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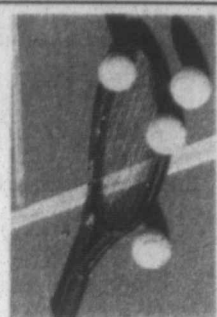
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Atmos tells city natural gas prices will increase

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Natural gas prices will be going up for Pampa residents.

Roy Urrutia and John Wagner with Atmos Energy told the Pampa City Commission at Tuesday's commission meeting that a Gas Reliability Infrastructure Program filed with the state's public utility commission earlier this month would raise gas prices for homes in Pampa \$1.09 a month.

An interim gas rate adjustment to the base charge would raise Atmos Energy's rate of return from about

four percent to more than eight percent.

"We're allowed an earned rate of return of 8.77 percent," Wagner said.

The increase is based on infrastructure spending by the gas company over a 21-month period from March 31, 2003, to Dec. 31, 2004. Future adjustments, Wagner said would be made on an annual basis.

Urrutia said that every year there would be some type of adjustment.

With the rate adjustment, commercial rates will go up by \$3.09, Urrutia said. The base rates for manufacturing will go up \$30.17. Rates for the

public sector will go up \$7.67, and rates for large government usage will go up \$11.91 a month.

The increase will bring Atmos an estimated \$123,012 more money from all customers.

The adjustment is to cover infrastructure expenses made by the utility company.

The increase is not limited to Pampa. The increases cover 66 cities in the company's West Texas service area.

The price of gas bought by the company and delivered to Pampa residents is passed through to cus-

tomers, Urrutia said.

He noted that a year ago, natural gas was selling for \$5.00 per mcf. As of 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, he said, it was selling for \$12.75 per mcf.

"We're a local distribution company," Urrutia said. "We don't produce gas. We have to go out and purchase it."

He said the current projects are for natural gas to remain in the \$12 to \$13 price range for the foreseeable future.

"It's not a pretty picture for any-

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Pampa budget is fine

By DAVID BOSWER Staff Writer

With 91.7 percent of the 2004-2005 fiscal year gone, Pampa's budget is in good shape, according to City Manager John Horst.

Reporting to the Pampa City Commission Tuesday, Horst said revenues in the General Fund were 105 percent over projected income while expenditures to date were only 87 percent of projections.

As of Aug. 31, the General Fund shows a balance of more than \$1.6 million over expenses for the year to date with the fiscal year ending Friday.

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United Way Kickoff



Pampa News Photo by SEAN SMITH

John Warner, president of the United Way board, speaks at the United Way Kickoff Luncheon Tuesday at the M.K. Brown room of the Chamber of Commerce. The program was conducted by Warner; Denise Daves, 2005 campaign chairman; John Curry, United Way board member; and Duane Harp, 2004 campaign chairman. This year's campaign goal is \$308,000.

Cub Scout pack at Wilson looking for new members

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Darian and Christy Reeves are working to build a Cub Scout pack at Wilson Elementary School.

Cub Scouting in the Wilson Elementary area has been sporadic in recent years, but the Reeveses hope to change all that.

"We hope to get a lot of participation in this area of town," Christy said. "We want to serve families in this neighborhood."

Darian is the new Cub Master for the group, and two of the Reeves' sons, Dathan, 10, and Barak, 7, are Cub Scouts.

Anyone wishing to become a member of the Wilson Cub Scouts may attend the weekly meetings, at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, in the school cafeteria. Boys in first through fifth grades are eligible to join.

"We hope to instill good values and good morals toward God and country," Christy said. "That's what Scouting is all about — being good citizens."

"This is a great activity for boys to do. They learn valuable lessons while having fun."

Dues are \$10 per year. Families should not worry about their child's participation resulting in high costs to them, Christy said.

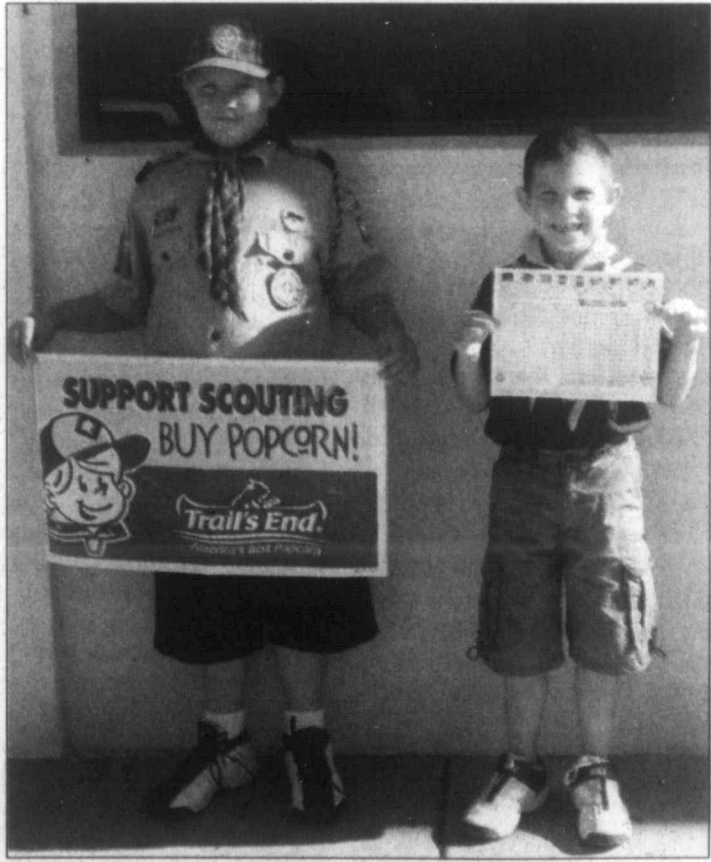
"We do not want any boy to not be able to participate because of money," she said.

To help see that that doesn't happen, the Cub Scouts are beginning their annual popcorn sale Oct. 1. Sales will continue through Oct. 24, and the popcorn will be delivered after Nov. 5, Christy said.

"This is our number one fund-raiser," she said. "These sales will help boys go to camp at no cost and participate in some of the Golden Spread Council activities. The more we can sell, the more we can do for the boys."

Those activities include the Pinewood Derby, a Fish Fest, and a one-day Spookoree in October. The Wilson Cub Scouts will be a part of the Golden Spread Council, which serves the counties of the Texas Panhandle.

For more information on the Cub Scouts or on popcorn sales, call Christy at 669-6311.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Dathan Reeves, left, and Barak Reeves plan to sell popcorn starting Oct. 1 to raise funds for Cub Scout activities. Their father, Darian, is the Cub Master for the Wilson Elementary School Cub Scouts.

WRCA Ranch Rodeo... September 30th - October 2nd

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Friends of the Pampa Library "Paperback Book Sale"... October 1st & 2nd

Pampa Fine Arts Assoc. Arts Crafts Show... October 8th & 9th

Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon"... October 29th

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrests today.

Sunday, Sept. 25

Cheryl Ammerman, 45, 1133 Charles, was arrested in the 600 block of West Kingsmill for possession of drug paraphernalia and unlawful carrying of a weapon.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Eleven traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the intersection of Davis and Gwendolyn streets, and the 1000 block of South Hobart, where endangering a child was also reported in connection with the traffic complaint.

Warrant service was attempted at two locations.

Law enforcement assistance was rendered at the intersection of Wilks and Banks streets.

Three residential alarms and one business alarm were reported.

Civil matters were reported in the 300 block of East Brown and the 500 block of East Foster.

A welfare check was made in the 1000 block of South Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 800 block of North Nelson.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2100 block of North Sumner and the 500 block of East Foster.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of Huff Road.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported

on two occasions at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. An arrest was made in connection with the second incident.

A narcotic drug law violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Public intoxication was reported at the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa Fire Department, 203 W. Foster. A window was shot out, resulting in an estimated \$25 damage.

Forgery was reported at Allsup's, 309 N. Hobart, concerning fraudulent money orders.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Theft was reported in the 400 block of North Dwight. Two bicycles were taken, for an estimated loss of \$500.

Assault by threat was reported at PJHS.

Assault was reported in the 100 block of West Randy Matson, at Pampa High School. The incident concerned pushing, and no injuries were reported.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Evading arrest with a vehicle was reported in the 1300 block of Garland.

Melodee Brook Marlow, 27, 1230 E. Francis, was arrested in the 900 block of West Wilks for assault causing bodily injury and a motion to revoke probation for theft by check.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the

following accidents today.

Sunday, Sept. 25

3 a.m. — An unknown white vehicle with an unknown driver collided with a legally parked 1994 Nissan Sentra, owned by Donald Johnson, 1319 Williston, in the 1300 block of Williston. The unknown driver and vehicle then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

10:28 p.m. — An unknown pickup and driver collided with an illegally parked 1991 Honda Prelude, owned by Tom Winkleman, Dumas, in the 1000 block of Quail Place. The unknown vehicle and driver then left the scene. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrest today.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Jason Lee Davis, 31, Davis Valley, Okla., was arrested on a probation violation for criminal non-support.

Jeremy Hoskins, 23, 305 Anne, was arrested by Gray County Sheriff's Office and Pampa Police Department for two counts of probation violation for injury to a child.

Bennie Owen, 64, 730 Perry, was arrested on a capias pro fine for non-payment of court costs and fine.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27

5:34 p.m. — One unit and three firefighters responded to the 100 block of South Russell on a gas odor call.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 27

3:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Lefors and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

7:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1500 block of West Kentucky. No transport.

11:23 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Deane and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Correction

In a cutline with yesterday's newspaper for a photograph of the Gray County monument being moved into place, the first two persons from the left are Brad Pingel and Rusty Tapp.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Doug Brown, superintendent of the City of Pampa Sanitation Department, operates a track hoe to tear down a house at 1312 E. Browning. All three houses on the south side of the 1300 block of Browning were torn down recently as part of the city's demolition program.

Gray County Weather

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high around 79. Windy, with a north-northwest wind 10 to 15 mph

increasing to between 25 and 30 mph. Winds could gust as high as 40 mph.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 49. Northeast wind between 10

and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 30 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 69.

Obituaries

Henry John Rose, 85

DALLAS — Henry John Rose, 85, died Sept. 26, 2005. Services were at 2 p.m. today in Sparkman/Hillcrest Funeral Home Chapel in Dallas. Interment was in Hillcrest Memorial Park.

In 1942, Mr. Rose graduated from high school and married his wife of 62 years, Jane Green. He was a U.S. Army

Air Corps veteran, serving as a bomber pilot in World War II in the Philippines.

Mr. Rose held a degree in petroleum engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

He split his time between the oil business and golf.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jane; a son, Thomas Runge Rose;

and four older siblings.

Survivors include a son, Hank of Laredo; and two grandchildren, Allison Julia and David Henry.

The family requests memorials be in lieu of flowers to St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 5923 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230, or to a favorite charity.

C.V. 'Tim' Timmens

AMARILLO — C.V. "Tim" Timmens, 93, of Amarillo, died Sept. 27, 2005. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Timmens was born Jan. 19, 1912, at Malvern, Ark. He lived in Pampa from 1950 until moving to Tulsa, Okla., in 1962. He relocated from Tulsa to Amarillo in 1996.

Mr. Timmens was a naval flight instructor during World War II, earning his discharge as a lieutenant commander. He was superintendent for O.O. Fee Drilling Company from 1950-1957.

He was a pilot and flight instructor for many years in Pampa, Siloam Springs, Ark., and Tulsa. He was a long-time aviator and barnstormer as well.

Survivors include a daughter, Timara

Graves of Russellville, Ark.; two sons, Terry Timmens of Fritch and Talley Timmens of Canyon; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Habitat for Humanity, 1533 N. Polk St., Amarillo, TX 79107.

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SCIENCE

Japanese scientists capture on film rare giant squid

TOKYO (AP)—When a nearly 20-foot long tentacle was hauled aboard his research ship, Tsunemi Kubodera knew he had something big. Then it began sucking on his hands. But what came next excited him most — hundreds of photos of a purplish-red sea monster doing battle 3,000 feet deep.

It was a rare giant squid, a creature that until then had eluded observation in the wild.

Kubodera's team captured photos of the 26-foot-long beast attacking its bait, then struggling for more than four hours to get free. The squid pulled so hard on the line baited with shrimp that it severed one of its own tentacles.

"It was quite an experience to feel the still-functioning tentacle on my hand," Kubodera, a researcher with Japan's National Science Museum, told The Associated Press. "But the photos were even better."

For centuries giant squids, formally called Architeuthis, have been the stuff of legends, appearing in the myths of ancient Greece or attacking a submarine in Jules Verne's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea." But they had never been seen in their natural habitat, only caught in fishing nets or washed ashore dead or dying.

The Japanese team, capping a three-year effort, filmed the creature in September of last year, finding what one researcher called "the holy grail" of deep-sea animals.

The results were not announced until this week, when they were published in today's issue of the British journal, the Proceedings of the Royal Society B: Biological Sciences. Kyoichi Mori, of the Ogasawara Whale Watching Association, co-authored the study.

Giant squid are the world's largest inverte-

brates, having been known to exceed 50 feet. Kubodera said the one he caught on camera was probably an adult female. He said the squid's tentacle would not grow back, but its life was not in danger.

The photos earned the team cheers from researchers around the world, largely because of the difficulty of finding the mysterious giant.

"That's getting footage of a real sea monster," said Randy Kochevar, a deep-sea biologist with the Monterey Bay Aquarium in California. "Nobody has been able to observe a large giant squid where it lives."

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— Randy Kochevar
Deep-sea biologist

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The photos — taken with strobe lights at 30-second intervals — also shed some new light on the animal's behavior.

"We think it is a much more active predator than was previously thought," Kubodera said today. "It had previously been seen as more lethargic, and not as strong."

In the pictures, the squid's tentacles can be seen stretching out toward the bait, grasping it and pulling away in a ball. It is then seen struggling to get itself free of the jig attached to the line under the remote-controlled camera.

The struggle took place at a depth of between 2,000-3,000 feet.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	3.25
Milo	2.83
Corn	3.81
Soybeans	4.53

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

OXY	87.55	+0.45
BP PLC ADR	71.69	+0.64

Cabot Corp	32.48	+0.46
Celanese	NA	
Cabot Oil Gas	48.00	+0.56
Coca Cola	42.50	+0.17
VLO	113.55	+0.97
HAL	68.05	-0.06
TRI	45.44	-0.18
KMI	94.91	+0.34
XCEL	19.48	+0.01
Kerr McGee	95.22	-0.37
XOM	64.40	-0.22
Limited	20.40	+0.21
Williams	24.18	+0.25
MCD	33.63	+0.62

Atmos	28.51	-0.07
Pioneer Nat	54.13	+0.20
JCP	47.63	NC
COP	69.09	+0.11
SLB	84.48	+0.19
Tenneco	17.52	+0.20
CVX	64.64	+0.46
Wal-Mart	43.30	+0.20
OKE	32.60	+0.09
NS Grp	36.95	-0.05
New York Gold	463.80	
Silver	7.29	
West Texas Crude	65.07	

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Military could end up leading fight against Mother Nature

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military, built for man-made battles, could end up leading fights against Mother Nature.

In the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita — and the federal government's sluggish response to the first — President Bush is raising the possibility of putting the Pentagon in charge of search-and-rescue efforts for catastrophic natural disasters.

Such a precedent-setting

shift would require not only some change in law but a greater degree of consensus. Congress is divided over the prospect of troops massed in U.S. cities and increasing the power of the federal government at the expense of the states.

And there's the question of what would be left for the recently created Homeland Security Department to do.

Bush has described the armed forces as "the institution of our government most

capable of massive logistical operations on a moment's notice," and defense analysts echo that assessment.

With its wealth of all-terrain vehicles, helicopters, boats, satellites and coordination and control operations, the military can quickly dispatch what a lot of people need in a hurry after a disaster, whether that means 1,000 choppers to pluck residents from rooftops or shallow-water vessels to navigate flooded streets.

Still, the Pentagon seems lukewarm about taking control and providing the core of disaster relief. "It's something we've thought about," Gen. Richard B. Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday. But he said there is a long way to go before "you ... decide you want to give active forces law enforcement authority."

Retired Gen. Charles E. Wilhelm, who accompanied the Army general in charge of the military's hurricane

response, said civilian agencies, not the Pentagon, should continue to lead the response.

Turning the military into first responders risks making it "a jack-of-all-trades, mas-

ter of none."

In response to Rita, Navy and Air Force teams, flying from the deck of the USS Iwo Jima and Randolph Air Force Base in Texas, conducted rescue missions.

High gasoline prices blamed for past due credit card bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The percentage of credit card payments that were past due shot up to a record high in the second quarter as surging gasoline prices strained budgets and made it difficult for some people to pay their bills.

The American Bankers Association reported today that the seasonally adjusted percentage of credit card accounts 30 or more days past due rose in the April-to-June quarter to 4.81 percent. That followed a delinquency rate of 4.76 percent in the first quarter and was the highest since the association began collecting this information in 1973.

"The rise in gas prices is really stretching budgets to the breaking point for some people," the association's chief economist, Jim Chessen, said in an interview. "Gas prices are taking huge chunks out of wallets, leaving some individuals with little left to meet their financial obligations."

While Chessen mostly blamed high gaso-

line prices for the rise in credit card delinquencies, other factors also played a role, he said.

With personal savings rates dismally low, people have less of a cushion to absorb the big jumps in energy prices, Chessen said. The personal savings rate dipped to a record low of negative 0.6 percent in July.

Rising borrowing costs also probably contributed to the spike in credit card delinquencies, he said.

The Federal Reserve has been tightening credit since June 2004. That has caused commercial banks' prime lending rate to rise to 6.75 percent, the highest in four years. These rates are used for many short-term consumer loans, including some credit cards and popular home equity lines of credit.

After Hurricane Katrina, gasoline prices jumped past \$3 a gallon before calming down. Although damage to oil facilities was less than feared from Hurricane Rita, economists expect gasoline prices to stay high.

\$10 bill gets color makeover

WASHINGTON (AP) — The color of money is getting more varied. A newly designed \$10 bill was unveiled today featuring splashes of orange, yellow and red to go with the traditional green.

The \$10 bill note became the third bill denomination to be jazzed up with colors as part of the government's effort to thwart counterfeiters and the ever-more sophisticated devices at their disposal.

"Thanks to the changes we've made in currency design, thanks to aggressive law enforcement led by the U.S. Secret Service and thanks to an informed public, we've been able to stay ahead of the counterfeiters," Treasury Secretary John Snow said during the unveiling ceremony on Ellis Island in New York harbor.

The location was selected to highlight one of the new features of the bill — a red image of the Statue of Liberty's torch on the left side of the portrait of Alexander Hamilton, the first secretary of the Treasury.

The \$10 makeover followed changes to the \$20 bill in 2003 and the \$50 bill last year.

Don't look for the more colorful \$10 to show up at your local ATM machine right away.

The bills will not actually go into circulation until early next year. But the government was eager to publicize the new design so that people can prepare for the changes.

The \$10 redesign was similar to the changes made to the \$20 and the \$50 but the colors were different because each denomination is being given its own set of colors to make finding the right bill in your wallet easier.

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Budget

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Horst termed revenues from M.K. Brown exceptional. It showed 114 percent of projected revenues with 75 percent of projected expenditures.

"They have done an excellent job of holding expenses down," Horst said.

He said the figures for the library fund were down substantially because the county's contribution to the fund did not show up in the

August figures.

"Water and wastewater continues to be disappointing," Horst said.

Only 88 percent of the projected \$4.7 million in revenues has materialized.

"They're trying to hold expenses as close as they can," he said.

Horst said the city has two wells down.

The city landfill, however, is doing well, Horst said.

Budget figures show 93 percent of the projected \$1.16 million in revenues have been collected so far. Expenses are running about 64 percent of expectations.

"The golf course continues to be down," Horst said.

With revenues only 87 percent of projections and expenses running at almost 102 percent, Horst said much of the problem is due to bad weather earlier in the year.

The U.S. Bus Building, which the city owns, continues to generate cash. For the year-to-date, as of Aug. 31, it has generated \$17,065 in revenues and \$6,649 in costs.

"We're doing really good in net revenues," Horst said as the budget year draws to an end.

funding of the new 4B PEDC at the polls, the PEDC board would have to adopt the bylaws, then present them to the city commission for approval before they could take effect.

The former PEDC was a corporation organized under Section 4A of the state's economic development act, which restricts what economic development funds can be spent for. The proposed PEDC is being organized under Section 4B, which offers a wider variety of projects and increases the number of people on the corporation's board of directors.

The old board had five members. The 4B board will have seven. Under state law, four of the seven may be city officials or employees. Three are private citizens. All will be appointed by the city commission.

During discussions Tuesday afternoon, commissioners appeared to agree that none of the seven on the PEDC board will be elected city officials or employees, although the city manager may serve as an ex-officio member of the board with no voting powers.

Under the proposed bylaws, and as mandated by state law, a new PEDC would have to have all expenditures, except for up to \$10,000 for retail projects, approved by the city commission. There would also be public hearings on the projects.

Lane said the proposed

bylaws are based on those of the Dumas economic development corporation, also a 4B corporation.

In other business, Barbara Patrick proposed forming a beautification advisory board that would consist of two to three people from each of the city's four wards, an idea that was readily embraced by the commission.

"I think it's a great idea," said Mayor Lonny Robbins. "We just need to figure out how it's going to function."

City Finance Director Robin Bailey told the commission that the city's two 10,000-gallon fuel tanks, one for gasoline and one for diesel, are rusting and need to be replaced. She said the pumps at the city's fuel depot also need replacement. The estimated cost of replacement is \$55,000. The new tanks will be above ground, which is expected to save the city money on abatement costs that have to be set aside for underground tanks.

City officials will open bids on repairs to the Heritage Room floor of M.K. Brown Auditorium at 11 a.m. Monday at city hall and then present the bids with recommendations to the commission at a special Pampa City Commission meeting at noon.

The commission also renamed four people — Jerri Erickson, Sara Carmichael, Sharon Haynes and Ed Cooley — to the Lovett Memorial Library Advisory Board.

Gas

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one," Urrutia said.

"It's been a very challenging year both for our customers and for us," Wagner said.

The commission approved on second and final reading setting the tax rate for 2005-2006 at 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation, the same as it has been for the past several years.

They also approved the issuance and sale of certificates of obligations and revenue refunding bonds. The certificates of obligation will raise \$2.250 million for Pampa's water and sewer system. The refunding bonds will refinance existing debt at a lower interest rate.

"You're getting some good money at an excellent price," Ken Smith with Southwest Securities told the commission.

Southwest Securities is handling the sale of the certificates of obligation and bonds.

City Attorney Don Lane presented the commission with proposed draft bylaws for a new Pampa Economic Development Corp.

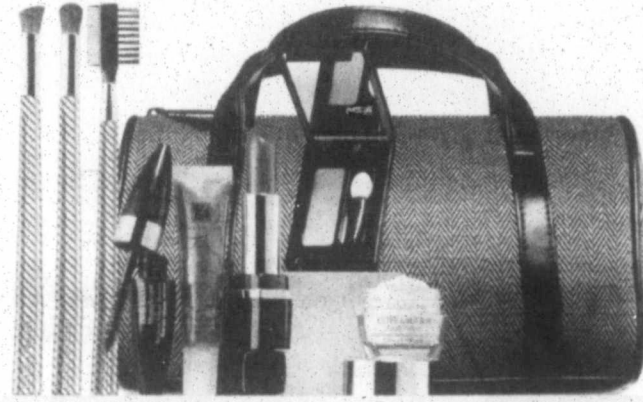
While bylaws can't be adopted unless the voters approve a half-cent sales tax to support a new economic development corporation in November, Lane said a number of issues had arisen and the commission might want to address them.

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Viewpoints

New York voters won't fall for Hillary's dodge

Former President Bill Clinton's thesis, articulated on "Meet the Press," is that "large" figures in their parties who are elected to lesser offices should not be asked to commit to serving out their full terms so that when duty calls they are free to answer.

It's advice he failed to heed for himself when he was governor of Arkansas. Then he just resorted to his frequent M.O. and lied, telling the voters that he was going to serve out his full term when he had no real intention of doing so — if he could help it.

But Arkansas is not New York, and the relatively unknown Bill Clinton of 1990 is not the Hillary Clinton of 2005. Hillary must come squarely face to face with an unpleasant fact:

If she won't commit to serving a full term in the Senate, she may not win reelection to the seat.

At first, it looked as if she could skate by without a full commitment since she faced relatively weak opposition. Ed Cox, Nixon's son-in-law, and John Spencer, former Yonkers mayor, were not the sort to confront Hillary with a potent challenge. But now that Jeanine Pirro has declared her candidacy, Hillary has a real fight on her hands.

Since Pirro is pro-choice, pro-gun control, pro-affirmative action, pro-gay civil unions and pro-immigration, Hillary cannot use any of her trusty hot-button issues to dismiss her. And, as a woman, Pirro is in an excellent position to challenge Hillary on all of her core

issues.

Already, since Pirro announced — and despite her embarrassing 32 seconds of silence while she groped for her speech text — the Westchester Republican, a district attorney, has closed the gap with Hillary. The Democratic senator led Pirro by a gigantic 30-point margin, 61-31 percent, before Jeanine announced. But afterward Pirro trailed by only 55-34.

Most senators can escape having to declare that they will serve out a full term. But Hillary can't because of the unique way she came to New York state. Had the first lady decided to run for sena-

tor in Delaware or Indiana or some such state, voters would have assumed she just moved in to run. But she moved to New York state and assured us all that she was vindicating a lifelong

dream to move to the Big Apple. So many people have done so, and New Yorkers' egos are such that they believed that Hillary had just felt the same magic gravitational pull the city seems to exert on people.

But now she is using New York state as a stepping-stone. As Pirro said in her announcement (the part of the text she could find), "Hillary asked us to put out

the welcome mat and we did so. But now she wants us to become a doormat and that we will never do."

Polls show that 60 percent of New Yorkers do not want Hillary to run for president even as 55 percent say they will vote for her for the Senate. They know that a senator is AWOL when she goes for the top prize.

Neither Kerry nor Lieberman nor Gephardt nor Edwards was seen much around the Capitol when their candidacies beckoned. Despite good attendance records beforehand, they rarely showed up for votes. As a presidential candidate, Hillary will be off in Iowa, New Hampshire, Florida and other states rather than in New York or Washington working for the people she was elected to represent. It's

just the nature of things.

Armed with the doubts of New Yorkers about Hillary's fealty and protected by her social liberalism, Pirro will make a very effective challenger. She will almost certainly make the race closer than the 12 points that separated Hillary from her 2000 Republican challenger, Rep. Rick Lazio. And Pirro will make her work hard and spend tens of millions of dollars.

And she might just beat Hillary. Which raises the question: Why is Hillary running for reelection to a job she wants to leave? New Yorkers will all be asking, so Hillary might want to ask herself.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Dick Morris
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 28, the 271st day of 2005. There are 94 days left in the year.

'What makes a leader — intelligence, integrity, imagination, skill: in brief, statecraft? Not at all. It is the fact that the man has a following.'

— Gerald W. Johnson
American journalist (1890-1980)

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 28, 1066, William the Conqueror invaded England to claim the English throne.

On this date: In 1542, Portuguese navigator Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo arrived at present-day San Diego.

In 1781, American forces in the Revolutionary War, backed by a French fleet, began their siege of Yorktown Heights, Va.

Our readers write

Where did all the EDC jobs go?

In the Sunday, Sept. 15, edition of The Pampa News, an article appeared about the numbers on the previous EDC. There are a few interesting numbers. The PEDC collected \$9.2 million and created 260 jobs using \$4.1 million.

What happened to the other \$5.1 million? Why was it still in debt an additional \$3 million? How many of those 260 jobs still exist?

Where are the 22 jobs that Crall was given \$357,500 to create? Where are the 12 jobs that Scribner Welding was given \$172,533 to create? Where is Fork Stork Manufacturing that received \$188,153 without creating any jobs?

How much debt was left by the original Moody Dairy that was given \$1,038,000 and the Top of Texas Dairy that received \$750,000?

Since the assets of the EDC were turned over to the city, the city does not consider those to be a loss but the taxpayers sure had a loss when they closed.

American Energy was paid \$413,073 for 25 jobs. Where are they now? US Bus was paid \$1,836,422, and the EDC impact report fails to show any jobs created? Where are they now?

The city has the building with the extravagantly priced renovations, but it is

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A friend of an enemy is also an enemy

Now that Israel has evacuated from the Gaza Strip, we can forget about any serious peace negotiations with the Palestinians. Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has done all he is going to do. In the words of a close adviser published some months ago in Haaretz, an Israeli newspaper, there will be no serious negotiations "until they (the Palestinians) turn into Finns."

The Gaza Strip is 340 square miles and one of the most densely populated areas in the world. It is densely populated with Palestinian refugees driven from their homes by the Israelis. It will be a miracle if any kind of viable society can be created in such a small, resource-scarce area.

In the meantime, Palestinians in the West Bank and East Jerusalem get

nothing. The minor settlements Sharon agreed to dismantle amount to about one bean in a Mexican restaurant's crockpot. He has no intention of dismantling the large settlements, which contain about 250,000 Jews. He has no intention of halting the world-condemned fence that the Palestinians refer to as the "apartheid wall." He is, after all, the father of those settlements and of the settlement movement.

In any other country, settlements in which only Jews are allowed to live, connected by roads that non-Jews are forbidden to use, would be cited as an example of

discrimination, if not racism. Israel, however, is the grand exception to America's morality and ethics. It does as it pleases, and the American government bows in assent, protects it from U.N. sanctions and writes a n n u a l checks that would be the envy of any charity in the world.

So what does this mean for us? Well, it means that one of the core causes of terrorism will not be solved. Terrorism is a low-grade military response to political problems. Until the political problems are resolved, there is no hope of ending terrorism. Palestinians are not going anywhere, and they

are never going to accept as permanent the status of dogs in a poorly run kennel.

It's difficult for Americans to realize the despair, frustration, humiliation and hardships that the Israelis impose on the Palestinians, who are innocent of anything except being born in the land of their ancestors — land that is coveted by the Israelis. Palestinians long ago recognized Israel's right to exist, but there will be no peace, and no end of terrorism, until the Israelis recognize the Palestinians' right to a state of their own.

To do that would not require dismantling the settlements. The Israeli government could treat the Jewish settlers the same way it treated the Palestinians who

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Charley Reese
Columnist



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Texas schools must not be left to fend for themselves

In one week, Texas added more than 28,600 students to its public school rolls. That's the equivalent of another school district the size of Lubbock in West Texas or Spring near Houston. And those numbers are expected to grow as tens of thousands of children who were scattered across the country by Hurricane Katrina settle into schools.

Central Texas school districts are willingly enrolling and educating those students so they can continue their education without interruption. Adapting to a new school will be tough for

thousands of families whose communities were washed away by Katrina's flood waters. Some students, such as Kedrick Mosley, whose family drove to Austin ahead of the storm, see their new school as an opportunity for a better life. He's attending Manor Middle School.

"We've got an opportunity to do more things," he told the American-Statesman. But his older sisters, who

understandably long for their home school in New Orleans' Jefferson Parish, are having a rougher time adjusting to Manor High School.

The Austin school district has gained 632 students who were displaced by the hurricane. Obviously, students can't return to their homes or former schools in Louisiana or Mississippi that were washed away. School officials, including those at

local colleges and universities, have done a good job of making room for the additional students.

There are many unanswered questions. We don't yet know whether the students who are showing up in Austin, Pflugerville, Round Rock, Manor, Lake Travis and other districts will be temporary guests or permanent students.

We don't know, either, what the total tab will be for educating them, or exactly how that bill will be paid. A Texas Education Agency spokeswoman estimated it

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Texas Thoughts

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Fire training



Hoover Volunteer Fire Department firefighters Chris Palmitier, Scott Hahn, Justin Westmoreland, David Smith, Brian Snapp, Mike Mendoza, Floyd Lott, Brandy Rose and Charley Thomas have achieved introductory certification through the State Firemen's and Fire Marshal's Association of Texas Certification Board, said Joe Millican of Hoover VFD. To earn the certification, the local firefighters attended classes and underwent live fire training in Canyon, Dumas, Floydada, Higgins and Municipal Texas Fire Training School in College Station as well as in-house training at Hoover Station #2. The nine firefighters received training in fire department organization, forcible entry, ladder practices, hose practices, first aid, ventilation practices, fire behavior, firefighter safety, ground cover, SCBAs and are trained to fight structural fires. For more information about Hoover VFD, call 669-8297.

Events calendar

- **Pampa Community Concert Association** Presents "Live on Stage" 2005-06 concert series includes the following programs: Edgar Cruz, guitarist, Oct. 23; Susan Egan, Broadway vocalist, Feb. 18, 2006; St. Petersburg Classic Ballet, March 4, 2006; and The Coats, vocal harmonic band, April 30, 2006. Additional concerts, featuring with other performers, have been scheduled in area towns. For more information on any of these events or a complete area concert schedule, contact Ronnie Holmes, PCCA president, at 665-2631. PCCA memberships are available.
- **The late registration deadline for the ACT college admission exam** is Friday. The test will be administered nationwide on Oct. 22. Students can get registration

materials from guidance counselors or register online at www.actstudent.org.

- **Ten free trees will be given to each person** who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout September. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue

Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

- **The local Girl Scout council** is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-3372 or 1-800-687-8740.

- **Just Between Friends in Amarillo** will be supporting the Eveline Rivers Christmas Project by collecting donations of gently used winter coats or stuffed animals. For more information or to make a donation, call (806) 355-4256.

- **Terra Lingua**, a non-profit foreign exchange organization, is seeking host families for students 15-18 years of age from France. Call (866) 540-4029.

Enemy

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refused to leave. It could redraw the boundaries and tell the Jewish settlers that they are welcomed to stay where they are, but they will be citizens of Palestine, not Israel. Of course, that won't happen, either.

The saying that the friend of my enemy is my enemy is not exclusive to the Middle East. It is just common sense. If someone murdered my family and you helped him, then when I got the chance I would kill you both.

The American government, by allowing the Israelis to abuse the Palestinians, is accumu-

lating an avalanche of hatred. In other words, our warped foreign policy vis-à-vis the Israelis and Palestinians is not a free lunch. We will pay for it. We already have, but that's not nearly the end of it.

There is one consolation for the Christian cultists who believe it is their duty to love Israel. When they get blown up by a terrorist, they will at least have the knowledge that they died to support Israeli expansionism and a settler movement of religious fanatics who despise Christians even more than they hate Muslims.

And, of course, they had better pray very hard that after they are blown up, the God they meet answers to the name of Jehovah instead of Allah.

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could cost school districts more than \$220 million to educate hurricane-displaced students.

Districts that enroll more than 50 of those students will receive some financial help from the state, but that doesn't apply to the Austin district or other property-rich districts at this point.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency said it won't be reimbursing districts for teachers, textbooks or other expenses after initial assurances that help would be forthcoming. The federal government must not leave these districts to fend for themselves and shift the costs to local taxpayers.

Texas school districts were strapped financially before the Katrina crisis because the Legislature failed to come up with a new school financing system to address an overall lack of funding for public schools and spending inequities between property-rich and property-poor districts. Public schools in Texas already rely too heavily on local dollars. If the

federal government doesn't reimburse districts, there is a good chance that local taxpayers will bear those costs. The Texas Supreme Court is expected to decide this month whether the current system is constitutional and whether the Legislature must spend more money to educate Texas' 4.4 million public school students.

Educating thousands of additional children will challenge more than our pocket-books. Many of the students are coming from New Orleans, where nearly one in four people lived below the poverty line. Contrast that with Austin, where about one in 10 is below the federal poverty level. We know from experience that educating poor children is more expensive than educating middle- or high-income students. The reasons for those differences can range from not having computers at home to improper medical and dental care.

There is also a performance gap between students from New Orleans and those in Austin. School districts are doing their best to deal with the challenges thrust upon them by Katrina, and we applaud their efforts. But the federal government must do its part.



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still over \$1 million loss.
From the taxpayers'

(mostly wage earners and retired persons) point-of-view, the last EDC was a disaster. What did the average taxpayer who actually paid the taxes get for their \$12 million? Mark Twain told the

truth when he said, "There are three kinds of untruths - lies, damn lies, and statistics."

I will vote NO on the EDC proposal on Nov. 8.

**Don Reed
Pampa**

England gets three years for prison abuse

FORT HOOD, Texas (AP) — Army Pfc. Lynndie England, who posed for some of the most infamous pictures of detainee abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, was sentenced to three years behind bars.

The jury of five Army officers needed about 90 minutes Tuesday to determine their sentence for England, the most recognizable of the nine low-ranking reservists charged in the scandal that severely damaged America's image in the Muslim world and tarnished

the U.S. military at home and abroad.

The charges against the 22-year-old reservist from rural West Virginia carried up to nine years, but prosecutor Capt. Chris Graveline asked the jury to imprison her for four to six years. The defense asked for no time behind bars.

England, who was convicted Monday on six of seven counts involving prisoner mistreatment, spent some time with her 11-month-old son, Carter, before being escorted out of

the Fort Hood courthouse. Her reddened eyes stared straight ahead as she made her way to a waiting van.

Neither prosecutors nor defense lawyers would speak with reporters after the sentence was announced.

England apologized earlier Tuesday for appearing in the photos taken in late 2003, saying she did so at the behest of Pvt. Charles Graner Jr., the boyfriend who she said took advantage of her love and trust while they were deployed in Iraq.

Sports Day

PHS tennis improves to 3-0 in district with wins over Hereford, Palo Duro

The Harvester Tennis Team defeated Hereford Saturday and Palo Duro Tuesday, improving its District 3-4A record to 3-0.

Head Coach Emily Laurence said, "Palo Duro was our big competition considering they beat Pampa once last year to make us co-district champs." She added, "We went into the match knowing it was going to be tough and that we needed this win badly."

The team came out of doubles on top 5-2 which gave them the momentum going in to singles. Pampa then suffered some losses to even the score at 6-6 when they had to move to Amarillo Tennis Center due to Palo Duro's courts being unlit. Once they got to ATC, the wins started rolling in and the Harvesters defeated the Dons, 12-9. "It was a great win for us," said Laurence. "We started slow in doubles which scared me but both the boys and the girls fought hard and really wanted this win."

Coach Laurence said Tuesday was an exciting day for her team, noting the big win keeps Pampa in the hunt for another district title.

Pampa will have their first home match Saturday when the Harvesters host Dumas, currently in a three way tie for 2nd place in district. "This will be another tough match for us, but if we play with the fight and will to win that we had against Palo Duro, we should come out on top."

Pampa 14, Hereford 7
Saturday, Sept. 24

Boys Singles

Michael Foreman lost to Frank Granados 6-3, 6-2
Jareth Fortenberry lost to Matthew Bullard 7-5, 6-2
Steven Smith def. Ryan Brown 6-4, 6-3
Kevin Frels lost to P.J. Hernandez 6-0, 6-3
Tyler Morris def. Matthew Harris 6-4, 6-2
Landon McNeely lost to Markus Jesko 4-6, 7-5, (11-9)
Jack Ware def. Brandon Leinen 9-8 (7-3)

Girls Singles

Myca Vinson def. Kristen Estrada 6-1, 6-1
Ashlee Lucas def. Ashley Evenson 6-1, 6-0
Haley Acker def. Jessica DeLaCruz 6-3, 6-3
Tanna Stowers def. Sydnee Mardell 6-2, 7-5
Kourtney Farmer def. Joscelyn Rogers 6-3, 6-1
Maegan Patterson lost to Toni Kay Payne 2-6, 6-1, (9-11)

Sammie Pereira lost to Nicole Fuentes 9-7

Boys Doubles

Foreman/Frels def. Bullard/Granados 6-4, 6-7 (7-4), (10-6)

Smith/Fortenberry def. Brown/Hernandez 6-1, 6-3
Morris/McNeely def. Leenen/Harris 7-6(8-6), 7-6(7-2)

Girls Doubles

Vinson/Lucas def. Estrada/Mardell 6-2, 6-3
Acker/Stowers def. Rogers/DeLaCruz 6-3, 3-6, (10-6)
Farmer/Patterson def. Payne/Fuentes 6-4, 7-6 (7-5)

Mixed Doubles

Pereira/Ware lost to Jesko/Evenson 6-2, 7-5

Pampa 12, Palo Duro 9

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Boys Singles

Michael Foreman lost to Detrick Westmoreland 0-6, 6-0, (10-2)

Jareth Fortenberry lost to Julio Perez 6-1, 6-0
Nick Julian lost to Donald Mingboupha 6-0, 6-2
Steven Smith lost to Cho Trinh 6-2, 6-3
Kevin Frels lost to Aaron Souvannassaed 6-2, 1-6, (10-8)
Tyler Morris def. Josh Mixaydy 6-4, 6-3
Landon McNeely def. Tri Le 8-6

Girls Singles

Myca Vinson def. Diana Mingboupha 6-0, 6-4
Ashlee Lucas def. Christy Phommasak 6-1, 6-4
Lacie Long def. Linda Trang 6-2, 6-2
Haley Acker lost to Mai Hy 6-4, 4-6, (10-8)
Tanna Stowers def. Cindy Hoang 6-4, 6-4
Kourtney Farmer def. Meme Sihaphon 6-2, 6-0
Maegan Patterson lost to Le 8-1

Boys Doubles

Foreman/Frels lost to Mingboupha/Perez 6-0, 6-4
Fortenberry/Smith def. Westmoreland/Souvannadaed 2-6, 6-1, (10-8)

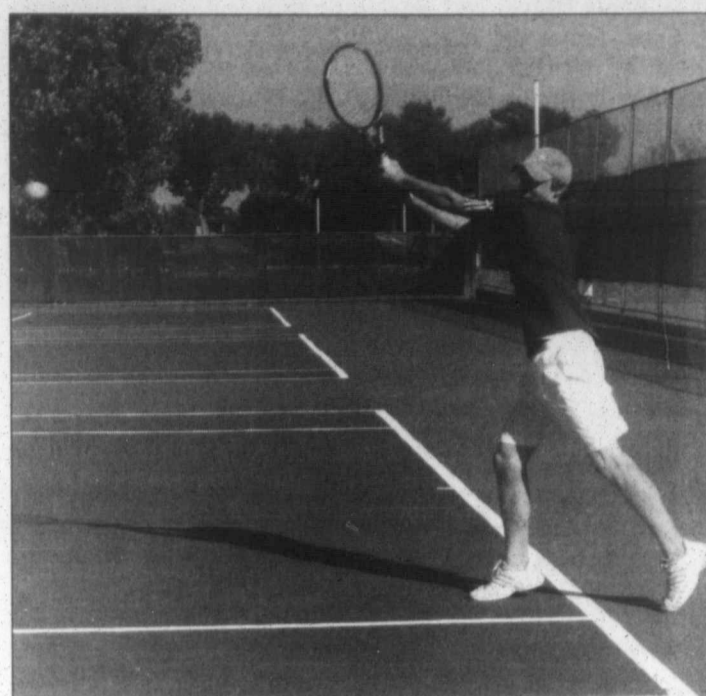
Morris/McNeely def. Mixaydy/Le 6-3, 7-6 (7-2)

Girls Doubles

Vinson/Long def. Phommasak/Sihaphon 6-0, 6-4
Lucas/Stowers def. Hy/Le 6-4, 6-3
Acker/Farmer def. Truong/Hoang 4-6, 6-1, (10-6)

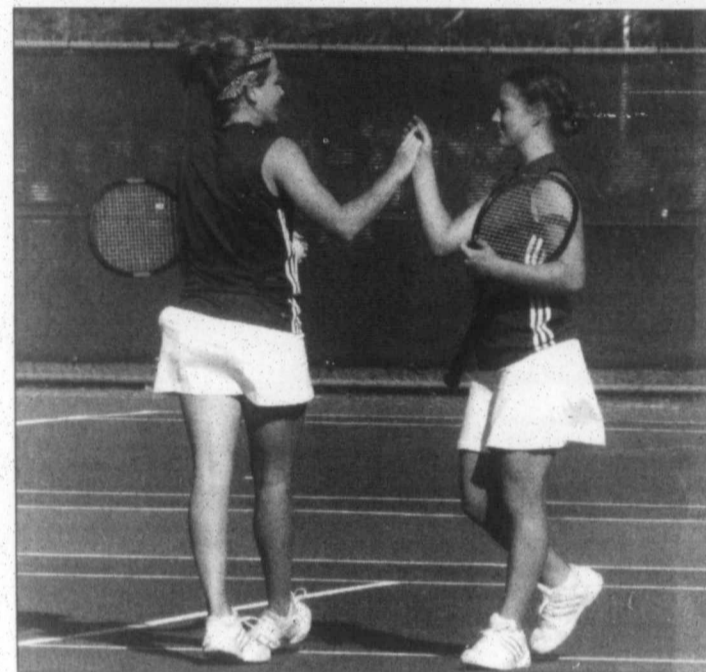
Mixed Doubles

Patterson/Julian lost to Trinh/Mingboupha 6-3, 7-5



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Michael Foreman (above) returns a serve while Myca Vinson (below) and Lacie Long high-five each other during Pampa's match with Palo Duro Tuesday afternoon.



Lady Harvesters drop Palo Duro

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Lady Harvesters got into the District 3-4A win column Tuesday by taking three straight against Palo Duro, 25-17, 25-17, 25-15.

The win moves Pampa's overall mark to 19-10, while improving to 1-2 in district.

Pampa plays again Saturday when the Lady Harvesters host an always tough Dumas team. The Demonettes are 20-11 (3-0) after defeating Hereford Tuesday.

Note:

Sports Day has learned that junior Britteni Rice is no longer playing for Coach Sonia VanGilder's varsity team, having left the squad Monday.

Pampa def. Palo Duro 25-17, 25-17, 25-15
Tuesday, Sept. 27

Individual Stats

Cassy Tice- 5 Digs, 2 Aces.
Stephanie McVay- 27 Assists, 3 Digs, 2 Kills.
Jackye Barber- 7 Kills, 2 Assists, 1 Dig.
McKinsie East- 3 Kills, 2 Assisted Blocks, 2 Digs.
Jordan Albracht- 2 Digs.
Logan Winkelman- 4 Digs.
Nicole Clark- 6 Kills, 3 Digs.
Jackie Gerber- 7 Kills, 2 Assisted Blocks, 4 Digs.
Krishna Henderson- 5 Kills, 2 Assisted Blocks, 3 Digs.

7th, 8th grade teams net consolation wins

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa Junior High School 8th Grade B-Team:

The PJHS 8th grade A-team played Dumas Saturday at the Canyon Tournament in Canyon, losing 14-16, 7-15. They played Hereford in the morning pool, falling 5-15, 5-15. The team was then placed in the bracket play for the afternoon. Said Coach Deanna Polasek, "We were matched up against Plainview in the consolation game, and won 25-18, 25-18." In summing up her team's tournament performance, Coach Polasek said, "We had some great serving, serve receive, hits, digs and blocks. They played so hard all day and worked together as a team." The team includes Shelbie Watson, Lariat Lowry, Carly Teichmann, Andi Hutto, Kara Stephens, Brooklyn Barker, Ashley Facio, Emilie Troxell, Sammie Pearson, and Mattie Holland.

Pampa Junior High School 8th Grade A-Team

The 8th grade B-team lost to Dumas 3-15, 9-15 Saturday. They split a pair with Hereford, 11-15, 16-14, in morning pool play.

Said Coach Kathy Lee, "We were matched up against Plainview for the afternoon consolation game and won 25-16, 12-25, 25-17." Coach Lee went on to praise her team, which consists of Kayla Ware, Kelsey Watson, Natalie Parker, Cheyanne Collins, Serina Wagner, Gabby Powell, Whitney Wade, Rachel Houston, Kimberly Curtis and Ashley Williams. "They played really well together. They all contributed with serves, hits, digs, blocks and great serve receives."

END OF SEASON

Small numbers, injuries corral Claude Mustangs

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

When Claude started the 2005 football campaign, it did so with little more than 18 players. When it comes to Six-Man football, that's cutting it close.

The Mustangs lost three players early in the season to injury. Three more were added to the list Friday during the Mustang's meeting with Gruver. Add in another trio lost to academic ineligibility, and Claude is on the Six-Man razor's edge. What's more, those left to fill the Mustang's gridiron garb are mostly freshmen. That makes fielding a team more than a question mark, it then becomes a risk. One superintendent Bill Wood is not willing to take.

In a phone conversation Tuesday, Wood said he was not willing to risk the health and well-being of the remaining players by pitting them against the more experienced players they would face across the opposing line if scrimmage from now to season's end. "With only 10 kids left, most of them freshmen, there is simply no need to put them up against the other school's more experienced juniors and seniors," said Wood.

In speaking with Wood, he reiterated the decision was not made due to lack of interest, effort or want. It was made due to a lack of bodies. "We started the year in trouble," Wood said. "Our numbers were small."

Wood, a well-spoken man with an obvious knowledge of the topic being covered made it clear it was the health of the students that forced the decision to cancel the remaining schedule. However, it is just for the rest of the year. Claude will be back in 2006, a year in which the UIL will redistrict many schools. Wood says he expects 23-25 players to suit-up for the Mustangs next season, though they will again be mostly freshmen and sophomores.

As our conversation wrapped up, Wood asked if I was taking it easy on his boy. Following a brief pause, I realized his boy is in fact Pampa Harvester head football coach Bryan Wood. That would explain the elder Wood's obvious understanding of the game, especially at the high school level. Perhaps more importantly, at a level that solidly serves smaller communities like Claude.

8th grade A&B teams fall to Dumas Tuesday

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

8th Grade A-Team

The Pampa Junior High School 8th grade A-team fell to 1-3 Tuesday following a high scoring meeting with Dumas. Pampa lost, 32-20.

Travis Hagerman had a 70-yard kick off return for a touchdown and Alex Clendening tossed a 65-yard TD pass to Mitchell Killgo in the game. Nathan Webb also scored on a 18-yard run with Gabriel Rodriguez adding the extra point.

8th Grade B-team

Pampa dropped to 3-1 after a hard fought 12-0 loss to Dumas Tuesday afternoon.

The 7th and 8th grade teams play again in Perryton Thursday, Oct. 6.



Courtesy photo

Steven Botello carries the ball while a teammate leads the way Tuesday during the PJHS 8th grade B-team game against Dumas.

Hidden Hills Results

End of Season Seniors Championship Hidden Hills Golf Course	C Flight Gross 1st Place- Howard Musgrave (174) 2nd Place- Gary Herr (177) 3rd Place- James Lee (189)
A Flight Gross 1st Place- Whitey White (142)* 2nd Place- Jim Brashears (142) 3rd Place- Bill hammer (145) *won playoff	Net 1st Place- Nathan Lancaster (132) 2nd Place- Jack Davis (140) 3rd Place- Charlie Terrell (145)
Net 1st Place- Howard Wells (126) 2nd Place- Jimmy Cantrell (128) 3rd Place- Harley Knutson (132)	D Flight Gross 1st Place- Marvin Allison (174) 2nd Place- Richard Abbott (184) 3rd Place- Calvin Lacy (192)
B Flight Gross 1st Place- Kent Olson (158) 2nd Place- Gerry McCabe (171) 3rd Place- Ray Covalt (174)	Net 1st Place- Jim Osborne (133) 2nd Place- Buddy Bailey (138) 3rd Place- James Gray (139)
Net 1st Place- Butch Shepherd (124) 2nd Place- Buddy Epperson (136) 3rd Place- Bob Young (139)	Closest to the Pin 1st Day- Bob Young #6, Callens George #15 2nd Day- Lucio Moreno #8, Nathan Lancaster #15

Angels clinch second straight title

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Los Angeles Angels want to be considered a perennial contender in the same breath as the Atlanta Braves and New York Yankees. Considering the quick work the Angels made of the Oakland Athletics to wrap up another division title, they might be headed in that direction.

They're the first American League team to clinch a postseason berth — and they parted like it.

Bengie Molina homered and Ervin Santana pitched 6 2-3 strong innings, helping Los Angeles win the AL West with a 4-

3 victory over the A's on Tuesday night.

"To go to the playoffs, at this stage, after what we've done, we deserve this celebration," Molina said. "We got it done right away. We don't have to think about them coming back or any of that."

Here's how wild this bunch became in the cramped quarters of the visitors' clubhouse: Orlando Cabrera, the most recent veteran of such a celebration after winning the World Series with Boston last fall, quickly pulled on swim goggles to protect his eyes from champagne dousings that came from every which way.

Fourteen in a row for Braves

ATLANTA (AP) — The rookies made this a season to remember for the Atlanta Braves.

So, it was only appropriate they led the celebration.

After the Braves wrapped up their 14th straight division title Tuesday night, the youngsters took over. They sprayed champagne. They sneaked around pouring beer down teammates' shirts. They posed for pictures. They yapped on cell phones.

And Jeff Francoeur, who came up from the minors at midseason and sparked the Braves' charge to another NL East champi-

onship, really let loose.

The 21-year-old ex-high school football star dunked his head in a frigid bin of ice and, after egging on Chipper Jones, wound up getting tackled twice by his senior teammate — once on the field, then again in the middle of the clubhouse frivolity.

"He's an idiot," Jones quipped. The Braves actually clinched midway through a 12-3 victory over the Colorado Rockies, the title assured when the second-place Philadelphia Phillies lost to the New York Mets 3-2.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have:
5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*** You might be pushed more than usual. You could lose your temper easily, as you are high-energy right now. Others pitch in to try to take some of the pressure off of you. Be gracious and say yes. Tonight: Do something you love.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*** You might not be as easygoing as usual. In fact, early in the day you could be seeing red, like a true Bull. One way to calm down is to do something physical. Take a walk by yourself and chill out. Tonight: The later it gets, the better.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** You might not be aware of the impact your words have on others. You might have a sharp edge, as you have

been suppressing frustration or anger. Use your humor to lighten up. Tonight: Try to get in early.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*** Someone pushes you beyond your limits, and you might let this person know it. Use care with spending, as tempting as a purchase might be. Someone might not have all the facts. Do your own research. Tonight: Run errands first.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*** Someone chooses to take you on. You might be challenged directly by a boss or superior, or someone you care about. Don't get upset. Simply discuss the issues. You find that often many opinions are helpful. Tonight: Decide to get in early.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** You might not be in the mood to run around. In fact, you might want to do less physically and more mentally, if possible. You have a unique ability to get the facts. Don't assume that you have the whole story. Tonight: The later it gets, the happier you will be.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*** Use today to straighten out a potential misunderstanding involving another. The issue could involve your finances or a problem with taxes. By grabbing the bull by the horns, you'll succeed. Tonight: Try for an early bedtime.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*** Others look to you for leadership, but still might be quite critical about what you do. You might find this mixed message irritating. Let it go. Use your sixth sense, which kicks in and points you in the right direction. Tonight: Once you hook up with a friend, the

going gets wild.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
*** You give that extra push to complete a project. Someone might be put off by how assertive you are. Also, don't take information as solid. Exaggeration might be involved. Detach and go on your own fact-finding mission. Tonight: Watch a movie or hop on the computer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*** Someone else is running the show, whether you like it or not. You discover how much you dislike being in the back seat. Be positive about what is happening. Others will need your feedback soon enough. Tonight: Accept a very personal invitation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
*** Others have the cards in their hands, no matter where you go. You express upset to someone close, who just might not be in the mood to listen. Stay calm and detached, and remain confident. Everything will work out. Tonight: Socialize all you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*** Your words and actions come off a lot harsher than you realize. You could find an associate reacting quite strongly. It's best to focus on your work and security. Right now, clearing the air doesn't work. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

BORN TODAY
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Library display



The exhibit case at Lovett Memorial Library in Pampa is full-up with a selection of military head gear, dating back from World War I to the present. The case contains helmets, a gas mask and caps — all reflecting the changes in the military over the last century. The display was organized through Las Pampas chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution in recognition of Constitution Month. The items, provided courtesy of White Deer Land Museum and Freedom Museum USA, will be on view at the library until Oct. 1.

Roberts' smooth process gives hope to GOP senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican senators lavished praise today on soon-to-be-confirmed chief justice nominee John Roberts and urged Democrats to provide respectful, nonpartisan debate on President Bush's next Supreme Court pick, who will have the power to move the court to the right.

"I'm hopeful through the debate on this nominee, and the next Supreme Court nomination, we

can avoid the destructive partisanship that approached the brink of absolutism in ideology," said Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

John Roberts will be confirmed as the 17th chief justice on Thursday with support from almost three-fourths of the 100-member Senate, and Bush is expected to name his next nominee to the Supreme Court soon thereafter.

Roberts has gone through the Senate relatively

unscathed from the day President Bush tapped him as the nation's 109th Supreme Court justice.

"I'm not sure we will ever have the privilege of voting on a nominee who is more intelligent than John Roberts," said Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore. "His integrity is beyond reproach as well. There's been no hint of any scandal."

Bush warns of violence for Iraq voting

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush today warned there will be an upsurge in violence in Iraq before next month's voting, but said the terrorists will fail. "Our troops are ready for them," he said.

Bush's remarks in the Rose Garden came a day after Iraqi and U.S. forces announced they had killed Abdullah Abu Azzam, the No. 2 al-Qaida leader in Iraq, during a weekend raid in Baghdad.

"This guy's a brutal killer," Bush said.

Al-Qaida in Iraq issued an Internet statement denying that Abu Azzam was its deputy leader, calling him "one of al-Qaida's many soldiers" and "the leader of one its battalions operating in Baghdad." The U.S.-led coalition, however, called Abu Azzam the mastermind of an escalation in suicide bombings that have killed nearly 700 people in Baghdad since April.

"We can expect they'll do everything in their power to try to stop the march of freedom," Bush said. "And our troops are ready for it."

Bush spoke following a meeting with Gen. George Casey, the top commander in Iraq, and Gen. John Abizaid, the commander of U.S. Central Command. He said he has dispatched the two generals to Capitol Hill to brief members on the war on terrorism and operations in Iraq.

Republicans using hurricanes to push for drilling measures

WASHINGTON (AP) — Riding a wave of concern over high energy prices triggered by Hurricane Katrina, congressional Republicans began a rush today to ease environmental rules on refineries and looked for ways to open new coastal waters to oil and gas development.

"More refineries will result in more domestic production of gasoline," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, as his committee began work on the energy legislation. "We cannot stop hurricanes but we can mitigate some of the adverse impacts."

But some Democrats called Barton's bill a subsidy to an energy industry that is reaping huge profits from high oil and gasoline prices and criticized the proposals for not addressing price gouging at the pump. They also argued it would gut major clean air requirements on refineries.

"It's a sop to the industry that is not going to do anything to help consumers" and will "run roughshod" over environmental laws and local involvement in deciding where refineries are located, said Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo.

Barton is expected to garner enough votes to push his proposals through the Energy and Commerce Committee, which he chairs. It's expected that the full House would take up the legislation early next month.

The Senate has yet to consider post-hurricane energy legislation, but also was expected to explore new proposals in the coming weeks.

Sponsors of the GOP package said the measures were needed to address the vulnerabilities exposed by hurricanes Katrina and

Rita to the nation's energy system, especially the country's shortage of refineries and the concentration of oil and gas resources in the central and western Gulf of Mexico.

But critics accused House Republicans of exploiting the tragedy that has hit the Gulf region to pursue a slew of pro-industry measures that Congress rejected earlier this year when it passed a broad energy bill that was supposed to address the country's long-term energy problems.

Rep. Ed Markey, D-Mass., asked why Republicans were pursuing new "special subsidies" for the refining industry whose profits he said increased by 255 percent over the last year, including "loopholes" that allow refiners to avoid pollution controls under the Clean Air Act.

"This law does nothing to reduce prices," said Markey. Barton countered that there has not been a new refinery built in the United States since 1976, and maintained the provisions in his bill will spur new construction and expansion of existing facilities.

The Barton measure included easing air pollution control rules on refineries, setting shorter deadlines for issuing refinery permits and a government-funded "risk insurance" program to shield companies against lengthy regulatory delays in refinery construction. And it would give the federal government greater say in siting refineries and pipelines.

A companion measure, being put together by the House Resources Committee, called for opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil development and would clear the way for states to allow oil or gas drilling in their coastal waters.

"We cannot stop hurricanes but we can mitigate some of the adverse impacts."

— Joe Barton
Committee chairman

Bolton reports on U.N. changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's hard-charging ambassador to the United Nations told skeptical members of Congress today the United States "didn't get everything we wanted" in an agreement to reform the United Nations bureaucracy, but it is a start.

"It was an important first step in U.N. reform. It was not the alpha and the omega, but we never thought it would be the alpha and the omega," U.N. Ambassador John R. Bolton told the House International

Relations Committee. Bolton cast the U.S. vote for a watered-down reform document with obvious disappointment, after weeks of wrangling. The document backed off bureaucratic and other changes proposed by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan and by the United States as the U.N. reeled from scandals in its oil-for-food and peacekeeping operations.

Bolton is expected to follow up with new resolutions, but it is not clear how much appetite U.N. diplomats will

have for the subject now. The House has passed a measure championed by committee Chairman Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., that establishes a timetable for reform and ties progress to the payment of U.S. dues. The Senate has not passed the measure.

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Hyde said the reform outline passed this month is vague and leaves many hard items for later.

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