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Pampa schools rated 'superior'

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Pampa Independent School District officials announced Thursday that the district received a rating of "Superior Achievement" under Texas' schools FIRST financial accountability rating system. This rating is the state's highest, which demonstrates the quality of PISD's financial management and reporting system.

This is the fifth year of Schools FIRST, which stands for financial accountability rating system of Texas. This is a financial accountability system for Texas school districts developed by the Texas Education Agency in response to Senate bill 875 of the 76th Texas Legislature in 1999. The main goal of Schools FIRST is to achieve quality performance in the management of school districts' financial resources. This

goal was made more significant due to the complexity of accounting associated with the Texas school finance system.

"We are very pleased with PISD's Schools FIRST rating," Pampa Superintendent Barry Haenisch said. "It shows that our district is making the most of our taxpayers' dollars. This rating shows that Pampa's schools are accountable not only for student learning, but also for achieving these results cost effectively and efficiently."

This rating system assigns one of four financial accountability ratings to Texas school districts with the highest being superior achievement followed by above standard, standard and substandard achievement.

Districts with serious data quality problems may receive the additional rating

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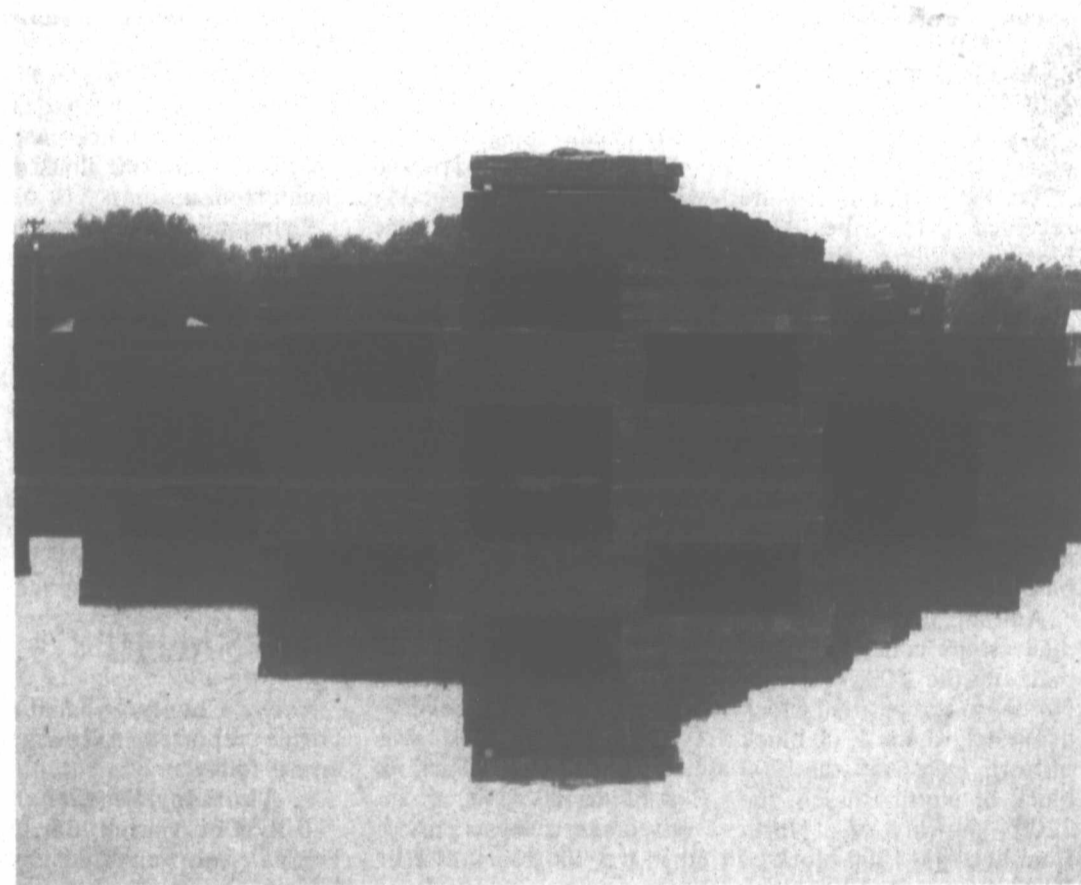
Reception for firefighters



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

White Deer Land Museum will host a reception from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday to honor Gray County firefighters. The reception, which is free and open to the public, will include viewing of the firefighter exhibit currently on display at the museum. Punch and cookies will be served. The exhibit, including the above, is composed of memorabilia from Hoover, McLean and Lefors volunteer fire departments and from Pampa Fire Department.

Railroad tie art



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Railroad ties sit stacked in a pond caused by weekend rains in Panhandle.

New movie theater brought before EDC

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

A new movie theater could be in the works for Pampa.

Tony Schwiegerath of Denver and Jason Scott of Pampa, who have the Cinema 4 movie theater in Coronado Center, met behind closed doors with the Pampa Economic Development Corp. board of directors Thursday with regard to building a six-screen movie theater in town.

In his treasurer's report, Gary Sutherland said a check from the state comptroller's office in the amount of \$101,238.81 should be deposited in the EDC's bank account today. That will be added to the \$1,143,841.09 in assets that the EDC already has in the form of their checking account, cer-

tificates of deposits and a loan to MXT.

In other business, the EDC is looking for one good man or woman.

The terms of four members of the board expire at the end of the year. Kathy Cota, Dennis Stowers and Gary Sutherland all indicated that they would like to be reappointed, but Bill Berry said he would have to decline because of other commitments.

"The search is on for one new board member," said Ken May, president of the board.

A decision on a new portable display booth was postponed until research could be completed on the acquisition of one.

EDC Executive Director Dwight Fiveash said in his

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Red Cross joins National Preparedness Month

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross joins a nationwide effort to help communities get prepared during National Preparedness Month. Red Cross chapters across the country will conduct activities and outreach to help individuals, families, schools and businesses take action to "Be Red Cross Ready" for all types of disasters and emergencies by: 1) getting a kit, 2) making a plan, and 3) being informed.

"The Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross will always be there to

provide relief in times of disasters, and we're also in communities every day teaching people the skills they need to prepare for and keep their families safer in a disaster or emergency," said J.F. Davis, board chairman.

There are three simple actions anyone can take to "Be Red Cross Ready" for a disaster or emergency: 1) get a kit, 2) make a plan and 3) be informed. Specifically, the American Red Cross recommends:

Families assemble or buy a disaster

supplies kit containing at least three days of provisions in an easy-to-carry container, like a backpack. It's also important to check that stock every six months and replace expired items.

As part of your family communications plan, each person should know how to reach family members, including an out-of-area contact, and where to meet if they can't go home.

Families should learn about what resources are available to them and what types of disasters are most like-

ly to occur where they live, work and play, and take first aid and CPR courses — a vital component of disaster preparedness.

"Preparing ahead of time will help you respond better in a disaster or emergency, and may even save your life," Disaster Director Cindy Nickell said. "Prepared citizens help to create prepared communities. And two great ways for people to help prepare our community are by vol-

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NEXT DAY FORECAST

Saturday **Sunday** **Monday**



Partly cloudy



Sunny



Sunny

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South wind between 10 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Saturday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 65. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Sunday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South-southwest wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 86. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. South wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

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Foundation claims pet collars copy LiveStrong wristband

AUSTIN (AP) — The Lance Armstrong Foundation has sued an Oklahoma man, alleging his company's Barkstrong and Purrstrong pet collars infringe on the foundation's trademark yellow LiveStrong wristbands.

The lawsuit in U.S. District Court seeks to stop Animal Charity Collar Group Inc. from using the phrases, the yellow bands and the Web site barkstrong.net. It also seeks unspecified monetary damages, and the cancellation of the company's Purrstrong trademark and its pending application for the Barkstrong trademark.

Armstrong, a seven-time winner of the Tour de France, started the foundation bearing his name in 1997 after recovering from advanced testicular cancer that had spread to his abdomen, lungs and brain.

Since 2004, the foundation has sold more than 70 million of its LiveStrong wristbands for \$1 each to raise money for cancer research and programs for survivors. The wristbands are a symbol of the foundation's goodwill, the lawsuit says.

The pet collars "are confusingly similar to, and are likely to cause confusion, mistake or deception" about their origin or affiliation with the Lance Armstrong Foundation, according to the lawsuit filed Tuesday.

Animal Charity Collar Group, a for-profit company based in Tulsa, Okla., makes the collars for animal rescue groups to sell. It also sells them on its Web site for \$4.99.

Chris Ohman, the company's CEO and a defendant in the lawsuit, said the glow-in-the-dark pet collars were his company's idea. They come in dayglow white, yellow-green, pink and blaze orange and have paw prints embedded on either side of the phrase.

"It is not something that could be confused with a bracelet or any other product they have," Ohman said.

Ohman approached the Lance Armstrong Foundation when he started the collar project in 2006, but the foundations declined to participate because it was not related to cancer research, he said.

Attorney John Guaragna said its natural for the foundation to want to "protect its trademarks and prevent them from being diluted."

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

BATES, Bette Saunders — Memorial services, 2 p.m., Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Bette Saunders Bates, 81



Bates

Bette Saunders Bates, 81, of Pampa, Texas, died Sunday, Sept. 9, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas.

Memorial services for Thomas N. and Bette S. Bates will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007, at Carmichael-Whitley Colonial Chapel with Ward Plato officiating.

Cremation arrangements were under the direction of Memory Gardens in Amarillo, and memorial services are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Bates was born Oct. 8, 1925, in Pampa. She was the third child of Horace E. and Florence B. Saunders, and granddaughter of George Henry Saunders, the first Gray County judge and pioneer family of Gray County.

She attended Sam Houston elementary, the old Pampa Junior High, and some high school until her family moved to Oklahoma City, Okla., a where she attended school there.

After the family moved back to Pampa, she attended Whitworth School for Girls in Brookhaven, Miss., where she graduated on June 6, 1944. She also attended and graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla., on June 2, 1947.

Bette married Thomas Newton Bates on June 28, 1947, at her parent's home in Pampa. She moved to Tucson, Ariz., where she lived from 1959 until 1974 where she received her PhD from the University of Arizona and worked with troubled children for several years.

She returned to Pampa in 1974 to take care of her parents. Mrs. Bates put on vintage style shows for Pampa's birthdays at the old Coronado Inn Starlight Room, M.K. Brown Auditorium and the Knights

of Columbus.

She was a member of the West Side Church of Christ, the El Progresso Study Club, The Pampa Fine Arts Association, Pampa Community Concert and the Pampa Army Airfield Association. She enjoyed painting and working in the yard.

She is survived by her son, Jon T. Bates of Pampa; her daughter, Cathy Hicks and husband Donald B. of Marana, Ariz.; one grandchild, Jessica Goree and husband Lee of Peoria, Ariz.; three great-grandsons, Damian Goree and Tomas Conner Goree, both of Peoria, Ariz., and Donnen Colter Hicks, Jr., of Marana, Ariz.; cousins, Donna Jo Acker and husband Wayland, David Crossman and wife Ann, and Gabe Crossman and wife Jimma, all of Pampa, and Laverne

Saunders of Lubbock; one nephew, Randal Allison and wife Deb of Abilene; one niece, Rebecca Allison of Abilene; and special friends, Ray DeWitt, Hellen McLaughlin, Rosemary Schifffman, Glynda Leatherman and Paula King.

She was preceded in death by her sisters, Jessie in 1924 and Arlene in 1966; her father, H.E. Saunders in 1979; her mother, Florence B. Saunders in 1982; and her loving husband of 50 years, Thomas N. Bates in 2002; and cousins, Lois Reed, Dutchie Burns, George Saunders and Louella Saunders.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, Texas Chapter, 4300 MacArthur, Suite 245, Dallas, TX 75209; Odyssey Healthcare, 6900 I-40 West, Suite 150, Amarillo, TX 79106; or your favorite charity.

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Bedford T. 'B.T.' Brown, 79



Brown

Bedford T. "B.T." Brown, 79, of Pampa, Texas, died Sept. 13, 2007, at Amarillo, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Brown was born Oct. 23, 1927, in Terral, Okla. He married Betty J. Blaylock on July 4, 1948, in Pampa. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1959, moving from San Antonio.

He was assistant chief with the Pampa Fire

Department for 28 years. He was a deacon and member of the Fellowship Baptist Church, and taught Sunday School for many years.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during World War II.

Survivors include his

wife, Betty J. Brown, of the home; two sons, Milton Brown of Howardwick, and Michael Brown and wife Toni of Broken Arrow, Okla.; one daughter, Carol Nuss and husband Jim of Norman, Okla.; one sister, Ruby

Smith of Soldotna, Alaska; eight Grandchildren; and

eight great-grandchildren.

MEMORIALS: Fellowship Baptist Church, 622 E. Francis, Pampa, TX: 79065; Northwest Texas Heart Hospital, 1501 S. Coulter, Amarillo, TX: 79175; or Plum Creek Rehab Hospital, 5601 Plum Creek Drive, Amarillo, TX 79106.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

Six traffic stops were made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1100 block of Sierra, the 1600 block of Somerville and the 100 block of East Harvester.

Accidents occurred at the intersection of 25th and Fir, the intersection of Hobart and 23rd, and the 2800 block of Charles.

Abandoned vehicles were reported in the police department lobby and the 700 block of East Harvester.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 500 block of North Hazel, the 800 block of West 23rd, the 1700 block of North Dogwood, the 1200 block of North Russell, the 2200 block of North Hamilton, the 1900 block of North Aspen, the 1400 block of East Browning and the 2100 block of North Wells.

Burglaries were reported in the 500 block of South Russell and the 2100 block of North Wells where an air compressor with hose and blow gun valued at \$125 were taken.

Injury to a disabled person with intent to cause bodily injury was reported in the 100 block of East Harvester where the victim was allegedly jumped from behind and sustained minor injuries to the face and knees. No medical attention was required and the incident is still under investigation.

A runaway was reported in the 1200 block of East Kingsmill. The subject returned home later that evening.

A suspicious person was reported at the intersection of Barnes and Frederic.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of East Frederic.

Escort service was provided in the 200 block of East Foster and at an undisclosed location.

Violation of city ordi-

nances were reported in the 400 block of North Lefors and the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Theft was reported in the 2800 block of North Charles. Agency assistance was provided in the 100 block of South Hobart.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Disorderly conduct was reported at the intersection of Worrell and Russell.

Robbery was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported following arrests today.

Thursday, Sept. 13

Billy Don Garrett, 35, of Pampa was arrested by Pampa Police Department for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Oscar Montis, 42, of Pampa was arrested by GCISO on a bond surrender for DWI.

Anthony Caviness, 53, of Houston was arrested by GCISO for theft of property, greater than \$50 but less than \$500.

Fire

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

Thursday, Sept. 13

8:26 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1300 block of West Somerville on a call for medical assistance.

6:20 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Hobart and 23rd on a false alarm.

8:31 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of Russell on a false alarm.

9:12 p.m. — One unit and two personnel responded to the 700 block of East Malone on a gas leak.

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Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of White Deer:

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Milo	5.48
Corn	5.94
Soybeans	7.98

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

OKY	61.43	-0.67
BP PLC ADR	68.53	-1.02
Cabot Corp	37.21	+0.11
Calumet	35.53	+0.50
Cabot Oil Gas	35.38	-0.18
Coca Cola	55.99	+0.12
VLO	68.51	-0.21
HAL	36.93	+0.07
XCEL	21.08	+0.83
Anadarko	50.45	-0.24
XOM	88.25	-0.37
Nat'l Oilwell	131.64	-1.85
Limited	22.30	-0.07
Williams	32.75	-0.11
MCD	54.03	-0.27
Atmos	27.55	-0.21
Pioneer Nat	44.01	-0.19
JCP	63.79	-0.36
COP	84.49	-0.62
SLB	99.60	-0.95
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"Newspaper, of course, because it is a great source of information."

O.J. named suspect in break-in at Las Vegas casino

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Investigators questioned O.J. Simpson and named him a suspect today in a break-in at a casino hotel room involving sports memorabilia.

The break-in was reported at the Palace Station casino late Thursday night, police spokesman Jose

Montoya said. He said investigators determined the break-in involved sports collectibles.

"When they talked to him, Simpson made the comment that he believed the memorabilia was his," Montoya said. "We're getting conflicting stories from the two sides."

Simpson was released after he and several associates were questioned, but he is considered a suspect in the case, Montoya said. He is believed to be in Las Vegas.

"We don't believe he's going anywhere," he said.

The Heisman Trophy winner, ex-NFL star and actor lives near

Miami and has been a tabloid staple since his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ron Goldman were killed in 1994. Simpson was acquitted of murder charges, but a jury later held him liable for the killings in a wrongful death lawsuit.

Simpson has had to auction off

his sports collectibles, including his Heisman Trophy, to pay some of the \$33.5 million judgment awarded to the Goldman family.

On Thursday, the Goldman family published a book about the killings that Simpson had written under the title, "If I Did It."

Humberto leaves thousands without power

HIGH ISLAND, Texas (AP) — Some residents of Texas and Louisiana fired up generators to cut through the darkness after Hurricane Humberto sneaked up on the Gulf Coast, knocking out power to thousands and flooding streets before fizzling into a tropical depression.

Humberto, the first hurricane to hit the U.S. in two years, steadily lost its punch Thursday after sloshing ashore in Texas as a stronger storm than initially expected and then dragging across Louisiana.

Early today, the remnants of Humberto took aim at Mississippi, where flood watches were in effect. Flood warnings were issued for portions of the Vermilion River in Louisiana.

Texas Gov. Rick Perry declared three southeastern counties disaster areas. At one point, about 118,000 customers lost electricity in Texas and Louisiana.

"We're pushing in generators, water and ice to affected areas, particularly those who have lost power," said Robert Black, Perry's spokesman. "We're working

with the private sector to get power restored as quickly as possible."

Forecasters didn't put out their first advisory on what became Humberto until almost midday Wednesday. It strengthened from a tropical depression with 35-mph winds to a hurricane with 85-mph winds in just 18 hours, said senior hurricane specialist James Franklin at the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Only three other storms have pulled off a similar feat, growing from depression to hurricane in 18 hours —

Blanche in 1969, Harvey in 1981 and Alberto in 1982 — but all of them were out at sea at the time, not about to crash ashore like Humberto.

Humberto made landfall early Thursday less than 50 miles from where Hurricane Rita did in 2005, and areas of southwest Louisiana not fully recovered from Rita braced for flooding.

Along Port Arthur's refinery row, three crude oil and liquid hydrocarbons plants were idled until power was restored. Some could be offline for several days, even after power is restored, because they must undergo the full restart process.

Before it lost strength, Humberto hit the tiny Texas town of High Island, population 500, best known as a way station for exotic migratory birds each spring and fall at its bird sanctuary.

Jerry Green, 60, rode out the storm in a small trailer at an RV park. "I didn't think it was going to be that bad," Green said. "Everybody else in the RV park left. I would have left also if I had known what was going to happen."

Roofs were torn from stores and homes, power lines and telephone poles littered the street and the lights and scoreboard at the school's football stadium were in pieces.

PEDC

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report to the board that MXT, a packing material and pet treat manufacturer, was completing their move from Amarillo to their plant in Pampa and should be in operation by the end of the month.

He also said he had been working with several companies that were trying to find space in Pampa, as well as one company that wants to make ethanol out of algae.

Fiveash said he and Dick Stowers of the Pampa Industrial Foundation had been working with a metal recycling company. Fiveash said city officials were encouraging the recycler to locate in Pampa. City officials said it could help ease pressure on the landfill.

If the metal recycler

located in Pampa, Fiveash said, it could help stimulate other business opportunities in town.

In other business, Fiveash said he was in the process of going through some 35 boxes that held the records from the previous economic development corporation. The EDC's lawyer, Vanessa Buzzard, who had helped close out the old EDC, said she didn't think there would be much there.

Fiveash indicated he planned on attending the International Council of Shopping Centers meeting in San Antonio later this year and try to promote the Pampa mall.

He also said that there is a housing shortage in Pampa. There are about 76 houses for sale in the Pampa multiple real estate listings, ranging from \$22,900 to \$220,000. While that's still about 10 more than for the same time last year, Fiveash

said he would like to meet with local building contractors and see what could be done to encourage more housing construction in Pampa.

Fiveash said that there are 15 to 20 qualified contractors in the area.

One of the problems, he said, has been that some platted land had been bought up and the price increased, but Fiveash said he had also talked with city officials about their demolition of abandoned houses and whether there was an area where a block could be freed up for development.

Fiveash also said he had talked with some builders about renovating vacant homes.

He said Pampa needs middle-income housing.

The next meeting of the EDC will be at 11 a.m., Oct. 2, in the Nona Payne Room of the Pampa Community Building.

Prepare

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unteering and donating blood."

The Eastern Texas Panhandle conducts disaster training, preparing volunteers on how to help in the event of a disaster. The next training will be on Shelter Operations and Simulation at 9:30 a.m. Sept. 22 at the Borger office located at 614 Weatherly. The Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross has speakers available to make presentations to your business, school, clubs or civic organizations. Please contact Cindy at 806 273-6012 if interested in volunteering or to schedule a presentation.

To help people prepare their homes and workplaces, preparedness prod-

ucts can be purchased at the Red Cross online store <http://www.redcross.org/store>. Red Cross preparedness products are also offered at a variety of retail locations across the country.

National Preparedness Month is a coordinated, nationwide effort sponsored each September by the Department of Homeland Security to raise awareness about the importance of emergency preparedness and encourage individuals to take action. The American Red Cross has participated in National Preparedness Month efforts from its inception.

For more information, including downloadable resources, regarding how individuals and families can prepare for disasters visit <http://www.redcross.org/BeRedCrossReady> or contact the Eastern Texas Panhandle Red Cross.

The American Red Cross helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies. Last year, almost a million volunteers and 35,000 employees helped victims of almost 75,000 disasters; taught lifesaving skills to millions; and helped U.S. service members separated from their families stay connected.

Almost 4 million people gave blood through the Red Cross, the largest U.S. supplier of blood and blood products. The American Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in humanitarian services and programs. The Red Cross is not a government agency; it relies on donations of time, money, and blood to do its work.

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of suspended-data quality. Districts that receive the substandard achievement or suspended-data quality ratings under Schools FIRST must file a corrective action plan with Texas Education Agency.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS PAMPA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT'S State Financial Accountability Rating

Pampa Independent School District will hold a public meeting at
6:00 PM September 17, 2007
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321 W. Albert
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The purpose of this meeting is to discuss Pampa Independent School District's rating on the state's financial accountability system (FIRST).

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Viewpoints

Purchasing new vehicle can be daunting

The car I've owned and driven for the past six years is a Hyundai XG300 and I've loved it, until the past few months when things started breaking on it and my husband had to fix them. Even though it was nothing too bad or expensive, it was inconvenient to have my car out of service for days at a time. Luckily, my parents had an extra truck they loaned me for the past few weeks so at least I did have transportation, but it was still a hassle.

The last thing that went out on the car was the alternator, which we had to order and wait for more than a week to receive. (I don't understand shipping at all because we ordered a few parts directly from Korea

and received them in two days, but this part that came from somewhere in the U.S. took more than a week - go figure). While waiting on this part, my husband and I made the mistake of looking around at used cars. You know how that usually goes. You were fine with your car when it ran fine and did not have any complaints about it, but when one thing needs to be replaced on it you think it's junk.

We started looking at cars on the Internet, Auto Trader and Ebay Motors. I knew that I didn't want another car, but instead an SUV or mini-van. My husband found a mini-van online that was at a car dealership here in Pampa, Culberson Stowers. The next day, which was a

Sunday, we drove through the car lot and saw this vehicle and really liked it. One thing I really liked at Culberson Stowers was that most of the used cars we looked at on the lot had the price listed on the window. I like knowing up front what the price is and not having to mess with a salesman just to find out the price.

Kerri Smith

Staff Writer

drive the van, but we'd have to come after work. He said he'd be happy to let us drive it that day and keep it overnight so we could really see if we liked it. So, without ever stepping foot in the dealership, George Bullard brought the van down to my work and dropped it and the keys off for us to try out. We drove it around the rest of the day and night and really checked everything out on it. We found a few minor things that needed to be repaired.

The next morning I called Johnny back and told him we liked it and I'd like to talk to

him about it. When I went into his office, he was not pushy at all and did not ever make me feel uncomfortable or uneasy about the deal we were discussing. He told me what price he could go to on the van immediately. There was not any haggling at all and I really liked that.

He asked about my trade and when I told him my car was sitting in the driveway waiting on an alternator, he guessed at what he might be able to give us for it, sight unseen. I told him I'd have to wait until we received the part and then he could actually see it. He was fine with that and said he'd get those items fixed on the van. During these few days of waiting on the part, I really looked around in newspa-

pers and on the Internet to see if I could find any better deals and I did not. Culberson Stowers had the best deal around, including Amarillo, Lubbock and Oklahoma City.

We got the part for the car, my husband fixed it and we drove it down to the dealership. It only took them about 15 minutes to assess my trade and he ended up giving me more for it because it was in pretty good shape. So, he plugged the numbers into the computer and showed me what the payment would be. It was that easy.

This was the least stressful car purchase I've ever made in the past 20 years. First, they let us drive it longer

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 14, the 257th day of 2007. There are 108 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 14, 1814, Francis Scott Key was inspired to write his poem "The Star-Spangled Banner" after witnessing how Fort McHenry in Maryland had endured British bombardment during the War of 1812.

On this date:

In 1812, the Russians set fire to Moscow in the face of an invasion by Napoleon Bonaparte's troops.

In 1847, U.S. forces under Gen. Winfield Scott took control of Mexico City.

In 1901, President McKinley died in Buffalo, N.Y., of gunshot wounds inflicted by an assassin. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt succeeded him.

In 1927, modern dance pioneer Isadora Duncan died in Nice, France, when her scarf became entangled in a

'Keep your mouth shut, your eyes open.'

Japanese proverb

wheel of her sports car.

In 1948, a groundbreaking ceremony took place in New York at the site of the United Nations' world headquarters.

In 1959, the Soviet space probe Luna 2 became the first manmade object to reach the moon as it crashed onto the lunar surface.

In 1964, Pope Paul VI opened the third session of the Second Ecumenical Council of the Vatican, also known as Vatican II. (The session closed two months later.)

In 1975, Pope Paul VI declared Mother Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton the first U.S.-born saint.

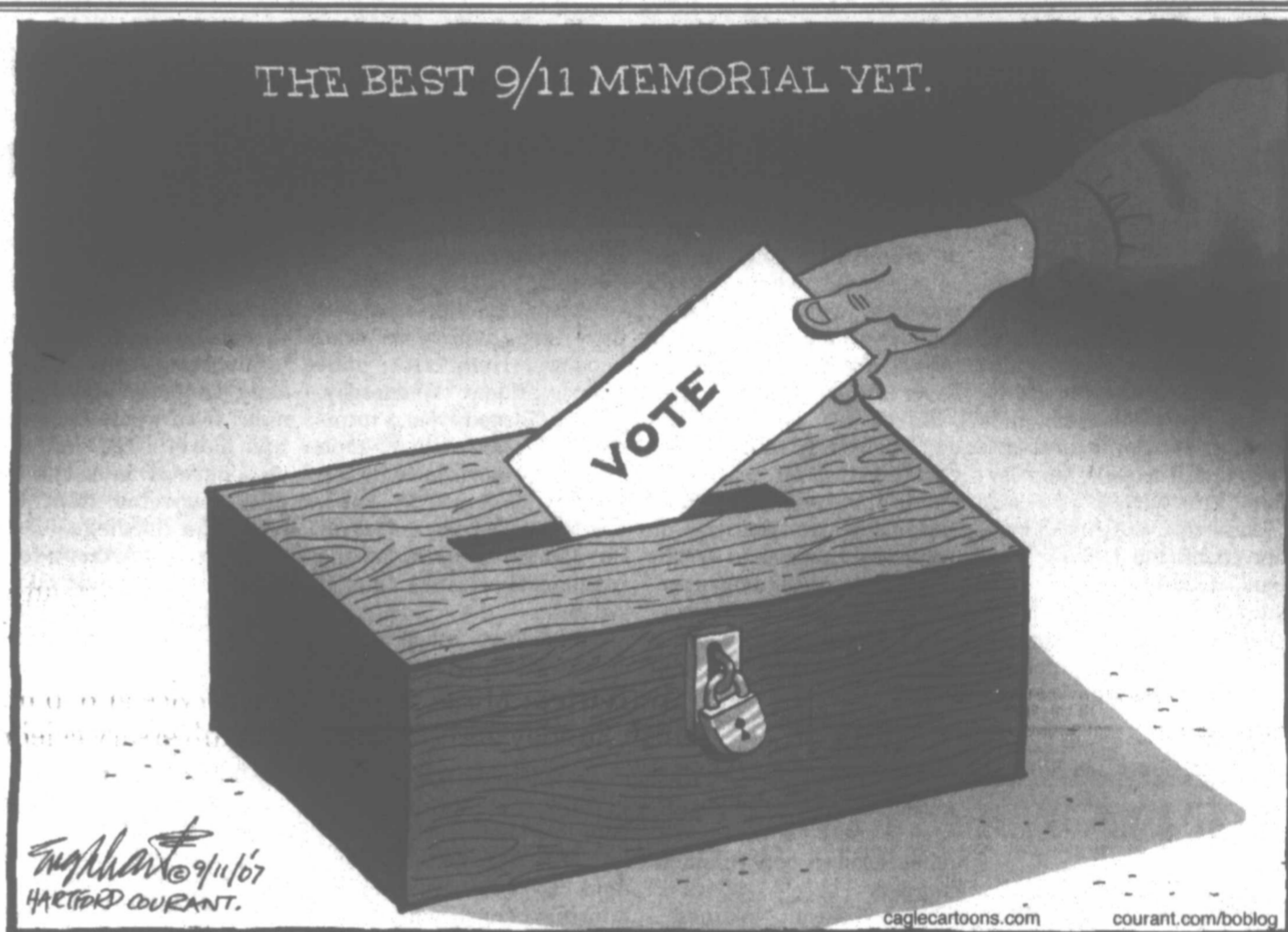
In 1982, Princess Grace of Monaco, formerly actress Grace Kelly, died at age 52 of injuries from a car crash the day before.

In 1982, Lebanon's president-elect, Bashir Gemayel, was killed by a bomb.

Ten years ago: Overcoming fears of violence, Bosnians flooded polling stations to vote in local elections. At the 49th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards, "Law and Order" won best drama series while "Frasier" again won best comedy series.

Five years ago: President Bush said the United States was willing to take on Iraq alone if the United Nations failed to "show some backbone" by confronting Saddam Hussein.

One year ago: An outbreak of E. coli illnesses in 26 states was traced to bagged spinach. Three men became the first rabbis ordained in Germany since World War II. Actor-body-builder Mickey Hargitay, husband of Jayne Mansfield and father of Mariska Hargitay, died in Los Angeles at age 80.



'Experience' not all it's cracked up to be

The Establishment candidates in the presidential races are trying to pin the label of inexperience on Sen. Barack Obama. Well, people should stop and think about that charge. Experience per se is not always a virtue.

Would you really prefer an experienced killer? An experienced crook? An experienced con artist? An experienced whore? An experienced grifter? An experienced politician? An experienced liar?

I doubt it. For one thing, you can't expect a fresh look at old problems from experience. Experience often means that the person has developed fixed opinions and fixed ideas. Experienced people tend to be the kind who "know" the situation long before they hear any evidence. Most of the time, they are the kind of people who don't want to hear any

evidence that contradicts their own ideas. I would even say that choosing a president with a lot of experience is a guarantee of maintaining the status quo, and, as I hope you know, the present status quo stinks.

Don't read this as an endorsement of Sen. Obama. I was just incensed at the cheap attempt to distort what the man said. He said he would talk to our so-called enemies. Those are exactly the people a president should talk to. The Cold War ended because American presidents talked to Soviet leaders, who were certainly our enemies at the time. There are only two ways to resolve a conflict — by negotiation or by

force. I hope none of you is looking forward to a new century of war.

He also said that if we developed definitive information on the whereabouts of Osama bin Laden and the Pakistan government refused to act, he would. Isn't that what a normal person would want in a commander in chief? Someone who would act decisively in pursuing America's goals? He didn't say he would declare war on Pakistan. He simply said he'd go after our chief enemy, who has eluded the Bush administration for six years now.

Deliberate distortion of an opponent's statements is a standard tactic among dis-

honorable politicians. That seems to be the majority of politicians these days. However, the American people deserve the right to choose their candidates based on what they actually say and do and not on the basis of lies and distortions spread abroad by their opponents and their hired truth-twisters.

Secondly, you should realize that today there are no Lone Rangers running for president. They all are surrounded by advisers, and the winner will enter the White House with an entourage. Presidents not only get bombarded with advice, they have at their disposal the world's largest, if not the most effective, intelligence apparatus.

Thirdly, keep in the mind that the worst members of

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Sept. 2
 Austin American-Statesman on U.S. Republicans and U.S. Sen. Larry Craig: Republican leaders couldn't move fast enough to force one of their own, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, of Idaho, to walk the plank following reports of his arrest for allegedly seeking gay sex in an airport men's room.

In some ways, the sordid story of Craig's arrest in Minneapolis is sad commentary. Too many gay men and lesbians feel forced to hide their true orientation and seek sex under the sleaziest conditions. Craig insisted that wasn't what he was doing when the

vice squad busted him, but his explanation is widely derided. Craig pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, hoping the episode would be swept under the rug.

The fallout couldn't be avoided, of course. A U.S. senator arrested for soliciting sex in a men's room stall is a bombshell. And considering Craig's conservative, anti-gay marriage, family values record, the hypocrisy made his humiliation delicious for his political enemies and galling to his GOP colleagues.

Craig's abandonment was as thorough as any since U.S. Rep. Mark Foley, the Florida Republican accused of sending mash messages to young male House pages. Craig was quickly stripped of his leadership positions and within days Republicans in the Senate

and the House were calling for his resignation.

After Craig's disastrous I-have-a-wide-stance explanation to the police and a press conference defending himself and denying the charge, Republicans couldn't stand the heat any longer.

The Republican governor of Idaho soon announced the name of the person to replace Craig and the Republican National Committee had a prepared statement calling for his head.

This is a difficult time for the GOP, which lost control of Congress last year and has faced a continuous string of corruption and sex scandals for several years. When Craig tapped his way into

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Praise & Worship

A Weekly Series Highlighting Pampa's Churches



Church of the Nazarene

Church name: Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, 669-3144.

Minister: Pastor Jimmye Cole.

Services: Sunday -- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School, 11 a.m. Morning Worship, 6 p.m. Evening Power Hour; Wednesday -- 7 p.m. activities for children, youth and adults.

Activities: Missions education service at 6 p.m. on fourth Sunday and birthday and anniversary celebration, summer camps and vacation bible school, Easter breakfast, Good Friday service and other special seasonal events also.

Members: 62.

Denomination: International Church of the Nazarene.

How long here: Since 1930.

Goals: Our goal is to increase in Bible comprehension, spiritual maturity, attendance, finances and new converts on a regular basis.

Other activities: Providing Christmas to several children and teens in our community as well as several widows without family in the area.

Main goal: We aim to be a lighthouse in a world of darkness by lifting up the name of Jesus Christ and His love through praise and worship, prayer, Bible study and friendship evangelism.

Church message: We are a holiness church that shares the gospel of Christ. We believe the local church is God's method for outreach and nurture to help us all "Reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." (Ephesians 4:13).

Responsible parties: Pastor Jimmye Cole.

Information: We are a Bible based Christian church from the Wesleyan tradition which means we believe the Holy Spirit fills our hearts and transforms our lives to be Christlike in motives and actions. God cleanses us and equips and empowers us to live our lives in a way that would please God and bring glory and honor to Him. We would invite you to visit us and, if you do not have a home church, consider making us your church home. Jesus loves you and so do we. May God's best be yours today.

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

Don't let game time blind you

By RUBEL SHELLY
Special to The News

Although some of you can hardly grasp the idea, there is a little 3-year-old girl who hates football. It isn't because she is scared of crowds or sensitive to noise. It isn't because a ball was kicked into the stands and hit her. She hates football because ... Well, let me hold off on telling you why.

Truth be told, the incident I'm about to share with you could be recounted in terms of baseball or fishing, soccer or bowling, basketball or skiing. And in case you aren't a sports fan, it fits just as well with reading, yard work, or crossword puzzles. Much to my discomfort, it even speaks to church work.

Wanda was babysitting for a 3-year-old whom she described to me as a "petite, dark-eyed, curly-haired bundle of love." As they played and made an evening of girl things, it came to Wanda that it would be the crowning event of their night to polish Carly's fingernails and toenails. She was thrilled at the idea.

"Do you want orange polish?" Wanda asked. "I know your Daddy just loves the 'Big Orange' football team."

"No!" said Carly. And her beautiful eyes were filled with anger! "I hate football. All Daddy says is 'Carly, be quiet so I can hear the game' and 'Carly, get out of my way so I can see the game,' and 'Carly, go upstairs and leave me alone so I can see my football game.'"

Wanda's heart broke as she saw the pain in a little girl's eyes and heard the anger in so sweet a voice. "I know in my heart no parent wants their child to feel that way," she told me. "And I know in 10 years the

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Tribute Quartet



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Jerry Smith will present Tribute Quartet, a southern gospel quartet, in concert at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at Borger High School Auditorium in Borger. Admission to the concert is free and open to the public. The quartet consists of lead vocalist Gary Casto, baritone and pianist Josh Singletary, tenor Jacob Kitson and bass Dennis Dugger. The all-male group hails from Nashville, Tenn.

Church briefs

Calvary Assembly of God, 1030 Love, recently announced new pastors to the church, Karel and Vanissa Cantrell.

"We are so excited about his move of God in our lives," the Cantrells said, "we weren't expecting it but Father God had different plans for our lives more wonderful than we could even imagine."

The Cantrells made the move to Calvary from Amarillo First Assembly of God, where they served seven years.

To learn more about Calvary Assembly or to meet the new pastors, call 669-7207.

LEFORS — The House of Lefors, 116 N. Court, Lefors, will present an old-fashioned harvest time revival at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 17-29. The revival will include both singing and preaching. For more information, call 835-2454.

GROOM — The Cross of Our Lord Jesus Christ in Groom will host a prolife rally and mass at 2 p.m. Oct. 7. The event will include a march, a concert by Remnant and a Mexican Fiesta Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at \$5 per plate. For more information call (806) 290-3134 or (806) 248-9006.

AMARILLO — Larry and Jodi's next Good-Time Gospel Jamboree will be staged at 7 p.m. Sept. 20 at The Church at Quail Creek in Amarillo. The free jamboree will include Mary McDonald, a country gospel singer of Stonewall, Okla.; Patricia Gregory as Cousin Minnie Pearl; KCR (Keeping Christ Real) of San Angelo; and The Good-Time Gospel Jamboree Band.

For more information on the free show, call (806) 935-7247.

Church of the Nazarene plans revival

Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, in Pampa is gearing up for fall revival services Sunday through Thursday at the church.

"If you believe revival is needed for our area today, you'll want to come join us for these special services," Pastor Jimmie Cole said. "Everyone is welcome to experience 'the glory of God in revival.'"

The revival will feature Pampa evangelist Rev. Greg White. The Rev. White grew up in Pampa, graduating from Pampa High School. After graduation, he was all set on pursuing a

career in golf, but switched his focus after meeting Martha Shaw and Christ.

White attended Southern Nazarene University and became a minister.

White's scripture theme will be Isaiah 40:3-5: "Prepare the way for the Lord, ... and the glory of the Lord will be revealed ... for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

"It's Greg's firm belief that God desires to bring a powerful visitation of His glory to our churches and communities in these last days," Cole said.

The revival will be scheduled at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday and 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday. A nursery will be provided. For more information, call 669-3144.

"Oh, how great it will be to see first-time believers come to know Christ as their personal savior," Cole said. "Christ will build His church one person at a time by forgiving our sins and then filling us with His Holy Spirit. Make room in your heart, mind, soul and strength for God and expect great things."



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Patrick Madrid

Mary Ann Ebenkamp, Delma Sealman and Marilu Lopez recently unpacked a selection of books and DVDs featuring author and TV personality Patrick Madrid. Madrid will conduct a special seminar about Catholicism at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church of Pampa starting at 9 a.m. Saturday. Another seminar in Spanish is scheduled at 3 p.m. the same day in the parish office. Admission to either event is free and open to the public. The seminar will include a question-and-answer session and a book-signing.

"All Hail The Power Of Jesus, Name"

This hymn, often called the "National Anthem of Christendom," was written by Edward Perronet in 1779 while he served as a missionary to India. It first appeared in the November, 1779 issue of *Gospel Magazine*, which was edited by Augustus Toplady, the renowned author of "Rock of Ages." There are three tunes to which the hymn is sung: "Coronation" by Oliver Holden, "Miles Lane" by William Shrubsole, and "Diadem" by James Ellor, which is most often sung as a choir number. It has been translated into every language known to Christianity.

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Musical fun



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This fifth grade class is having fun in Kay Pittman's music class recently at Travis Elementary. John Allen, left, and Shattner Reeve are getting into the music. Mrs. Pittman is already having students practice for the annual Veteran's Day program the school performs.

Russian parliament approves Putin's nominee for position of prime minister

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's lower house of parliament confirmed President Vladimir Putin's choice as prime minister today, approving a previously obscure official in a vote whose result was a foregone conclusion. Putin said the new premier, Viktor Zubkov, was among at least five people who could hope to succeed him.

The comment was an indication that the president wants Russians to consider Zubkov as a candidate, but not necessarily the front-runner for his backing in the March presidential vote.

"It's good that one more person has emerged, and that Russian citizens will have a choice," RIA-Novosti quoted Putin as saying.

Lawmakers voted 381-47 to confirm Zubkov, whose surprise nomination stunned Russians and deepened the uncertainty surrounding Putin's expected choice of a favored successor and his plans for the country following the end of his term next spring. Eight legislators abstained.

'It's good that one more person has emerged, and that Russian citizens will have a choice.'

— Putin quoted by RIA-Novosti

When Putin dismissed premier Mikhail Fradkov on Wednesday, Russians had widely expected him to be replaced with a more prominent figure — most likely former Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov — in a signal that the person tapped would run as his chosen successor in the March presidential vote.

But Putin's choice of Zubkov has instead muddied the political waters. And the nominee added to the intrigue Thursday by saying he would not rule out a presidential bid — a remark he would have been unlikely to make without Putin's approval.

The popular Putin is constitutionally barred from seeking a third straight term. He has said that he plans to retain influence over the

nation's political scene after he steps down, and has not ruled out a presidential bid in 2012.

Zubkov's remarks before the vote echoed that message: He underscored his loyalty to Putin, saying his priorities were those of the president has set out in state-of-the-nation speeches. Although he hinted that some unpopular ministers could be fired, he signaled no major changes in direction, stressing the need to maintain stability — a magic word for many Russians haunted by the disorder that prevailed in the wake of the 1991 Soviet collapse.

The government's main task is to "provide for the stability of economic and social development," Zubkov told lawmakers.

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score of a football game will mean absolutely nothing. But will this child ever get over the hurt?"

The best thing dads and moms can give our children is ourselves. That means presence, time, and attention. It means letting them know their value by looking them in the eyes, playing their games, and getting into their world. It also means setting priorities and sometimes giving up a big-screen play for a real-life hug, a com-

mittee meeting for a recital, or a new novel for an old Golden Book.

To believe they are valuable to God, children must know they matter to their own flesh-and-blood parents. Because nobody wants to be the parent of a runaway prodigal, we must keep our hearts, laps, and arms open to our kids. Otherwise they could wind up hating sports or planes or God on account of us.

"Fathers, do not exasperate your children," the Bible says, "instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4).

— Since 1978, Rubel has been senior pastor at Woodmont Hills Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn.



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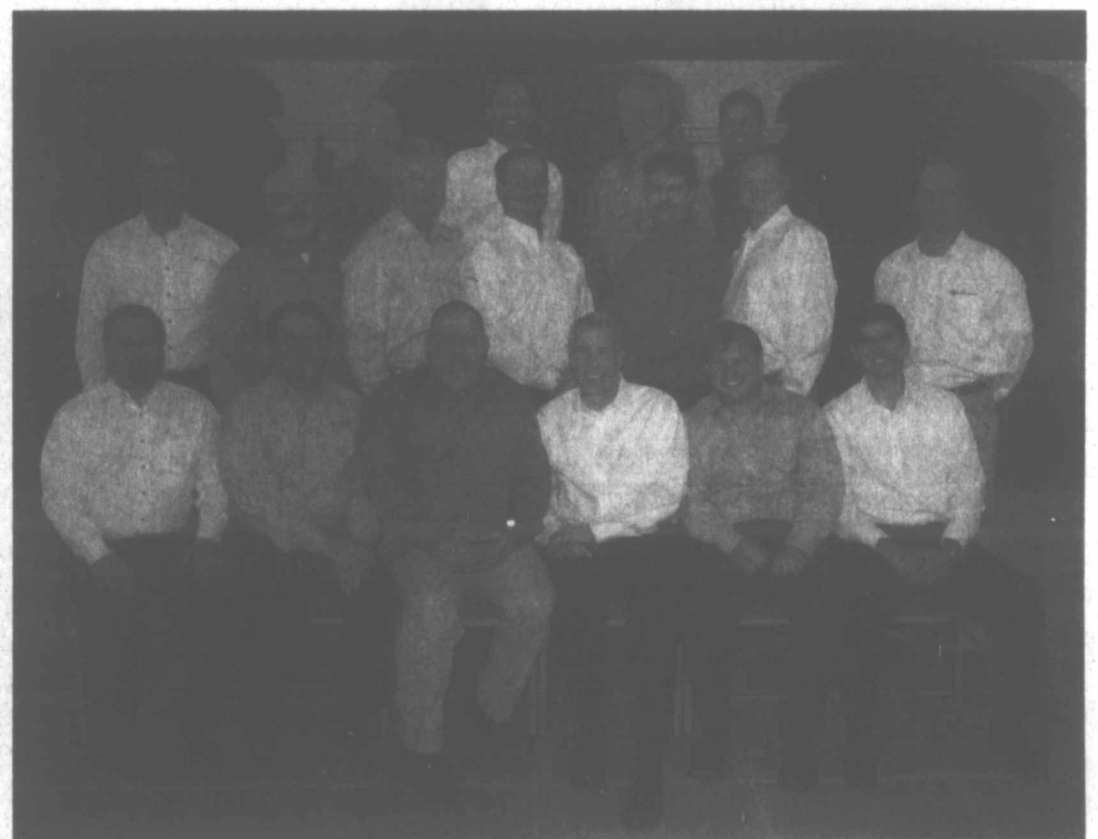
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My 23-year-old daughter, "Kimberly," is driving me nuts. She's a college grad, a teacher and cheerleading coach, and she still lives at home. She says she can't afford to move out due to lack of money, yet she shops constantly -- and I don't mean shopping at discount stores. Kimberly has to have the finest car, clothing, etc. Her credit cards are maxed out. She also has a black lab mix that is destroying my back yard. She spends no time with him. Abby, I'm on the verge of a nervous breakdown. Kimberly won't communicate with me, so what do I do? I remarried a year ago to a fantastic man, but he doesn't want to come between me and my daughter. Any advice would be most welcome. I'm so tired of being my daughter's maid and doormat. - **TRAPPED IN SOUTH CAROLINA**

DEAR TRAPPED: You created this monster, and you are going to have to be the one to deal with her. Kimberly is behaving like an overgrown teenager. Unless you want to continue being maid and doormat, you must establish rules for her as long as she's under your roof. Some suggestions: Your daughter must start a savings account and deposit a certain percentage of her earnings in it to pay for first and last month's rent on a place of her own. She must, on a monthly basis, begin paying off her credit cards. If necessary, Kimberly will also get credit counseling to help her do that. She'll take care of her dog -- training it, exercising it and cleaning up after it -- or you will find the dog a more responsible owner. You are not Kimberly's friend. You are her mother, so start acting like one. Unless you do, you will continue to be a servant in your own home. Your husband can support you, but he cannot do this for you, and neither can I. By allowing the status quo to continue, you are crippling your child.

DEAR ABBY: About a year ago, my husband had lunch with an old college friend

who lives in Maryland. They have been sending e-mails back and forth ever since. She has invited him to stay with her when he goes east on business; she has suggested that they take time together to see sights in the East, etc. She has also sent him several gifts (gift certificates for dinner, massages, coffee beans, cards), all of which were either e-mailed or sent to his office. I know this because he used the gift certificates to take me and his two kids to dinner. He insists that there is nothing between him and this woman, but he will not discontinue the friendship. He says he should be allowed to have women friends and insists that I'm out of line by trying to stop this relationship. Do you think this relationship is really OK? I'm seriously thinking about leaving him. - **ALBUQUERQUE WIFE**

DEAR WIFE: Your husband's old school chum is either unusually generous or she's courting him. And he appears to be enjoying the ego massage. It would be interesting to know how they met up again. Did she initiate contact, or did he contact her to arrange that luncheon? Rather than leaving your husband, arrange to accompany him on his next business trip to the East Coast. Not only could you "see the sights" as a threesome, you can also size up the woman and assess her intentions. Then, if you're still threatened, arrange for you and your spouse to see a marriage counselor. There may be more issues in your relationship than you have told me. Men and women can have friends of the opposite sex outside of marriage, but there appears to be more going on in this instance than a casual friendship.

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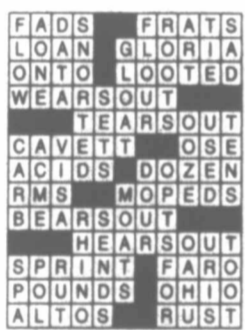


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By THOMAS JOSEPH

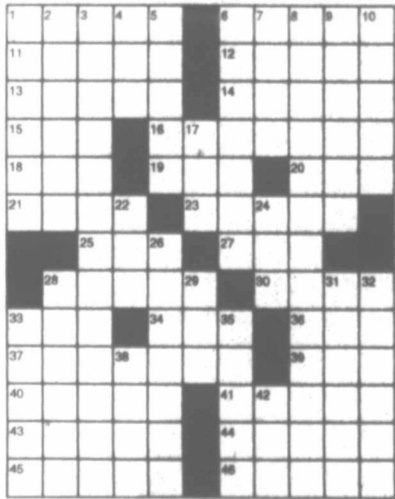
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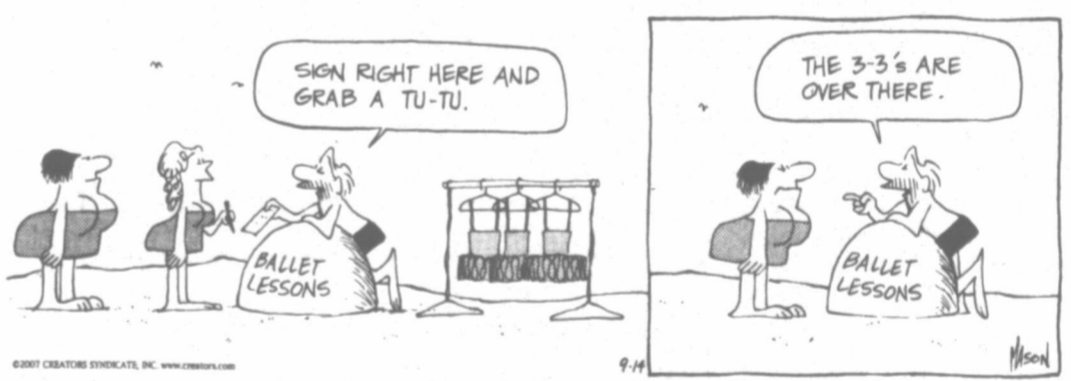


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Sports Day

Harvesters aim for consistency facing Amarillo

By **JORDAN REAGAN**
Sports Editor

The Pampa Harvesters will face the Amarillo High Sandies tonight in what many are referring to as the most important game yet this season.

"This is, without a doubt, our toughest test so far this year and a great opportunity for us to measure where we are," head coach Andy Cavalier said.

So far, the Harvesters have had a successful run, going into this weekend with a record of 2-0, having already defeated Perryton and Lubbock Estacado.

The Sandies will travel to Pampa tonight to meet on Harvester Field, hoping to pick up their fourth straight victory over the Harvesters.

To prevent that, Cavalier and the Harvester coaching staff have been coaching consistency in anticipation of tonight's game.

"We believe that if you want to perform consistently, you must prepare consistently," Cavalier said. "What I expect is for our kids to give a great effort, to continue to improve, and then we'll see just how the game plays out."

While the scoreboard may not show it, the Pampa Harvesters did improve their performance in their second week against Estacado.

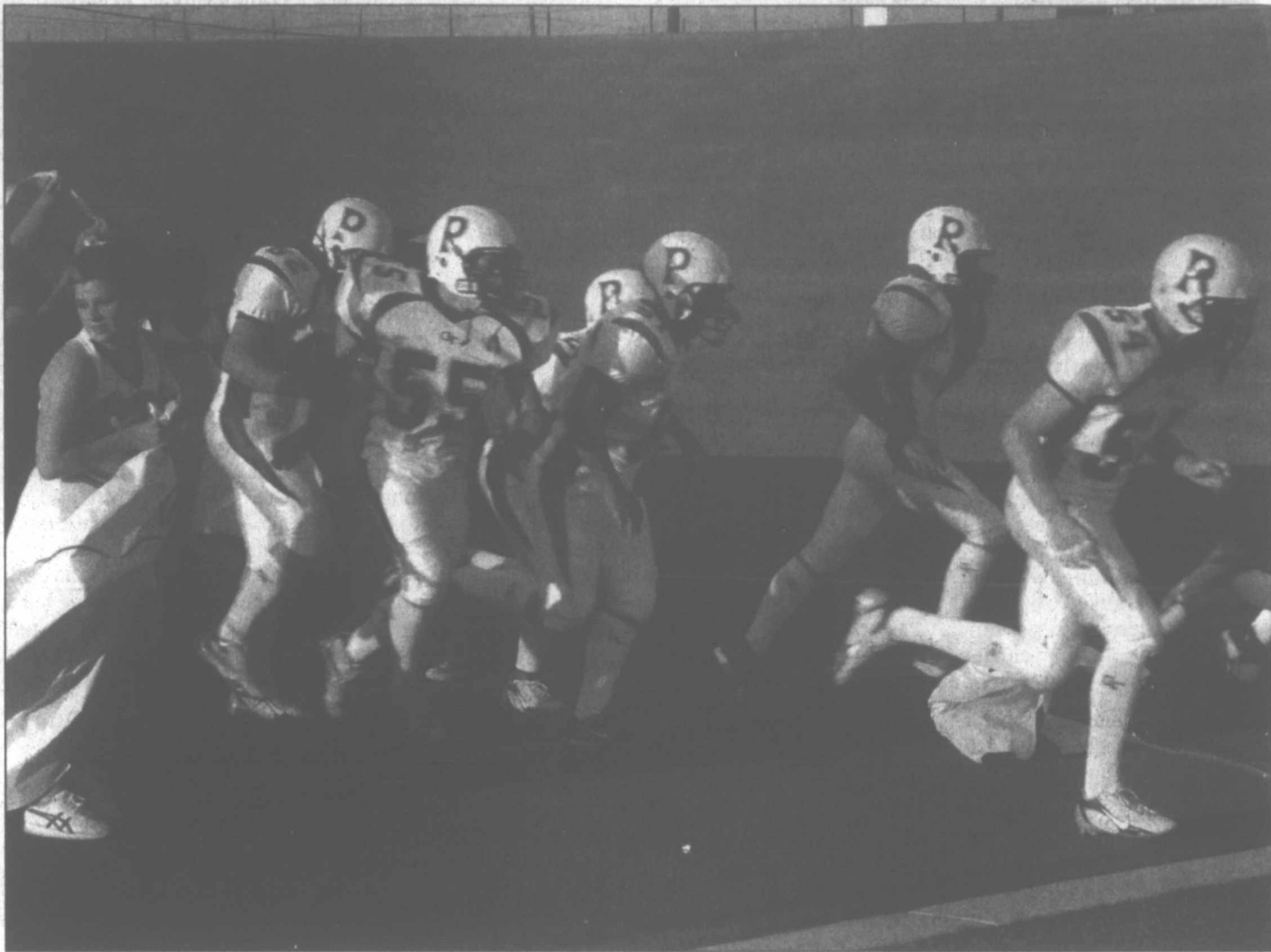
"There are situations that come up every game that we address the following week so we will be prepared to handle that situation when it arises again," Cavalier said. "From week one the big thing was penalties and we were much better in that area last week."

Cavalier said that the problem last week was playing consistently, which is what the Harvesters have worked on this week in preparing for Amarillo.

They have also, defensively, made necessary adjustments to prepare for Amarillo's style of offense, and tweaked their own offense for a more finely tuned performance on the field.

The Harvesters hope to continue their winning streak this season against the Sandies, and to get their first win against the Sandies since 2003.

The game will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Harvester Field.



The Pampa Harvesters make their entrance onto Lowrey Field last Thursday in Lubbock. Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

BIG game hunting



Courtesy photo

While celebrating her 10th anniversary in Ontario with husband Cal, Pampa's Rebecca Ferguson shot and killed a 6' 350-pound black bear. "We brought back the meat, and we're planning on making a bear rug out of him," Ferguson said.

Hidden Hills results

Seniors Scramble
Hidden Hills
Golf Course
Sept. 12, 2007

1st Place (61)
Jim Brashears
Nathan Lancaster
James Lee
Jim Osborne

2nd Place (61)
Ron Parnell
Jim Bridges
Carroll Pettit
Bob Brandon

3rd Place (61)
Howard Wells

Leroy Morris
Joe Mabry
Darrell Hinkle

4th Place (62)
Gerald Mackie
John Hervey
Bob Henderson
Butch Shepard

5th Place (62)
Harley Knutson
B. M. Millican
Bill Howard
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Cloest to the Pin
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Golf boosters

The Pampa Harvester Golf Booster Club will have a meeting Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Ready Room of the Athletic Building.

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Tech's Leach looking for complete game against Rice

HOUSTON (AP) — After a sluggish first half, Texas Tech needed a rousing halftime speech before rallying from an 11-point deficit for a win over Texas-El Paso last week.

Coach Mike Leach hopes his Red Raiders (2-0) don't find themselves in a similar situation Saturday against Rice (0-2).

"The biggest thing is just understanding we expect to play for 60 minutes no matter what," he said.

Leach said his halftime address wasn't "some dramatic thing," but simply a reminder that everyone needed to work together to beat the Miners.

"I think everybody, all of our players and coaches, wanted the same thing and then all we needed to do is organize a clear-cut plan and just go out and be clear-headed and do it, and that is what happened," Leach said.

Tech quarterback Graham Harrell has thrown for four touchdowns and more than 400 yards in each of the first two games. Now the junior, who has surpassed his career high in completions for two straight weeks, faces a Rice secondary that ranks 93rd out of 119 teams.

The Owls, who are in their first season under coach David Bailiff,

allowed Baylor's Blake Szymanski to throw for 412 yards and six touchdowns, both school records in the Bears' 42-17 win last week.

"That was the first time a lot of those guys were asked to play coverage," Bailiff said. "I think each week defensively we will get better. We've got an unbelievable opponent coming in with a similar offense, but they're a little bigger, faster, and stronger."

The Red Raiders lost three starting receivers from last season, but haven't seen any drop-off with the emergence of freshman Michael Crabtree. His 294 yards receiving through two weeks rank fourth

nationally, and his five touchdowns are tied for sixth.

He is the first Tech freshman to score multiple touchdowns in each of his first two games.

As good as he's been, Leach isn't ready to call his start the best he's seen in his time in Lubbock.

"There has been several. Wes Welker did some good things as a freshman," Leach said. "He (Crabtree) is a redshirt freshman, Wes was a true freshman. I don't know. It's hard to compare. He is off to a good start. He adjusts well and adjusted to playing receiver well and has a good sense of space and getting where he needs to be

and does a good job."

The Owls have their own receiving threat in Jarett Dillard, the Conference USA preseason offensive player of the year. Last season he had 91 receptions for 1,247 yards and 21 touchdowns, all school records.

Dillard has 134 receiving yards this season but has yet to score a touchdown after catching at least one in 15 straight games before this year.

Bailiff said he and his staff are still getting to know the players and hopes they can get through the growing pains of the change before C-USA play begins.

NFL fines Patriots coach Bill Belichick \$500,000 and team \$250,000 for spying on an opponent

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. (AP) — Bill Belichick is ready for his close-up.

The Patriots' coach escaped suspension for using a video camera to spy on opposing coaches, with NFL commissioner Roger Goodell deciding instead on Thursday night to fine him \$500,000 and dock the team \$250,000 and a first-day draft pick next year.

It was the biggest fine ever for a coach and the first time in NFL history a first-round draft pick has been confiscated as a penalty. But Belichick will be on the sideline Sunday night, as planned, when the Patriots play the San Diego Chargers.

Belichick was peppered with questions on the scandal Friday morning, when he seemed bemused by the repeated attempts to get him to expand on his earlier statement in which he

accepted "full responsibility for the actions" that led to the ruling.

"It's over, and we're moving on," the coach said. "All my energy and focus and attention is on the San Diego Chargers and that game."

Belichick did allow that he would change the team's videotaping procedures. Patriots video assistant Matt Estrella, whose camera was confiscated while he was on the Jets' sideline, will not be on the sideline.

Goodell found the Patriots guilty of using videotape to try to steal the New York Jets' signals during Sunday's game. He ordered New England to surrender next year's first-round draft choice if it reaches the playoffs, and second- and third-round picks if it doesn't.

"I specifically considered whether to impose a suspension on Coach Belichick,"

Goodell wrote in a letter to the team. "I have determined not to do so, largely because I believe that the discipline I am imposing of a maximum fine and forfeiture of a first-round draft choice, or multiple draft choices, is in fact more significant and long-lasting, and therefore more effective, than a suspension."

Both the NFL and Belichick stressed that the camera was seized before the end of the first quarter and had no impact on the game, which the Patriots won 38-14.

"This episode represents a calculated and deliberate attempt to avoid longstanding rules designed to encourage fair play and promote honest competition on the playing field," Goodell wrote.

The NFL statement said Goodell believed owner

Robert Kraft was unaware of Belichick's actions. But the commissioner penalized the club because of Belichick's "substantial control over all aspects of New England's football operations."

"His actions and decisions are properly attributed to the club," Goodell said.

Reached at his home, Kraft declined to comment.

In a statement issued two hours after the punishment was announced, Belichick said he misinterpreted the league's rules but acknowledged that "part of my job as head coach is to ensure that our football operations are conducted in compliance of the league rules and all accepted interpretations of them."

"I accept full responsibility for the actions that led to tonight's ruling," the statement said. "Once again, I apologize to the Kraft family

and every person directly or indirectly associated with the New England Patriots for the embarrassment, distraction and penalty my mistake caused. I also apologize to Patriots fans and would like to thank them for their support during the past few days and throughout my career."

The Jets said they "support the commissioner and his findings."

New England has been accused of illegal videotaping before, but the team was caught on Sunday when a camera was confiscated from Estrella while he was on the Jets' sideline during the game at Giants Stadium.

NFL rules state, in part: "no video recording devices of any kind are permitted to be in use in the coaches' booth, on the field, or in the locker room during the game." That was re-emphasized in a memo sent Sept. 6

to NFL head coaches and general managers in which the league said: "Videotaping of any type, including but not limited to taping of an opponent's offensive or defensive signals, is prohibited on the sidelines, in the coaches' booth, in the locker room, or at any other locations accessible to club staff members during the game."

Belichick is the first head coach to land on Goodell's crowded docket, but the commissioner has made good conduct the hallmark of his administration.

He banned Tennessee cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones for the entire season after repeated run-ins with police. Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick was suspended indefinitely while he faces a likely jail term for his role in a dogfighting ring.

Oakland ends 3-game skid with 6-5 win over Texas

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — The Oakland Athletics wanted to do whatever they could to get Chad Gaudin back in the win column after a rough outing last time against Texas.

Nick Swisher hit a two-run homer, Jack Cust doubled in two runs and the A's withstood the Rangers' late rally for a 6-5 victory Thursday night.

Gaudin (11-11) struck out eight in six innings to end a three-start winless stretch in which he was 0-2, leaving the game with a 6-1 lead.

"That was big for Chad to go out there and have a great start," Swisher said.

Cust gave the A's a 2-0 lead in the first. Swisher hit his 20th home run, a shot to left-center in the third inning, after Daric Barton's leadoff double. Jack Hannahan added an RBI double and Marco Scutaro had a sacrifice fly in the fifth to give Oakland, which ended a three-game losing streak to the Rangers, a 6-0 lead.

Michael Young had three hits, including a two-run double in the Rangers' four-run seventh that pulled them within 6-5 in the opener of a four-game series between the bottom two clubs in the AL West.

"No one wants to finish last," Swisher said.

Young's two-out single in the third extended his career-best hitting streak

to 13 games — the longest this year by a Ranger — but Texas saw the end of its three-game winning streak in the season series. The Rangers swept a series in Texas last weekend.

"We were close, real close," Texas outfielder Marlon Byrd said. "We kept fighting, kept battling and have a chance to win this series. We're going to. We're coming out and going to win this series and finish up strong like we've been playing all year."

Gaudin, facing the Rangers for the second straight start, bounced back from allowing a season-high-tying 10 hits Saturday in 3 2-3 innings — which matched his shortest outing of the year. This time, he faced baserunners in every inning but was able to limit the damage after Jason Botts' leadoff single in the second.

"I felt positive toward the outing," he said. "I felt I was in control. I made some good pitches when I needed to and attacked the zone. I was not working under pressure, just laboring."

Frank Catalanotto hit a two-run single in the seventh off Santiago Casilla, who relieved Gaudin after he allowed two hits to start the inning.

Ruddy Lugo pitched two scoreless innings and Huston Street finished for his 15th save in 19 opportunities.

"Hey, if you want to be prime time, you want to be in the tight situations,"

Lugo said.

Kevin Millwood (9-12), still looking for his second straight 10-win season, allowed six runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings four days after he left Sunday's start against the A's having only allowed four hits because of a second rain delay.

"I just didn't throw good pitches," he said.

Millwood is winless in his last three starts.

"They just jumped on him quick early," Texas manager Ron Washington said. "They got to him in the first, got to him in the third, got to him in the fifth. He got his pitch count up."

This series marks the final return of the season for Washington, the Rangers' first-year skipper who was beloved as a third-base coach in his 11 years with Oakland.

"Wash, we still love you!" one woman hollered from above the Rangers' dugout.

The A's improved to 72-76 and are determined to finish with a winning record for the ninth straight year. Only the New York Yankees (15) and Boston (10) have longer runs with above-.500 records.

The Rangers had scored 24 runs during their three-game winning streak over Oakland.

Air Force stuns TCU in overtime

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AP) — TCU coach Gary Patterson knew the option was coming Thursday night, just not on fourth-and-1 from the Air Force 29.

Jim Ollis took Shaun Carney's pitch and rambled 71 yards down the Falcons' sideline to tie it in the closing minutes of the fourth quarter and Ryan Harrison's 33-yard field goal in overtime sent Air Force past the stunned Horned Frogs 20-17.

Harrison's game-winner on second down, which kept the Falcons unbeaten under new coach Troy Calhoun, followed a miss by TCU kicker Chris Manfredini, whose 36-yard attempt hit the left upright on the first possession of overtime.

The senior has missed just six times in his career and two of them were on this night.

The Falcons (3-0, 2-0 Mountain West), who over-

came a 14-point fourth-quarter deficit, were swarmed on the field by thousands of cadets who hadn't had this much to celebrate in a long, long time.

The Frogs (1-2, 0-1), still smarting from their 34-13 loss at Texas on Saturday and their subsequent ejection from the Top 25, were well within Manfredini's range with the wind at his back going toward the south end zone in the final minute of regulation.

Instead of playing the percentages, they went for the touchdown on first-and-10 from the 22 only to see cornerback Carson Bird snare Andy Dalton's underthrown pass to Jimmy Young in the end zone with 49 seconds left.

"I was surprised he threw the ball," Bird said. "I was surprised by the throws he made all game long and the decisions he made."

Cubs hit 4 homers, regain first place with 6-2 win over Astros

HOUSTON (AP) — The Chicago Cubs used a simple formula to regain the NL Central lead Thursday night. If only they can follow it in St. Louis this weekend.

Steve Trachsel earned his first win with the Cubs in eight years and Chicago hit four home runs in a 6-2 victory over the Houston Astros.

Alfonso Soriano, Aramis Ramirez, Daryle Ward and Cliff Floyd all homered for Chicago, which moved a half-game ahead of idle Milwaukee in the division race. The Cubs open a four-game series at third-place St. Louis on Friday night.

"It doesn't matter if you hit 10 home runs every day," Ramirez

said. "If you don't pitch and if you don't play defense, you're not going to win games. You've got to do everything right. Everybody has got to do their job for us to be able to win games."

Trachsel (1-2) gave up two solo homers and seven hits in five innings for his first win since the Cubs acquired him from Baltimore

on Aug. 31.

The 36-year-old right-hander pitched for the Cubs from 1993-99, and his last win with them came on Oct. 3, 1999. The 2,906-day gap between victories is the third-longest in team history.

Trachsel was pitching on three days' rest, and Cubs manager Lou Piniella got exactly what he needed

from him. Scott Eyre, Kerry Wood and Carlos Marmol then combined for four scoreless innings of one-hit ball.

"We thought if we got five or six innings out of him, we'd be pleased," Piniella said. "As it was, he gave us five. Scotty came in and really threw the ball well. So did Woody. We're not complaining."

Oregon Duck suspended for fight with Cougar

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Oregon's Duck mascot has been suspended for a game because of an altercation with the Houston Cougar in the season opener.

Apparently, the Duck became upset when the Cougar imitated one of the Duck's trademarks, push-ups for total points after each touchdown in front of the student section.

Next thing you know, the Cougar was on the ground and Duck appeared to be punching him repeatedly. The fight ended up on YouTube.

Although some thought it was staged, turns out it wasn't. Hence the suspension. Because the Duck mascot is a role filled by several students, specific discipline was not disclosed.

Oregon uses the Donald Duck character as its mascot under a special agreement with Disney.

"Official representatives of the athletics department must be held to higher standards," Oregon athletic director Pat Kilkenny said.

Even the Duck.

Chivas blank Galaxy for 3-0 win

CARSON, Calif. (AP) — Ante Razov scored in the first half to help Chivas USA defeat the Los Angeles Galaxy 3-0 at Home Depot Center on Thursday.

With the win, Chivas (13-6-4) won a season series over the Galaxy (4-12-5) for the first time since joining Major League Soccer in 2005 and won the Doug Hamilton Memorial Trophy, after the Galaxy's general manager who died of a heart attack last year.

Francisco Mendoza and Laurent Merlin scored goals in the final two minutes to provide the final margin.

Chivas improved to 9-0-2 at home and lead the Western Conference with 43 points.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Sept. 15, 2007:

You blaze a new trail this year. Others get that you are determined and know what you want. Sometimes you might find people in general very surprising. If you talk and communicate, you will learn to understand the people in your immediate life better. You will discover that you enjoy yourself just walking out the door. Don't stay home and veg. Develop patterns that toss you among people more often. If you are single, you could meet someone in your day-to-day travels. This person could easily knock your socks off. If you are attached, the interest and willingness you express in your sweetie determines the happiness between you. SCORPIO tests out ideas on you.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ A partner lets you know that he or she is in charge (or would like to be). Be smart and go along with this person's desires. Through this action, you are letting others know how very much you trust them. Tonight: Go for a quiet evening for two.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Clearly you are along for the ride. You are great at relaxing and allowing someone else to take the lead. Enjoy others for what they offer, even if it is quite different from what you are used to or not exactly what you might want. Tonight: Sort through invitations, then decide.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★★★★ Get into a hobby. Whether out playing a game of softball or getting into a project, you seem to have a good time. Invite someone who often is full of surprises to join in. Tonight: Do only what you want.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Your creative and alluring ways have quite an impact. Some people might resent that innate charisma, while others want to bathe in it. You discover how important a child or loved one is to you. Tonight: Whoop it up!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Hang close to home, whether socializing or doing something else. Family and friends seek you out, and certainly can come toward you. Don't hesitate to ask for more of what you need and want. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Say what you think, but also put in your feelings. Leaving one or the other out is not providing the whole picture. Work on expressing yourself better.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Be careful with that side of you that loves to go overboard or have a wild time. You could do just that, but you will pay the ultimate cost. Though a devil-may-care attitude could be fun, the damage might not be. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your personality comes out no matter what you do. Accept your role as leader of the gang. Listen to someone you care about. He or she might surprise you with his or her innovative thought or fun ideas. Tonight: Your job is to enjoy yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

★★★★ You might want to shut down, though that might not be the best idea. If you lie back and just do what you want, you might enjoy yourself. Think of taking today just for yourself. What would you like to do? Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

★★★★ Knowing who you want to be with could be primary in making plans. When you decide you have had enough or get bored, know that there are many options. Friends would love your company. Tonight: Where your friends are.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

★★★★ You might want to handle a situation differently. Instead of debating or talking about it, try out the approach. You could be surprised by the results, which certainly will be a learning experience. Tonight: Don't think you are going unnoticed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

★★★★ If you feel like taking off on a day trip or trying something very different, do. What is stopping you? Be willing to break a pattern or do something very differently. You'll feel much more free as a result. Tonight: Whatever you do, be around music.

BORN TODAY

Humorist, columnist Robert Benchley (1889), actor Jackie Cooper (1922), British royalty Prince Harry (1984)

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DRIVER'S NEEDED Panhandle Express Trucking needs drivers with Class A CDL, 2 years exp., 25 yrs. of age or older preferred. Must pass drug screening. Excellent pay & home every night. Contact Tim @ 806-364-2021.

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PAMPA Country Club is now hiring for wait staff and kitchen help. Apply in person at Pampa Country Club. No phone calls please!!!

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FULL Time CNA & Part Time LVN needed at Parkview Hospital Home Health in Wheeler. Please call 826-1370, ask for Susan Leffew, Director or come by 306 E. 9th St. in Wheeler for an appli.

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ECONOMY

Consumer confidence down

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumer confidence tumbled to its lowest point in nearly 1 1/2 years as a deep housing slump and a credit crunch made people more worried about the country's economic health as well as their own.

The RBC Cash Index showed consumer confidence clocking in at 71.1 in September, a sharp drop from August's reading of 89.3. It marked the worst showing since May 2006, when sticker shock from high gasoline prices rattled peoples' sense of economic well-being. The index is based on the results of the international polling firm Ipsos.

"It's ugly," Richard Yamarone, economist at Argus Research, said of the latest confidence reading. "Consumers are rattled to the bone."

The deterioration comes as Wall Street has been suffering through a mood swing of its own, sending stock prices careening wildly. The deeper consumer angst also comes after troubling news last week that the economy lost jobs for the first time in four years.

Against this backdrop, analysts say the chance the economy might fall into a recession is growing.

Still many hope that can be avoided and are counting on the Federal Reserve to cut interest rates next week.

Such a move could give people and companies an important psychological boost. It also might make them more

inclined to spend and invest, which would help energize economic activity.

President Bush, meanwhile, is continuing to get low marks for his economic stewardship. Just 37 percent approve of his handling of the economy in

September, down from 41 percent in August, according to a separate AP-Ipsos poll. Only a third of the public is satisfied with the president's overall job performance, the poll found.

Individuals' feelings about the economy's prospects and their own financial fortunes plunged to 14.4 in September, compared with 43.9 in August. The new reading was the fourth weakest showing on record.

Credit problems in mortgage and other markets make it likely that the worst housing slump in 16 years will persist well into 2008. Foreclosures and late payments are spiking. Lenders have been forced out of business. The carnage — especially in the "subprime" mortgage market involving borrowers with spotty credit histories — has wreaked havoc on Wall Street.

Peoples' feelings about current economic conditions sank to 90.5 in September, down from 105.6 in August.

A measure looking at peoples' attitudes about investing, including their comfort in making major purchases, fell to 88.3, from 97.9.

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Economist

Events calendar

- **The Amarillo Museum of Art** is offering art classes for children and adults beginning Monday. The classes will last eight to 10 weeks. Classes for children include Art Adventure (ages 4-5), Drawing and Painting (ages 6-9, 9-12), Catch a Falling Star (ages 6-9), and Tropical Clay (ages 6-9, 9-12) plus a Christmas Workshop. Adult classes include Ceramics and Oil Painting. To learn more or to register, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

- **"The Panhandle Twenty/20 Report to the Community"** is scheduled from 5-6 p.m. Tuesday at the Globe News Center for the Performing Arts in Amarillo. Dr. Mike Moses, senior educational advisor for Raise Your Hand Texas, will speak. The meeting will cover a brief review of the pertinent data, followed by Dr. Moses' presentation, and the recommendations for action. For more information, contact Amarillo Area Foundation at (806) 376-4521 or go to www.panhandle2020.org on the Internet.

- **The Texas Department of State Health Services** will be offering immu-

nization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), 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 pay. The following clinic(s) will be offered: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Wednesday, TDH, 736 S. Cuyler, Pampa.

- **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11 a.m. Thursday at Pampa Senior Citizens Center. For more information, call 669-9916, 669-9297 or 669-3580.

- **The next Third Thursday at Amarillo Museum of Art** is scheduled from 6-9 p.m. Thursday at the museum. The event will include music with Svetlana Petry; a film and lecture with Art-o-Mat creator Clark Whittington; a children's and adult art activity; and a coffee tasting. To find out more, contact the museum at (806) 371-5050.

Smith

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than 15 minutes so we actually got a feel for the car and whether we wanted it. We didn't haggle on the price because he just told me right off what he could do. He held the van for us while we waited on the part for my car. When we took the trade down, the van was fixed and clean and he

even gave more for the trade than he originally quoted.

It was nice to have such a great dealership and selection of cars here in Pampa and not have to drive to another town. I think everyone who is thinking about purchasing a new or used car should look in Pampa first. Then, if you don't see what you want, you can check out other towns, but you should give Pampa a chance first. You just might have a pleasant experience like I did and end up with a wonderful vehicle from a hometown dealership.

Reese

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the Bush administration are the most experienced. That includes Vice President Dick Cheney, who often has had no doubt about things that weren't so, and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who boasted that "we know where the weapons are." Their collective experience amounted to disaster.

Finally, what you want in a president is intelligence, an open mind, energy,

curiosity, courage, honesty and sound judgment. None of those is a product of experience. A modern president can collect data up the yazoo. That's not the problem. The problem is in analyzing the data and deciding what, if anything, to do about a situation.

In these days of entangling alliances and leviathan government, it would be a good idea to ask candidates to tell us not what they will do, but what they will not do. There are many more things a president should not do than there are things he should do.

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

GOP

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an arrest, the exposure was simply too much for the beleaguered leadership to

take. Craig instantly became a national laughingstock, his political life in ruins. That's a long fall for a third-term senator, but Craig courted this end when he built his political career on a lie.

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