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Hazel Clark, 89, homemaker.

# **Texas Today**

## Negligence suit filed in bridge collapse

**BROWNSVILLE (AP)** — Three years after a string of loose barges knocked a deadly hole in the bridge to South Padre Island, the man who was at the helm of the tow boat has filed a negligence suit against the tow company and the barge line that chartered it.

Eight people died in the Sept. 15, 2001 collapse of what is now the Queen Isabella Memorial Causeway and the resort island's economy was devastated for months.

David Fowler, 47, filed the lawsuit in federal court late Monday. He is claiming that the Brown Water V tow boat he was operating was unseaworthy and that defendants Brown Water Towing, Inc., of Rockport, Texas, and American Commercial Barge Line of Jeffersonville, Ind. knew it.

The accident was "due solely to the carelessness, recklessness, and negligence" of the defendants, the lawsuit reads, citing a failure by Brown Water to "keep and maintain the aforesaid vehicle in a seaworthy condition and responsible state or

repair." The lawsuit is being filed under the Jones Act, a federal statute protecting the safety of shipping crews.

## Animals in Louisiana, Florida head to Texas as hurricane nears

HOUSTON (AP) -Almost 200 dogs and cats, some left homeless in Florida by Hurricane Charley, were taken to a shelter in Houston and others were en route Tuesday from Louisiana where authorities feared shelters there would be inundated by the killer winds and waves of Hurricane Ivan, swirling in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Last night, we had continued to look at the projected track for Hurricane Ivan and where our shelter is located is a heavy flood zone," Laura Maloney, executive director of the Louisiana SPCA in New Orleans, said Tuesday.

# City, county in fire fight

# City refuses county's offer

By DEE DEE LARAMORE

Pampa City Commissioners favor of the motion. Tuesday decided to send a counoutside the city.

Commissioner Ray Boring, who with former and present city offi- \$35,000 for the 2004-2005 budget. cials involved in the agreements. proposed in the motion.

Commissioner Robert Dixon,

who also serves as the Gray County Veterans Officer, did not vote. The rest of the commission voted in

The county budgeted \$130,000 teroffer of an annual payment of for Pampa Fire Department servic-\$139,831 to Gray County for fire- es for the 2003-2004 fiscal year. fighting services in the county but The amount passed in the 2004-2005 budget is \$100,000.

Volunteer Hoover introduced the motion, said he had Department was paid \$15,000 by studied the history of the city's and Gray County for the 2003-2004 fiscounty's agreement, consulting cal year. That total increased to

Representatives of Cabot For the past decade, the county's Corporation, Titan Specialties and payment has constituted approxi- Bourland & Leverich Supply mately 9.5 percent of the city's Company spoke to county commisbudget each year, he explained, sioners at recent meetings concernwhich led to the \$139,831 figure ing their fire department coverage preferences. All three wished to

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# Fire contract down in flames

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

After lengthy, emphatic discussion this morning concerning the City of Pampa's request for \$139,831 for Pampa Fire Department coverage of approximately 27 square miles of outof-city area for the 2004-2005 fiscal year, Gray County Commissioners unanimously voted to postpone action on the issue until a meeting with city officials could be arranged and completed.

"Last night, I attended the city commission meeting but was not asked for my input. The city asked for \$139,831 for 2004-2005" for county fire coverage, said Gray County Judge Richard Peet at this morning's regular meeting of county commissioners in Gray County Courthouse.

"I was astounded at the move to increase the amount, even though we had decreased the coverage area," Peet said.

County commissioners had previously developed a plan by which Pampa Fire Department's area of responsibility would decrease from last year's 220 square miles to about 27 square miles for the coming fiscal year. The county planned to pay the city \$100,000 for this coverage, compared to last fiscal year's \$130,000.

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department would be responsible for the square miles no longer covered by Pampa Fire Department, and their payment from the county would be \$35,000, compared to last year's \$15,000.

"If they need a north and central fire station, that's fine, but that should

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Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

# Senior Breakfast moments

Senior Class President Brittany Adams, left, talks at the Pampa High School Senior Breakfast honoring PHS seniors and their parents Tuesday morning at M.K. Brown Auditorium. The annual event this year was hosted by Pampa Independent School District board, Superintendent Barry Haenisch, The City of Pampa and Pampa Regional Medical Center. In the photo at right, Chantille Hemphill and Luke Dyer act in "Test that Senior," a skit presented by the Pampa High School theater department at the Senior Breakfast.

# Parade, reunion to be part of PHS Homecoming plans

Pampans will get a then disband. Homecoming Queen Friday. Oct. and King candidates Harvester Veterans

The parade kicks school library. off a weekend of Punch and cookies Homecoming activi- will be served and ties including a photographs taken. Harvester Veterans reunion, and the reception, Homecoming game Harvester Veterans against Plainview will have special seat-High School at 7:30 ing at the pep rally. Field. Homecoming are asked Queen and King will Student be crowned at the President game.

high school, 1100 E. they will attend.

Harvester. tracks where it will 9213.

first glimpse of the At 1/30 p.m., during Pampa High anyone who played S c h o o 1 's football for PHS will Homecoming Parade, be honored with a Thursday, Sept. 30. reception at the high

> Following the the

p.m. in Harvester Harvester Veterans to call Body Michael Pergeson at 669-3624 On Thursday, Sept. or Student Body 30, parade entries will Treasurer Lindsey line up on Harvester Ammons at 669-3170 Avenue in front of the and let them know if

For more informa-At 4 p.m., the tion about PHS parade will proceed Homecoming actividown Mary Ellen ties, contact Sherry Street through down- Seabourn at 669-4800, town to the railroad ext. 301, or at 669-



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

# Campaign kick-off

Bob Marx, 2004 campaign chairman for Pampa United Way. Inc., names local United Way agencies which will benefit from the funds raised by the 2004 campaign. Next to him is John Warner, UW vice president. Marx was one of several speakers at a luncheon Tuesday in the Community Building which was to kickoff the annual fund-raising effort. This year's goal is \$312,000 and the campaign is named "Community Matters."

# **Head for** the hills!

# Coastal folk fleeing from huge storm

NEW ORLEANS (AP) Stragglers streamed toward higher ground Wednesday on highways turned into one-way evacuation routes and pounding surf started eroding beaches as Hurricane Ivan roared toward the Gulf Coast with 135 mph wind.

Ivan could cause significant damage no matter where it strikes, as hurricane-force wind extended up to 105 miles out from the center. Hurricane warnings were posted along a 300mile stretch from Grand Isle, La., across coastal Mississippi and Alabama to Apalachicola, Fla., but Ivan had turned onto a northerly course, generally toward the center of the warning area, Alabama Mississippi coasts.

"We're leaving today. All this is going under," said surfer Chuck Myers who was only taking pictures of the waves Wednesday morning at Gulf Shores, Ala. "We surfed it all day yesterday. It was glorious."

"This is a bad one and people need to get out," Mobile, Ala., Mayor Mike Dow said Wednesday on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Deputies went door-todoor through the night in south Mobile County, instructing residents to evacuate. Some are expected to remain, Sheriff's Sgt. Steve Kirchharr said, but overall "we have received a good response.

Interstate 65 in Alabama was turned into a northbound-only evacuation route Wednesday morning from the harbor city of Mobile to Montgomery Chemical plants and refineries around Mobile Bay had been closed down.

Roughly 2 million people had been urged or ordered to leave coastal areas, including more than 1.2 million in the New Orleans

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# Economy: Industrial activity shows slight gain in August

Industrial activity edged up by 0.1 percent in August as declines in utility and mining output tempered a gain in factory production.

The small rise in industrial activity reported by the Federal Reserve Wednesday followed a sizable 0.6 percent gain in July.

Although

cent gain for August, some analysts said the report wasn't as weak as the overall number seemed to suggest.

fort in the fact that manufacturing output grew. "The report is stronger

Those analysts took com-

than appears on the surface. Unlike other parts of the economists economy, manufacturing

would say in general this is a pretty solid report," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "Utility output was down probably because of the relatively cool summer we had."

On Wall Street, though, stocks fell.

The Dow Jones industri-

Nasdaq was off 14 in morning trading.

Reserve

Federal

Chairman Alan Greenspan, appearing before Congress last week, said economic activity hit a "soft patch" in late spring, which he said was related in large part to high energy prices.

He added at the time that

expansion has "regained some traction" such as a pickup in the nation's payrolls in August.

The Fed's report showed that mining production dropped by 1.1 percent in August, compared with a 1.3 percent gain in July.

utilities Output at declined by 2.4 percent in

were forecasting a 0.5 per- activity moved up so 1 als lost 51 points and the there were some signs the August, following a 2 percent decline.

> At the nation's factories output rose by 0.5 percent in August, following a 0.9 percent advance the previous month.

Businesses saw their inventories rise in July as sales picked up, according Commerce the Department.

# **Obituaries**

# Hazel Clark, 89

Hazel Clark, 89, of Pampa, died Monday, Sept. 13, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at the First

officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Clark was born Oct. 28, 1914, in Cameron, Oklahoma. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1942, moving to Amarillo in 2003. She married Orval McDaniel on Aug. 30, 1934, in Seminole, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death on Nov. 9,

1953. She married Clarence Coffin on Nov. 16, 1959, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on May 30, 1980. She later married George Clark on Sept. 3, 1987, in Chillicothe. He preceded her in death on

Nov. 19, 1997. She was an active member of the First Assembly of God Church.

Survivors include a son, Steven McDaniel Assembly of God with Pastor Leland Lewis of Amarillo; two daughters, Frances White

and husband Herbert of Pasadena, and Barbara Sue Moreland and husband Harry of Mounds, Ill.; one stepson, Dale Coffin in Denver, Colo.; one stepdaughter, Casev Preston of Amarillo; 11 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; 5 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters.

The family requests memorials be to Evelyn Rivers Christmas Project, 314 S. Jefferson Ave., Amarillo, TX

The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 5-7 p.m. today,

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2004. -Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

# Services tomorrow

**CLARK**, Hazel - 10:30 a.m., First Assembly of God Church, Pampa.

# Emergency Services

# Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

drugs and cash, estimated period ending at 7 a.m. value of \$138, was reported today. in the 700 block of East Frederic.

Lucinda Lee George, 48, 1225 Charles, was arrested on six capias pro fines for issuing bad check.

# Sheriff

Grav County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests.

Tuesday, Sept. 14

Jessica Elaine Smith, 22, 612 N. Dwight, was arrested on a warrant for possession of marijuana.

Connie Elaine Oxley, 40, 603 E. Foster, was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety on three capias pro fines.

Warren Gene Garner, 41, Los Angeles, Calif., was arrested by the DPS on a felony fugitive warrant out Fire

of California.

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following Theft of prescription calls during the 24-hour

Tuesday, Sept. 14

four firefighters responded to a vehicle fire at 12175 County Road D. A 2002 Chevrolet Silverado pickup owned by Steven Willett was engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived. The apparent cause of the fire was a a ruptured fuel tank. Firefighters extinguished the fire with water and foam. No injuries or other damage were reported.

Wednesday, Sept. 15

1:18 a.m. Two units and six firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 400 block of Pitts.

# **Ambulance**

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

Tuesday, Sept. 14 2:35 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital,

Amarillo. 6:41 p.m. – A mobile ICU 8:32 p.m. - Two units and responded to the 2600 block of Evergreen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

> 10:08 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Wells and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

> 10:14 p.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 1400 block of East Francis. No

Wednesday, Sept. 15

12:46 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Faulkner. No patient.

1:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Pitts and transported a patient(s) to PRMC

5:06 a.m. A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of Beryl and transported a patient(s) to PRMC



This cow appears to be studying its reflection while taking a cool drink from a pond on U.S. Highway 60 east of Pampa.

# Gray County Weather-

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. with a high around 83. Windy, with a north north- mph becoming clear, with a low around 57. Northeast wind between 10 15 mph. and 20 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 92. South

Northeast wind around 10 south. west wind between 15 and Thursday Night: Partly 25 mph. Tonight: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 62. South wind between 10 and

Friday: Partly cloudy,

southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph. Friday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63. South wind around 15 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

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# Presbyterian pastor in Austin could face church tribunal A Presbyterian—also ordained an openly lesbian elder

pastor could face a church trial after an accusation that he conducted same-sex union ceremonies.

The Rev. Jim Rigby, pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian in Austin, acknowledged conducting the ceremonies, which violate church rules, and has even provided information tion forbid the to his accuser. Rigby said he wants his denomi-

nation to confront the issue of homosexuality in the church.

"Either they have to strip me of my ordination, or the church has to change," Rigby said in Wednesday editions of the Austin American-Statesman.

Rigby acknowledges that he has or chastity in singleness.

at St. Andrew's.

Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order the denomination's constitublessing of samesex unions and state that those eligible for ordination must meet the "requirement to live either in

> fidelity within the covenant of mar- Virginia lawyer who has filed accuriage between a man and a woman, sations against Presbyterian clergy

Robert Brown, a University of Texas student from Carrollton, said Rules spelled out in the he learned from an article in the

> strip me of my ordination, for two male stuor the church has to dents. Brown told his change." pastor

The Rev. Jim Rigby Presbyterian pastor

Either they have to over a marriage blessing in April

> Carrollton and began working Paul Rolf Jensen,

Monday with Mission Presbytery, a Daily Texan that regional church governing body Rigby presided based in San Antonio.

this week.

Mission Presbytery officials told the newspaper they could not comment because the clerk who receives such accusations is out of the office

Jensen filed the accusation

church law on homosexuality

When complaints are made, the clerk appoints an investigative committee that determines whether there are grounds to the accusation and decides whether to refer the matter to a judicial commission.

The commission hears cases and renders verdicts, which parties can across the country for defying

# Twelve-year-old missing girl found safe in Oklahoma City

A 12-year-old North Texas girl who had been missing for nearly two weeks was found safe at an Oklahoma City motel early Wednesday after her stepfather apparently shot him-

Jami Hicks' stepfather, recently SMITTY'S BUCKETS are James Roy Hudachek, was back, Mon. nite game specials in critical condition and on called Jami's mother shortly

hospital, Oklahoma City police Sgt. Charles Phillips

Jami was briefly hospitalized and was on her way back to Texas, Mesquite Shannon police Sgt. Greenhaw said.

Hudachek who had professed his romantic love for Jami

Greenhaw said.

Angela Hudachek called Mesquite police, who notified officers in Oklahoma

As officers approached Hudachek's room, they heard a gunshot. Soon after that, Jami walked out unharmed, Greenhaw said.

Phillips does not expect life support at an Oklahoma after midnight and told her charges to be filed in

said to come pick up the girl, Oklahoma against James Hudachek. But Greenhaw said that if Hudachek survives, charges will be filed in Texas.

> Police had been looking for Jami since Sept. 4, when her mother reported her missing from her home in Mesquite, about 15 miles east of Dallas.

Authorities in Texas and South Carolina had issued

Amber Alerts for her. Angela Hudachek, the girl's mother, said she drove to Oklahoma City as quickly as she could when she heard her daughter was

"I was hoping to put my eyes on her. I ain't seen her in a couple of weeks," Angela Hudachek told Oklahoma City television station KOCO.

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be covered in their budget and is not our responsibility," Peet said this morning.

He provided commissioners with a list of Pampa Fire Department's runs for the past county fiscal year. Peet had marked runs designated as "authorized controlled," "wrong location," "fire prevention program," "good intent call, other," and "dispatched and canceled en route."

"Gentlemen, I have difficulty with that. The city calls a fire prevention program a fire run," Peet said.

Through August, covered by \$119,000 of the county's \$130,000 for the entire year, there were 65 runs by PFD. "or just over \$1,800 per run," Peet said.

"The closest thing I found was Hale County, which is paying Plainview just over \$800 per run," he said.

"Judge, our contract with the city was for \$130,000, regardless of how many runs they make. I suggest we

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remain covered by Pampa Fire Department, with Hoover Volunteer Fire Department as backup serv-

Pampa Fire Department's out-of-city coverage was reduced from approximately 220 square miles to 30 square miles in the 2004-2005 county plan. The city fire department would retain responsibility for Walnut Creek, the Cole Addition, Keller Estates, the area along Texas Highway 152, and the area along U.S. Highway 60 to National Oilwell.

The remaining 190 square miles previously covered by Pampa Fire Department would be the responsibility 2003-2004 covered 108 square miles of the county,

have a joint meeting to work out a contract acceptable to both," said Precinct 3 Commissioner Gerald Wright.

"I have been to a city meeting and presented our issues," Peet said.

"I did not appreciate the comments some of them made about you last night, Mr. Wheeley," Peet said to Precinct 1 Commissioner Joe Wheeley. "They claimed you said you didn't want a professional fire department in the county."

"I think we have a very good fire department in Hoover Volunteer Fire Department and we're lucky to have them," Wheeley

"It's not for us to tell the city how to run their business, but I think there's a problem when you've got \$80,000 a year in overtime," Peet said.

"I believe we could have a joint meeting between the county and city, and it would help resolve the situation. I never saw an issue that, open-minded, we couldn't sit down and resolve," Wright said.

Gray County Judge Richard Peet said.

Commissioner Faustina Curry said she had attended a county budget meeting this summer. At the meeting, she said, County Commissioner Joe Wheeley told her, "You

where know we're going with that. We do not want any professional service in the county. We want to be all volunteer." Curry said,

"If the county wants to do that, it's their decision, but I think the citizens of Pampa shouldn't have to pick up the tab.

a professional group on call taking on that amount of City Commission meeting of Hoover VFD, which in every minute of every day," debt without knowing where she added.

She said that studies show he said.

"I think the ultimate solution to this is a fire district. I hate it, but that may be the solution to this," said Precinct 4 Commissioner James Hefley.

ment entities can't sit down = and discuss the issue, we really lem," Wright

said. "Here's my problem with that. It already has been talked

about," Peet Grav County Commission said. "If we don't

communicate, we will probably never get it resolved," Wright said.

The \$100,000 was an amount originally used by Acting City Manager John Horst and Mayor Lonny Robbins, Hefley said.

"I was accused early on that I was wanting to use the jail as blackmail," Peet said. Pampa Police Department has not had a jail or holding facility for several years, and has a contract with Gray County to use Gray

that it costs the city of Pampa at least \$130,000 annually to provide firefighting services outside the city limits.

Commissioners approved the 2004-2005 budget on final reading. The budget con-

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Pampa City Commission

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County Jail.

"I tell you, gentlemen, \$50,000 a year does not cover our cost" concerning the jail. "We have been very fair, I believed, and saved "I think when two govern- the city a lot of money," Peet

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Gerald Wright

said.

"We don't know what we're willing to pay for volunteer service. Are they willing and able to run on all the same runs as PFD has,

and are they

prepared to handle it? We can't really go by this report," said Precinct Commissioner Gary Willoughby, referring to the printout of PFD's county runs to date for the 2003-

2004 year. Hefley asked Hoover VFD Chief Joe Millican if his department intended to go on automobile accident calls. Millican, who was present at this morning's meeting, said they would go if Guardian EMS or Gray County Sheriff's Office

Interim City Manager John Horst assured Robbins that the proposed capital expenditures, with the exception of the fleet vehicles, would not take place without the commission's approval when the bidding process began.

The new budget is based on the same tax rate as last year's and includes estimated sales tax revenues of more than \$2.2 million and a 3 percent cost of living increase for 36 city employees who would not be eligible for a 5 percent step

A tax rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation was set by the commission.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Staff Writer Marilyn Powers contributed to this report. "I personally want to have "I have a problem about Other action taken in the Tuesday will be reported in the next edition of The Pampa News.

"We're going to have to be ready to act on this. If we stick by our original plan and they turn it down, I think we're going to have to know if that \$100,000 will be sufficient to take care of that area and provide the same level of service," Wheeley said. "I don't want to be accused of trying to save money at the expense of safety or anything like that."

Millican said his department had considered building a new, second station with two trucks in the north. end of the county, and had projected that they would need \$115,000 the first year to do so, followed by a decrease the following two years. The department has also identified a need for more water tanks for its use, and has begun a program to add tanks in various locations, he said.

"I am not excited to pay taxpayers' money for their overtime. If we are the reason for that overtime, we need to help;" Peet said of

"How the city spends the contract money is their business. Our only business is how much," said Wright, who suggested at least seven times that county and city commissioners get together to discuss the fire coverage issue before making further decisions.

Commissioners voted unanimously to set a meeting with city commissioners to discuss fire coverage. The special session will be at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 24 in the second-floor courtroom at Gray County Courthouse.

Action on the proposed fire coverage is listed on the agenda immediately following discussion with city officials.

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# Ivan

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metropolitan Forecasters said that although Ivan, which killed at least 68 people in the Caribbean, had weakened very slightly to 135 mph Wednesday, it was still an "extremely dangerous category 4 hurricane," and its strength could fluctuate before it crashes ashore.



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# Viewpoints

# Surviving in the modern world of technology

With the SAT just weeks only feel worse when I try to in before deadline, but I had away, I have started preparing like mad, so that I can have a chance at raising my

In part of these preparations, I finally broke down and bought the Texas Instruments Graphing Calculator 84, which is often idolized in math circles.

For those of you who don't know, this is the kind of calculator that can do everything short of making a home-cooked meal.

can't use it. I get lost in all of simply too many buttons. I

hunt up how to work a function, such as creating formulas for statistics. I get lost in the user-guide, which comes complete with a 27-page appendix and a 14-page index. In short, it seems like the calculator, as with much of the technology of today, was created to save time; however, it ends up only wasting it.

This seems to be happening to me often lately. For example, I am typing this The only problem is that I column up on the computers in the Pampa News office its complexity; there are tonight. Normally, I would type it at home and e-mail it

no choice this week because my DSL Internet connection has gone down.

All of these technology problems Ben frustrating. Briscoe

Staff Intern

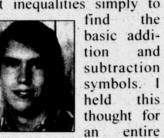
Last week, in the middle of a boring lecture in one

of my classes, my mind drifted off to think about what life would be like if we did not have the electronics around to cause these prob-

I came to the conclusion

that it would be great.

No longer, would I have to search through buttons used to square coefficients and test inequalities simply to



day, then I went home and watched UPN's hit reality show "Amish in the City," a favorite of mine.

The show's premise is that it takes five Amish teens and places them in a house in

Los Angeles, with five teens from the city. There they experience what technology is like, and decide whether they wish to return to the Amish or stay in their newfound niche.

Before the first commercial break, I realized what an ignorant fool I had been.

Life without the technology of today would be awful. I can barely make it an hour without using my cell phone, listening to music, or partaking in some pleasantry of today's wired age. I had a hard enough time at camp this summer when I had to rely on nature to provide

entertainment for one week. I fear even trying to picture what it would be like if that time was extended.

When it comes down to it, technology is great. Our society would be nowhere without it.

That is why I am choosing to put my faulty Internet connect and other electronic problems behind me.

I am also making it a personal goal to master the Texas Instruments number 84 this month. I do not care if it takes hours of practice. I will learn every function of that math tool.

# Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 15, the 259th day of 2004. There are 107 days left in the year. The Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashanah, begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 15, 1963, four black girls were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala. (Three Ku Klux Klansmen were eventually convicted for their roles in the

On this date:

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Isak Dinesent

Danish author

In 1776, British forces occupied New York City during the American Revolution.

In 1789, the U.S. Department of Foreign Affairs was renamed the Department of State.

In 1821, independence was proclaimed for Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua and El Salvador.

In 1857, William Howard Taft — who served as president of the United States and as U.S. chief justice — was born in

In 1917, Russia was proclaimed a republic by Alexander Kerensky, the head of a pro-

visional government. In 1935, the Nuremberg God made the

Laws deprived German Jews of their citizenship and made the swastika the official symbol of Nazi Germany. In 1940, during the Battle

of Britain in World War II, the tide turned as the Luftwaffe sustained heavy losses inflicted by the Royal Air Force.

In 1950, during the Korean conflict. United Nations forces landed at Inchon in the south and began their

drive toward Seoul. In 1959, Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev arrived in the

U.S. to begin a 13-day visit. In 1982, Iran's former foreign minister, Sadegh

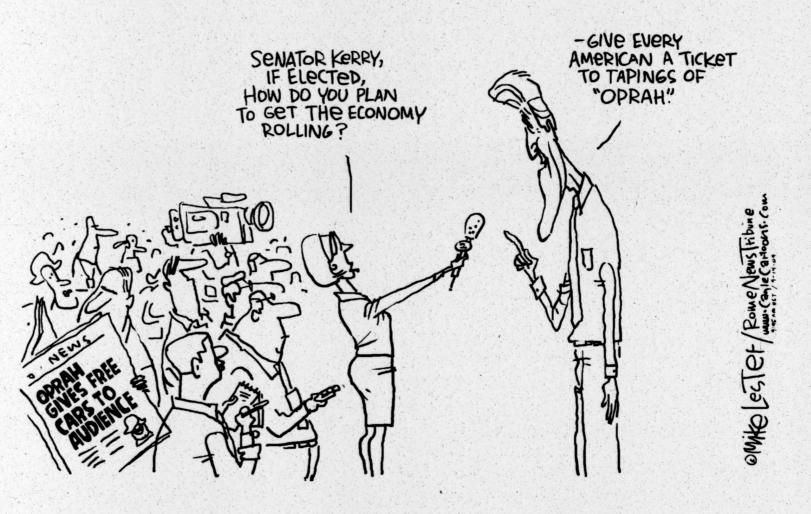
Ghotbzadeh, was executed after he was convicted of plotting against the government. Ten years ago: In a terse ultimatum from the Oval Office,

time address: "Your time is up. Leave now or we will force Five years ago: One month after being charged in the United States with laundering suspected drug payoffs, Mexico's former top drug prosecutor, Mario Ruiz Massieu,

President Clinton told Haiti's military leaders in a prime-

was found dead in his New Jersey apartment, an apparent suicide. Larry Ashbrook opened fire in a Fort Worth, Texas, Baptist church, killing seven people and himself. One year ago: The WUSA soccer league shut down oper-

ations five days before the Women's World Cup, saying it didn't have enough money to stay in business for a fourth



# Israel root of Middle East mess

It was 1996, and Bill Clinton was president. To give the rascal his due, he was laboring mightily to make the Middle East peace process work. That same year, three Jewish-American neoconservatives produced a policy paper for the newly elected Israeli prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu.

The neocons were Richard Perle, Douglas Feith and David Wurmser. Their policy paper recommended to Netanyahu that he abandon the peace process, reject "land for peace" and strengthen Israel's defenses in order to confront Syria and Iraq. The document said, "This effort can focus on removing Saddam Hussein from power in Iraq - an

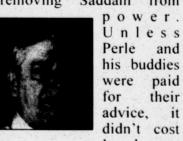
important Israeli strategic objective in its own right." It also recommended that Israel use pretexts for preemptive attacks.

Now, if all of this sounds familiar - and it should that's because Perle, Feith

a n d Wurmser Charley joined other Reese neocons in the Bush Columnist administration. Perle was espe-

cially vocal in pushing the war on Iraq. They had two pretexts: the attack of Sept. 11, even though Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with it, and the mythical weapons of mass destruction.

Netanyahu, by the way, did abandon the peace process. And, at a cost of \$200 billion and nearly 1,000 American lives, Israel did achieve its "strategic objective in its own right" removing Saddam from



for their advice, it didn't cost Israel one

shekel or one life. Furthermore, if you stretch your memory, you will recall that until Iraq blew up in its face, the Bush administration was laying the groundwork to attack

Syria, the other country Perle and his crowd named as a target for Israel. It has already imposed sanctions on Syria despite the fact that, according to our own intelligence people, Syria had been cooperating with the war on terror. The other target of the Israelis - excuse me, the Bush administration - is Iran.

If you want more details on these neocons, I recommended "Secrets and Lies," by Dilip Hiro, a distinguished Middle East scholar, and James Bamford's "A Pretext for War."

When President Bush first started talking about terrorism, he use to say "terrorists

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# Violence hampers Iraqi democracy

The Houston Chronicle on the prospect of peace in Iraq: Is the approach of demo-

cratic elections in Iraq motivating the escalation of insurgent violence? If so, will it subside with time and Iraqi self-government?

Whenever Israelis and Palestinians sit down to negotiate a peace agreement, the violence in the Middle East escalates and intensifies. Sometimes during periods of stalemate and discouragement, calm perversely descends.

The Bush administration maintains that a similar dynamic is at work in Iraq. The closer draws January's

appointed date for elections, the more numerous and lethal grow insurgent attacks against coalition forces and Iraqi officials and buildings.

T h e coincidence of rising violence and the approach of the election date cannot

Baghdad alone, 37 people were killed and 142 injured in a series of car bombs and rocket and mortar barrages, The Associated Press report-

The administration's the-

stay the course until the elections, and then things will improve. Unfortunately, the lack of security is making postpone-

more likely.

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Texas Thoughts The Houston Chronicle

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With some Iraqi cities firmly in the hands of insurgents of one stripe or another, the U.S. forces have

sis, however, is that we must come to rely on airstrikes on suspected insurgent hideouts. Iraqi health officials say this is claiming an intolerable number of innocent lives, a charge the U.S. comment of the mand denies. elections

Even if U.S. firepower is sparing Iraqi casualties, the same cannot be said for the terrorists, whose car bombs and mortar attacks kill Iraqi civilians and U.S. soldiers alike. The interim Iraqi government headed by interim Ayad Allawi is blamed for failing to bring the day-today security it promised.

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# Reports fuel doubts on documents used in CBS News story

about President Bush's documents. Vietnam-era service in the examine records CBS used dent. told ABC they could not vouch for their veracity.

one of Bush's commanders.

CBS News on Tuesday by the two examiners quoted follow orders to take a physi- Carolina hired by CBS, said the documents were definite-

"We continue to believe in Texas Texas Air National Guard, this story," said Betsy West, gressman at even as two experts it hired to CBS News' senior vice presi- the time.

CBS said its story about were immedi-Bush's guard service relied ately raised Meanwhile, a former sec- on much more than docu- about the docretary in the guard said ments. But the controversy uments' legiti-Tuesday she believed the has raised credibility ques- macy, documents in question were tions for the network news some believfake, although they accurate- division and it's not certain if ing they were ly reflected the thoughts of those questions will be defin- produced by a itively answered.

CBS says the documents available said Dan Rather's report on from one of Bush's com- the time. "60 Minutes" last week did manders, Lt. Col. Jerry B. not rely on assessments made Killian, indicated Bush didn't examiner

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CBS News said that Will duced by a sional document examiner and James played only a "peripheral role" in assessing "I did not feel that they the documents, and had seen concern was wanted to investigate it very only one of the four used in the report. Ultimately they deferred to another expert Another expert hired by who has seen all four docu-CBS, Linda James of Plano, ments, Marcel Matley, and nature to use Texas, told ABC that "I did who continues to back up

> West said Will did not contact the network the night James told AP late Tuesday before the report aired

In appreciation

Meredith House held a special appreciation luncheon for Pampa firefighters in memory of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in New York City, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania. Pampa Fire Department Capt. Jessie Hanes accepts a certificate of appreciation for Meredith House Administrator DiDi Houghton. With Capt. Hanes at the presentation are Pampa firefighters, John Evans, Robert McDonald, and Jim Sirmans.

# First black chief justice named to Texas high court

SAN ANTONIO (AP) became the court's first black no limits to what this country chief justice Tuesday.

Gov. Rick Perry appointed earlier this month after near- after it convenes in January ly 17 years as chief justice to for its regular biennial sesbecome a law professor in sion, but Jefferson will hold Houston.

"I am deeply honored to by his parents, wife and three vative members. young sons.

Asked about the historic Wallace B. Jefferson, a significance of his selection, descendant of slaves and the he said: "There's very little first black member of the that stands in our way if we Texas Supreme Court, prepare ourselves. There's will allow you to do."

Perry's appointment of Jefferson to replace Tom Jefferson is subject to Phillips, who stepped down approval by the Texas Senate the job in the meantime.

Jefferson, 41, of San accept this appointment," Antonio, is among the ninesaid Jefferson, accompanied member court's more conser-

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strategy is to rapidly train Iraqi police officers and soldiers to battle the insurgents and guard government and industrial facilities. The insurgents know this and target Iraqi recruits as collabo- blown civil war.

rators. The police are not effective enough to attack insurgent strongholds and sometimes patrol cities at the pleasure of the insurgents who control them.

The prospect of Iraqi peace and emerging democracy shimmers like a chimera on the horizon. But overhead are the dark clouds of what could become a full-

# Israel

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ism, he use to say "terrorists with global reach" to distinguish between al-Qaida and strictly local outfits with local agendas. That did not suit the Israelis and their American supporters. They wanted Israel's enemies to be our enemies, and so the distinction was soon dropped, and Israel's enemies were added to the official list of terrorist organiza-

The problem is that Palestinian organizations fighting for independence. True, they have used terrorist tactics, just as the Jewish organizations -- the Stern Gang and the Irgun - did when they were fighting British occupation of Palestine. But their target is the Israeli occupation, not

Hezbollah is a Lebanese organization that has also used terrorist tactics, includattacks against Americans in Lebanon when it figured we were helping the Israelis in their occupaagain, its quarrel is with

I have long since given up the hope that Americans would wake up and resent the manipulation of their government by a foreign country. The Israeli lobby has been so successful in labeling any criticism of Israel, no matter how justified, as anti-Semitic that Hamas and Islamic Jihad are most Americans prefer to stick their heads in the sand. For sure, American politicians and much of the media seem to be terrified by the Israeli lobby, which says more about their cowardice than it does about the power of the lobby itself.

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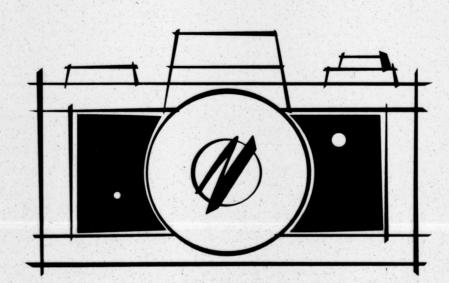
benefit of Israel Just remember, the United

States has one, and only one, legitimate interest in the Middle East, and that is buying oil that everybody who has it wants to sell. It doesn't tion of Lebanon. But there , matter whether we buy it from a dictator (we bought plenty from Saddam) or from a democratic government. It doesn't matter to us if the country that sells us oil likes or hates Israel.

This whole mess, including the war in Iraq and the terrorist attacks, is a result of the American government's involvement with Israel. It's a dangerous and unhealthy state of affairs that will not be cured until Americans find the courage to have an open and honest debate about our foreign policy in the Middle East.

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# Calendar items

 Students of Madeline Graves Dance and Gymnastics Center are selling cookie dough as a fund-raiser. Orders will be taken through Thursday, Sept. 16. Cost of the dough is \$10 a tub. Flavors include chocolate chip, oatmeal raisin, peanut butter, white chocolate macademia, sugar, brownie peanut butter chip, coconut macaroon, apple berry cookie and M&M. For more information, call 665-8921 and ask for Jeanna Zuniga.

 West Texas A&M University will conduct a seminar in stress management from 6-8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20 in the Small Business Development Center, 2300 N. Western, Amarillo. To register, call (806) 372-5151 or log onto www.smallbusinessdevelopmentcenter.com on the Internet.

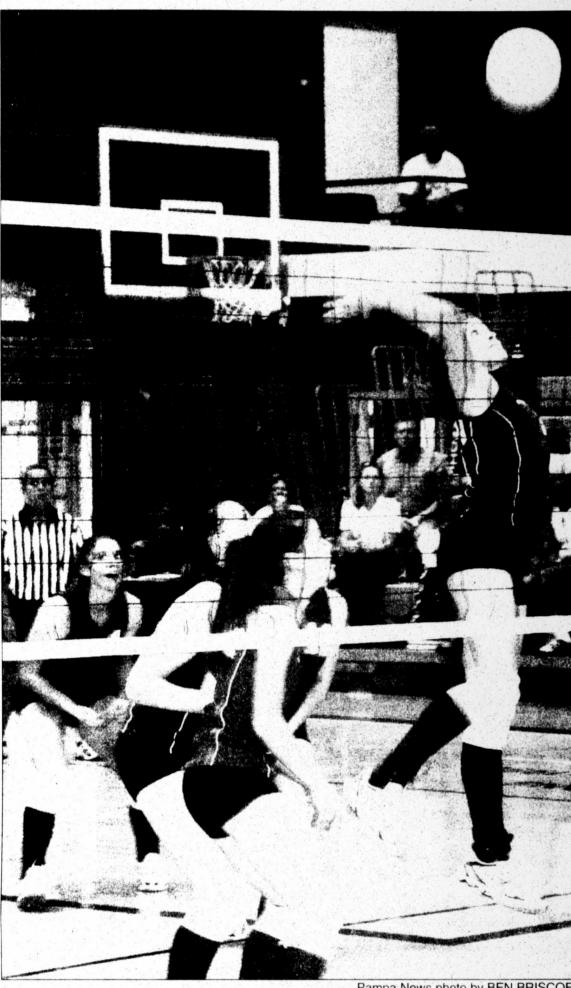
· Pampa Area Singles next dance will feature Indian Summer and is scheduled from 8-11 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 25, at M.K. Brown Auditorium. As always, snacks are welcome. No smoking and no alcohol allowed. For more information, call 665-7059.

"Wildlife Management . A Workshop for Absentee Landowners."

sponsored by Texas 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. Pre-registration, due before Sept. 21, is \$50. After the deadline, the fee will be \$75 per person. For more information, contact the local Extension office at 669-8033.

 In cooperation with Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, Pampa High School will host "College Night" from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, in the Heritage Room at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Representatives from various colleges, universities, vocational and technical schools and recruiters with the U.S. Armed Services will be on hand at this come-and-go event open to high school juniors, seniors and their parents. For more information, contact Billie Lowrey, administrative assistant for PHS, at 669-4800, ext. 123.

# Sports Day



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

PHS Lady Harvester Jackie Gerber slams the ball over the net while Alyssa Bromlow and Kendel Stokes look on. The play scored one point for Pampa when the Amarillo team failed to return the ball over the net in the allotted number of hits.

# **LOCAL EVENTS**

# **Hidden Hills to host tournament**

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa Take Down Club is currently accepting registrations. To sign up, stop by 1236 Hamilton or call Bobby Burns at 665-0227.

Hidden Hills Ladies Golf Association

weekend at the Hidden Hills golf course. Call 665-8000 or 669-5866 for additional information.

The Celanese Community Care Pamcel Golf Course hosts a 4-person scramble this Saturday. For more information, please call Don Alexander at 663-4942, Cory Stone at 669-9859, Gard Gershmel at 663-4479 or Championship Tournament will be held this Julie Breuer at 665-3823.

# Rangers, A's still pointing fingers of blame

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics and Texas Rangers disagreed over who's to blame for an altercation in the stands that led to the arrest of Rangers. He claimed the Rangers had asked for more reliever Frank Francisco after he threw a security in the area, but Rinetti said neither chair that hit a woman and broke her nose.

David Rinetti, A's vice president of stadium operations, said a review of the ninth-Texas dugout and bullpen — showed the posted at every ballpark entrance.

He noted the fans didn't yell racial slurs bullpen and dugout. or swear at the Texas players.

Yet Rangers manager Buck Showalter was quick to point to previous problems the Rangers have had in the Oakland Coliseum. he nor his security staff had been approached with such a request.

Still, the A's beefed up security for the inning fracas the night before - which took remainder of the series - and probably for place in the field box seats between the the rest of the season. Several additional officers from the Oakland Police fans' behavior wasn't over the line accord- Department were brought in to assist the ing to baseball's rules of conduct that are Coliseum's regular security staff, which was increased by 10 people in the visiting

Clemens shuts down Cardinals, Astros in hunt

offense, doing his part to keep the Houston innings, for the wild card. Astros in the NL wild-card race.

7-5 victory on Tuesday night.

The Cardinals' 3-4-5-6 hitters were a combined 0-for-11 with four strikeouts against Clemens. "He was fantastic," manager Phil Garner

said. "He did a super job."

game behind San Francisco, 3-2 winners at

Lance Berkman matched a career high with four hits, including a three-run double that highlighted a five-run fourth. The

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Clemens shut Milwaukee, and a half-game back of the down the St. Louis Cardinals' potent Cubs, who beat Pittsburgh 3-2 in 12

Tony Womack had three hits, a stolen Clemens won his 327th game with seven base and scored on a first-inning double strong innings and the Astros held on for a play for St. Louis, which has lost five of

"We made a good run at it," manager Tony La Russa said. "I know they were worried at the end and we were excited, but it's tough getting down to a great pitcher."

Clemens (17-4) passed Eddie Plank and moved into a tie with John Clarkson (1882-94) for 10th, while improving to 3-0 with a 1.64 ERA in four starts against the Astros have won 15 of 18 and remained a Cardinals this year.



Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Pampa Head Coach Shannon Stroud gives her volleyball team tips on the weaknesses of the Amarillo High Lady Sandies during the break between the second and first games.

# Pampa falls to Amarillo, Randall next on schedule

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Coach, Pampa Harvester

Shannon Stroud

Volleyball

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester volleyball team hosted the fourth-ranked Lady Sandies of sometimes get caught up in their own selves Amarillo High last night. -Amarillo took the win 25-12,

25-17, 25-9.

Despite the loss, what did Coach Shannon Stroud take away from yesterday's game? "Well, I did notice a major improvement on our team work

and togetherness. We have been really struggling with that, but we came together last night a lot better than we have, but we still need to

continue to work on it," Stroud said.

Stroud and her team entered the game last night after working on a few changes, including going from a perimeter-type defense to a rotating defense. Asked to evaluate the new look defense, Stroud said, "I have changed up our defense, so this was the first game to use it, and I really like it. The girls responded really well to it, but we will need to work on it a ton more."

What has impressed Coach Stroud the

most about her team so far this season? " What really impresses me about this years team is their work ethic and determination. They are so determined to do so good, they

> and that is what we have to work on. But they try so hard. They are willing to do everything and anything to get better," Stroud said.

> With the Estacado match scheduled for this Saturday canceled, the Harvesters are getting set for district play with their first game coming against Randall. "They are really good, but very beatable, said Stroud. Adding, "We have to come out strong and

keep our focus on the positive things, not negative things. If we can get inside Randall's head early on in the match, I think we will have it made. It will be a hard match though and we have to come mentally prepared to do all the little things. They are very quick and powerful, so we will have to be quicker and keep rallies going."

Pampa hosts Randall next Tuesday at 6

# 7th and 8th grade teams do well against Hereford

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th and 8th grade football teams took to the gridiron yesterday against Hereford. While the 7th grade team stayed home to play host, the 8th grade team made the trip to take on the future Hostile Herd.

The 8th grade A-team shut out Hereford, 26-0. Madison Wilson scored two touchdowns on runs of 80-yards and 40-yards respectively. Darren Parker ran in the extra point on the first. Thomas Fraser chipped in an 18-yard pass reception from Casey Trimble which he ran in for a touchdown. Trimble also tossed an 8-yard TD pass to Blake Sieck.

The 8th grade A-team is now 2-0 on the season.

The B-team also had a strong outing. But fell to Hereford 26-22.

Jeremy Busse had a 10-yard touchdown

run in the game. Heath Skinner scored a TD on a 2-yard run with Chris Benge adding the extra point. Corbin Harris also had a 2yard touchdown run. That extra point was the product of a Jeremy Maxwell pass to Taylor Aderholt.

The 8th grade B-team is 1-1.

Both teams are home next Tuesday to host Canyon. B-team kick-off scheduled for 5 p.m. The A-team will tee it up at 6:30 p.m.

Stats unavailable at press time, we can tell you the Pampa 7th grade A-team won its game against Hereford by a 34-22 final. The B-team took a loss but held their opponent to only 6 points. Final in that game was

The A-team is 1-0 on the season while the B-team is 0-1.

Both teams are at Canyon next Tuesday. B-team to take the field at 5 p.m. The Ateam to do so at 6:30 p.m.

# Lightning strike injures players, coaches

GRAPELAND, Texas (AP) — About 40 players and coaches with the Grapeland High School football team in East Texas Tuesday evening, authorities said.

One of the critically injured students was flown by helicopter to East Texas Medical Center in Tyler and the other was being

transferred to Memorial Hermann hospital in Houston, ETMC hospital officials said.

Twenty-eight students ranging in age were injured, two of them critically, when from 15-17 and two coaches were being lightning struck near their practice field trated at ETMC in nearby Crockett, hospital officials said. Their conditions ranged from good to critical, and they were complaining of soreness, abdominal pain and headaches.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquote: THERE MAY BE LUCK IN GETTING A JOB, BUT THERE'S NO LUCK IN

# Sept. 16, 2004:

Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-

\*\*\* Make an adjustment. Work on empathizing or understanding another person's position. You could be surprised by what you realize. A family situation weighs on you. You aren't going to change it soon, but you do need to accept it. Tonight: Detach and see the bigger picture.

# TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\* Your ability to work with one other person could transform a money situation for both of you. Get down to the basics and avoid getting caught up in trivial details. A conversation or meeting could be difficult at best.

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# — JY VKPJ

KEEPING IT. — OGDEN ARMOUR

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday,

Your ability to make money comes forth this year, to the extent that you might even surprise yourself! You might have a hidden talent that you haven't used yet or thought valuable. Turn around your family life, security and investments. You actually might get a new home or make a major investment in property this year. Be flexible, and you'll gain. Be willing to adapt to those close to you. You might not feel like you are getting what you want, but you will if you hang in there. Working independently is best for you. If you are LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) single, a relationship will develop. You find yourself snuggling in quickly. Be careful and get to know this person well. If you are attached, make the necessary adjustments in order to make this partnership work. LIBRA helps you make money, as he or she sees your talents more easily.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

# ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Tonight: Be with your best friend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Your spirit and flirtatious ways affect others. Someone might come forward as a possible admirer or suitor. Be careful, as many are not as light and easygoing as you. Avoid a monetary risk no matter what. Tonight: Enjoy yourself to the max.

# CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★ Deal with a domestic matter. You could be very uncomfortable, but you do need to face facts. Your ability to organize and achieve a lot quickly emerges. Greet new technology positively. Tonight: Play ostrich.

★★★★ An underlying problem might bother you, but somehow you skip right over it. Still, it might nag at you at different times. When you have some calm, tune in to yourself. Discussions might impact your plans. Clearly, your creativity is needed. Tonight: Hang out. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

## \*\*\* You could be disappointed by someone who means a lot to you. Let the problem go. Focus on building finances and making yourself feel more secure. Your self-confidence will grow as a result. Tonight: Go fall shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You might decide to step out on your own and make more decisions for yourself. All might work right now, but a boss or authority figure doesn't hesitate to tell you what he or she thinks. Tonight: You cannot please all the people all the time.

# SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\* Lie back and see what goes down. How you view a situation could be distorted because you aren't getting the right information. Revamp your finances using your intuition and knowledge. Watch and observe for now. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

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to flex when faced with adversity and

problems. Yet you might want to think

through what is best for a partner. This

person has been giving you a lot of

problems lately. Look to the common

good. Tonight: Hook up with friends.

\*\*\* You find others demanding and

difficult. You like to call your own

shots. Right now you cannot command

your ship, so slow down and go with

the flow. Your humor helps you see the

whole situation. Tonight: It could be a

★★★★ Fatigue marks your actions.

even if you are unusually enthusiastic.

Use your full mental capacity if possi-

ble. If you can just call, there's no need

to go somewhere. Use every shortcut

you know. Friends and associates sup-

port your actions. Tonight: Read a good

★★★ A key associate holds the cards.

You might not be able to do what you

want. Work with this person, but be

ready to answer questions. Be easygo-

ing with bosses and supervisors. You

will be able to voice your opinions soon

enough. Tonight: Have a long-overdue

Musician B.B. King (1925), magician

David Copperfield (1956), actor

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**BORN TODAY** 

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# Dear Abby.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 13-yearold girl with a lot of questions about sex and growing up. I can't ask my mom because every time I bring up the subject, she accustalking to about this.

am just curious. Is it wrong to be go to the site. curious? Please help me. -BLINDSIDED BRONXVILLE, N.Y.

DEAR BLINDSIDED: It is normal to be curious. Your mother should thank her lucky stars that you are coming to her for information. Many voung people turn to their friends for answers, which often turn out to be wrong.

Please clip this item. Give it to your mother and tell her you wrote it. You are not a little girl anymore, and you should already have been armed with accurate information.

The Sexuality Information and Education Council has a wealth of information resources and tools for parents in addressing this important subject. Its Web site, www.familiesaretalking.org, helps families talk about sexuality-related issues and provides information and resources for young people, parents and caregivers.

If your mother continues to accuse you of being sexually active or puts you off, go to the library and ask the librarian for books on the subject. Other reliable Web resources include Planned Parenthood's Teenwire, www.teenwire.com; and the American Social Health Association, www.iwannaknow.org, which is a safe place for teens to learn about sexual health.

DEAR ABBY: I recently started dating a man I'll call Freddy. We met through an online dating service. We live in the same city and have had several dates, including a sleep-over. I am completely taken with him. M y

Yesterday's answer

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problem is that Freddy continues to keep his profile on the dating site and visits it frequently. He says he goes there only if someone contacts him. I told him it es me of having sex. There isn't makes me feel insecure; he said another adult I would consider until he feels "safe" (previous women have left him for other Abby, I am not having sex -- I men), he's going to continue to

Am I wrong to feel insecure about this, or do lots of people leave their profiles active while dating someone?

SUSPICIOUS COLUMBIA, S.C.

**DEAR SUSPICIOUS: Many** people do -- at least for a while. And if I were you, I'd remember that several dates and a sleep-over are not a committed or exclusive relationship. Although you may be "completely" taken with Freddy, he may prefer to test-drive several models before buying a car -or anything else. Slow down.

DEAR ABBY: In a few weeks I will be attending my boyfriend "Don's" daughter's wedding. Several years ago, Don cheated on me with a woman I'll call Mona. It was only a short fling, and since then we have worked hard to repair our relationship. My problem is, Mona will be attending the wedding,

Should I go and hold my head high -- or not attend? I know it will be hard seeing her and not acting in a negative way. Mona has never stopped trying to interfere with our lives, and I have had a lot to swallow. What would you do?

NEEDS SOME INPUT IN **PENNSYLVANIA** 

**DEAR NEEDS: I'd ask Don** how he plans to handle it if Mona tries to attach herself to him, and agree upon some ground rules. Then I'd attend the wedding, be gracious to everyone, and revel in the fact that I was Don's girlfriend while Mona is the "loser" in more ways than one.

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# **Beetle Bailey**

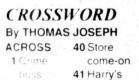


# Marvin





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e q 26 Our home 29 Great weight. 30 Shower need 32 Thanks in Tokyo 34 Gardner of film 35 Wanderer 36 Not now 38 Rascal 39 Exhausted

# Marmaduke

The Family Circus



"Marmaduke is a fashion don't."

B.C.



# **Haggar The Horrible**



# **Peanuts**



# Flo & Friends





"Thank you, Dolly, but they're not tattoos. They're varicose veins."

# **Blondie**

