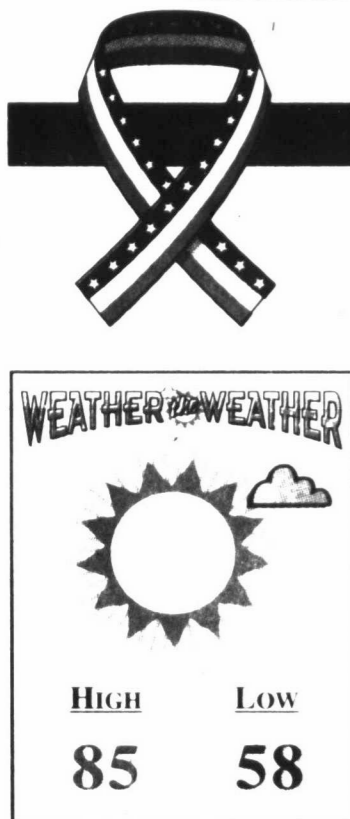


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U.N.: Bush says war 'right decision'

BY TERENCE HUNT
 AP WHITE HOUSE
 CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, pushing back at allies, will tell the United Nations the war against Iraq was "the right decision" and that it's time to put differences aside and join together in a major reconstruction effort.

In an address to the General Assembly on Tuesday, the pres-

ident also will urge other nations to help stop the spread of weapons of mass destruction and halt slavery around the world. White House officials said.

Bush's unyielding stance came as Russian President Vladimir Putin said America's failure to stabilize Iraq had convinced him that the war was a bad idea, while French President Jacques Chirac called for the immediate transfer of

sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

Bush said he's not sure the United States will have to yield a significantly larger role to win support for a new U.N. resolution on Iraq. He also continued to insist on an orderly transfer of authority to the Iraqis rather than the quick action demanded by France.

"I do think it would be helpful to get the United Nations in to help write a constitution," Bush said in an interview taped

Sunday with Fox News. "I mean, they're good at that."

"Or, perhaps when an election starts, they'll oversee the election. That would be deemed a larger role," he said.

Bush said he will assert that he "made the right decision and the others that joined us made the right decision" to invade Iraq.

The White House put a positive spin on the remarks of Putin and Chirac, saying they made welcome comments about a shared commitment to help the Iraqi people and transferring responsibility as quickly as possible.

As for divisions over the war, presidential spokesman Scott McClellan said, "One of the messages the president will take to the United Nations is that is behind us now."

Bush said he will ask other nations to do more to help stabilize Iraq.

"We would like a larger role for member states of the United Nations to participate in Iraq," Bush said in the interview to be aired Monday. "I mean, after all, we've got member states now, Great Britain and Poland, leading multinational divisions to help make the country more secure."

Asked if he was willing for the United Nations to play a larger role in the political developments in Iraq to get a new resolution, Bush responded, "I'm not so sure we have to, for starters."

He said he did think it would

be helpful to get U.N. help in writing a constitution for Iraq.

Germany, France and Britain have also called for more authority for the world body in Iraq, as Washington debates with its allies over a new U.N. resolution. British Prime Minister Tony Blair has not joined France's call for a quick handover of power to Iraq, backing the U.S. stance instead.

"The key on any resolution," Bush said, "is not to get in the way of an orderly transfer of sovereignty based upon a logical series of steps. And that's constitution, elections, and then the transfer of authority."

Bush said he would tell the United Nations that while some countries did not agree with the U.S.-led military action in Iraq, it's now in the international community's best interest to not only rebuild Iraq, but rebuild Afghanistan, fight AIDS and hunger, deal with slavery and proliferation of "heinous weapons."

He said the United Nations has a chance to do more as a result of U.N. resolution 1441.

The United States argues that U.N. resolution 1441, passed unanimously in November, provided sufficient authority for the U.S. led war. That resolution threatened Baghdad with "serious consequences" if it failed to show it had handed over or destroyed its weapons of mass destruction.

New day dawns ...



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

The sky was clear this morning at sunrise and is expected to remain so for most of the week. The high under the bright blue Panhandle sky today will be 82 degrees. Tuesday's temperature should reach 90 degrees before turning cooler Wednesday, dropping back into the 70s. By Thursday, temperatures are expected to top out only in the 60s.

Pampa City Commission to convene

Final reading of various ordinances and appointments to city boards will dominate the Pampa City Commission meeting Tuesday evening at City Hall.

At its regular 6 p.m. meeting in the city commission chambers Tuesday, the commission will consider the second and final reading of the city budget for the next fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1. The commissioners will also consider the second and final reading of the

ordinance setting next year's ad valorem tax rate.

They will also consider ordinances reducing the water and sewer minimums to 1,000 gallons.

The commission will consider resolutions authorizing brokerage accounts for the city's deferred compensation plan and submission of a Law Enforcement Block Grant application.

Commissioners are expected to authorize the city manager

and director of public works to negotiate an engineering contract for a third cell at the landfill.

The commission is also expected to authorize the mayor to execute a fire services contract with Gray County.

City Manager Mitch Grant is recommending that a proposed rate hike by ATMOS Energy be tabled for the time being. The city has 35 days from when the rate hike was filed on Sept. 11 to take action.

The commission is expected to appoint members to the Board of Adjustments, the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board, the Lovett Memorial Library Board, the Construction Board, and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The commission will go into executive discussion to discuss appointments to the PEDC.

Commissioners will also review bills the city owes, amounting to \$556,168.31.

During the commission's work session at 5 p.m. Tuesday, in the main floor conference room of city hall, the commission will discuss a proposed ambulance service rate increase.

Commissioners will discuss changing their meeting format

Commissioners are expected to authorize the city manager and director of public works to negotiate an engineering contract for a third cell at the landfill.

during their work session. They will also evaluate the city's dumpster program and review the Cable Advisory and Hidden Hills Golf Course Advisory Boards.

War impacts lumber prices

BY MARIYN POWERS
 STAFF WRITER

Area prices for plywood and waterboard have doubled since the beginning of the year, affecting new house prices, construction costs, and costs for remodeling and repair work.

The price jump is being fueled by the U.S. Government's purchase of lumber products to ship to Iraq for use in rebuilding and for use by U.S. troops stationed there, according to local lumber retailers. Weather conditions affecting production have also been a factor.

The cost of plywood, which varies according to thickness and grade, or quality, of each side, has gone from an average of \$10 to \$12 per sheet at the beginning of this year to about \$20 per sheet, said Wade Parry of White House Lumber Company.

Half-inch and three-quarters inch thicknesses are the most widely affected, he said. Half-inch plywood, often used for roofing, is retailing for \$17 to \$22 per sheet, and three-quarters

inch, used for flooring, sells at \$25 to \$30 per sheet.

"I'm telling contractors to check prices before figuring bids for jobs" because prices are changing daily, Parry said.

Waterboard has more than tripled in price, according to a spokesperson for Frank's True Value Hardware. One sheet of 4x8 waterboard was selling for about \$5 at the beginning of the year, and now sells for \$20 to \$21 per sheet, the spokesperson said.

The most dramatic price jump has been seen in the last month, said Dale Ferris of Bartlett's Lumber and Hardware.

"A sheet of three-quarters-inch-thick plywood today sells for \$24.99. A month ago, it was \$16.99," Ferris said.

The increase in prices and decrease in availability may continue for some time, the retailers agreed, due to events such as Hurricane Isabel, which made landfall on the East Coast late last week and caused damage to homes and businesses in a number of locations.

County commissioners to hold special session

Gray County commissioners will meet in special session at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 23, in the county courtroom of Gray County Courthouse, 205 N. Russell.

Items on the agenda are:

- Consider coverage in Constable Precinct 2's 2003 budget.

- Consider request of Precinct 2 commissioner to receive citizen funds to strip pave Plum Street from its intersection at Kentucky Avenue through to Harvester Street.
- Consider recommendation of salary grievance committee.

LOCAL

TPPB to host open research hearing

LUBBOCK — Texas Peanut Producers Board will conduct an open hearing to discuss funding for new and ongoing research beginning at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 30, at Holiday Inn Civic Center, 801 Ave. Q, Lubbock.

TPPB, a certified peanut producer organization, is responsible for investing at the state level and collectively through National Peanut Board to further research efforts.

Area producers are encouraged to attend the meeting, to be worth two continuing education units. Lunch will be provided by those who RSVP by Friday, Sept. 26. To register or for more information, call 1-800-734-0086 or (806) 687-6363.

DEATHS

R.A. "Bake" Baker, 97, former Cabot VP.

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ON RECORD

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, Sept. 13

Burglary of a building was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. Several parts were taken off a car being stored in the garage. Estimated loss was \$1,500.

Assault was reported in the 900 block of South Faulkner. The incident, involving juveniles, resulted in minor injuries.

Theft of a lawn mower was reported in the 2000 block of Duncan. The lawn mower was taken from a yard. Estimated loss was \$50.

Monday, Sept. 15

Found property was reported in the 800 block of North Sumner. A purse and contents were found.

Wednesday, Sept. 17

Burglary of a vehicle was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart. A compact disc player was taken from an unlocked vehicle. Estimated loss was \$150.

Thursday, Sept. 18

Theft of gas was reported in the 500 block of Lefors. Estimated loss was \$15.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 800 block of South Barnes. Entry was gained through a window. Items taken included a television, videocassette recorder, six videotapes and six DVDs. Estimated loss was \$550.

Friday, Sept. 19

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1800 block of North Hobart. A sign was damaged. Estimated loss was \$600.

Forgery was reported by Bell Mart, 1020 E. Frederic.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks. Loss was valued at \$10.

A gas drive-off was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 1342 N. Hobart. Loss was valued at \$32.65.

Assault by threat was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. No suspects were identified.

Criminal mischief was reported to have occurred in the Wal-Mart parking lot, 2225 N. Hobart. Two windows were shot out of a vehicle with a BB gun. Estimated damage was valued at \$400.

Theft under \$50 was reported by Bell Mart, 1020 E. Frederic. Unleaded gasoline valued at \$38 was taken without payment.

Felony theft was reported in the 100 block of South Houston. A scanner used for automotive repairs was seen being taken by person(s). Estimated loss is \$3,000.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Alleged child abuse was reported in the 1900 block of North Christy.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Gary Allen Locke, Jr., 24, of 1244 N. Hobart, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

Liquor laws violation, disorderly conduct and public intoxication were reported at the Biarritz Club, 618 W. Foster.

Kenneth Wayne Lewing, 45, of Fritch, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/fighting.

Whitney Jacob Miller, 27, of Rockport, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/fighting.

Scott Geissler, 42, of Nampa, Idaho, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/fighting.

Kristy Reyes, 31, of Highland, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.

James Boyd Tisdale, 31, of Highlands, was arrested for public intoxication and disorderly conduct/fighting.

Tammie Young, 40, of 637 Dwight, was arrested in the 1000 block of West Wilks for theft under \$50.

Aaron Young, 34, of 637 Dwight, was arrested in the 1000 block of West Wilks for theft under \$50.

Miguel Angel Nava, 17, of 1153 Prairie Drive, was arrested for expired motor vehicle identification; no insurance; no valid driver's license; and *capias pro* fines for running a stop sign, no driver's license, and failure to appear.

Monday, Sept. 22

Raymond Anthony Rael, 46, of Rockford, Colo., was arrested for driving while intoxicated/first offense.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls between 12 a.m., Saturday, and 7 a.m., today.

Saturday, Sept. 20

12:55 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Mary Ellen. No patient was transported.

11:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2700 block of Hobart. No transport.

2 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of Montagu.

8:54 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

10:30 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Barnes and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 21

12:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient home.

11:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Skellytown. No transport.

12:45 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Hobart. No transport.

9:43 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 600 block of North Sumner and transported a patient to PRMC.

Monday, Sept. 22

3:05 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Jordan prison unit. No transport.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrests in the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Sept. 20

Clarence Travis Clodfelter, 34, of Hurricane, W. Va., was arrested by the White Deer marshal on a warrant out of Gray County for motion to revoke on a driving while intoxicated charge.

Sunday, Sept. 21

Raymundo Cervantes, 48, of Nogales, Ariz., was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for money laundering over \$100,000.

Carlos Heriberto Millan, 43, of Agua Prieta, Sonora, Mexico, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for money laundering over \$100,000.

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WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the lower 80s and southwest winds 5 to 10 mph, shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Tonight should fall on mostly clear skies with lows in the upper 50s and southeast winds around 10 mph. Tuesday should see mostly sunny skies. Highs around 90. Southwest winds 5 to 20 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear. Lows around 60. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph. Wednesday, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. West

winds 10 to 15 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Wednesday night, mostly clear. Breezy. Lows around 50. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs around 80. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs around 80.

STATEWIDE

By The Associated Press

Cloudy skies were expected across much of Texas on Monday with highs in the 80s in most areas.

In the Hill Country and south central Texas, partly cloudy skies were expected with highs in the 80s. By evening, mostly cloudy skies were expected with lows in the 60s.

Mostly cloudy skies were expected in southeast Texas and the upper Texas coast with patchy fog through mid-morning and patchy morning

drizzle near the coast. Highs

were expected in the mid-80s. By the evening, skies were expected to become partly cloudy with lows in the mid to upper 60s inland and the mid-70s near the coast.

In deep South Texas, mostly cloudy skies were expected with scattered showers and thunderstorms and highs from the lower 80s near the coast to the upper 80s in the far west. By evening, partly cloudy skies were expected with isolated showers and thunderstorms and lows from the

lower 70s in the west to the upper 70s at the coast.

Mostly sunny skies were expected in the Panhandle with highs from 75 to 85. By evening, mostly clear skies were expected with lows from 52 to 59.

In the Dallas-Fort Worth area, patchy dense fog was expected until mid-morning. Then skies were expected to become mostly sunny with highs in the upper 80s. By the evening, mostly clear skies were expected with lows in the mid-60s.

Opening statements expected in eccentric millionaire's trial

By JUAN A. LOZANO
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — After an arrest, a six-week flight from authorities, nearly two years in jail and a three-week jury selection process, attorneys for Robert Durst, the cross-dressing New York real estate heir, are set to defend him against charges that he killed his elderly neighbor.

Opening statements in his murder trial were scheduled for Monday afternoon.

Durst, 60, is accused of killing Morris Black, a 71-year-old neighbor, then dismembering the body and throwing the parts into Galveston Bay in September 2001. Both lived at a low-rent Galveston apartment complex.

But before the jury of nine women and three men hear opening remarks, the prosecution and defense plan to discuss 36 hours of recorded telephone calls Durst made from a Pennsylvania prison after his arrest for shoplifting in November 2001. The question is what portion of the recordings, made after Durst was captured when he went on the lam following his arrest in Galveston, could be introduced into evidence.

Opening statements were originally scheduled for Thursday, but were delayed to give attorneys time to review the recordings, which were only received last week by prosecutors.

Durst has pleaded innocent by reason

of self-defense and accident.

Jury consultant Robert Gordon said the fact that the majority of the jury is made up of women might hurt the defense because of what happened to the victim's body.

"His defense becomes a difficult matter to comprehend in light of the" dismemberment, said Gordon, director of the Wilmington Institute Network, which has offices in Houston and Dallas.

When Black's torso and severed limbs were found Sept. 30, 2001, floating in the bay, Durst had been living in a \$300-a-month apartment under the guise of a mute woman. Black, whose head has never been found, lived across the hall from him. An autopsy blamed his death on "homicide by unknown means."

Galveston authorities didn't discover Durst's true identity until he jumped bail. They also learned he was wanted for questioning in the unsolved disappearance of his former wife, Kathleen, 21 years ago in New York and the unsolved Christmas Eve 2000 shooting death of a friend, writer Susan Berman, in Los Angeles, who was set to be questioned about his missing wife.

If found guilty, Durst could face from five to 99 years in prison and a fine of up to \$10,000.

A gag order has prevented any of the trial participants from publicly discussing the case.

OBITUARIES

SERVICES TOMORROW

SOUTH, Felton "Toots" — 2 p.m., First Baptist Church, Miami.

FELTON 'TOOTS' SOUTH
1917-2003

MIAMI — Felton "Toots" South, 86, died Saturday, Sept. 20, 2003, at Canadian. Services will be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, in First Baptist Church with the Rev. Lance Wood, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Miami Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. South was born Feb. 28, 1917, at Lawton, Okla. He married Leona Sikes on May 10, 1940, at Perryton; she died Feb. 7, 2002.

He was a cowboy in the Texas Panhandle for 70 years and was a member of First Baptist Church of Miami.

He was preceded in death by a son, James Felton South; and a grandson, Justin Kelly South.

Survivors include two sons, John Hubert South of Azle and Lloyd Wayne South of Graford; a foster son, Mickey Easley of Miami; a sister, Juanita Nance of Plano; a brother, A.L. South of Yukon, Okla.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Hemphill County Hospice, 1020 S. 4th, Canadian, TX 79014.

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

R.A. 'BAKE' BAKER
1905-2003

R.A. "Bake" Baker, 97, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Sept. 21, 2003, in Pampa. Services are pending.

Mr. Baker was born Oct. 20, 1905. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1927 and was a member of the Association of Former Students.

He had been a resident of Pampa since 1935.

He married Velma Brecheen on April 7, 1934, in Amarillo. She preceded him in death on July 17, 1980.

He was a vice president of Cabot Corporation in Pampa, retiring after 29 years of service.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Amarillo.

Survivors include a daughter, Kay House of Carmel, Calif.; a son, Jay Baker of California; a daughter-in-law, Sandra Baker of California; four grandsons, Brad Dick of Rome, Italy, Evan Dick of California, Christopher Baker of Colorado, and Tom Morris of New Mexico; a granddaughter, Melinda Ryan of Colorado; and six great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065, or to a favorite charity.

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

Five die in head-on collision

MENARD, Texas (AP)

Four members of a Rio Grande City family — two of them children — and a student from San Antonio were killed in a head-on collision in West Texas this past weekend.

The family members, killed Sunday after their van was struck on U.S. 83, were identified as Cornelio Villarreal Hernandez, 28; Dalia Hernandez, 26; Cornelio Hernandez III, 8; and Daniel Hernandez 6, said Elaine Capers, a Department of Public Safety communications supervisor.

The children were in the back seat and were not wearing seat belts, Capers said. The adults were in the front seats of the 1991

Dodge when it was struck.

Also killed in the accident was Taylor Cummings, 19. He was driving a 2003 Ford Explorer which drifted across the median, striking the van shortly after noon.

A passenger in the Explorer, Nathan Manning, 19, Abbottstown, Penn., was in stable condition with back injuries at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

The accident occurred about 10 miles south of Menard. The road was closed for about four hours while crews cleared the wreckage.

The investigation into the wreck is continuing.

Menard is about 50 miles southeast of San Angelo.

City Briefs

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Carol Moseley Braun announces her candidacy for president

By NEDRA PICKLER
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrat Carol Moseley Braun, the only black woman to serve in the U.S. Senate, formally declared her candidacy for the president Monday, forging ahead with a long-shot bid in an otherwise all-male contest for the White House.

"I am uniquely qualified to do the job of president, and I offer the clearest alternative to this current administration, whose only new idea has been pre-emptive war and a huge new bureaucracy," Braun said in an appearance at Howard University.

"A woman can fix the mess they have created, because we are practical, we are not afraid of partnerships and we are committed to making the world better for our children."

Braun stunned the political establishment in 1992 — the "Year of the Woman" —

unseating an incumbent Democratic senator in the primary, two-term lawmaker Alan Dixon, on her way to what was once considered an improbable victory in November.

Her election was heralded as an advance for women and minorities, but her popularity fell amid accusations that she exercised poor judgment in visiting Nigeria's brutal former dictator Sani Abacha and misused campaign funds.

A campaign finance investigation cleared Braun, but she lost her seat to well-funded Republican challenger Peter Fitzgerald in 1998. After the defeat, President Clinton appointed her ambassador to New Zealand.

Braun used her announcement speech to present her vision for the future — "an American renaissance" — and criticize President Bush's record on national security and the economy.

A fierce opponent of the U.S.-led war against Iraq, Braun said the United States will work to ensure a peaceful Iraq.

"Americans don't cut and run, we have to see this misadventure through," she said.

Monday's kickoff schedule started with speeches at two historically black colleges — Howard and Benedict College in Columbia, S.C. Braun's final appearance was scheduled in her home town of Chicago, where she got her start in politics 25 years ago with election to the Illinois Legislature.

During months of campaigning, Braun has struggled to build a fund-raising network. She has pleaded for financial support, especially when speaking to women's groups, but raised less than \$250,000 in the first half of the year.

Last month, she picked up her first two major endorsements from the National Organization for Women and the National Women's Political Caucus. Leaders of both groups said they would help raise money for her among their members, and their support gave Braun encouragement to continue

her bid beyond the exploratory phase.

Braun ranks near the bottom in most surveys, but some polls show her with more support than some of her better-financed rivals. She ranks higher in some polls of black voters.

She has avoided much of the intra-party fighting of her rivals who confront each other in an effort to rise to the top of the field. Her criticism has been focused on President Bush's policies at home and abroad.

"America is at a tipping point — if we stay the course we are on now, we won't recognize this country five years from now," she said in Monday's speech. "But if we shift gears, try another way, tap some of the talent that has been relegated to the sidelines of leadership, we can heal and renew and save our country."

On the Net:
Braun's campaign:
<http://www.carolforpresident.com>

California teenager dies after complications caused by abortion pill

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Holly Marie Patterson went to a Planned Parenthood clinic two weeks ago to quietly consider ways to handle a life change she wasn't ready for. One week later, the 18-year-old lay dying on an emergency room table, the victim of complications after she took the abortion pill.

Patterson's death is likely to reignite the debate surrounding RU-486, the pill approved by the Food and Drug Administration two years ago as a way for women to end pregnancies themselves.

Her father is hoping the tragedy will encourage other women considering abortion to seek support, especially from their families.

"Every time I think about it, I think, 'She suffered in silence,'" said Monty Patterson, who said he did not know his daughter was pregnant or taking abortion drugs. "She felt she

would disappoint everyone around her, and then she had to carry that whole load. I wish she could have told me so I could have helped her."

Holly Patterson, who lived in the San Francisco suburb of Livermore, visited a Planned Parenthood clinic Sept. 10 to take the pill. She followed the prescribed procedure for using RU-486, taking two more pills at home three days later.

After experiencing bleeding and cramps so severe that she was unable to walk, her boyfriend rushed her to the hospital the following night, where she was given painkillers and sent home. Three nights later, she was back in the hospital. She died the following day.

A massive infection caused by fragments of the fetus left inside her uterus caused her to go into septic shock.

Danco Laboratories, which makes RU-486, estimates that

150,000 women in the United States and more than 600,000 worldwide have used the pill since it was invented in France in the 1980s.

Two women who took it in the United States have died, though the FDA says it is unclear if their deaths were directly related to the pill's use.

Patients who take RU-486 take the first pill under the care of a physician. A second medication called misoprostol, taken three days later, induces labor so the embryo can be expelled. In 5 to 8 percent of cases, surgery is required to stop the patient's bleeding.

Eric Schaff, chair of the National Abortion Federation, which promotes non-surgical abortion, said aspirin causes more deaths than RU-486.

Anti-abortion groups such as the National Right to Life Committee insist that the pills "offer a whole new set of significant risks," and makes abortion seem too simple. A report on the group's Web site says the pill gives "supporters of abortion a chance to change the image of abortion, making it seem as simple as taking a pill."

Although he said he did not blame the pill for his daughter's death, Monty Patterson regretted that she and her boyfriend hadn't received more information and support from family members, counselors and physicians.

CPS, a UW agency, last year took 185 reports

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2003 "50 Years of Caring and Still Going Strong" fund-raising campaign.

Care from Gray Co. has risen from 63 to 66. This is a dramatic increase from just three years ago when there were 30 children in foster care from this county.

The cases involving children being placed in foster care are the most challenging and difficult to handle. Some cases result in the reunion of children with their parents. Some result in children being permanently placed with other relatives, and some cases end with the termination of the parent's rights.

While the children are in foster care, it takes several entities to meet their needs. The foster care payment to the foster parents is only sufficient to meet the most basic needs of the children.

For these children to be able

to attend camps, have sufficient school clothes and nice presents for special occasions, it takes the support of the community to provide for them. These children have had to deal with many losses in their young lives and need to know that there are people who do care about them and for them.

The foster children from Gray Co. come from wide and varied backgrounds. In the past year, there have been some children with success stories.

Sixteen children have been returned to the care of their par-

ents. Eight children were permanently placed with relatives willing to care for them and raise them to adulthood. It is good to know these children are able to stay within their families.

Foster parents adopted two more children, and two children were permanently placed with their caregivers where they had lived for over four years.

It is the agency's sincere hope that these children will go on to live happy lives and will never again need the involvement of CPS.



During the past year, Child Protective Services handled 185 reports of abuse and/or neglect of children in Gray County. Approximately 25 percent of those cases were found to be valid reports. Some cases resulted in children being removed from their parent's care.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Couple's Talk Of Commitment May Take Unexpected Turn

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Lowell" for more than a year. He's a college graduate with a professional job. We have begun talking marriage, and I am thrilled, but I have one concern: Lowell believes he is from another planet.

When Lowell first mentioned it, I laughed and said, "I thought there was something different about you." The trouble is, he isn't joking! (This is ridiculous because his parents are alive, and I know he was born in Chicago.) Lowell insists that he is "special" and I should feel honored that he loves me.

Last night was the final straw. He said it to my brother and his wife, and they looked at him as if he was from another planet. When we got back to my apartment we had a huge fight. I told him never to mention that ludicrous story again to anyone. He insists that if we are going to spend the rest of our lives together, I have to accept him for who he is.

Abby, I love Lowell, but I can't have him telling our friends and family — and our future children — that he is from another galaxy. What should I do?

NOT EASY BEING AN EARTH GIRL.

DEAR NOT EASY: I have heard of men who are "out of this world," but not in the sense that Lowell is trying to convey. Before discussing marriage any further, talk to Lowell's mother and find out how long he's been nursing this delusion. We all want to be "special," but your young man has taken it to an extreme. His insistence that you should feel "honored" that he loves you is another red flag.

I often advise premarital counseling for couples who are considering marriage. In this case, it should be with a psychotherapist who can identify what Lowell's problem is before it becomes your problem. If he refuses to go, my advice to you is to give him some "space."

DEAR ABBY: I have been a school bus driver for 11 years. I am responsible for the safety of students traveling to and from school. I am writing because I am alarmed at the number of drivers who do not

stop when they see a school bus with flashing red lights.

The law says any time a school bus is stopped with its red lights flashing, all cars must stop. Even drivers going the opposite direction on a divided or four-lane highway must stop.

It normally takes no more than one minute for children to get on or off the bus. What's a minute when it comes to the life of a child?

CONCERNED BUS DRIVER IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR CONCERNED BUS DRIVER: Thank you for your timely reminder. School is back in session — and no appointment is more important than safeguarding the lives of children.

So slow down, folks! Ya move too fast. This generation's gotta last. (With apologies to Simon and Garfunkel!)

DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl who has a wonderful grandfather. He insists that I read your column every day. In fact, he calls me up in the afternoon and quizzes me about the letters just to make sure I have read them.

To prove to him that I do read your column, would you please print this and let him know that I think he is an awesome grandfather and that I feel lucky to have him?

(Now I can call and quiz him to see if he's read your column today!)

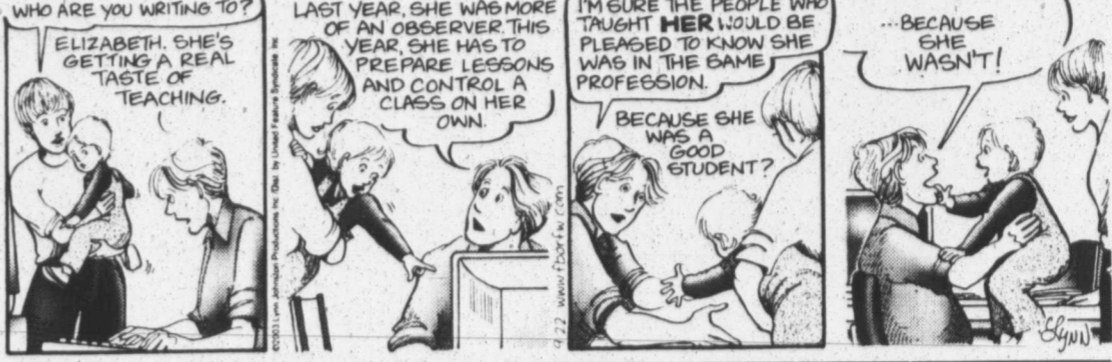
A.R. IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR A.R.: With pleasure! Please let me know if your discerning and well-read grandfather passes the quiz!

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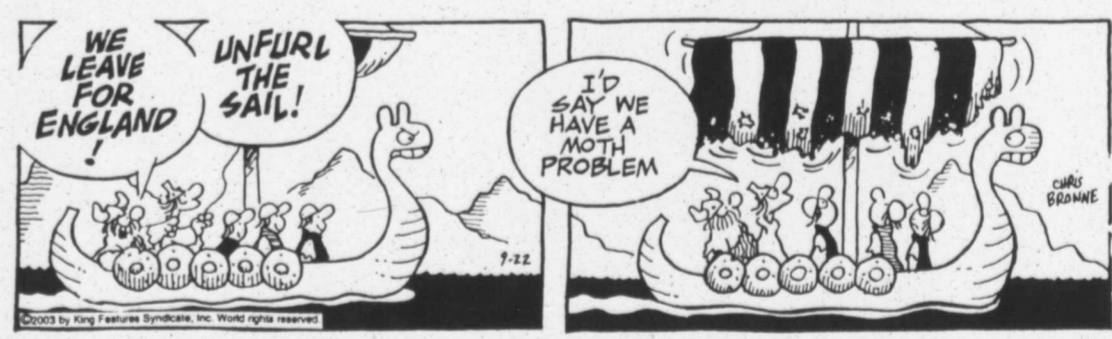
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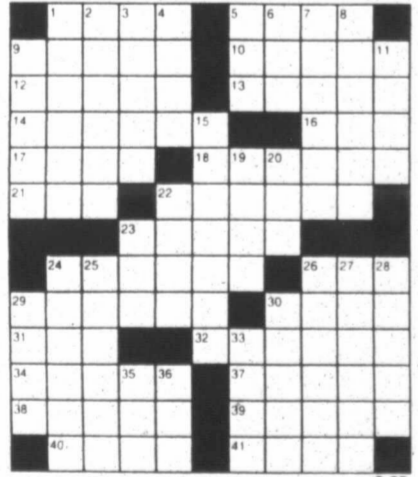
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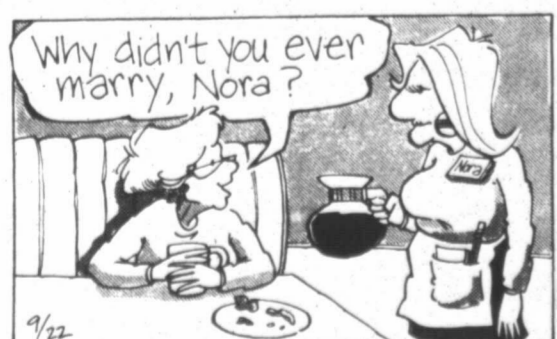
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PAMPA — There will be a Harvester Soccer Booster Club meeting at 7 Tuesday night in the Ready Room at the high school athletic fieldhouse.

All high school soccer parents are invited to attend.

BASKETBALL

PAMPA — Pampa Kids & Youth Club will have basketball signups Sept. 25 through Sept. 27 at Baker Elementary Gym, located at highway 60 and South Barnes Street.

Signup times are from 6 to 8 p.m. Sept. 25-26, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 27.

Other signup dates are Oct. 2 through Oct. 4 at Baker Gym. Signup times are from 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 2-3 and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 4.

The basketball program is for both boys and girls kindergarten through high school senior.

For more information, call 669-0535 or 669-1740.

FOOTBALL

DALLAS (AP) — Rashaun Woods of Oklahoma State and Oklahoma's Antonio Perkins both had record-setting performances, and Teddy Lehman of Oklahoma led the Sooners defense to make the Big 12 players of the week list an all-Oklahoma affair.

Woods caught seven passes for touchdowns in Oklahoma State's 52-6 win over SMU to break the NCAA Division I-A record. Tim Delaney of San Diego State held the record since grabbing six in 1969.

Woods' touchdowns came on catches of 2, 10, 25, 32, 34, 5 and 11 yards. He had five touchdowns at halftime and scored the other two in the first two series of the second half.

His 232 yards receiving was the best performance in Cowboys' history. It eclipsed the 226 the player had against Oklahoma last season. Woods' seven touchdowns are the most scored by a player in a single game at the school. Heisman Trophy winner Barry Sanders held the old record with five.

Perkins had 277 punt return yards and scored three touchdowns, both NCAA records, in Oklahoma's 59-24 victory over UCLA. His punt return yards easily broke the old record of 219 yards Golden Richards of BYU set in 1971. Several players held the former record of two punt returns for TDs.

His touchdowns came on returns of 74, 84 and 65 yards.

Lehman had 14 tackles and an interception to take defensive player of the week honors for the Sooners. Lehman and the Sooner defense limited the UCLA offense to just one sustained drive in the game.

Flashback

2000: Pampa youth bowler Ashleigh Burns won first place in Girls Division A Singles and All-Events Handicap at the Amarillo Area Tournament. She had the second highest scratch game with a 226.



(Photo by Ben Briscoe)

Coach Shannon Stroud has guided the Lady Harvesters to a 4-0 district record.

Lady Harvesters rally by PD

AMARILLO — Pampa's Lady Harvesters rallied for another victory Saturday, defeating Palo Duro 21-25, 25-16, 23-25, 25-20 and 15-9.

The Lady Harvesters, off to their best district start in years, remain unbeaten with a 4-0 record. Palo Duro falls to 0-3 in

district and 2-15 for the season.

Jaelyn Spearman sparked the Lady Harvesters with 21 kills and 23 digs. Abbi Covalt contributed 30 assists and 15 digs. Alyssa Bromwell had 11 kills while Lindsey Ammons had 8 assists. Kendall Stokes and Teryn

Garner had 7 blocks each.

Pampa hosts Dumas at 6 Tuesday in McNeely Fieldhouse. Dumas is the No. 2 ranked Class 4A team in the state.

In other district matches, Hereford defeated Caprock and Randall beat Plainview over the weekend.

Tech roll ups 681 yards, but lose

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina State coach Chuck Amato is fond of saying statistics are for losers. They sure were on Saturday.

Greg Golden returned an interception 71 yards for a touchdown and Manny Lawson's blocked punt led to another score as the Wolfpack beat Texas Tech 49-21 despite allowing 681 yards.

B.J. Symons threw for a Texas Tech-record 586 yards, which was also a record total against the Wolfpack (2-2). And the yardage surrendered was second all-time to Florida State's 745 piled on N.C. State in 1995.

"Fortunately for us we didn't give up any big plays and we came out of it with just a school record and not a loss," Golden said.

Amato crumbled up the stat sheet in his postgame news conference when asked about his defense numerous times.

"I don't care if they had 1,000 yards," Amato said. "We had a heck of a lot more points on that scoreboard than they did."

"Sure, you don't like to give up that kind of yardage," he added. "But what was the final score? Love it. Love it."

The Wolfpack didn't suffer a mental letdown following a triple-overtime loss at Ohio State last week and a fall from the polls, bolting to a 21-0 halftime lead.

N.C. State blew a 28-point lead at Texas Tech (2-1) last season and eventually won 51-48 in overtime.

There was no comeback this time as the Red Raiders wasted Symons' record-set-

ting day with a bevy of errors.

"It's tough to swallow, to play so well but at the same time play so poorly," said Symons, who was 39-for-63 and broke Kliff Kingsbury's passing mark of 510 last season against Missouri.

It was hard for Texas Tech coach Mike Leach to watch one of the best offensive performances go down the drain.

"What did we get — 681 yards and just 21 points? Leach said. "You won't see that for the rest of your lifetime."

T.A. McLendon, who saw limited action against the Buckeyes because of a sore knee, returned to make a major difference.

The sophomore ran for 115 yards and caught four passes before leaving with a hamstring injury after a long run early in the third quarter.

Philip Rivers reinjured his sore left shoulder 7 1/2 minutes in when he was sacked, but didn't miss a play and finished 18-for-22 for 257 yards and one TD. After four games, Rivers has completed 118 of 153 for 1,325 yards.

McLendon's 67-yard run a minute into the second half set up a 1-yard dive by Josh Brown and a four-TD lead for the Wolfpack.

The Red Raiders closed to 28-7 and were driving again after Golden fumbled the ensuing kickoff. But Symons fumbled it back at the N.C. State 11 with 9:16 left in the quarter and Brown scored on another short run 6 minutes later to help seal it.

Warriors unbeaten at 3-0

MIAMI — The Miami Warriors remained unbeaten after three games with the latest victory coming over the Hedley Owls 59-14 Friday night.

Chris Brewer had a four-touchdown performance to lead Miami. Brewer scored on runs of 45, 34, 21 and 35 yards.

Jeffrey Browning threw three touchdown passes and scored twice on a 44-yard kickoff return and a 50-yard run. Kyler Roach caught two TD passes of 5 and 55 yards, while Ean Miller snared a 15-yard TD pass.

Miami built a 47-14 lead at halftime.

Hedley's record is 1-3.

Cardinals keep their hopes alive

ST. LOUIS (AP) — With one big swing, Albert Pujols reached another milestone and kept the St. Louis Cardinals' faint playoff hopes alive.

Pujols homered in the 13th inning, his second game-winning shot of the year, for a 3-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Saturday. He has 114 career homers, tied with Hall of Famer Ralph Kiner (1946-48) for the most in a player's first three seasons.

"You're talking about records that were sitting there for a long time," Pujols said. "It's a blast. I didn't try to hit the ball out of the park, I just tried to put a good swing on it, and look what happens."

The Astros lead the NL Central by 1 1/2 games over the Chicago Cubs, who lost 8-2 at Pittsburgh, and five over the Cardinals. St. Louis has six games to go, including the series finale against Houston on Sunday.

"We know what the magic number is," manager Tony La Russa said. "We take pride in being competitors."

Astros manager Jimmy Williams didn't know what to say.

"I think you're just going to have to write what you saw because it was really a heck of a game," Williams told reporters. "You're going to have to write this story on your own."

Fernando Vina had three hits and a walk for the Cardinals, who snapped a five-game losing streak against the Astros. They had lost the previous four by a combined score of 28-7.

Jason Simontacchi (9-5) allowed two walks and struck out one in two innings.

The Cardinals left eight runners on base in extra innings — four reached on intentional walks. The Astros went to a five-man infield with the bases loaded and one out in the 12th and Joe Girardi grounded out to center fielder Craig Biggio, playing on the grass in front of second base.

Biggio threw home for the force.

"You have to roll the dice," Biggio said. "Sometimes it works out, sometimes it doesn't. There's no right way or wrong way, you play the hand out and see what happens."

Pujols ended it with his 43rd homer, lining an 0-1 pitch from Dan Miceli (1-3) over the left-field wall with one out in the 13th. Pujols beat the Padres with a two-

run shot in the 11th inning on July 12.

He leads the majors with a .364 average, and earlier this year became the first player in major league history to get 30 homers, 100 RBIs and score 100 runs in his first three seasons.

"A guy like Albert, he's eventually going to get you," Astros catcher Brad Ausmus said. "We were lucky he hadn't hurt us up to that point."

Even though the Cardinals are virtually out of the race, Pujols was just as elated as he was after his game-ending drive in July.

"You're talking about the game-winning RBI," Pujols said. "The fans, that's why they come, they want you to win."

"After they've been sitting there for a while, I think it was pretty special for them."

Astros starter Tim Lincecum lasted five innings, giving up one run on four hits. He was 1-1 with a 1.88 ERA in five starts against the Cardinals this year, and beat St. Louis in his last start.

Brett Tomko allowed two runs in six innings for the Cardinals, continuing a late-season surge. His overall ERA is 5.19, but in his last three starts he has a 2.35 ERA.

The Astros took the lead in the third on Jeff Kent's two-run single, one of four hits in the inning. Tomko escaped further damage when he struck out Ausmus with the bases loaded for the final out.

Tomko reached on a third-strike wild pitch to start the bottom of the third and scored on J.D. Drew's two-out single.

The Cardinals tied it in the sixth. Edgar Renteria doubled with one out and scored when pinch-hitter Eduardo Perez's two-out grounder up the middle rolled between Kent's legs at second base for an error.

Notes: St. Louis' Scott Rolen stranded seven runners his first three-bats. His last day off was July 6. ...

Astros 3B Geoff Blum made two nice defensive stops in the first inning, snaring Eli Marrero's liner and Pujols' smash. ... Orlando Merced singled in his 65th pinch-hit at-bat in the seventh, tying a club record set by Ken Boswell in 1976 and tied by Dave Clark in 1998. Merced is 13-for-65 (.200) in that role with one homer and eight RBIs.

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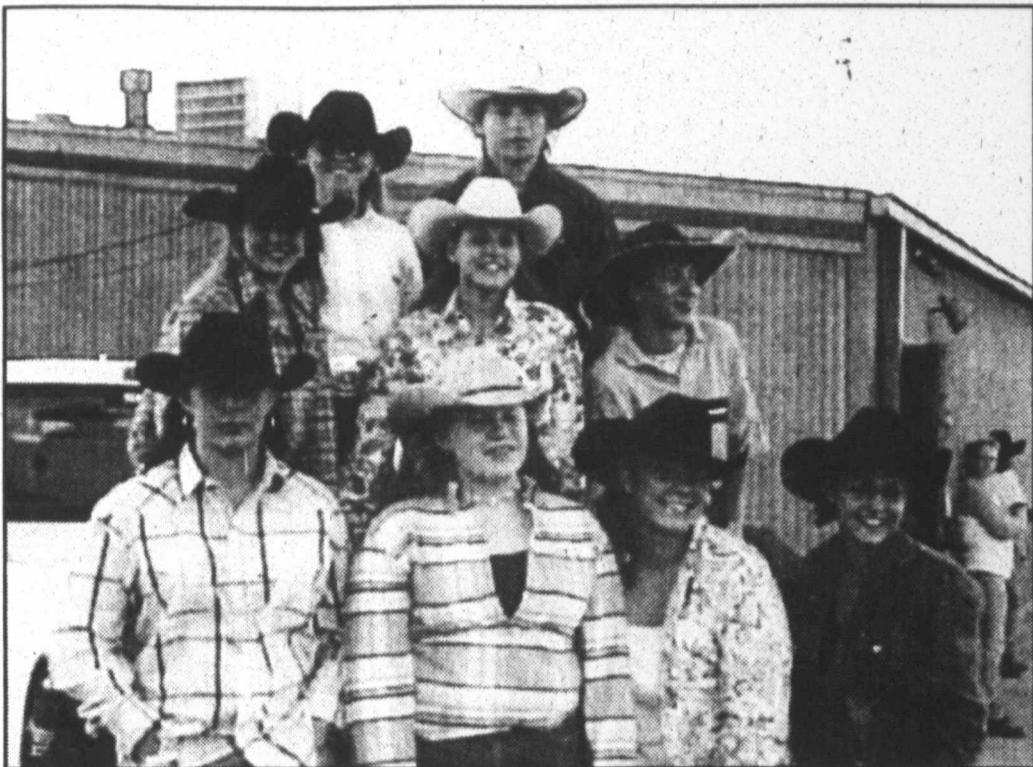
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Newly-installed officers in the Pampa High Rodeo Club are (front row, l-r) Destinee Manhart and Elizabeth Thomas, Special Events co-chairmen; Skye Niccum, chaplain; Jessica Helms, historian; (middle row, l-r) Trinidee Talley, second vice-president; Jamie Schroeder, president; Hawk Tucker, first vice-president; (top row, l-r) Karli Douglas, secretary; Jacob Trevathan, treasurer. The club is getting ready for the Tri-State High School Rodeo Association Saturday at the Top O' Texas Arena in Pampa.

Longhorns bury Rice, 48-7

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas finally found a cure for its ailing running game: Rice's defense. Cedric Benson scored three touchdowns and backup Selvin Young had two more in a 41-point first half as No. 13 Texas found beat Rice 48-7 on Saturday night.

"I was pleased with our rushing game," coach Mack Brown said. "That's what we want to get to. We have to do different things to win. If we can run we want to. Obviously, it was a big part of our game tonight."

The Longhorns (2-1) were coming off a 38-28 loss to Arkansas, when they managed only 62 rushing yards.

After that game, Texas players took a vow of silence to prepare for the four-touchdown underdog Owls (0-3). The results: 322 yards rushing on 53 carries against Rice, which ranked 104th in rushing defense going into the game.

"I thought Cedric broke out tonight," Brown said. "He got to run more and had more opportunities. He was running hard early, then we took him out or he could have had a 200-yard game."

The Owls got inside the Longhorns 20 only twice and didn't score until quarterback Greg Henderson's 6-yard run with 5:18 to play.

Benson scored on runs of 2 and 17 yards and caught a 59-yard touchdown pass from Chance Mock.

"Our offensive line put it all together," Benson said. "They told me before the game what they were going to do and they did it. Everything starts with the guys up front. They provided me with some holes and opportunities."

"It felt good to finally get a chance to work in the open field."

Mock also threw an 18-yard touchdown pass to Roy Williams, who became Texas' career leader in receiving yards. Williams caught five passes for 69 yards.

Benson played the first series of the third quarter and finished with 130 yards on 18 carries. Young scored on runs of 4 and 2 yards to complete Texas' big first half.

Mock was relieved for most of the second half by freshman Vincent Young, a former Houston Madison star. Mock was 8-of-8 for 159 yards and two touchdowns.

"We can always play better," Mock said. "There's a lot of room for improvement. My numbers might have been perfect but we still have a lot of things to work on."

Brown thought it was important to play Vincent Young.

"You have to get two quarterbacks ready because you see so many get hurt," Brown said. "I felt we had to get him ready. Chance was 7-for-7 in the first half. He played his best game."

"I didn't let Vincent throw much but this experience will help him. They both run our offense the same way, thought, they're a little different and give a change of pace."

It took the Longhorns most of the first quarter to get rolling, with Benson opening the scoring on a 2-yard run with 2:17 left.

Selvin Young scored on a 4-yard run early in the second quarter, starting a string of 34 points by the Longhorns. Nathan Vasher set up two touchdowns with a 59-yard punt return and an interception.

Vasher's punt return led to an 18-yard touchdown pass from Mock to Williams, who caught a pass in his 37th consecutive game.

"I was pleased with execution, focus and intensity after a loss," Brown said. "The team played a nearly perfect first half."

"What you saw tonight was the offense that we are trying to get to. We saw signs of it in the first two games."

Rice coach Ken Hatfield was upbeat despite the loss.

"It was a great game for a lot of reasons," Hatfield said. "We just didn't have the speed to stay on the field with them. I'm not going to grade the first half. I'm just going to grade the second half when the game was out of control."

"If you give all you've got and get beat by a superior team, there is nothing you can do."

Wheeler rolls to 37-7 win

WHEELER — Wheeler rolled to a 37-7 victory over Paducah in area football action Friday night.

Josh Miller led the Wheeler offense with three touchdowns on runs of 9, 1 and 12 yards. Miller finished with 100 yards on 26 carries.

James Chapman threw an 18-yard scoring pass to Branton Goerend for the other

Wheeler TD. The Mustangs scored 21 second-half points. Paducah's TD came in the second quarter on Jared Fields 5-yard pass to Robert Biddy.

Wheeler finished with 316 yards total offense and 9 first downs.

The Mustangs improved to 2-1 for the year. Paducah is 0-3.

Bufs defeated

EDMOND, Okla. (AP) — Freshman receiver Zach Edwards caught a school-record nine passes for 176 yards to lead Central Oklahoma to a 31-20 win over West Texas A&M Saturday night.

Edwards' yards were the most for any freshman in Bronchos' history and eighth-best overall. Oklahoma State transfer Aso Pogi connected with Edwards for a 54-yard touchdown at the end of the first half, putting UCO (3-0, 1-0 Lone Star Conference) up 24-0 over the Buffaloes (1-2, 0-0).

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Rushing
 Johnny Moore 19-106, Derek Lewis 6-54, Brock Penrod 8-32, Andrew Curtis 9-20, Mark Williams 4-19, Jesse Tarango 3-6.
Passing
 Johnny Moore 10-18-0—138, Tyler Doughty 0-1-0—0, Andrew Curtis 0-1-0—0.
Receiving
 Jesse Tarango 6-87, Seth Foster 3-33, Andrew Curtis 1-18.

Borger
Rushing
 Landon Haddox 7-44, Bobby Russell 8-39, Steven Johnson 8-20, Steven Estrada 7-6, Felipe Muniz 1-3; Team 1-(-4).
Passing
 Steven Johnson 7-19-2—52.
Receiving
 Steven Estrada 5-21, Austin Bales 2-31.

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Florida	85	69	.552	10 1/2
Philadelphia	85	70	.548	11
Montreal	80	76	.513	16 1/2
New York	63	91	.409	32 1/2

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W	L	Pct	GB	
Houston	84	70	.545	—
Chicago	83	72	.535	1 1/2
St. Louis	80	76	.513	5
Pittsburgh	73	82	.471	11 1/2
Cincinnati	66	89	.426	18 1/2
Milwaukee	65	90	.419	19 1/2

Central Division

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x-New York	96	58	.623	—
Boston	90	64	.584	6
Toronto	80	74	.519	16
Baltimore	69	84	.451	26 1/2
Tampa Bay	60	94	.390	36

Central Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Minnesota	86	69	.555	—
Chicago	81	73	.526	4 1/2
Kansas City	80	74	.519	5 1/2
Cleveland	67	89	.429	19 1/2
Detroit	38	116	.247	47 1/2

West Division

W	L	Pct	GB	
Oakland	92	63	.594	—
Seattle	89	66	.574	3
Anaheim	72	83	.465	20
Texas	70	85	.452	22

Friday's Games
 Boston 2, Cleveland 0
 Toronto 5, Baltimore 2
 N.Y. Yankees 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Minnesota 6, Detroit 2
 Texas 3, Anaheim 2
 Chicago White Sox 8, Kansas City 5
 Seattle 6, Oakland 1

Saturday's Games
 Minnesota 7, Detroit 3
 Seattle 9, Oakland 3
 N.Y. Yankees 7, Tampa Bay 1
 Cleveland 13, Boston 4
 Baltimore 2, Toronto 1
 Kansas City 7, Chicago White Sox 1
 Texas 13, Anaheim 4

Sunday's Games
 Boston (P.Martinez 13-4) at Cleveland (C.Lee 3-1), 1:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees (Clemens 15-9) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 6-9), 1:15 p.m.
 Toronto (Hendrickson 9-9) at Baltimore (Lopez 7-10), 1:35 p.m.
 Detroit (Cornejo 6-16) at Minnesota (Radke 13-10), 2:05 p.m.
 Kansas City (May 9-7) at Chicago White Sox (Garland 11-12), 2:05 p.m.
 Seattle (Meche 15-10) at Oakland (Harden 5-4), 4:05 p.m.
 Anaheim (Ra.Ortiz 15-12) at Texas (Thomson 13-13), 7:35 p.m.

Monday's Games
 Baltimore at Boston, 7:05 p.m.
 Tampa Bay at Toronto, 7:05 p.m.
 Detroit at Kansas City, 8:05 p.m.
 N.Y. Yankees at Chicago White Sox, 8:05 p.m.
 Seattle at Anaheim, 10:05 p.m.
 Texas at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

A-Rod leads power display

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Alex Rodriguez led another power display by the Texas Rangers.

Rodriguez homered twice to extend his major league lead to 46, and Hank Blalock hit his first career grand slam as Texas beat the Anaheim Angels 13-4 Saturday night.

The Rangers hit five homers to give them 137 at home this season, an AL record. Toronto held the previous mark with 134 at SkyDome in 2000.

Rodriguez had a pair of solo shots and three hits. Mark Teixeira added a two-run drive for Texas, and Rafael Palmeiro hit a solo homer, the 526th of his career.

The Rangers have gotten

power from veterans such as Rodriguez and Palmeiro, but they've also gotten breakout seasons from young players Blalock, Teixeira, Michael Young and Laynce Nix.

"It's quite a feat when you look at the players involved, not only A-Rod and Raffy but Teixeira, Blalock, Young and Nix," manager Buck Showalter said. "You can really take pride in it."

It was Rodriguez's third multihomer game of the season and the 33rd of his career.

Despite all the homers, the Rangers could finish last in the AL West for the fourth straight season because they are 27-48 on the road. Texas is 43-37 at The Ballpark in Arlington.

The Rangers have the third-highest home run total at home in major league history — the Colorado Rockies had 149 in 1996 and 144 in 1999.

"It is great, but not if it doesn't cover our problems on the road," Showalter said.

Colby Lewis (9-9) took

advantage of the early run support to win his third straight decision, retiring 15 straight from the second through the sixth innings.

"At that point, you can go right after guys and you don't have to worry about giving up a homer or a big hit," Lewis said.

Lewis allowed two runs and four hits over seven innings. He struck out six and walked one.

Before the game, Lewis was bothered by spasms in his lower back, but the back improved as the game went on.

"It loosened up in the sixth and seventh," Lewis said. "It's just one of those things I had to battle through. I had to focus on making pitches."

Einar Diaz and Nix had three hits each for the Rangers, who've won five of six.

Adam Kennedy and Alfredo Amezaga homered for the Angels, who've lost nine of 11 and are only two games ahead of the last-place Rangers in the AL West.

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Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2003. You'll have unusually good fortune this year if you simply let go and let matters flow. Despite what happens, you are protected by the planet Jupiter in your 12th house. You could be surprised by what goes on and what you can let go of. The reason this might all be happening is to prepare you to enter a new phase in your life in 2004. You need to let go of what isn't working for you in order to greet a new luck cycle around this time next year. If you are single, be very careful about people you meet. They might not be who they seem to be. In fact, they could be emotionally unavailable or actually lying about their status. If you are attached, you will find that more private time with a loved one is key to your well-being within the relationship. Excitement seems to naturally surround you. VIRGO makes a great doctor.

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) **** As the Sun changes into the peaceful sign of Libra, you look around to find nearly everything and everyone in an uproar. Use your intuition as to how to deal with this intensity. You might be happiest putting on a pair of headphones! Tonight: Take extra work home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Emphasize what you can get done as opposed to what you cannot. You'll find that a nice and easy pace does it, while others attempt to tilt windmills to make the impossible happen. The good news is that you can distinguish the difference here. Tonight: Let the action come to you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Tap into your creativity and express yourself as imaginatively as possible. What feels right to say right now might not work at another time. Seize the moment and allow yourself to imagine what is going on with someone. Tonight: Invite a pal over.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** You might not be sure what is and isn't workable. Your ability to move past an immediate barrier proves to be instrumental in making the right changes. A partner whispers some great suggestions in your ear. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Keep reaching out for others, but do expect that anything a bit abnormal might shock you at first. You might not understand what is happening, but trust that the planets are tossing you a lot to deal with. Tonight: Do something just for yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Step back when you need to. Investigate what has happened within your immediate circle that has caused others not to respond as you would like. You could find others more than challenging in how you deal with them. Tonight: As you like it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Your ability to move through problems and deal with a loved one could be challenging. You could 1) pull out your hair, or 2) simply ignore the situation and throw yourself into work. How you visualize a personal matter could change. Tonight: Step back. Take a night off.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Others look to you for leadership, and that is what they get. You might wonder, quite normally, why you are getting so much flak as a result. Review

Incoming Palestinian PM calling for cessation of 'chaos of weapons'

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — The incoming Palestinian prime minister said Monday he would try to put an end to the "chaos" of illegal weapons in the Palestinian areas, but stopped short of saying he would disarm militant groups.

In the West Bank city of Hebron, Israeli troops killed a Hamas fugitive, Basel Kawasmeh, in a firefight in his hideout. Tanks fired several shells before an army bulldozer razed the residential building. Tenants said the fugitive had forced his way in at gunpoint.

The Palestinian prime minister-designate, Ahmed Qureia, said his priority is to negotiate a cease-fire with Israel after he presents his new Cabinet in coming days.

Israel has said it won't negotiate a truce until Palestinian security forces begin cracking down on armed groups, as required by the U.S.-backed "road map" plan for Palestinian statehood by 2005.

Qureia met with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat on Monday, after consulting with Hamas, Islamic Jihad and other Palestinian opposition groups in the Gaza Strip. The groups turned down Qureia's request to join his government, which will be dominated by members of Arafat's Fatah movement.

"We still need more consultations on ending the chaos in the streets, in the adminis-

tration and in the Palestinian mentality," Qureia said at Arafat's West Bank headquarters. "This is the main issue ... including the chaos in using, distributing and storing weapons."

Qureia did not say what steps, if any, he would take to round up weapons. Palestinian officials have suggested that as a first move, police might try to persuade militants not to parade with weapons in public, including in demonstrations. Marches by various factions are usually led by masked gunmen firing into the air.

The "road map" peace plan says the Palestinian security forces must disarm and dismantle the militants. But Palestinian leaders, including Qureia's predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas, have said they would not use against the militants, for fear of sparking internal fighting.

Arafat, meanwhile, sent a letter to the so-called Quartet of international mediators — the United States, the United Nations, the European Union and Russia — and renewed his truce offer. A cease-fire should be backed by international guarantees that Israel will implement its obligations under the road map, the letter said, according to an Arafat adviser, Yasser Abed Rabbo.

Top Quartet officials, who are in New York for the U.N. General Assembly, were to meet Tuesday.

Police nab brother of high-profile terror suspect

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — The younger brother of Hambali, al-Qaida's suspected point man for Southeast Asia, has been arrested on immigration charges in Pakistan along with several other people, two senior Pakistani Interior Ministry officials said Monday.

Rusman Gunawan was one of 17 people from Malaysia, Indonesia and Myanmar arrested Saturday in raids on three Islamic schools in the southern Pakistani port city of Karachi, said one official, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The official is closely involved in Pakistan's campaign against terrorists.

Officials said the men would be questioned to see if they were suspected of any crimes other than visa violations.

An Indonesia-based terrorism expert said Gunawan was believed to be in charge of the Pakistan branch of Jemaah Islamiyah, the terror network his brother is accused of helping found. Gunawan is believed to have arranged trips for Hambali to Pakistan and Afghanistan, said the expert, who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Gunawan's capture came amid a series of arrests of suspected terrorists in Pakistan as President Gen. Pervez Musharraf prepares to address the U.N. General Assembly in New York on Wednesday about his country's role in fighting terrorism.

Hambali, whose real name is Riduan Isamuddin, was Southeast Asia's most wanted man until he was arrested Aug. 11 in Thailand by Thai police and the CIA. U.S. authorities then flew him to an undisclosed location. Many Indonesians only use their given names, so family members often don't share a surname.

Southeast Asian security officials accuse Hambali of planning last year's Bali nightclub bombings, which killed 202 people, and the Aug. 5 bombing of a hotel in Jakarta, in which 12 died.

Gunawan's arrest was confirmed by another Interior Ministry official, and by an Indonesian consular official in Karachi, who was quoted by the Indonesian news agency Antara.

"We want access to (Gunawan and another student) so we can prepare consular and legal advice if they need it," the consular official, Temu Alam, was quoted as saying.

In the Indonesian capital, Jakarta, police said they also had no evidence of wrongdoing against Gunawan and would not seek his extradition, said Zainuri Lubis, a police spokesman.

Indonesia's SCTV reported Gunawan came to Pakistan in 1999 to study at Karachi's Abu Bakar University on a scholarship given by the Pakistani government. Before that, he sold vegetables at a village market.

Most of the other people arrested in Karachi were students who had overstayed their visas.

It was not clear what authorities planned to do with Gunawan, or whether he is wanted by the United States. There was no immediate comment from the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

Terrorism suspects arrested in Pakistan include al-Qaida's alleged No. 3 leader, Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, who was captured during a raid near Islamabad in March. In September, 2002, a suspected planner of the Sept. 11 attacks, Ramzi Binalshibh, was captured after a gun battle in the southern city of Karachi. In March, 2002, Osama bin Laden's top lieutenant, Abu Zubaydah, was arrested in Faisalabad.

WTAMU: Enrollment at highest since 1971

CANYON — Steady gains in the number of returning and community college transfer students have pushed West Texas A&M University's fall enrollment past the 7,000 mark for the first time in 32 years.

WTAMU's preliminary 12th-class-day (Sept. 10) fall enrollment stands at 7,068, an increase of 3.8 percent or 261 students compared to the University's 2002 fall 12th-class-day report, when enrollment totaled 6,807.

Twelfth-class-day enrollment numbers are what Texas' public universities report to the state.

The last time WTAMU surpassed the 7,000 mark was in 1971, when fall enrollment reached 7,351.

"The quality and reputation of West Texas A&M clearly are on the rise," Dr. Flavius Killebrew, provost/vice president for academic affairs, said. "And with statewide increases in tuition, I think more people are beginning to take a closer look at value when choosing a college. While we continue to improve our overall quality by adding programs in mechanical engineering and a Ph.D. in agriculture, we have nevertheless remained a very affordable University."

The most significant increase among students was among sophomores, with 110 more than a year ago, while the junior class contains 82

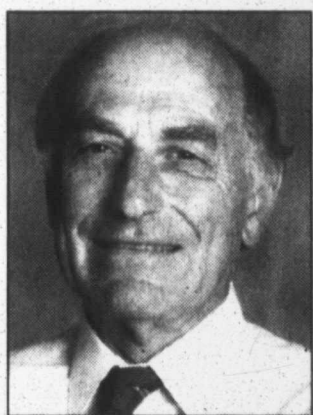
more students than last year. Additionally, the university had almost a 10-percent increase in the number of community college transfers from a year ago.

The university also experienced a 2.3 percent jump in the total number of semester credit hours, both at the undergraduate and graduate levels. The state uses semester credit hours — not head count — in the formula-funding method to determine how much money public universities receive.

Killebrew said several factors contributed to WTAMU's surge in enrollment, including popular scholarship guarantees for transfer students and beginning freshmen, improved advising practices and enhanced electronic services, making it easier to register, apply for financial aid and pay fees online.

Also, enrollment in online classes continued to increase, with approximately 4,500 enrollments, Killebrew said.

"What I think makes our fall enrollment particularly significant is that we've had some of the largest graduating classes in our history over the past few semesters," Killebrew said. "When you lose a lot of students to graduation, it means you are doing something right. The ability to replace them with new students means people are aware that we're doing something right."

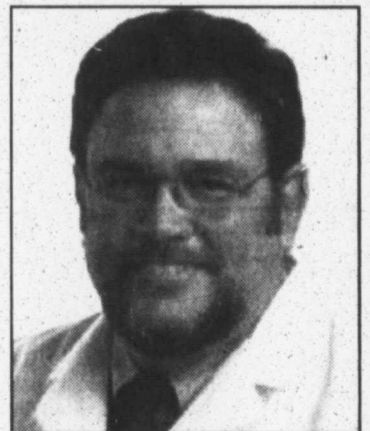


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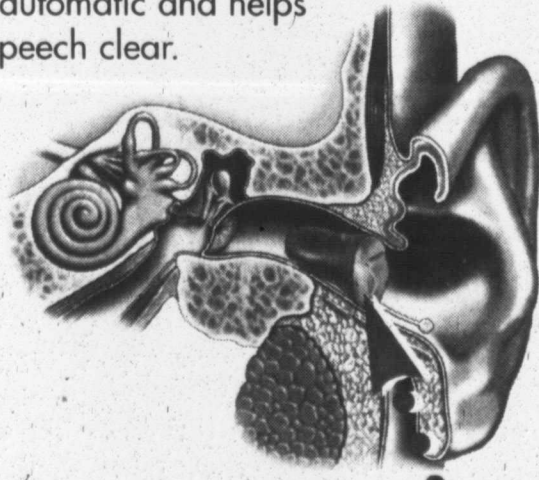
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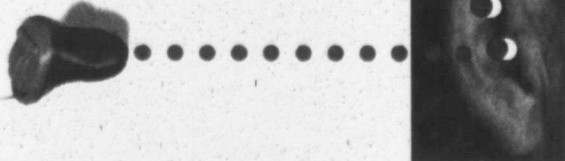
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