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## Car bombs rip Baghdad, kill 21

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents exploded two car bombs at the gates of the main U.S.-Iraqi headquarters in Baghdad and near major hotels Monday, killing at least 21 people and wounding 96. In Fallujah, U.S. warplanes struck what the military called terror hideouts, killing 11, according to doctors who said women and children were among the dead.

The two car bombs ripped through central Baghdad streets about an hour apart. Two more vehicle bombs went off the northern city of Mosul, killing three people.

The attacks were the latest in the insurgents' swelling campaign of vehicle blasts. In September, militants carried out at least 39 such bombings. Some of the near-daily explosions have caused only injuries, but others wreaked devastation, such as a series of vehicle blasts

on Thursday that killed 35 children and seven adults.

Insurgents have also stepped up their strategy of kidnappings aimed at driving U.S. allies out of the country. Militants on Monday claimed to have killed a Turk and an Iraqi businessman abducted in late August, calling them spies. The family of the businessman, a longtime resident of Italy, said the Italian government had confirmed the man's death.

Other militants freed two Indonesian women whose abduction was reported last week.

Also Monday, the U.S. military said two American soldiers were killed by gunfire at a checkpoint in Baghdad a day earlier. As of Friday, 1,055 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war, according to the Defense

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### Today's weather



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### Deaths

A.W. "Bill" Bray, 87, Cabot operations manager.

### Texas Today

#### Storage discovery on display at museum

AUSTIN (AP) — The first page of what an archivist at the General Land Office believes is the original draft of the Republic of Texas Constitution is on display after years of being hidden from view in a box labeled "miscellaneous 19th-century papers."

"This is tantamount to going back and finding an early draft of the United States Constitution," Jerry Drake, director of archives and records for the Land Office, told the San Antonio Express-News in Monday's editions. "It's in chrysalis — you can see how this thing is evolving."

Drake found the 13 pages, nearly all filled with the fancy script of Herbert S. Kimble's handwriting, three years ago. Kimble was the secretary of the Constitutional Convention of the Republic of Texas.

Since Drake's discovery, he has spent his lunch breaks since then at the Texas State Library to try to determine exactly what he had.

The Express-News said the last time the document was seen was in the early 1940s. It was stored in a file drawer labeled "Centipedes and Dynamite" because of doodling on the front. Drake found the pages in among maps, land grants and other documents in the Land Office vault.

#### Southwest ponders expansion in Dallas

DALLAS (AP) — Southwest Airlines has grown into one of the nation's largest carriers, but at its Dallas home, it's still the regional Texas airline that started flying 30 years ago.

Travelers in Dallas can take Southwest to Houston or Austin — and they do, in huge numbers.

But they can't fly from Dallas Love Field to New York, Los Angeles, Chicago or dozens of other major U.S. cities outside the Southwest. It's a federal law.

## Guitar player's roots grew deep in folk

By DAVID BOWSER  
 Staff Writer

A New York lawyer broke out into song Saturday afternoon, strumming his guitar as he stood in the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center on South Cuyler.

"It seemed like the right thing to do," said David Bernz, who was in Pampa to perform with the Vanaver Caravan, a music and dance troupe who perform to the music of Woody Guthrie.

His trek to Pampa began a generation ago in New York City.

"My father grew up as one of seven children in a Jewish family," Bernz said. "He adopted a different outlook than the rest of the six children."

His father, Harold Bernz, worked in the tanning cellars in the garment district of New York City.

"He saw how workers were treated in tanning in the basements," Bernz said. "It was hot work."

Harold Bernz began to work with some of the labor unions in the garment district of New York City.

"He also was beginning to take up the guitar," Bernz said. "At one point he heard that there was a group of people forming a magazine to



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

David Bernz, a New York lawyer, spent a few minutes Saturday afternoon playing his guitar at the Woody Guthrie Folk Music Center. Bernz is with the Vanaver Caravan, a troupe of musicians and dancers in Pampa for the Tribute to Woody Guthrie.

support labor unions and distribute labor songs, so he volunteered."

The magazine was The People's Song Bulletin, which Bernz said was the nerve center of folk music in New York in the late 1940s.

"He met virtually all the great folk singers there," Bernz said.

"Leadbelly and Woody Guthrie, all four of the Weavers and Pete Seeger," he added.

The one he developed the

strongest friendship with was Lee Hays of the Weavers. Hays wrote "If I Had a Hammer."

"They eventually shared an apartment together," Bernz said, "but then my father got married, moved to

the suburbs and had children."

Hays would come up to the Bernz home every weekend when he wasn't performing with the Weavers.

"We would jump on him," Bernz said. "As kids, we would wake up and find him in the living room and just jump on him."

One day, Bernz said his mother joked that he should move to the suburbs. There was a house for sale next door.

"She told him, 'Lee, you're up here so often, you're practically living here,'" Bernz said. "You might as well move up."

Hays took her up on the invitation and bought the house next door.

"For the rest of his life, he was my next door neighbor," Bernz said. "That's the reason I play folk music."

David Bernz ended up with the Vanaver Caravan after being recommended by a friend.

"The Vanavers sometimes worked with a bass player named Mark Murphy," Bernz said. "I'd met Mark, and he respected my playing."

One day, the Vanavers' guitar player, John Herald (perhaps best known for writ-

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## Bush, Kerry woo voters in vital state

HAVERTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Put Barbara White down as undecided in the race for the White House.

"The economy makes me afraid of Bush, but I'm scared of Kerry because of security," she says, standing in the doorway of her home outside Philadelphia.

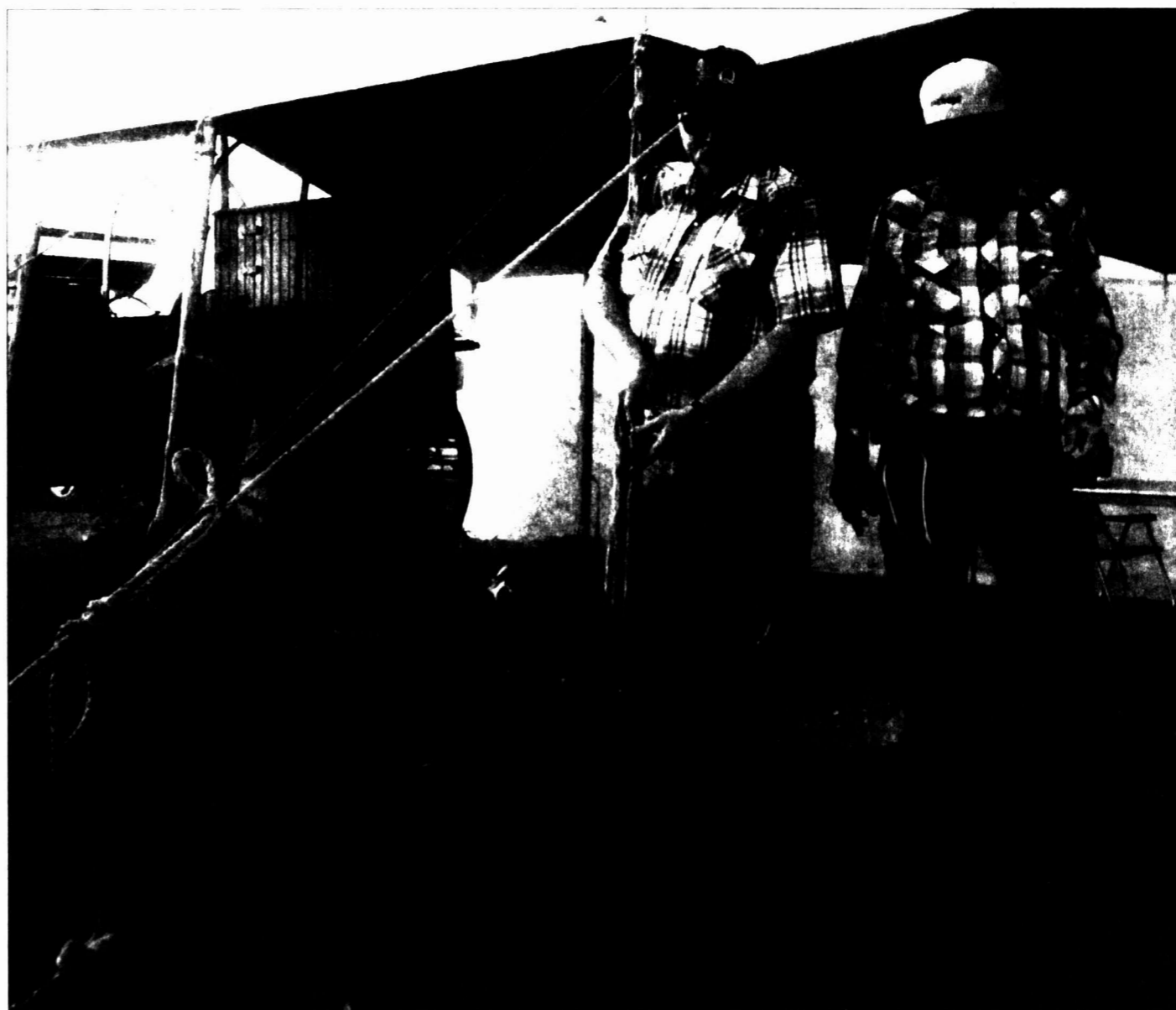
The mother of three sons and employed in her husband's business, the 44-year-old White says she sided with Democrat Al Gore four years ago. The vote she casts this year — in suburbs that the former vice president carried on his way to a statewide victory — will help determine whether Sen. John Kerry holds Pennsylvania or President Bush prevails this time.

Numerous polls point to a close finish, and in surveys taken before last week's debate, Bush is running better in the suburbs than four years ago. "That's because of the effective job Republicans did on national security and terrorism," Democratic Gov. Ed Rendell said recently.

The votes of women like White aren't all that matter in the nation's sixth most populous state — a land of 21 electoral votes, tight polls, frequent visits by both candidates, nonstop television ads and an army of organizers, paid and volunteer.

Republicans hunt new voters statewide in Bush's conservative, churchgoing base, and one poll under-

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

### What's for supper?

Randy Stubblefield, left, and Royce Henderson stir the fire at the Top of Texas Rodeo grounds in preparation for a chuckwagon dinner for the participants and spectators of the Working Ranch Cowboys Association (WRCA) Ranch Rodeo Friday night. Pampa hosted the three-day event, Oct. 1-3, that drew teams from Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arizona.

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Obituaries

A.W. "Bill" Bray, 87

A.W. "Bill" Bray, 87, died Saturday, Oct. 2, 2004, in Pampa. Services are to be at 2 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, in Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel with Dr. Johnny Funderburg, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitely Funeral Directors. Military honors will be conferred by U.S. Army personnel at Fort Hood. Masonic graveside rites will be conducted by Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.



Bray

Mr. Bray was born on April 9, 1917, in Couch, Mo. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1956. He married Helen L. Combs on Dec. 27, 1941, at Alton, Mo. She preceded him in death in 1963. He was an operations manager at Cabot for 36 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was a member of the Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM.

the Pampa VFW Post, Pampa Senior Citizens Center, and Hidden Hills Golf Course. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving in World War II with the 134th Infantry. He fought in the battle of the Bulge and was awarded a Bronze Star Medal and also a Purple Heart.

Survivors include three daughters, Dorris Reed of Pampa, Carole Cadenhead of Lewisville and Sue Pettit of Oklahoma City; one son, Leon Bray of Houston; three sisters, Calma Tuggle of Owasso, Okla.; Christine Hanover of Broken Arrow, Okla.; and Lovona Rogers of St. Louis, Mo.; nine grandchildren; two step-grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Pampa Senior Citizens Center, 500 W. Francis, Pampa, TX, 79065 or Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX, 79101.

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

Services tomorrow

BRAY, A.W. "Bill" -- 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitely Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

MasterCard, Visa lose federal appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — MasterCard and Visa no longer can block banks from issuing credit cards from competitors after the Supreme Court declined to hear their appeal Monday.

Banks that issued MasterCard and Visa credit cards had been barred from also offering credit cards from other companies, such as Discover and American Express.

The Bush administration argued in court filings that removing the restriction would encourage competition and lead to more choices and, possibly, lower interest rates for consumers.

The administration had won in district court and the New York-based 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals,

which found the restriction was anticompetitive.

About 20,000 banks issue cards only through Visa and MasterCard.

American Express has been trying to persuade banks to issue its cards. Under the contested rules, banks would have to give up Visa and MasterCard cards to do that, and no U.S. bank has agreed, the court was told.

American Express and Discover have been issuing cards directly to individuals, although some foreign banks issue American Express cards.

After the court's announcement, MBNA said that it would begin issuing American Express-branded credit cards.

Supreme Court doesn't chance giving tribal gambling opinion

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Monday sidestepped a dispute over tribal gambling, a victory for California tribes and their new high-profile supporter, Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Justices refused to consider whether states can let tribes operate casinos while barring others from this enterprise. More than 20 states allow tribes to run gambling businesses, but not private companies, the court was told.

The appeal had been filed this past spring by four San Francisco-area card clubs and some charity organizations. They contended that California tribes were wrongly given a \$6 billion a year monopoly on gambling.

Since then, Schwarzenegger has banked on an expansion in Indian gambling to help the state's ailing finances. In August, he announced agreements

with five Indian tribes to add thousands of new slot machines statewide and create one of the world's largest casinos in the heart of the Bay Area.

Plans for that urban Indian casino have been scaled back because of criticism over the size.

California voters agreed in 2000 to change the state's constitution to permit tribes to operate casinos.

Some gambling is allowed by private companies, but American Indians have a monopoly on Las Vegas-style gaming, like slot machines and blackjack.

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Emergency Services

Police

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Thursday, Sept. 30 Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of Bradley. A vehicle was keyed. Estimated damage is \$1,500.

Saturday, Oct. 2 Criminal mischief was reported in the 500 block of Doucette. A house window was broken, for an estimated \$40 in damage.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Taken was gasoline valued at \$28.

Theft under \$50 was reported at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Gasoline valued at approximately \$10 was taken.

Sunday, Oct. 3 Donald Eugene Ledbetter, 38, 1000 Varmon, was arrested in the 1600 block of North Hobart for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the

following arrests.

Saturday, Oct. 2 Sherry Martinez, 32, 1301 Garland, was arrested for possession of marijuana.

Penny Herrera, 41, 1222 S. Sumner, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for two counts of theft by check, including one out of Potter County.

Sunday, Oct. 3 Jeremy Fondren, 21, 700 Lefors, was arrested by DPS for driving while intoxicated, second offense.

Billy Bush, 48, 833 Gordon, was arrested for driving while intoxicated, third or more offense.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following calls during the period between 7 a.m. Friday and 7 a.m. today.

Friday, Oct. 1 5:11 a.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Harlem.

5:40 p.m. — Two units and four firefighters responded to a structure fire at Gray 6 and Gray J, but were can-

celed en route when it was determined the fire was in Hoover Volunteer Fire Department's district.

Saturday, Oct. 2 6:27 a.m. — Two units and six firefighters responded to a reported structure fire at Allsup's, 140 S. Starkweather. Firefighters ventilated smoke from the building, but no source was found.

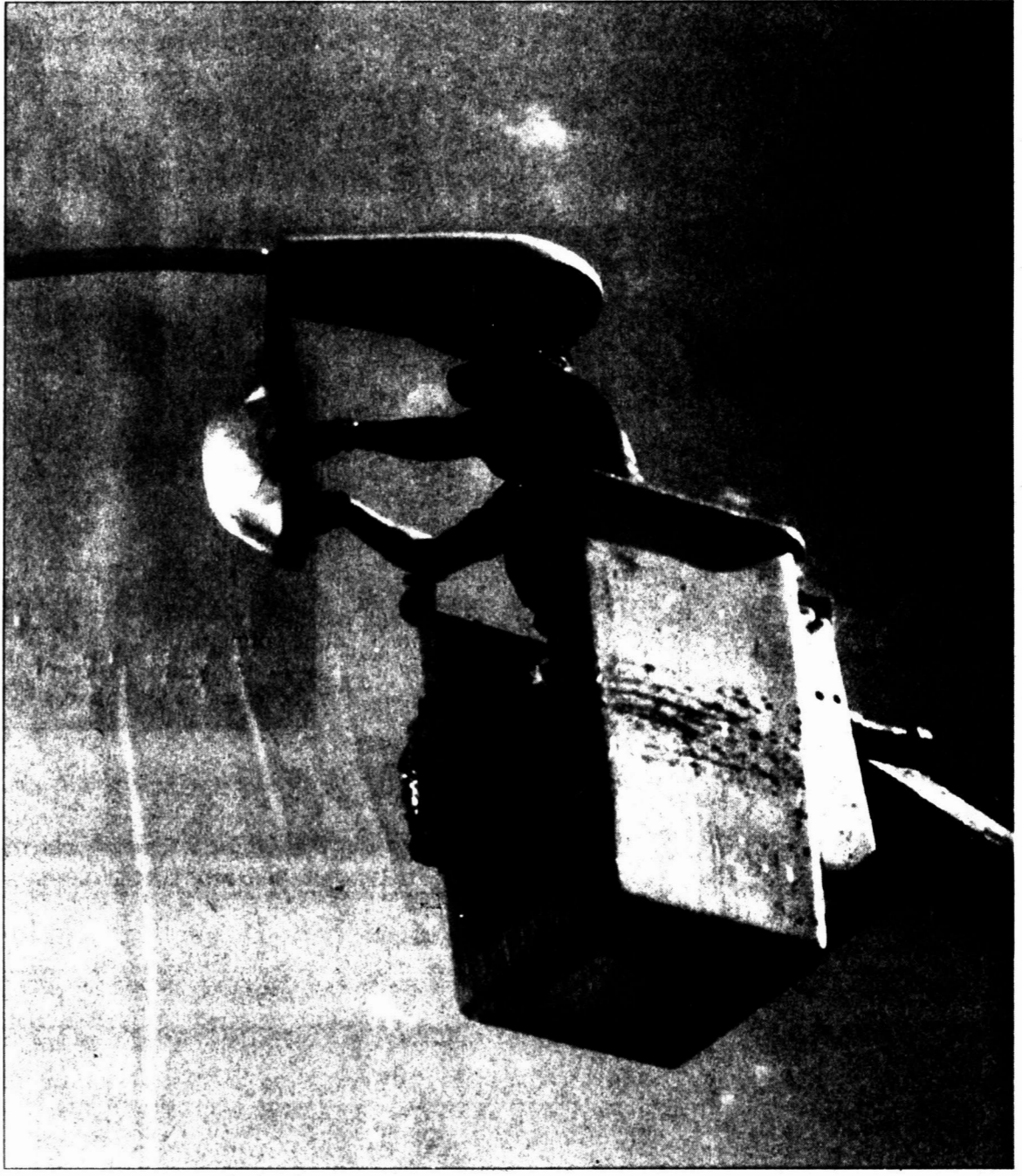
1:32 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a small grass fire on a cutting torch in the 200 block of South Tignor.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS Transport responded to the following calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Saturday, Oct. 2 1:05 p.m. — A MICU responded west on Texas 152 and transported one to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

Sunday, Oct. 3 12 midnight — A MICU responded to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported one to PRMC.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Mike McAlister takes advantage of a recent sunny day to clean out street light covers and replace the bulbs on downtown Pampa streets. This street light is on Ballard Street near First United Methodist Church.

Gray County Weather

Today: Partly sunny with a chance of thunderstorms. High 66. Tonight: Thunderstorms early; some clouds. Low 50. Tuesday: Some clouds. Chance for a thunderstorm. High 62. Tuesday night:

Downpours early. Cloudy and cool. Low 49. Wednesday: Partly cloudy. Chance for a thunderstorm. High 65. Wednesday night: Clouds. Chance of rain in the evening. Low 49. Thursday: Partly cloudy.

Chance for a thunderstorm. High 72. Thursday night: Partly cloudy and cool. Low 50. Friday: Chance for an evening thunderstorm. High 75. Friday night: Partly cloudy. Low 49.

Stocks

Table listing various stocks and their prices, including Coca Cola, VLO, HAL, TRI, NOI, KMI, XCEL, Kerr McGee, NOM, Limited, Williams, MCD, Atmos, Pioneer Nat, JCP, COP, SLB, Tenneco, CVX, Wal-Mart, OKE, NS Grp, New York Gold, Silver, West Texas Crude.

Woman, 83, brandishes handgun at parade

WHITE SETTLEMENT, Texas (AP) — An 83-year-old woman arrested on a weapons charge during a weekend suburban Fort Worth parade said she meant no harm to anyone.

Hazel Yost was released on \$2,500 bond Sunday after spending the night in the White Settlement jail. Witnesses told police she

argued with parade spectators Saturday and threatened them, brandishing a handgun.

Yost said she had spotted someone near the house next door and decided to investigate.

"I was going to see what he wanted," Yost told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Sunday. She said the gun

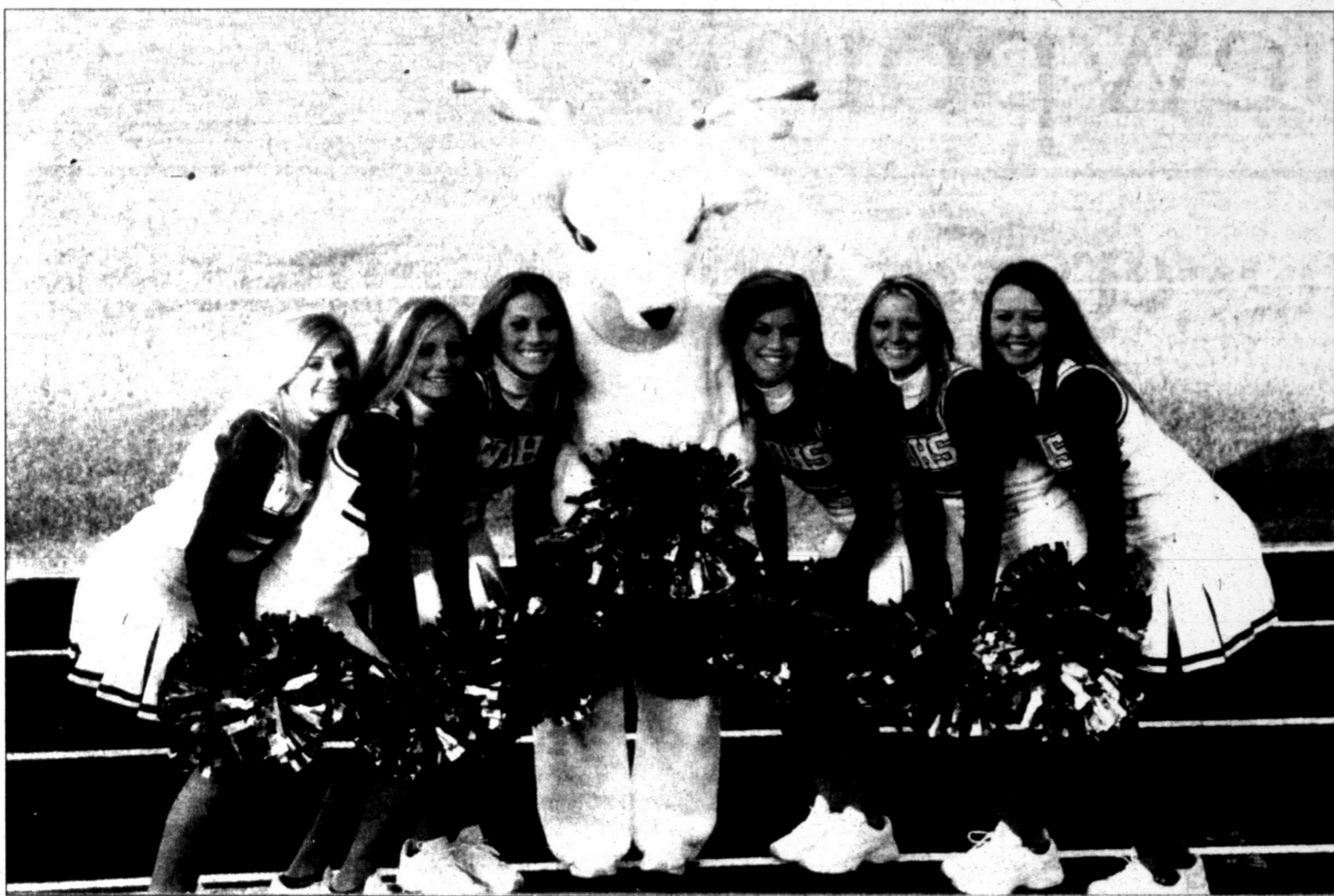
"was for protection." One witness said the woman was angry at parade watchers for sitting on a curb in front of her home.

A plainclothes White Settlement police officer saw her, drew his gun and yelled at her to "put the gun down ... drop the gun," according to video shot by a bystander.

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*You go, girls!*

After "Flash Back Friday" and the Buck's defeat of Hart Longhorns, 48 - 0, it seemed apparent that these young ladies had "fired up" White Deer High School's football players. For the "Flash Back Pep Rally" prior to the game, cheerleaders dressed in uniforms dating back more than two decades. Uniforms were provided by former White Deer cheerleaders, some of whom were "moms" of current cheerleaders. The girls performed 1970s cheers to the delight of the student body and visitors. Cheerleader sponsors are Sharon Stiles and Stephanie Shields. The White Deer High School Cheerleaders are, from left, Brittany Warminski, sophomore; Katelyn Freeman, freshman; Kara Lewis, sophomore; "Bucky" mascot, Allison Brown, junior; Malorie Homen, junior; Patience Ball, senior; and Kendall Wheeler, senior. In addition, the team members were selected "Cheerleaders of the Week" by FOX 14 Channel News.

## Bombs

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Department. In Monday's first blast in Baghdad, a four-wheel-drive vehicle packed with explosives detonated outside the heavily fortified Green Zone, the seat of the U.S. Embassy and key Iraqi government offices. Interior

Ministry spokesman Col. Adnan Abdul-Rahman said. Yarmouk Hospital received 15 bodies and 81 wounded from the explosion, said Sabah Aboud, the facility's chief registration official.

The blast went off at 8:45 a.m. near a checkpoint at the western entrance to the complex, said Maj. Phil Smith, a spokesman for the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division. No coalition

forces were hurt in either of Monday's blasts, Smith said.

The blast was also near a recruitment center for Iraqi security forces. Such centers have frequently been targets for bombings.

"I was thrown 10 meters (yards) away and hit the wall," said Wissam Mohammed, 30, who was visiting the center. He lay in a bed at Yarmouk Hospital,

his right hand broken, his head wrapped in bandages and his clothes stained with blood.

The second car bomb exploded at 9:45, targeting a convoy of four-wheel drive vehicles leaving a complex of major hotels where foreign contractors and journalists reside.

At least six people were killed and 15 wounded, said Tahnin al-Frejji of the U.S.-

## Voters

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scores the reason. Nearly one-quarter of his supporters listed family and moral issues as uppermost in their minds.

—Democrats hope to strengthen their margins in Philadelphia. John Street, the city's first black mayor, won a new term last year after the independent group

America Coming Together, or ACT, helped register more than 80,000 new voters in a rehearsal for the presidential campaign.

—Republicans look to whittle their customary deficits around Pittsburgh, where suburban shopping malls sit on land once occupied by steel mills.

—Democrats aim to build on Gore's heavy vote totals around Wilkes-Barre and Scranton — hoping that job losses rather than anti-abor-

tion sentiment will determine voting patterns.

—Republicans talk of stressing a need to limit malpractice awards in southeastern Pennsylvania, citing reports of physicians are leaving the area because of a plague of baseless lawsuits.

—Rendell and others say Kerry's support for abortion rights, a ban on certain semi-automatic weapons and expanded federal support for stem cell research can appeal to moderate women in the

Philadelphia suburbs.

Throughout the state, an organizational war has raged for months, and limited evidence suggests an advantage for Bush's campaign.

In one recent ABC poll of Pennsylvania voters, 21 percent reported having been contacted in person or by phone by the president's campaign.

## Scientists wonder: When will Mount St. Helens blow?

MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL MONUMENT, Wash. (AP) — Mount St. Helens belched more steam Monday following several days of tremors and low-level earthquakes that have raised fears that the mountain might blow at any moment.

It was not immediately clear how large Monday's emission was, or whether it contained ash, but U.S. Geological Survey geologist Willie Scott said any ash would fall mostly in the crater and not threaten any structures.

The steam burst blanketed the top of the mountain in a white cloud and followed a similar blast and 20-minute tremor late Sunday.

A drumbeat of earthquakes since a plume of steam was released on Friday indicated that pressure was mounting within the mountain. Geological Survey crews also observed a shift in the crater floor and on part of the 1,000-foot lava dome that essentially serves as a plug for magma, he said.

"Cracks are opening up so we know something is pushing up close to the surface right now," Geological Survey geologist Tom Pierson told NBC's "Today" show Monday.

Scientists have said they do not expect anything close to the devastation of Mount St. Helens's May 18, 1980, explosion, which killed 57 people and coated much of the Northwest with ash.

The mountain's alert was raised to Level 3, the highest possible, after a volcanic tremor was detected Saturday for the first time since before the mountain's 1980 eruption.

Crowds have gathered along park roads at what was said to be a safe distance to see what happens next. Barbecues were fired up and entrepreneurs sold hot dogs and coffee to people camped along the side of the road.

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## Bernz

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ing "Stewball," a Peter, Paul and Mary hit in the 1960s) was unable to play with the troupe.

"Mark told the Vanavers he knew a guitar player that could play the part," Bernz said.

That's how Bernz ended up here for Pampa's 2004 Tribute to Woody Guthrie.

"It's terrific to be here in Pampa with the Vanavers," Bernz said.

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# Viewpoints

## Empty nest triggers first-day memories

I envy David Hinkle. As Pampa students returned to the classroom in the middle of August for a new school year, one of those students starting down the road of her formal education was his daughter Adisson.

Adisson is a kindergarten student in Mrs. Jami Joyce's class at Austin Elementary School.

The picture we ran in the newspaper showed Adisson with her new friend — in Mrs. Joyce's class. In the background was Dad, quietly videotaping his daughter's first day of school.

It's hard to see your kid grow up and go on their own. You're proud of them

as they try their wings, but you begin to suffer the empty nest syndrome.

When my son started school, we shot a picture of him on the front steps of our home for the family album. He stood there eager and enthusiastic, loaded down with his new school supplies.

Each year thereafter, throughout his elementary career, we would shoot a picture that first day of school on the front steps of home until finally the day came that I held up his departure so I could get my camera and got an "Ah, Dad."

Fortunately, it was a "Dad" instead of a "Da-ad." When Dad becomes a

two-syllable word you know you've embarrassed them and you're in trouble.

I was surprised, however, when I dropped my son off outside the college dorm at the University of Oklahoma. He kept finding reasons for me to stay.

"Could you help me move this? You want to go get something to eat before you go back home? You want to go get a cup of coffee?"

The look on his face was heart-rendering as I pulled out of the parking lot. It remind-

ed me of his swimming lessons about the same time he started school.

They put all the kids on a bench out in the pool so that they could stand on the bench and be above the water, but if they got off the bench, they would be in over their heads. My son, and a number of others, would stand there in the water with his arms outstretched and a pleading look on his face.

Of course, he eventually learned to swim. In fact, he is now a certified diver.

As for his college career, that's still in doubt. He's now working on an MBA.

That first semester, he would call home several times a week, wanting to know if he could come home. There were several trips to Norman. Finally, we reached an agreement that he would stay at school until Christmas. Then we would talk about transferring to maybe Amarillo College or West Texas A&M.

Of course, when he came home for Christmas, he was too busy running around with his friends to sit down and discuss his educational future.

Finally, as he grabbed a roll off the dinner table and

headed out the door to meet his buddies the day before he was to return to OU, I made the mistake of asking what he wanted to do about college.

I got a blank look, and he replied, "I'm going back tomorrow," in a tone of "was there ever any doubt?"

Eventually, he transferred to Texas Tech, but it had more to do with a blonde than with being homesick.

But even as he got married last Christmas (to a different blonde), I could see the little boy standing in front of the house waiting for his picture to be made so he could go to school that first day.

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David Bowser  
Staff Writer

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Oct. 4, the 278th day of 2004. There are 88 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first man-made satellite, into orbit.

### On this date:

In 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1895, the first U.S. Open golf tournament was held, at the Newport Country Club in Rhode Island.

In 1931, the comic strip "Dick Tracy," created by Chester Gould, made its debut.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps, where the Nazi leader sought Italy's help in fighting the British.

In 1957, the television series "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS.

In 1958, the first trans-Atlantic passenger jetliner service was begun by British Overseas Airways Corp. with flights between London and New York.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, agriculture secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1978, funeral services were held at the Vatican for Pope John Paul I.

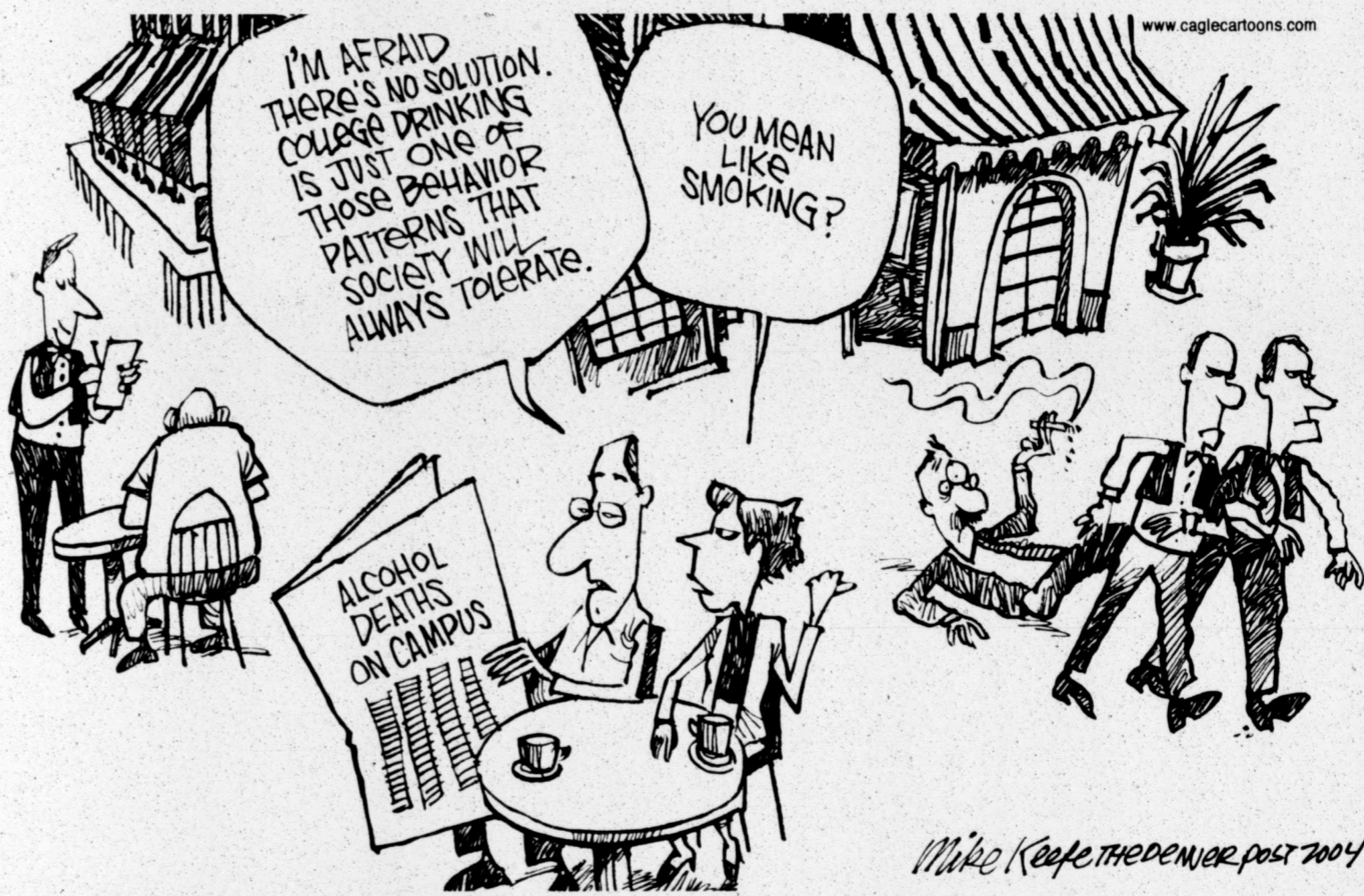
Ten years ago: Exiled Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide vowed in an address to the U.N. General Assembly to return to Haiti in 11 days. President Clinton welcomed South African President Nelson Mandela to the White House.

Five years ago: An Illinois jury ordered State Farm to pay \$456 million to 4.7 million customers in a lawsuit accusing the nation's largest car insurer of using inferior parts for auto body repairs. (Four days later, the judge ruled State Farm had committed fraud, and awarded \$730 million in actual and punitive damages on top of the jury verdict. A state appeals court upheld the ruling, but struck down \$130 million in damages. State Farm is appealing.)

One year ago: A Palestinian woman blew herself up inside a restaurant in Haifa, Israel, killing 21 bystanders.

*'He who confers a favor should at once forget it, if he is not to show a sordid, ungenerous spirit.'*

— Demosthenes  
Greek statesman



## Let's not abuse our language

One of the signs of a decadent society is corruption of the language. Our corruption comes mainly from politicians, journalists and, of course, advertising copywriters. No word is more corrupted than "hero."

After the attacks against the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, there was an orgy of calling everybody who wears a uniform a "hero." Wearing a uniform and doing one's duty does not make one a hero. Using the word promiscuously, of course, cheapens it to the point that it is worthless when applied to the real McCoy.

Because of Pentagon lies, a young woman from West Virginia, Jessica Lynch, was branded a heroine and given

a Bronze Star, even though she did nothing but get knocked unconscious in an accident while her unit was fleeing from an ambush. She never pointed her gun, much less fired it. To her credit, when she got the opportunity, she told the truth instead of perpetuating Pentagon lies.

To be a genuine hero, one must do something outstanding — something, to use the old military phrase, "above and beyond the call of duty." In World War I, for example, Alvin York knocked out five machine-gun bunkers by shooting men in the forehead

as they tried to fire their weapons. In all, he killed 25 men with his rifle, another six who charged him, and then captured, single-handedly, more than 200 other soldiers. That's heroic.

Similarly in World War II, Audie Murphy, though badly wounded, stopped a German counterattack by standing on the back of a burning tank and firing its machine gun while directing artillery fire. In all, Murphy killed about 255 German soldiers single-handedly. That, too, is heroic behavior.

Merely showing up and

getting shot at is not being heroic. Even getting killed doesn't make one a hero. The business of war is the business of killing and dying. All of that is simply doing one's duty. It would help if more people would read the official accounts of the deeds that have earned the Medal of Honor. In most cases, you will see that the men who received them, often posthumously, did indeed go way above and beyond the call of duty. It is an insult to the precious few to call everybody a hero just because they wear a uniform.

The novelist Ayn Rand made an interesting point once. She said the words we

Charley Reese  
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## A way to win on school finance

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick responded to the court mandate earlier this month to fix the way Texas pays for its public schools by calling for a new business tax. That's good, very good.

A broad-based coalition of progressive North Texas businesses has been advocating just such a thing for months because they know strong public schools groom the sorts of skilled workers and leaders they need for their businesses to succeed

in an increasingly competitive world.

A fair tax that all firms pay unlike the current, loophole-ridden franchise tax would raise a good chunk of change. When paired with an increase in the cigarette tax, such a business tax could raise enough money to both increase state funding of schools and offset badly

needed cuts to property taxes paid by homeowners.

Currently, the state's share of school funding in Texas is less than 40 percent. The rest of the money comes from local districts, whose property wealth varies widely and causes huge discrepancies in funding levels and education quality. Not so many years ago, the state contributed some 60 percent of the cost,

smoothing out some of the spending gaps. This plan has the state contributing more than 50 percent of the cost, which strikes us as smart and prudent.

Here's the solution to the school funding mess, which would enable the state to increase funding to education by some \$4 billion a year.

Lawmakers should embrace this plan in an emergency session immediately after the first of the year.

### Texas Thoughts

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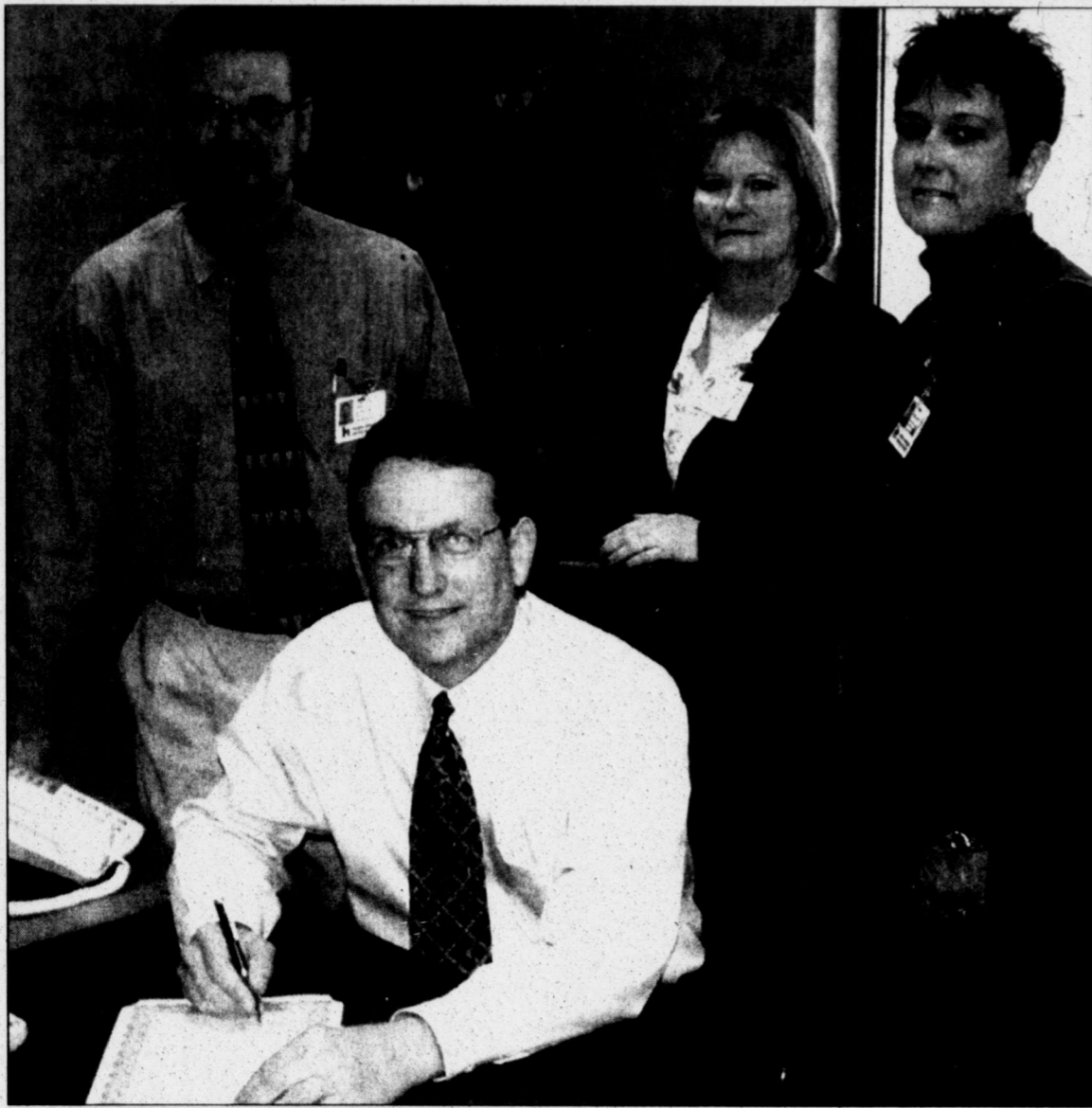
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### Breast cancer awareness

Mayor Lonny Robbins signs a proclamation naming the month of October 2004 as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. With the mayor are, from left, Alan King, CEO Pampa Regional Medical Center; Suzanne Presson, RNC, WHCNP, Director of the Women's Health Clinic; Kaye Lynn Eakin, Breast Cancer Campaign Chair of Pampa Regional Medical Center.

## Memories

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That day he had been as excited and full of enthusiasm as Addison.

I envy David Hinkle. He has those grade school days ahead of him, and it's a wonderful time. There are the school plays and the festivals. There's after-school soccer and other sports.

It's marvelous watching them grow and develop.

Then, Mr. Hinkle, let me warn you. They become teenagers.

Still, for the next few years, I envy you.

I hope David Hinkle is there every first day of school, shooting videotape of his daughter.

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## Abuse

Continued from Page 4

use and our moral approval are a kind of currency we use to reward virtue. If we fail to withhold our moral approval from people who don't deserve it, then in effect we make it counterfeit and thus cheat those people who do deserve it.

In other words, if you'll smile and shake hands with any lout, bum or criminal, what good is your handshake and smile? If you're going to call heroes people who just happen to be soldiers, police officers and firefighters, what are you going to call those individuals who do

something really outstanding?

Rand said something else interesting once. She said the way to kill greatness was not to attack it, but to simply reward mediocrity. We certainly do that in our society. If you put a chimpanzee on live television 20 minutes a day, five days a week, within a fortnight it would be national celebrity.

No nation can do great things once its people lose the ability to define greatness and to distinguish between the truly outstanding and the mediocre. That is just as important as knowing the difference between right and wrong.

I do not intend to imply that people who do the unpleasant jobs, like polic-

ing and soldiering, don't deserve respect. They certainly do. But we should reserve the word "hero" for those who perform extraordinary and outstanding deeds.

Moreover, we should recognize that greatness is the difficult, the rare and the hard-to-achieve. It should not be confused with celebrity and money, which more often than not are the results of luck and mass marketing, if not nepotism and, in some fields, strategic immorality.

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## Boat ramp extensions under construction at Lake Meredith

FRITCH — Construction of concrete extensions recently got under way at Sanford-Yake and Fritch Fortress boat ramps at Lake Meredith National Recreation Area. Construction Technology and Maintenance, Inc., out of Albuquerque, N.M., was in charge of moving equipment, supplies, materials and personnel into the staging area at Sanford-Yake.

Completion of the project is expected to take approximately 60 days.

The boat ramp extension will create an additional concrete launching surface of 40 to 60 linear feet or more, dependent upon water level, towards the waters edge at Sanford Yake and Fritch Fortress, park officials report. Plans have been under way since early spring to begin the project. Permits from U.S. Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, had to be received before the project could begin.

"We originally requested that the contractor allow visitors to launch on one side or lane of the boat ramp while construction was taking place on the other lane," said park Superintendent Karren Brown. "However, during the pre-construction meeting held the week of Sept. 27, 2004, the park was informed by the contractors that the boat ramps will have to be closed entirely to the public while the construction is taking place. Additionally, the boat ramps will have to remain closed for up to 28 days for 'curing' the concrete; a small price to pay in order to construct permanent extensions to existing boat ramps."

Sanford-Yake, park officials said, will be extended first. The contractor will then move to Fritch Fortress. This will limit the amount of time that both ramps will be closed to around two weeks.

During this period, the only launching area at the lake will be available at Cedar Canyon.

National Park Service maintenance crews will place steel matting for ramp extensions at Sanford-Yake and Fritch Fortress at the end of the concrete ramps for as long as necessary to "chase the water."

Park staff will also be installing signs along the roadway, in the parking lots and at boat ramps to warn visitors of construction sites and of the closure of the

ramps. "Public safety is always our first priority; before, during, and after extending the boat ramps," Brown said.

The temporary boat ramp at Cedar Canyon will serve as the only boat ramp during part of the construction.

"This ramp is in good shape due to recent rains, just about any boat should be able to launch there," said park ranger Rhonda Terry.

For additional questions or information, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151.

*'Public safety is always our first priority, before, during, and after extending the boat ramps.'*

— Karren Brown  
Park superintendent

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### Calendar items

• A "Range Field Day" and tour for Panhandle producers is scheduled Oct. 6 at the Roberts County Project Center. A slate of speakers, including J.F. Cadenhead, range specialist for Texas Cooperative Extension, Jodie Stockett, representative for Dow Agro Sciences, and Dr. Ted McCullom, will address participants on a variety of topics, all devoted to helping producers make the most of their rangeland. Participants must RSVP to Roberts County Extension

office at 1-806-868-3191 on or before Sept. 29.

• Pampa Shrine Club will put on its annual barbecue from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 10, at the Sportsman Club located on South Barnes. Beef, sausage and all the fixen's will be served. Take-out orders are welcome. Prices are \$9 for adults and \$5 for children 7 and older. Children 6 and under eat free.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My son, "Will," is married with three beautiful children. One evening a few weeks ago, I baby-sat my grandchildren at their house. A strange car kept stopping in front of the house, and when I went to the window, it would drive off.

Will and his wife, "Eve," both work. He returned before she did, and I left. However, I was suspicious, so I drove up the street and parked in a dark area. A few minutes later, the car pulled up again, and my son ran out of the house and got into the car. I drove slowly by the car and saw my son and a strange woman talking.

Should I tell Eve what I saw? A few people have told me to butt out. I strongly suspect that he is having an affair with this woman. What should I do? — WORRIED MOM IN MISSOURI

DEAR WORRIED MOM: Talk to your son. Give him a chance to explain. Warn him about how much he has to lose if he is involved with another woman or doing something illegal. But do NOT carry tales to your daughter-in-law without first talking to your son -- if then.

DEAR ABBY: About four years ago, a woman I know, "Cathy," gave me a beautiful matching ring and bracelet. She told me at the time that she couldn't wear them because they were too small. Cathy said she knew I loved jewelry and wanted me to have the set because she didn't know anyone else who would enjoy it as much as I would. I accepted the items and wear them frequently. I love them.

Cathy has since had gastric bypass surgery and lost nearly 150 pounds. She recently came into the office where I work and told me that since she has lost so much weight, she wants the jewelry back as she can now wear it.

Should I return the ring and bracelet?

— UNDECIDED IN ALABAMA

DEAR UNDECIDED: Once a gift is given, it belongs to the recipient to do with as she (or he) wishes. The question you must ask yourself is, which is worth more to you -- the friendship or the jewelry? Only you can answer that.

DEAR ABBY: Referring to the woman who is receiving checks from her elderly Aunt Millie, I would suggest that she contact Millie's children or someone who is involved in her day-to-day life before cashing them. Aunt Millie may not remember that she has already sent a check, or she may be arbitrarily sending checks to numerous people and charities.

Someone closer may be able to tell the writer to relax, enjoy the money and just thank Aunt Millie, or appreciate being alerted to monitor her checkbook and keep an eye out for other problems that may need to be addressed.

Gift-giving is often a way of staying in touch or seeking more contact. The niece and her children might write, call or visit Aunt Millie more often and give her the gift of their time.

— SYBLE SOLOMON, GERONTOLOGY DEPARTMENT, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO

DEAR SYBLE: Thank you for pointing out that what I considered to be generosity might instead be a sign of dementia in Aunt Millie. If you are correct, contacting someone close to her could avert a big mess.

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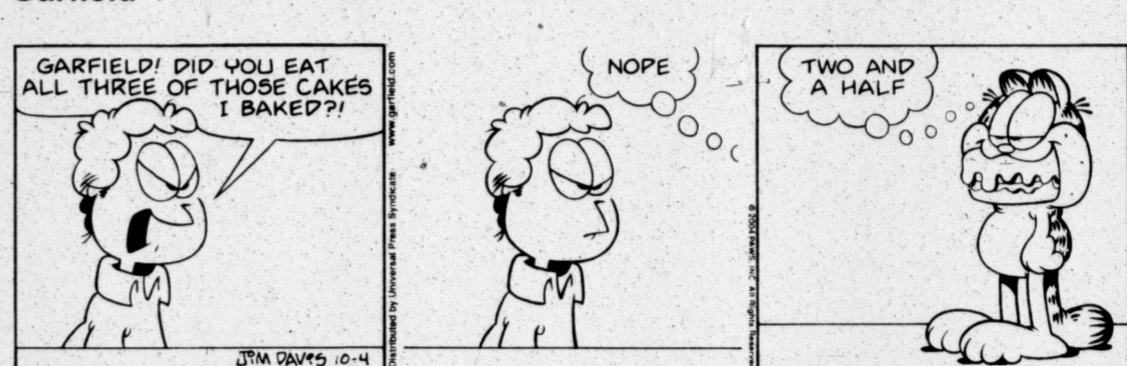
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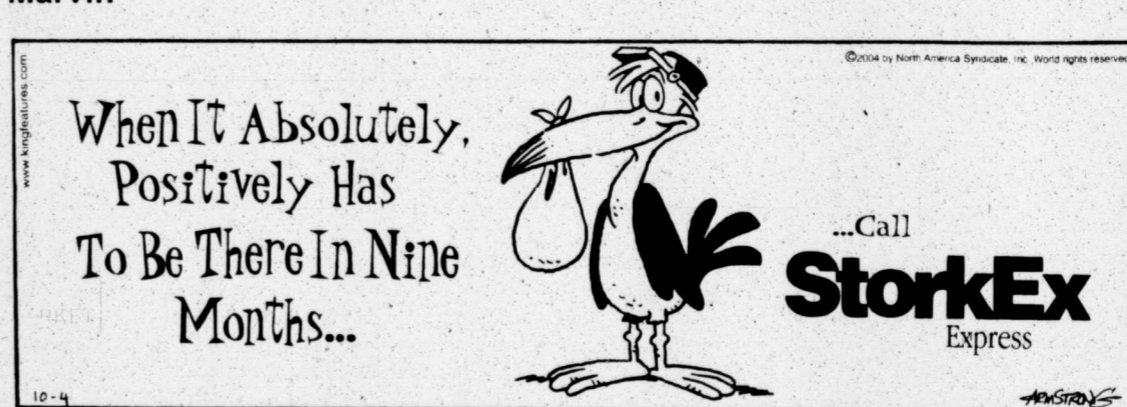
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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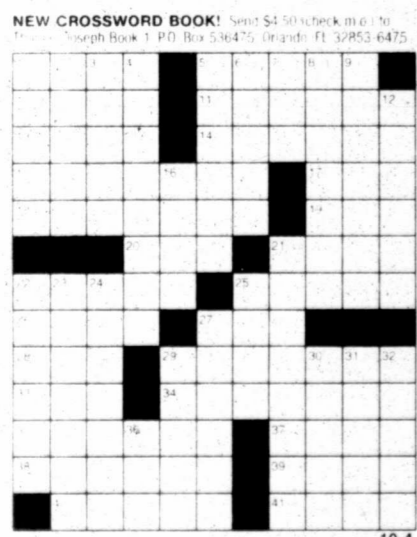
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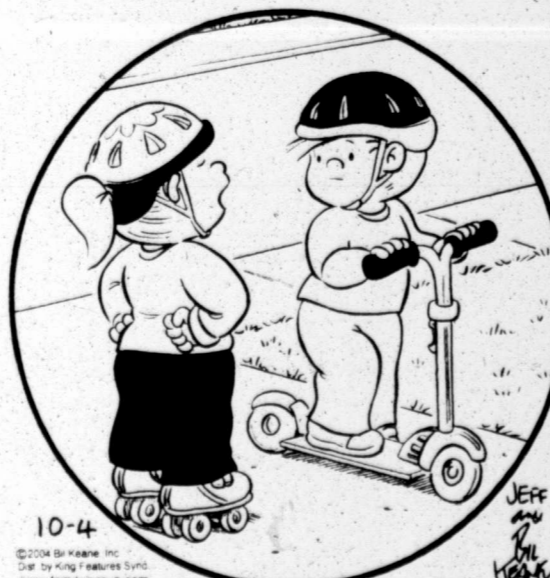
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# Sports Day

## A SLIP OF THE TONGUE

### Earnhardt Jr.: Potty mouth or honest response

Attention networks — When you go shoving a microphone and/or television camera into an athlete's face immediately following a game, race, event or other occurrence, be prepared to reap the reward as well the reality of the moment. It boggles my mind that these people (athletes) are expected to choke back emotion for the sake of a scoop or exclusive.

More often than not, athletes, in the heat of the moment or immediately after, are going to speak openly and honestly about the event, good or bad, that caused the media to gather around them. They are given little or no time to settle down and prepare for the media blitz about to befall them. Such was the case Sunday afternoon following Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s win at Talladega.

A mistimed camera shot first caught a network person telling Dale, who had climbed half way out of his car, to stay in his car until they were ready. The net-

work then went and conducted a couple of interviews with other drivers before coming back to Dale. He got out and began celebrating. The interviewer began asking questions. One could see

this was an exciting, important win for Dale. He, for one of the few times this season, mentioned 'Championship'. He knows it is a real possibility. He knows what it would mean, historically if he won. Here was a young man filled with unbridled, jubilant emotion. He was then asked what it meant to win at Talladega for the fifth time. "It don't mean s--- right now. Daddy's won here 10 times," Earnhardt Jr. replied.

Later, he learned he might face a fine and the loss of championship points for the faux pas. He also apologized for the utterance. By the way, Webster's does list

two definitions for this word. The way in which Earnhardt used it would be, "To care the least bit."

Listen close as you watch any NFL football game and you will hear this word, or worse, from time to time. It is used frequently and openly at other ven-

ues as well. Including your local high school football game. Does it make it right? Depends on who it is offending. Often, inappropriate language, this work in particular, only offends those with an agenda or ax to grind. Many would be dishonest to admit it really offends them or, that they may not use it themselves. But I digress.

I cannot say I condone what Earnhardt Jr. said. Neither can I say I was offended by what he said. It was spur-of-the-moment emotion from a man who has almost single-handedly

picked up the mantle forced upon him by the death and the legacy of his father. If the media is going to continue to operate as it is, it needs to put safe guards in place to prevent such slips of the tongue.

Should he be penalized? Perhaps. But only by NASCAR itself. What Earnhardt Jr. did yesterday was answer a question. His response was genuine and unrehearsed, unlike the premeditated Janet Jackson career booster that took place at the Super Bowl earlier this year. I would not question any action taken by NASCAR itself. However, having a 'working knowledge' of the F.C.C., I would question greatly, any fine levied against the network or the driver in this case. If it actually occurs, then I want someone to explain to me how Howard Stern, Bob & Tom, NYPD Blue, Rescue Me or other programs exist. Freedom of speech cannot be selective, issued or punished based on public perception or ratings.

**Michael J. Stevens**  
Sports Editor



## Senior spotlight



Senior Ricky Harvill strikes an imposing pose during team picture day.

### Ricky Harvill, Rec/DB

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

The looks say it all. Pampa Harvester Ricky Harvill, at 5'8", 188 pounds, plays as tough as he looks.

Ricky Harvill  
Jersey: #11  
Player Position(s)- Nose  
Player Grade- 12  
Player Parent(s)/Guardian(s)- Doyle & Patricia Harvill  
School Activities/Interests- Football, Student Council  
Player information provided by the PHS Football

## PHS volleyball, tennis teams host Caprock tomorrow

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**  
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvester volleyball team is back home tomorrow to host Caprock. Game time is 6 p.m. Coach Shannon Stroud has her team at 2-2 in District 3-4A to this point. Tomorrow night's game will be an important one for the Lady Harvesters.

Coach Josh Freeman and his Pampa High School tennis team will take to the friendly courts of home tomorrow afternoon when they host Caprock as well. Those matches should get underway at 4 p.m.

## Patriots at 18 and counting

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — The New England Patriots tied an NFL record with their 18th straight victory, a 31-17 win over the Buffalo Bills.

New England has won 15 straight regular-season games, including three to start this season, and three straight in the playoffs, including last February's Super Bowl.

The Patriots tied a record held by four other NFL teams — Chicago did it twice — and also by the

1947-48 AAFC Cleveland Browns. They're the first to win 18 straight since Denver in 1997-98.

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Emmitt Smith earned another NFL record with his 77th 100-yard rushing game, leading Arizona to a 34-10 win over the New Orleans Saints.

The NFL's career rushing leader gained 127 yards on 21 carries, and tied Walter Payton's record for most 100-yard games in an NFL career.



2004 Pamcel Golf Club Champion, Cory Stone with wife JoAnna and children Gracie and Cooper.

## Stone one putt away from 59

The Pamcel Golf Club competed the championship flight of their club championship two weeks ago. Joel Burlson and Cory Stone set off to determine the club champion, not knowing who might prevail.

Stone had defeated Burlson earlier in the summer, so Burlson would have to beat Stone twice in double-elimination match play to take Club Champion honors. Burlson witnessed a superb round of golf.

Stone fired a 3-under par 32 on the front nine while only picking up one putt on #6 where Burlson holed a 10-foot eagle putt. Stone looks back on that hole and wonders what could have been as he picked up a birdie putt from about eight feet. Stone said, "That putt cost me a chance to shoot 59 that day." Stone started a streak of one-putts on the par-3 eighth, when he holed a birdie putt. He then proceeded to one-putt the next eight holes.

He made par on #12 with a clutch save. Then made a four foot eagle putt on the par-5 fifteenth hole. The match ended on #14 when Burlson and Stone each made

birdies. But Stone was five up at the time with only four holes to play. The two men recognized Stone was shooting an amazing round and decided to keep playing.

After Stone eagled #15, he was 6-under par on that nine through six holes, and had made eight one-putts in a row. That streak ended on the next hole where he two-putted for par.

Stone then proceeded to par the 8th hole with another one-putt, and then he one-putted the last hole for birdie. Stone fired a 7-under par 28 on that nine, combined with the 32 he shot on the front for an unofficial round of 10-under par 60.

Burlson and Stone later talked about what could have been if he (Stone) would have just putted out on #6 for birdie. "Why did you have to make that eagle putt," asked Stone. "Then I would have putted out on that hole."

Cory Stone was one putt away from firing the prestigious 59 on the Pamcel Golf Club course. Still, he is the 2004 Pamcel Golf Club Champion.

## Red River Shootout part of pitch for new stadium

DALLAS (AP) — The annual Red River Shootout between Texas and Oklahoma will remain at the Cotton Bowl until the current contract expires, but the venue could be up for grabs after that.

The State Fair of Texas president says the Cowboys have agreed not to pursue the shootout in their plans for a new stadium in Arlington unless Dallas officials fail to meet their commitment to renovate the 74-year-old Cotton Bowl in South Dallas.

However, Cowboys officials say they are unaware of any such agreement and would

honor "any written contract that is in place with the Texas-Oklahoma game," according to The Dallas Morning News' Monday editions.

A new five-year contract was approved earlier this year.

If Arlington voters approve the new stadium in November, Mayor Robert Cluck said city and Cowboys officials would start trying to book the annual UT-OU game and other big-ticket sporting events as soon as the facility is built.

## Astros earn final playoff spot

Craig Biggio, Jeff Bagwell and Carlos Beltran met in the middle of the field for hugs, manager Phil Garner tipped his hat to the crowd and confetti showered fans at Minute Maid Park.

Amazingly, the Houston Astros were in the playoffs. And when they won Sunday to take the NL wild card, all of the postseason pairings were set — no need for any tiebreakers this year.

The fun begins Tuesday afternoon at Busch Stadium when Woody Williams starts for the St. Louis Cardinals against Los Angeles. Later, Curt Schilling and the Boston Red Sox visit Anaheim.

That night, the Minnesota Twins will be at Yankee Stadium.

"We'll be ready to play," New York manager Joe Torre said after wrapping up a weekend at Toronto. "These three days off did us some good after playing such an intense month. We're ready to get back to competition."

On Wednesday, the other series starts with Roger Clemens and the Astros playing at Atlanta.

The final day of the regular season began with one playoff spot open and all four matchups still to be decided. But everything got firm up in the AL once the Twins lost to Cleveland — there had been a chance Minnesota would host Boston.

The Astros eliminated any need for a one-game playoff with San Francisco for the wild card by beating Colorado 5-3. Houston completed a startling turnaround by winning its 18th straight home game.

"People thought we were dead in the water and we worked all the way back and changed that," Garner said. "This is just a great ending to what became an improbable year for us."

Houston was 56-60 on Aug. 14, about a month after Garner replaced the fired Jimmy Williams, and trailed Chicago by seven games in the wild-card race. The next day, the Astros rallied for three runs in the ninth inning to beat Montreal 5-4.

"Hopefully, we'll use that as a springboard for some more kind of wins like that," Garner said after that victory.

That's exactly what happened. Now, the Astros face a familiar October opponent — the Braves beat Houston in the first round in 1997, 1999 and 2001.

Clemens (18-4) faces Jaret Wright (15-8) in the opener. Roy Oswalt, the NL's only 20-game winner, pitches Game 2 for Houston.

"I think we've got them right where we want them," Astros owner Drayton McLane. "I really want those guys. We've done everything unconventional this year. So maybe we'll do it again in the playoffs."

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# Pampa Junior High selected for computer training program

Pampa Independent School District officials announce their selection as a participant in the Texas Computer Education Association (TCEA) Dell™ TechKnow program for the 2004-2005 academic year.

Pampa Junior High has been selected to host the program.

Dell TechKnow program is an after-school project designed to enable underserved middle school students to earn a free home computer, learn technology skills and prepare for life in the digital world.

Barry Haenisch, Pampa ISD superintendent, said, "We are pleased that some of Pampa's junior high students will have this unique and invaluable training. The benefits of the partnership with Dell have the possibility of forever changing the participants' lives."

Pampa ISD was selected from 59 applicants through the TCEA competitive process. Up to 200 middle school students will participate in the program. Teachers from Pampa ISD will serve as instructors for the Dell TechKnow program. Dell and TCEA will provide each district with teacher training, curriculum, computers, and program support.

"Today we're not just preparing our children to compete for jobs in Texas,

but to compete for jobs in a world economy," said David Dewhurst, Lt. Governor of Texas. "Through programs like Dell TechKnow, and through the work of our good Texas teachers, we're helping to ensure that at-risk students learn the essential skills they need to compete and succeed in today's technology-driven world economy."

Organizations interested in contributing to the Pampa ISD program can contact the Dell TechKnow office via email at [dell\\_techknow@dell.com](mailto:dell_techknow@dell.com). For more information about TCEA, visit [www.tcea.org](http://www.tcea.org)

### About Dell TechKnow

Students in the Dell TechKnow program receive a free refurbished Dell desktop computer and work in teams to learn computer basics. Students learn how to take apart and rebuild the computer, install software; upgrade, diagnose and fix basic hardware problems; and how to use the

word processing and educational software. In addition, students must meet certain program requirements such as attending school, demonstrating good citizenship and sustaining or improving their grades. Upon completion of the course, students earn a refurbished Dell desktop computer, operating system and software to take home and one year of free Internet access. Since July 2001, more than 3,000 students from 21 school districts nationwide have completed the program. For more information on the Dell TechKnow program, visit [www.dell.com/k12/techknow](http://www.dell.com/k12/techknow).

### About TCEA

Texas Computer Education Association is one of the largest state organizations devoted to the use of technology in education. Founded in 1980, the organization has grown to more than 8,000 members and has been a leader in supporting instructional technology throughout Texas. TCEA's primary focus is integrating technology into the PreK-12 environment and providing its members with state-of-the-art information. For information about TCEA, visit [www.tcea.org](http://www.tcea.org).

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— Barry Haenisch  
PISD Superintendent



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## Dance class

Livia Vanaver, of Vanaver Caravan, leads the fifth grade class at Lamar Elementary during a dance workshop Friday. The New York Dance Troupe was in Pampa for the annual Tribute to Woody Guthrie event. While they were here, the group worked with every fourth and fifth grade at all four Pampa ISD elementary schools — Travis, Austin, Wilson and Lamar, as well as presenting a school-wide assembly at Pampa Junior High. The series of presentations began with a coordination meeting early Wednesday morning of music teachers and principals which included Kay Pittman and Doug Rapstine of Travis, Amber Jones and Tom Lindsey of Wilson, Cynthia Hauck and Cay Warner of Lamar, Rebecca Lewis and Beverly Owen of Austin.

## Americans win Nobel for smell studies

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — American researchers Dr. Richard Axel and Linda B. Buck shared the 2004 Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine on Monday for their work on the sense of smell.

Their genetic work revealed a family of "receptor" proteins in the nose that recognize odors, and they illuminated how the odor information is transmitted to the brain.

Axel, 58, of Columbia University in New York, shared the prize with Buck, 57, of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. Both are investigators with the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

They reported finding genes for odor receptors jointly in 1991, when Buck was working in Axel's lab, and have since worked independently.

Informed of his award, Axel told Swedish public radio: "That's really marvelous, I'm so honored."

When asked if he had thought about becoming a Nobel laureate, he replied: "No, this is nothing I have been thinking about, I think about my science."

Asked what he would do first, he replied: "I'm going to have a cup of coffee."

Buck told The Associated Press she did not know she was under consideration.

"People have said things like, 'You should win the

Nobel Prize,'" she said. "I feel very honored, of course."

The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institutet said the sense of smell "helps us detect

the qualities we regard as positive. A good wine or a sun-ripe wild strawberry activates a whole array of odorant receptors."

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