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## Issues raised at town hall meeting to discuss EDC

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The devil is in the details, and it was the details that were questioned Thursday night at a town hall meeting hosted by the Pampa Economic Development Group Promotional Committee.

Dr. Louis Haydon wanted to know where in the Texas Attorney General's handbook on economic development it says that city commissioners have to approve expenditures over \$10,000.

Shirley Nicholson wanted to know how many of the 58 employees of United Medicorp were full time.

Somebody else wanted to know why automobiles weren't covered by the half-cent sales tax Pampa residents are being asked to vote for.

One woman wanted to know why the \$600,000 left by the previous Pampa Economic Development Corp. wasn't refunded to the taxpayers.

Somebody else asked about conflict of interest problems.

Several wanted to know how the PEDC board would be appointed.

"It's a matter of trust," said Duane Harp, moderator for the town hall meeting. "The old PEDC broke our trust."

Harp said it wasn't a matter of what 'they' want. It wasn't a matter of some unnamed group manipulating the system.

"We are 'they,'" he said.

Harp said the residents of Pampa needed to pull together for the good of the community.

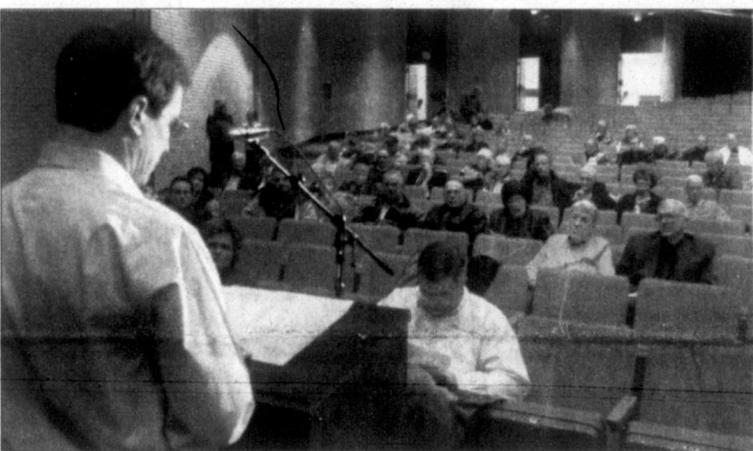
Karl Parks, one of five who spoke to the more than 100 people gathered at M.K. Brown Auditorium Thursday night, said that although a 4B economic development corporation can fund things like athletic facilities and streets and roads, the city wasn't looking to use the proposed PEDC for such purposes.

"This is for economic development," Parks said.

He said the money raised by the half-cent sales tax increase to fund a new PEDC would be used to retain primary jobs. The city, he said, has other tax money to use for streets and roads.

Joe Kyle Reeve, the second speaker, said there are 434 Section 4B economic development corporations across the state and 234 Section 4A economic development corporations. Some communities have both, he said.

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Duane Harp, left, addresses about 100 people who showed up Thursday night for a town hall meeting concerning the establishment of a new Pampa Economic Development Corp.



Joe Kyle Reeve addresses the town hall meeting Thursday night at M.K. Brown Auditorium concerning a new PEDC.

## Senate gives Bush \$50 billion more to fight wars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate voted today to give President Bush \$50 billion more for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and U.S. military efforts against terrorism, money that would push total spending for the operations beyond \$350 billion.

In a 97-0 vote, the GOP-controlled Senate signed off on the money as part of a \$445 billion military spending bill for the budget year that

began Oct. 1. The measure would also put restrictions on the treatment of detainees who are suspected terrorists.

Passage comes at a time when public support for Bush and the Iraq fighting has slipped, U.S. casualties have climbed and Congress has grown increasingly frustrated with the direction of the conflict.

The Senate bill provides \$5 billion

more for the wars than the House version. The final bill is expected to include the full \$50 billion extra after House-Senate negotiators work out their differences over the coming weeks.

"It's absolutely necessary to support our people who are in the field, both in uniform and who do intelligence work throughout the world," said Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, the

chairman of the Senate defense appropriations subcommittee.

Senators rushed to finish the bill before leaving Friday for a 10-day recess because military officers have informally told them they will need the money by mid-November to continue war operations. The Bush administration has not formally

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### Pink ribbons

Vonnie Skinner, left, of Gray County Clerk's Office, and Connie Schindler and Lacey Greenhouse, both of the county tax assessor-collector's office, make pink ribbons to hand out along with cookies and pink lemonade outside the tax assessor-collector's office of the county courthouse today. The two county offices are accepting donations to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS



## Bill would add 1,000 border patrol agents

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Homeland Security spending bill passed by Congress today includes about \$5.6 billion for border controls, including an additional 1,000 Border Patrol agents.

The Border Patrol agents were called for in an intelligence reform bill approved by Congress last December but were never funded. The Senate passed the bill by voice vote Friday, the House passed it Thursday 374-70.

President Bush's budget proposed an additional 200 agents. The agents would be paid for from about \$1.8 billion in the bill for border security and control.

"We can't allow our bor-

ders to be a weakness as we work to protect our cities, towns and neighborhoods from terrorist threats," Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said in a news release. Hutchison serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

A number of Republicans have said they want improved border enforcement before they will consider President Bush's proposal for a program that allows immigrants to work temporarily in the country.

The border money includes \$3.4 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, some of which

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## Obituaries

### James T. Weatherly, 82

James T. Weatherly, 82, of Pampa, died Oct. 5, 2005, at Brownwood.

Services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Saturday in Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel in Pampa with a Jehovah's Witness minister officiating. Entombment will be in Memory Gardens Mausoleum under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Weatherly was born July 4, 1923, at Caddo. He married Norma Fay Johnson on March 29, 1942, in Breckenridge; she died July 22, 2001.

Mr. Weatherly had been a Pampa resident



Weatherly

since 1948. He was a foreman for PepCo for 6 1/2 years and formerly belonged to Fellowship Baptist Church.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving during World War II as a nose gunner in a B-24.

Survivors include two sons, James Eugene Weatherly of Alexandria, Va., and Daniel Maurice Weatherly of Brownwood; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

—Sign the on-line register book at [www.carmichael-whitley.com](http://www.carmichael-whitley.com).

## Services tomorrow

WEATHERLY, James T. — 3 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

## Gray County Weather

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high around 63. Wind chill values between 32 and 37 early. Northeast wind around 5 mph becoming south-southeast.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 45. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 68. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 51.

South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Partly cloudy, with a high around 75. South wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday Night: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a low around 57. South wind 10 to 20 mph becoming east.

Columbus Day: A 40 percent chance of showers and

thunderstorms. Cloudy, with a high near 66. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

Monday Night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 49. North-northwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Tuesday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 66. North-northwest wind around 10 mph.

## Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by [Aitchery Grain of Pampa](http://www.Aitchery.com).

Wheat	3.40
Milo	2.84
Corn	3.83
Soybeans	4.59

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

ONY	77.90	+1.27
BP PLC ADR	65.84	+0.24

Cabot Corp	32.41	+0.19
Celanese	NA	
Cabot Oil Gas	44.90	+0.54
Coca Cola	42.37	-0.34
VLO	104.40	+1.36
HAL	61.48	+0.71
TRI	43.27	+0.91
KMI	89.29	+0.30
XCEL	18.96	+0.26
Kerr McGee	86.10	+0.22
XOM	59.15	+0.58
Limited	19.91	+0.07
Williams	22.58	+0.18
MCD	32.57	-0.16

Almos	27.84	+0.36
Pioneer Nat	50.01	+0.65
JCP	45.10	+0.51
COP	62.89	+0.87
SLB	79.50	+0.95
Tenneco	17.04	+0.07
CVX	60.30	+0.30
Wal-Mart	44.10	+0.17
XCEL	18.96	+0.26
OKE	32.42	+0.27
NS Grp	35.35	+0.71
New York Gold	473.55	
Silver	7.56	
West Texas Crude	61.36	

## Payrolls fall by 35,000 in September

WASHINGTON (AP) — The economy lost jobs in September for the first time in over two years as the convulsions of a devastating Gulf Coast hurricane rattled the labor market, pushing the unemployment rate up to 5.1 percent.

The report, released by the Labor Department on Friday, provided the most extensive picture of the jobs climate in the aftermath of the deadly and destructive Hurricane Katrina, the costliest natural

disaster in U.S. history. The impact of Hurricane Rita was "negligible" on the latest figures, the department said.

Payrolls fell by 35,000 in September. That marked the first decline since May 2003, when the labor market was struggling to get back on its feet after being set back by the 2001 recession. The drop in September was the largest since a decline of 54,000 jobs in April 2003.

Despite the drop, the damage to national payrolls was less than many had feared. Economists were forecasting a loss of at least 150,000 jobs.

"This indicates that the job market is holding together pretty well," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

**The unemployment rate in September rose to 5.1 percent, the highest since May. The increase came after the jobless rate had fallen to a four-year low of 4.9 percent in August.**

On Wall Street, stocks rose as investors found some comfort in the smaller than expected loss of jobs for September. The Dow Jones industrials gained 27 points and the Nasdaq was up 6 points in morning trading.

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Katrina ripped through parts of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama in late August, destroying businesses, homes and lives. The blow was compounded by Rita, which struck on Sept. 24. Both hurricanes hobbled important oil and gas facilities along the Gulf Coast.

## Emergency Services

### Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents and arrest today.

#### Thursday, Oct. 6

Seven traffic stops were made. A hit and run accident was reported in the 900 block of Twiford.

Emergency medical services assistance was rendered in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

A call concerning a possible runaway was received from the 900 block of Terry Road.

Civil matters were reported in the police department lobby and the 1100 block of North Somerville.

One open door was checked. One residential alarm was reported.

Found property was reported in the 1400 block of North Russell. A bicycle was found.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1100 block of East Francis.

Disorderly conduct/language was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Disorderly conduct/other was reported at PJHS and in the 2500 block of Charles.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 100 block of West Foster.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 600 block of Deane Drive.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1000 block of Denver. A window and screen were damaged, for an estimated \$50 damage.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the 1000 block of South Price Road.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2200 block of North Hobart.

Theft of services concerning a utility was reported in the 2100 block of North Banks.

Burglary was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 800 block of Scott. A refrigerator of unknown value was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1700 block of Coffee. A car bench seat console valued at \$74.49 was taken.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1900 block of Hamilton. A car stereo and compact discs were taken, resulting in a loss valued at approximately \$200.

A gas drive-off was reported at Allsup's, 1900 N. Hobart. Fuel valued at \$34.88 was taken.

#### Friday, Oct. 7

Oaty Roderick McCain, 75, 1000 Denver, was arrested in the 500 block of West Crawford for driving while intoxicated, second or more offense, and possession of under one gram of a controlled substance.

### Accidents

Pampa Police Department reported the following accident today.

#### Thursday, Oct. 6

3 p.m. — A 1996 Ford Crown Victoria, driven by Mary Powers McGaughy, 79, 518 N. Nelson, and a 1995 Ford F-150, driven

by Jovita Oliva Rios, 52, 1029 S. Sumner, collided in the 500 block of Sloan. No injuries were reported. McGaughy was cited for backing while unsafe.

### Sheriff

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 6

Rena Daniele Williams, 26, 1132 Seneca, turned herself in on a probation violation for possession of marijuana.

Richard Aaron Dills, 39, of Big Spring, was arrested on a probation violation for indecency with a child - contact.

Barbara Della Keys, 33, of Borger, was arrested on a probation violation for burglary of a habitation.

Charles Delbert Caywood, 37, of Borger, turned himself in on a bond surrender for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

### Fire

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 6

1:01 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen on a medical assist.

5:08 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 300 block of North Roberta on a Dumpster fire.

#### Friday, Oct. 7

2:40 a.m. — Two units and six personnel responded to the 1900 block of Carter on an alarm malfunction. Nothing was found upon inspection and the alarm was reset.

3:01 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 900 block of Scott on a medical assist.

### Ambulance

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

#### Thursday, Oct. 6

10:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

11:21 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 100 block of Cuyler. No transport.

1 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2300 block of Evergreen. No transport.

1:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

4:09 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

#### Friday, Oct. 7

1:32 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1700 block of Duncan and transported a patient to PRMC.

2:48 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 900 block of Scott and transported a patient to PRMC.

4:35 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2100 block of Williston and transported a patient to PRMC.

## Ex-procurement officer indicted in lobbyist probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration's former chief procurement official pleaded innocent Friday to charges that he made false statements and obstructed investigations into high-powered Republican lobbyist Jack Abramoff.

A federal grand jury returned a five-count indictment Wednesday, charging David H. Safavian with obstructing Senate and executive branch investigations into whether he aided Abramoff in efforts to acquire property around the nation's capital controlled by the General Services

*'To go from being a good administration employee to being arrested in a weekend is an overwhelmingly distressing occurrence.'*

— Barbara Van Gelder  
Attorney

Administration. Safavian entered a not

guilty plea at his arraignment in U.S. District Court in Washington. He was accompanied by his wife at the court proceeding, which lasted less than 10 minutes.

Safavian's lawyer, Barbara Van Gelder, said the charges against Safavian hinge on statements made by Abramoff in e-mails.

Because Abramoff is the subject of a wide-ranging federal investigation of his lobbying activities and is unlikely to testify against Safavian, prosecutors will be unable to use those statements against Safavian, Van Gelder told reporters following the arraignment.

She said prosecutors want to use Safavian to advance their investigation of Abramoff. Safavian answered investigators' questions until he was arrested last month, Van Gelder said.

"To go from being a good administration employee to being arrested in a weekend is an overwhelmingly distressing occurrence," Van Gelder said. "He is justifiably bewildered by the whole process."

The investigators looked into an August 2002 golf outing that Safavian, then chief of staff at GSA, took to Scotland with Abramoff, former Christian Coalition executive Ralph Reed, Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and others.

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GOSPEL SINGING, Sun. afternoon 2-4pm. Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock. Everyone welcome.

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RICK FOSTER Benefit, Oct. 15, 5-8 pm. Meal, Auction & Entertainment. Cottonwood Springs, 665-8217 info.



# Viewpoints

## Sometimes it's hard to make sense of the math

If my father had passed away in the VA Hospital in Amarillo, my mother would have received a veterans' death benefit of close to \$900.

By my choosing to place my then ill father in the care of Canadian, Texas, health-care professionals and the Lord opting to take him in Canadian rather than the VA hospital, the only death benefit the VA offers is a headstone over his grave.

I'm not comfortable with the math of that equation, considering the five years my father served his country during World War II. It's this

monetary amount placed on men and women who rose from the pitfalls of the Great Depression to defend liberty that's irritating me.

Do those veterans who pass on in a VA hospital receive the headstone as well? I'm not in a researching frame of mind, so the answer is I don't know.

I'm amazed the greatest generation of the United States — the greatest generation that utterly saved the entire world from Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan — those hero's lives are worth about, give or take, \$900 and a headstone to the

country they honored and saved.

The greatest generation is passing away at the rate of 1,000 a day.

That folks, is a statistic I've let hang in the catacombs of my mind since hearing it from Tom Brokaw, but only after my father's death have I thought about it and what the greatest generation means to Closet Writer.

One thousand souls a day.

When I think about that statistic, plague or famine come to my mind. But no, this is just good old "passing on" occurring. I recall when the



**Dennis Palmitier**  
Columnist

last recorded veteran of World War I died.

I was ambivalent then, but not anymore.

Soon, there will be no World War II veterans left. And, I think of what the greatest generation means to Closet Writer and my fellow Baby Boomers, what the greatest

generation means to America's history.

My father's generation endured and overcame the Great Depression.

The Great Depression represents a time in the history of the United States when the odds of our country's survival were pretty slim.

The grit and determination of our nation was at its strongest as a result of the depression when Hitler and Tojo initiated their dirty little deeds and paid the ultimate price. Close to 500,000 Americans died defending America and saving the world during World War II.

To Closet Writer, \$900 and a headstone will never be enough thanks for those brave men and women who preserved freedom and made my life possible.

The greatest generation is our history. We must never forget our fathers' and mothers' sacrifices to ensure America's future.

When you encounter a veteran of World War II — any veteran of any world conflict for the matter — whether at the local grocery, the post office, or visiting the VA in Amarillo, take the time to thank him or her for their sacrifice.

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Oct. 7, the 280th day of 2005. There are 85 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

*'Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel.'*

— Samuel Johnson  
English lexicographer (1709-1784)

Twenty years ago, on Oct. 7, 1985, Palestinian gunmen hijacked the Italian cruise ship Achille Lauro in the Mediterranean with more than 400 people aboard. (The hijackers killed an elderly Jewish American tourist, Leon

Klinghoffer, and threw his body overboard; they surrendered two days after taking the ship.)

On this date:

In 1765, the Stamp Act Congress convened in New York to draw up colonial grievances against England.

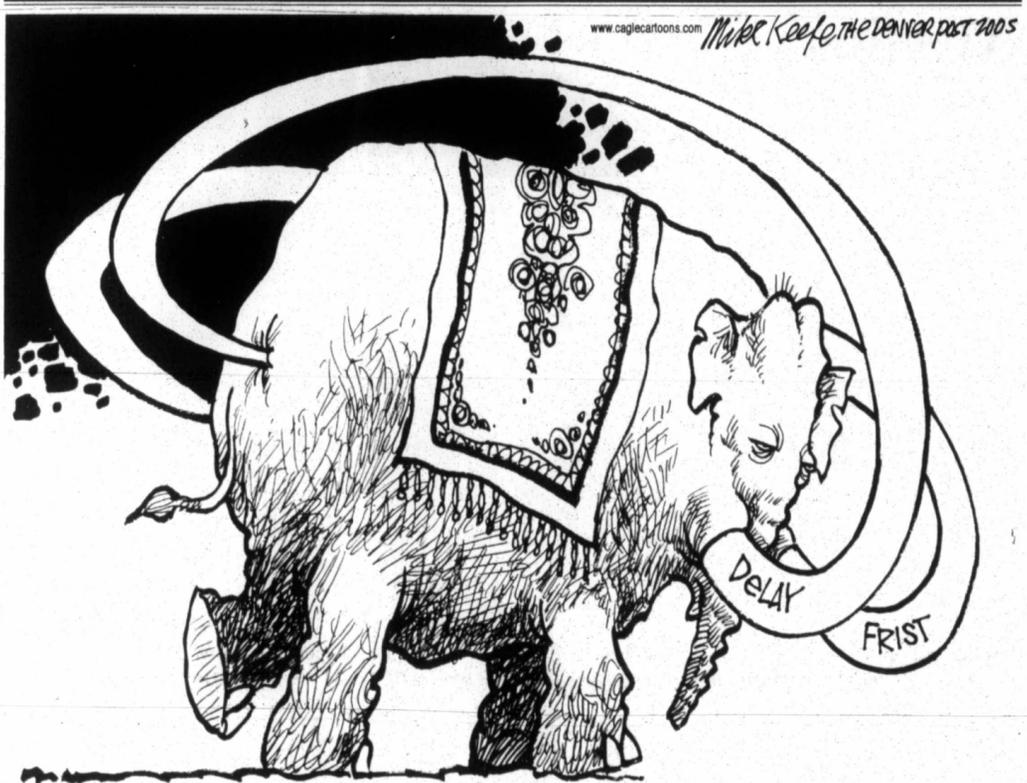
In 1777, the second Battle of Saratoga began during the American Revolution. (British forces under Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered 10 days later.)

In 1849, author Edgar Allan Poe died in Baltimore at age 40.

In 1940, Artie Shaw and his Orchestra recorded Hoagy Carmichael's "Stardust" for RCA Victor.

In 1949, the Republic of East Germany was formed.

In 1954, Marian Anderson became the first black singer hired by the Metropolitan Opera Company in New York.



## Our readers write

### Grocery store is the 'commissary' for majority of law abiding citizens ...

During the last couple of weeks, my eyes have been opened to an amazing realization — this world is going to hell in a hand basket, as my grandmother used to say.

I have only lived in Pampa for about four years, so I don't know a lot about this town, but I have learned one thing — there's a lot of things happening that are very scary to a lot of Pampa citizens.

Sadness over the drug use of the children (yes, high-schoolers are still children), the deaths of young people, and the latest homicide incident have all been at the top of the news of late. However, I was flat-out

angered by the article about the inmate who was upset about the prices from the commissary items he orders. I know the Sheriff and local authorities have no control over guidelines they have to follow, but this complaint is ridiculous!

They get their meals, a roof over their heads, heating, air conditioning, clothes, shoes, writing materials and a television — and he's griping about it?

Let him get out and work five or six days a week and pay for all of the above, and then I feel he has the right to gripe. No snacks are free to us either. Our commissary is

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## Orgy of spending must be stopped

On Monday, Jan. 21, 1985, during his second inaugural address, my father — President Ronald Reagan — gave the nation some very sound advice when he said, "We must act now to protect future generations from government's desire to spend its citizens' money and tax them into servitude when the bills come due. Let us make it unconstitutional for the Federal Government to spend more than the Federal Government takes in."

Tragically we did not take that advice, and the United States government continues on a wild spending spree the likes of which has never before been seen in the nation.

What appalls me is the failure of George W. Bush and the Republican leadership in Congress — both proudly bearing the mantle

of conservatism — to curb this obsession with squandering not only the money of today's taxpayers, but that of future generations who will be saddled with the monstrous

debts they have imposed.

This orgy of spending has to be stopped, and stopped now. If the Republican Party is to survive, it must reassert its traditional role as the guardian of the public treasury and the sworn foe of unrestrained government spending.

While the president and his allies in the GOP leadership on the Hill have been turning a deaf ear to the demands of rank and file Republicans — in and out of

Congress — a growing coalition of Republican Senators and House members is charting a path toward restoring fiscal responsibility. And they are beginning to have an effect.

As Bob Novak has reported, on a recent night a group of GOP Senators led by Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., killed a measure that was drafted in secret under bipartisan auspices and in which its sponsors sought to sneak through a bill sending \$9 billion into state Medicaid programs under the pretext of hurricane relief.

Now \$9 billion is peanuts at a time when figures like \$300 billion are tossed

around for hurricane relief as if they were confetti, but it's a start, and a signal that a growing number of GOP legislators are saying they've had enough and are not going to take it anymore.

The other night Sen. George Allen, R-Va., told me that he and Congressman James Talent, R-Mo., are proposing a constitutional amendment giving the president the power of a line-item veto. This is an idea whose time has come — my father saw that power as one way to restrain the spending impulses of pork-obsessed members of Congress.

The whole deficit business goes back to 1974 with the Budget Impoundment Act of 1974, which took away the authority of the president to impound funds

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**Michael Reagan**  
Columnist



## U.S. will go the way of all empires ...

John Perkins' book "Confessions of an Economic Hit Man" explains American foreign policy better than any of the academic tomes you might read on the subject.

In a nutshell, the game is played this way: People like Perkins work for consulting firms, and their job is to entice a foreign head of state to go deeply in debt. They do this by greatly exaggerating the economic returns on big projects such as dams and electrification systems.

The payoff comes in two ways. The foreign country hires American contractors to build the systems, and they make big profits. Then, mired in debt, the head of state will do what the United

States government tells him to do. If he proves too independent or too honest to accept bribes, then he will be removed from power, either in a coup or in an accident.

Yes, I know that sounds more like the Mafia than the great and good government of the United States, which wants only to spread

peace, prosperity and democracy around the world. Read the book and decide for yourself. The publisher is Berrett-Koehler Publishers Inc.

I believe Perkins is telling the truth, because I have

observed through the years that the United States hates any honest nationalist leader. Let some guy try to benefit his own people instead of catering to multinational corporations, and the U.S. government and the propa-



**Charley Reese**  
Columnist

ganda machine will crank up and paint him as a villain. After the American people have been sufficiently indoctrinated, the poor guy won't be around much longer.

We did that to Mohammed Mossadegh, a democratically elected nationalist who thought Iran's oil should

benefit Iranians. We painted him as a communist, and the CIA engineered a coup that replaced him with the Shah. In case you're curious, that's why so many Iranians hate us. We did it to a Guatemalan patriot, Jacobo Arbenz, when he tried to implement land reform and thus ran afoul of the United Fruit Co., which orchestrated the campaign that led to his overthrow by the U.S.

Omar Torrijos, a Panamanian reformer, and Jaime Roldos, president of Ecuador who locked horns with big oil companies, both died in planes that exploded.

On the other hand, the ruthless and corrupt killers

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## Lodge celebration



Bob and Mandy Cummings recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with an evening of Karaoke at Pampa Moose Lodge.

## Debt

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appropriated by Congress that he believes, if spent, would result in a budget deficit.

Since that time the president has been prevented from doing anything to curb wasteful pork-laden spending measures except vetoing complete bills, which in most cases proves to be impractical.

In most cases, therefore, no matter how frugal a president might be, he's almost powerless when it comes to

putting the reins on congressional spending. So clearly something needs to be done.

Congressman Mike Pence, R-Ind., and Rep. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz, have been leading a move to find ways to offset the \$200 or \$300 billion now planned for hurricane relief. They and their GOP allies on the Hill are recommending holding back certain programs — such as the prescription drug plan — for a year, and diverting the tons of pork in the recently-enacted, pork-heavy federal highway bill to cover the cost of the relief programs.

Tragically, for daring to advance this sensible alternative to loading up

the federal budget deficit, Pence was taken to the woodshed by the House GOP leadership. But the growing sentiment among rank-and-file members of Congress will not be quashed, and the leadership — like it or not — will have to fall in line.

If they don't, you can bet that the Republican Party is going to lose control of Congress next year, and with Democrats in power government spending will go through the roof.

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

## Empire

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who play the game our way get rewarded with more loans and more aid. I know this sounds leftist and even, God forbid, liberal, but the more you get to know our government, the less you will think it's all sweetness and light. People fear the U.S. with good reason. We talk about spreading democracy, but what we do is extend empire and make war.

If you count the Cold War, we have been at war almost continuously. There was Korea, Vietnam, the invasion of Lebanon, the invasions of Panama and Grenada, the bombings

of Serbia and Libya, our little misadventure in Somalia and two wars with Iraq, and now that the Cold War is over, we have replaced it with an endless war on terrorism. Sprinkled in between all of these overt wars are numerous covert operations.

It isn't, after all, a capital crime for a foreign leader to be a socialist or to believe in land reform or to try to stop oil companies from defiling his country or cheating it out of a proper return. I've often thought old Saddam Hussein cut his own throat when he made a speech to the other Arab leaders saying they should not invest their petrodollars in the West but should instead invest them in the Arab world. Bankers in London and New York don't like to hear that kind

of talk. We don't mind thugs and killers, but we despise a nationalist. The very idea of denying us the use of their dollars is, well, sacrilegious from an imperial point of view.

We were a great and much-loved country when we were a republic. Since we've become an empire, we're hardly loved at all and, in fact, are hated by many people in the world. Unless we find a way to return to our republican roots, we will go the way of all empires — simultaneously accumulating enemies and bankrupting ourselves in an eventually futile attempt to defeat them.

At any rate, read Perkins' book. Like a real hit man, he got wealthy and then ratted out his former benefactors.

## Letter

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the "grocery store," and here's a new flash for him — it's not cheap!

That man also complained that he has to pay for AA and NA counseling, and they have to pay \$15 for tooth extractions and prescriptions. Well, lucky for him that's all he has to pay. A tooth extraction for law abiding citizens is about \$80 and prescriptions with insurance \$40.

Yes, we choose to be law abiding citizens, and so we pay for what we need or want, but I retain the right to complain about it because nobody else is providing it for us!

Prisoners should have to go back to the days of chain gangs — living in tents in the heat and cold of Mother Nature, work for any and all supplies provided for them or do without! They aren't prisoners. They are on an all-expense paid vacation without very many amenities!

Thank you for letting me vent.

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# Religion



## Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals, an annual event at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pampa, was held recently. St. Francis of Assisi devoted himself to a life of holy poverty. Like the birds of the air and animals of the field, he was totally dependent on God's care. Thus, St. Francis has been known as a lover of God's creation and is usually pictured surrounded by animals.

**1** Watch for our daily count down until Election Day, November 8, 2005. Be Smart - vote against the 4B EDC.

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### Briefs

Central church of Christ, 500 N. Somerville in Pampa, will host Evangelist Dee Lancaster Oct. 9-12.

Lancaster hails from Albuquerque, N.M., and will, according to a church news release, provide "edifying lessons from God's Holy word!"

Services will be at 9:45 a.m., 10:40 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. Sunday and 7:30

p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

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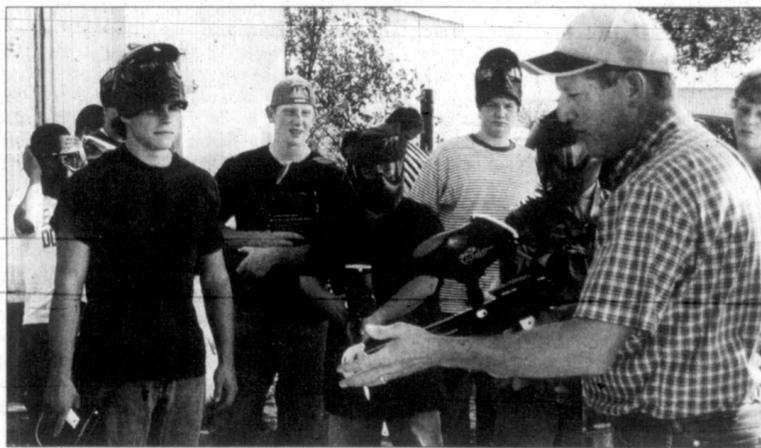
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Richard Russell, owner/operator of Crusaders Paintball, instructs a group of players regarding proper marker safety prior to the beginning of play one recent Sunday afternoon.

## Charity paintball tournament in offing

Crusaders Paintball of Pampa has announced it will host a paintball tournament Oct. 15-16 to benefit Disciples Youth Fellowship mission fund at First Christian Church.

The "Battle of the Benevolent," as it's

being called, will take place at Crusaders' newly opened facility located just outside of Pampa about a mile West of Price Road on 23rd Street.

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## Gospel Meeting

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband of five years, "Jeff," is one of the most intelligent, loving, sensitive men I have ever met. However, the other day, my daughter, "Julie," reported that Jeff had touched her inappropriately two years ago when she was 10. She also quoted some inappropriate sexual comments he has made and said he had even flashed her once. As if that is not bad enough, she said Jeff had also been threatening her while I was at work, saying things like, "Your mother isn't here to save you." He has never hit either one of us. He is all bark and no bite, although he can be very scary when he is angry.

The police and the Department of Human Services are now involved. Jeff has moved to a motel pending an investigation. I know my first concern should be for Julie, but I feel she is safe and happy. I am more upset about my husband. Even though I know he is an idiot for doing these things, and my daughter is afraid of him, I don't think he ever intended to molest or hurt her. But he has.

So why do I want him back so much? I am afraid the detectives will force me to divorce him. I know Julie is not comfortable around him, but I keep hoping that family counseling and some therapy will solve the problem. Of course, I will always choose my child first, but when do I know when to give up on my marriage?  
-- **TORN IN TWO IN OKLAHOMA**

**DEAR TORN:** You probably want your husband back because you are still in a state of denial, or have not yet accepted the fact that he may have married you to get to your little girl. You will know when to give up on your marriage when you have finally accepted that you married a predatory child molester who tried to bully your daughter into submission. She is afraid of him for good reason, and family counseling and therapy are not likely to "cure" him of his sick fixation on her. Please remember that when he tries to ingratiate himself.

**DEAR ABBY:** From time to time, you tell young women who think they might be pregnant and are afraid to tell their parents, to do so. I usually do not write letters like this, but I need to express my personal experience. I am a minister. Several years ago, I worked for Planned Parenthood and we had a young girl -- around 13 years of age -- test positive for pregnancy. We urged her to tell her parents, but she kept refusing, insisting, "Dad will kill me!" Of course, we knew better, and finally convinced her that the best thing was to tell her parents, have the baby, and get on with her life.

Her father beat her so badly that she was in the hospital for more than a month. She lost the baby because of the beating and ended up in foster care. I will never again tell a young person that her parents will not go crazy, and I don't think you should do that either. Thanks, Abby. I enjoy your column. -- **REGRETFUL IN FLORIDA**

**DEAR REGRETFUL:** Thank you for the warning. Even though we wish all teenagers could disclose to their parents, as your letter illustrates, it is a sad reality that some of them cannot. And we, who care about young people, have to first be concerned with their safety. Although most young girls do involve their families, there will always be some who are unable to do so.

For that reason, I do not believe that parental notification should be mandated by law. And because sex education is no longer taught in as many states as it had been before, I strongly urge parents to begin talking to their children early about the facts of life and their personal value systems, in order to create a safe and comfortable environment should a crisis occur.

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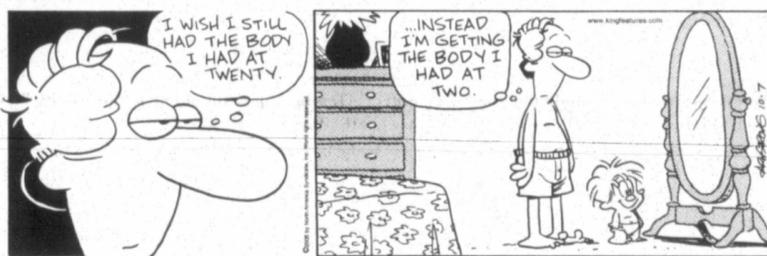
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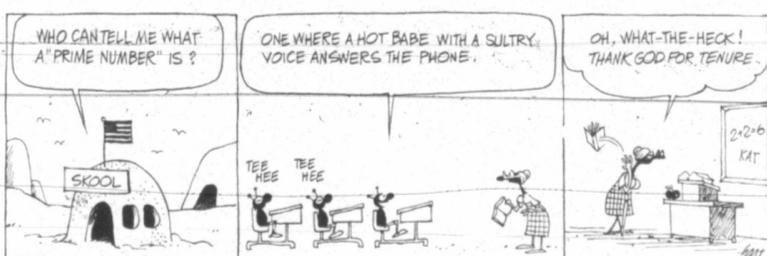
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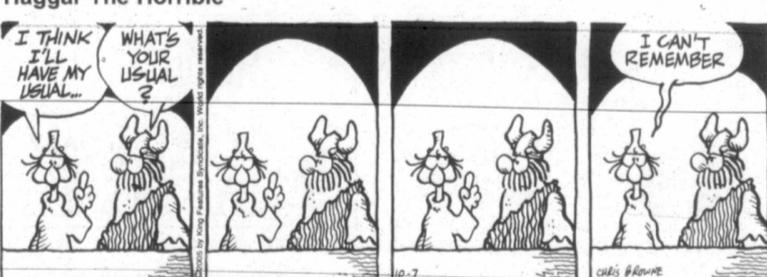
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# Sports Day

## Pampa, Randall hook up in 3-4A opening showdown

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

It's Oct. 7. There's a hint of fall in the air. The temperatures are just brisk enough to warrant a cup of coffee or a hot chocolate. And everywhere there are signs. Signs made of poster board and wooden stakes. Cup-in-fence signs. Signs painted on car windows and business signs converted for a day to offer words of encouragement.

Welcome to the first day of District. Though some schools have already started the district season, most will do so under the lights tonight, including the Pampa Harvesters. First year head coach Bryan Wood and his team will travel to Canyon tonight to take on District 3-4A rival Randall at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium.

Neither team put together the preseason it had hoped for. Pampa finished 1-4. Randall ended just one game better at 2-3. One of the Raiders' wins came over a very solid Canyon team. But that's the beauty of district. Everyone is 0-0. However, each loss over the next five weeks lessens the chance of making the playoffs.

Most are looking at Palo Duro to again take the District 3-4A title with Randall taking second. The fight for the third and final playoff spot should be between Pampa and Hereford. However, the Harvesters, on the strength of its defense, have the chance to change some minds over the next few weeks. And it starts tonight.

Pampa is coming off a game in which it put a giant scare in unbeaten Plainview. A game Coach Wood believes his team should have won. The Harvesters certainly outplayed the Bulldogs Friday night. If nothing else, the Harvesters now know they are capable of playing with anyone. "Last Friday was a great confidence builder," said Wood. "We really feel like we have grown up a lot since the Borger game."

One of the keys to the preseason is not showing your entire hand to your district opposition. That being said, what should Pampa fans look for tonight that they have not seen yet this season? Wood said, "We are going to show some different alignments

early and see if we can get them on their heels a little." He added, "They are so aggressive that we are going to have to do some things to slow them down a little."

Pampa's defense has been up to nearly every challenge it has faced so far this season. Tonight, they will go up against an offensive line that averages 275 pounds per player. Pampa averages 200 pounds. Wood considers this match-up to be one of the keys in tonight's game. Still, the Harvester defense is quick and aggressive.

When asked if he could wave a magic wand and bring one aspect of his team to where he wants it to be now, Wood replied, "Turnovers. I really believe that we have lost two games because of turnovers. If we can control the ball better we will have a great chance to make some noise over the next five weeks."

Going 1-4 in the first five games this season is not sitting well with Wood or his staff. After all, Wood has grown use to winning. "I am as ready for a win as I have ever been," said Wood. "Over the last two years at Sunray I have only been part of three losses in 28 outings. I am accustomed to winning and am ready to get back on track as are these boys and other coaches."

Wood summed up the importance of tonight's game with four words. "We need this one."

Look for Wood to have his Harvesters focused and ready tonight.

### Coach Wood's Injury Report

"For the first time this year we will have every varsity player suited up. Eric Kingcade broke his thumb last week and will be in a cast. Brody Smith still has a broken bone in his foot but will play with a metal plate in his shoe. Brody will start at QB tonight."

### Kick Off

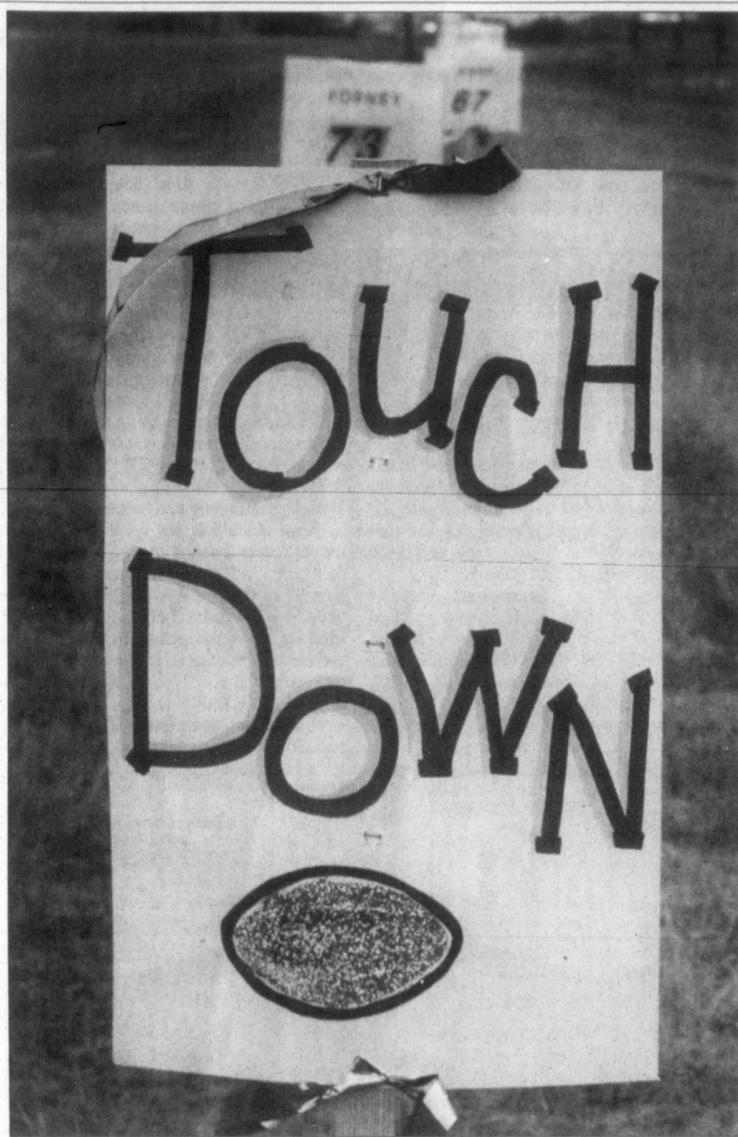
7:30 p.m. Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, Canyon.

### Media

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### Weather

Temperatures should be in the 50's by kick-off, dropping to the 40's as the game progresses.



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

A row of signs along westbound Highway 60 just west of Price Road will greet the Pampa Harvester football team as it leaves town this afternoon. Pampa will start the District 3-4A season against Randall at Kimbrough Memorial Stadium in Canyon this evening. Kick off is at 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

## Other games of interest

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Unless otherwise noted, all games are scheduled to start at 7:30 p.m. tonight.

### 5A

AHS 28, Lubbock Monterey 17 (Thursday)  
San Angelo Central @ Tascosa

### 4A

Palo Duro 27, Dumas 0 (Thursday)  
Pampa @ Randall  
Andrews @ Plainview  
Hereford @ Caprock (1 p.m. Saturday)

### 3A

River Road @ Borger

Dalhart @ Perryton

### 2A

Sanford-Fritch @ Panhandle  
Boys Ranch @ Canadian  
Highland Park @ WT High  
Childress @ Wichita Falls CV

### 1A

White Deer @ Booker  
Stratford @ Gruver  
Sunray @ Vega  
Wellington @ Clarendon

### Six-Man

Wheeler @ Lefors  
Miami @ McLean  
Samnorwood @ Higgins  
Valley @ Kress  
Happy @ Silverton  
Lazbuddie @ Groom

## PHS volleyball, tennis team begin second round of district schedule

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

Pampa has important court dates as the volleyball and tennis teams will be in action Saturday.

### Volleyball

Coach Sonia VanGilder and her Lady Harvester varsity team will host the Lady Raiders of Randall at 3:30 p.m. This is an important game for Pampa (20-11, 2-3) as they begin round two of District 3-4A play. Randall enters Saturday's meeting 13-15, 3-2.

The junior varsity team will also host its Randall counterpart Saturday. That game will begin at 2 p.m. The freshmen will be in Canyon Saturday for a 10 a.m. meeting with the Lady Eagles.

### Tennis

Coach Emily Laurence has her tennis team in playoff form as Pampa takes to the refurbished home courts against Randall Saturday. Pampa is 4-1 in District 3-4A and edged by the Raiders Sept. 20, 10-9. The tennis team is also beginning the second round of district play Saturday.

## Hereford volleyball coach gets 500th victory

HEREFORD, Texas (AP) — Forgive Hereford volleyball coach Brenda Kitten if she doesn't stop right now to ponder her 500th win. With her team trying to make it to the post-season playoffs for a 19th straight time, she's focused more on the players. "I've been probably more worrying about are we getting better, we've got to play, how are we going to perform," Kitten said in an interview with The Hereford Brand.

Once the season is over, she'll look back. "We'll get finished with a season and it takes a little bit of time and distance to be able to look back and see how many good things happened throughout a season and how much growth actually takes place. I'm sure this will be the same way."

The 500th victory came Tuesday when Hereford swept District 3-4A rival Amarillo Palo Duro.

Kitten has coached for 21 years, and her teams have won four Class 4A state championships.

She said milestones are easier to appreciate from the outside, initially.

"I can look at other coaches and their careers. When they hit big milestones, you have so much respect for that and you're kind of in awe of that stuff, as opposed to when it's you and you're in the middle of what you do every day. It will sink in maybe one of these days. Hopefully, after many more wins."

Kitten's start at Hereford wasn't easy. The Lady Herd didn't win in 21 matches and failed to win a game the first season. They were 3-20 the second season and 11-11 the next. But it's been playoffs ever since.

## 2005 Fall Softball: OCB, Chicken Express take titles with perfect seasons

2005 City Softball Fall Softball League Final Standings:

Mens Open	Standings	Wins	Losses
OCB	1st	7	0
Pampa Machine	2nd	6	1
Prestige Auto	3rd	5	2
Domino's	4th	4	3
Wing Nuts	5th	3	4
National Oilwell	6th	2	5
Churches United	7th	1	6
Douglas Paint & Body	8th	0	7

Mixed Open	Standings	Wins	Losses
Chicken Express	1st	7	0
Rick's Body Shop	2nd*	5	2
RV's & Things	3rd	5	2
Pampa Pawn	4th	4	3
CTW	5th	3	4
Milano's Pizza/E.C.Fashion	6th	2	5
Centramedia	7th*	1	6
V.F.W.	8th	1	6

\*on tie breaker system

## Braves bounce back against Astros

ATLANTA (AP) — Not long after Brian McCann was called up from the minors, John Smoltz took the rookie catcher under his wing.

Their relationship paid off big for the Atlanta Braves in the NL playoffs.

Smoltz picked up where he left off in 1999, throwing seven strong innings against Houston to reclaim exclusive rights to the title of baseball's winningest postseason pitcher. The offense was provided by his personal catcher, with McCann hitting a three-run homer on his first postseason swing — off Roger Clemens, no less.

The Braves pulled away for a 7-1 victory on a drizzly Thursday night, pulling even in the best-of-five series at one game apiece. Game 3 is Saturday in Houston.

Atlanta manager Bobby Cox said a special bond developed between the 38-year-old Smoltz, the only player who's been with the Braves throughout their run of 14 straight divisions titles, and the 21-year-old

McCann, who began the season at Double-A Mississippi.

"Smoltz told me from the get go, 'Give me McCann,'" Cox said. "John sort of adopting him really made his year."

Smoltz chuckled at the generation gap.

"He took a picture with me when he was 7 years old," Smoltz said. "Now he's catching for me in the biggest series of his life."

In his first October start since the 1999 World Series, Smoltz improved to 7-0 in the division series and 15-4 in the postseason — one day after Houston's Andy Pettitte picked up his 14th win in a series-opening victory over the Braves.

Atlanta trailed 1-0 when McCann stepped to the plate in the second inning with two on and two outs, facing a pitcher who made his major league debut for the Boston Red Sox in 1984 — less than three months after McCann was born.



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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) \*\*\*\*\* Know when to jump on the bandwagon and follow others' leads. You find that many different ideas float your way. A specific person wants to treat you to a very special new adventure. Why not? Tonight: Stay open, even though some events could feel strange.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\*\* Work with others, as they seem to have more strength and energy than you do. Sometimes by allowing others to play their cards first, you gain a deeper appreciation of where they are coming from. Tonight: Avoid a disagreement.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\*\* Others clearly assert themselves. Let them, as you will not be able

to change them anyway. You could be a bit frustrated with particular friends or associates. Work on dealing with and processing those feelings. Tonight: Your imagination kicks in.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\*\* Your ability to zero in on the basics might be important as you take on a long-overdue home project. Information or news from a distance could surprise you at first, until you consider the source. Tonight: Entertain at home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Whatever idea or plans you have, add that touch of imagination that your sign is so well-known for. Recognize the role of communication, even with news and people you believe are tried-and-true. Tonight: Special plans with a special person.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Sometimes knowing when to pull out and play it low-key is very important. You don't need to be the belle or beau of the ball. Stay close to home. Investing time in a project or in a family member could be important to you. Share your feelings. Tonight: Your treat.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Breeze around. Make calls. Reach out for others. You might be surprised by the news you hear from someone you connect with. Be easygoing and simply visit with those who make a difference in your life. Tonight: How about a movie or dinner where there is music?

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You really might want to indulge someone. That someone might be you. As long as you are aware of your budget, there is no reason not to. Continue risking financially. You will be a lot happier.

Tonight: Consider if you need to use self-discipline.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* You have much to give and share. Still, be cautious with a new person, no matter how much you like him or her. This person might not be who he or she projects. Your personality melts barriers. Tonight: You trigger fun.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* An offer might be quite attractive. Make plans with one person rather than a crowd. You need some private time, though you can certainly share it with a dear friend or loved one. Screen calls. Don't react. Tonight: Be unfindable.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* You seem to be blessed with many admirers and friends. Enjoy good news involving someone at a distance. Be ready to say no to something that feels uncomfortable and could impact your budget. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\*\* You add that touch of variety to situations, though on some level, you could shake up the status quo. Understand the impact of your actions. You might think twice. Tonight: A must appearance.

**BORN TODAY**  
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**69a Garage Sales**

**White Deer City Wide Garage Sale**  
Saturday October 8, 2005  
Maps available on Main St. at City Hall & Community Center at 5th & Paul St.

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**BUNNIE Estate Sale of Bonnie & Armal Finney.** 50 yrs of accumulation. Lots of collectibles, antiques, yarn, material, quilts, furniture, tools. 1119 S. Dwight. Thurs., Fri., Sat. 8am-?

**FRI & Sat 1717 Fir.** Little bit of everything, exercise machines, organ, VCR's, toys, furn., clothes. 8:00-?

**GARAGE SALE: King**  
comforter sets, bikes, Tupperware, misc. 2300 Beech, Sat. 9 am-?

**4 Family Sale:** Joiner and scroll saw, antique bed, toys, plus size, boys and mens clothes, misc. 1806 N. Faulkner, Fri., Sat. 8-6

**GARAGE Sale:** Fri. & Sat. 8-3 pm. Baby clothes, sm. furn., womens clothes. 1531 N. Sumner.

**SAT. Only 8-12.** 1539 N. Sumner. Lots of Good Stuff

**NEARLY New couch & Misc. Furn.** Halloween Costumes. 833 W. Foster. Fri. 8-? Sat. 8-?

**INSIDE Sale.** Golf clubs, water skis, handicap scooter, appli., furn. Fri-Sun. 9-5. 1109 S. Wells

**HUGE Garage Sale.** Sat. 8-4 504 S. Harvey (Miami), household, craft supplies, ceramic (finished & not). Lots of Misc.

**GARAGE Sale:** 2220 Aspen, Sat. 8-? Mattress sets, lots of misc.

**STOCK trailer,** ban saw, drill press, portable welder, compressor. All clothing & misc. \$25. 509 S. Talley (White Deer) 9-?

**GARAGE Sale** 1813 N. Zimmers, Saturday 8:00-? Boys clothes sz's 3 & 4, Qn sz bed, lamps, Misc.?

**BIG Yard Sale.** Saturday 8-3. Lots of Teenage Clothing. 600 Red Deer.

**HUGE 3 Fam. Gar. Sale.** Sat. 1344 Hamilton, in the rear. Baby things, housewares, elec. scooter, etc.

**GARAGE Sale,** 1812 N. Sumner, Sat. only, 8am-? Infant, adult, girls/guys clothes, + size scrubs, dishes, home interior & toys. Boys bike, small A.C. Too much to list.

**WIDE variety** including office items, 2405 Evergreen, Sat. 7:30-?

**2101 Dwight.** 8-12 Saturday Only. Lots of Nic-Nacks. Some Little Girls Clothes.

**TOT Sportsman Club** 1435 S. Barnes, across from Douthat Auto Salv. Lots of goodies. Sat 9-?

**SAT. 1905 N. Christy,** 8-5. Western Books, Lamps, Weed-Eater. Lots More.

**GARAGE Sale:** Sat. 8 a.m., 2336 Duncan. Clothes, housewares, books, software, more!

**GARAGE Sale,** 1232 E. Foster, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 9-4 Everything from A-Z.

**INSIDE Garage Sale,** 1404 N. Banks, Sat. Only 7am-? New items, appliances, tools, etc.

**SAT. 9-5, Yard Sale,** 831 W. Kingsmill. Entertainment ctr., qu. bed frame-new, too much to mention

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Arts & crafts festival



Sue Abbott, of Pampa Fine Arts Association, shows off a painting by Suzie Wilkinson to be included in PFAA's upcoming 39th annual Arts and Crafts Festival and Members Art Show. The festival and show, to be staged Saturday and Sunday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium, will feature a gourmet booth, Santa Fe Stew and more. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

With U.N. investigation into Hariri killing approaching, Syria growing more isolated

DAMASCUS, Syria (AP) — Syria is growing increasingly isolated as an Oct. 25 deadline looms for the findings of a U.N. investigation into the assassination of former Lebanese premier Rafik Hariri, raising concerns at home about possible sanctions against Damascus or even a change of regime.

The uncertainty has been building since Hariri was killed by a bomb in February as his convoy drove through Beirut. Many Lebanese blamed Syria for the attack, which also killed 20 others in Hariri's entourage.

Hariri's killing touched off a groundswell of protest in Lebanon and internationally, which forced Syria to withdraw all of its thousands of troops in Lebanon, ending nearly three decades of domination of its tiny neighbor.

The United Nations led an investigation into the killing of the billionaire former prime minister and has questioned witnesses here, although it says no Syrians are suspects. The results of the probe are expected on Oct. 25.

Syrian officials have largely been silent on the probe. Beyond dull, vague and lengthy editorials about Syria paying for its staunch-

ly anti-Israel stance, the media, all state-run, have largely ignored the developments.

For news about their country, Syrians have turned to the Internet, satellite television and Lebanese newspapers. And the news they get leaves them bewildered and worried.

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— Abdul-Salam Haykal  
Syrian PR official

"People have no other source of information," said Abdul-Salam Haykal, head of the only public relations communications agency in Syria. "This is worrying."

"We want the president to appear on local TV and tell us what's going on and reassure us," he said.

On the surface, life in Syria appears normal. The streets are full of shoppers snapping up special sweets to eat at the end of daily fasts during the holy month of Ramadan.

And President Bashir Assad recently met journalists and actors who said he looked relaxed and confident.

But the capital Damascus is rife with an undercurrent of confusion and constant rumor — of possible U.N. sanctions, U.S. action, or even a possible change in the government if Syria is blamed for Hariri's death.

Three arrested in government bribery scheme

NEW YORK (AP) — Three men were charged Thursday with offering hundreds of millions of dollars — as well as shopping sprees, jewelry and medical treatment — to top officials in the former Soviet republic of Azerbaijan to get favorable treatment in oil deals.

Viktor Kozeny, Frederic Bourke Jr. and David Pinkerton were indicted on federal charges under the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

The indictment said

Kozeny, 42, an Irish citizen of Czech background, was president and chairman of Oily Rock Group Limited and Minaret Group Limited when he and the two other men — both American citizens — tried to buy off senior Azerbaijan officials.

U.S. Attorney Michael J. Garcia said hundreds of millions of dollars in bribes were promised and tens of millions of dollars were actually paid in the scheme that ran from August until about 1999.

"That case that we bring today involves nothing less than the brazen attempt to steal the wealth of a sovereign nation," he said.

Azerbaijan, rich in oil resources, began privatizing some of its state-owned enterprises in the 1990s, Garcia said. Kozeny sent plane loads of cash from Switzerland to Azerbaijan in an attempt to buy up a state oil company, but ultimately failed to gain control, authorities said.

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its 25th annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Dec. 3 in the Community Center.

A limited amount of booth space is

available. Applications will be screened. Booth rental is \$10.

For more information or to obtain an application, write or phone one of the following: Ellen Collins at 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-0774; Jane Eggan, 126 Aspen, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-5789; or Wesley Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1743, Hereford, TX 79045, (806) 364-4419.

Crusaders

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During the tournament, five-member teams will compete twice each on the facility's three fields, which vary in speed and complexity, for the honor of winning one of three cash awards to be made on

the winners' behalf to their pre-designated charities of choice.

Interested persons are urged to pre-register as soon as possible for the tournament, and may obtain official rules, entry forms, required waivers, and a map to the facility by visiting [www.fccpampa.org/PaintBall/Paintball.html](http://www.fccpampa.org/PaintBall/Paintball.html) or by calling Richard Russell at 662-3191.

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