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By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

MIAMI -- Boone Pickens is once again planning to establish a fresh water supply district in Roberts County.

Five people associated with the Roberts County rancher and Dallas businessman petitioned the county commissioners court on Aug. 6 for a fresh water supply district on eight acres of land just south of the Canadian River and about 15 miles west of Texas Highway 70.

In 2003, Pickens petitioned the

plans to pump and sell ground water to metropolitan areas downstate. Bill Philpott of Miami then petitioned the court for a countywide fresh water supply district.

Pickens wants to establish fresh water supply district

When Roberts County Attorney Leslie Breeding asked for an attorney general's opinion concerning he legality of the districts, the petitions were withdrawn, as was the request for an attorney general's opinion.

Roberts County Judge Vernon Cook said this week that a hearing on the new petition is scheduled for court for a 46,000-acre fresh water 9 a.m., Tuesday, Sept. 4, in the dis-

supply district in connection with his trict courtroom of the Roberts County Courthouse.

Cook said that following the public hearing, he expected the commissioners court to take the testimony under advisement and rule on the petition during their regular meeting at 9 a.m., Monday, Sept. 10.

He said his understanding is that Mesa Water officials want the issue on the November ballot. Only those people with property within the proposed district will vote on the establishment of a fresh water supply district

The proposed directors of the dis-

trict are Robert L. Stillwell, general counsel of Mesa Water; Ronald D. Bassett, a business manager with Pickens; G. Michael Boswell, general counsel of Mesa Energy, and the manager of Pickens' ranch and his wif, Alton Keith Boone and Lu G. Boone.

The process for establishing a fresh water supply district was streamlined during the last session of the Texas Legislature.

Among the changes in the law, directors need only own land within

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Diana Torres does not know what type of plant this really is, but she calls it her "egg plant," telling friends that her plant lays eggs. She got seeds from her aunt who got seeds from another country. The "eggs" appear after a purple bloom dies. The eggs are white, and then, according to Torres, they turn yellow and brown. Once brown, they can be opened up to retrieve seeds.

City to consider special election aimed at firefighters

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

The Pampa City Commission will meet to consider and possibly order a special election to be held Nov. 6, 2007, for the purpose of adopting "The Fire and Police Employee Relation Act," which is applicable to Pampa's firefighters, at a special meeting at 4 p.m. Thursday in the City Commission Chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

The Fire and Police Employee

local government code which would allow city emergency personnel to meet with their employers to discuss employment and safety issues relating to their job.

The commission will also consider approving an increase in the city's per diem to \$40 per day with flexibility for travel to cities with a higher cost of living. City Manager John Horst recommended the current per diem of \$30 be raised since some people who travel have trouble cov-

Relation Act is Chapter 174 of the ering their meals if they go to a city with higher prices. He said that this rate has been used for approximately 25 years so it is time for an increase.

> Also on the agenda is possibly approving the list of disbursements for July 2007, which were \$1,283,267. The amount after balance sheet and income accounts is \$712,628.

> Commissioners have two items on the agenda for discussion only. A representative from Atmos Energy will be at the meeting to discuss the

Atmos Energy GRIP, which stands for gas reliability infrastructure program. The GRIP bill is balanced legislation that provides gas utilities the opportunity to earn a regulated rate of return by reducing regulatory lag on invested capital while at the same time providing several protections for the gas consumer.

Also, Pat Bagley from the Gray County Appraisal District will be on

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Reception Friday to recognize Ken Hall

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

A reception for co-workers, friends and family of Pampa /Gray County Emergency Management Coordinator Ken Hall will be from 2 to 3 p.m. Friday at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium.

Hall is retiring effective Friday

from his position, which he has held for the past 16 years.

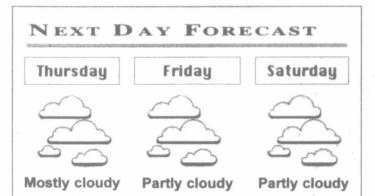
The Pampa native began his career of public service with a tour of duty in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. When he returned, he attended Wayland Baptist University in Plainview on the Law Enforcement Education program. He began his career as a police officer in Plainview in April 1970 and worked there for 11 years before coming to Pampa.

He returned to Pampa as a patrol officer, and after being promoted to lieutenant, moved into the department's criminal investigation division, where he stayed for five years.

Hall then moved into emergency management in June 1991. Improvements made during his tenure include City Channel 11's television broadcast of local weather radar and current weather conditions, updated emergency sirens, a new communications tower and a new generator for City Hall.



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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

MELEAR, William "Mike" - 2 p.m., Memory Gardens Mausoleum, Pampa.

Lynda Lou Butler, 59

Lynda Lou Butler, 59, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 28, 2007, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Butler was born April 23, 1948, in Pampa. She attended Pampa schools and graduated from the Frank Phillips College Nursing Program. She was a nurse for Highland General and

Coronado Community hos-

pitals, as well as Pampa Nursing Center. She was a member of the Bible Church. Survivors include two sons, Jerry Pierce of

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band Mark of Pampa, and Stacy Selvidge Gatesville; one brother, Edward M dren.

Carol ed in death by her parents;

"Skip" Culberson of Sugar Land; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchil-

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Harvest House, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065. SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at 923 Scott in Pampa. -Sign the on-line regis-

book ter at www.carmichaelwhatley.com.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 24-hour period ending at 7 a m. today.

Twenty-three traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 100 block of East Harvester and the 300 block of North Hobart.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart and the 200 block of East Tyng.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 400 block of Magnolia, the 700 block of Deane Drive, the 700 block of Bradley Drive, the 900 block of Osborne, the 400 block of North Roberta, the 400 block of North Cuyler, the 1000 block of South Nelson, the 800 block of South Cuyler, the 1700 block of Dogwood and the 400 block of North Zimmers. A welfare check was made in the

900 block of East 23rd.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 1400 block of North Hobart, the 1700 block of North Banks, the 1600 block of North Zimmers, twice in the 2300 block of Beech, once in the 1100 block of Juniper, the intersection of 19th and Hobart streets and the 1400 block of South Barnes.

A runaway was reported in the 300 block of Tignor. The runaway was later located in the 800 block of South Banks.

500 block of Yeager.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1300 block of North Christine.

A prowler was reported in the 1200 block of Duncan.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of Finley.

Disorderly conduct was reported at Recreation Park, 1600 E. Highway 60. Criminal trespass was reported in the 500 block of North Nelson.

An offense against family and children was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. Information was received regarding a possible offense against a family member.

One alarm was reported.

Identity theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Wells. Fraud was reported at Taylor Food

Mart, 600 E. Frederic. The incident involved a counterfeit \$100 bill.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests today. Tuesday, Aug. 28

Malcome Nichols, 46, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

rested by GCSO for four counts of

of drug paraphernalia, possession of less than one gram of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone, failure to maintain financial responsibility and two counts of no Texas driver's license.

Fire

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

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8:52 a.m. - Two units and six personnel responded to the 400 block of North Ward on a fire alarm activation. 7:20 p.m. - One unit and three personnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a call for medical

Ambulance

assistance.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 28 6:37 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Varnon and transported an patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center. 6:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU respond-

Brandon Baxter, 29, of Pampa was ed to the 1000 block of Duncan. No transport.

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Teamsters will ask court to block letting Mexican trucks into U.S.

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Baptist Stillwater, Okla.,

The Teamsters Union said Wednesday it will ask a federal appeals courts to block the Bush administration's plan to begin allowing Mexican trucks to carry cargo anywhere in the United States.

The union said it has been told by officials in the Transportation Department's Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration that the first Mexican trucks will be coming across the border on Saturday.

Teamsters leaders said they planned to seek an emergency injunction Wednesday from the Ninth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

"What a slap in the face to American workers, opening the highways to dangerous trucks on Labor Day weekend, one of the busiest driving weekends of the year," said Teamsters President Jim Hoffa.

A call to a spokeswoman at the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was

The Bush administration said last week it would start the cross-border program once the Transportation Department's inspector general certifies safety and

inspection plans. Leslie Miller, a Teamsters spokeswoman, said attorneys for the federal truck safety agency advised the union's lawyers that they expect to get that certification on Friday. She said the Teamsters also were told by the agency attorneys that limited authority for trucks to begin crossing the border will be approved Saturday.

Supporters of the plan say letting more Mexican trucks on U.S. highways will save American consumers hundreds of millions of dollars.

Labor and driver-owner groups have been fighting the measure — part of the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement — since it was first proposed, saying the program will erode highway

A civil matter was reported in the 1000 block of East Browning.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Browning and Somerville streets, the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 400 block of East Kentucky and the

ing to an Associated Press-

In each country surveyed,

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in 10 said their leaders send

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forgery of a financial instrument.

Ernest Glen Morgan, 24, of Athena was arrested by Pampa Police Department on a Hood River County, Ore., warrant for being a fugitive from justice.

Tammy Cherise Cox, 36, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO for possession

7:17 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC. Wednesday, Aug. 29

5:05 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of South Finley and transported a patient to PRMC.

Poll: Few nations see increased role in overseas crises

WASHINGTON (AP) -The survey was conducted in mid- to People in the U.S., Britain and six other countries late May as the war in Iraq was beginshowed little taste for stepning its fourth year and NATO allies ping up the role their were facing a springtime upsurge in vionations' troops play in overseas crises, but seemed more lence in Afghanistan. open to other types of involvement abroad, accord-

> forces abroad either as often as they should or too frequently, according to the poll, which also sampled attitudes in Canada, South Korea, France, Germany, Italy and Spain.

When it came to their country's role in world

did about half or more say their government was too involved. In the others, at least three of four said their government was either not doing enough or was doing what it should.

Every country in the survey has forces in affairs in general, however, Afghanistan, while the U.S. only in the U.S. and Britain and Britain have troops in Iraq as well.

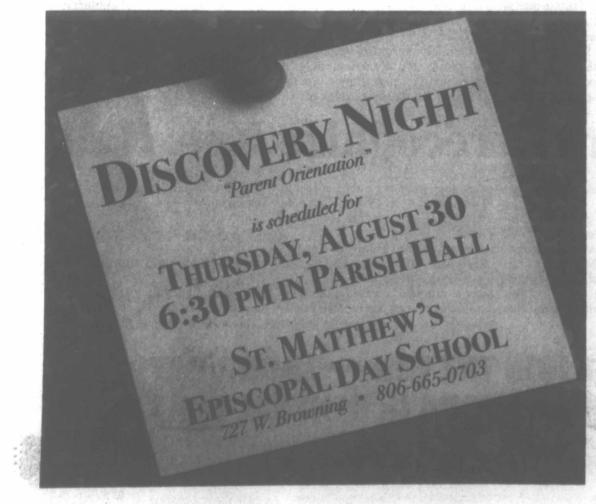
"Italy is not making enough of an important mark on international politics," said Maria Verrone, 46, an architect from Florence, Italy, who was visiting Rome. "We have a strong economy to back us, what are we waiting for?"

The survey was conducted in mid- to late May as the war in Iraq was beginning its fourth year and NATO allies were facing a springtime upsurge in violence in Afghanistan. Since then, events have transpired that could have changed some peoples' views about their countries' roles in foreign affairs, such as the taking of South Korean hostages in Afghanistan and the ascension of new leaders in Britain and France.

"Too much," said David Champ, 57, a plasterer from Redkey, Ind., as he walked the National Mall in the RADIO CONTROL Flying heart of Washington, D.C. Club, organizational meeting. "We're not the peacekeepers

In Paris, Louise Cors, 53, said military missions abroad are "a bad idea," adding, "We have lost a lot of credit in our foreign

diplomacy." 3rd & 4th grade & 5th & 6th said their country intervenes grade Tues., Wed., & Thurs. militarily too frequently. 6-8pm at the Optimist Build- Elsewhere, more said their ing, also Sat. 9/1 10-12. Play- government was dispatching ing fee for flag is \$45 & tackle troops properly, though is \$75. Also needing coaches Italians were about evenly & referees. A Pampa United split between that and saying they are sent too often.



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David Hutto, right, presented a petition last week containing nearly 900 signatures to Richard Morris, director of public works, to freeze taxes for seniors and disabled residents.

Firm to provide free Rx cards

HOUSTON - The Texas program is open to every

Rx Card Program will pro- resident of Texas. vide free discount prescription drug cards to the residents of Texas. Residednts of Texas can download a free discount prescription drug card by visiting www.californiarxcard.com.

The card can be used at cies across the country to receive savings of up to 75 percent (savings average around 30 percent). Participating pharmacies include Walgreens, Kroger, Albertson's, Target, Brookshire Brothers, Costco, as well as many other chain drug stores and thousands of independent pharmacies.

The Texas Rx Card was launched to help the uninsured and under insured people of Texas afford their prescription medications. However, the program can also be used by people who have health insurance coverage with no prescription benefits (which is common in many HSA's and high deductible health plans).

"Even those with prescription coverage can utilize the program by using it for their non-covered or non-formulary drugs," Program Director M'Elaine Booth said "This program even covers some pet medications (medications that are available at participating pharmacies). The Texas Rx Card program has no restrictions or participation requirements and the

Texas Rx Card has partnered with Health Access America, a non-profit organization that educates and informs the uninsured, the media, and the public at large about affordable health care options. Health Access more than 50,000 pharma- America develops and distributes free information about the issue of the uninsured to help citizens find health solutions.

> "We're excited to have the opportunity to work with Health Access America to provide the people of Texas with free access to prescription discounts," said Ryan Jumonville, president and chief executive officer of Networks United of America. "We've successfully launched programs in New York, California, New Jersey, Ohio, Utah, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana,

Arizona, Colorado and Tennessee. We've saved the residents of these states millions of dollars and we look forward to doing the same for the people of Texas."

The Texas Rx Card Program is a special project of United Networks of America and is presented as a community service.

"It has been the goal of United Networks of America (UNA) to help people around the country obtain affordable health care," Jumonville said. "Our original mission was to plug the niches and gaps in coverage our health plan clients offer to their members, but we saw the opportunity to perform a valuable community service by opening this up as a free program to the uninsured as well and it is our hope that this will enable more people to afford and proactively take the medications they genuinely need."

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NASA finds no proof of astronauts drinking

WASHINGTON (AP) - There is no evidence astronauts were drunk or had been drinking heavily before launching into space, an internal NASA investigation found today.

An independent astronaut health panel's report of two unsubstantiated instances of heavy alcohol use before flights grabbed headlines in July. But when NASA's safety chief tried to confirm the allegations, he came up empty.

"I was unable to verify any case in which an astronaut spaceflight crewmember was impaired on launch day," or any case where a manager disregarded a recommendation that an astronaut not fly, said a 45-page report prepared by NASA safety chief Bryan O'Connor. He is a former astronaut and shuttle accident investigator.

O'Connor's review went back 20 years and involved interviews with 90 astronauts, flight surgeons and other NASA officials.

However, O'Connor said flight surgeons should play a stronger "oversight" role in launch day activities.

Twenty flight surgeons signed an e-mail to O'Connor saying they have never seen any safety concerns.

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hand to discuss HB 621.

This bill relates to the

drunken astronauts before a launch or training jet flight.

O'Connor looked through 40,134 government and contractor reports of mishaps and problems dating back through 1984 - many of them anonymous — and none of them involved alcohol or drug abuse by astronauts.

Today's report confirms what top NASA officials had been saying in the last few weeks: There was no proof of drunken astronauts before launch.

In July, an independent panel said there were at least two unverified and unidentified instances of astronauts drinking heavily before a flight. The panel was formed to look at astronaut health issues because of the bizarre case of astronaut Lisa Nowak, who was arrested and charged with attempted kidnapping of a romantic rival.

The panel's 12-page report last month said: "Interviews with both flight surgeons and astronauts identified some episodes of heavy use of alcohol by astronauts in the immediate preflight period, which has led to

exemption from ad valorem 1, 2008. taxation of tangible personal property held temporarily at a location in the state for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing, or fabricating purposes. This bill will go into effect Jan.

A work session regarding the budget review will also take place during the meeting. This is a discussion item only and no action will be taken.



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Gee Gee, a cancer therapy dog, visited Pampa Tuesday night with a trainer for the program at a regular monthly meeting of the Pampa Cancer Support group at Pampa Regional Medical Center. Carla, the trainer, and Gee Gee are sponsored by Harrington Cancer Center in Amarillo. Nineteen attended the meeting.

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Pets of the Week... sponsored by The Pampa News **Continued from Page 1**

the district. They need not live there, but they do need to be residents of the State of Texas. Under the old statute, directors had to live within the district.

Water

As a political subdivision of the state, the water district would have taxing authority within the district, the ability to issue tax-free revenue bonds and the condemnation power of eminent domain. The latter would be cru-

cial for a right-of-way from the Panhandle to metropolitan areas that can afford to and are willing to pay for water and electricity.

In addition to Mesa Water, Pickens has established Mesa Energy, a company designed to build wind farms, a coal-fired power plant and a natural gas-fired power plant along with transmission lines to the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

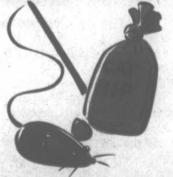
At a meeting earlier this month in Pampa with area landowners, Mesa Energy officials said they are planning transmission lines along right-of-way from Roberts County to Anna, north of McKinney. They said that would be the same right-of-way that would carry an aqueduct for Mesa Water.



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Viewpoints

Elvira: Just shut up and go home

the United States had committed some unforgivable crime against humanity if you listened to the howls of rage emitting from a horde of liberals whining over the fate of an illegal alien who played them for suckers.

Her name is Elvira Arellano and whatever else she may be, she's a master propagandist who knows full well just which buttons to push to unleash a flood of liberal do-gooder tears from those who don't recognize a con man (or woman) even when the con is so obvious a 10-year-old could see it.

In case you haven't been paying attention, for the past year Sra. Arellano has been playing the part of a victim

You would have thought of heartless U.S. immigration laws that demand that she be deported just because as a serial illegal alien she just plain doesn't belong north of the U.S.-Mexican border, which she has long used a her own personal revolving door.

As part of her con game she managed to find a clergyman who was willing to offer her sanctuary in his church, which she used as a her son can pulpit to preach about the speak injustice of being persecuted by a brutal government that wanted to ship her south of the border. She wailed it would separate her from her 8-year-old son, the by-product of some furtive sexual encounter with a man she either refuses to identify or

whose identity has somehow slipped her mind (if she ever knew in the first place).

Elvira has made herself into the poster girl for amnesty for all illegal aliens, and it's been a spectacle to watch how

she's done Michael t Especially Reagan since nei-Columnist ther she nor a of English.

word

Safe from the grasping hands of the immigration cops who risked being boiled in media oil had they violated the alleged sanctuary, she created a flood of stories depicting her plight at

the hands of the heartless Feds. Needless to say, the

wooly-headed liberals who dominate the media managed to avoid writing about or broadcasting the sordid tale of the

real Elvira Arellano. As a result. when justice finally prevailed and she was sent

packing by the immigration authorities, a great cry of agony arose from the left and from the illegal immigration community, which cannot understand why most Americans labor under the false belief

that people here in the U.S.

should obey the law, especially when the law says those wishing to reside within our borders should abide by the laws that restrict immigration to those willing to obey the immigration laws.

Elvira was not among their number. She had one rallying cry - she would not leave the U.S. because to do so would separate her from her beloved love-child, who is legally an American citizen since he was born here.

Who is this woman who has tugged so successfully at the heartstrings of the nation's liberals?

She snuck into the U.S. years ago, was caught and sent southward in the late **'90s**

That was just a minor setback in her career - in a matter of a few days she was back in the U.S. where she got pregnant and got a job as a cleaning woman at an airport thanks to a phony Social Security card - a rather serious offense for which would be a sure ticket to the slammer for most people. But not for Elvira. It took 9/11 to get her charged with the crime and ordered out of the U.S. again.

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She didn't go. Instead she conned a church into giving her sanctuary where she stayed until she rashly ventured forth to promote the virtues of illegal immigration. The Feds nabbed her

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 29, the 241st day of 2007. There are 124 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

Fifty years ago, on Aug. 29, 1957, the Senate gave final congressional approval to a Civil Rights Act after South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond (then a Democrat) ended a filibuster that had lasted 24 hours.

On this date:

In 1533, the last Incan King of Peru, Atahualpa, was murdered on orders of Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro.

In 1632, English philosopher John Locke was born in Somerset.

The trouble with being poor is that it takes up all your time."

> — Willem de Kooning Dutch-born artist (1904-1997)

In 1877, the second president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Brigham Young, died in Salt Lake City at age 76.

In 1943, responding to a clampdown by Nazi occupiers, Denmark managed to scuttle most of its naval ships. In 1944, 15,000 American troops

marched down the Champs Elysees in Paris



as the French capital continued to celebrate

its liberation from the Nazis.

In 1965, Gemini 5, carrying astronauts Gordon Cooper and Charles ("Pete") Conrad, splashed down in the Atlantic after eight days in space.

In 1966, the Beatles concluded their fourth American tour with their last public concert, at Candlestick Park in San Francisco.

In 1982, Academy Award-winning actress Ingrid Bergman died in London on her 67th birthday.

In 1987, Academy Award-winning actor Lee Marvin died in Tucson, Ariz., at age 63.

In 2005, Hurricane Katrina hit the Gulf Coast near Buras, La.; the resulting floods devastated the city of New Orleans. More than 1,800 people in the region died.

Ten years ago: Hooded men killed more than 300 people in an Algerian farm village in the worst carnage since an Islamic insurgency began. Japan's Supreme Court ruled that the country's Education Ministry broke the law by removing mention of a Japanese World War II atrocity from historian Saburo Ienaga's high school textbook

Five years ago: A judge in Norwalk, Conn., sentenced Michael Skakel to 20 years to life in prison for bludgeoning his teenage neighbor, Martha Moxley, with a golf club in 1975 after hearing the Kennedy cousin tearfully proclaim his innocence.



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America lauds its incompetent pols

If you think out of the boundaries for a moment, you can see that it's funny that the Bush administration believes it's OK for the U.S. to invade Iraq, destroy its infrastructure, topple its government and occupy it with 167,000 soldiers while complaining that the nextdoor neighbor, Iran, is meddling in the country.

To the Bush Gang, we can arm our bribed thugs all over the world, but if Iran offers arms to its friends, why, it is supporting terrorism. The State Department bureaucrats may define Hezbollah as a terrorist organization, but Hezbollah and its leaders have a public record that is a thousand times more benign and humane than some of our sponsored terrorists. Joe Mobutu, formerly of the Congo, is just one example of the kind of terrorists we sponsor. There are also three the gang that handled the

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

Aug. 19

Houston Chronicle on the minimally safer flood wall repairs in New **Orleans:**

As the first big storm of the season aims at the Gulf of Mexico, the city Hurricane Katrina devastated remains vulnerable to catastrophe, despite the best efforts of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That condition raises questions on whether the federal agency's strategy for making New Orleans secure from flooding is as flawed as its previous work.

A discouraging report in The New York Times details how efforts by the

Israeli prime ministers, two Republican War in Iraq the of whom led terrorist gangs before they got into politics and another who massacred a whole village.

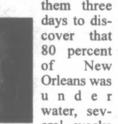
chuckle you get when you from an Iraqi imam. It took hear the

Open Borders Kid Charley demand that Reese Syria seal its border Columnist with Iraq tight as a

Mafioso's lips. Even with the Iraqi refugees, I'll bet there are more illegal aliens in the U.S. than there are in Syria. And, unlike the U.S., I'll bet the Syrian government can tell you where its aliens are located.

This administration is a joke, though its jokes have had terrible consequences for innocent people. This is

same way it handled Hurricane Katrina - with indifferent and incompetent political appointees who did-It's the same sort of n't know a Louisiana frog



eral weeks to discover that not all Muslims are Sunnis, and several months to discover their favorite Iraqi source of information, Ahmad Chalabi, was a liar and a crook.

You have to be jumbo-size dumb to have fired 400,000 Iraqi soldiers, telling them that their careers are over, they will get no severance pay, no pensions, but they

can go ahead and take their rifles with them to the unemployment lines, where they will be barred from all government jobs.

If you wrote a detailed history of this administration as a novel, nobody would believe it. Nobody can be that stupid, readers would say, or make that many mistakes.

You should be warned, by the way, that many of the neoconservative idiots who promoted the Republican War in Iraq have attached themselves as advisers to most of the presidential candidates in both parties. As usual, no matter for whom you cast your ballot, you'll get the same imperial perpetual war and free-trade policy you have now. Free trade, by the way, means corporations are free to fire their

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Army Corps of Engineers to shore up levees and install flood gates has increased the security of areas that largely withstood the waters unleashed by Katrina. However, in the areas that flooded the worst, the improvements have barely dented projected flood levels in the event of a 100-year storm. In Gentilly, the flood risk was reduced by less than 6 inches, while affluent areas like Lakeview had vulnerabilities lowered by an estimated 5 feet-plus. In short, areas that by and large weathered Katrina are more secure. The zones that flooded will flood again.

A Corps report on the rupture of a canal during Katrina last year only recently reached Louisiana and New Orleans officials. The analysis of the 17th Street Canal found cracks in flood

walls and areas of erosion, flaws that have led some critics to question whether the agency is covering up problems for which it is responsible. The Corps is being sued in federal court for negligence that contributed to the breaching of the 17th Street Canal.

After an estimated \$1 billion in projects, the city is only marginally safer for many of its poorest residents. A comprehensive plan to shore up the entire system of flood walls around the city is estimated to cost 14 times that and not be in place until 2011. By then, there may not be much of a city left to

A recent Time Magazine cover piece by writer Michael Grunwald declared

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Events calendar

· Clarendon College-Pampa Center is currently taking enrollment for an upcoming CPR Basic Life Support Class. The class is designed for healthcare professionals according to guidelines set forth by the American Heart Association's International Emergency Cardiovascular Care. The class will be conducted from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Sept. 15 in Pampa Center Room 106. Participants completing the one-day course will receive an AHA card valid for two years. For more information, call the college at 665-8801

 First Baptist Church of Pampa will be taking enrollment for its children's choirs from 6-8 p.m. today west of the church on Ward Street. The choirs will meet from p.m. 4:45-5:30 Wednesdays in the Children's church's Building. Activities will include singing, instruments, Bible study and worship. For more information, contact First Baptist at 669-1155.

• Suicide Survivors Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Briarwood Church, 1800 W. Harvester, in Pampa.

The Texas Department of State Health Services will be immunization offering clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw whooping (tetanus), cough (pertussis),

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"enforced" separation from him.

measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to The following pay. clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Sept. 5 and 19, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

 The Institute for **Natural Resources will** offer a seminar for the medical and health care industry entitled "The Addicted Brain" Sept. 5 in Lubbock and Sept. 6 in Amarillo. The seminar will be worth six credit hours and is open to nurses, pharmacists dietitians/DTRs, psychologists, social workers, nursing home administrators, case managers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, massage therapists, counselors and other health professionals. To find out more or to register, call 1-877-246-6336 or (925) 609-2820.

 CASA of the High Plains will hold an informational training meeting for potential volunteers at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at The Alliance Brown for Children in Pampa. CASA for stands Court Appointed Special Advocates. Volunteers speak for children in the legal system, many of whome have been neglected and/or abused.

and promptly deported

her, offering to let her take her son – you know,

the one she insisted she



Liberal tears flowed, all of which proves that there's more than one sucker born every minute here in the -U.S.

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—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.

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American workers and farm the work out to Chinese wage slaves. In return, Americans get cheap toys with lead paint, poisoned pet food

and bad shrimp.

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You have to say this in favor of the Chinese, though – they execute their bureaucrats who screw up, while we give ours the Medal of Freedom and a book contract.

Well, it's all over for us anyway. Just this morning on TV, I heard a round-bellied demagogue in a preacher's suit say that God had doomed America because gays are getting married in Canada.

I couldn't quite follow his logic, but he shouted it with a lot of conviction, and his audience applauded madly. I don't know what people's sex lives have to do with politics and national and celestial destiny, but perhaps I'll get one of those epiphany things one day and figure it out.

In the meantime, we have about 17 months of The George and Dick Show left to run before it is replaced. You have to admit it's suspenseful. Will they start a war with Iran or wreck the economy – or both? Or will God get us first? Stay tuned.

-Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Flood

that the flooding of New Orleans was a manmade disaster created by misguided Corps policies and projects and shoddy construction

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work over the past century.

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According to Grunwald, "the real culprit was the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which bungled the levees that formed the city's man-made defenses and ravaged the wetlands that once formed its natural defenses."

Despite the resignation of the previous Corps commander Carl Strock and statements by an agency spokeswoman that it has a new appreciation of coastal ecology, the results of the latest "improvements" in New Orleans seem to indicate not much has changed.

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By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: The latest Harry Potter book came out recently, and I have been reading it. I don't have any serious problems. Rather, I have something to say to those who enjoy spoiling the surprise of a book. I've read the Harry Potter books since first grade. (I'm now 13.) They are a major part of my childhood. The sixth book was spoiled for me by a close friend. Not only did she emphatically announce who died, it became common knowledge whether you've read the book or not. I've been reluctant to touch the Internet for a few days. I want to take my time to savor this book because once I read it, I'll never have the same feeling of surprise again. I'm not one of those who speed ahead to finish a book in a night. Not only do some fans spoil it, but the media does too. I can't look at my e-mail provider page because there are spoilers in the headlines. I am considering sealing myself inside a plastic bubble to avoid hearing anything about the book. This is also a problem with movies, other books and video games. Please, for those of us who wish to remain in the dark until the end, don't say a word about the plot! --**IN THE DARK (AND ENJOYING IT)**

DEAR IN THE DARK: I suspect the impulse to spill the beans and spoil the experience for someone else comes from the need to feel important. ("You heard it from me first!") It is not a particularly endearing trait. While some members of the media were, indeed, guilty of giving away the end of the last Harry Potter book, other critics and reviewers were considerate enough to write: "Spoiler Alert! Don't read further if you don't want the plot revealed." Hats off to them.

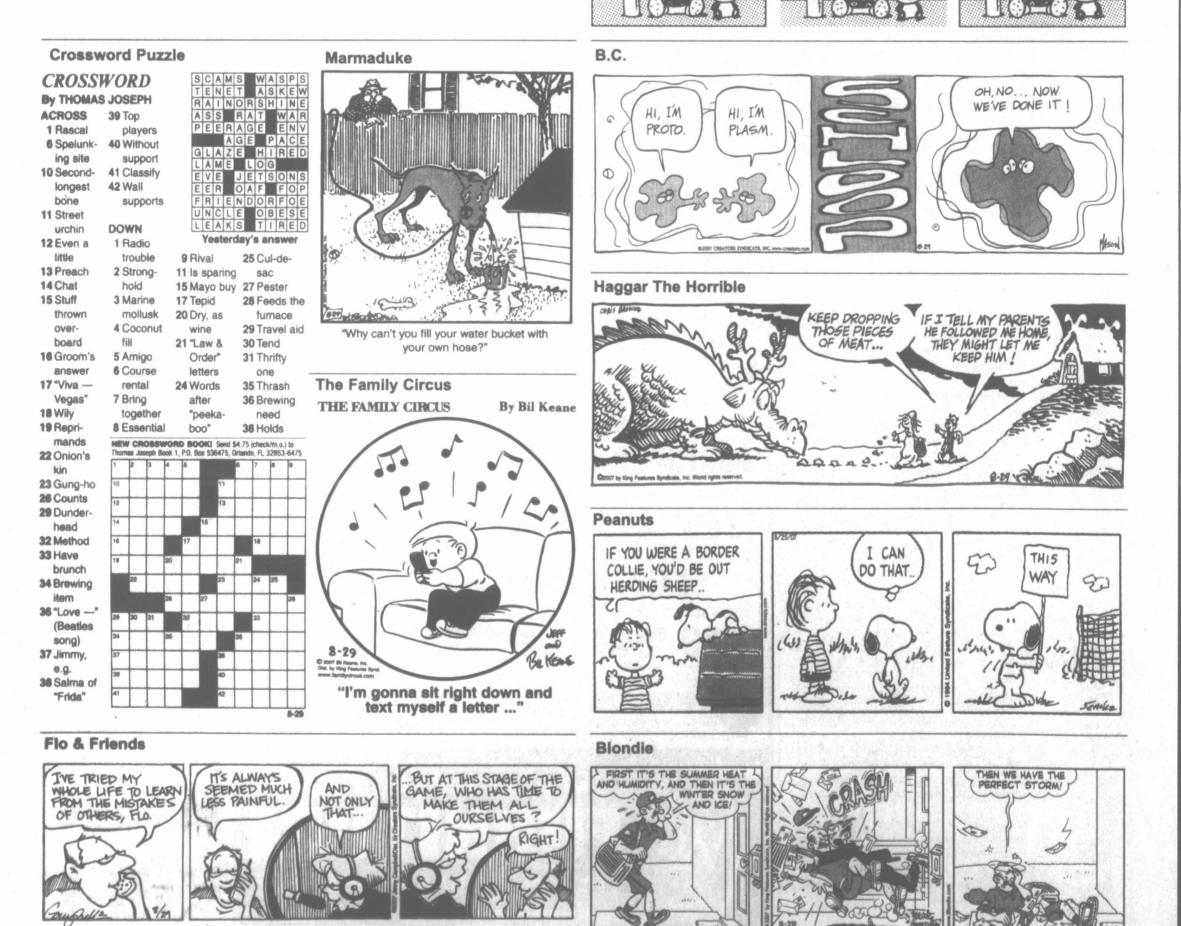
DEAR ABBY: I recently became involved in doing sexual acts for money. I often enjoy these acts, but I fear that one day I might be hurt or even killed. What can I do to stop? - "TRIXI" IN CHANDLER, ARIZ.

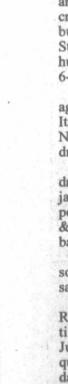
DEAR TRIXI: Your concerns are valid, and it's time to examine the reasons you're having sex with strangers for money. If your reason is financial, understand that the career you have chosen is not only dangerous, but one with a very short shelf life. You would be wiser to find a legitimate career you can enjoy past the age of 40 -preferably one with retirement benefits. If you're doing this because you're hooked on the excitement, then you may have a sexual addiction and could be helped by joining a self-help group such as Sexaholics Anonymous, which helps people break the cycle of sexually destructive thinking and behavior. You can find it at www.sa.org or at 866-424-8777. Another group that could help you is Sex Workers Anonymous, a 12step program for persons of all ages, races, sexualities, religions and backgrounds. Its mission is to help people find recovery from any aspect of the sex industry. Its Web is site

www.sexworkersanonymous.com. Many years ago, I met a pretty young woman at a Hollywood party who was quite open about the fact that she was a prostitute. Curious, I asked her why she had decided to go into that line of work. Here's what she said: "All I ever got was their scorn when I did it for free. So I decided to make them pay!" In other words, she felt it was the only way she could maintain control in a relationship. I found it sad back then, and I still do.

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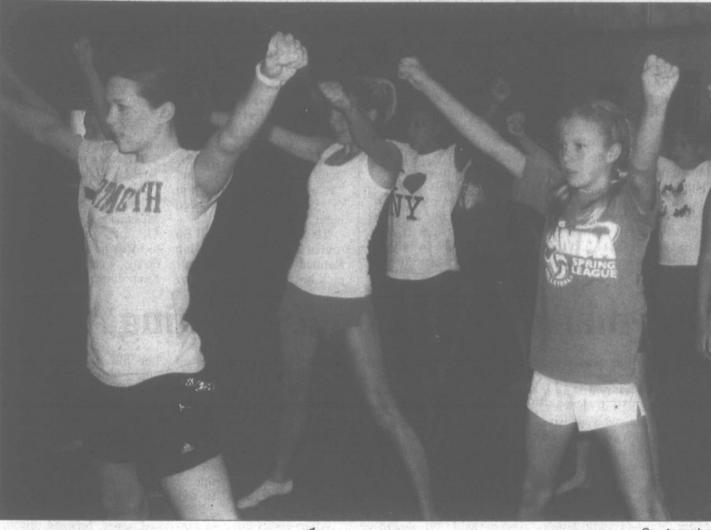
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Sports Day

House of Cheer



Courtesy photo

Gymnastics of Pampa's House of Cheer senior squad members take instructions from choreographer Courtney Green, formerly of Pampa. Pictured here are: (L-R) choreographer Courtney Green, Courtney Ward, Danielle Savoir, McKinlee Stokes and Karli Harden. Other members include Bree Howard, Chelsee Whinery, Madison Fatheree, MaKayla Hampton, Lindsey Saxon, Karami Rice, Danielle Wall, Amanda Bennett, Kelley Malone, Taylor Smith and Ashtin Sackett.

Youth soccer sign-ups to continue through Saturday

Registration for the Pampa Soccer Association began Aug. 1 and will close on Sept. 1 at T-Shirts & More in Pampa and Premium Smithfield Genetics office on Highway 60.

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includes a uniform. This fee will be for both the Fall and Spring seasons. Ask about discounts for coaches.

All games will be played on Saturdays at the Soccer Complex in Pampa. Practice will begin Sept. 5

and the first game is schedneeded. uled for Sept. 22.

Special workdays are planned for the afternoons Sept. 8 and Sept. 15, with the purpose of preparing to begin regular season play. Any and all help is appreciated and volunteers are

If you need more information, please contact Heather Sanders at 665-2053, Leslie Ramming at 665-2652 or Jason Pooley at 665-3809 or 663-7673.



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'Meet the Harvesters' scheduled for Thursday

Due to the construction on the track at the

The freshman game will be first, starting high school, "Meet the Harvesters" will be at 5 p.m., and "Meet the Harvesters" will follow immediately, at around 6:30. The JV game will then follow at 8 p.m.

held later than normal this year. The event will be held Thursday between the freshman and JV games against Perryton.

Sharapova, Roddick finish off the parade of champions at the U.S. Open

NEW YORK (AP) -Maria Sharapova was positively giddy.

About her sparkling red dress. Her bejeweled handbag. Her picture in the hallway leading to center court. About everything at the U.S. Open, really.

Then someone asked whether, by chance, she ever felt badly for an opponent she was pounding.

Sharapova's eyes narrowed. Her smile disappeared, she shook her head.

"No," she said, flatly.

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Decked out for success in an outfit adorned with 600 crystals, Sharapova was all business Tuesday night. Staring the whole way, she humbled Roberta Vinci 6-0, 6-1.

"It's difficult to play against her," the 51st-ranked Italian said. "Strong player. Nice girl. She has a nice dress.

Ah, the red flared shift dress. Plus a cropped black jacket with sheer sleeves, pearl earrings from Tiffany & Co. and a patent leather bag for her rackets.

"Put on a nice outfit and some makeup," Sharapova said, "and you're the bomb."

After the second-seeded Russian finished her demolition, Andy Roddick and Justin Gimelstob put on quite a show that capped the day's parade of champions.

Bantering a bit during the match and much more after it ended, Roddick defeated his good friend 7-6 (6), 6-3, 6-3. Then they took turns

interviewing each other on the court, and Gimelstob saluted the crowd at Arthur Ashe Stadium after his final singles match at the U.S. Open.

Asked by Roddick what he'll miss most, Gimelstob answered: "That feeling walking onto center court. You don't get that in the real world," he said.

"We kind of live in a fantasy world," he said.

Later, during a joint interview session, Roddick acted surprised when the 475thranked Gimelstob said he planned to play three more tournaments this fall.

"I thought I finished you," Roddick poked.

For former champs Lleyton Hewitt, Martina Hingis, Svetlana Kuznetsova, the Open will go , on. Along with Sharapova and Roddick, they all won in straight sets.

Many more big names were set to play Wednesday, with top seeds Roger Federer and Justine Henin, Rafael Nadal and the Williams sisters on the schedule.

For the most part, favorites rolled in the first round. The biggest surprise Tuesday came when No. 9 Daniela Hantuchova, a past U.S. Open quarterfinalist, lost to 50th-ranked Julia Vakulenko of Ukraine 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

Well, there was another surprise. Known for outlandish outfits, Bethanie Mattek looked downright

bizarre in a metallic gold Wonder Woman-inspired costume that made no effort to hide her black bra.

Still, Mattek won.

Sharapova figured to have an easy time against the overmatched Vinci, and it took only 50 minutes to complete the match. Vinci avoided the dreaded "double bagel" - losses at love in both sets - by finally winning when she was one game from elimination.

Vinci jumped in the air, windmilled her arm and pumped her fist, and the crowd cheered with her.

"I win one game, I'm happy," Vinci said. "6-love, 6-love? No. 6-love, 6-1? OK."

Sharapova won the Open last year, and hoped to create more memories.

"I feel like I'm part of its history, for sure," she said. "Every corner I turn here, I get goose bumps."

Her outfit definitely provided a little extra zip. Included her dominance was a run of 13 straight points midway in the second set.

"I was trying to get through my warmup as fast as I could so I could put the dress on, actually," she said. "Not a joke. Was pretty excited about putting it on." Despite twice doublefaulting on match point, Sharapova was sharp.

Her biggest mishap? She missed on a sip of water during a changeover and spilled a spot on her custom-made outfit.

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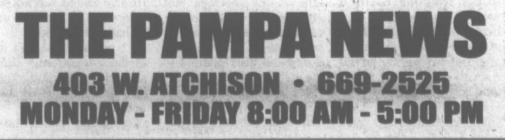
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Byrd comes through with big hit and Rangers beat White Sox 4-3

ARLINGTON. Texas (AP) — Marlon Byrd hit a tiebreaking single in eighth inning and the Texas Rangers beat the Chicago White Sox 4-3 on Tuesday night for their third straight win.

Ian Kinsler and Gerald Laird homered for the Rangers, who have won five of their last seven.

Chicago's Jim Thome homered to move within six of becoming the 23rd player in the 500 club and went 2for-2 with a pair of walks. Paul Konerko also connected for the White Sox, who have lost seven in a row on the road

With the score tied at 3, Michael Young led off the Texas eighth with a single and moved to second on Mike MacDougal's wild pitch. Byrd followed with a single up the middle off

Young from second. Wes Littleton (1-1) pitched one inning of relief for the win, escaping from a bases-loaded, nobody-out jam in the eighth. Littleton got Juan Uribe to ground into a forceout at the plate, and rookie Danny Richar grounded into an inningending double play.

MacDougal (1-4) to score

the ninth for his second save in six chances.

Konerko was in a 2-for-22 slump before sending Kason Gabbard's 2-2 pitch into the Rangers' bullpen for his 27th homer of the season and a 2-0 lead in the first.

Thome's 22nd homer, a 422-foot solo blast off the back wall in the Texas bullpen in the third, was the 494th of his career to extend Chicago's lead to 3-0. That moved Thome out of a tie on the all-time list with Lou Gehrig and Fred McGriff and into sole possession of 23rd place. Next up for

Joaquin Benoit pitched Thome is Eddie Murray with 504.

third-inning Kinsler's bases-empty shot, his 17th of the season, pulled Texas within 3-1. Laird's eighth homer, a two-run blast in the fourth, tied it at 3.

Gavin Floyd gave up gave three runs and six hits over six innings for the White Sox.

Gabbard allowed three runs and four hits in 4 2-3 innings. He was making his sixth start for the Rangers since he was acquired in a trade with Boston on July 31 that sent Eric Gagne to the Red Sox.

New York Yankees pull Mussina from rotation

NEW YORK (AP) -After winning 247 games in the major leagues, Mike Mussina lost his spot in the New York Yankees' rotation Tuesday.

Following three terrible starts in a row, the 38-yearold right-hander was told by manager Joe Torre that he'll be passed over for his next scheduled start Saturday against Tampa Bay.

"He was disappointed, naturally. This was very difficult for me," Torre said. "We have relied on him every year since he's been here.'

The Yankees will call up touted prospect Ian Kennedy, a first-round draft pick last year, from Triple-A

Scranton/Wilkes-Barre to pitch against the last-place Devil Rays in the middle of a pennant race.

How long Kennedy stays in the rotation will depend on how well he pitches.

"It's basically what we're getting from that spot. That's what you look at first," Torre said.

Mussina refused comment as he walked out of the clubhouse following New York's 5-3 victory over Boston on Tuesday night.

Torre didn't say whether he would consider using Mussina out of the bullpen. The manager said he spoke to Mussina and said: "Keep doing what you're doing. Keep doing your work."

Cardinals ruin Cooper's managerial debut by beating Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — New manager. Same old floundering Houston Astros.

Chris Duncan shook off an August slump with a threerun homer and an RBI single and the St. Louis Cardinals ruined Cecil Cooper's managerial debut with a 7-0 win over the Astros on Tuesday night.

Phil Garner was fired on Monday and replaced by Cooper after Houston limped to a 58-73 record. But the Astros looked just as bad with Cooper in charge, plagued by mediocre pitching and feeble hitting.

"This wasn't what I planned," Cooper said. "We takes the steam out of it."

meanwhile, Duncan, snapped a 28-game home run drought with a three-run drive into the upper deck in the first inning off Houston starter Woody Williams (8-13). Duncan was hitting just .167 with only three RBIs this month before Tuesday's outburst.

He's worked with hitting coach Hal McRae in recent days and worked out the glitches in his swing.

"I was just jumping at it too much," Duncan said. "Hal just asked me to stay back a little more, stay behind the ball. I started seeing the ball better, my pitch were all excited. This kind of selection's gotten better. Looper (11-10) pitched

Maybe I can get something started."

Rick Ankiel and Aaron Miles added RBI doubles for the Cardinals, who've won six of their last eight and got back to .500 for the first time since they were 6-6 on April 16. Earlier this month, the defending World Series champions were eight games under .500 and eight games out of first place earlier this month. "That's really the high-

light of the day," La Russa said. "To finally get there, we ought to enjoy the moment. That's really special for this team.'

St. Louis starter Braden

seven scoreless innings, allowing only four hits with four strikeouts. Looper has won five of his last nine starts.

The Cardinals stayed two games behind Chicago in the NL Central. The Cubs beat second-place Milwaukee 5-3 on Tuesday night.

"We're not done yet," Looper said. "It would've been easy to make excuses, but the guys in this room have continued to battle."

Williams allowed six runs on eight hits as the Astros lost for the sixth time in eight home games.

Cooper, Houston's bench coach for the past three sea-

before batting practice on Lee and Ty Wigginton lined Tuesday, preaching about eliminating mistakes and playing with more enthusiasm. But second baseman Craig Biggio mishandled Ankiel's grounder as he tried to backhand it with one out in the first inning, a sign of the night to come. It was ruled an infield hit.

After Jim Edmonds singled with two outs, Duncan hammered a 3-2 changeup high into the right-field seats, his first homer in 68 at-bats.

Biggio beat out an infield hit and Hunter Pence walked leading off the Astros' first. Looper then struck out sons, addressed his team Lance Berkman and Carlos

out, a blown scoring chance typical of Houston's season. 'That first inning was

everything," La Russa said. Yadier Molina led off the second with a single and

went to second on Looper's sacrifice bunt. Miles then doubled down the right-field line to make it 4-0.

Looper breezed through the first three innings, retiring the nine batters he faced after Pence walked. Berkman led off the fourth with a single to left and out later, Wigginton got hit by a pitch. Luke Scott then grounded into an inning-end-ing double play, killing another potential rally.

Judge rules New York's ban on metal bats in high school games is constitutional

NEW YORK (AP) — A record does not include clear judge on Tuesday upheld New York's ban on metal bats in high school baseball games, saying it was not his place to overturn a law that was approved by a local gov- risk is too great." ernment with the public's safety in mind.

U.S. District Judge John school baseball players'

empirical evidence showing that more serious injuries would occur without the ordinance, it is the city's legislative assessment that the

The judge added: "In short, the judgment that high G. Koeltl said there is no safety is more important than higher batting averages and more offense is a classic legislative judgment that the City Council could constitutionally make."

metal bats, and coaches and parents of New York City high school baseball players.

The law resulted from claims that today's metal bats cause balls to go farther and faster, heightening the risk of injuries.

In April, the City Council overrode a veto of the legislation by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. The lawsuit was then filed.

very, very dangerous. ... I'm High School Baseball speaking from someone who is standing on the mound for in Tempe, Ariz.; Easton 22 years, and I can see the Sports Inc.; Wilson Sporting difference," he testified. David A. Ettinger, a Sporting lawyer for the challengers, Hillerich & Bradsby Co.; said legislators needed to provide some scientific evi- ballplayers. dence that the metal bats are The president of Little

Coaches Association, based Goods Co.; Rawlings Goods Co.; and several fathers of

unsafe. Manufacturers then League Baseball and Softball, Stephen D. Keener, said in a statement the group was "disappointed" with the decision.

Paul Seiler, executive director of USA Baseball, a Durham, said in a statement that his group fears the ruling "will take a lot of fun out of the game for most high school players." "Except for the rare, great

ballplayer, it's harder to hit with wood," he said. Councilman James Oddo.

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clear evidence that metal bats cause more serious injuries than wooden bats but added the City Council is entitled to make the judgment that the risk is too great.

"The protection of the health and safety of high school-age students is entitled to great weight," the judge said. "While the

The law is set to take effect Sept. 1.

The ban had been challenged by an organization representing national high school baseball coaches, several companies that make

During hearings, former Mets pitcher John Franco testified that when he throws batting practice for some high school teams that use non-wood bats, the ball seems to come back at him as soon as it leaves his hand. "I don't even see it coming at me. It's dangerous. It's

could adjust the makeup of metal bats to make them safer than some wooden bats, he said.

Ettinger said Tuesday he had just received the ruling and could not comment yet.

The lawsuit was filed by USA Baseball, a Durham, N.C.-based national governing body for several baseball associations; the National

"We enthusiastically support the government's obligation to protect its citizens, but in this case the judge has said that the New York City Council made its decision without any factual basis, and we agree," he said.

the original sponsor of the bill, said he hopes city and state governments throughout the country see the ruling as a "green light to return the game to its roots, to give kids back a better, purer and safer brand of baseball."

"Today the big winners, the really big winners, are the kids of the city of New York," he said.

Briggs says he panicked and reported his car stolen

LAKE FOREST, III (AP) Chicago Bears linebacker Lance Briggs said he panicked after crashing his new Lamborghini along a highway early Monday morning and initially reported his car stolen after abandoning the mangled vehicle.

Speaking to reporters after practice on Tuesday, Briggs said he called a tow truck after leaving the scene and then reported his 2007 Murcielago was stolen.

"When it happened, the first thing I did was, obviously, I panicked," Briggs said. "I didn't want there to be a big scene there. And so I left the scene. When I left, I called the tow truck. I also was startled, and I called to report that my car was stolen. Within probably 10 minutes, I called back and accepted responsibility for what I did because it was ridiculous in the first place.'

Illinois State Police said they have no record of Briggs reporting a stolen vehicle. They did say that Briggs placed a 9-1-1 call at around 4 a.m. Monday, after initially saying he did not call police until sometime between 8 a.m. and 9.

But Master Sgt. Luis Gutierrez said Briggs gave

"no indication of his car being stolen" during either call.

Illinois police found the abandoned vehicle, which had hit a light pole and a concrete bridge support, alongside the Edens Expressway on the city's North Side around 3:15 a.m.

Briggs was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, a misdemeanor, and was given traffic citations for failure to give immediate notice of an accident and improper lane usage, when he met with police on Monday afternoon. He was released after posting \$100 bond and is scheduled to appear Oct. 4

in a Cook County court. Leaving the scene carries a maximum 364 days in jail and a \$1,000 fine, according to Gutierrez.

No other cars were involved in the incident and no one was with Briggs, he said.

Briggs said he was relieved no one was hurt after he lost control of the car and apologized to the organization and the fans during his brief address to the media.

He answered one question about whether the incident changed him, saying,

"It did change me, absolutely. I'm very lucky to have made it out the way that I did, very lucky. I appreciate every day. The first thing I did when I got back here was hug every one of my teammates and tell them that I love them because you never know what's going to happen."

Then, he walked away as reporters yelled questions.

Briggs did not address a TV station's report that he had visited two Chicago clubs before the crash, although the owner of one - Level — said he was not there.

"He comes here frequently, but he was not here the night of the car accident," Mike Bloem said.

Gutierrez reiterated Tuesday that "it's undetermined" if alcohol was involved and said, "We're not pursuing that at this point."

Briggs' attorney Frank Himel said he wasn't sure how his client would plead. He also said he was not sure where Briggs had been or if he had been drinking.

"I never asked him any of these questions," Himel said. "If I did, I don't know how he could answer those questions."

Although coach Lovie

Smith has said the team will not discipline Briggs, the league is looking into the incident.

The crash came after a turbulent offseason in which the Pro Bowl linebacker threatened to hold out — at first for the season, then 10 games because the Bears placed the franchise player tag on him. He also asked the team to remove the label or trade him.

Briggs ultimately accepted the one-year, \$7.2 million franchise tender offer late last month, ending the drama. He had boycotted the media since he arrived at training camp, but that ended Tuesday, when he walked toward reporters as he exited the field.

He initially misspoke, saying the accident occurred Sunday morning. He said he was sorry his teammates and coaches were "questioned for something they had nothing to do with.

And he had a message for the fans: "I am OK. My car's not OK, but I am."

Smith said Briggs wanted to address the media on Monday, but he left practice early to meet with police.

Lawmaker says steroids testing unlikely to start before October

DALLAS (AP) — High school football season in Texas kicks off this week with 491 games and still not one player tested for steroids by the state.

And when that'll finally happen remains unclear.

But the Houston lawmaker who wrote the mandatory random steroids testing bill said Tuesday that it could be October before the first Texas high school athlete is tested, since the state still has no company in place to implement the \$3 million mandate.

"I don't know that September is very likely at this point," Sen. Kyle Janek said.

The University Interscholastic League maintained Tuesday that it would not commit to any timetable on when testing may begin. State officials said they are still sorting through proposals from 14 companies whose bids were due to the UIL in late July.

The high school football season begins Thursday. If testing does not begin until October, some teams will have played as many as five games — or half their regular-season schedule.

director UIL athletic Charles Breithaupt also said that October is a likely more

realistic target than September, but added that there is still a chance testing could begin next month.

Because the bill was not signed into law until June, Breithaupt said it wasn't reasonable to expect the program to be in place by the first week of football season. Not with the number of legal issues and entities involved, he said.

"We're just being very careful," Breithaupt said. "We don't want to be in the middle of a steroids program and find out that we missed a step."

More than 23,000 public high school students in all sports are expected to be tested for anabolic steroids under the new law, making the initiative the largest of its kind in the country.

Football players are doubtlessly among those who will be under the most scrutiny during steroids testing. Given that, Breithaupt reiterated his stance that any valid testing program must include football.

Janek agreed, saying it was important that the program doesn't skip athletes in any sport. Girls volleyball teams, for instance, began playing matches earlier this month.

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Idaho senator's future in questio

WASHINGTON (AP) -Senate Republican leaders called for an ethics committee review Tuesday into Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's guilty plea in a police sting operation this summer in an airport men's room.

"examining other aspects of the case to see if additional action is required," Sen. Mitch McConnell and other top GOP lawmakers said in a written statement obtained by The Associated Press.

They released the statement shortly before Craig's scheduled appearance before television cameras in Boise, his first public comments since confirming his guilty plea to a misdemeanor charge of disorderly conduct.

Craig entered his plea several weeks after an undercover police officer in the Minneapolis airport arrested

him and filed a complaint that said the three-term senator had engaged in actions "often used by persons communicating a desire to engage in sexual conduct."

The restroom incident in Minneapolis airport the Republican leaders also are occurred on June 11. Craig signed his plea papers on Aug. 1, and word of the events surfaced on Monday. The senator issued a statement Monday night that said, "In hindsight, I should have pled not guilty."

statement The by McConnell and other members of the GOP leadership was brief - and contained no words of support for their veteran colleague.

"This is a serious matter. Due to the reported and disputed circumstances, and the legal resolution of this serious case, we will recommend that Senator Craig's incident be

reported to the Senate Ethics be something that's the same Committee for its review," they said.

The statement did not specify what other actions might be under consideration.

The married Craig, 62, has faced rumors about his sexuality since the 1980s, but allegations that he has engaged in gay sex have never been substantiated. Craig has denied the assertions, which he calls ridiculous.

The arrest changes that dynamic, said Jasper LiCalzi, a political science professor at Albertson College of Idaho in Caldwell, Idaho. He cited the House page scandal that drove Florida Rep. Mark Foley from office.

"There's a chance that he'll resign over this," LiCalzi said. "With the pressure on the Republican Party, he could be pressured to resign. If they think this is going to

as Mark Foley --- the sort of 'drip, drip, drip, there's more information that's going to come out' - they may try to push him out."

Already Craig has stepped down from a prominent role with Mitt Romney's presidential campaign. He had been one of Romney's top Senate supporters, serving as a Senate liaison for the campaign since February.

"He did not want to be a distraction and we accept his decision," said Matt Rhoades, Romney campaign spokesman.

According to a Hennepin County, Minn., court docket, Craig pleaded guilty to a disorderly conduct charge on Aug. 8, with the court dismissing a charge of gross misdemeanor interference to privacy.

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Pampa News Photo by SEAN SMITH Keith Pitner, interim Chamber of Commerce director, speaks to a lunch crowd at a recent Chamber luncheon.

POWER OF NATURE **New Orleans marks second** anniversary of Katrina

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - On the sec- somber groundbreaking for a victims' ond anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, memorial and mausoleum that will house anger over the stalled rebuilding was palpable throughout a city where the mourning for the dead and feeling of loss for flooded homes, schools, snow cone what happened and you remember how

stands, old-time hairstylists and hardware stores doesn't seem to subside.

Hurricane Katrina made landfall south of New Orleans at 6:10 a.m. Aug. 29, 2005, as a strong Category 3 hurricane that flooded 80 percent of the city and killed more than 1,600 people in Louisiana and Mississippi. It was the worst natural disaster in the history of the United States.

On Wednesday, protesters planned to march from the obliterated Lower 9th Ward to Congo Square, a venerable spot where slaves were able to celebrate their culture.

Accompanied by brass bands and wielding megaphones, they will again try to spread their message that the government has failed to help people return.

"People are angry and they want to send a message to politicians that they want them to do more and do it faster," said the Rev. Marshall Truehill, a Baptist pastor and community activist. "Nobody's going to be partying."

At Charity Hospital, a 21-story limestone hospital adorned with allegorical reliefs, public officials will attend a

the remains of more than 100 victims who have still not been identified.

"It's an emotional time. You re-live scattered everyone is now.

'It's an emotional time. You re-live what happened and you remember how scattered everyone is now. There are relationships now that are completely over.

> - Robert Smallwood Writer

There are relationships now that are completely over," said Robert Smallwood, a New Orleans writer. "The city has been dying this slow death. In New Orleans, you can't escape it. It's bad news everyday." Churches will hold memorial services, including one at the historic St. Louis Cathedral on Jackson Square, and ring bells in honor of the victims. People throughout the city will hold their own private ceremonies to remember where they were when Katrina hit, and what they lost.

"Everyone who gives it any thought, and I can't imagine who hasn't, has to reflect on his or her own personal experience during that time, and also look at how far we've come," said Larry Lorenz, a journalism professor at Loyola University in New Orleans.

A candlelight vigil is scheduled in Jackson Square at dusk, right around the time the French Quarter may start getting tipsy with street parties and anniversary revelers, as happened last year.



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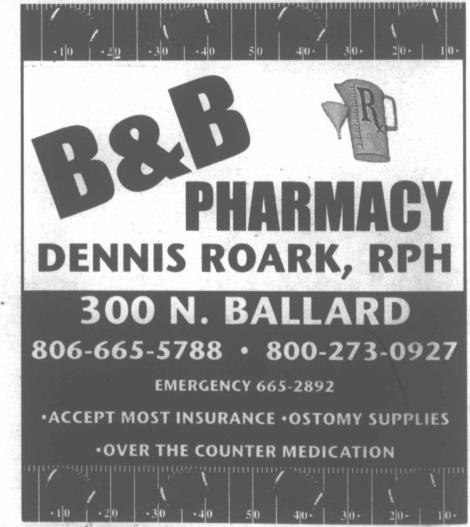
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10/19	Spearman	Canadian	7:30	
10/26	Stratford	Stratford	7:30	
11/2	Panhandle	Panhandle	7:30	
11/9	West Texas	Canadian	7:30	

Mack's Texas tenure at 10 seasons and counting

AUSTIN (AP) — Going into his 10th season at Texas, Mack Brown has experienced the full range of highs and lows at a school where the pressure to win would wear out many coaches.

The highs? The 2005 national championship (of course), Ricky Williams winning the 1998 Heisman Trophy and the run of victories over Michigan, Ohio State, Oklahoma and Southern Cal in a 21-game winning streak. And don't forget Bradford Hermes. Who?

Hermes was a deaf walk-on defensive back and one of the special behind-thescenes stories to Brown's nine-plus seasons in Austin. Brown says he'll never forget the lesson the player taught the coach about persevering in a world stacked against you.

In 2001, Hermes asked Brown to let him play his senior season. The coach, who earlier tried to discourage Hermes because he thought he might get hurt, let him get on the field for three games that year, one snap in

each on special teams.

Through a sign language interpreter, Brown had asked Hermes how he would know when the play was over. Hermes told Brown he would stop hitting opponents when they stopped hitting him.

"It showed me that just because someone does something different it doesn't mean it can't be done," Brown said.

Brown was hired to do something different at Texas: win a national title. And it took awhile to do it, longer than many fans wanted to accept.

That brings up the bad times. The five consecutive losses to Oklahoma. Losing the Big 12 title game to Colorado in 2001, a defeat that kept Texas from playing for the national title.

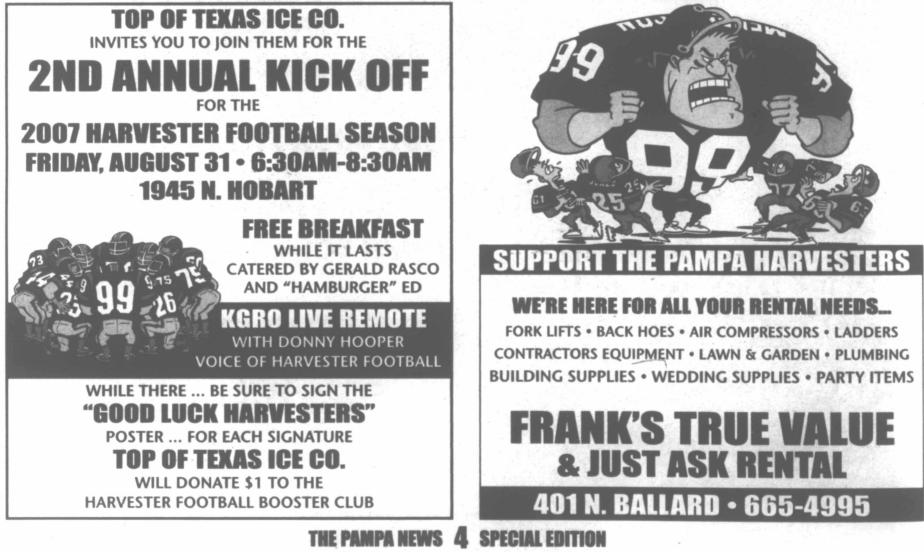
The Sooners hung embarrassing losses of 63-14 in 2000 and 65-13 in 2003. The second came just as a future superstar named Vince Young was taking over at quarterback.

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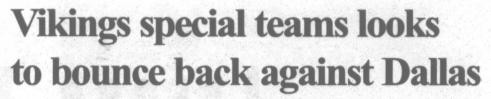
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rainy day in Seattle for the Vikings special teams last weekend.

Shanked punts. Coverage breakdowns. Missed field goals. All that and more com-... bined to make a miserable night in the Vikings' 30-13 loss to the Seahawks on Saturday night.

Special teams coordinator Paul Ferraro says everything will have to be better in Thursday night's preseason finale against Dallas

Against the Seahawks, Ferraro watched Nate Burleson return a punt 53 yards, Josh Wilson average a hearty 31 yards per kick return, Ryan Longwell miss a 37-yard field goal and Chris Kluwe hit a punt off the side of his foot that went just 20 yards.

Ferraro said the Vikings used some of the younger players in certain spots on the punt- and kick-cover units instead of more experienced veterans, and that may have cost them.

"I am not pleased with the two big returns that came back, one on punt and one on kickoff," Ferraro said. "There are some young guys in there at some different spots

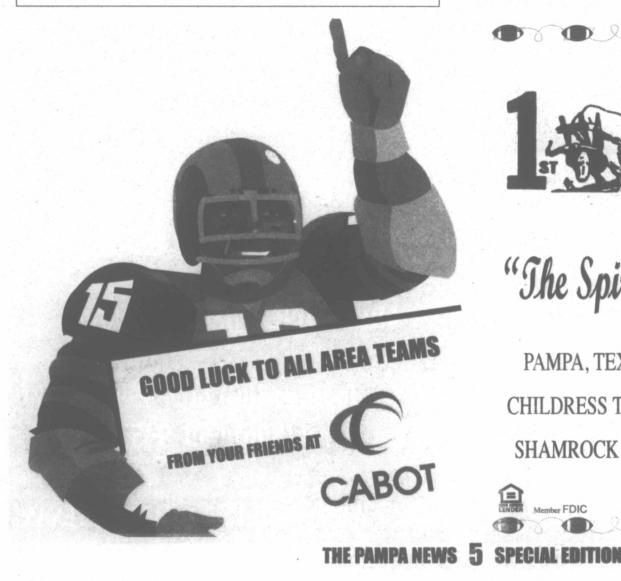
EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. (AP) - It was a that it's good learning experience for us, and good learning experience for some of our veterans too."

As troubling was the kicking game. After not missing an attempt under 40 yards all of last season, Longwell has missed two in three games this preseason.

"You never feel good when a kick at the range, that Ryan Longwell historically is automatic with, we've missed two now in the preseason," Ferraro said. "Ryan is not happy with it. Neither am I. But I'd like to think we get them out of our system now in the preseason and we get to the regular season and we'll be on track."

Kluwe had an up-and-down night. He boomed a 59-yard punt that had great hang time in the first quarter, only to see Burleson bring it back 53 yards. His 20yard flub in the second quarter gave Seattle the ball at their own 49.

"Chris is doing some good things, but we need to eliminate that one bad kick that's 20 yards off the side of your foot because, again, from a field position standpoint, it just puts us in a bad situation," Ferraro said.



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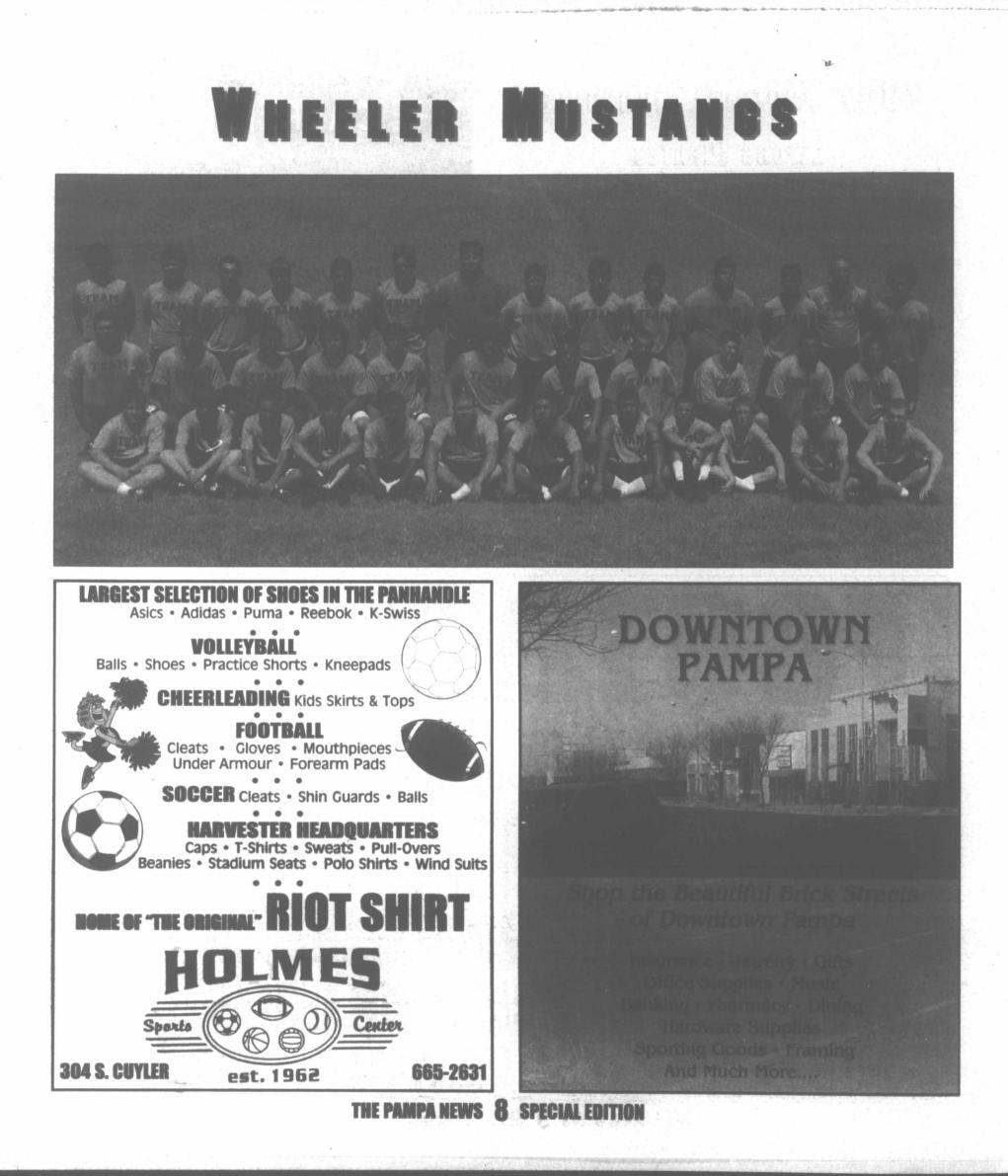
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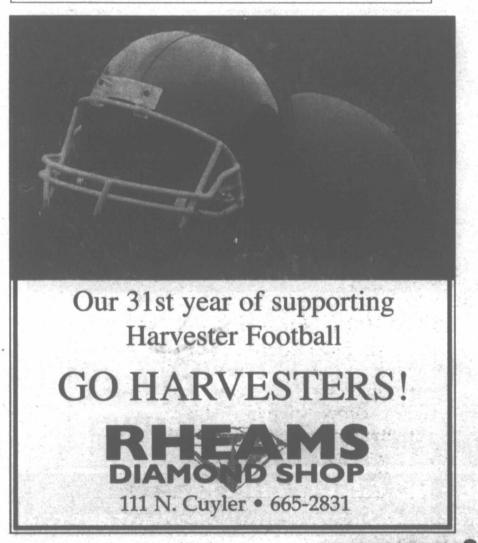
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Cowboys try to figure out options if CB Newman's injury lingers

IRVING, Texas (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys aren't concerned. Yet. Still, they are wary about how their revamped defense will handle an injury to their best cornerback Terence Newman since they already are without one of their best pass rushers, Greg Ellis.

Ellis' status remains a mystery, except that he likely won't be around for a while as he recovers from a torn Achilles' tendon. But the Cowboys have been bracing for it since draft day when they made linebacker Anthony Spencer their top pick.

Filling in for Newman is not as simple. "We definitely need him on the field," Anthony Henry said Tuesday. "He's our top

corner." Henry takes over that title until Newman returns from a slight tear in the tissue that runs across the base of his foot. He's missed the last two preseason games and will skip the preseason finale Thursday night against Minnesota.

While Newman hopes to be back for the opener Sept. 9 against the New York Giants, he said Monday he can't plant his foot and "it's something that's probably going to be bothering me all year."

Aaron Glenn started for Newman the last two games and gave up a touchdown pass in the most recent game. Entering his 14th season, Glenn is better suited as a third cornerback — except the Cowboys don't really have anyone else to join Henry in the starting lineup.

Jacques Reeves and Nate Jones are going into their fourth year without having distinguished themselves as anything more than backups. The other candidates are Joey Thomas, a former third-round pick by Green Bay who was out of the NFL last year; seventh-round pick Alan Ball; and Quincy Butler, an undrafted rookie who has hardly played this preseason because of an injury.

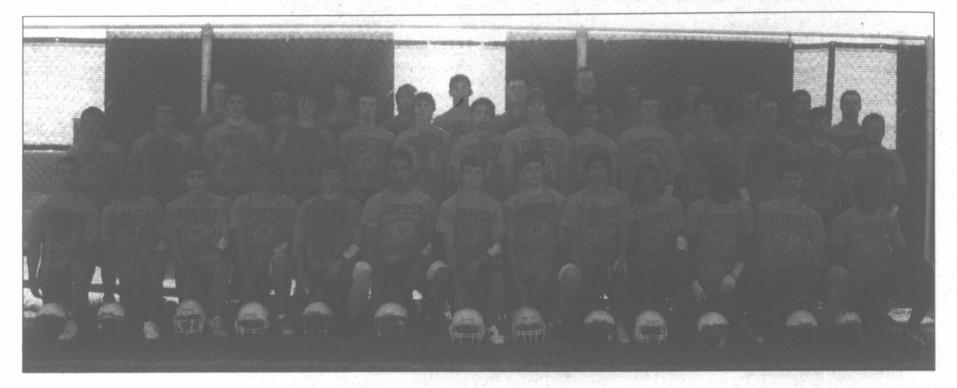
"None of them stepped up as far as somebody to come in and play if (Newman) were out," coach Wade Phillips said. "But they're going to play some more this game so they have another opportunity. They're getting ready to play and show what they can do, that's what I challenged them with."

Phillips said he wanted the cornerbacks fighting for jobs to show "I'm ready to play

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Harvesters ready to commit to a winning season

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

Head coach Andy Cavalier is entering his second season with Pampa, and many Harvesters are entering their second seasons on the varsity team.

Together, the coaching staff and players plan to not only win it big in Pampa's infamously tough district, but to also grow as men of commitment, hence this year's motto.

"From the time our season ended last year until now, these young men have been committed to this team," coach Andy Cavalier said, "That is why this year's motto is MOC - Men of Commitment."

Cavalier mentioned that he had the greatest turnout he has yet to see in Pampa for the spring offseason workout program last semester.

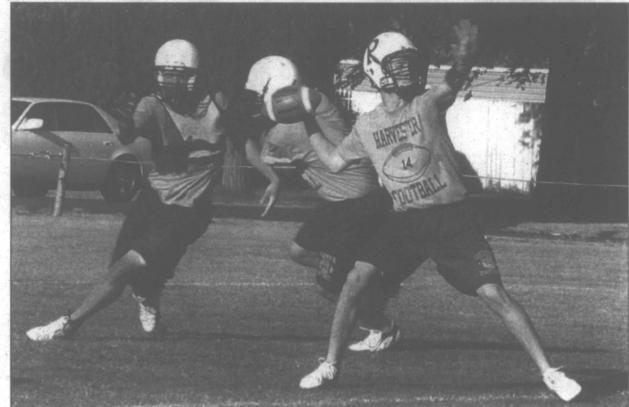
Their commitment has been steadfast throughout the summer months, and has still yet to cease as the date their first game of the season rapidly approaches.

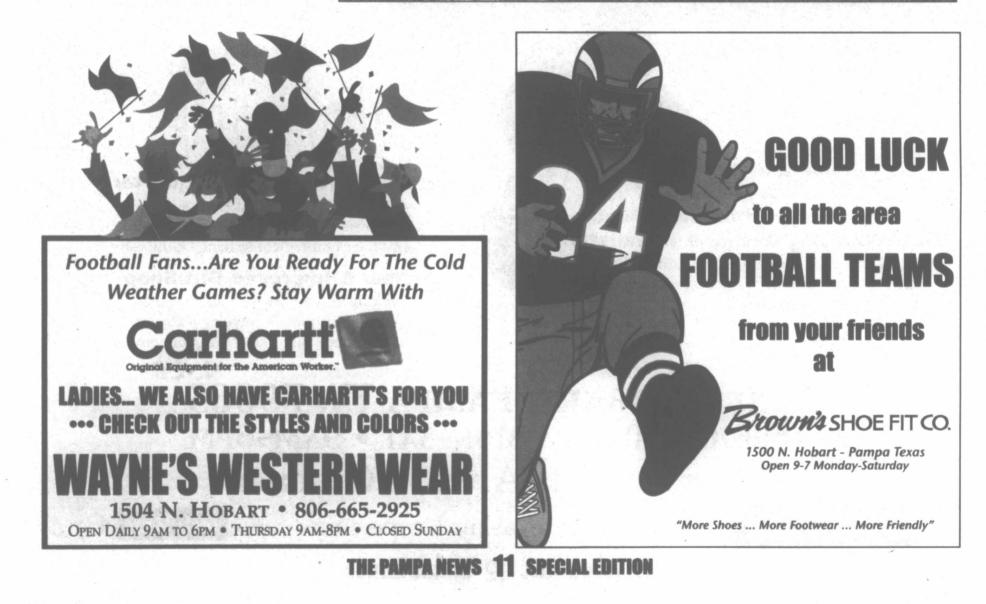
Cavalier is confident in entering his sophomore season as head coach.

"We have so many opportunities to do well this season, and so much potential," Cavalier said, "As always, there will be a lot of lessons learned, and my

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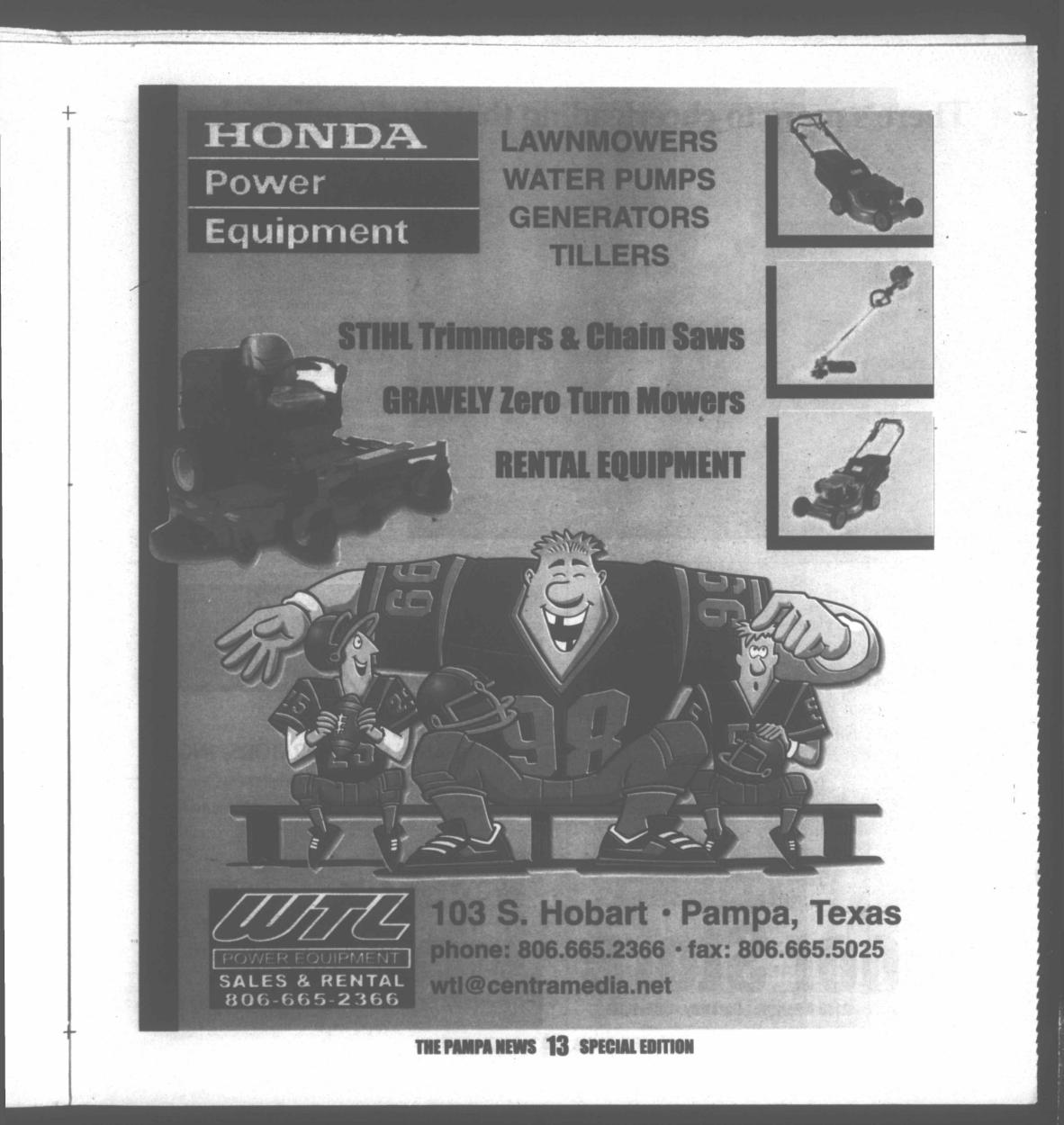
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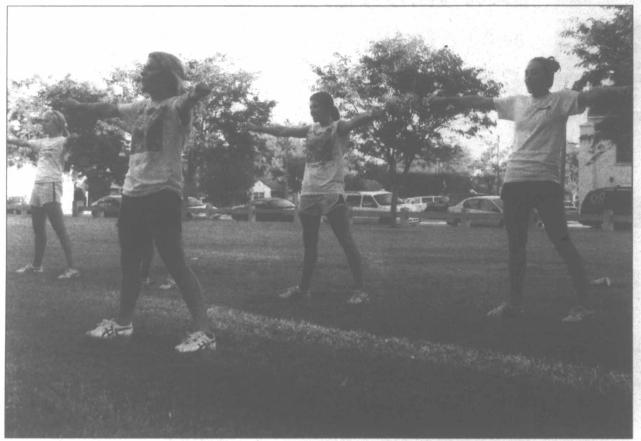
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There's more to cheerleading than just leading cheers



It takes a special. group of people to lead an eager crowd of fans at a Harvesters football game, and it said, "being on the takes a special kind of field in front of that person to work the crowd and cheering hours of a Pampa cheerleader.

"It's NOT all fun and games!" PHS cheerleader senior Marli Streep explained, "We love doing what we do, but we put a lot of work into everything you see."

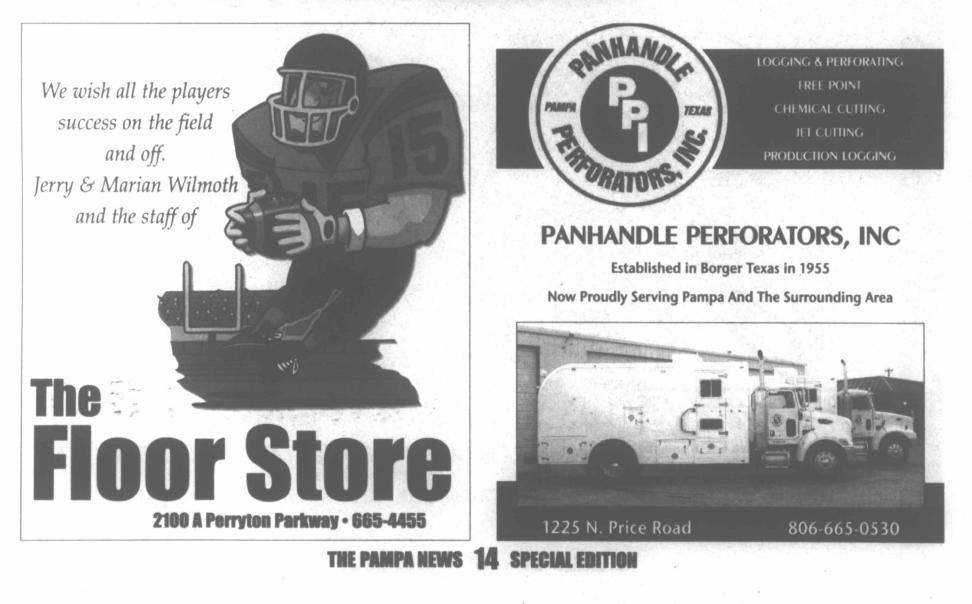
From the dance routines at the high school pep rallies to leading the Pampa fans in cheering on the team under the Friday night lights, these girls work countless hours simply for the love of cheering.

"I love getting out there on Friday nights," senior cheerleader Stephanie Jasso on the team, it feels great."

Their responsiblities as cheerleaders also require them to do much more than just lead cheers.

"We spend a lot of time making all of the school spirit banners and signs you see around, and even the big signs that the football team runs through - only to see them get pulvarized by a bunch. of sweaty guys," Streep said.

As much as it seems like exhausting work, these girls get into



cheerleading knowing what they've got coming, and they enjoy what they do more than anyone else could. Most are involved in another sport as well, but

cheerleading is a year-round activity. "We have a lot of girls in volleyball, basket-ball and softball," Jasso said, "So sometimes, it can be pretty hard to get everyone together for

cheerleading practice.

One thing that separates cheerleading from the other sports is the legion of young followers that look up to the cheerleaders.

The cheerleaders are easily outnumbered by young fans whenever they host their cheer camp during the summer.

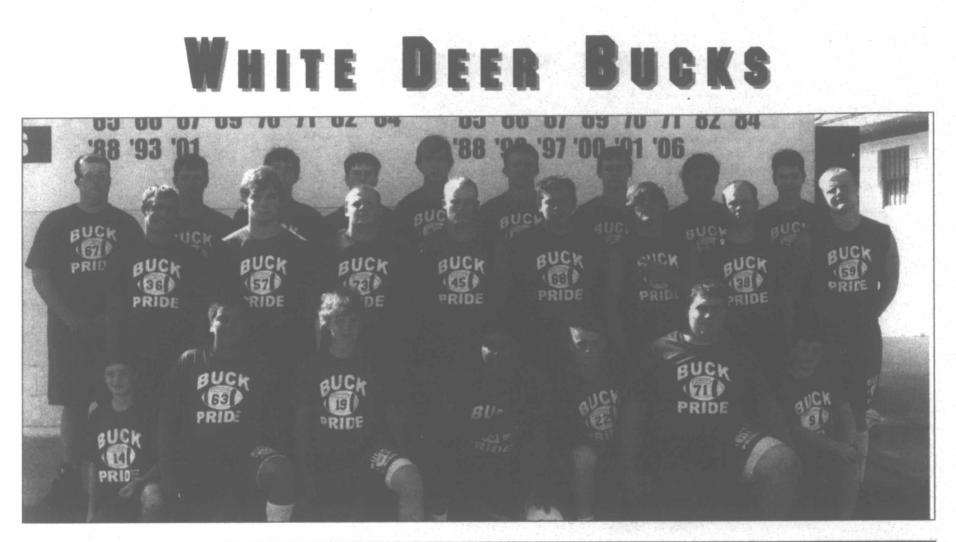
during the summer. "We have a lot of little girls that really look up to us a lot," Jasso said, "I remember being a lit-tle girl and looking up to the cheerleaders and wanting to be just like them." To them, the whole experience is more rewarding than one might expect after learning how much hard work they really have to do. "It's way worth it," Streep said, "To see the smiles on the faces of the people in the crowds, young fans, and athletes makes all of our hard

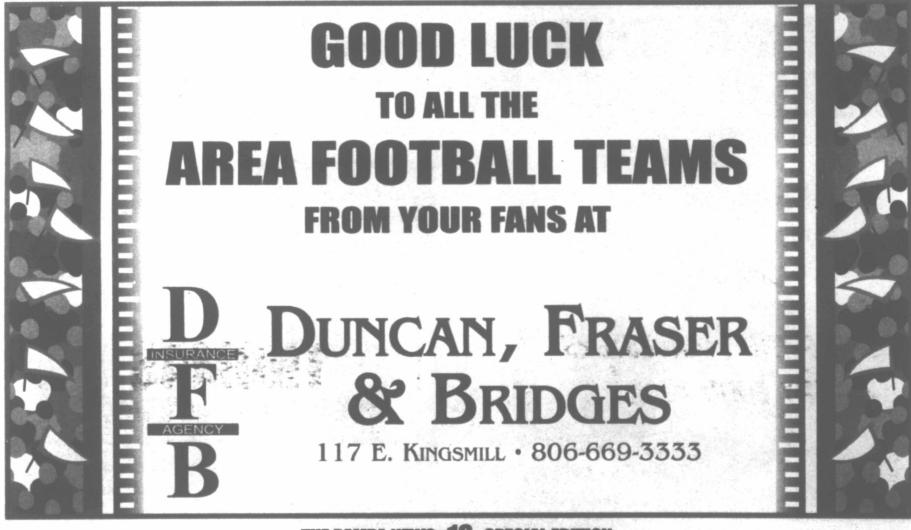
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9/14	Clarendon	Clarendon	7:30
9/21	Shamrock	Shamrock	7:30
9/28	Memphis	Memphis	7:30
10/5	OPEN		
10/12	Sunray	White Deer	7:30
10/19	Gruver	White Deer	7:30
10/26	Vega	Vega	7:30
11/2	Booker	White Deer	7:30
11/9	Boys Ranch	Boys Ranch	7:30



Brown

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"At some point there's a pride factor that kicks in," Brown said. "It didn't look like we were making the progress I knew we were making."

No days were darker than Feb. 26, 2001, the day defensive lineman Cole Pittman was killed in a single-car crash as he drove back to school from his family home in Shreveport, La. Pittman's death was a devastating blow for a coach who works hard to create a family atmosphere in his program and provide a home away from home for his players. It also forced him to be a

leader not just on the football field, but in his players' lives as well. The day Pittman was to be buried, Brown told his wife, Sally, he didn't know how he'd be able to handle the day. She scolded him, telling

it was a great day to be a football coach. What he said and did that day would help heal his team's wounds and help them learn how to deal with tragedies in life.

"Instead of 'Poor me, I have to go do this,' it just flipped to, 'How can we help? What can we do?"" Brown said.

Brown got a raise Tuesday that will push his annual salary over \$3 million by next season. He'll also get \$3 million in bonuses if he's still coaching Texas through 2009.

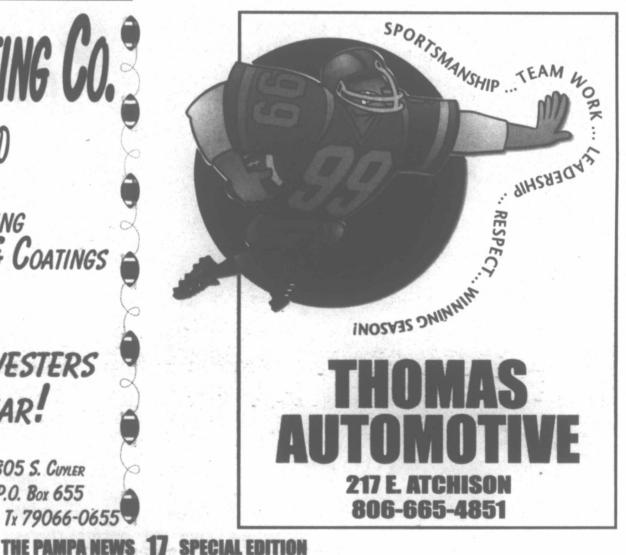
Is he worth it? Athletic director DeLoss Dodds always says Texas pays coaches "market value," and Brown's record says he should be near the top.

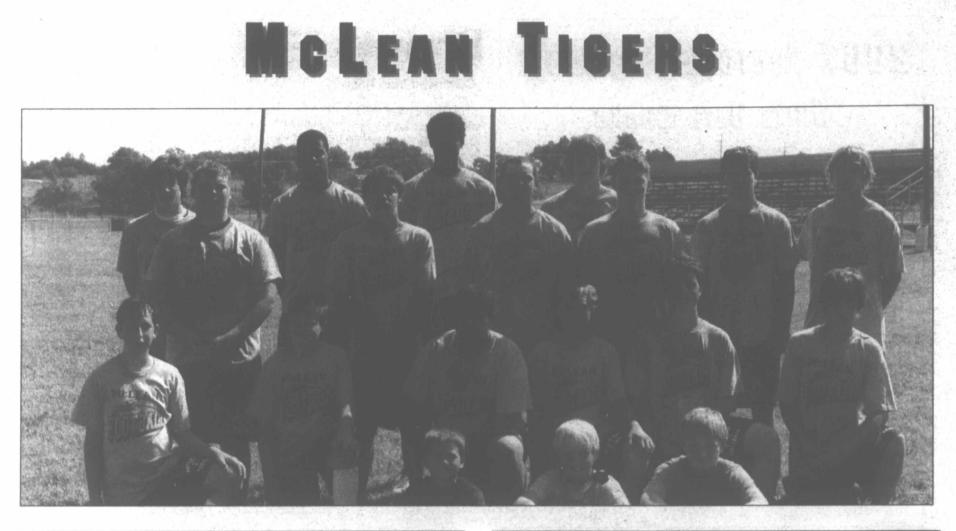
Even if he was a little late delivering one, UT's national championship was its first outright title since 1969. In 1997, the season before he took over, season ticket sales generated about \$8.2 million. By 2006, that figure had reached \$26.8 million. The school is in the middle of a \$170 million renovation at Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium that will add 47 luxury boxes and push attendance to more than 90,000 next year.

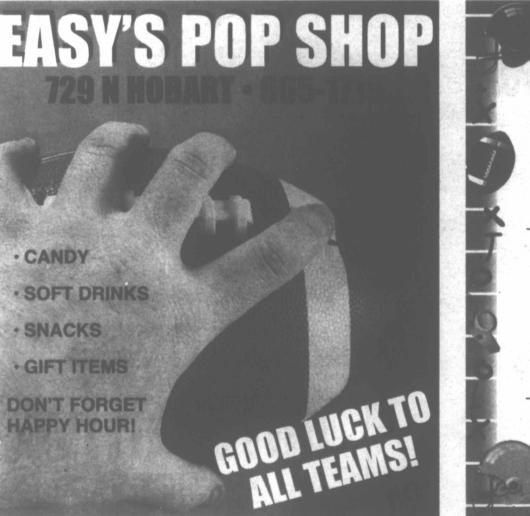
"I'd say that before he got here, the program was a mile wide and an inch deep," Dodds said. "Now it's a mile wide and a mile deep."

It's been interesting watching Brown evolve with his program.

The first season was all fun. Williams' run to the Heisman made him a Longhorn icon before his drug problems in the NFL tarnished his image. Texas won nine games, beat Oklahoma and Texas A&M and won the Cotton Bowl. The city even held a downtown parade.









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10/5	Miami	McLean	7:30
10/12	Samnorwood	McLean	7:30
10/19	Arbor Academy	McLean	7:30
10/26	Motley County	Motley Cty.	7:30
11/2	Groom	McLean	7:30
11/9	Lazbuddie	Lazbuddie	7:30

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in the NFL" during Saturday's game at Houston. It didn't happen.

'We're going to look at everybody and see if somebody can come in and play efficiently for us," Phillips said. "That's what we didn't get from anyone last game."

This could be the price the Cowboys pay for not having done much to address the position this past offseason. Another clunker outing by the backups and Dallas may have to turn to the waiver wire for leftovers off other rosters.

"Our guys not only are competing against guys on our team but they're also competing on someone that might be out there. That's why this game is so important, especially for guys that haven't had much playing time," he said.

Phillips is how this might change his scheme.

Phillips' 3-4 defense is based on putting a lot of pressure on the quarterback. Doing so effectively requires good pursuit up front and good one-on-one coverage in the secondary.

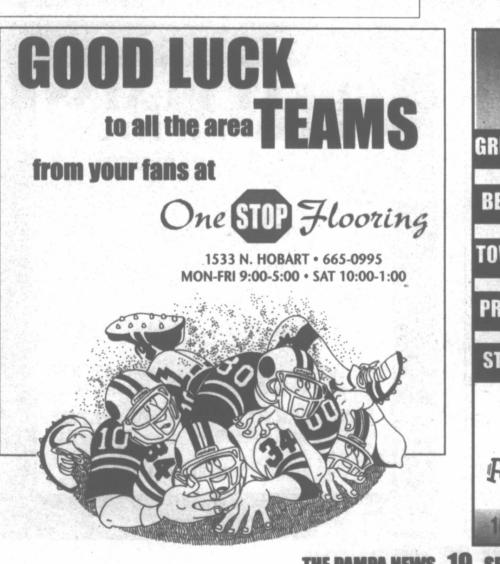
Missing Newman or Ellis makes it tougher. Being without both really fouls things up.

Newman is considered the caliber of cornerback who takes away an area of the field because quarterbacks see him there and figure they're better off picking on someone else. Ellis has led the team in sacks six times and was tied for the lead when he went down in November, despite having been moved from defensive end to linebacker. He got good news in a second opinion Monday from Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham, Ala.

"The show still goes," Glenn said. "If they're able

The bigger issue for to play, that's great for everyone. If not, shoot, we've got to continue to go. We've got other players here who have to play. The mindset of the guy who is playing there has to be, 'I've got to play and I'm going to play well."

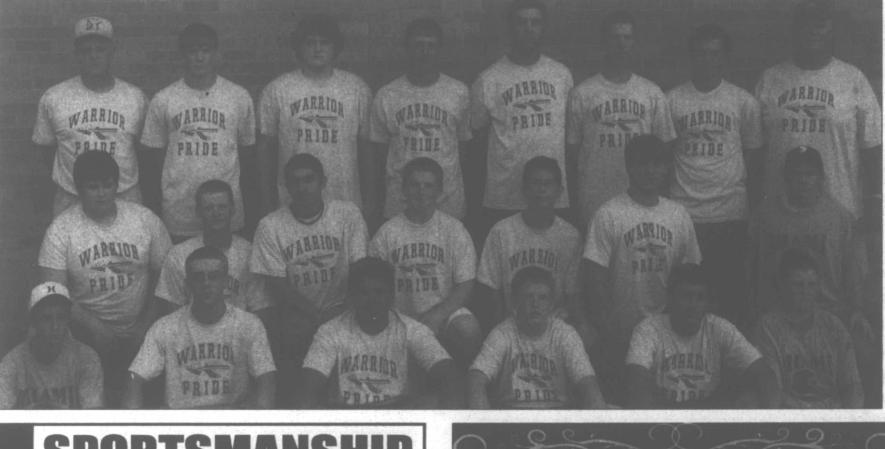
> OT Pete Lougheed was released Wednesday, putting the Cowboys at the 75-man roster limit. Another 22 guys must be cut by Saturday when the limit drops to 53. ... DT Marcus Smith was "banged up" during practice. "He was carted off, so it's not a minor thing," Phillips said, without giving any more details. Newman's absence also affects who returns punts. For now, Phillips said the duty belongs to WR Patrick Cravton, who is sure handed but not as elusive as Newman. "We're still looking at a lot of people," Phillips said, "but I don't feel comfortable with anyone else yet."

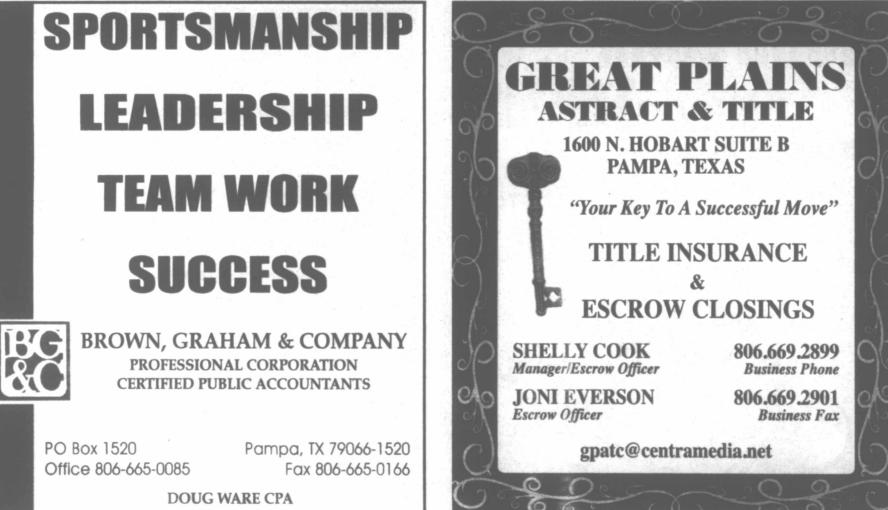


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2007	FOOTBALL	Schedule

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9/14	Higgins	Miami	7:30
9/21	Groom	Groom	7:30
9/28	Lefors	Miami	7:30
10/5	McLean	McLean	7:30
10/12	Higgins	Higgins	7:30
10/19	Fort Elliott	Miami	<u>7</u> :30
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11/2	Lefors	Lefors	7:30
11/9	Follett	Miami	7:30

Football books: Run for Bryant, pass on 'Paterno'

By KELLY P. KISSEL Associated Press Writer

"Bear: The Hard Life & Good Times of Alabama's Head Coach" (Triumph Books, \$24.95, 2007), by Paul "Bear" Bryant and John Underwood.

"Playing for Paterno: One Coach, Two Eras." (Triumph Books, \$24.95, 2007), as told to Jae Bryson, Charles Pittman and Tony Pittman.

Just in time for football season, Triumph Publishing seeks to score with a pair of books on coaching legends Bear Bryant and Joe Paterno.

Fans of the college game will want to run to bookstores for an updated version of Bryant's autobiography, rereleased with an audio CD. Pass on "Playing for Paterno," in which Charles and Tony Pittman apply football metaphors to business opportunities.

There are no great revelations in Bryant's book, which mixes stories suitable for booster club chicken dinners with anecdotes about the beauty queen who became his wife.

"I screwed up my courage and asked for a date. She reached into her purse and pulled

out this little black book. ... 'How about January twenty-third?' she said. I didn't need a calendar to know what that meant," Bryant wrote.

Game details seem to drift into minutiae, but Bryant eventually makes a point from most - sometimes at his own expense. At Kentucky, where Bryant coached from 1948-53, Dick Shafto scored on a fourthand-6 play to gain a 6-6 tie against LSU, and Bryant "chewed the team out good for losing."

Eventually, the Wildcats' radio announcer mentioned "the tie" in a post-game interview.

"I jumped about four feet. I called Gaynell Tinsley, the LSU coach, and asked him what the score was. He said, 'You drunk this guick?"' Bryant wrote.

And in Bryant's own words is the story of the bear he agreed to wrestle for \$1 a minute at Fordyce, Ark., near his home at Moro Bottom, as part of a traveling attraction. "I felt this burning on the back of my ear, and when I touched it I got a handful of blood," he writes.



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goal is for everyone involved to come out feeling like they have grown from the experience."

Cavalier himself has grown from his experience as a first-year as head coach last year, and will take that knowledge with him into this season.

"I learned last year that every season will bring tides and turns," Cavalier said, "I learned that you never can overlook any possible scenarios, and that you've got to be able to work with any situation in order to succeed."

That's exactly what he's been doing with the this year's team - practicing possible situations, that if left overlooked could result quite unfavorably.

But so far, everything

seems to be in the Harvesters' favor as the close-knit team enters their next season.

The team may be smaller, physically, but where they lack in size they make up in speed.

"We'll be running a very fast-paced offense, it seems that will work best for us," Cavalier said, "We're allowing them to utilize their strengths in that respect."

Whether they'll be passing or running, the quarterback is going to have outstanding protection from the line, according to Cavalier.

"Our offensive linemen have really been performing well and doing a wonderful job," Cavalier said.

No matter what the outcome of the season, all eyes will be on the Harvesters this year - not only the eyes of Pampan fans, but of fans from all around the world, thanks to Dateline fame. Last year, NBC producers

found the Pampa Harvesters to be the perfect team to embrace the essence of real Texas high school football.

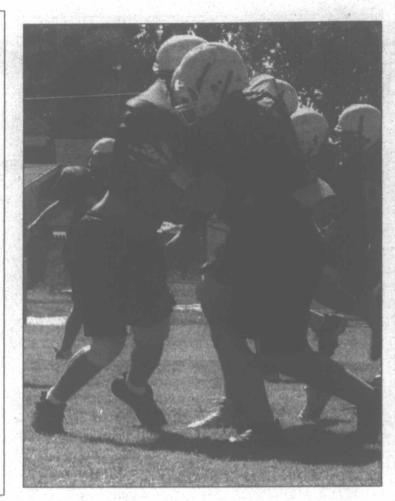
In an NBC special that aired in late December of last year, the Harvesters were portrayed by Dateline as polite young men with a knack for playing ball, led by a young ambitious coach fulfilling his father's legacy and closely followed by a heartwarming adoring community and fan-base.

Coach Cavalier himself has since recieved a slew of positive comments on the students and community by phone and e-mail in response to the special.

"It's just amazing how farreaching that opportunity was for us and our community," Cavalier said.

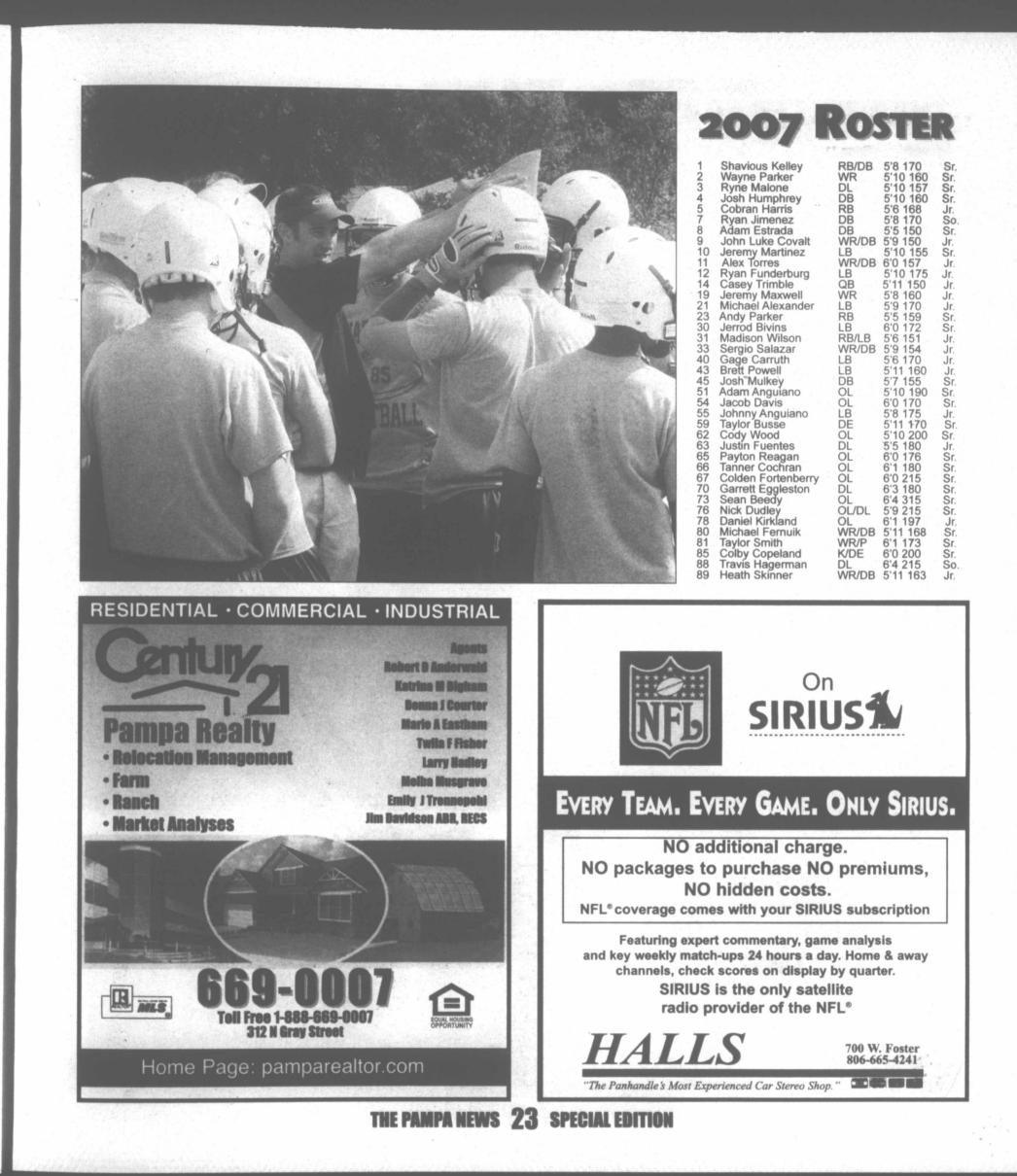
It's time for that community to get ready for an encore with an appetite for success.

The Pampa Harvesters are back, and ready to play.





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