTED: Pick up the phone and inform the police that your underage daughter is being stalked by an Internet predator. He belongs in jail. And they can help to ensure that he winds up there. Pronto.

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 and used to be an outgoing, smart and attractive female. I planned to attend college, but I put it off because of a tight money situation at home.

After I turned 18, I began to have what I think are panic attacks. I don't sleep well and wake up during the night sweating and shaking. I'm nervous around people, short-tempered, can't make decisions, and I'm paranoid.

A few months ago, I told my mother that I think I need to see a doctor. She acted concerned, but never mentioned it again. I am getting worse every day. Some days I wish I would die. I know this isn't normal. What can I do? Whom do I see?

BARELY HERE IN INDIANA

DEAR BARELY HERE: Your mother may have assumed that since you didn't mention it again that you were feeling better. It's time to pick up a phone and

schedule a consultation with your doctor. You need a thorough physical examination and a psychological assessment. Please don't wait.

If you are not employed or do not have health insurance, you may qualify for Medicaid. Contact your state or county medical assistance office to see if you meet the eligibility requirements.

DEAR ABBY: My 85-year-old husband is a cash cow for charities. For years, he has given away all of his Social Security money to charitable causes. He says, "If I don't give, who will?" He says we "don't really need" the money. Abby, he gives away more than \$15,000 a year!

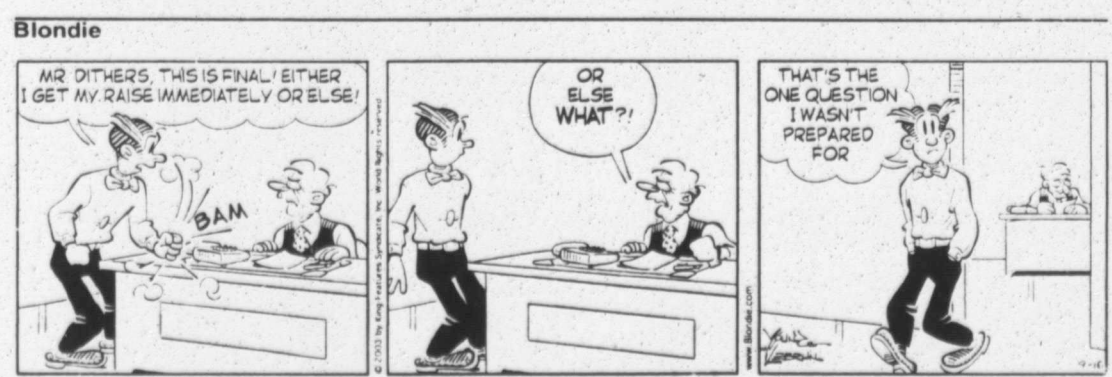
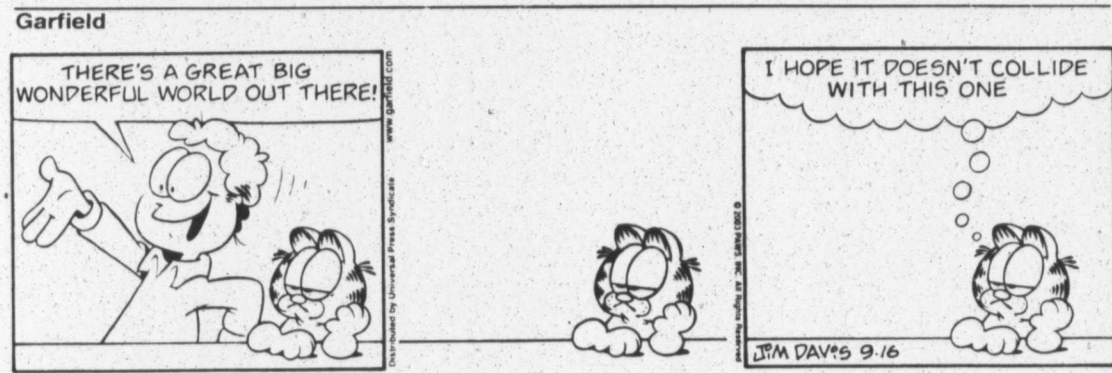
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GOING BROKE IN MARYLAND

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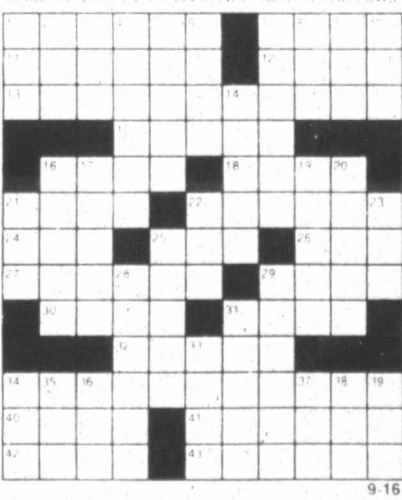
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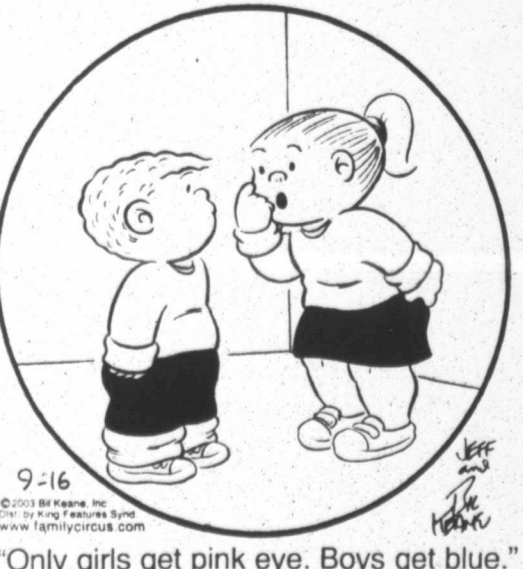
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SPORTS

Cowboys escape with OT win over Giants

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Bill Parcells stood outside the locker room and congratulated each and every passing player.

He had just escaped with his first victory as coach of the Dallas Cowboys and did it against the New York Giants, the team he led to two Super Bowl victories.

"I feel fortunate to win," Parcells said. "I would have been very disappointed to lose. It was one of the greatest games I've ever been involved in."

It took a record-tying game from a relatively unknown kicker and some help from those notoriously inept guys on New York's special teams to give Parcells the unlikely victory, a 35-32 overtime thriller Monday night.

"That was about as wild a win as I've ever been in," Parcells said a few minutes after Billy Cundiff kicked his seventh field

goal with 5:56 left in sudden death.

Cundiff's winning 25-yard kick came after he forced overtime with a career-long 52-yarder that barely got over the crossbar on the final play of regulation.

Cundiff probably never should have had a chance to tie it after Matt Bryant kicked a 30-yarder to give New York a 32-29 lead with 11 seconds to play.

All the Giants — who passed up a chance to run the clock down before the field goal — had to do was put the kickoff in play so that the clock would start. That would have left the Cowboys, with one desperation play, but they wound up with just enough time to tie it.

Jim Fassel said he told Bryant to squib the kickoff down the middle. Bryant said his instructions were to squib it to the left.

The kick skidded on the artificial surface and went out of

bounds at the 1, giving the Cowboys the ball at their own 40.

"They gave us a chance when they kicked the ball out of bounds on that kickoff," Parcells said.

Quincy Carter then hit Antonio Bryant with a 26-yard pass in front of the New York bench to put Cundiff in position to tie it.

"You've got to give a lot of credit to coach Parcells," said Carter, 25-of-40 for 321 yards. "All through training camp we've been working on situational things. You never know when they'll come up. We were prepared for it. No one panicked."

An emotionally drained Fassel had trouble explaining what happened on the squib kick after the last of the Giants' 18 fourth-quarter points.

"I didn't plan on having the ball at the 40-yard line with no time off the clock," said Fassel,

whose red eyes showed his deep disappointment of blowing what should have been a 2-0 start.

Matt Bryant seemed just as frustrated after another special teams fiasco. Remember, the Giants missed two fourth-quarter field goal attempts because of bad snaps in dropping a 39-38 decision to San Francisco in the playoffs last season.

"We should have won, but that ... happened at the end," Matt Bryant said. "I know what's about to happen, but I did what I was supposed to do."

Cundiff, who had never kicked more than two field goals in a game, made the Giants pay. "To be honest, I felt I just did my job," said Cundiff, the fourth NFL kicker to make seven field goals in a game.

Cundiff's kicks covered 37, 49, 42, 21, 36, 52 and 25 yards. In Dallas' season-opening loss to Atlanta, he missed a 33-yarder

on his only attempt and he had an extra point blocked.

Carter added an 8-yard touchdown run and linebacker Al Singleton scored on a 41-yard interception return for Dallas.

New York's Kerry Collins was 21-for-51 for 265 yards and threw three touchdown passes, and cornerback Ralph Brown scored on a 29-yard interception return.

Collins' TD passes covered 6 yards to Ike Hilliard, 1 to Jeremy Shockey, and 20 to Amani Toomer. Tiki Barber ran for a 2-point conversion to tie it at 29 with 6:20 to go in the fourth quarter.

"They just made plays at the end and we didn't," Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said. "We can't be mad at anybody but ourselves for coming back at the end and then letting it slip away."

Pampa High athlete injured in accident

PAMPA — Pampa High sophomore Jennie Rogers, who has played a key role in the Lady Harvesters' resurgence in volleyball, was injured Monday afternoon in a one-car accident on a county road west of the city.

Rogers had to undergo spinal surgery Monday night in Amarillo and is scheduled for more surgery Thursday, according to Pampa volleyball coach Shannon Stroud.

"The first surgery went well. Jennie is a very strong girl and I feel like she is going to overcome this," coach Stroud said. "God works miracles."

The Lady Harvesters, off to a 2-0 start in the District 3-4A volleyball season, hosts Hereford tonight in McNeely Fieldhouse.

"I'm not even thinking about volleyball right now. We're all praying for Jennie."

Rogers played an instrumental part in Pampa's vic-



Jennie Rogers

tory over Randall, a match which opened the district season on Sept. 10. Pampa's wins against Randall have been few and far between in recent years.

Rogers finished with 17 digs and was one of match's outstanding defensive performers in the victory over Randall.

The 16-year-old Rogers was also a star player on the Lady Harvesters' softball team last season. As a freshman catcher, Rogers made the all-district honorable mention list.

Singh wins Deere Classic, takes money lead in PGA

SILVIS, Ill. (AP) — Vijay Singh won the rain-delayed John Deere Classic by four strokes Monday, his third title of the year that sent him to the top of this season's PGA money list.

Singh closed with a 6-under-par 65 for a total of 16-under 268. He had six birdies in a bogey-free final round that was held over a day after darkness suspended play Sunday night.

Chris Riley (71), J.L. Lewis (71) and Jonathan Byrd (68) shared second at 12-under 272.

The \$630,000 first prize boosted Singh's earnings for the year to more than \$5.6 million, edging him past Davis Love III. Love, nursing a sore back, finished tied for 27th at the Quad City PGA stop.

Singh, in his first Deere Classic appearance, also is in the running for player of the year honors. But he said the

money list is more important to him.

"I can control the money list. I can't control the player of the year," said Singh, adding that Masters champion Mike Weir would top his list for that award.

With three more tournaments ahead, Singh said this year might be his best shot at topping the money list.

"If I play well, I just have no worries about what can go wrong," said Singh, who now has won 14 career PGA events.

Miami shuts out San Jacinto

MIAMI — Miami improved to 2-0 for the season with a 46-0 win over San Jacinto in six-man play last weekend.

Miami's passing attack was right on target. Jeffrey Browning threw five touchdown passes, two to Chris Brewer (38, 7 yards) and two to Kyler Roach (33, 15

Riley called Singh a world-class player who's hard to catch when he has a weekend lead.

"He's in there with Tiger Woods, David Love, Mike Weir — he's in their class. I'm trying to get there," said Riley, who won the 2002 Reno-Tahoe open and now has six top 100 finishes this year.

Singh started play Monday at 12 under, tied with Lewis, who posted his lone career win at the Deere Classic in 1999.

yards). He also connected with Oak Hale on a 38-yard TD.

Brewer also scored on a 4-yard run. Kris Roach added a 35-yard TD run. Browning had two conversion kicks.

The Warriors led at halftime, 32-0.

San Jacinto has a 2-1 record.

Cellar-dwellers have early success in Big 12

DALLAS (AP) — Missouri or Kansas have finished at the bottom of the Big 12 North Division standings in each of the past four seasons.

The perennial cellar-dwellers haven't had a chance yet this season to improve their conference standing — that won't happen until they play their Big 12 opener against each other Sept. 27. But they are having some early success.

Missouri is 3-0 for the first time since 1981. The Tigers are also ranked 23rd, their first appearance in The Associated Press Top 25 poll since the final poll of the 1998 season when they were 21st after going 8-4 with a win at the Insight.com Bowl.

Kansas (2-1) has already matched its win total from last season with consecutive wins, scoring more than 40 points in wins over Mountain West Conference teams UNLV and Wyoming, after an eight-game losing streak.

The next step for Tigers coach Gary Pinkel and Kansas coach Mark Mangino is to see how their teams handle their good fortune.

"It's important to have a quick start. There were some things we wanted accomplish ... teach our players how to win," said Pinkel, who is in his third season. "I've been there before, our players

haven't. The big thing we have to do is deal with the psychology of how to handle winning. ... Will the work ethic be the same? Will the mental prep be the same? I have to make the right moves."

Missouri followed its 1998 success by finishing last in the six-team North Division in 1999 and 2000, and fifth the last two seasons, ahead of only Kansas.

The Tigers, who followed a season-opening win over Illinois with consecutive wins over Ball State and Division I-AA Eastern Illinois, play Saturday against Middle Tennessee State (0-3).

After its first consecutive wins since 2000, Kansas plays Division I-AA Jacksonville State, a game that Mangino said Monday that his team won't take for granted.

"We've worked so hard to get to this point and I don't think our kids want to jeopardize that," said Mangino, in his second season. "They've had a taste of losing, and it's very bitter. I think they enjoy the sweetness of winning. Winning feels good, you want to keep that feeling as long as you can."

Kansas has never finished in the upper half of the division standings, its best showing fourth place (5-7, 3-5 Big 12) in 1999.

The Jayhawks were 2-10 in their first season under Mangino, winless in the conference and serving as the victim for the end of Baylor's 29-game Big 12 losing streak. They entered 2003 with seven straight losses, so Mangino is ecstatic about two straight wins.

"It helps our kids develop that confidence," Mangino said. "We can talk about confidence and all of those things, but nothing builds confidence like winning. We know our toughest games are still ahead."

HAPPY TO RUN:

Oklahoma State has 3,000-yard passer Josh Fields and Big 12 receiving record holder Rashaun Woods back from last season. But the Cowboys are gaining more yards running the ball than passing it.

The Cowboys have averaged 398 total yards a game, 228 rushing and 170 passing.

"What teams are doing, they're paying so much attention to our passing attack that our running lanes are wide open," said Oklahoma State coach Les Miles. "If people keep playing as far off as that, we look forward to running the ball."

Tatum Bell (143 yards and four TDs) and Seymore Shaw (107 yards and a TD) both ran for more than 100 yards

in a 42-3 win over Southwest Missouri State on Saturday night.

Bell, a 1,000-yard rusher a season ago, is the Big 12's top runner at 148.3 yards per game and seven TDs. Woods is still sixth in the Big 12 with 17 catches for 270 yards.

HURRICANE WATCH:

After having last weekend off, Texas Tech and Texas A&M both are preparing for the games on the East Coast, which is bracing for Hurricane Isabel.

The Aggies are scheduled to play Thursday night at eighth-ranked Virginia Tech. Texas Tech is supposed to play at North Carolina State on Saturday.

Forecasters have said the hurricane could hit anywhere from North Carolina to New Jersey Thursday or Friday with sustained wind of up to 130 mph.

"We can't worry too much about that. We have to get ready to play the game," said A&M coach Dennis Franchione, adding that he wasn't aware of any changes in travel plans or the game schedule.

Texas Tech coach Mike Leach said he wasn't worried at this point: "Not at all, what would it change?"

QUOTABLE: "People will stay mad about

Arkansas. We're disappointed about it, it sure wasn't good. There is nothing we can do to change it, so the coaches and players have to go back to work because you don't want Arkansas to beat you twice." — Texas coach Mack Brown on rebounding from a 38-28 loss to Arkansas.

QUICK HITS:

Oklahoma LB Lance Mitchell was scheduled for an MRI on his injured left knee. After Saturday's win over Fresno State, coach Bob Stoops said the injury looked severe. "We're still sort of holding out hope. He had virtually no swelling and no soreness. We're hoping it's not quite what it seems," Stoops said Monday. ... Baylor DE Khari Long tore a ligament in his left knee and is out indefinitely. ... Colorado coach Gary Barnett was excited about the prospects of his defense before the season, but it has given up at least 35 points twice. "It has been a puzzle, I guess I misread them," he said. ... Sixth-ranked Kansas State gave up the first TD to I-AA UMass before winning 38-7. "Once reality set in, the players responded quite well," said Wildcats coach Bill Snyder. ... Nebraska is 3-0 for the seventh year in a row. ... Iowa State has an open date this weekend.

NOTEBOOK

FOOTBALL

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Jaguars linebacker Keith Mitchell was released from the hospital, one day after being taken from the field on a stretcher with a neck injury.

Coach Jack Del Rio said Mitchell briefly lost feeling in his extremities after colliding with an opponent, but never lost movement.

Mitchell stayed overnight in the hospital, where tests showed no broken bones and no major damage.

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans nose tackle Seth Payne will miss the rest of the season after tearing a ligament in his left knee in Sunday's loss to New Orleans.

TENNIS

COMPTON, Calif. (AP) — A man was arrested in the shooting death of a Yetunde Price, a sister of Venus and Serena Williams. Authorities searched for four other possible suspects in the slaying outside a house known to attract gang members.

Aaron Michael Hammer, 24, was booked for investigation of murder late Sunday and jailed without bail. Sheriff's deputies said he had ties to a gang but was not a member.

Price, 31, was shot in the chest early Sunday.

GENERAL

ATLANTA (AP) — AOL Time Warner ended talks with a Texas businessman for its professional sports teams in Atlanta, instead choosing a group of buyers for the Hawks and Thrashers that includes a family link to former owner Ted Turner.

AOL Time Warner had negotiated with Dallas auto dealer David McDavid since April, but the company called a news conference Tuesday to announce it is selling the hockey Hawks, basketball Thrashers and operating rights to the teams' home, Philips Arena, to an investment group.

A person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press Monday night that the investment group includes Boston businessman Steve Belkin, who was unsuccessful in his previous pursuit of an NBA expansion team in Charlotte, and several Atlantans, including businessmen Michael Gearon Sr. and Michael Gearon Jr. and attorney Rutherford Seydel.

Flashback

2001: Pampa defeated Borger 20-14 in a freshmen football game.

Mark Williams rushed for two touchdowns and over 100 yards to lead the Pampa offense.

Pampa's other score came on a touchdown pass from Tyler Doughty to Brittin East.

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Rangers drop Mariners behind Red Sox in wildcard

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Seattle manager Bob Melvin tried to put a positive spin on the Mariners' latest loss.

"This one hurts, but it's not over," Melvin said. "There's still 12 games left. So it's nice to see us string some hits together and do some of the things we did earlier in the year."

Seattle dropped 1 1/2 games behind Boston in the AL wild-race Monday night, opening a 10-game road trip with a 6-4 loss to Texas.

The Mariners are 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West.

"We have to keep battling and pounding away," outfielder Mike Cameron said. "We can't take this

with us the rest of the trip." Rafael Palmeiro and Mark Teixeira homered to help the Rangers end a five-game losing streak.

Palmeiro joined Hall of Famer Jimmie Foxx as the only players in major league history to reach 35 homers and 100 RBIs in nine straight seasons.

"We know Seattle is trying to make the playoffs," Teixeira said. "We're trying to win games just like they are, so it makes it more interesting."

Teixeira, who tied a career-high with four RBIs, capped a four-run sixth inning with a three-run shot that gave the Rangers a 6-4 lead.

His 23rd home run of the season came two batters

after the Mariners intentionally walked Palmeiro.

Palmeiro has hit nine home runs against Seattle this season.

"I didn't want to mess with Palmeiro out there again," Melvin said. "If I had it do over, I'd do it the same way. That guy has killed us this year."

Palmeiro's 525th career homer, a solo shot, came in the fourth inning off Joel Pineiro and gave him 103 RBIs.

Texas starter Colby Lewis (8-9) gave up four runs in six innings.

The right-hander came into the game with a 7.76 ERA.

"I thought that was Colby's best outing of the

year," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "He had good enough stuff to pitch a shutout. It gives me confidence that he has learned from the experience this year."

Ron Mahay pitched two scoreless innings, and Francisco Cordero struck

out the side in the ninth for his 14th save.

Pineiro (14-11) gave up six runs and seven hits in six innings. He lost for the fifth time in his last six decisions.

"I thought it was a good pitch (to Teixeira)," Pineiro said. "It was down and

away. You just have to tip your cap to Teixeira."

Notes: Palmeiro has 49 career homers against the Mariners, his most against any opponent. ... Pineiro had only given up five earned runs in 35 innings before Monday night.

Armstrong has book coming out

NEW YORK (AP) — Lance Armstrong says the celebrity he achieved with his cycling successes ultimately took a toll on his marriage.

In an excerpt from his upcoming book "Every Second Counts," which appears in the Sept. 22 issue of People magazine, the five-time Tour de France champion says he and his wife, Kristin, started feeling the pressure after his first victory

in 1999.

"Robin Williams had a jet. Kevin Costner offered his house in Santa Barbara. Elton John had a Super Bowl party. Kik (Kristin's nickname) and I felt like Forrest Gump, lurking in the background of photos with accomplished people," the Austin cyclist writes.

"The attention could become addictive. There was no doubt I could have turned into a swollen-headed jerk,

and there's no doubt some people think I did turn into one, much as I tried to keep it all straight."

The couple — who met in January 1997, just weeks after Armstrong had completed intense chemotherapy to treat advanced testicular cancer — announced on Sept. 4 that they're divorcing. They have three children: Luke, 3, and twins Isabelle and Grace, 22 months.

Bonds is 100 away

By the Associated Press

With a few more seasons as prolific as this, Barry Bonds will be the new home run king.

Bonds is 100 away from tying Hank Aaron after hitting No. 655 on Monday night in San Francisco's 8-7 home win over San Diego.

Bonds is five away from tying his godfather, Willie Mays, for third place at 660.

"That's reachable," Bonds said.

After that, there's Babe Ruth with 714 and Aaron at 755.

The homer was Bonds' 42nd this season. He's tied with St. Louis' Albert Pujols for most in the NL, one behind Texas' Alex Rodriguez for the major league lead.

When asked if he realized he'd pulled within 100 homers of Aaron, Bonds shrugged and said: "No. Well, I know now."

In other NL games, it was Atlanta 10, Montreal 6; Chicago 4, New York 1; St. Louis 11, Milwaukee 2; Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 3.

Bonds also reached a walks milestone in the sixth, with his 2,063rd — breaking a tie with Ruth for second place. Rickey Henderson leads with 2,190.

Bonds also walked in the eighth and scored the tying run on Benito Santiago's single to left.

Pinch-runner Pedro Feliz scored the go-ahead run on a wild pitch by Jay Witasick (3-5) with two outs, capping a crazy comeback. Feliz went to third on a flyball to shallow right. Gary Matthews Jr. caught the ball but didn't immediately try to make a play, possibly thinking it was the third out.

Joe Nathan (10-4) got one out for the win, and Tim Worrell pitched the ninth for his 34th save.

San Francisco's magic number to clinch the NL West is four. Any combination of Giants wins and Dodgers losses that equal four gives the Giants the division title.

"We've been finding ways all year," Bonds said. "We're not in this position by accident."

Braves 10, Expos 6

At Montreal, Robert Fick hit his first home run in six weeks as Atlanta reduced its magic number for clinching a record 12th straight division title to three.

Horacio Ramirez (11-4) won his third straight decision, which got its major league-leading 94th win, and moved 10 games ahead of idle Florida in the NL East. Ramirez allowed seven hits and two runs in seven innings.

Fick hit a three-run homer off Livan Hernandez (15-9) in the second for his first home run since July 27.


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Weekly Writing Corner

A Fishy Story

An octopus swallowed a swordfish and the swordfish became a human so the octopus spit out the human.

Joe,
2nd Grade

My uncle has been a fisherman for a long time. Now he goes to Baja to catch fish but instead of keeping them, he lets them go back into the ocean and live again. It's called catch and release. If people eat all the fish that are caught, there will be no fish left.

Megan,
8th Grade

Once I went on vacation to Germany. We had a lot of fun. I went fishing and I caught a ten-pound salmon.

Tia,
5th Grade

I was walking in the hot steamy jungle. We came to the riverbank and, fighting mosquitoes, we found it — the most rare fish in the world. Its skin was pure gold. We caught the fish and took off a few scales of gold and then we put it back in the stream. We marked the spot with a secret marking so that when we need more gold, we can find this magic fish.

Scott,
5th Grade

I've just returned from an ice island where I went exploring with my family. The snowboarding was fun. A polar bear attacked my crew but we were able to fight it off and escape in our jeep. At the end of the day we broke a hole in the ice and caught plenty of fish to eat.

Simon,
6th Grade

I stumbled out of the lush, thick, green rainforest and caught a whiff of salt air. When I looked around me I saw a beautiful sea cove. It made a perfect paradise with white sand starting from the end of the tree roots and going down to the beautiful aqua ocean. Fish jumped out of the ocean and seemed to glow when the sun reflected off their scales. It was the most perfect place.

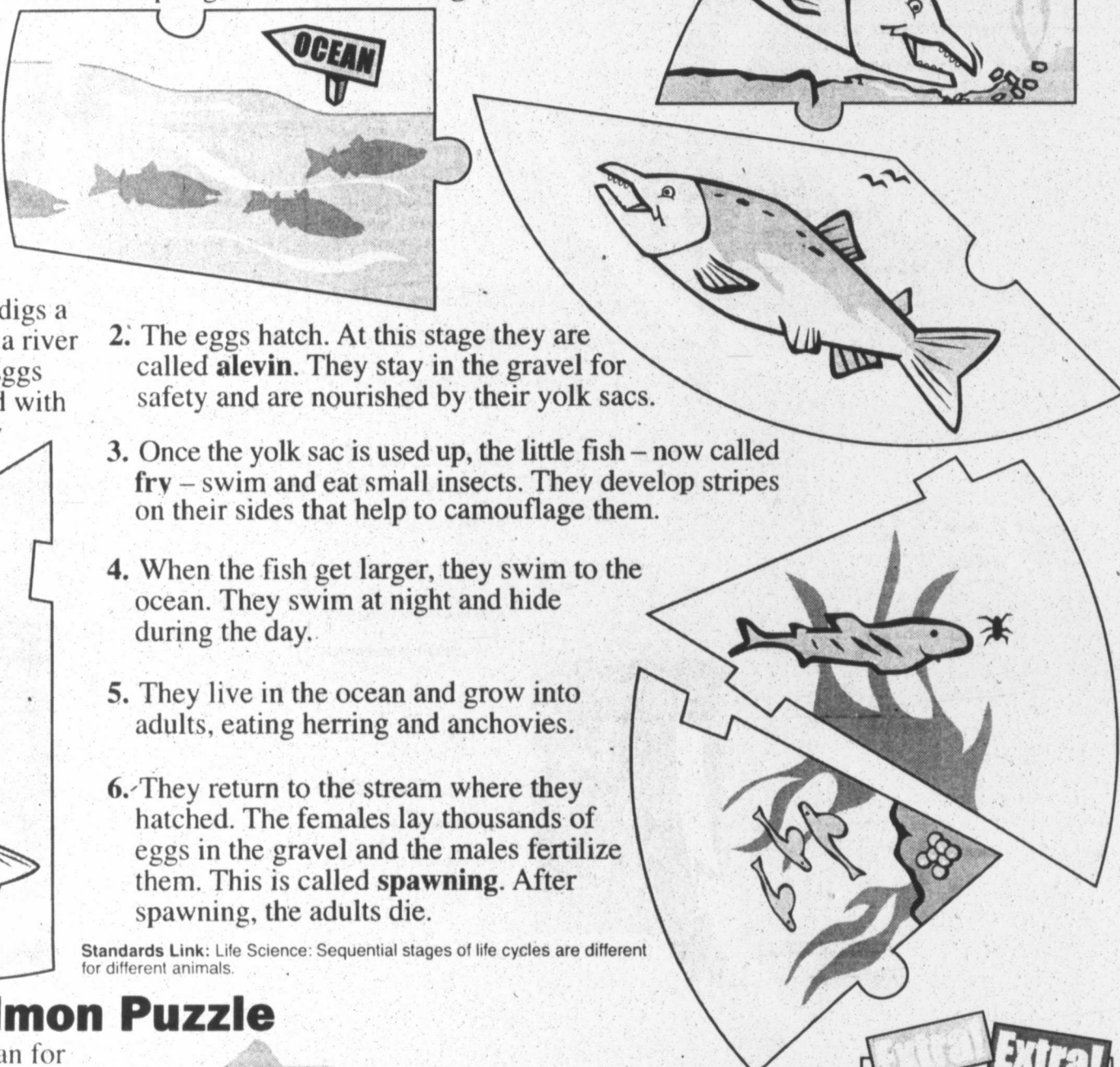
Katlin,
8th Grade

The Salmon Are Running!

Salmon don't have feet and can't run like people do. But each year, when the salmon swim downstream to the ocean in late summer, and when they swim upstream from the ocean in the spring, it is called **running**.

A Salmon's Life Puzzle

Cut out each of the puzzle pieces and put them together to show the life cycle of a salmon.

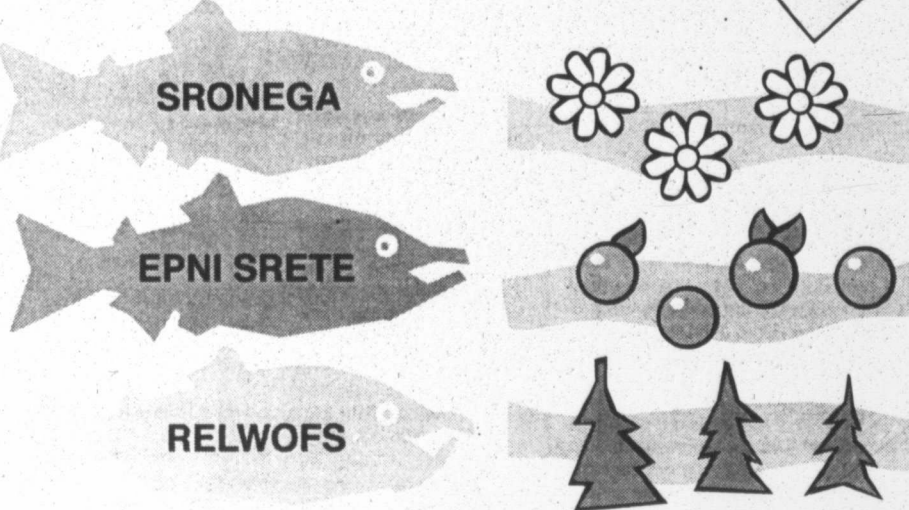


1. The female salmon digs a nest in the gravel of a river bed and lays eggs. Eggs that are well covered with gravel are less likely to be eaten.
2. The eggs hatch. At this stage they are called **alevin**. They stay in the gravel for safety and are nourished by their yolk sacs.
3. Once the yolk sac is used up, the little fish — now called **fry** — swim and eat small insects. They develop stripes on their sides that help to camouflage them.
4. When the fish get larger, they swim to the ocean. They swim at night and hide during the day.
5. They live in the ocean and grow into adults, eating herring and anchovies.
6. They return to the stream where they hatched. The females lay thousands of eggs in the gravel and the males fertilize them. This is called **spawning**. After spawning, the adults die.

Standards Link: Life Science: Sequential stages of life cycles are different for different animals.

Another Salmon Puzzle

Salmon live in the ocean for between one to seven years, depending on the species, before returning to their birthplace to spawn. Some travel thousands of miles before returning to the place where they hatched to continue the life cycle.



Unscramble the word on each salmon. Match each to the stream with the same "smell."

No one knows for sure how salmon find the stream where they hatched. Some scientists think that each stream or river has a special odor. Salmon may smell their way to the place where they hatched.

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written instructions. Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions.

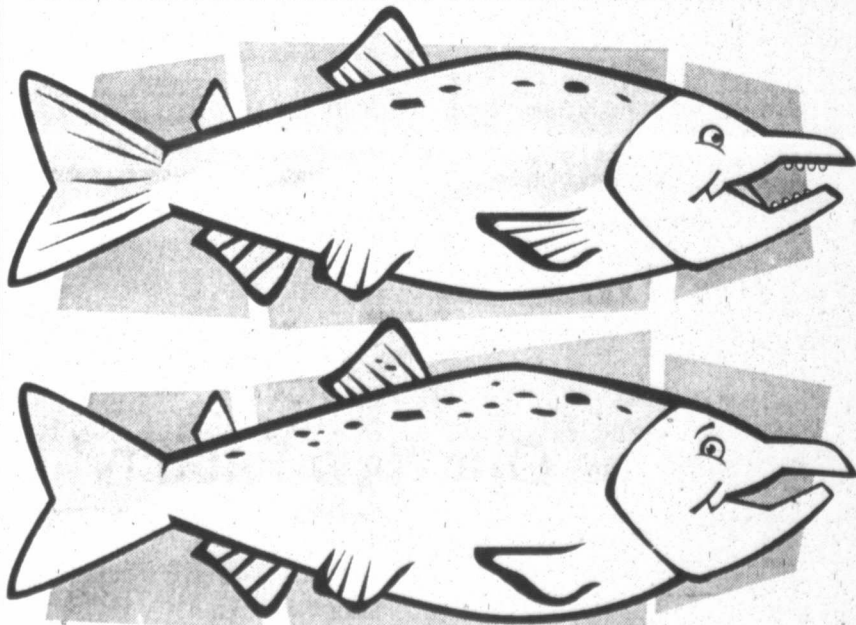
Give Me a Verb

Look through the newspaper for a headline with a strong verb. Ask a friend to think of a verb. Replace the verb in the headline with your friend's verb. Reread the headline.

Standards Link: Grammar: Identify and use verbs in writing.

Something's Fishy

Find at least five differences between these two salmon.



Standards Link: Scientific Investigation: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

- SALMON
- GRAVEL
- OCEAN
- INSECTS
- FRY
- ALEVIN
- SPAWNING
- YOLK
- RUNNING
- THOUSANDS
- SWIM
- ODOR
- RIVER
- EGGS
- HATCH



Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognizing identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Write On!

How to Serve Your Country

What are ways young people can serve our country?

Deadline: Oct. 12, 2003
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Send your story to:

Please include your school and grade.

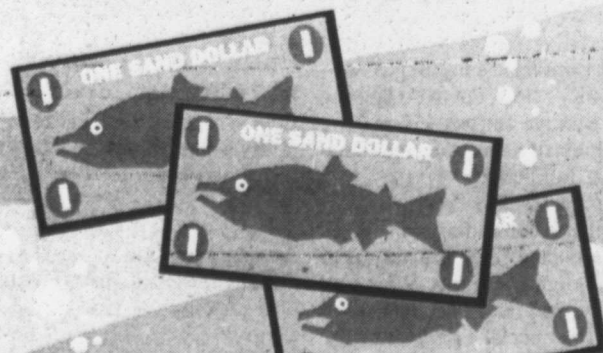
BEYOND Kid Scoop

Salmon Search

Look through today's newspaper for a word that starts with each letter in the word SALMON. Use the words to write a poem about a salmon.

Standards Link: Vocabulary Development: Match beginning sounds. Writing Analysis: Write poetry using a variety of formats.

Where do salmon keep their money?



ANSWER: In the river bank.