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Today's weather



Deaths

Berton Doucette, 89, services pending. Hollie Seitz Hodges, 83, homemaker.

Richard M. Roman, 53 construction worker

Texas Today

Ivan returns to Gulf as a tropical storm

HOUSTON (AP) Ivan is back in the Gulf of Mexico as a tropical storm that could come ashore somewhere along the coasts of Texas or Louisiana, bringing with it the promise of 50 mph winds and 5 to 10 inches of rain.

The regenerated storm was expected to make landfall by late Thursday.

The National Hurricane Center issued a tropical storm warning for the Gulf of Mexico shoreline from the mouth of the Mississippi River in Louisiana west to Sargent, Texas.

The regenerated tropical storm was expected to make landfall sometime Thursday night somewhere along the warning area, which includes a stretch of about 125 miles of Texas coastline in Jefferson, Chambers, Galveston, Brazoria and Matagorda counties.

Enron barge team first nixed buybacks

HOUSTON (AP) — As Enron Corp. dealmakers tried fervently to sell interest in three barges at the end of 1999, they initially nixed requests from rushed potential buyers that the energy company promise to buy back their purchase.

But as the end of the quarter neared, and Enron's need to do the deal to help make earnings targets loomed, one of the defendants in a conspiracy and fraud trial reversed her stance on a buyback promise, an analyst on the barge team testified Wednesday.

In the case, four former Merrill Lynch executives and two former midlevel Enron executives are accused of pushing through the alleged sham sale in late December 1999 so the energy company could appear to meet earnings targets.

The analyst, John Garrett, said former Enron in-house accountant Sheila Kahanek in early December opposed buyback promises during unsuccessful sale negotiations because "if we provide a guarantee, it's not a sale; it's a loan."

I-40 murder victim identified

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The woman found dead last Oct. was interred at Fairview 16 near Mile Marker 132 of Interstate Cemetery last Feb. 5. 40 has been identified as Vickie The family members Helen Anderson, 44, of Oklahoma were located and notified City, Okla.

The identification was made from day evening, said Sheriff fingerprints taken from the body of Don Copeland. the victim. Gray County Sheriff's Anderson's homicide is Deputy Morse Burroughs, lead one of 11 unsolved homiinvestigator in the homicide, sent the cide cases spanning a time period involved," Burroughs said. prints to Jim Stokes, a fingerprint from July 2003 through this month. "For all we know, we could have Oklahoma City. Bureau

Investigation Oklahoma City.

"It takes a long time to search through millions of fingerprint records," Burroughs said when asked why the identification had taken over 11 months.

"She had, at best, a very distant relationship with her family. She had family in Oklahoma who were not aware of our search and not aware she was missing. She does have children; however, they have not had contact with their mother for quite some time," Burroughs said.

No further information on relatives was available as of Gray County Sheriff Don Copeland reveals the identity of a murnot at liberty to press time today. It der victim found on I-40 at a press conference this morning.

was not known whether the family would claim Anderson's body, which

of Anderson's death yester-

Anderson

Mississippi, Arkansas, New Mexico, he said. "The basic scenes are

technician with the Oklahoma State Burroughs said. Victims have been 10 or more different killers out there.

anything out," case, in that Ranger Sgt. Bart found along an Bivens, investigator in interstate. But the Gray County that victim was

one of two said. Native Leads con-American cerning a yelwomen included low tractor- Burroughs

Oklahoma, information. I don't think that is per-Tennessee, tinent," he said.

Reports concerning some of the Indiana, Pennsylvania and other 10 victims had said they were involved in prostitution.

"We have been in contact with similar, but there are no Oklahoma City about the investigaforensic links to each tion into the Nebraska arrest. At this other. I am certainly not time, we do not have any specific going to call these serial links" to Anderson, Burroughs said. killings, and neither is any A man was recently arrested in other investigating agency Nebraska in connection with the kidnapping and rape of a woman in

> The Nebraska arrest was "brought We can't rule up because similarities exist to our

Texas the victim was an Oklahoma not killed," Anderson is Burroughs

among the vic- trailer cab with

was found in Burroughs said. Grapevine.



tims in the 11 the Tasmanian Devil cartoon characcases. "Most of ter on it are still being followed up, the other victims—said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing.

w e r e Information concerning trucks Caucasian," seen near the location where Burroughs said. Anderson's body was found, just The other Native before the discovery of her body, is American victim under investigation as well,

Anderson was found at about 7:45 "She had no a.m., Oct. 16, 2003, on the westties to prostitu- bound I-40 entrance ramp at the tion. She does Johnson Ranch Road turn-off in Gray Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE have a criminal County. Her body was nude, and no history, but I'm clothing or other possessions have

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Red Cross volunteer to help flood victims



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE LARAMORE

flood victims in Alabama.

Glenda Bills, right, takes a travel folder from Jana Gregory, executive director of the local chapter of the American Red Cross. Bills, a Shamrock resident who recently completed disaster volunteer training, left today to work as a Red Cross disaster volunteer to help

British hostage pleads for his life as U.S. officials rule out release of female prisoner

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — for late January.

Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, said that increasing violence must eager to hold elections since not be used as a pretext for delaying elections scheduled

Authorities insisted on Al-Sistani "stresses the Thursday that they won't necessity of holding elecgive in to militants' demands—tions on time and the necessito free female Iraqi prisoners ty of preparing the atmosdespite the plea of a tearful phere ... under international British hostage begging supervision to be credible Britain to save his life in a and transparent," Hamed alvideo released by his captors. Khafaf, an aide to the ayatol-Iraq's most powerful lah, said Thursday in a telecleric, Grand phone interview from Beirut. Iraq's Shiite majority is

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By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Glenda Bills of Shamrock completed Red Cross disaster volunteer training last. Gregory added. week and submitted her credentials Friday.

Wednesday morning, Heidi Phelps, local Red Cross disaster chair, received a call from the national office that Bills had been deployed to Alabama to assist with need," she said. relief efforts there. She was to report for duty in Montgomery, Ala., today.

"I knew it would be short notice," Bills said Wednesday afternoon as she made preparations to leave. "I expected 48 hours notice. I didn't know it would be 24

Bills would not know what her exact duties would be, except that she is a "mass care technician." Her deployment with the Red Cross Disaster Services Human Resource System (DSHRS) will last three weeks until Oct. 14.

Gregory said that she would likely work at a shelter for persons who had been displaced from their homes by the flooding or work in food service.

"She'll be in the thick of things," Gregory said.

Bills said she had wanted to take disaster volunteer training for some time. Finally, she called the local Red Cross office and set up a time to take the training, taught by Phelps.

"I had good instructors," she said.

"Heidi is good at what she does,"

Bills' immediate assignment indicates the pressing need for disaster volunteers in the wake of recent hurricanes in Florida and along the east coast, Gregory said.

"We want people to know there's a

It's difficult to find people who can drop everything with short notice and spend three weeks at a disaster location,

As soon as Bills learned of her assignment, she called family to arrange for the care and feeding of her pets. She then spent the rest of the day packing for the trip, then driving to Pampa to get expense vouchers, etc.

"I'm excited to help," Bills said.

"We're excited to have someone from here that we can send," Gregory said. "And now we'll have someone in Shamrock (with disaster volunteer training) when she comes back."

Gregory said that anyone interested in taking disaster volunteer training can call the local Red Cross Office at (806) 669-

"If someone is interested, just call, we can set up a training right away," she said.

How many will one van hold?

Pampa police officers seize van filled with illegal aliens

Staff Writer

Immigration lane change violation.

stopped the van in the 1100 Office.

By MARILYN POWERS block of Wilks, near the later, according to Kelly ed. Officer Joey Williams Rushing, chief deputy of

A letter has been sent to intersection of Highway 60 the registered owner of the and Hobart Street, at 8:12 gray full-size Dodge van in Thirteen illegal aliens are a.m. yesterday. They dis- which the illegal aliens in the custody of the covered the 13 after the stop were riding, asking the and was made, and the 13 were owner why it was being Naturalization Service after detained and held at Gray used for transporting them, Pampa police stopped the County Jail until INS agents said a police spokesperson. van they were riding in for a could arrive about an hour The van has been impound-

Its owner is not a local and a Pampa narcotics agent Gray County Sheriff's resident, the spokesperson

Berton Doucette, 89

Berton Doucette, 89, of Pampa, Texas, he was a Captain of the ground crew for a Pdied Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Doucette was born Jan. 22, 1915, in Gray County, where he had been a lifelong resident. He was a graduate of Pampa High School and received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University.

He married Adalen Brazil on Oct. 4, 1947, in Pampa. She preceded him in death in

He was a registered professional mechanical engineer and worked for Cabot Machinery for 26 1/2 years. In 1965, he established A-1 Rental Service which he owned and operated until 1997.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II, where www.carmichael-whatley.com.

38 fighter squadron stationed in the South pacific.

He was a life member of the Texas Society of Professional Engineers and was a member of the National Society of Professional

Survivors include one son, Bob Doucette of Pampa; three grandsons, David Edward Doucette of Lubbock, Jeremy Arlie Doucette and Christopher Berton Doucette, both of Pampa; one granddaughter, Amber Michelle Weatherly of Bridgeport; and nine greatgrandchildren

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert Doucette and LeFors Doucette; and one sister, Dorothy Biery.

The family requests memorials be to The Book of Remembrance, First Presbyterian

Church, 525 N. Gray, Pampa, TX 79065. —Sign the on-line register book at

Hollie Estelle Seitz Hodges, 83

MOBEETIE — Hodges, 83, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2004, at Pampa.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, at First Baptist Church of Mobeetie with the Rev. Lewis Ellis, retired Baptist minister, and the Rev. Harvey Patterson, pastor of the church in Mobeetie, officiating.

Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Born March 11, 1921, in Gray County, Mrs. Hodges had been a lifelong Mobeetie resident. She married Glen Hodges on Aug.

Hollie Estelle Seitz 15, 1942, at Pampa; he died May 5, 2001. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Mobeetie.

> Mrs. Hodges was preceded in death by 10 brothers and sisters and by a grandson, Anthony Hodges.

Survivors include, two daughters, Glenda Dickey of McLean and Gail Moke of Amarillo; a son, Eddie Ray Hodges of Durant, Okla.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

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

Richard M. Roman, 53

McLEAN, Texas — Richard M. Roman, 53, died Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2004, at McLean, Texas. Due to his wish to be cremated, there will be no service or viewing.

The family will have a casual visitation on Friday, Sept. 24, 2004, from 2 p.m.-4 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mr. Roman was born in Queens, N.Y., and moved to Florida as a child. He worked in construction all his adult life and took great pleasure in a job well done. He was a McLean resident for eight years, having McLean, TX 79057. moved here from Navasota, Texas.

Survivors include Jodie Morgan, life partner, McLean, Texas; two daughters, Bonnie McCasland (Kendall), Amarillo, Texas, and Amanda Hutchison (Toby), McLean, Texas; two grandchildren, Daniel and Hailey Hutchison, McLean, Texas; one sister,

Barbara Krekeler, Florida; and two brothers,

Raymond Roman, Colo.; and Frank Roman,

The family requests memorials be to Bailey-Ware Funeral Home, P.O. Box 230,

Services tomorrow

HODGES, Hollie Estelle Seitz — 10 a.m., First Baptist Church, Mobeetie.

Gray County Weather

Today: Patchy fog before 10 a.m. Otherwise, partly cloudy, with a high around 75. North northwest wind around 10 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 51. North northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 78. East northeast wind around 5

Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 54. East wind around 5 mph

becoming north. **Fenton Motors**



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Saturday: Partly cloudy, cloudy, with a low around with a high near 78. North northwest wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly with a high around 78. South cloudy, with a low around southeast wind between 10 53. East wind around 10 mph becoming south.

with a high around 79. South wind between 10 and 15

chance of showers and thunderstorms between 7 p.m.

Sunday Night: A slight and 1 a.m. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent. Partly

and 15 mph. Monday Night: Partly Sunday: Partly cloudy, cloudy, with a low near 57.

57. South southwest wind

Monday: Partly cloudy,

between 10 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 78.

Tuesday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high around

Baylor medical college receives donation

HOUSTON (AP) -- A of Medicine will cover more with The Hospital.

The record gift from \$35 million donation Baylor trustee Dan Duncan, received by Baylor College which was announced Wednesday, is for the medthan one-third of the esti- ical school's planned \$90 mated cost for a one-stop million clinic, envisioned as outpatient clinic project that providing patient-oriented, had led to a disagreement family-focused coordination Methodist of medical practices across all specialties.

PUBLIC AUCTION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY

Pursuant to authority granted in Chapter 59 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and in compliance therewith, the 31st Judicial District Attorney, acting as agent for the State of Texas and in accordance with local agreements between said agent and law enforcemenet agencies, shall offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following property seized and forfeited to the State of Texas by judgment of the 223rd Judicial District Court of Gray County, Texas, or the 31st Judicial District Court of Wheeler County, Texas, upon the following terms and conditions

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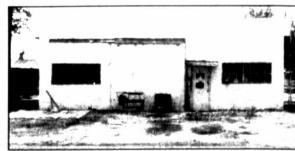
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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 Possible retaliation was reported in the 1300 block of North Russell. The report was made due to a criminal mischief incident which occurred in the 1800 block of West Harvester. A front tire valued at \$65 was slashed.

Violation of a protective order was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight. Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 900 block of South Dwight. Nothing was reported taken.

A civil incident and burglary of a habitation report was taken in the 300 block of North Davis. A compact disc player, clothing, dishes and knives were taken, for an estimated loss of \$4,000.

Thirteen illegal immigrants were detained for the Immigration Naturalization Service in the 1100 block of West Wilks.

Kathleen Lee Laycock, 49, 329 Anne, was arrested in the 300 block of Anne on warrants for no insurance, expired motor vehicle registration, failure to appear, tampering with fabricated evidence and theft over \$1,500 and less than \$20,000.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following

motor vehicle accident. Wednesday, Sept. 22 10:40 a.m. - A 1978 Ford F150 pickup driven by Gary L. Hartman, 42, of McLean collided with a legally parked 1996 Dodge Laramie owned by Certex USA in Phoenix, Ariz.; and a legally parked 2003 Volkswagon owned by Cullen Lee Allen, 1315 Christine in the 100 block of East Foster. Hartman was cited for backing without safety.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 5:22 p.m. – One unit and two firefighters responded to a gas odor in the 300 block of Lowry and contacted Atmos to check a regulator.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Wednesday, Sept. 22 3:48 a.m. – A mobile ICU

responded to the 500 block of North Frost and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Clarification

A front page article Wednesday regarding tonight's school board meeting referred to Pampa Independent School District as siding with the state in a trial to determine the constitutionality of the state's system to fund public education.

Pampa Superintendent Barry Haenisch today explained that the school district joined with a group of poor districts called the "Alvarado Intervenors" which originally sided with the state in the lawsuit, but later joined with the West Orange Cove Group, a coalition of Chapter 41, or rich, school districts, in suing the state.

He said the West Orange group maintained that the system of funding was unconstitutional, while the Alvarado group said the state was providing inadequate funding. A third group of Mexican Americans, MALDOF, joined in the lawsuit against the state, contending that the state's method of educating minorities, specifically Mexican Americans, was inequitable.

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House plans to revive portions of Patriot Act as bill advances

WASHINGTON (AP) — House leaders want to increase federal investigators' anti-terrorism powers similiar to a Patriot Act II draft proposal from last year, as senators make final changes in their legislation addressing the Sept. 11 commission's recommendations.

In a draft of the House GOP legislation obtained by The

Associated Press, many of the provisions were similar to the draft copy of the "Domestic Security **Enhancement Act** of 2003" that a

nonprofit group said had leaked out of the Justice Department in January 2003.

Justice Department officials said at that time that they had made no final decision on the legislation, and never submitted it to Congress.

But many of the anti-terrorism provisions of that draft show up in the House discus-

sion draft section on terrorism

House legislation.

Among the provisions are measures on the deportation of aliens who become members of or help terrorist groups, required pretrial detention for terrorism suspects, warrants against non-citizens even when a target can't be tied directly to a foreign power, and enhanced penalties for

threats or attempts to use chemical 'I'm willing to nuclear break with the weapons president and say, against the United 'Let's not do this States, before the election." including attacks through the mail system.

Robert Bennett U.S. Senator, R-Utah

spokesman for House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, said Wednesday that House members were still working on a final version of the legislation. Justice Department spokesman said they had not seen the House draft.

Republicans have hailed the prevention and prosecution Patriot Act as a critical tool in

that is part of the proposed the post-Sept. 11 war on terrorism, while many Democrats charge it authorizes heavy-handed infringements on civil lib-

The House is expected to begin marking up the farreaching bill next week.

The Senate, meanwhile, is expected to begin final consideration of its legislation creating a national intelligence director and a national counterterrorism center next week. The Senate Governmental Affairs Committee on Wednesday voted 17-0 to send a bill to the full Senate for consideration, and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., has blocked off the week to work on it, said Sen. Susan Collins, the committee chairwoman.

Several senators are calling for a slower pace, saying the changes are too far reaching to rush. "I'm willing to break with the president and say, 'Let's not do this before the election," Sen. Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said Wednesday.

Collins, R-Maine, said she vehemently disagrees with those who want to wait. "If we wait till next year, I would bet you that nothing will happen," she said.

Senate leaders plan to add other 9/11 commission recommendations when the bill reaches the floor. But the House's draft deals with many facets of the intelligence and national security structure up front.

The Sept. 11 commission contended nation's 15 military and civilian intelligence agencies' failure to cooperate precluded an effective defense that might have prevented the 2001 terror attacks on New York City and Washington.

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Getting an early start

Annie Alexander, 10, of Canadian plays the fiddle with Frankie McWhorter's band at a summer dance in Lipscomb this weekend. The young musician has been under McWhorter's tutelage. She's the daughter of Tim and Betsy Alexander of Canadian.

Hostage

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they expect to dominate government whatever emerges. U.N. chief Kofi Annan, however, has questioned whether elections can take place if violence does not ease.

Violence has intensified in recent weeks. For a second day, U.S. forces battled Shiite militiamen in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City, with U.S. warplanes firing on insurgents. Hospital officials said at least one person was killed and 12 were

An explosion went off Thursday evening in Baghdad, though its cause was not immediately known. The military announced that a U.S. Marine was killed the day before in Anbar province, west of Baghdad.

Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi, in an address to a joint session of Congress, said elections would be held as scheduled and insisted U.S. and Iraqi forces would rein in the insurgency.

"Elections will occur in Iraq on time in January because Iragis want elections on time," Allawi said. "We could hold elections

So What Now?

tomorrow" in 15 of 18 provinces, he said, even though terror operatives hope to disrupt them.

He cautioned that the election may not come off perfectly. He assured it will be free and fair, "a giant step" in Iraq's political evolution. The fighting and rash of

kidnappings have shown the vulnerability even in the capital, where British hostage Kenneth Bigley and two American colleagues were abducted from their home last week. The two Americans were beheaded and their bodies dumped not far from their Baghdad resi-

Victim

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ever been found, Burroughs said. She had last been seen alive at the Flying J Truck Stop in Sayre,

Okla., at about 2 a.m. that day. She was known to be carrying a black and tan backpack, and also a small, soft-sided bright blue Igloo cooler. She was wearing pants, a shirt and overshirt. Videotape from a surveillance camera at the truck stop on Oct. 16 shows a person believed to be Anderson.

An autopsy Anderson showed death by "homicidal violence" of variable cause.

It listed massive crush injuries to the chest and

abdomen, with partially torn away or sepa-tion, Burroughs said, including the rated areas of the internal organs.

Head and neck injuries were also present. Oklahoma City Police Department.

Both legs were broken, and a tire pattern injury was found on the back.

The body was found face down, Burroughs said.

"I wouldn't even try and guess where the actual murder occurred," Burroughs said. "It appeared that she had been run over."

"We will continue to cooperate with other jurisdictions which have had similar crimes, sharing information and leads in our effort to find the person or persons responsible for this terrible crime," Copeland said. He commended Burroughs and Bivens for the time the two have devoted to the Don Copeland case.

Gray County Sheriff Twelve to 14 separate agencies have been involved in the Anderson investiga-

Oklahoma State Bureau of Information and

Two Forest Service workers emerge from wilderness after fiery plane crash

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KALISPELL, Mont. (AP) wilderness, astonishing their Marshall relatives and baffling res- Complex. cuers still picking through the charred wreckage.

along a highway Wednesday, nearly 48 hours after the ers, officials said.

"You can't believe the elation," said Jim Hogg, Jodee's

stable condition Thursday, tion.

Jim Dupont learned there 58, a Flathead were survivors Wednesday employee while at the crash site on a Whitefish. mountain south of Glacier remains.

miracle. You look at that I know why." crash site, that wreckage,

The single-engine aircraft Two days after they were under contract to the Forest can see that he's alive now," reported killed in a plane Service left Kalispell on she told KOMO-TV for a crash, two Forest Service Monday on a 30-minute report posted Thursday on its employees emerged from the flight to the Great Bear-Bob Web site. Wilderness

The four passengers planned to conduct an annu-Jodee Hogg, 23, of al vegetation inventory and been Billings, and Matthew repair telecommunications And Ramige, 29, of Jackson facilities. The plane was last ed." Hole, Wyo., were spotted heard from 15 minutes later, during stormy weather.

Dupont said the aircraft wreck that killed three oth- went from more than 100 mph to zero in less than 40 feet.

"Who can survive that?" Dupont asked. A fire "literal-Hogg was hospitalized in ly melted everything.'

The dead were identified while Ramige was in inten- as pilot Jim Long, 60, of we sat on the couch and sive care in serious condi- Kalispell; Davita Bryant, 32, cried instead of being out a Forest Service worker from hiking and searching. And Flathead County Sheriff Whitefish; and Ken Good, we just accepted what we from

Good managed to get out National Park, where he had of the wreckage, but died been sifting through the nearby. His body was recovburned wreckage and human ered late Tuesday. There were three unbuckled seat "It's just an unbelievable belts, the sheriff said. "Now,

Ramige's mother, Dr. you'd never believe anyone Wendy Becker, visited her could have survived," he son at the hospital, where he was taken for burns.

"I still can't believe it. I

"Can you imagine these families?" asked Bob Bryant, father-in-law of victim Davita Bryant. "They've been told their kids are dead. And now they are resurrect-

Linda Woods, a friend of one victim and survivor Ramige, said she and another person had organized a group to search for survivors but their offer to help was declined Tuesday.

"There were 100 people waiting in Whitefish to do this," she said. "Last night, forest were told."





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Viewpoints

The bigger they are, the harder they fall

expressed my distaste over television network news, particularly the big three. Every now and then - mostly then – I catch snippets of the goings on with Fox News as it is the favorite of mater and pater; and, well, I'm with mater and pater a lot these days. I picked up an interesting snippet from Bill O'Reilly on his "O'Reilly Factor," progressing my distaste of television news to near vomitus opinion. Gag.

Mr. O'Reilly was conversing with Richard Morris, politically powerful Wall Street advertising executive, over CBS's and Dan Rather's latest snafu involving the falsified letter (docu-

In an earlier column, I mented to be false) about President Bush's National Guard duty. Mr. Morris was hired by the Democratic National Committee to create damage control over Wild Willie Clinton's adulterous indiscretions. Mr. Morris is obviously good at what he does.

> debating how Mr. Rather network and CBS could escape problems of legality (libel issues) when Mr. O'Reilly stated Dan Rather is "larger than life", and rattled on to include Tom Brokaw and Peter Jennings and other television news anchors - so, I assume, Mr. O'Reilly was including - himself - under the larger than life listing?

be larger than – God. Right? I've racked the old brain muscle over this and real- take, according to Mr. ized I must

have **Dennis** missed God **Palmitier** being dis-O'Reilly and Morris were placed by Columnist n e w s

anchors. I

plead ignoplate) squarely on my two shoulders for not keeping up with current events. Now, I realize why my prayers have fallen on "deef" ears. Not prostating (no, we don't prostrate ourselves in prayer,

life. If Dan Rather is larger is prostate awareness month than life, he certainly has to - an ADD moment, okay?..) before the likeness of Dan Rather has been my/our mis-O'Reilly.

my previous column, I wrote how omnipotent television n e w s anchors

rance and place blame (full have become, how their news delivery is of left leaning biasness. Dan Rather by his notable reply to a standown by President Richard Nixon, and I quote, "Mr. Rather, are you running for office?" Mr. Rather

are you?" - has been the darling of the left ever since. His newscasts are from left field and have always favored a liberal philosophy. If I am wrong with this opinwhen presented with "documented" evidence to the contrary.

Readers, find a science fiction novel written by Whitely Shrieber titled "Nature's End." In his book, which takes place in the year 2500, Mr. Shrieber's main character is a television news anchor tagged with the title - most wanted criminal

- by the world government. The news anchor on the run is the last of his ilk, for his

Let's look at larger than remember, men, September replied, "No, Mr. President, fellow collegues have been caught and put to death. Reason being, television journalism has created world mayhem by undermining legislative agenda in favor of media opinion, causing ion, I will gladly acquiesce civilian panic, supporting governments to be overthrown, and becoming all too - powerful.

> I read Mr. Shrieber's book in 1986. I don't recall when the hardback edition was first published; so, let's agree that it's been out close to 20 years, n'cest pas? With television news reporting by the current however many broadcasting companies; it seems to yours truly, when

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, Sept. 23, the 267th day of 2004. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship "Bon Homme Richard" defeated the HMS Serapis after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!"

On this date:

In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St.

Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

'Each generation imagines itself to be more intelligent than the one that went before it, and wiser than the one that comes after it.

> George Orwell British author

In 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1938, a time capsule, to be opened in the year 6939, was buried on the grounds of the World's Fair in New York City.

In 1939, Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London.

In 1952, Republican vicepresidential candidate Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted

allegations of improper campaign financing. In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw

because of a white mob outside. In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (since renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the

Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts. In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron was returned to power.

Ten years ago: The U.N. Security Council rewarded Yugoslavia for sealing its border with Bosnia by easing sanctions in sports, cultural exchanges and air traffic. The White House announced a major shakeup involving two dozen staff members.

Five years ago: President Clinton vetoed the Republicans' \$792-billion tax cut bill, calling it "too big, too bloated." The Mars Climate Observer apparently burned up as it was about to go into orbit around the Red

WHAT ABOUT THE BEHEADINGS? -AN ILLEGAL HAIRCUT.

Productivity, income inequality

Shaquille O'Neal (\$32 million), Tiger Woods (\$80 million), Oprah Winfrey (\$210 million), Barry Bonds (\$23 million), Mel Gibson (\$210 million) and Lance Armstrong (\$19 million) are at or near the top of their professions, and their annual earnings show it. But is it

After all, there are many other decent, hard-working basketball and baseball players, movie producers and bicyclists who don't earn anywhere near that kind of income.

For example, Shaq is a professional basketball player, and so is Jamal Sampson. What's just about Shaq

being paid \$31 million and that are more rewarding than \$80 to \$500 to watch Jamal \$349,458? This is gross income inequality.

Why do some people earn higher income compared to others? Are they simply "winners in the lottery of life," -as

Rep. Walter Richard Williams Gephardt (D-Mo.) Columnist puts it?

Nothing can be further from the truth. People are different. Among the ways we differ are ambition, skills, aptitude, perseverance, intelligence and physical strength.

Some people pursue paths ple like you will plunk down

the right place at the right you.



differences that people seldom take into account - vicious con-

sumer discrimination. Shaquille plays basketball, and so can I. So why don't I earn as much money? It's because millions of peo-

others. Then, there's the Shaquille play, but how sheer luck of having much will you plunk down demanding parents, tena- to watch me play? You cious mentors and being in might even expect me to pay

In sports, at least, it's fair-Then, ly easy to see that those who there's are more productive tend to another earn the higher salaries. explanation Their productivity might be for income measured by the points they score and/or their impact on gate revenues.

Mel Gibson's and Oprah Winfrey's earnings are explained by productivity as well; they satisfy millions upon millions of people. Another, perhaps more use-

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The death of a media monopoly

The long reign of the liberal-dominated old media is over, and Dan Rather and CBS gave it the coup de grace.

It's been in its death throes for quite a while, ever since talk radio and internet bloggers and Fox News arrived on the scene and began to tell the other - and true - side of the stories the mainstream media had been spiking or slanting leftward for decades.

But the old crew of far-out liberals still had plenty of clout left, especially the networks which were the sole source of news for millions of Americans. Now, thanks

to Dan Rather and his crew of 60 Minutes lefties, the credibility of not only CBS but the other two networks will always be open to question. From

Michael their biased slant on the Reagan news will be open to Columnist question and care-

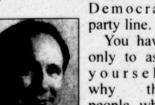
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fully monimedia which have proven their credibility once and for

CBS's bias has been obvious for a long time - they've been recognized as being

practically an adjunct to the liberal Democrat party. But it took Rathergate to expose the extent of the network's slavish obeisance to the Democrat



You have only to ask yourself the people who passed the forged doc-

tored by the alternative uments passed them to CBS. and not to ABC or NBC both bastions of liberalism and the answer jumps out at in smearing the president you. Those forgeries were manufactured for just one reason: to defeat President

George Bush in November, and the forgers and those who abetted them knew that Rather and CBS shared their burning desire to see the president lose his re-election bid and would join them in

their bash-Bush campaign. Think about it ABC and NBC have their own investigative shows similar to 60 Minutes. Yet as far as we know, they were never approached by the forgers. And for good reason

they knew whom they could depend on to join them with their phony documents

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By Darlene Birkes For The News

A book signing, the dedication of the Pioneer Cottage, and the White Deer Land Museum special exhibit "Art from the Ruins" promise a full slate of activities for this coming Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26, at the museum and the Santa Fe Park at Atchison and Cuyler Streets.

The book signing by Louise Carroll George of "Some of My Heroes are Ladies" will follow the dedication of the Pioneer Cottage which begins at 2:30 p.m. and will include an open house.

In her book, George writes the stories of nine pioneer women from 85 to 101 years of age who spent most of their lives in the pioneer days of the Texas Panhandle. The book is an appropriate addition to the Pioneer Cottage dedication as it reveals the George many hardships that women endured modern conveniences in a developing area.

These pioneer women George calls her "heroes."

"The book was a work of love," said

'I have

appreciation and

respect for these ladies,

and that is why I wrote

the book.

Louise Carroll George

She believes the women of that era were never given credit for their hard work in the home, on the farm, and in the community - rural or small town.

"I have appreciation and respect for these ladies, and that is why I wrote the book," she said.

The Pampa women included among the nine is

Ola Gregory Covey who began her public service career in the Gray County Clerk's office when the county seat was located in Lefors. Shortly thereafter, she moved to Pampa when the courthouse was relocated.

George selected the stories on tape and made every effort to capture each participant's homespun remarks.

The author organized the stories around an imaginary gathering of all nine, and the 16 chapters include such varied topics as the

schoolhouse, maladies and remedies, fun activities, chores, first romance, desperate times, making a living, newfangled things,

The hardships of no indoor plumbing, coal heating, the flu epidemic of 1918, horse transportation, the wars, and the hard work under lie the stories.

"There was little self-pity and bitterness," noted George, and the women worked to help their husbands achieve.

Excerpts include mentioning Ada who talked about the dirt roads of Polk Street in Amarillo and the street cars. Cindy commented on the colomel and dose of castor oil she had to take. Dunnie was partially paralyzed from polio and remembered how hard it was to be the last when the students chose sides in games.

Ola skipped school at lunch and went to the courthouse to

raising their often large families without the hear a trial, sitting behind someone taller than she. Mill remembered wearing the buttons off her high-top shoes while playing jacks at school. Nola carried water from the windmill as they had no pipes. Zuleika's family burned cow chips when the coal ran out. Reba's father built a chicken house out of apple and orange crates.

Doing interviews is not new to George who worked at the Texas Employment Commission for 23 years until she retired in 1992. Since retirement, she has been writing and much is history-related.

She did histories on pioneers for the Moore County Historical Museum and wrote a chapter for the Centennial celebration of her county.

Then she wrote "No City Limits," the story about Masterson, the oil and gas town with a helium plant located between Amarillo and Dumas that closed in 1969 and was her home

until she moved to Dumas. George has left a legacy of these heroic Panhandle women for later generations.

Her next book will be on men of the early Panhandle period, and she is currently doing interviews throughout the Panhandle.

"Some of My Heroes are Ladies" is available at The Gift Box and White Deer Land Museum. Copies will also be available Sunday for \$25 including tax.

Income

ful way of explaining earnings differentials is that one's earnings depend on his ability to serve his fellow man plus the value his fellow man places upon that

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Then, there's a supply side of the story. Shaquille earns many times more than the brightest neurosurgeon. Why? It isn't because basketball is more important to society than neurosurgery; it's because the supply of people with aptitudes to become bright neurosurgeons far exceeds those with skills to do what Shaquille

However, if it were the other way around, thousands upon thousands with Shaquille skills and few with neurosurgeon skills, the

reversed.

inequality. Listening to

reason some people have more money much time worrying than others is that the dollar dealer is a racist, sexist or multinationalist. Hence, justice requires a

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Far better good could be done for our fellow man by focusing more of our attention on productive inequality rather than income inequality. Income inequality is a result, and it's productive

redistribution of the dollars.

earnings picture would be explains that result rather than some insidious plot People spend too much afoot. Whether it's individutime worrying about income als or countries, one seldom sees highly productive peomuch of that discussion, one ple poor or highly unproducwould think that it's a dealer tive people rich unless there of dollars who determines are government restrictions

> and subsidies Making people more productive is the challenge. Whining about income inequality is a cop-out.

Walter Williams Columnist

Williams

Ph.D., is John M. Olin Distinguished Professor of Economics at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. An author and public speaker, he is often a guest on major radio and television news programs.

Fall

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"larger than life" is factored in, that Whitely Shrieber's words of science fiction have great foresight and have become very

Dan Rather and his bretheren, Tom Brokaw, Peter Jennings, O'Reilly, and others have become too powerful - so powerful that their opinion can lessen a national election (1996) by calling a winner prior to polls closing.

Voters on the west coast, upon hearing two of the three television anchors (Rather and Jennings) state a winner before their polls closed, chose not to vote their choices.

So powerful that Mr. Rather, thinking that he had the "goods" on our sitting president, felt it unnecessary to document the authenticity of the information in question. Mr. Rather - quite confident his listeners would believe him - larger than life Dan Rather – has been bitten in the proverbial arse. Mr. Rather and other television journalist's – larger than life are what we have made

inequality that mostly

Folks, it's time to turn that cal sales technician.

Dennis Palmitier is a graduate of Pampa High School and a pharmaceuti-



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Media

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and attempting to change the outcome of the election, and it was CBS.

Rather and his producer Mary Mapes, in fact, proved to be so eager to inflict serious damage on the president that they were willing to ignore all the warnings from their own experts that there was something so fishy about the documents that the network should not have used them. Those who fed the forgeries to CBS were confident this would be the case.

Had they approached NBC and ABC, the documents would have ended up in the trash can. They may

be as liberal as CBS in many remember is the fact that in ways - ABC's Peter Jennings certainly is - but they are not stupid. They would have recognized the documents as frauds and that using them would sound their own death knell as it has for CBS and Rather.

So CBS bit - and got bit-

What is important to remember is that CBS would have gotten away with the scam if it hadn't been all those quick-witted bloggers, the talk show hosts, internet journals and Fox News who told the world what the bloggers had revealed. The alternative media displayed their awesome power and put the old media on notice that their monopoly over report-

ing the news had ended. What is most important to

this episode the new media established their credibility as news sources and gave their fellow Americans an alternative to the liberal media, which in cases such as the New York Times Jason Blair scandal and the Washington Post Janet Cooke fraud showed the public that the old media

cannot be trusted. The new kids on the block have shown the big media bullies that their days of pushing people around are over. Like murder, truth will now out.

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Calendar items

 Pampa Area Singles next dance will feature Indian Summer and is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. As always, snacks are welcome. No smoking and no alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

· Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America's Amarillo Self Help and Education Group will begin meeting again after the summer at 7 p.m., Monday, Sept. 27, at the South Branch of Amarillo Public Library, 4423 SW 45 St. For more information, contact **CCFA North Texas Chapter** at 1-972-386-0607.

"Wildlife Management Workshop for Absentee Landowners," sponsored by Cooperative Extension, is scheduled from 5:30-9:15 p.m., Sept. 28-29 at the R&E Center in Amarillo.

The upcoming workshop will be worth two general CEU's. Discussion will include land management impacts on rangeland, white tailed and mule deer management and marketing of wildlife resources.

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Dear Abby.

DEAR ABBY: After reading the letter from "Desperate in Kansas," about uninvited guests showing up to use their new swimming pool, I had to write.

Here's how my wife and I solved the problem when neighborhood children started showing up at all hours. First, we decided that rules would have to be set -- and enforced.

We began by having a sturdy fence and locked wrought-iron gates installed around the pool area. Then we increased the homeowner's liability limits on our insurance. We asked our attorney to draw up a "liability waiver" to be signed by the parents of the children in our neighborhood and returned to us personally by the parent or guardian. If there was no signed waiver, the child was not permitted to swim.

We allocated two evenings a week, between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m., when the neighbors' children were welcome to use our pool. These were evenings when my wife and I would be home to sit on the patio and watch and referee the children. No swimming would be permitted at any other time unless by special invitation.

"Desperate" should try our method. Her neighbors will respect her for it.

EXPERIENCED IN YUMA, ARIZ.

DEAR EXPERIENCED: Consider yourself fortunate that your neighbors abided by your rules. Since I printed that letter, I have heard some horror stories. Read on for a sample:

DEAR ABBY: You suggested that "Desperate in Kansas" put a stop to the drop-ins by becoming assertive, installing a flagpole or signs to indicate when the pool was open, increasing the amount reveal that the Earth is definitely of homeowner insurance, and suggesting the pool be fenced. I don't think you went far enough.

When I was in college, part of a constitutional law course I took covered the subject of torts and liability. One particular case we ROBERT MULLER

studied stands out in my memory. It involved a family whose swimming pool was surrounded by a 6-foot-high locked fence. While the family was away on vacation, several youths scaled the fence and went swimming. Unfortunately, one drowned, and the owners of the pool were convicted of negligent homicide!

The ruling stated that the owners of the pool should have contacted each neighbor and informed them of their plans because a pool is considered an "attractive nuisance." I would urge "Desperate" to contact an attorney who can advise her about local law and liability. At the very least, she should place a "No Trespassing" sign on the lawn, install a locked fence, and send a card to the neighbors explaining the rules.

The cost of these measures is minuscule compared to a potential liability suit.

CHRIS IN PELHAM,

DEAR CHRIS: Thank you for the warning. One of my readers sat on a jury for a wrongful death suit with similar circumstances and urged me to inform "Desperate" as well as other pool owners that uninvited children using a swimming pool without permission or parental supervision should be reported to the police for trespassing. Better to have it on record than to risk being held liable for an accident.

QUOTE FOR THE DAY: "How many people on Earth serve people? And how many people on Earth serve the Earth? The difference in the numbers must be enormous. It would not the primary concern of the human species. This might be fatal both to the Earth and to humanity. Please, leaders of the Earth and the nations, wake up to this potentially fatal disparity." --

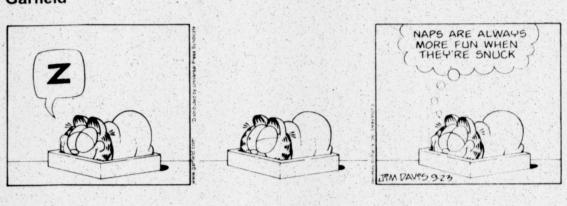
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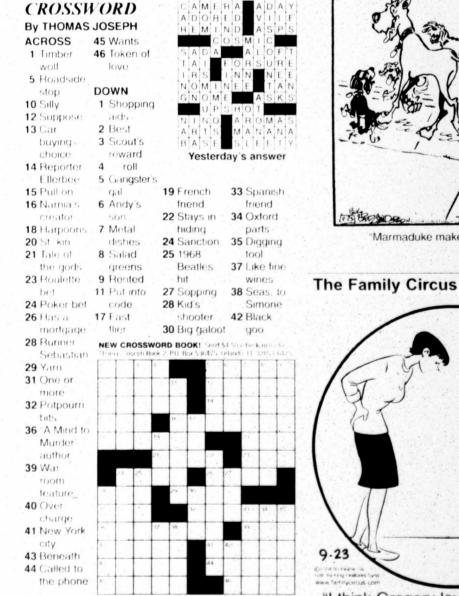


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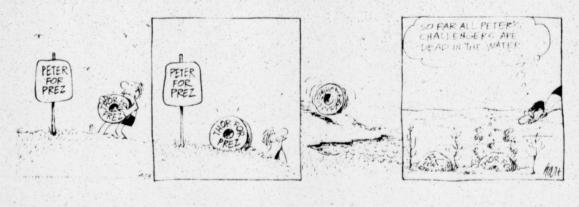


"Marmaduke makes friends easily."

"I think Gregory loves me. Today he

looked at me and giggled.

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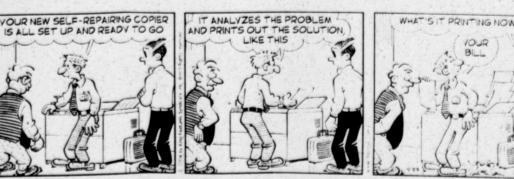




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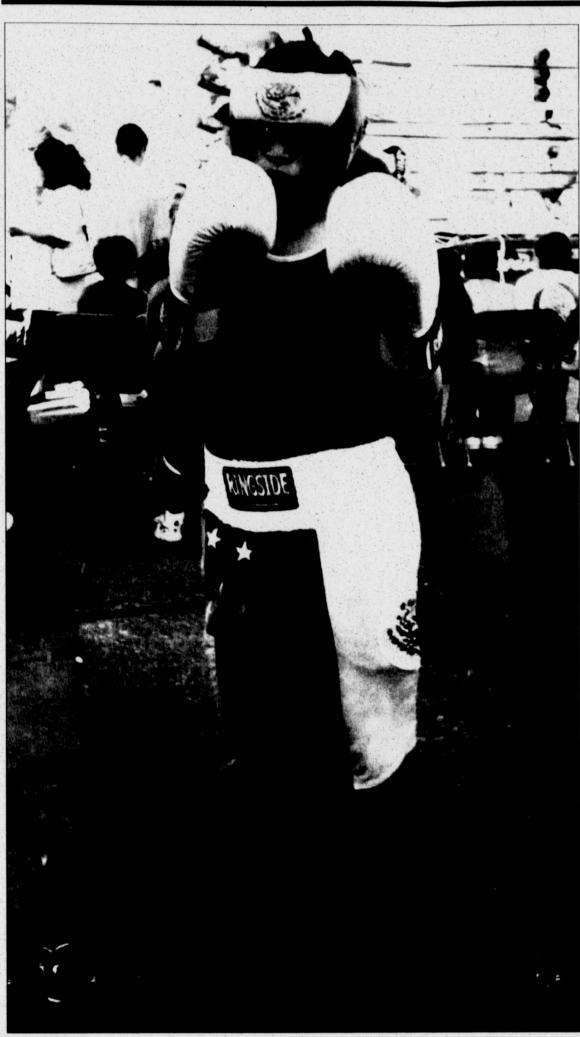
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Pampa Boxing Club fighter Leo Badillo, is looking for a rematch with Kansas' Alex Arroyo when the club travels to Garden City this Saturday.

Pampa Boxing Club to compete in Garden City tournament

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the Pampa Boxing Club traveled to, and took part in a tournament, in Wichita, Kan. of all the PBC boxers who made the trip, only Leo Badillo was able to fight. This was due in part to tournament officials' inability to properly match PBC boxers against opponents in divisions equal to their experience.

Badillo, a student at Pampa High School, entered the ring against Alex Arroyo fighting out of the Villa Boxing Club in Wichita.

It was a good fight, with Arroyo taking the decision. Badillo's coach, Lupe Larrazolo said afterward, "We thought Leo won that fight because he tried so hard, But the judges didn't see it that way."

The Pampa Boxing Club takes to the road again this Saturday. They will take part in a tournament in Garden City, Kan., where, among other bouts, Badillo is scheduled to get a rematch with Arroyo.

The Pampa Boxing Club is proud to represent Pampa and the community and guarantees it will bring back plenty of hardware from the Garden City tournament.

Childress suspends one, releases another

WELCOME, N.C. (AP) Gordon has been placed on probation by Richard Childress Racing for the remainder of the 2004 NASCAR Nextel Cup season after admitting he intentionally caused an accident last Sunday at New Hampshire that involved championship contenders Tony Stewart and Jeremy Mayfield.

Team owner Childress apologized to the fans, media, the teams involved and Cingular Wireless, the sponsor of Gordon's No. 31 Chevrolet, for the situation that occurred during the Sylvania 300.

Gordon was angered 17 laps into Sunday's race when Greg Biffle caused him to spin. After radioing to his crew that he would retaliate, he made good on the threat by intentionally wrecking Biffle later in the

WELCOME, N.C. (AP) Hornaday will be looking for a new ride at the end of the 2004 Busch Series season.

Richard Childress Racing said that Hornaday, a two-time NASCAR Craftsman Truck series champion, will not be resigned for 2005.

Pampa, Randall tennis teams try again tonight

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

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Head Coach, PHS Tennis

Josh Freeman

teams were to have met this past Tuesday, she has lost. Asked to sum up her play, but inclement weather forced

those matches to be moved to :

Coach Josh Freeman says of the meeting tonight, "Our district will be tough this year. We are looking forward to it and getting started on the right foot against Randall."

What has Freeman and his team managed to learn from the matches played so far this season? "I believe that we learned you are never guaranteed a match and you have

to work extremely hard to earn a win going to take it one step at a time and the against who ever the opponent may be," Freeman said.

One of the bright spots on Freeman's team this year appears to be Myca Vinson. es scheduled to begin at 4 p.m.

Pampa and Radall will try to take the The Junior has won her share of matches courts again this afternoon. The two tennis thus far, and has been competitive in those

Freeman said, "Myca is a good tennis player. She works hard everyday at practice. Outside of practice and has the desire to be good." Freeman added, "She is only a junior and still has another year to mature, mentally and physically. Myca determines how good she wants to be as do all the other players on the tennis team.

Freeman says points out the need to keep unforced errors to a minimum against Randall tonight. "We are

Lord willing, we will have a great season," Freeman said.

Pampa hosts Randall tonight with match-

MORE THAN A DECAL

Pat Tillman worthy of more than a sticker on a helmet

Each man must for himself alone decide what is right and what is wrong, which course is patriotic and which isn't. You cannot shirk this and be a man. To decide against your conviction is to be an unqualified and excusable traitor, both to yourself and to your country, let me label you as they may.

-Mark Twain

Football League are wearing a small, black, Cardinals not long after the terrorist attacks 740 decai on their neimet. Coaches, assistant coaches and others are

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Sports

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sporting patches on hats, Michael J. shirts and jackets. This is something of a tradition in sport. It is supposed to honor a fallen player or other person of significance associated with the sport or team in some way.

I have never really understood this act but have seen no reason to question it until

The #40 decals and patches are in remembrance of former Arizona Cardinal Strong Safety, Pat Tillman. And though many will tell you the decals and patches invoke the memory and life of Tillman, I ask, "How?" How can this small, insignificant number, almost generic in its appearance, even begin to tell the story of this great man? The way it is being displayed could honor almost anyone who has ever worn the number 40 in any sport.

Tillman was, by all accounts, a man who understood life. He was obviously a compassionate and loyal man. But what one should be most impressed with is, Tillman was a man blessed many times over and never took it for granted. In his short life, you would be hard-pressed to find even one example of this man succumbing to desire or want of material possessions.

Tillman was moved to give up his mul-So all the players in the National timillion dollar contract with the Arizona of September 11, 2001. He traded one bat-



tlefield for another thousands of miles away. He was thrust into a fight he did not start but was determined to finish. He saw something needed to be done, and decided to get involved. He never swayed from, not did he

ever regret his decision. He 'had it all', as it were. And, he gave his all. This past April, Pat Tillman was killed during an ambush in Afghanistan. He was 27 years old.

They wear the #40. But I am not convinced they know why they do. At a time when players are rewarded with contracts that erode their sense of value and ability to think beyond 'me', it is somehow sad to see but a simple sticker stuck on a helmet that is supposed to invoke the memory of a man concerned with greater things. Including the safety and freedom of his country.

Fry to receive American Football Coaches award

North Texas and Iowa head coach Hayden Fry will receive the 2005 Amos Alonzo Stagg Award from the American Football Coaches Association.

The award, which honors those "whose services have been outstanding in the advancement of the best interests of football," will be presented to Fry at an awards luncheon Jan. 11 during the association's convention Louisville, Ky.

"As a young guy growing up, Amos Alonzo Stagg was my hero. You saw the old film clips of him, Pop Warner, Knute Rockne and you want-

WACO, Texas (AP) - Former SMU, ed to emulate them," Fry said. "All that flashes through your mind when you find out you'll receive an award in his name. To me, it's the highest honor a coach can receive. It's a tribute to outstanding coaches and players I worked with."

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Ranger players drop appeals

Frank Francisco, Doug and Carlos Brocail. Almanzar dropped their appeals of suspensions that stemmed from the altercation with fans near the Texas bullpen in Oakland last week.

Each suspension was reduced by one game, the Rangers announced at the start of their game against the Athletics.

Francisco threw a plastic

ARLINGTON, Texas chair into the stands near (AP) - Rangers relievers the visitors' bullpen in Oakland that broke the nose of a woman whose husband had been heckling throughout the Sept. 13 game. Francisco started serving his 16-game suspension Saturday, pending an appeal.

Francisco's suspension was reduced to 15 games, which still will carry through the final game of the regular season.

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Off and running

Texans player Colton Rohrbacher, #70, clutches the pigskin while being chased by Falcon defenders during a 3rd & 4th grade Optimist football game Sept. 11. Rohrbacher's run resulted in a Texans touchdown.

Lowry, Giants take Astros 5-1

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - Noah Lowry NL wild-card race. Chicago won 1-0 at takes a lesson out of every outing, and the baseball world is quickly learning that this kid is pitching nothing like a 23-year-old

"Oh nooo," teammate Ray Durham said, shaking his head. "He has composure and mound presence well beyond his years."

Lowry is a big reason the San Francisco Giants are in the thick of the playoff race despite many writing them off months ago.

Lowry won his sixth straight decision and remained unbeaten in 13 major league starts, and Durham hit a two-run double among his three hits to lead the Giants to a 5-1 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Lowry (6-0) limited the Astros to five hits in his second career complete game, helping the Giants win for the ninth time in 10 games behind a balanced offense to remain a half-game ahead of the Cubs in the

Pittsburgh. Houston dropped three games

San Francisco also pulled within a halfgame of the first-place Dodgers in the NL West after Los Angeles lost 4-0 to San

"Right now, the energy in the clubhouse is really high," Lowry said. "We're catching fire and all coming together."

Barry Bonds hit an RBI triple off the fence in right-center in the first, but the slugger didn't get any chances after that. He was intentionally walked four times — the fourth time he's been issued four free passes in a game this season, which equals his own major league record for a nine-inning

San Francisco won the opener of this key three-game series 9-2 Tuesday night, and will try to complete a sweep Thursday with ace Jason Schmidt on the mound.

Wednesday's MLB Linescores

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Oswalt, Harville (6), Gallo (6), Wheeler (7), DMiceli (8) and Ausmus; Lowry and Pierzynski. W-Lowry 6-0. L-Oswalt 18-10. HR-Houston, JKent (23).

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Penny, ScStewart (4), Carrara (5), Sanchez (7), Brazoban (8) and Ross, TWilson (7); Peavy, Otsuka (9) and RaHernandez. W-Peavy 13-6. L-Penny 9-10. HR-San Diego, Nevin (26).

Judgment Day looming for Texas, OU

AUSTIN (AP) — Judgment Day. That's what some Texas fans are calling the Oct. 9 matchup in Dallas with No. 2 Oklahoma.

The four-game losing streak to a hated rival, the embarrassing scores like last season's 65-13 whipping and the constant comparisons between Texas coach Mack Brown and the Sooners' Bob Stoops.

All of it makes the game — which will likely define Brown's seventh season in Austin — feel like Judgment Day for Texas fans.

The No. 5 Longhorns (2-0) have two games against Rice and Baylor before their date in Dallas but Texas will be a huge favorites in both.

So here we go, barreling along the next two weeks toward another Red River Shootout where the Longhorns and

Sooners are likely to still be ranked in the shadow that it's almost like the rest of the top five and the Big 12 South title will be on the line.

Judgment Day indeed.

If Texas wins, Longhorns fans shed some of the shame of the past four years and maybe get off Brown's back for a year. Lose, and the critics will rage until 2005, stopping only briefly to buy tickets to the Cotton Bowl.

This is when tensions start to mount, when coaches grit their teeth a little more in practice, calls to radio talk shows amp up their shrill critiques of the program and when Brown starts getting bombarded with questions of what it will take to beat the Crimson horde north of the bor-

The regular season is 11 games long but the Sooners' dominance over the Longhorns since 2000 has cast such a big season doesn't matter.

Even a hard-fought road win over Arkansas — a game that's supposed to carry the emotional weight of generations of big games and bitter rivalries has been treated less like a big victory than an important tuneup for the

As soon as the Arkansas game was over, Longhorns fans turned their attention 370 miles north to Norman, Okla., where the Sooners again look like national title contenders.

The Sooners have an open date before facing Texas Tech on Oct. 2.

Considering the Red Raiders hung 70 points on TCU last weekend, it's to be expected that Stoops would have things on his mind other than a team he's beaten four years running.

CBS fined by FCC

WASHINGTON (AP) — CBS was fined a record \$550,000 by federal regulators for Janet Jackson's "wardrobe malfunction," which exposed the singer's breast during the Super Bowl halftime show.

The Federal Communications Commission voted unanimously to slap each of the 20 CBS-owned television stations with the maximum indecency penalty of \$27,500. The total penalty of \$550,000 is the largest fine levied against a television broadcaster. Most of the FCC's bigger fines have been against radio stations.

The agency's five commissioners decided not to fine CBS' more than 200 affiliate stations, which also aired the show but are not owned by the network's parent company, Viacom.

MTV, a Viacom subsidiary, produced the Feb. 1 halftime show, which featured Jackson and singer Justin Timberlake performing a duet. At the end, Timberlake ripped off a piece of Jackson's black leather top, exposing her right breast to a TV audience of about 90 million.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday,

Sept. 24, 2004: Some years are better than others. Hold on to your hat, as you enter one of the most exciting years of your life. Jupiter drops into your sign, making your wants and desires possible. A new positive attitude permeates your personality, which others naturally respond to Creativity emanates from your very being. The key will be knowing what you want. Talk and share with those close to you. If you are single, with as many admirers as you will have, you will barely know whom to choose. Date until you are sure. If you are attached, share the limelight and good times with your sweetie. Happiness is natural this year. AQUARIUS helps you think outside of

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)

★★★★★ Good things result from inspirational thinking. Reach behind the scenes and the obvious, and you'll discover a new perspective through brainstorming. New beginnings become possible through networking. Let others pitch in more frequently. Tonight: Find your friends

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** You have a way about you that everyone responds to. Work with others' imagination, and harness their ideas into workable plans. Don't commit to any spending you don't need to. Work starts offering more possibilities. Tonight: In the limelight. Where else? GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** Reach out for someone at a distance. Make plans for a special gettogether: you might plan a major trip. You can make a daydream come true. Allow more insight and creativity into your life. Romance might knock on your door before you know it. Tonight: Let your wit and flirtatiousness out: CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ A partner has many moneymaking ideas. The question remains, How grounded are they? You enter a phase of reorganization at work and/or your daily life. Give in to your natural desires. Make your home a castle! Tonight: A quiet dinner could become a

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** You enter a cycle in which the world is your oyster for the next year. You have a feeling that everything is going to work out no matter what. Others seek you out, but they see you through rose-colored glasses. Tonight: Beam in what you want

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Jupiter moves out of your sign.

where it has graced you with its presence for a year. Use its movement to enhance your finances. With some organization and skill, you could hit a money peak this year. Just don't spend any money before it appears in your account. Tonight: Work late if need be. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** You sense a change in the next 24 hours, as the planet of good luck enters your sign. Get ready for a new 11-year life and luck cycle. The highs could be very high, but the lows might feel more dramatic in contrast. Tonight: Celebrate this planetary gift.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Take in new ideas knowing that you don't need to act on them. Simply weigh the pros and cons carefully. Take care of your security as well as your family. You might want to

restructure your finances. Is a home office a possibility? Tonight: Relax at home SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** You feel a change in the wind. Not only do you become more open and talkative, but your ruling planet changes signs into friendly Libra today. This year, friends, networking and making what you want happen become realities. Tonight: Accept the most fun invitation

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Money could become a major preoccupation if you let it. Your intuition helps you check out the pros and cons of an investment. Soon you could be up for a pay raise or promotion if you continue working so hard. Tonight: Treat a pal to nibbles and a drink

AOUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** You're probably the most energized of all signs, with the Moon highlighting you! Use this powerful day to make a friendship work, or tell someone that you care a lot more than he or she realizes. Work on detaching rather than reacting. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★ Slow down and allow others to do more. If you're running with the ball and drop it, you can be sure someone else will pick it up. Do some thinking about a partnership that could become much deeper in the near future Tonight: Add mystery. Vanish.

BORN TODAY Singer Linda McCartney (1941), Muppets creator Jim Henson (1936), actress, writer Nia Vardalos (1962)

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Astrodome eyed for convention hotel

HOUSTON (AP) — The former home of the Houston Astros may have a future as a large convention hotel, but developers have shelved plans to turn the Reliant Astrodome into a space theme park.

The Eighth Wonder of the World that helped put Houston on the map four decades ago is now dwarfed by the neighboring new Reliant Stadium.

So Astrodome Redevelopment Co. wants to find another life for the domed stadium that opened in 1965, by conducting detailed studies in coming months into whether the facility would be profitable, said company

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THE MAN WHO WINS MAY HAVE BEEN COUNTED OUT SEVERAL TIMES, BUT HE DIDN'T HEAR THE REFEREE. -H.E. JANSEN

President Scott Hanson.

He said if the studies conclude that it will be feasible, the company has lenders in place willing to finance what is expected to be a \$400 million transformation.

The project needs approval from the sports and convention corporation, which oversees the Reliant Park complex, and Harris County Commissioners Court.

An amusement park component still planned for the project would have several themes, including space, Hanson said.

Redevelopment plans also call for as many as 1,000 hotel rooms that would

serve, in part, those attending conventions at nearby Reliant Center, said Willie Loston, executive director of the Harris County Sports and Convention Corp.

Other entertainment, restaurants, a cineplex and retail stores are also in the plan.

"Part of our interest in this concept would be to increase the use of Reliant Center." Loston told the Houston Chronicle in Thursday's editions. "That would not be at the expense of the George R. Brown (downtown convention center). We're trying to attract business to Houston that doesn't come here now."

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Federal law bars radio and non-cable television stations from airing references to sexual and excretory functions between 6 a.m. and 10 ents surveyed by the Kaiser p.m. But the law doesn't address violence, and the anti-indecency standard is only enforced when a complaint is filed with federal regulators, triggering a review and possible fines by the Federal Communications Commission.

Family Foundation said they favor new regulations to limit the amount of sex and violence in TV shows during the early evening hours when children are more likely to be watching.

"The folks in the television industry ought to take Sixty-three percent of par- note of the fact that parents

are now supporting content standards for television," said Vicky Rideout, the study's lead researcher and a vice president at the foundation. "If they're serious about avoiding that, it's going to be really necessary to make sure parents are able to use the tools available to them now, namely the rat-

The survey also found that more than half of all parents, 52 percent, said they would like to see federal regulators apply content standards to cable stations. Forty-three percent opposed the idea.

Parents do have some tools to help them screen the

ings (system) and the V- programming their children watch, but the study found that many still aren't using them or don't know they have access to them.

> Only 15 percent of all parents surveyed have used the V-chip, which works with the voluntary TV ratings system to allow parents to block specific programs.



Forty-seven girls and 17 adults participated in a three-evening Lil' Camp on the Prairie Summer Twilight Camp. June 14-16 at Recreation Park. Girls and adults enjoyed three evenings of songs, games, crafts, flag ceremonies, as well as earning the Brownie Try-it patch "Outdoor Adventurer" and the Junior Badge "Finding Your Way."

Girl Scouts: An organization where girls grow together while having fun

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Singer Cat Stevens on no-fly list due to possible ties to terrorists

By LESLIE MILLER Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) -A gap in the airline passenger-check system permitted the former Cat Stevens to board a London-to-Washington flight despite being on a no-fly list for suspected ties to terrorists, a Bush administration official said Thursday.

The incident involving Yusuf Islam, formerly known as singer Cat Stevens, dramatizes a need for changes to tighten the system, said Hutchinson, under secretary for homeland security.

"Right now, under the rules we get the information (about passenger boardings) at Homeland Security, I believe it's 15 minutes after the plane takes off," Hutchinson said.

"There's a gap there, so obviously the rules have to be changed" governing the comparison of passenger names with a watch list of people suspected of terrorist links, Hutchinson acknowledged in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning

America." Appearing on NBC's "Today" show, he said, "Someone on the watch list should not be on the airplane flying. The responsibility falls on the airline under our current system."

He said on the rules need to be changed to permit federal authorities to review passenger lists, particularly for international flights, at least an hour before a plane takes off and said U.S. officials will be working with their counterparts internationally to get that done.

His Homeland Security Department had said Wednesday that the incident involving Islam demonstrates why the government ing responsibility from the believes "pose a direct threat airlines.

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In July, the Sept. 11 commission issued a report that said airlines can only check names against "no fly" lists

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tains a much larger set of watch lists, but those aren't used because of concerns about sharing information with private companies and foreign countries.

Yusuf's name was on the no-fly list that United Airlines employees were

United spokesman Jeff Green said the airline followed procedures in checking Islam's name, and it wasn't on the list.

"The information did not match," Green said.

Islam returned to London early Thursday. "I'm totally shocked," he said upon arrival at the airport. "Half of me wants to smile, and half of me wants to growl. The whole thing is totally ridiculous. Everybody knows who I am. I am no secret figure. Everybody knows my campaigning for charity, for peace."

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