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## City budget passes first reading

By MARILYN POWERS  
STAFF WRITER

The weather isn't the only thing that changes quickly in the Texas Panhandle, as proved by the Pampa City Commission in a special meeting held at 5 p.m. Tuesday in commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall.

Commissioners voted unanimously to approve the first reading of the 2004 fiscal year budget, the same budget that garnered three votes against

and two votes in favor of it at the regularly scheduled commissioners' meeting on Sept. 9.

"I just want to go on record as saying that there are a lot of things I'd like to see different on the budget. But we review the budget every three months. Based on that, I feel comfortable with this budget," said Pampa Mayor Lonnie Robbins.

"Cutting travel funds in half would not allow us to go even one time to Austin, but I was

told that the budget could be amended," said Jeff McCormick, Ward 1 commissioner.

Ward 4 Commissioner Faustina Curry responded, "When we have money, it's good for us to go, but when we don't have money, the city manager could go, and then one commissioner, and rotate who goes, and have them report back to us."

The only other item on the agenda for the special meeting, which lasted seven min-

utes, concerned levying ad valorem taxes for use and support of the municipal government. That item also passed on first reading, with Curry voting against and Robbins, McCormick, Robert Dixon and Jeff Andrews in favor of the ordinance.

Ad valorem taxes will remain at last year's rate of \$0.695 per \$100 valuation under the proposed ordinance. The new effective rate of \$0.711247 could have been implemented instead.

The effective rate is determined according to a standard formula used by tax assessors which is based on current local property values, Curry said.

Under the current rate, ad valorem taxes on a \$30,000 home would be \$208.50 per year. Under the new rate, those taxes would increase by \$4.87 to \$213.37 per year.

Both McCormick and Dixon said in telephone interviews Tuesday night that visits with City Manager Mitch

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### LOCAL

#### Local support group to hear Gerry Kelly

Pampa Area Cancer Support Group will meet from 7 until 8 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 18, in the second floor classroom of Pampa Regional Medical Center, main building.

The program "The Hidden Language of Feelings" will be presented by Gerry Kelly, MDiv, CH.

For more information, call 1-800-274-4673, ext. 235.

### DEATHS

**Mattie Lee Clay Herning**, 85, former Pampian.

**Aldine Price Lawrence**, 81, business woman.

**Geneva Tucker**, 81, missionary.

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## PISD goals earn board approval

By DEE DEE LARAMORE  
EDITOR

Pampa school board members Tuesday night unanimously placed their seal of approval on the superintendent's 2003-2004 district goals and objectives that slightly relaxes the long-term goal to reach exemplary status.

Superintendent Barry Haenisch explained to the board that because he was hired so late in the fiscal year, the district had not gone through the normal process of developing goals and objectives for the next fiscal year. He said the goals do reflect input from principals and campus staff, however.

"These goals are my goals. They are the goals I will be evaluated by," he said. He said he felt it was unfair for the campuses to drop everything they were doing and start the process this late in the year.

Dr. Jay Johnson, board member, questioned the first objective which sets a district-wide rating of "exemplary" by 2007. Johnson said he thought the board had mandated last fall that the district become exemplary by 2006.

Haenisch explained that he felt that the many recent personnel changes - including himself as new superintendent - made reaching exemplary status by 2006 unlikely.

"I don't care (if it's 2006 or 2007),

as long as we keep our sights high," Johnson said. "I just want to make sure we are all on the same page."

Haenisch pointed out one of the most ambitious of the 2003-2004 objectives: "75 percent of PHS students will be enrolled in classes that lead to the recommended diploma or higher, all students in AP classes will take the AP exams and 50 percent will score a 3 or 4, and the students' scores on college entrance exams will exceed state and region standards."

"I think it is an attainable goal with work," he said. "It's achievable but a stretch above what we have been."

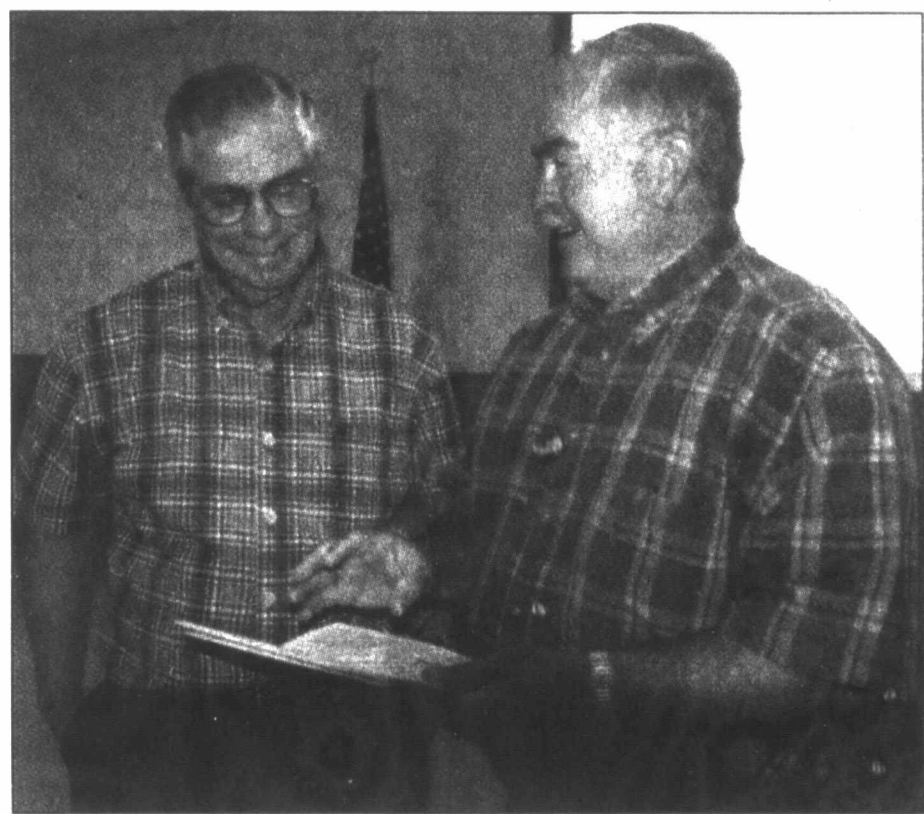
While accepting a \$100 bid for delinquent tax property in the 300 block of South Ballard, the board rejected paying the City of Pampa \$4,116 to have debris removed from the property and placed in the city's landfill.

Haenisch said he had had the district's attorney review the school district's contract with the city and county for sharing costs of demolition of delinquent property.

The attorney said the contract refers to sharing the direct cost of the demolition and it is his opinion the hauling fees to the landfill are an indirect cost.

"To paraphrase what the attorney said," Haenisch explained, "the City is asking us today to pay for expenses they will incur in the future."

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

Gerald Wright, left, and John Forister compare notes prior to Forister's presentation Tuesday to the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce on the Red River Indian War.

## Forister: Historic past key to future

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

John Forister's wife, Judy, warned him not to give a history lesson after the enchiladas his audience had for lunch, but the history lesson held everybody's attention.

Forister is the co-chairman, along with Charles Henry, of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce's tourism committee. Forister's history lesson at the chamber's luncheon Tuesday concerned the Red River Indian War fought in the Texas Panhandle during 1874 and 1875 and its potential impact on tourism in Gray County.

"It was the last war on the Southern Plains," Forister explained.

Pampa has many attributes, he said, but there are four things that set Pampa apart from the rest of the world when it comes to tourist attractions.

First, legendary folksinger Woody Guthrie began his song writing and

performing here.

"Like him or not," Forister said, "there are many people in the world that are crazy about him."

Second is the B-25 World War II bomber at the Freedom Museum USA.

Third is the nature tourism in the area.

Perhaps the most exciting, Forister said, is the Red River Indian War.

About 20 battles were fought between the Plains Indians and the U.S. Army in 1874 and 1875 on the Southern Plains. They ranged from present day Woodward, Okla., to near where Tulia now stands.

"We have more sites than anybody else," Forister said.

Those battle sites and a good tour program could bring tourists to Pampa and Gray County.

Forister said he's toured a number of frontier forts in Texas and New Mexico. Fort Concho in San Angelo brings in 42,000 to 51,000 visitors a

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### Get out the waders



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

An Angus bull wades through a playa lake Tuesday near Skellytown. The lake, long dry from drought that has plagued the Texas Panhandle this year, was filled by recent rains.

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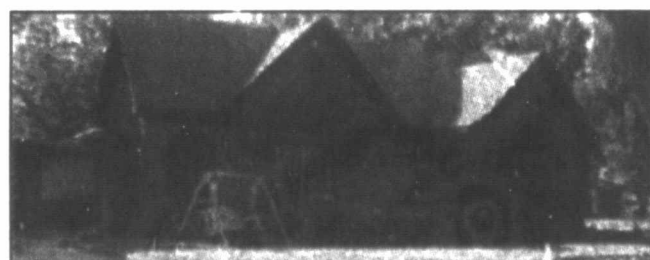
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## OBITUARIES

### MATTIE LEE CLAY HERNING 1917-2003

FAIRBANKS, Alaska — Mattie Lee Clay Herning, 85, died Sept. 6, 2003, at Fairbanks Memorial Hospital, from complications of heart disease, stroke, and pneumonia. Memorial services were held Friday. Arrangements were under the direction of Chapel of Chimes Funeral Home in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Herning was born Nov. 6, 1917, at Avondale, to Eaden Bass and Ethel Shirley Clay. She spent her early years in Pampa, where her family ranched, was involved in real estate and ran a funeral home. She graduated from high school in 1935, and received a bachelor's of business administration degree in 1940 from West Texas State University.

She earned a master's of business administration from WTSU in 1950. She taught business education and music for four years in Lake Arthur and Portales, N.M., prior to receiving her master's degree. In 1950, she was hired to teach business administration and accounting for the Department of Commerce at the University of Alaska in Fairbanks.

Mrs. Herning was a professor at the University of Alaska for three years and remained in Fairbanks a total of 52 years. She married Carl R. Herning on Feb. 22, 1952.

She returned to teaching business administration at Lathrop High School in Fairbanks, remaining there for 17 years then transferring to the new West Valley High where she retired in 1981.

She played piano and organ at two First Baptist Churches and enjoyed gardening, canning, baking, knitting and needlepoint.

Mrs. Herning belonged to Pioneers of Alaska Auxillary #8, Fairbanks Retired Teachers Association, Alpha Delta Kappa and the First Baptist Church of Fairbanks.

She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband, Carl; and a sister, E. Ruth Burrell.

Survivors include daughters Shirley Ruth Swaim and Phyllis Lee Clark; two sons, John Clay Herning and Daniel Harold Herning; several brothers and sisters-in-law; and numerous grandchildren.

### ALDINE PRICE LAWRENCE 1921-2003

Aldine Price Lawrence, 81, of Pampa, died Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, in Calvary Baptist Church with the Rev. Rick Pearson, youth minister, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

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.

The family requests memorials be to Gideons International, Pampa Camp, Box 2222, Pampa, TX 79066.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

### GENEVA TUCKER 1921-2003

Geneva Tucker, 81, of Pampa, died Saturday, Sept. 13, 2003. Services will be at 2 p.m., Thursday, in St. Mark's CME Church with the Rev. Raymond McKeever, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately 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-whately.com](http://www.carmichael-whately.com).

## ON RECORD

### POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents.

#### Thursday, Sept. 11

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester, concerning fighting.

#### Monday, Sept. 15

Four individuals were charged with criminal trespass in the 1400 block of Charles.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16

Twenty dollars was taken from a purse in the 700 block of North Nelson.

Identity theft and fraud were reported at the police department. The incident occurred in the 2600 block of Navajo.

Credit card abuse was reported at the police department.

A 15-year-old male was reported as a runaway in the 600 block of West Buckler.

### AMBULANCE

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16

8:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2300 block of Comanche and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:14 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 and Windmill Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

1:18 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of South Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:07 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Gray County Road 2 1/4-mile north of Highway 152 on a fire standby.

5:39 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highways 273 and 749 and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of Hazel and transported a patient to PRMC.

6:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to North Price Road. The call was disregarded.

#### Wednesday, Sept. 17

4:44 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montagu on a call for lifting assistance.

### ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

#### Thursday, Sept. 11

7:53 a.m. — A 1997 Nissan Sentra, driven by Bernadette Lynn Magrum, 42, of 620 N. Davis, collided with a 1993 Geo Tracker, driven by Janet Lea Hoover, 40, of 112 N. Nelson, in the 1200 block of South Nelson. No injuries were reported at the scene. Magrum was cited for backing without safety.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16

11:45 a.m. — A 2001 Nissan Pathfinder, driven by Ronnie Joe Quillian, 31, of 823 N. Somerville, collided with a 1989 Chevrolet pickup, owned by the City of Pampa Public Works Department and driven by Ruth Marie Williams, 41, of 1013 E. Foster, in the 100 block of North Ballard. No injuries were reported at the scene. Quillian was cited for no driver's license on his person.

6:22 p.m. — A 2000 Chevrolet Cavalier, driven by Robert Wilber Fick, 79, of 1004 E. Browning, collided with a 1996 Ford Mustang, driven by Kera Leeann Bruce, 17, of 2216 Evergreen, in the 1400 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported at the scene. No citations were issued.

### FIRE

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16

12:48 p.m. — Two units and three firefighters responded to a diesel spill at Francis and Ballard streets. A fuel line came loose from a fuel tank of a truck at the site where part of the SBC building is being demolished. Firefighters cleaned up the spill.

2:53 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to a large rubbish fire at Holman Services yard, four miles west of Pampa on Texas Highway 152. Cause of the fire has not been determined.

5:39 p.m. — Two units and five firefighters responded to a vehicle collision at Texas 749 and Texas 273.

6:45 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a vehicle collision north of Perry Lefors Road in Roberts County.

### SHERIFF

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

#### Tuesday, Sept. 16

Clifford L. Brown, 22, of 101 N. Faulkner, was arrested on a capias pro fine for issuing a bad check.

Jesus Maria Velasquez, 56, of 961 E. Gordon, was arrested on a bond surrender involving theft over \$1,500 and under \$20,000; a capias pro fine for possession of drug paraphernalia; and possession of drug paraphernalia.

## SERVICES TOMORROW

TUCKER, Geneva — 2 p.m., St. Mark's CME Church, Pampa.

## WEATHER FOCUS

### PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the mid 90s and south winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 40 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows in the lower 60s and south winds 15 to 25. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Windy. Much colder. Highs in the upper 60s. North winds 20 to 30 mph with gusts to around 45 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Northeast winds around 5 mph shifting to the southeast 5

to 10 mph in the afternoon. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 80s. Saturday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday, mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Breezy. Highs around 80. Sunday night, partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Breezy. Lows in the lower 50s. Monday, partly cloudy. Breezy. Highs in the upper 70s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 80s.

### STATEWIDE

#### By The Associated Press

Highs were expected in the 90s across much of Texas on Wednesday.

In the Panhandle, mostly sunny skies were expected with highs in the mid-90s. By evening, skies were expected to become partly cloudy with lows in the upper 50s.

Mostly sunny skies were expected in far West Texas with highs in the lower 90s. By evening, mostly clear

skies were expected with lows in the lower to upper 60s.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, partly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly in the southeast with highs in the upper 80s to near 90.

By evening, mostly cloudy skies were expected with a chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly in the southeast. Lows were expected

from the mid-60s in the hills to the lower 70s in the south.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, partly cloudy skies were expected with highs in the lower 90s. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected with lows near 70.

Temperatures were in the 60s and 70s across Texas early Wednesday morning, except for isolated 50s in the Davis Mountains.

## City Briefs

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		SNY	6.57
		CVX	72.96
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		OKE	20.80
		NS Grp	7.09
		New York Gold	373.55
		Silver	5.19
		West Texas Crude	27.56

## SPCA gets custody of rescued canines

LINDALE, Texas (AP) — A judge has granted custody of nearly 200 neglected dogs to the SPCA of Texas after they were found at compound near Tyler.

Justice of the Peace James Cowart made the ruling Tuesday and also granted prosecutors' request for a restitution hearing.

Last week, Cowart issued a warrant for the seizure of the 198 animals.

Rancher Julia McMurrey, 58, kept the dogs at an animal res-

cue facility she operated called P.A.W.S. Around the Planet. Many of them appeared to suffer from mange, starvation and illness. Some were infested with fleas and ticks.

She was arrested last week on a misdemeanor charge of animal cruelty stemming from an Aug. 22 incident involving a dying puppy.

Constable Charles Wilson and SPCA officials visited the facility after receiving com-

plaints and found a sick border collie puppy lying near the driveway.

Officials said McMurrey was offered free veterinary care if she relinquished the pup, but she refused and the puppy died, the Tyler Morning Telegraph reported in its Wednesday's editions.

During Tuesday's hearing, McMurrey's attorney, Sten Langsjoen, told the judge she wished to voluntarily relinquish the animals to the SPCA.

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## BUDGET

Grant helped change their minds on how they voted on the proposed budget.

The two commissioners, along with Mayor Robbins, were the three who had voted against the budget last week. They said they were reassured that the budget could later be amended if necessary.

"We've been reassured that something would be changed. We need to cut more personnel. We've cut all the paper clips and typewriter ribbons we can. After you've cut all the frivolous things like uniforms, that's what's left. But the last thing I want to do is

cut services. We can't cut services," Ward 3 Commissioner Dixon said.

"I went to the city manager and asked my questions about travel, and he said to me that if we needed to amend the budget, we could do so," McCormick said. McCormick said he had also wanted to be certain that if needed, another \$60,000 could be cut from the budget by cutting one "upper management" position.

"I feel it's a really good budget," Grant said today. "I talked to the mayor and may have also talked to Commissioner Andrews a little bit about it" within the past week, he said.

"I have been on the commission nine years, and we amend the budget every year. Robert Dixon and Jeff McCormick have been on that commission for a long time. They know we can amend the budget," Curry said today.

"I guess they got their questions answered," Ward 2 Commissioner Andrews said this morning.

Both the proposed budget and ad valorem tax rate must be approved in a second reading before it goes in effect. The commission's next regularly scheduled meeting is at 6 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 23, with a work session preceding the meeting.

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## HISTORY

year. Fort Griffin brings about 100,000 tourists to Albany and Abilene annually. Fort Richardson brings some 102,000 tourists a year to Jacksboro.

Fort Union, near Watrous, N.M., just south of Cimarron, attracts between 13,000 and 21,000 tourists annually.

Bringing those kinds of numbers to Pampa would help increase motel and sales tax revenues to the area, Forister said.

The retired Celanese engineer briefly described how five Army columns from different forts north, east, south and west of the Texas Panhandle converged on the area around Pampa to drive Cheyenne, Comanche, Kiowa and Arapaho warriors back to reservations in Oklahoma in the 1870s.

It was a campaign in which the Army leadership on the plains of Texas, all Civil War veterans, learned about guerilla warfare. It was a war in which a number of Medals of Honor were

awarded. It was one of only two times that a new devastating weapon, the Gatling gun, was used in combat by the U.S. Army.

Forister, Gray County Commissioner Gerald Wright and a number of volunteers have worked with the Texas Historical Commission over the years to survey the battle sites around Pampa, including one just south of Pampa where Lt. Frank Baldwin's infantry units rode into battle in wagons with his cavalry in an attack against a Cheyenne village.

It was there that Baldwin and his men rescued two small girls taken by the Cheyenne in a raid on the Colorado-Kansas line a few weeks earlier.

Most recently, Forister said the volunteers have staked out a battle site near the old Pampa Army Air Field where Lt. H.J. Farnsworth and 28 troopers were ambushed and fought a running gun battle on a bitterly cold November day in 1874 against more than a 100 pursuing Cheyenne warriors before Farnsworth and his

troops could slip off into the dark of night on the plains.

Such sites draw history and cultural tourists and reenactors and living history buffs, Forister said. They also draw tourists off Interstate 40 and residents from cities like Amarillo and Oklahoma City looking for day trips.

"They want to experience history," Forister said. "They don't want to just look at things in glass cases. They want to see where it happened."

Forister said the chamber's tourism committee wants to develop tours of the battle sites. Working with the White Deer Land Museum, the chamber is printing a booklet on the Red River Indian War in Gray County.

Such a project needs the support of the community, both financially and volunteer efforts.

"Volunteers are a key item," Forister said. "Volunteers are more important than money."

"It's a good strong tourism draw," said Clay Rice, the chamber's executive director.

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## GOALS

Board members passed the 2003-2004 Student Code of Conduct with one amendment - that the superintendent can set a student's expulsion to last from one day to one year. The proposal listed the range of expulsion time from 20 days to one year.

The board agreed that the superintendent should be able to have a greater range to use in considering special circumstances, such as when a student drives a parent's vehicle to school and is unaware that a firearm and/or ammunition may be in the vehicle and, in effect,

unknowingly breaks a federal law that requires expulsion from school.

In the public comment portion of the meeting, Pampan David Smith spoke to the board about a fundraising campaign to complete a list of projects for the school district in memory of the late Coach Dennis Cavalier. He said the first project they hope to fund will be completion of the MPAC building including boys and girls locker rooms for out-of-town guests.

In other action the board approved the following:

- reappointed Wallace Birkes to Gray County Appraisal District Board of

Directors and appointed Nancy Coffee to one partial term and one complete term on the board;

- first reading of a revision of the local policy on academic achievement and class ranking to reflect the seven-period class schedule at Pampa High School.

The revision will not affect any student who is graduating or who began high school under the block schedule, school officials said.

- a \$100 bid from Jason Myers for delinquent tax property at 1200 S. Dwight; and

- August cash receipts and disbursements.

## Crimestopper Putt-Putt winners



(Pampa News photo)

These youngsters all came out winners in a recent Putt-Putt tournament sponsored by Pampa Crimestoppers. Front row, from left, Krysten Miller, 1st - 5 to 8 year olds; and Eric Stottlemire, tie for 3rd, 9 to 12 year olds. Back row, from left: Courtney Miller, 1st - 9 to 12; Austin Starbuck, tie for 3rd, 9 to 12; and Seth Starbuck, 2nd - 9 to 12. Other winners included Christian Free, 2nd - 5 to 8; and Evan Free, 3rd - 5 to 8. Winners in the 13 and up age bracket were Akira Montoyama of Perryton, 1st; Mike Montoyama of Perryton, 2nd; Kathy Chancellor, 3rd; and Tina Vance, 4th.

## House OKs redistricting map

AUSTIN (AP) — Congressional redistricting has emerged from the House, but the contentious measure remains far from the homestretch.

After a 76-43 vote early Wednesday morning, the measure was adopted in the Texas House. The bill next goes across the rotunda to the Senate, where it will likely be rejected in favor of their own map.

For the third time this summer, the House approved the map sponsored by Rep. Phil King, R-Weatherford; that would likely give Texas Republicans an edge over Democrats in Congress.

Democrats argued — as they have since the issue started gaining steam in the spring — that the map would dilute the voting power of minorities and rural Texans in favor of urban and suburban Republicans.

"This is political gerrymandering at new heights at an unprecedented level," said Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

King maintained that his map was fair and did not dilute minority districts.

"I in no way think it dilutes minority districts," King responded to Democrats' arguments.

The GOP is battling for dom-

ination of the 32-member Texas delegation in Congress. Democrats hold a 17-15 advantage, but Republicans — urged on by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land — say existing congressional boundaries don't allow for election of members of Congress who reflect the state's increasingly GOP voting patterns.

A federal court drew Texas' congressional districts after state lawmakers failed to do so in 2001, leaving open the possibility that the districts could be redrawn by the Legislature. Republicans say districts should be redrawn by the Texas Legislature. Democrats say the current map should stay in place until the next redistricting cycle.

King's map would give Texas Republicans as many as 21 seats in Congress.

The Legislature on Monday began a third special session to consider redistricting after the return of 11 Democratic senators who fled to Albuquerque, N.M., last month to prevent consideration of the issue. Republicans began trying to push redistricting legislation through in April, but attempts have been thwarted in the regular session and two special sessions called by Gov. Rick Perry.

Senators have already said the House map wouldn't pass muster in the Senate. That would leave the issue to be hashed out in a conference committee made up of delegates from both chambers, where the legislation could run into roadblocks within the GOP.

At issue is a West Texas district that includes the area from Lubbock to Midland. Republican House Speaker Tom Craddick, a Midland native, wants his home district to be represented in Congress separate from Lubbock.

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, chair of the Senate Jurisprudence Committee charged with redistricting, wants to keep Midland in the district now represented by U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock.

Each side has shown little willingness to budge.

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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Woman Can't Shut Her Eyes To Peeping Tom's Intrusion

DEAR ABBY: Our family recently went to visit my in-laws at their cottage. While we were there, the septic system stopped working and my mother-in-law, "Doris," suggested that my niece and I relieve ourselves behind the shed.

After I followed her suggestion, I noticed my father-in-law, "Ralph," standing not too far away watching me. I was shocked and offended, but didn't tell my husband until we left a few minutes later.

We have had a problem in the past with Ralph. Once when I was nursing, he sat close to me and stared at my chest. My husband said, "There's only enough room for one head, Dad." Immediately afterward, I spoke to Doris and the peeping stopped.

The nursing thing was weird, but this goes way beyond that. I like and respect Ralph for the most part, but I don't know what to do. We go to my in-laws' every other weekend. I can't go over there and pretend nothing happened.

My husband wants to talk to his father alone, but I feel Ralph needs to account to someone other than his son — he should also account to Doris. Is this taking it too far?

UPSET IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR UPSET: I don't think so. Your father-in-law appears to have a serious problem with "boundaries." He also appears to be a voyeur — a Peeping Tom. Since "peepers" have been known to escalate their behavior, it should be called to Doris' attention before her husband gets himself arrested and has to register as a sex offender. Please don't wait. It is possible that you are not the only person Ralph has been watching.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Kent," and I have been married for seven years, and I'm facing a painful decision. Kent has a drug problem. I didn't know about his addiction until recently, when money started disappearing from our joint account.

Kent admitted to me that he's

had a habit since before I met him. However, he doesn't consider it to be a "problem." He made it clear that he has no intention of quitting. And I made it clear that I don't want to be married to someone who's addicted to drugs.

I should probably leave him, but I love him too much — and we have four precious children who love him, too. My husband rarely shows any signs of drug abuse, that's why I never had a clue until now.

To his credit, Kent is a great husband and father. Please help me decide what to do, Abby. I am against drug use, but I dearly love my husband.

TORN IN SASKATCHEWAN

DEAR TORN: You already know what you have to do. Until your husband is willing to admit he has a problem, he cannot get the help that's available.

Kent should be encouraged to get into rehab and attend meetings of Narcotics Anonymous where other addicts have found new courage, strength and hope. Call telephone information for the local number.

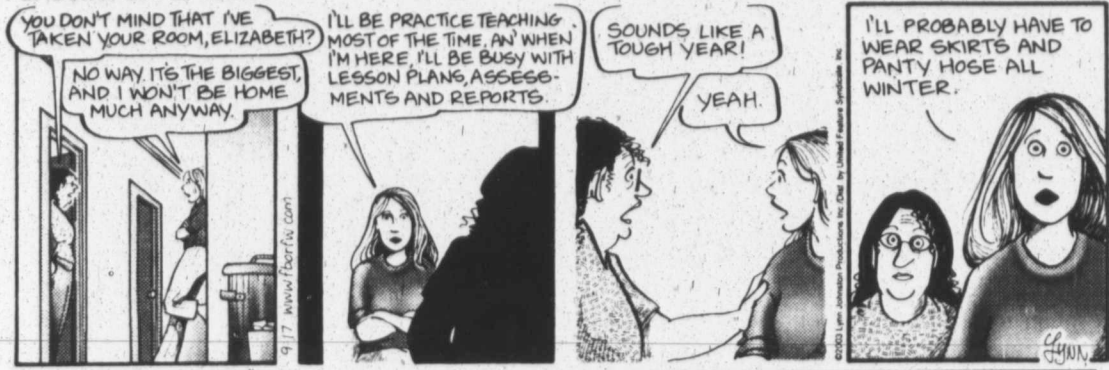
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If your husband refuses help, separate your finances from his and get the children away from him before they get the impression that drug use is acceptable.

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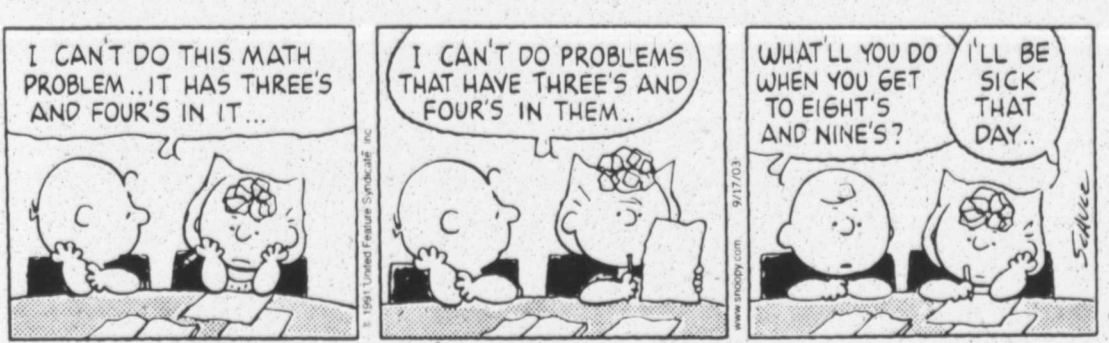
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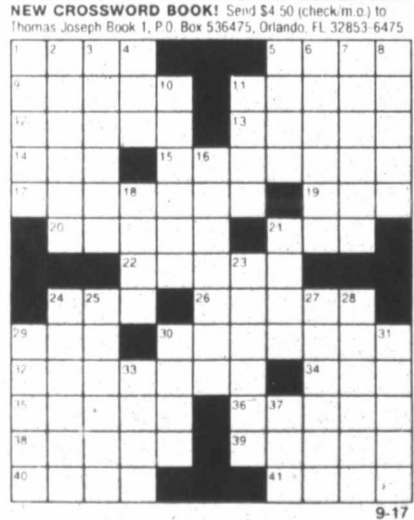
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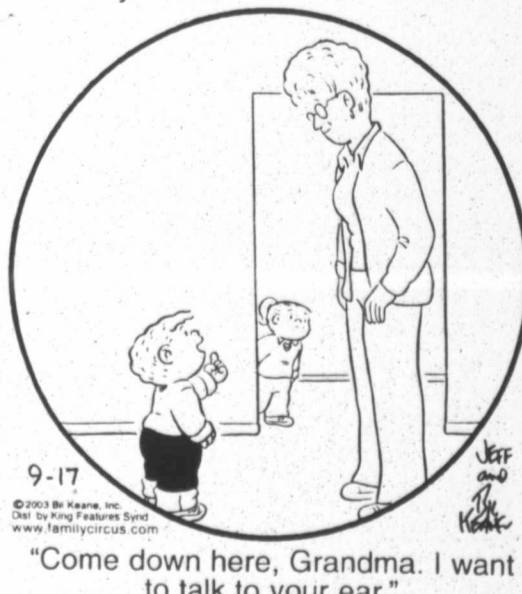
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#### TENNIS

COMPTON — A felon with a gang was charged in the death of tennis star Venus Williams.

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## TENNIS

**COMPTON, Calif. (AP)** — A felon with ties to a street gang was charged with murder in the death of the sister of tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams.

Aaron Michael Hammer appeared briefly in Superior Court but Judge John J. Cheroske postponed his arraignment to Sept. 23 at the request of the defense. He remained held without bail.

Hammer, 24, of Compton, is accused in the shooting of Yetunde Price, 31, as she sat in a sport utility vehicle early Sunday with a companion. An assault rifle and shell casings were found at the scene.

## BASKETBALL

**AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP)** — Ruth Riley scored a career-high 27 points and the Detroit Shock beat the two-time defending champion Los Angeles Sparks 83-78 in the decisive Game 3 of the WNBA Finals.

The Shock won a league-best 25 games this season, one year after losing a franchise-worst 23 with the franchise in danger of being moved or folding.

Riley was selected the MVP of the finals.

The game drew a WNBA-record crowd of 22,076, breaking the mark of 19,563 fans who watched New York play at Houston in the 2000 finals.

## OLYMPICS

**LONDON (AP)** — Drinking too much coffee or taking a common cold tablet will no longer get athletes disqualified from the Olympics for a doping offense.

A positive test for marijuana, though, will still result in a drug penalty. So will the medication at the center of American sprinter Kelli White's doping scandal.

That's the scenario under the proposed new global list of banned substances drawn up by the World Anti-Doping Agency. The Associated Press has learned.

After more than two years of research, analysis and debate, experts have produced an all-encompassing list of prohibited steroids, stimulants, blood-booster, narcotics and other drugs.

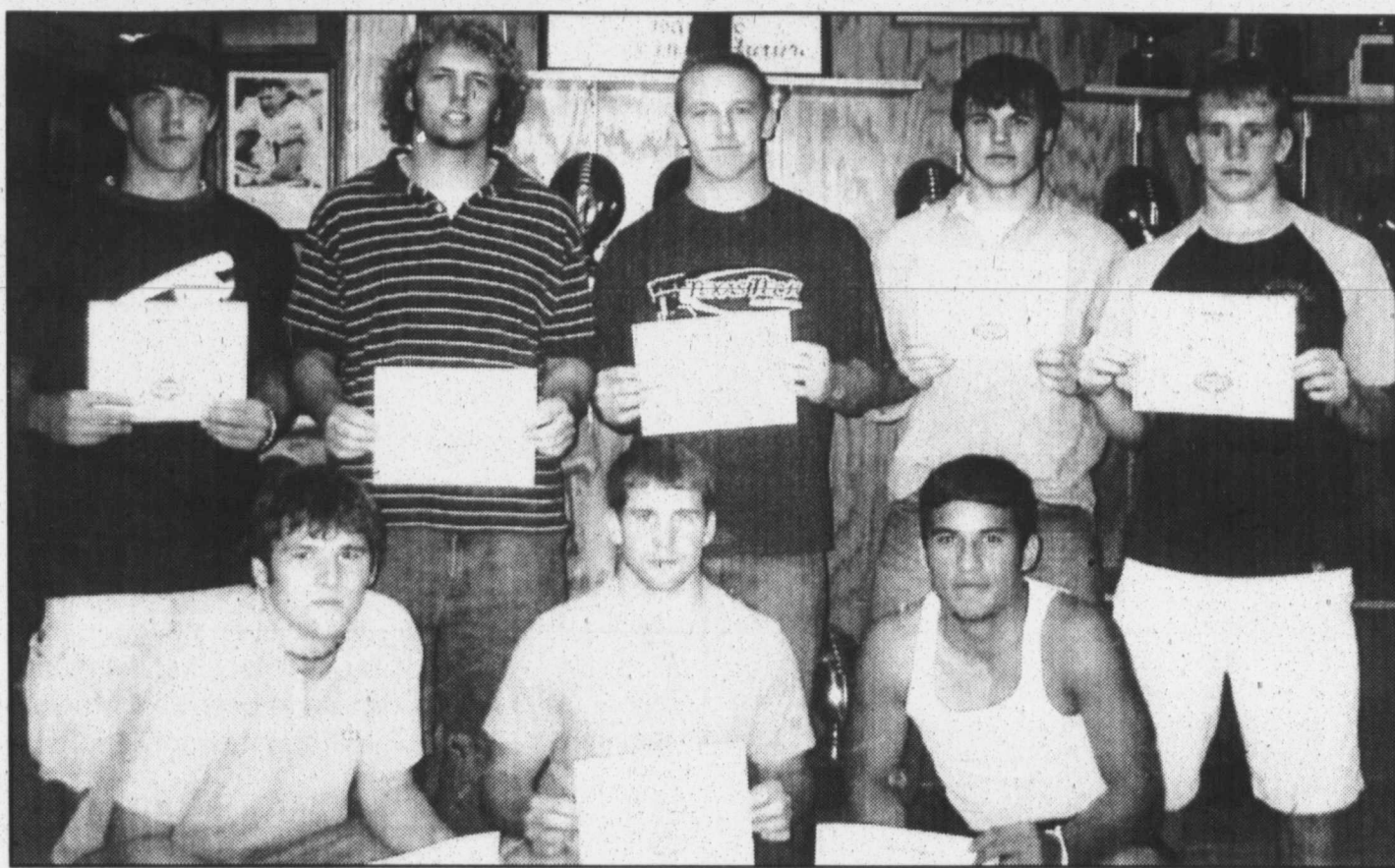
Among the key recommendations: caffeine and pseudoephedrine, an ingredient of the cold remedy Sudafed, are removed from the banned category. Cannabis, or marijuana, remains on the list.

Modafinil, which could cost White her two world championship gold medals, is specifically named for the first time among the banned stimulants.

The decisions were disclosed to the AP by professor Arne Ljungqvist, the Swedish anti-doping official who heads WADA's medical research committee.

"We must adjust our list to modern thinking and to changes of attitude and changes of knowledge," he said.

## Players of the Week



(Photo by Billie Dixon)

Players of the Week: Harvesters who earned Player of the Week honors after Week Three of the football season are as follows: (front row, l-r) Tyler Doughty, varsity special teams; Mac Smith, varsity special teams, and Johnny Moore, varsity offense; (back row, l-r) James Coffee, freshman; Brittin East, varsity defense; Derek Lewis, varsity defense; Max Vinson, scout team player, and Brody Smith, junior varsity.

## Lady Harvesters win one for Jennie

**PAMPA** — The Pampa Lady Harvesters won one for teammate Jennie Rogers and what a big victory it was Tuesday night in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Hereford, a state champion and a perennial powerhouse in volleyball, has not lost to Pampa in 18 seasons. That streak ended last night as the Lady Harvesters prevailed, 19-25, 19-25, 25-18, 25-19, 16-14. It was their first win

over Hereford since 1985. Rogers, a sophomore, was injured Monday afternoon in a one-car accident west of Pampa. She underwent surgery Monday night and is scheduled for more surgery on Thursday.

After dropping to the first two games, the Lady Harvesters rallied with three straight victories. Jaelyn Spearman finished with 20 kills while Alyssa Bromwell

added 10. On defense, McKensie East led the team with 9 blocks and Stacey Johnson collected 17 digs. Abbi Covalt came up with 22 assists, 14 digs and 3 blocks.

The Lady Harvesters are now a perfect 3-0 in District 3-4A. For the season, they improved to 13-6. Hereford is 1-2 in district and 10-12 for the season.

Covalt and Jackie Gerber also had 6 kills each against

the Lady Whitefaces. Spearman also had 19 digs and 5 blocks while Lindsey Ammons had 11 assists. Teryn Garner had 6 blocks.

At last night's match, Lady Harvester players and supporters were wearing "I Love Jen" t-shirts in support of the 16-year old Rogers. A bucket was passed among the crowd, seeking donations to help the Rogers' family with medical expenses.

## Parcells' preparation paying off in Dallas

**IRVING, Texas (AP)** — Before Bill Parcells began spending part of every training camp workout teaching the Dallas Cowboys how to react to obscure game situations, he told them a story about his tenure with the New England Patriots.

His first season there, Parcells prepared the Pats for the same scenarios. It wasn't until late in the season before they found themselves in one — and they knew exactly what to do, pulling out a rare win and earning more faith in their new leader.

The Cowboys needed only two games. As Monday night turned into Tuesday morning, Dallas pulled out a 35-32 overtime victory against the New York Giants in part by staying cool under pressure.

Given one play from their 40 with 11 seconds left, Quincy Carter completed a sideline pass to Antonio Bryant for 26 yards. Billy Cundiff then nailed a career-best 52-yard field goal to tie it at the end of regulation. He hit a 25-yarder in overtime for the victory, Parcells' first with the

Cowboys. "It's really ironic that I've been trying to emphasize these situations and a game so early in the season will come down to one of those very situations that we've spent a lot of time on," Parcells said Tuesday.

The in-game circumstances were remarkable enough. Dallas surprisingly led by 13 points at halftime and by 15 in the fourth quarter before falling behind 32-29.

Pulling out the victory on the road, against a division rival, on a Monday night, in a hostile environment — one that happens to have been Parcells' home stadium for 11 of his previous 15 seasons as a head coach — and with dozens of his former players there ... well, it was enough to almost make Parcells choke up.

Saying he didn't want to be too sentimental, Parcells made it clear how much it meant to him that Lawrence Taylor, O.J. Anderson, Mark Bavaro and several other players he led to two Super Bowls with the Giants stopped by the visiting locker room

after the game. "That's really why I coach, for that," Parcells said. "When you see those kids you had and they're 45, 46 years old now and they're coming and hugging you, saying, 'Hey, go do your work. Get your job done,' it means a lot to you. It makes you feel special."

The emotions were broken when he got to the team bus, clicked on his cell phone and listened to about eight messages. All were congratulatory, though most aren't fit for print.

"Friendly obscene," he described them, adding they were hilarious. Later Monday, Bob Knight called to praise a rookie for a heady play during crunch time. When Carolina offensive coordinator Dan Henning phoned, the former Parcells assistant skipped hello and went straight to the Xs and Os behind the pass to Bryant.

"He just called the play the way we call it in the huddle," Parcells said.

## It's been roller-coaster year for Martin

**HOUSTON (AP)** — In Terrance Martin's roller-coaster of a year, things are looking up.

The hulking defensive tackle registered two tackles in the Gator Bowl on New Year's Day, then was hurt for the Senior Bowl but still managed to impress Texans coaches who conducted workouts beforehand. However, it wasn't enough to get drafted by them or anyone else last April.

Martin signed with Houston in May and continued to impress the staff, and by the time preseason was

done he was on the roster, having beaten out players like Keith Wright, a sixth-round draft choice, and Charles Hill, a third-round selection from 2002.

"It's been like an up-and-down year," the Toano, Va., native said. "I had doubt about getting signed by someone, but it came through and the Texans picked me up."

Because of starting nose tackle Seth Payne's season-ending left knee injury last Sunday at New Orleans, the

6-foot-2, 290-pound Martin will start there this weekend, assigned to help stop superstar Chiefs running back Priest Holmes in the Texans' home opener.

"I told coach (Dom) Capers when he signed me I would never let him down, I would never fail him," Martin said. "Me being on the team and learning the system, I know that come Sunday I'll be ready to take Seth's spot. It's just something I have to do, something I have to deal with."

## Pampa is at Borger

**PAMPA** — Pampa versus Borger. Since both teams are in different classes now, the rivalry may not be as meaningful as it once was. However, there is still as much pride involved as when the two schools took the field with a playoff spot at stake.

Pampa, off and running with a 3-0 record, are on the road to take on the Bulldogs at 7:30 Friday night. Borger (2-1) now in Class 3A, posted wins over Plainview 27-21 in overtime, and Sanford-Fritch 35-0 before falling to Liberal, Kan. over the weekend.

The Harvesters have tamed Perryton (37-0), Lubbock Estacado (37-0) and Amarillo High (31-17) last Friday night.

"Our number one goal is to improve every week," said Pampa coach Heath Parker.

The Harvesters certainly appear to be accomplishing that goal. Pampa beat Amarillo High in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1974-75.

Coach Parker is also ecstatic with the way the fans have responded to the Harvesters' fast start. Approximately 4,500 Harvester fans were on Harvester Stadium's west side to see Pampa defeat the Sandies.

"We appreciate all the support," Parker said. "It's been unbelievable."

Harris Ratings has Pampa favored by 12 points over Borger.

### District 3-4A Standings

Team	All	Dist.
Pampa	3-0	0-0
Randall	3-0	0-0
Hereford	2-1	0-0
Plainview	2-1	0-0
Dumas	1-2	0-0

## Longhorns not speaking

**AUSTIN (AP)** — The Texas Longhorns are sick of losing and apparently a little tired of the media as well.

Texas players on Tuesday decided they will not talk to reporters until after Saturday night's game against Rice.

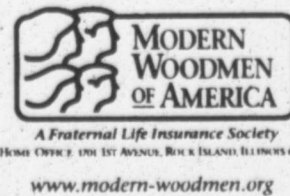
The No. 13 Longhorns (1-1) fell seven spots in The Associated Press poll after a 38-28 loss at home to then-unranked Arkansas. After the game, Arkansas (2-0) jumped to No. 14.

Coach Mack Brown said the media blackout was decided by the players and that he and the coaching staff had nothing to do with the decision.

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# Braves clinch playoff spot despite 5-4 loss to Montreal

By the Associated Press

This season has gone so well for the Atlanta Braves that good things happen even when they lose.

The Braves became the first team this season to clinch a playoff spot on a night when their bullpen blew a three-run lead and Greg Maddux was denied his 15th victory.

"It's not about me or any other one guy here," Maddux said after the Braves' 5-4 loss to the Montreal Expos on Tuesday night.

"It's about what we do in the next two weeks to get ready for the postseason — period."

That's something the Braves are accustomed to.

Atlanta (94-58) will be making its 12th straight trip to the postseason. The Braves were assured of at least the NL wild-card berth when Los Angeles lost to Arizona 3-2.

Florida (83-67) and Philadelphia (83-68) cannot both match Atlanta in wins because they have five games against each other. The Braves' magic number for clinching their 12th consecutive division title is two.

In other NL games, it was: Philadelphia 14, Florida 0; Houston 14, Colorado 4; Chicago 3, New York 2; St. Louis 6, Milwaukee 5; Cincinnati 12, Pittsburgh 4; San Francisco 4, San Diego 2; and Arizona 3, Los Angeles 2.

At Montreal, the Expos won on Orlando Cabrera's run-scoring double in the 10th off Roberto Hernandez (5-3).

Maddux, who is 14-11 and trying to become the first pitcher to win 15 or more games in 16 consecutive seasons, allowed one run and four hits in seven innings. Maddux is tied with Cy Young with 15 straight 15-win seasons.

"You tip your hat to the other team," Maddux said. "Cabrera clutched up and got a big double there."

Rocky Biddle (5-8) pitched the 10th, striking out Andruw Jones and retiring pinch-hitter Mark DeRosa on a groundout to escape a bases-loaded jam.

"Rocky did a tremendous job," Expos manager Frank Robinson said. "He got out of a jam."

Chipper Jones and Andruw

Jones homered on consecutive pitches from Tomo Ohka in the seventh. Chipper Jones drove in three runs to give him 101 RBIs. He tied an NL record with his eighth straight 100-RBI season, joining Mel Ott, Willie Mays and Sammy Sosa.

Javy Lopez caught Maddux in a regular-season game for the first time since Sept. 8, 1998.

### Phillies 14, Marlins 0

At Philadelphia, Mike Lieberthal hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, and Vicente Padilla (14-10) allowed five hits in eight innings.

The Phillies closed within a half-game of the NL wild-card-leading Marlins, who had won eight straight against Philadelphia.

Carl Pavano (11-12) gave up six runs and nine hits in 5 1-3 innings in his first loss since July 9.

### Astros 14, Rockies 4

At Houston, Richard Hidalgo hit three homers and drove in five runs as the Astros, who have won 10 of their last 12, remained 1 1/2 games ahead of the Cubs in the NL Central.

# A&M walk-on to start against Hokies

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP) — Scott Stickane is adjusting to his new nickname of "Meathead" and at the same time absorbing the plays he'll call as Texas A&M's middle linebacker Thursday night against No. 8 Virginia Tech.

Stickane stepped in when senior Jared Morris was lost for the season with a knee injury suffered during a game Sept. 6 against Utah. The pressure has been on for Stickane during an off-week to get ready for the run-oriented Hokies.

Defensive coordinator Carl Torbush said Tuesday that Stickane, who made the team as a walk-on four seasons ago, will make his first collegiate start against the Hokies, who rank No. 16 nationally in rushing.

Outside linebacker Archie McDaniel has been moved inside and will share the middle linebacker spot with Stickane. True freshman Ta Ta Thompson could possibly get some playing time.

Stickane said he knows there's going to be pressure on him to perform as well as Morris.

"Coach Torbush is pressuring us to get it done and I

understand that he's doing it because we all want to win.

"He's got a couple of words that he likes to throw out like 'Meathead.' Meathead's our favorite, it's the most common. That's basically for everyone, kind of a word he falls back on."

By any name, the Aggies know they will face their toughest challenge after season opening victories over Arkansas State and Utah. The Hokies rank No. 3 nationally in total offense, led by tailback Kevin Jones and quarterback Bryan Randall.

# Pampa team competes in middle school c-c meet

PERRYTON — The Pampa Middle School cross country team participated in the Perryton meet earlier this month.

"The Perryton race was a good experience for our athletes. For many, this was their first time to compete in an athletic event," said coach Kate Devoll.

Pampa is entered in the Tulia meet this weekend

Pampa results are listed below:

Boys 52 contestants) -2 mile

"I feel I've made the adjustment pretty well," McDaniel said. "Jared has been working with me, coach has been working with me. I'm feeling comfortable there."

He's not concerned about starting the last game against Utah and backing up against Virginia Tech.

"Right now, my mind set is what's best for the team," McDaniel said. "If I'm going to be second string and that's going to cause us to win, that's what I want. When it's time for me to play, I'll play."

2 mile - Paul Soria received a medal for placing 8th

- Girls (150 contestants) - 2 mile
- Kari Carter - 71, Amy Adams - 77, Rachel Lee - 78, Carley Richardson - 94, Brenna Albract - 97, Kelli Wilson - 102, Kat Aler - 105, Kayla Jeter - 107, Whitney Webster - 109, Kenzie Carter - 126, Destiny Fitzer - 127, Amanda Harkins - 146, Callie Preston - 147, Celeste Gonzales - 148, Keziah Clenenden - 149

# Lady Bandits



The Lefors Lady Bandits finished eighth in the middle school division of the Perryton Cross Country Meet last weekend. Team members are (l-r) Valorie Willis, Brittney Coombes, Tori Meeks, Misty Pairsh, and Emily Jackson. Williams was 9th in the individual standings, Pairsh was 32nd and Coombes was 39th.

# Rangers win again over Mariners

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — The Seattle Mariners are running out of time.

With 11 games left, Seattle is 2 1/2 games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race and 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West.

The Mariners have lost three straight to drop to 6-8 in September.

On Tuesday night, Gil Meche allowed four home runs in 2 1-3 innings, the second-shortest start of his career, as the Texas Rangers beat the Mariners 10-5.

"We're not out of it," Seattle's Bret Boone said. "We win a few, they (Boston) lose a few, and we're right there. We've got to lay it on the line. We don't want to be sliding now, but that's the reality. We can't turn back the clock."

Texas' Alex Rodriguez hit his major league-leading 44th homer, rookie Laynce

Nix homered twice, and Hank Blalock had a three-run homer as the Rangers opened a 9-0 lead in the fourth inning.

Meche (15-11) allowed eight runs and seven hits. He's 0-3 with a 14.29 ERA this year in three starts in Texas.

"Pitches I left up in the zone left the ballpark," Meche said. "Every mistake I made, they hit it. These guys are great hitters and they use their power well here."

"This just isn't a good place for me. It's an unlucky park for me. It's not one of my favorite places to pitch."

Rodriguez homered in the first, his fifth in his last six games, and finished with three hits and three RBIs.

Blalock hit his home run in a five-run third, and Nix had two-run shots in the second and third.

John Thomson (13-13)

got the win, allowing three runs and nine hits in eight innings.

Nix, Michael Young and Mark Teixeira all had three hits for the Rangers, who had lost nine of their previous 11.

Nix matched his career high with four RBIs.

Seattle ended Thomson's shutout bid with a three-run eighth that included RBI singles by Boone and Edgar Martinez. Erasmo Ramirez gave up two more runs in the ninth.

"The last inning got a little sloppy," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "John was outstanding. He deserved a better fate."

Notes: Nix had his first career multihomer game. ... The Mariners are 9-9 against the Rangers this season, with Texas winning five of the last seven. ... Thomson had lost his previous three starts. He threw at least eight innings for the seventh time this season.

# Expected storm cancels some races

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — The expected path of Hurricane Isabel has prompted NASCAR to cancel the on-track activities at Dover International Speedway scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

Cancellations include qualifying for both the Winston Cup and Busch series, as well as the Busch North Series race, none of which will be rescheduled.

The 43-car fields for the

Winston Cup and Busch races will be determined by owner championship points, the same as any normal rain situation.

That means Matt Kenseth and Dale Earnhardt Jr. will be at the front of the field in Sunday's MBNA America 400 Cup, while Kevin Harvick and David Green will be on the front row for Saturday's Stacker 200 Busch Series race.

"After listening to the latest forecast regarding projected

weather conditions in Delaware and discussing contingency plans with state officials as well as officials at Dover, we felt it best to cancel on-track activities set for Thursday and Friday," NASCAR President Mike Helton said Tuesday. "Obviously, these schedule adjustments are based on current weather predictions. We will continue to monitor the situation and, hopefully, no further adjustments will be necessary."

# State mistakenly posts name of Bryant's accuser

DENVER (AP) — The name of Kobe Bryant's accuser was mistakenly posted on a state court Web site Tuesday as part of a legal filing in the case.

A subpoena showing the 19-year-old woman's name and address was up for about an hour before court staffers reposted it with her personal information blacked out.

State courts spokeswoman Karen Salaz said it was unclear how the error was made, but said court staffers are responsible for blacking out such information in public filings.

The alleged victim's identity has been previously disclosed on various Internet sites and on a radio talk show heard in 60 cities.

In another filing Tuesday, the Vail police department balked at turning over records of 911 calls to Bryant's attorneys, saying it would violate a court order issued in the sexual assault case against the Los Angeles

Lakers guard.

An attorney for the department asked Eagle County Judge Frederick Gannett to quash a subpoena served by Bryant's attorneys seeking the sealed records.

The judge did not immediately issue a ruling.

Earlier this month, a state judge rejected the Vail Daily newspaper's request to release the 911 records, saying the "intensely personal" material would subject the alleged victim to harassment and abuse. The woman had been treated earlier this year for mental health problems.

The Vail paper wanted any 911 records made from the accuser's home this year. Vail police handle emergency calls for the Eagle County sheriff's office and Eagle police.

Bryant is charged with raping the woman June 30 in his suite at a mountain resort where she worked and he was a guest. Bryant has said the two had consensual sex.

Bryant is scheduled to appear for an Oct. 9 preliminary hearing at which Gannett will decide whether he will stand trial.

An attorney for the accuser asked Gannett to deny a defense request for a hearing before Oct. 9 on whether she has waived her privacy rights on medical records.

Attorney John Clune said the material could be used only to attack the woman's credibility, which is not relevant at a preliminary hearing unless other testimony is determined "wholly implausible."

Defense attorneys Pamela Mackey and Hal Haddon are seeking medical records from a clinic in Eagle, a hospital in Greeley and the student health service at the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, where the woman was a freshman last year. They say the documents would help the judge evaluate the accuser's credibility.

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## Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Sept. 18, 2003:  
 You experience a lot of fast changes from others. You might wonder what is workable, but you will learn to adjust. You are inordinately attractive to others, drawing them toward you. Be careful, as jealousy could become a problem. Many around you will become unusually dynamic and unpredictable, though you do need to support these changes. You will gain through flex, especially around the workplace, but also personally. You will quickly learn that you have no control over others. You ultimately gain, because next spring you enter a new 11-year life cycle, where luck marks the first year. If you are single, a relationship will bloom this year that could be quite special. You can only evaluate where this tie is going. If you are attached, your relationship will bloom as long as you are willing to give each other his or her freedom. Remember, your way isn't the only way. GEMINI pushes you hard.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Tension continues in the workplace, but your instincts will help you alleviate the pressure. You gain through conversations and resulting insights. Keep extending yourself, even if you experience enormous frustration. Tonight: Talk turkey with a loved one.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 ★★ You might not understand what is going on with a loved one or a friend. Pressure builds around a creative endeavor or new flirtation. A child also might go awry. Unexpected happenings in a meeting force you to regroup.  
 Tonight: Pay bills.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your smile alleviates some of the tension around a personal matter. Avoid making any financial investments that could backfire. Investigate what a boss is really offering you. Be sure you want it. Tonight: Be spontaneous.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 ★★ You might not want to consider what is motivating another you care a lot about. Still, you experience unexpected developments through conversations that force you to take a hard look. Could you be giving off mixed messages? Tonight: Take an overview.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ You might want to think through someone's suggestion, especially if it impacts your wallet. You need to know when to say "no." Your humor helps you get past an immediate liability and eliminates pressure. Tonight: Zoom in on what you want.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 ★★★ You can say what you wish, but getting through to someone could take a considerable amount of talent and understanding. A boss makes demands to an extent that you could be upset by the pressure. You also might need to take time away from your personal life. Tonight: A must show.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 ★★★★★ Reach out to someone you care about. Your intuition helps you establish what's what. The unexpected occurs in the workplace, but you have the ingenuity to nail what is happening. Use your ability to flex. Tonight: Rent a movie on the way home.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 ★★★★★ Dealing with another clearly takes you down a new path. You might easily shake your head at the present uproar. Finding solutions comes from working with another on a one-on-one level. Use your imagination in problem-

solving. Tonight: A night with that special person.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
 ★★ Others seek you out. Finding the right answer could make a big difference in what goes on. How you see a situation and/or what develops changes because of a personal insight or the insight of a family member. You might want to rethink a decision. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 ★★ Rethink a personal matter if you're not comfortable with information coming through the grapevine. At the present moment, any efforts to gather more information could be frustrating. Tonight: A talk reveals surprising insight.  
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 ★★★★★ Listen to a loved one who cares a lot about you. You might not get what is on his or her mind, but you do find out that a lot could happen quickly. Be careful with spending, as you could have a runaway checkbook! Tonight: Play away.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 ★★ Your family becomes your highest priority. You might discover that the unexpected occurs. Keep your priorities in mind when dealing with family. You don't want to shake up the boss. Put this energy elsewhere. Tonight: Spend an easy night at home.

**BORN TODAY**  
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**Yesterday's Cryptquote: NO ONE NEEDS A VACATION SO MUCH AS THE MAN WHO HAS JUST HAD ONE.** — **ELBERT HUBBARD**  
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# Bolshoi fires top ballerina amid charges she weighed too much

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

MOSCOW (AP) — The Bolshoi Theater has fired one of Russia's best-known ballerinas for being ... well, too Bolshoi.

The theater's management alleged that it couldn't find partners for her after male dancers complained she was too tall and fat to lift. The Bolshoi comprises both an opera and a ballet company.

Volochkova, who danced in "Swan Lake" and several other famed ballets, was fired Tuesday after a highly publicized, two-week rift over terms of her contract.

Russian media also suggested she was vain and too ambitious.

Volochkova, 27, dismissed as intrigue and lies statements by the Bolshoi management that she was too tall and fat to find her a partner.

"A ballerina isn't measured

by her height," Volochkova said on Channel One television.

According to the Russian media reports, Volochkova is 5 feet 7 and weighs 106 pounds. She told The New York Times she weighs 109, and a reporter for the newspaper measured her height as 5 feet 6.

On a Web site devoted to her, Volochkova was quoted as saying she loves ice cream so much "that I cannot imagine life without it." She also said she restricts herself to eating lowfat varieties, and adds that she hasn't touched meat since she was 7.

Yekaterina Novikova, a spokeswoman for the Bolshoi, said that the problem wasn't rooted in Volochkova's excessive height or weight, but her skills.

"A tall ballerina could be easy to lift," Novikova told The Associated Press. "The problem is that male dancers complained of her height and weight and refused to dance with her."

The business daily Kommersant on Wednesday described the controversy as a "soap ballet."

Bolshoi's director general, Anatoly Iskanov, said he fired Volochkova after she had refused to sign a proposed contract.

The blond ballerina said she had refused to sign it because the Bolshoi offered her a four-

month contract instead of a regular yearlong one and refused to schedule her performances.

Volochkova also had wanted to dance in three out of five performances of "Swan Lake" during Bolshoi's scheduled tour in Paris.

"We have come to a dead end," Iskanov told Channel One.

Volochkova's partner,

Yevgeny Ivanchenko, resigned during the summer after suffering an injury. Iskanov said that other dancers had refused to dance with Volochkova.

"I can't risk the artists' condition," Iskanov said, according to the daily Gazeta.

Some newspapers have compared Volochkova's ambitions to those of Matilda Kshesinskaya, the famed

Russian ballerina of the early 20th century and a favorite of Czar Nicholas II. Kshesinskaya was so powerful that she once forced the czar to fire the director of imperial ballet.

"Ballet lovers (had) ... started making guesses on whether Iskanov would be able to hold onto his job for long," the newspaper Vremya Novostei said.

## Japan: Divorces hit all-time high as stigma fades

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's divorce rate rose to a new record high last year, reflecting an increasing number of middle-aged and older couples who are parting ways.

The number of divorces rose for a 12th straight year in 2002, according to recently released government statistics that provided the latest confirmation that the stigma long associated with breaking up is fading in Japan.

According to the nation's Health, Labor and Welfare Ministry, a record 289,836 couples divorced last year, up 1.4 percent from the previous all-time high of 285,911 in 2001.

That amounted to 2.3 divorces for every 1,000 people in Japan, also a record and more than double the rate of 1.07 in 1975.

Behind the rise is an increasing number of couples who are parting ways after having been married for 20 years or more: They accounted for 15.7 percent of divorces in 2002, up from just 5.7 percent in 1975.

Divorce was long seen as a social taboo in harmony-conscious Japan. A popular term for a person who has been divorced once — "batsu ichi" — translates to "strike one."

But that shame is slowly becoming a thing of the past, a trend attributed to changing values, including a growing rejection by women of sacrifices they were once expected to make in Japan's male-dominated society.

"Women in this country used to feel like they should put up with anything for the sake of their marriages," Yoriko Madoka, a national lawmaker who runs a divorce hotline, said on Wednesday. "That kind of thinking has changed."

There were four divorces per 1,000 people in the United States in the 12 months ending in January 2003, according to a provisional report by the National Center for Health Statistics. The rates were 2.6 in the United Kingdom and 1.9 on average in the European Union for the year 2000, according to Britain's Office of National Statistics.

## PFAA readying for annual Arts and Crafts Festival

Pampa Fine Arts Association will stage its annual Arts and Crafts Festival from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 12, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. All exhibits will be inside climate-controlled areas.

A total of 79 exhibit spaces will be available with electricity available to 27 of those. Vendors must supply their own electrical power cords.

Each exhibit area will have

a 3 x 8 table with two chairs. Booth space must be reserved by Oct. 1. Food and drink will be available.

All art work and crafts must be the original handiwork of the vendor/artist. No media using animal, plants or endangered species will be allowed, and T-shirts are excluded from the show.

Works derived from commercial patterns or kits are also ineligible. No resale items will be allowed. For more information, contact PFAA at 665-0343.

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