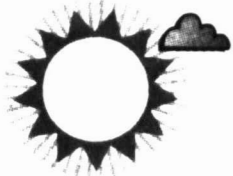




WEATHER



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LOCAL

Retirement party to honor Robbie Stone

Friends and associates are invited to a retirement party for Robbie Stone, a longtime employee of the White Deer Land Museum, 112 S. Cuyler, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 14, at the museum.

Vein Drain blood drive set for Pampa Oct. 21

Coffee Memorial Blood Center, based in Amarillo, will conduct its annual "Vein Drain Blood Drive" from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 21, in the lobby of Clarendon College-Pampa Center, 1601 W. Kentucky. CMBC officials say, donations have decreased across the Panhandle, resulting in a shortage of blood. Types A and O are both in demand. Each donor will receive a specially-designed Halloween T-shirt for participating. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-658-6178. For additional information, call 1-800-658-6178 and ask to speak to Danny Cervantes or Susan Leary.

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Crowd expected at PGWCD hearing

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

WHITE DEER -- Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District officials are expecting a full house Tuesday afternoon at their offices here for a public hearing on new rules governing the pumping of ground water.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District controls pumping of ground water in Gray, Potter, Carson, Wheeler, Roberts, Armstrong and Donley Counties. Their proposed rule changes could have a far reaching

impact on water projects in Roberts County.

Officials with the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority and with Mesa Water, Inc., have both expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed rule changes.

CRMWA, which provides water for 11 member cities including Pampa, has a 46,000 acre well field in Roberts County and is looking for more water rights in the area.

Mesa has about 150,000 acres of water rights in Roberts County and is looking for a buyer for their water.

Both groups, along with the City of Amarillo, have permits to pump one acre-foot of water annually for each acre held.

Another loosely knit group of 130 Roberts County landowners are asking for permits of one acre-foot in order to sell their water.

Ron Nickum, an Amarillo attorney who has represented some of the 130 landowners in their effort to market their water, has also expressed dissatisfaction with the proposed rule changes.

C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water

Conservation District, said he thinks the proposed rules are fair and equitable.

The water district board of directors have spent 15 months writing and rewriting the new rules, Williams said.

Williams said that the major change involves the amount of water that can be pumped under a high impact permit. It has been changed from one acre-foot to one percent of the saturated thickness of the water-bearing sand of the Ogallala Aquifer.

In some cases, Williams said, that

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Mesa, Waco group to form water alliance

Boone Pickens may have found a buyer for his water in Roberts County.

The Brazos River Authority announced Friday that it has signed a strategic alliance with Mesa Water, Inc., to begin discussions concerning piping Texas Panhandle ground water to the Brazos River basin. Officials at the Waco-based river authority said the water could be available by Jan. 1, 2009.

"This alliance between the authority and Mesa," said Joe Hinton, chairman of the authority board of directors, "begins discussions that show the potential of creating the largest conjunctive use of surface and ground water resources in the history of Texas, if not the entire country."

Boone Pickens, president of Mesa Water, said the agreement was a precedent-setting example of how the public and private sectors can work together to ensure all Texans have plenty of competitively priced water for the future.

"As state and local governments are under increasing pressure to address water needs," Pickens said, "this breakthrough can provide water where it is most needed."

Pickens, a Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman, said such a project would free up water that has been stranded and surplus beneath private property in the panhandle and will compensate landowners for their water.

"That money can then be used to pay off mortgages and other debts, improve property

and ultimately help preserve the ranching tradition for future generations," Pickens said. "In many cases, these water rights are worth more than the land itself."

Buying panhandle water is one of several options the river authority is considering, according to Phil Ford, general manager and chief executive officer of the Brazos River Authority said.

"By combining Mesa's ground water with our existing surface water system," Ford said, "Texans will end up with substantially more reliable water than if the two organizations were to move ahead alone."

Authority officials said that if a project results from the talks, Mesa could build a pipeline from Roberts County to the Brazos River Basin. The water could then be transported in the river, saving pipeline construction costs.

Under such a scenario, the Brazos River Authority would get money from river channel transportation charges. Authority officials said that money could be reinvested in other projects in the basin.

Judi Pierce, a spokesman for the Brazos River Authority, said the additional water in the river would raise lake levels during drier seasons, improving the ability to generate hydropower electricity.

Recreationalists would also benefit from a larger streamflow in the Brazos River with better boating and fishing opportunities, Pierce said. That in turn would improve local tourist economies.



(Courtesy photo)

Celebration of Lights volunteers, from left, Paula Goff, Billy Millican, Rae and Pat Bagley, put up the "Jumping Gingerbread Boys" display at Recreation Park. Volunteers are needed to erect the many exhibits planned for this year's annual Christmas lighting display. Work times are after 6 p.m. on week days and beginning at 9 a.m. Saturdays and 12:30 p.m. on Sundays.

Celebration of Lights

Volunteers sought to erect holiday display

Thousands of Christmas lights will shine again at Recreation Park here as Celebration of Light volunteers begin getting ready for the Nov. 22 opening date.

Everything from a Nativity Scene to a ski-jumping Santa, a whale and Mickey Mouse will be featured in lights each evening of the Christmas season through Dec. 31, officials say.

The annual show is the result of hundreds of hours of labor contributed by a few volunteers. This year volunteers are especially needed to help erect the exhibit since the Hoover Fire Department is not available. Workers meet at 6 p.m. each weekday and at 9 a.m. on Saturday and 12:30 p.m. on Sunday at Recreation Park to help mount the exhibits.

For more information call 665-0791 during the day or 665-8997 in the evening.

"Since the Pampa light show is the only one in the Panhandle, we hope to attract viewers from throughout the area," said Pat Bagley, president of this year's Celebration

of Lights. The Amarillo light show was discontinued last year and the exhibits were sold to El Paso, he explained.

"We do need donations for advertising and to pay for expenses," said Bagley.

Begun in 1994, the originators had the help of Jordan Prison inmates to cut out, paint, assemble and mount many of the pieces. Others were purchased from the Midwest Display Co. This year's officers reorganized the group to include two representatives from each of four service organizations - Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary and Knights of Columbus - in order to encourage more participation. In addition to Bagley, other officers include Carol Clark, vice-president; Rae Bagley, secretary; and Kathleen Chaney, treasurer.

"We still owe \$8,500 and hope to pay off that as soon as possible," said Bagley. That will enable the group to purchase more pieces, he said.

"We have worked over everything for this

(See LIGHTS, Page 3)

City Commission to reconsider rates

Water and sewer rates will be back on the Pampa City Commission's agenda this week.

Ordinances lowering minimum usage for water and sewage, in effect raising water and sewage rates, will be back on the city commission's meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in their chambers at Pampa City Hall.

Two special meetings were called last week in an attempt to pass the ordinances, but after they were voted down at the first meeting, the second meeting was canceled. City ordinances require two readings for passage. The

Without that revenue, city officials said, there will be a budget shortfall.

readings must be on two separate days.

Last week, the city commission asked City Manager Mitch Grant to refigure the water and sewage rates. Grant today said he has developed a computer model that will enable the city commission to plug in numbers during the meeting in order to reach a consensus of what they want to do.

City Attorney Don Lane has drawn up proposed ordinances that may be changed at Tuesday's meeting.

Commissioner Faustina Curry at last week's meeting noted that the new city budget is based in part on the projected revenues from the increases in water and sewer revenue. Without that revenue, city officials said, there will

be a budget shortfall.

In other business, the commission is expected to authorize the city staff to accept bids for the purchase of a four-wheel drive utility vehicle, appoint three persons to the Construction Board of Appeals, consider a bid of \$151 from George Kilcrease for delinquent tax property at 1014 Denver and consider a contract with Biggs and Matthews environmental engineers for the development of a new cell at the city landfill.

The commission will also consider the city's investment policy.

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ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

Friday, Oct. 10

7:45 a.m. - A 1991 Geo Storm, driven by Sarah Christine Ellis, 17, 2704 Navajo, and a 1987 Ford Bronco II, driven by Christa Nicole LaRue, 23, of 600 Doucette, collided in the intersection of Duncan Street and 25th Avenue. Ellis was transported by Rural/Metro Ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. Ellis was cited for failure to yield right of way at a stop sign.

SHERIFF

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

Sunday, Oct. 12

Larry Wayne Eastman, 51, 2417 Walnut, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated/first offense.

Clinton Michael Oldham, 25, homeless, was arrested by the DPS for driving with license suspended.

Morris Lynn Powell, 51, 1001 Farley, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Department for Pampa Police Department on capias pro fines for driving with license suspended and failure to appear.

Farouq Fouqod Dajani, 21, Wichita, Kan., was arrested by the DPS for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, no driver's license, no insurance and speeding /105 miles per hour in 65 mph zone.

Marwan Mohammed Ramadan, 20, of Wichita, Kan., was arrested by the DPS for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram.

FIRE

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Oct. 11

8:05 a.m. - Pampa Fire Marshal conducted a fire investigation in the 700 block of East Kingsmill.

Sunday, Oct. 12

4:24 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist 10 miles south on Texas Highway 70. The call was disregarded on arrival.

4:30 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 1500 block of West Kentucky.

5:06 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a medical assist on Texas Highway 152 and Gray County Road 4 1/2.

9:12 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide check in the 1000 block of South Banks. None was found.

11:52 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 2500 block of Christine.

OBITUARIES

MACGREGOR VAUGHAN CHRISTNER 1933-2003

WHEELER - MacGregor "Mac" Vaughan Christner, 70, died Saturday, Oct. 11, 2003, at Floresville. Graveside services are to be Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003, at 2 p.m. at the McIntyre Christner Cemetery at Flat Camp Ranch in Roberts County with the Rev. Larry Spannagle. Arrangements are by Wright Funeral Home of Shamrock.

Mr. Christner was born at Seton Infirmary in Austin to James Blaine and Ruby Vaughan Christner on Jan. 23, 1933. He grew up in Shamrock and graduated from Shamrock High School. He attended both Texas A&M University and the University of Texas. He served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He married Mary Kathryn Brainard on June 23, 1958, in Canadian. He retired from Celanese Chemical Company in Pampa after

SERVICES FOR TOMORROW

CHRISTNER, MacGregor "Mac" Vaughan - Graveside, 2 p.m., McIntyre Christner Cemetery, Flat Camp Ranch, Roberts County.

Heavy rains cause South Texas flood

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — Heavy rains in South Texas have flooded out families, forcing them to evacuate from their homes as flash flood warnings continued early Monday from storms that have been blamed on at least one

The precipitation was generated from upper-level disturbances moving in from Baja California. State highway officials said U.S. 281 and other roads were closed.

Felipe Padron, standing

STOCKS

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of Pampa:

Wheat	2.92	KMI	55.36	+0.16
Milo	3.47	XCEL	15.67	+0.08
Corn	4.08	Kerr McGee	45.39	+0.16
Soybeans	6.50	Limited	17.44	+0.36
		Williams	10.60	+0.30
		MCD	24.38	+0.09
		XOM	38.50	+0.20
		Atmos	24.65	+0.17
		Pioneer Nat	26.50	-0.23
		JCP	23.32	+0.51
		COP	57.94	+0.75
		SLB	50.84	+0.05
		Tenneco	7.10	+0.11
		CVK	74.72	+0.92
		Wal-Mart	59.01	+0.59
		OKE	21.03	+0.21
		NS Grp	7.05	+0.05
		VLO	39.75	+0.11
		HAL	24.76	+0.01
		New York Gold	373.05	
		Tnad	33.23	+0.88
		Silver	4.90	
		NOI	19.17	+0.07
		West Texas Crude	31.97	

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

BP	44.49	+0.43
Celanese	32.81	-0.03
Cabot Corp.	29.44	+0.02
Cabot Oil Gas	27.20	+0.05
Coca Cola	44.21	+0.38
VLO	39.75	+0.11
HAL	24.76	+0.01
Tnad	33.23	+0.88
NOI	19.17	+0.07

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance Service responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Oct. 11

3:16 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Recreation Park. No patient was found.

5:26 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred one to VA Medical Center, Amarillo.

Sunday, Oct. 12

11:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Starkweather and Browning streets and transported one to PRMC.

4:09 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to 12 miles south of Texas Highway 70 and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:28 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility. No transport.

5:02 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Texas Highway 152 West at Gray 4 1/2 for a LifeStar medical helicopter transfer.

7:04 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

11:50 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2500 block of Christine. No transport.

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

Today, mostly sunny. Highs in the lower 80s. West winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northwest in the afternoon. Tonight, mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s. North winds 15 to 20 mph. Tuesday, mostly sunny. Highs around 70. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Tuesday night, mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. South winds 10 to 20 mph. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph. Wednesday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 60s. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 50. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.

POLICE

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Saturday, Sept. 27

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of East Browning. Entry was gained by pushing an air conditioner out of a window. A DVD player and a book of checks was taken. Estimated loss was \$50.

Saturday, Oct. 4

Theft was reported in the 300 block of East Kingsmill. A bicycle was taken. Estimated loss was \$60.

Monday, Oct. 6

Assault on a family member was reported in the 700 block of East Frederic. No injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

Criminal mischief and theft were reported in the 800 block of Beryl. Carpet was damaged and a stove, refrigerator and air conditioner taken. Estimated loss was \$750. Damage estimate was not included in the report.

Thursday, Oct. 9

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 1200 block of East Foster. A window and two figurines were broken. A power cord and cell phone were taken. Estimated loss and damage was \$270.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of Evergreen. Taken were 25 firearms, a coin collection and a dinnerware set. Method of entry was unknown. Estimated loss was \$16,000.

Forgery was reported at Taylor Food Mart, 600 E. Frederic. A counterfeit \$20 bill was passed.

Theft was reported in the 1600 block of Hobart. A known subject fled the scene with an undisclosed amount of DVDs. No loss estimate was included in the report.

Trespassing on school grounds was reported at Pampa Middle School, 2401 N. Charles.

Friday, Oct. 10

Assault with injury was reported in the 100 block of North Nelson. The victim was transported to Pampa Regional Medical Center for treatment. Charges have not yet been filed.

Shane Willett, 17, 1128 Starkweather, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces.

Theft was reported at Albertson's, 1233 N. Hobart. Two males were detained and later arrested for taking two cans of smoked oysters and a package of cookies. Estimated loss was \$5. Arrested in connection with the incident were Brandon Bowman, 17, and Jayson Calfy, 18, both of 1305 E. Kingsmill.

A female reportedly lied to an officer about an alleged hit and run accident with no injuries in the 600 block of West Kingsmill. Several warrants are sought in connection with the deception, police reported.

Burglary was reported in the 500 block of Yeager. No forced entry was reported. Taken was a coin collection valued at \$500.

An information report was taken in the 2700 block of North Beech. The report concerned a telephone scam.

Two reports of a minor in possession of

tobacco were made in the 100 block of East Harvester.

Saturday, Oct. 11

Theft was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Taken were two six-packs of beer, valued at \$10.58.

A gas drive-off was reported by Taylor Mart, 2101 N. Hobart. A known subject driving a brown truck fled the scene without paying for \$31.77 in gas.

Assault causing bodily injury to a family member was reported in the 900 block of Scott. Richard Eugene Brookshire, 32, 400 N. Sumner, was arrested for assault causing bodily injury to a family member/enhanced. The victim sustained minor lacerations to her right hand.

Vickie Ogden Merrick, 41, 2133 Mary Ellen, was arrested for making a false report to an officer, unsafe speed, failure to drive in a single lane and failure to comply with an official traffic control device.

Howard Alexander Santacruz, 17, 713 Locust, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces, possession of dangerous drugs, no seat belt, and minor in possession of tobacco.

Sunday, Oct. 12

Charges were filed for evading arrest in the 1100 block of Neel.

Possession of a controlled substance and assault causing bodily injury to a family member were reported in the 2400 block of Navajo. Tena Dennis, 42, and Aldo Dennis, 44, both of 2406 Navajo, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram and assault causing bodily injury/family violence. Both sustained minor injuries as a result of the incident.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 300 block of South Gray. Curtis Loyd Morris, 73, 316 S. Gray, was arrested for violation of a protective order in connection with the incident.

Billy Leroy Willingham, 42, 2112 Zimmers, was arrested in the 800 block of Huff Road for failure to identify, running a red light and failure to appear.

Domestic assault was reported in the 700 block of North Banks. Minor injuries were reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 700 block of North Banks. Entry was made through a window. Taken were an entertainment system, watch, wedding ring and citizens' band radio. Estimated loss was \$1,100.

Thomas Randall Townsend, 48, 520 Frost, Apt. 5, was arrested for expired motor vehicle registration and no valid driver's license.

Jose Socorro Aboytes, 20, 449 Pitts, was arrested for no driver's license, running a red light and no insurance.

Jason Samuel Shorter, 22, 713 Deane, was arrested on a capias pro fine for court costs and fees.

Monday, Oct. 13

Kenton Cargal, 17, 1138 S. Faulkner, was arrested in the 1000 block of South Finley for unlawful carrying of a weapon and no insurance.

Conjoined twins separated

DALLAS (AP) — Two-year-old twin boys from Egypt who had been joined at the head spent their first night apart after 34-hour separation surgery and a doctor said Monday they were "in good shape."

The surgery to separate little Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim began Saturday morning at Children's Medical Center Dallas and ended late Sunday afternoon. They remained in critical but stable condition early Monday.

"They had a very good night," Dr. James Thomas told ABC's "Good Morning America" on Monday. "They stayed in good shape. There were no major problems through the course of the evening. ... It couldn't have been a better night."

He said their blood pressure was stable and kidney function "perfect." They were on mechanical ventilators and were to remain in a drug-induced coma for three to four days.

Doctors stressed there were still concerns: the possibility of stroke, infection and how the wounds will heal, and long-term questions about brain damage from the surgery.

The conjoined twins, who had an intricate connection of blood vessels but separate brains, were physically separat-

ed about 26 hours after they entered the operating room. Doctors then went to work covering the head wounds.

The boys' father, Ibrahim Mohammed Ibrahim, fainted when he heard the operation was over.

"At one point when someone came up and said, 'you have two boys,' the father jumped to my neck and he hugged me and he fainted and I cared for him," said Dr. Nasser Abdel Al, who was with the family for the marathon operation. He is head of neonatal sur-

gery at a Cairo hospital where the twins were taken shortly after their birth.

"He told me that he never dreamt of such a moment," said Abdel Al. He added that Ibrahim's wife, Sabah Abu el-Wafa, "was crying like everybody else."

The intricate operation had been in the planning stages for months. The surgery team used a specially made operating table that let doctors swivel the boys bodies for easy access to the front and back of their heads.

City Briefs

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HOUSE FOR Sale, 1528 N. Zimmers, \$75,000 obo. 664-0039, 898-6446.

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Redistricting map en route to governor's desk

By NATALIE GOTT
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

AUSTIN (AP) — It took six months and three special legislative sessions but lawmakers finally have signed off on a new congressional redistricting map that likely will send more Texas Republicans to Washington.

The Texas Senate approved the bill Sunday, sending it to Republican Gov. Rick Perry, who is expected to sign it.

Republicans have said that under the map they could pick up as many as six additional seats in the Texas' 32-member congressional delegation that is ruled 17-15 by Democrats. Democrats said the map would add seven Republicans.

The GOP, led by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land, had been trying for months to pass a new redistricting

plan, saying recent voting trends showed the state should have more Republicans representation.

After the vote Sunday, Republican Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said a congressional redistricting map had finally been created that reflects the voting trends of the state.

"I think this map will lend, will create, new members of Congress being elected in the 2004 elections," Dewhurst said.

Democrats opposed the redistricting effort, arguing that the congressional boundaries drawn by a court after the Legislature failed to do it in 2001 should be left intact and that redistricting proposals hurt minority voters.

Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, said the map was crafted with one objective in mind and "that was to increase the maximum number of Republican congressmen and women in the state of Texas."

"In doing so, it ripped apart communities of interest, it tore at the heart of rural Texas and it violated the voting rights millions of African-Americans and Hispanics," Van de Putte said. Dewhurst said the map will "elect more minority members to Congress."

Republicans acknowledge that more Texas GOP seats would come largely at the expense of white Democrats.

Although the bill was approved, Democrats twice held up the redistricting effort by staging boycotts of the Legislature.

House Democrats broke a quorum in their chamber, killing the redistricting effort, when they fled to Ardmore, Okla., in May. Senate Democrats held their own quorum bust when they fled to Albuquerque, N.M., for the full second special legislative session.

The Senate Democrats came back reluctantly after one member of their group decided to

return to Texas.

Because the Legislature took so long in approving the plan, it also was forced to vote to push back the Texas primary election by one week to March 9 to allow for the new congressional districts to be incorporated on the ballot.

Although the legislative battle is over, Democrats have pledged to fight the new map in court.

"Today we find ourselves at the, some would say, at the end of the redistricting saga in this state, and I would say to you we've just (begun) a new ball game, one that will move to the courts," Van de Putte said.

The Senate approved the new map only after the House agreed to Senate demands and endorsed an unrelated bill that reorganizes certain parts of state government. One major part of that bill strips power from Republican Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn.

U.S. official: Saddam, still influential, hid recently in Tikrit

TIKRIT, Iraq (AP) — Saddam Hussein has been hiding in his hometown Tikrit and is believed to be exerting influence within the resistance that has been killing American soldiers at a rate of nearly one every two days, a U.S. official said Monday.

The American casualties continued, with one soldier killed and two wounded when attackers fired a rocket-propelled grenade at their patrol in Tikrit. A second soldier was killed and another wounded when their vehicle struck a land mine in Beiji, 120 miles north of Baghdad.

U.S.-led coalition officials said they had made arrests in a suicide car bombing that shook central Baghdad on Sunday, killing at least six bystanders and wounding dozens of others.

U.S. troops have been struggling to put down an insurgent campaign that has targeted American forces and has increasingly turned to using dramatic suicide

attacks. The most recent deaths brought to 96 the number of U.S. soldiers known to have been killed in hostile action since May 1, when President Bush declared major combat over.

A top American officer in Tikrit told The Associated Press that Saddam likely has a "strong influence" on anti-U.S. guerrilla attacks in the area around the city.

"We have clear indication he has been here recently," Maj. Troy Smith, executive officer of the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, told reporters.

"He could be here right now," Smith added. "At the least, he is maintaining a strong influence in the area."

Support for Saddam still runs deep in Tikrit and other parts of the so-called "Sunni triangle," a region north of Baghdad where Saddam's Baathist regime drew much of its power. Most of the attacks employ rocket propelled grenades or roadside bombs. Saddam's Fedayeen

militia and his most loyal supporters are believed to be financing and organizing the attacks. The U.S. military says it has uncovered scores of bomb-making facilities and weapons caches in private homes across the Sunni region.

Saddam, who was born in a village on the southern outskirts of Tikrit, was last seen in Baghdad in early April as the city was falling to American forces. His sons Odai and Qusai were killed July 22 in the northern city of Mosul.

Smith did not elaborate on intelligence information that has led the military to conclude that Saddam has been in the Tikrit area but expressed confidence in the quality of the information.

"Where else would he go to?" Smith said. "He has family and tribal roots here."

Smith said some of the other key regime figures still at large could be in the Tikrit area. Of the 55 Iraqis on the coalition's most wanted list,

38 are in custody, 14 are at large and three are either dead or thought to be dead.

"We think they could still be around," he said. "They obviously have the money to pay the average poor Iraqi to shoot at coalition forces... We believe we are dealing with very few individuals here."

The American administrator in Iraq vowed to hunt down those responsible for Sunday's car bomb outside

the Baghdad Hotel.

"We will work with the Iraqi police to find those responsible and bring them to justice," L. Paul Bremer said.

Coalition spokesman Charles Heatly said "there are some people in detention" after Sunday's attack but refused to elaborate.

Two cars exploded nearly simultaneously, and two drivers were killed but it was not clear if both were suicide

attackers. Military spokesman Lt. Col. George Krivo said Monday the second car may have exploded when its fuel tank was ignited by the first blast.

At least one guard was reported among the six bystanders dead. One member of the 25-seat Governing Council, Mouwafak al-Rabii, told Al-Jazeera satellite television he suffered a slight hand injury.

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LIGHTS

year, and everything is working," he added.

Approximately one third of the pieces required work. Some of the pieces could not be used last year because they needed wiring and bulb replacement that could not be completed in time. The special, hand-painted Nativity Scene used in earlier years in city parks is still on hold with the hopes that the painting can be completed and it will be

ready next year.

Volunteers worked all spring and summer replacing wiring and bulbs. A permanent building on wheels has been designed and will be built with the help of some Kiwanis members, said Bagley. This will be used by volunteers to stay in when they help with the evening show.

"There has been a lot going on in spite of the lack of volunteers," said Bagley. "Right now we are trying to secure an electrician."

He added that they are working on some different things for this year's event.

Some of the volunteers who helped in the summer months included Mitch Grant, Billy Millican, Dick and Dorothy Stowers, and Lynn Allison. Jordan Grant and Dusty Joiner and their families will assist in turning on and off the lights every night during the show. Organizations will be contacted to man the booth during each evening.

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will be more than one acre-foot.

"In most other cases, in all likelihood, it will be less," he said.

The change would reflect the water that is actually in the ground, Williams said.

He said the proposed change is an effort to maintain what has become known as the 50-50 rule. That rule declares that 50 percent of the water in storage in the aquifer in 1998, when the rule was written, should remain at the end of a 50 year period. The 50-50 rule, first adopted by the Panhandle Water Planning Group, is now part of the state

water plan.

"The way I view the rule change is we're trying to clarify and balance what we've been saying all along," Williams said. "The one thing that's not negotiable and is steadfast is the 50-50 rule."

As part of the change, Williams said, the high impact pumping permit process has been split into two parts. Landowners can now apply for an Initial Ground Water Availability Permit, or IGAPs, indicating that there is water beneath their land.

The second part of the permitting process would involve the placement and pumping of wells.

Williams said that the

Initial Ground Water Availability Permit was designed to help smaller landowners to market their water.

The IGAPs could be sold to another party, such as a developer wanting to put together a larger well field.

That, Williams said, should make it easier for people to sell their water, particularly smaller landowners.

"We listened to those people in Roberts County that said they wanted some way that they could market their water without having to go through the expense of the whole permitting system in the high production permit," Williams said.

Lake Meredith Park Ranger honored

At a recent All Employees Meeting for the staff of Lake Meredith National Recreation Area, Chief Ranger Bill Briggs was presented with a plaque and a gold lapel pin on behalf of Intermountain Regional Director Karen Wade for 30 years of service to the National Park Service.

Brigg's career began in May, 1972 at Glen Canyon National Recreation Area in Arizona where he worked seasonally as the head of lifeguard at the swimming beach at Wahweep.

For three years he alternated summers and winters between Mesa Verde National

Park in Colorado and Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

As a permanent employee his duty stations included Golden Gate National Recreation Area, California, Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Nevada, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, Arizona and Utah, and Curecanti National Recreation Area, Colorado before transferring to Lake Meredith National Recreation Area and Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument in the Texas Panhandle in March of 1997. Briggs became Chief Ranger in May

of 2000. Superintendent Karren Brown presented this special award on Oct. 9 in front of Briggs' coworkers. Brown stated that the ranger's 30 years with only one federal agency is unique. Most people celebrate various tenure milestones including military service and other government agency employment.

"We are very happy to observe this occasion with Bill and this special plaque was signed by former Intermountain Director Karen Wade, who just retired after 42 years of Federal service," she said.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Girl At Head Of The Class Feels Socially Left Behind

DEAR ABBY: I am 13 years old and people say I'm cute. I have many girlfriends and a 4.0 GPA. I excel in sports and had the lead in the spring musical. So why do all my friends have boys coming up to them to talk — and I don't? Every time I talk to boys, they act like they can't wait to get away from me. When I say, "Hi," they don't answer.

I've asked my best friends about this. They say I am "too smart," and it makes boys feel uncomfortable. I love school, and I confess I like doing my research projects on the night they are assigned, even though we're given two weeks to complete them.

At a slumber party a few nights ago, we played a game where we all predicted where we would be in 20 years. My friends told me I wouldn't be married. I would be a rocket scientist instead.

Should I concentrate less on school assignments and work on my social skills with boys?

A GIRL WITH ONLY GIRLFRIENDS

DEAR GIRL: Absolutely not. You are the girl who has everything — looks, brains, talent and coordination. The boys in your age group are behind you in their social development. Please be patient. Do not "dumb down" for anyone. In a year or two, those boys will not only catch up to you, but they'll be beating down your door — and that will open up a whole new set of "problems." Trust me.

DEAR ABBY: I will be 79 in a few weeks and recently received notice of my 60th high school reunion. I was an outstanding beauty when I was 18, but now I have thinning hair and gravity has taken its toll on me.

I grew up in a small town outside of Boston and was one of a class of 160 students. I was extremely promiscuous back then. I slept with more than two-thirds of the boys in my class — and everyone knew it.

My problem is, my wonderful "steady man" insists that we go to the reunion. He has been my generous provider for many years and I

don't want to argue. I hate seeing my classmates with my "old face," and hope nobody will make unkind comments about my past.

What should I do?

FORMER BELLE OF THE BALL

DEAR FORMER BELLE: Put on a happy face and attend the reunion. Time waits for no man — or woman — and that includes your former classmates. Please don't be self-conscious about your appearance or your past. After 60 years, everyone will probably be more than willing to let bygones be bygones.

DEAR ABBY: "Not a Princess in Pasadena" asked what to do for her friend who isn't as financially well off as she is. You missed a great opportunity to recommend volunteering.

The girls could be candy strippers in a hospital, read to the elderly at a nursing home, run errands for shut-ins — all sorts of things. Assuming they do a good job, they will get good references for jobs or higher education. Those teens should contact the nearest hospital, nursing home, social service agency or church, and inquire about what volunteer programs are available for teen-agers. If there aren't any, they might consider organizing a few friends and creating one.

They would really enjoy it, and it wouldn't cost either of them a penny. My two kids did exactly that and loved it!

NANCY HABLUTZEL, PH.D., J.D., CHICAGO

DEAR NANCY: What a terrific suggestion. There is always a need to be filled if people look for it. Even a few hours a week can make a big difference in someone's life.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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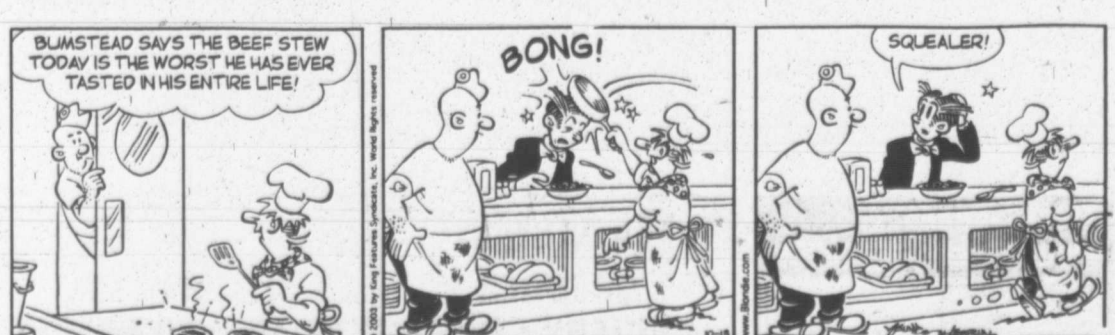
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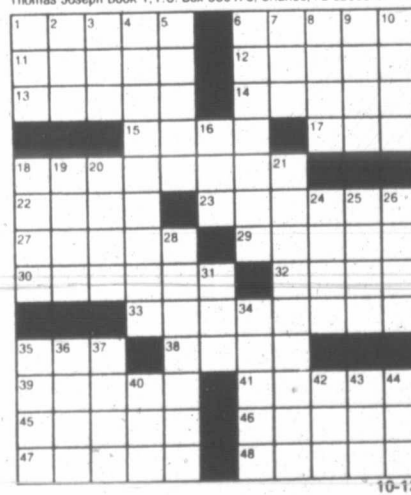
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Learning about fire safety



(Courtesy photo)

During "Fire Prevention Week", third grade students at Wilson Elementary toured the Pampa Fire Departments traveling Safety House. Pictured with the students are, from left, Fire Marshal Gary Stevens; Pampa Firefighters Tim Gabel, Jim Sirmans, and Tim Roberts; Wilson third grade teachers Becky Poland and Keely Topper; Fire Capt. Jesse Hanes and Assistant Fire Chief Randy Dunham.

People in the News

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Rep. Harold Ford Jr. is in the HBO series "K Street."

No, he's not following in the footsteps of former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, who has a recurring role on NBC's "Law & Order."

Ford, D-Memphis, played himself in the series about political consultants in Washington, D.C. The episode was taped Wednesday and aired Sunday night.

In the scene, Ford is having lunch with an old friend, Francisco Dupre (played by actor Roger G. Smith), who was recently hired by a lobbying firm that includes James Carville and Mary Matalin, the real-life consulting couple from opposite political parties.

A theme of the episode is the investigation into the leak to a columnist that the wife of former ambassador Joe Wilson was a CIA operative. Matalin is wondering whether she needs an attorney. Dupre sounds out Ford.

Ford said he gave the same advice as he had on talk shows last week: that President Bush give his chief of staff 48 hours to turn over names.

Ford said he did not pursue acting beyond elementary school and has no plans for it in the future. "I'm not anticipating any nominations for my performance, so I'm going to stay right where I am," he said.

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — Actor Val Kilmer has taken out a newspaper ad thanking friends from New Mexico for standing by him in a controversy over an article Kilmer says inaccurately depicted him as being anti-New Mexico.

Kilmer, 43, who lives in Pecos — a village of about 1,400 in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains east of Santa Fe — denied telling Rolling Stone magazine he lived in the "homicide capital of the United States," and said he does not carry a gun.

"I love my state and Pecos where I live," he said in the advertisement in The Santa Fe New Mexican, which featured two open letters — one to his friends and the other to the editors of Rolling Stone.

Kilmer has been promoting the film, "Wonderland," in which he plays porn star John Holmes in a story of four 1981 murders at the home of Los Angeles nightclub owner Eddie Nash.

Rolling Stone spokeswoman Claudia Diromaualdo said the magazine stands by its article.

Kilmer, 43, a member of the state Film Commission, had dinner last week with Gov. Bill Richardson at the governor's mansion, and Richardson said afterward that Kilmer loves the state and "is a great New Mexican."

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Former Gov. Doug Wilder has resigned from the governing board of his alma mater, Virginia Union University, blaming "the inability to get a full and accurate picture of the school's true financial condition."

Wilder, a 1951 graduate of the historically black college, announced his resignation last week in a commentary he wrote for the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

The board of trustees chairman, Frank S. Royal, told the Times-Dispatch that Wilder's resignation was "unsolicited but not unexpected."

Informal aid network helps keep Palestinian society afloat - barely

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — After his apartment was demolished by Israeli soldiers, Ahmed Abu Sair and his new bride found shelter in his father's home where eight people already shared two small rooms. His dad's bed was moved out onto the balcony.

However, Abu Sair, 29, a security guard who can't afford a new place on a \$125-a-month salary, won't remain in such cramped conditions much longer: his four-story apartment block is being rebuilt by neighbors who, though poor themselves, donated money and labor.

Such informal support systems — neighborhood associations, clan welfare funds, mosque alms boxes — have helped keep Palestinian society afloat, along with foreign aid, during three years of fighting. It works despite devastation that, according to a World Bank report in May, "would have torn the social fabric in many other societies."

At the root of Palestinian society is a tribal system that on one hand can stifle individuals' independence, discourage dissent, and greatly restrict women — but on the other has also helped Palestinians manage their lives during hundreds of years of Turkish, British and Israeli rule.

"The one thing that never breaks down is kinship," Palestinian anthropologist Sharif Kanaana said. "You either live together or die together."

But with increasingly less to share — an estimated 60 percent of Palestinians now live on less than \$2 a day — there is concern that even the ancient system could start unraveling.

Kanaana said that already there is growing hostility by some Palestinians toward those who are not relatives or neighbors — considered, he said, "fair game" in an increasingly harsh competition over dwindling resources.

Since September 2000, the Palestinian economy suffered severe losses in trade and wages, largely because of Israeli travel bans meant to keep out suicide bombers and gunmen. In 2003 alone, the Gross Domestic Product is expected to drop 7 percent, the Palestinian Finance Ministry says.

The international community is sending about \$1 billion a

year to ease the worst hardships and help prop up the Palestinian Authority, which would otherwise cease to function.

In Nablus, the West Bank's largest city with 180,000 people, revenues dropped from \$50 million a year before the uprising to about \$30 million a year.

The municipality, which also runs four adjacent refugee camps, has stopped all infrastructure projects, cut back services, reduced salaries of employees by 30 percent and imposed a hiring freeze.

With unemployment at 60 percent, residents have run up \$45 million in unpaid utility bills since 2000. "When we see people who cannot feed their kids, we cannot turn off their water and electricity," said the deputy mayor, Adnan Derhalli.

Yet there is no widespread destitution. Aid agencies note an increase in malnutrition — one report says about 1 in 10 kids is not getting enough protein — but there appears to be little stomach-turning hunger.

The informal safety net still catches most.

Those who have jobs share with even distant relatives who are unemployed — often with no questions asked. It is not unusual for one breadwinner to support two or three dozen people.

Clans, the backbone of the tribal system, have their own welfare funds, with monthly contributions ranging from about \$30 to \$100 from each family able to pay. A clan committee decides on spending — maybe paying for furniture for a young couple, for university tuition or for the cost of surgery.

Some welfare funds are organized by neighborhood or area of origin. One Gaza City charity serves Palestinian refugees from what is now the Israeli town of Ashkelon.

Rawhi Mansour, who runs the Rimal neighborhood fund in Gaza City with contributions from 200 donors, said the need is overwhelming. "We don't have enough money and the number of people who need help is so big," he said.

Islamic charities, funded by

foreign and local contributions, pay out millions of dollars a year to help the needy. Others draw unemployment payments or other stipends from the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority. The U.N. Relief and Works Agency — created to help Palestinian refugees after Israel's creation in 1948 — distributes emergency food rations to tens of thousands of people.

While Palestinians manage to hang on, some of the damage of the last three years may be irreversible. Many families have had to sell off assets to survive, including land and gold jewelry — often at below-market prices.

Crime remains low, even though armed Palestinian police have not been permitted to patrol West Bank streets since Israel reoccupied most of the towns in April 2002.

In Gaza, with a population of 1.3 million, only about 600 criminals are locked up in the central jail — in part because the clans of offenders and victims often settle quietly, a system tolerated by police.

In Nablus, petty theft is up only slightly, and there hasn't been a bank robbery in the city in decades.

"In Iraq, everything collapsed in one day," said Derhalli, the city's deputy mayor. "We have been without security forces for almost three years, and the situation is still close to normal."

With most Nablus schools overcrowded, four schools have been built this year with donations.

In the case of the young security guard Ahmed Abu Sair, his apartment was in a building blown up in an Aug. 8 army raid aimed at two bomb-makers wanted by Israel. The two wanted men and an Israeli soldier were killed.

Some 40 people lived in the building. Displaced tenants pooled their government compensation money of \$16,400, construction workers charged only 40 percent of normal wages and other residents of the Nablus neighborhood chipped in the rest, some as little as a

dollar, to raise the shell of the building.

"We all know each other," explained Darwish Burghal, 32, from the neighborhood aid committee. "Any man who loses his house should be helped by his neighbors."

AP reporters Ibrahim Barzak in Gaza City and Mohammed Daraghmeah in Nablus contributed to this report.

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Cowboys edge Eagles for fourth straight win

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Philadelphia Eagles found out in a hurry that these aren't the same old Dallas Cowboys.

Randal Williams returned an onside kick 37 yards for a touchdown just 3 seconds into the game, and Billy Cundiff hit a 28-yard field goal with 1:11 left as Dallas snapped a six-game losing streak against its division rival with a 23-21 win Sunday.

The Cowboys won their fourth straight under new coach Bill Parcells and are in first place in the NFC East, with their first 4-1 start since 1995. With a victory next week against Detroit, they'll match their win total in each of the

past three seasons. "This is a new era," Dallas quarterback Quincy Carter said. "This is a new football team. Coach Parcells has brought a whole new toughness to this team."

The Cowboys didn't waste any time proving it to the Eagles (2-3).

Philadelphia — coming off two wins after starting 0-2 — tried generating early momentum with the onside kick. It worked three years ago, setting the tone for a 41-14 Philadelphia win.

But not this time. Williams seemed prepared, catching the kick on the fly and running into the end zone

without being touched. It went down as the fastest score to begin a game since the NFL began using a scoreboard clock in 1970, but the time could be changed because the clock did not start immediately when Williams began the return.

"We thought we saw something during the week that we could take advantage of," Philadelphia coach Andy Reid said. "It just didn't work."

Dallas special teams coach Bruce DeHaven told Williams to be ready for it. DeHaven hadn't said that before any other game.

"I watched the kicker's approach. It was a little weird,

so I knew it was coming," Williams said. "We practice onside kicks all week, but when I came down on two feet, I saw nothing but green and said, 'Why not?'"

Dallas struggled on offense for much of the game, but was able to come up with big plays when they were needed.

And when the Cowboys trailed for the first time after Correll Buckhalter's 20-yard TD run with 4:14 left, the special teams and offense responded with the go-ahead points, then the defense protected that edge.

"I thought we'd be well-prepared," Parcells said. "I could tell. We did a lot of film

work and our players were very attentive. ... I'm real happy about my team."

Carter offset shaky numbers — 14-of-25 for a season-low 146 yards — with a blitz-beating, third-down pass to Joey Galloway that kept the winning drive alive.

Even after the Eagles blew a 21-20 lead, they still had one more chance when James Thrash returned a kickoff to the 48 and they were one big play from David Akers' field-goal range.

"All they had to do was hit one pass," Parcells said. "I thought we may have lost it right there, but we came up with some plays."

First El Norma team honored at pep rally

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

Etched in Chris Porter's memory was the night Pampa played Levelland in the seventh game of the 1987 football season.

Porter played on the line and Dennis Cavalier was in his first season as Harvester head coach. It was a game Porter would finish on the bench after drawing a fragrant penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct.

"I had my head down, feeling sorry for myself," Porter recalled. "I dreaded facing coach Cavalier after the game. I started telling him I was sorry I let him down. He said, 'you didn't let me down, you let the team down.' 'I'll never forget that night or the man.'"

Porter spoke in behalf of the 1987 team that was honored Friday at the Homecoming pep rally in McNeely Fieldhouse. An estimated 800 fans turned out for the rally.

That '87 squad finished with a lowly 1-9 record, but it was the year Cavalier created the El Norma legend which has continued to flourish for the past 17 seasons.

El Norma is a latin phrase

which translates into Setting the Standard in english. For Porter, El Norma never had a beginning for him.

"It seemed to me like El Norma was always there. Sixteen years ago when coach Cavalier introduced himself to the team, it was one of the most life-moving experiences I've ever encountered. We had no inner drive as a team, we were a bunch of under-achievers, but the coach changed all that. He became a father figure to all of us."

Several of Porter's former teammates were honored at the rally. They included Chris Roden, Jason Garren, Dustin Miller, Cam Moore, Troy Owens, Chris Roden, Scott Lucas, John Collingsworth, Chris Didway, Brad Hinkle and Jarod Imel. Heath Parker, the current PHS head coach, was on the freshmen team that season.

Kathy Cavalier, coach Cav's wife, told the crowd how important the 1987 team was to him.

"He really emphasized to this players how they were the first team of a new era and how they would be setting the standard for years to come," Mrs. Cavalier said. "And El Norma doesn't

mean wins and losses. It's about playing with pride and doing the very best you can regardless of the score. It's about giving unselfishly of yourself for the team."

Those wins and losses became icing on the cake for the Harvesters. Cavalier-coached Pampa teams went to the playoffs nine times in

16 years, including three trips to the regional round, once to the quarterfinals, and to the semifinals in 1996. The Amarillo Globe-News named Cavalier as coach of the decade in 1999.

"He coached championship teams at the state and district level, but he once told me he was never more

proud of a team than he was this one (1987 team)," Mrs. Cavalier said. "He said they always played hard and never gave up."

Coach Cavalier died last May of a heart attack, but the El Norma legend he brought to Pampa lives on in the hearts and minds of the athletes and coaching staff.



Part of the Pampa football team of 1987 poses for a picture with current head coach Heath Parker. Front row, l-r, John Collingsworth, Chris Didway, Parker, Brad Hinkle, and Jarod Imel. Back row, l-r, Jason Garren, Dustin Miller, Cam Moore, Chris Porter. Troy Owens, Chris Roden and Scott Lucas.

Yankees, Red Sox cool off as rain cancels Game four

BOSTON (AP) — Rain fell on the field at Fenway Park, not a beloved 72-year-old coach.

Hostilities between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox took a weather-induced break Sunday, with a daylong downpour delaying Game 4 of the AL championship series a night.

Baseball officials hoped the moisture in the air would help dampen the tempers. The series resumes Monday night, with Mike Mussina trying to put the Yankees ahead 3-1 in the best-of-seven series and Tim Lincecum attempting to even it up for the Red Sox with more of his fluttering knuckleballs.

Commissioner Bud Selig

just wanted to make sure the players were focused on hitting baseballs, not each other.

"I am very disappointed in the behavior of some of the participants in last night's game between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees," he said in a statement. "I have instructed the umpires and told the clubs that any further misconduct by either team will not be tolerated and will be dealt with severely."

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, issued four fines to the central combatants in New York's 4-3 win Saturday, penalizing Boston's Pedro Martinez and Manny Ramirez, and New York's Karim Garcia

and coach Don Zimmer. While Watson didn't identify the amounts, Martinez was fined \$50,000, Ramirez \$25,000, Garcia \$10,000 and Zimmer \$5,000, according to a baseball executive who spoke on the condition he not be identified.

Martinez began the boorishness when he threw a pitch near Garcia's head that nicked his shoulder. Garcia then made a hard slide at second baseman Todd Walker, and Ramirez took offense to a pitch by Roger Clemens, walking toward the mound, bat in hand. The benches cleared and Zimmer lunged at Martinez, who grabbed the former Boston manager by the head and pushed him to the ground.

An update on Jennie

PAMPA — It's not a step, but it's a start for Pampa junior Jennie Rogers.

Rogers, who was left paralyzed from the waist down after a one-car accident Sept. 15, is learning how to operate a wheelchair at Our Children's House at Baylor in Dallas.

Rogers underwent two operations at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo before being transported to Dallas to begin the rehabilitation process.

"Jennie also has to wear a brace for at least the next three months," says Stephen Rogers, Jennie's father. "She doesn't have much mobility wearing it, but she's in good spirits. Everybody here has been real nice to her," Stephen said.



Jennie Rogers

Doctors are looking at a possible Nov. 11 discharge date for Jennie, Stephen said.

"It's a week-by-week assessment. Her recovery is going to be slow. It's going to take some time," Stephen added.

Rogers, 16, is a member of both the Lady Harvesters' volleyball and softball teams.

Wacky goings on highlight early Big 12 action

By the Associated Press

There's some strange goings on out on the Plains. Aside from the continued brilliance of Oklahoma and Texas Tech, the first two weeks of conference play in the Big 12 have been a little wacky.

Kansas State 0-2 in the league? The nation's No. 1 defensive team giving up 41 points and 452 yards to an oppo-

nent it had beaten 24 straight times. Texas A&M losing by 31 points one week and winning by 63 the next? Kansas shutting down Missouri but giving up 50 to Colorado?

Weird. And it starts with Kansas State, the preseason favorite in the Big 12 North.

The Wildcats were ranked sixth nationally in mid-September, but now they're out of the Top 25 after losing their

second straight league game, 38-34 to Oklahoma State, and third overall.

"We don't seem to have the heart we used to have before," K-State defensive end Thomas Houchin said.

Still, there's hope for the Wildcats, who play their next three games at home. Both losses were to teams from the South Division and the four leaders in the North — Missouri,

Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado — all are 1-1.

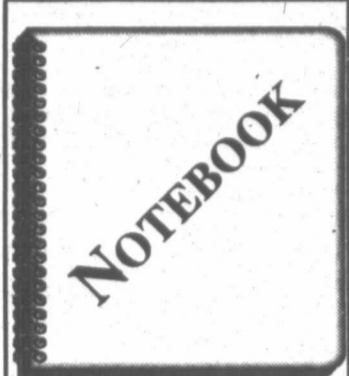
But coach Bill Snyder has to get his team back on track quickly if it's going to make a run. Missouri remains an enigma. The Tigers looked downright mediocre in a 35-14 loss at Kansas.

Then, with an extra week to prepare, Missouri rolled to a 41-24 victory over Nebraska and its top-ranked defense — the

Tigers' first win over the Cornhuskers since 1978.

"I told my wife the other night, 'I'm tired of watching other people upsetting people,'" Missouri coach Gary Pinkel said.

Now the challenge is to maintain it and that will be tough. The Tigers play at No. 1 Oklahoma on Saturday, then meet Texas Tech and its high-octane offense.



BASEBALL

MIAMI (AP) — Before Josh Beckett buzzed Sammy Sosa, Chris Lane set the tone for the Florida Marlins.

Chris Lane? He's the team chaplain who conducted the Sunday morning service at Pro Player Stadium prior to Game 5 of the NL championship series against the Chicago Cubs.

"It was a little more motivational than usual," Lane said, "and we had a lot more people there."

Hours later, Beckett pitched the game of his young life and Florida put history on hold, beating the Cubs 4-0 and preventing them from wrapping up their first World Series trip in 58 years.

Beckett threw a two-hitter and struck out 11, sending the series back to Wrigley Field with Chicago's lead cut to 3-2.

BASKETBALL

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — As dozens of reporters scribbled furiously in the tense courtroom, the first details emerged about the rape allegations against Kobe Bryant — graphic details of a friendly encounter that quickly veered out of control.

Then Pamela Mackey stood.

She referred to the alleged victim six times by name and dropped a bombshell that drew gasps: Could the woman's injuries be "consistent with a person who had sex with three different men in the three days?" A frustrated, angry judge halted the preliminary hearing until Wednesday.

Legal observers say the move was vintage Mackey — a carefully crafted line of questioning designed for maximum impact and backed up by a thorough knowledge of the prosecution's evidence. Critics say she violated the spirit of laws designed to protect the disclosure of the sexual history of rape victims

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Kenny Brack was seriously injured in the Chevy 500 on Sunday when his car was hit from behind and pin-wheeled down the track before breaking apart, marring Gil de Ferran's victory and Scott Dixon's IRL championship.

Brack suffered multiple fractures at the season-ending race at Texas Motor Speedway.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Oct. 14, 2003: Though others at first could be difficult, you discover that natural lightning up makes you much more comfortable, given time. People often seem to come from left field, exhibiting strong reactions. If you kick back and allow your creativity and understanding to flourish, solutions appear out of the blue. Focus more on the artistic side of your personality. If you are single, you will not be short of a relationship — you will just wonder which one is right for you. Be careful to check out each person carefully. If you are attached, though the two of you have differences, you will work them out, especially if you allow one person at a time to blow off steam. Try to let one person stay cool while the other goes off. GEMINI likes to brainstorm with you.

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) ***** Out of a black hole in a conversation, options suddenly appear. Don't question why or how. Just be grateful. Ideas flourish. Responsiveness once more appears, and you have plenty of reasons to smile. Tonight: Out and about. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ***** You could feel jammed by a conversation. Whether it is necessary to feel this way is another issue. You could be surprised by what a little creativity and brainstorming permit. Doors open up for you. Tonight: Treat yourself well. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ***** You are personality plus, and others respond either extremely negatively or positively to you. The good

news is that as the hours go past, the going gets easier and easier. Did you decide to go home to get work done? Tonight: Let it all flow, as only you can. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ***** Step back and take your time thinking through a decision. What might appear to be a piece of cake in your mind certainly gets another's dander up. Try another approach, and you'll get a totally different reaction. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Aim for more of what you want within a relationship, even if you get flak or feel a bit intimidated. When you start discussing the almighty dollar, you could be surprised by just how much falls into place. Tonight: Where your friends are. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** You might want to defer to someone else about what is happening. By the end of this lively conversation, you will be agreeing with this person. Charge your creativity into your work, allowing more ideas, solutions and projects to happen. Tonight: A must show. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** You see events and people a lot differently than the majority sees them. Think about what makes you happy, though you might not want to make a public announcement just yet. A child or loved one has an interesting way of seducing you. Tonight: Take an overview. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Work with individuals rather than with groups, or you might get a lot more flak than you need or desire. You come from a space of caring and solidarity. How you phrase your thinking and how you express your feelings will make all the difference. Tonight: Togetherness

counts. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Others present different points of view. You might or might not agree, but you come up with solutions out of the blue. A boss encourages more progressive thinking. Once everyone starts thinking and breaking past his or her natural filters, you feel as if the office is cooking. Tonight: Go along for the ride. **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Continue with what you do well, but also don't be surprised by what might come down your path. Your happier ways help you see life from a totally different viewpoint. Your imagination takes on a new perspective when you are relaxed. Tonight: Don't make any money agreements yet. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Someone close might react to your playfulness and fun nature. Though you might not be sure which way you are going, you might want to discuss what is going on. You might get more information through pulling back and observing. Tonight: Continue in play mode. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Listen to a family member, even if you feel that this person could be a nag or really off-base. Your instincts will direct you in a conversation. If you stop and think logically, it won't work. Just follow your sixth sense. Tonight: R and R at home.

BORN TODAY Designer Ralph Lauren (1939), rap singer Usher (1979), British actor Roger Moore (1927) ***

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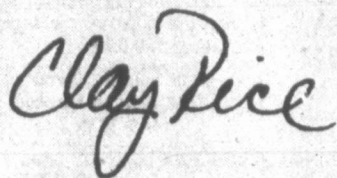
Yes, it is once again time for our biggest event of the year - the 19th annual Country Fair! As most of you know, the Chamber raises approximately one third of its yearly budget from this one event. There is no overstating the importance of the Country Fair each year.

This year's Country Fair is shaping up to be one of the best yet with well over 300 silent auction items and 16 live auction items. In addition, Dos Caballeros, R & R Catering, Chicken Express, Dyer's Bar-B-Que and the Pampa Country Club will be providing plenty of great food. Bingo is on tap again this year and one of the area's favorite bands, "FlashBak," will be performing at the dance. For \$20 per person (in advance), it is very difficult to beat the value that the Country Fair provides.

The Country Fair is a team effort that begins in July. It literally takes dozens of people to put on this tremendous event. We have listed all of our committee chairmen below. In next month's Chamber Page we will list everyone who worked on this year's fair. You will be amazed at how many people and groups are involved. Without all of them, there would be no Country Fair. To everyone who has been or will be donating their time, money or auction items to our Country Fair ... thank you, thank you, thank you!

We look forward to seeing you at the Country Fair on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 5 p.m. until midnight at the M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. Please come and have a great time with us.

Sincerely,



Clay Rice

P.S. Remember, everyone is invited, so bring your friends!

PAMPA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2003 COUNTRY FAIR

OCTOBER 18, 2003

Dinner & Silent Auction - 5:00 P.M.

Live Auction - 8:00 P.M.

Dance to FlashBak - 9:00 P.M.

M. K. Brown Auditorium

ADMISSION TICKETS

\$20.00 in advance or

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Top O' Texan Goldcoats welcome Dr. Scott Ellis and Texas Plains Womens Center to the Chamber of Commerce. Goldcoats are, from left, Chuck White, Darville Orr, Duane Harp, Roy Morriss, Bill Bridges, Richard Morris, Jack Reeves, and Bill Hildebrandt. Also pictured are Center employees Beth Rice and Candace Sellers with Dr. Scott Ellis and his wife Connie Sue and Herb and Youvonne Nay. Seated in the front row are new mothers and babies, Farrah McCuistion, Lana Miller, and Rebecca McCall.



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2003 Chamber of Commerce Country Fair Decorations Committee Linda Daniels, Chairman Jamilou Garren, and Shelly Cook with some of the decorations that will help highlight this year's theme "Celebrating Strength Through Diversity".

2003 Country Fair Committee Chairmen

Steering Committee - Gladys Vanderpool, Chairman

Decorations Committee - Jamilou Garren, Chairman

Admission Ticket Sales - Clay Rice, Chairman

Drawing Ticket Sales - John Curry, Chairman

Solicitations Committee - Ralph West and Kevin Hunt, Co-Chairmen

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Announcer - Loyd Waters

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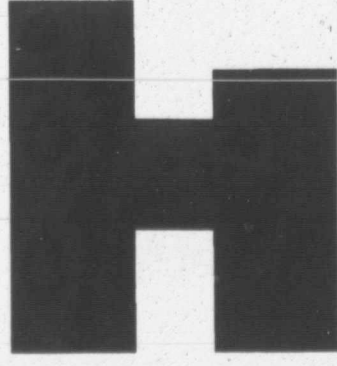
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