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Tax petition delayed pending validity questions

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

The question of whether an address given for a person signing a petition must include the city of residence has delayed determining the validity of a petition submitted to Gray County commissioners at the end of August.

Two petitions were circulated among residents in the Pampa area concerning a proposed freeze of property tax rates for persons 65 and over and the disabled. Pampa resident David Hutto, who spearheaded the move to create the petitions and

get them signed, said approximately 900 signatures were collected on each of the petitions.

Both petitions were for the same proposed freeze. One of the petitions concerns Pampa city taxes, and the other is aimed at Gray County tax

The city of Pampa has already declined accepting the city petition, which could either be accepted by city commissioners or placed on an election ballot for consideration by registered voters.

"The petition is legally insufficient for the city secretary to verify that the petition is sufficient for the city to adopt or present on a ballot," said Pampa City Attorney Don Lane.

The reasons for the city's decision are found in Article IV, Section 1 of the city charter, which states provisions of the initiative procedure by which citizens can bring a proposed ordinance up before the city com-

"It requires an initiating committee of five to present the proposed ordinance to the commission," Lane said. "Then they can go out and have the petitions signed. They must have the wording of the ordinance and the

signatures verified by the solicitor of the petition, which must include an affidavit stating the number of sign-

No part of the petition to the city, including the pages of signers, contained such an affidavit, Lane said.

"Many did not contain the proper information as required by the Election Code," he said.

None of the steps stated by Lane were followed by those circulating the petition, he said. Among other requirements outlined in the city

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Battle of Palo Duro to be remembered

In cooperation with Palo Cavalry so long ago. Duro Canyon State Park, the Frontier Regiment of the High Plains, 4th Cavalry Memorial, Company E will participate in a commemoration ceremony on the 133rd anniversary of the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon.

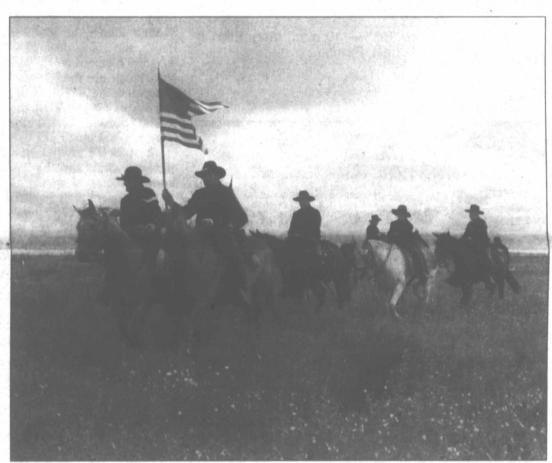
Members of the Regiment will be mounted on horseback while others will be deployed as skirmishers. The event is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m. Saturday. A simulated supply camp will be set up behind an 1874 timeline for visitors to view what the 1874 Red River War cavalry troopers had for their "home away from home."

Also, Native American Billy Turpin will once again portray the Indian warrior contrast with his knowledge of the Native American setting and their participation in the battle against Col. Ranald Mackenzie's 4th

This commemoration is to honor them as well. The park has set the site to be across the road from the amphitheater in the overflow parking area. The location can be seen traveling down the long park road.

There will be signs posted along the way into the parking area. This is not a reenactment of the battle, but a memorial to those that participated in the event, which is hallowed ground for both the Native Americans and U.S. Cavalry, honoring both

For more information, please contact Col. Jimmy Northcutt at 806-868-4031 or Billy Turpin at 806-358-3277, or the Palo Duro Canyon State Park office at 806-488-2227, Park Bernice Interpreter Blassingame.



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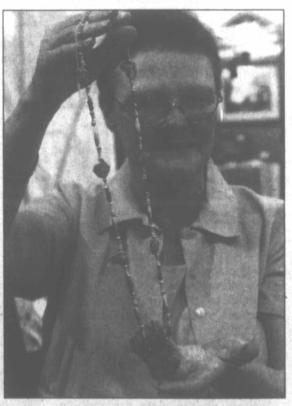
The Frontier Regiment of the High Plains, 4th Cavalry Memorial, Company E, shown here at a previous event, will commemorate the 133rd anniversary of the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon on Saturday.

Horsts show wares at Red River Arts, Crafts Fair









Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER Terrie Horst holds a necklace she made that was on display at Aspencade Arts and Crafts Fair in Red River, N.M.

By DAVID BOWSER

Staff Writer RED RIVER, N.M. -- As the Highway 38 Houndogs, a local band, cranked up Johnny Cash's Folsum Prison Blues outside in Brandenburg Park amid the artists and food booths under a clear blue sky, John and Terrie Horst visited with potential

buyers at their booth inside the convention center. A cool mountain breeze blew through the open doors carrying the rich bass guitar's chords Saturday afternoon, the second day of the three-day Aspencade Arts and Crafts Fair here in Red River.

This is only the first year that the Pampa couple has been on the show circuit and already what had been hobbies are proving to be profitable.

Earlier this year, they exhibited their jewelry and jewelry boxes at a similar fair in Raton, N.M. Their next show will be in Amarillo in October. "John's going to do this full time as soon as he

retires," Terrie said, holding up one of the wooden jewelry boxes that her husband had made. This particular one, she said, was the very first that he made. With a rich and elegant finish, Terrie said that her husband even made the paint that cov-

"It's milk paint," she explained. "Like the pioneers used to make."

John had found a recipe for it on the Internet. Although it appears more like a stain, it is a paint See FAIR, Page 3



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER John Horst holds the first jewely box that he ever made on display at Aspencade Arts and Crafts Fair in Red River, N.M.





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Tuesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 75. North northwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Tuesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 53. East wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 79. South southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Wednesday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. South southwest wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. South southwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming east southeast. Thursday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 59. South southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph.

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Obituaries

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RIPPLE, William L. "Bill" — 10 a.m., Mary Ellen & Harvester Church of Christ, Pampa.

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Texas Tech launches emergency system

implemented an Emergency a.m. Alert Notification System to communicate important and emergency response information to students, faculty and staff.

Jon Whitmore, president of Texas Tech, emphasized that the system is the official campus emergency communications system, and would only be used in critical situations. He assured that no spam, advertising or other types of communication would be sent to students. "It's crucial that we are able to notify students immediately in emergency situations because up-to-date communication helps minimize the spread of misinformation. restore order and provide direction," Whitmore said.

Texas Tech University has scheduled for Oct.10 at 10

The university is asking that students, faculty and Contact information is secure and will only be used service.

The Tech Texas University Emergency Alert Notification System, hosted by Connect-ED and the NTI Group, Inc., enables campus leaders to schedule, send and track personalized voice messages to up to four phone numbers. One of the phone numbers can be designated as text-enabled and one can be for TTY/TDD messaging

A test of the system is for the hearing impaired.

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The Double R boat ramp at Harbor Bay has been opened for boaters at Lake Meredith.

Emergency Services

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Friday, Sept. 21

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the intersection of Worrell and

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Randy Matson. An estimated \$500

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in the 800 block of South Sumner. An

arrest was made in connection with the

the 900 block of North Somerville.

Injuries were reported in connection

Two alarms were reported.

A domestic disturbance was reported

Aggravated assault was reported in

Theft was reported in the 1900 block

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Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle

Saturday, Sept. 22

Three traffic stops were made, result-

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Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the 72-hour Vehicle accidents were reported in the 500 block of North Sumner and the intersection of Kentucky and Mary Five traffic stops were made, result-Ellen streets, where arrests were made in connection with the incidents, and in Vehicle accidents were reported in the police department lobby.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of South Faulkner, the 400 block of North Roberta, the 700 block of Magnolia, the 100 block of South Sumner and the 1700 block of Dogwood.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

Suspicious person calls were received from the intersection of Buckler and West streets, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident, and from the 800 block of East Kingsmill and the intersection of Darby and Lefors streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the intersection of Russell and Worrell streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 700 block of North West, the 2300. blook of Navajouthe 600 block of North Somerville, 1500 block of North Faulkner, the 1400 block of East Francis and the 900 block of Malone, Found property was reported in the where an arrest was made in connection 1200 block of North Wells. A bicycle with the incident.

Public intoxication was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of East Browning. Two marijuana plants were found in a back yard.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart and the 700 block of North West.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 200 block of North Sumner. A vehicle was keyed and sprayed with foam insulation.

One alarm was reported

Theft was reported in the 600 block of North Wells. A weed eater was taken. Theft was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart.

Forgery was reported in the 2800 block of Charles. The incident involved prescription medication.

Burglary was reported at Woodrow Wilson Elementary School, 801 E. Browning. A window valued at \$200 was broken. The incident also involved a lamp valued at \$20, a pencil machine valued at \$110 and a computer and monitor valued at \$900.

Sunday, Sept. 23 Four traffic stops were made.

A traffic complaint was received from the intersection of Juniper and Rosewood streets.

Driving while intoxicated was reported at the intersection of Montagu and Gray streets.

A vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Francis and Starkweather streets.

Animal control officers made stops concerning animals in the 100 block of North Cuyler, the 800 block of Bradley Drive, the 1000 block of East Browning, the 1700 block of Dogwood, the 1000 block of Twiford and the 900 block of Varnon Drive.

Welfare checks were made at the intersection of Perryton Parkway and 25th Avenue and the 1200 block of East Kingsmill.

Found property was reported in the 900 block of Mary Ellen. A bicycle was

A civil matter was reported in the 1800 block of Beech.

Suspicious person calls were received from the 2900 block of Perryton Parkway, the intersection of Oklahoma and Wells streets and the

A suspicious vehicle call was received from Recreation Park, 1600 E.

600 block of Lefors.

Double R boat ramp opens at Meredith

boat ramp at Harbor Bay has reopened after being lengthened once again. At this time, all three boat ramps at Lake Meredith (Double R, Fritch Fortress, Sanford-Yake) are open.

The public is advised that the lake is very shallow in the Harbor Bay area. Lake Meredith dropped below 53 feet for the first time in its history, setting a record low of 52.99 feet at 1 p.m. on Sept. 22. The Double R ramp is only about 16 inches deep 40 feet out from shore.

The ramp is adequate for personal watercraft or boats with a shallow draft, but larger boats such as bass boats, ski boats, pontoon

FRITCH — The Double R boats, and house boats should use either Fritch Fortress or Sanford-Yake. Boaters using the Double R ramp are advised to launch at their own risk. This ramp will be closed to all boats if the lake drops below 52.5

As always, boaters are reminded that hazardous conditions exist in many areas of the lake. Boaters should obey all hazard buoys and be aware of sandbars, limbs, and other submerged obstacles. For questions about lake access or lake conditions, please contact park headquarters at 419 E. Broadway, Fritch, Texas, or phone 806-857-3151.

Highway 60.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1200 block of Darby. Information and possession of marijuana were reported in the 1200 block of Finley.

Disorderly conduct was reported inthe 700 block of North West, the 400 block of North Nelson, the 600 block of Lefors, the 1100 block of Sierra and the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of West Browning, the 1000 block of South Nelson and the 1300 block of Coffee, where the tires of a vehicle were slashed and a passenger side window of the vehicle was shat-

A threat was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 600 block of North Christy, the 1800 block of Beech, the 500 block of North Doyle and the 700 block of Somerville.

Three alarms were reported. Monday, Sept. 24

Agency assistance was rendered in the 200 block of North Russell, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident.

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A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1000 block of North Frost, where an arrest was made in connection with the incident concerning possession of less than two ounces of marijuana in a drug-free zone.

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

Saturday, Sept. 22 Ernest Lamar Huff, 72, of Pampa was arrested in the 900 block of East Albert by Pampa Police Department for driving while intoxicated, third or more

Christopher Brian Bell, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of North Sumner by PPD on capias pro fines for no insurance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Jose Tovar-Alvizo, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1300 block of Mary Ellen by PPD for driving while intoxi-

Sunday, Sept. 23

Marvin Monrow Finney III, 31, of Amarillo was arrested in the 200 block of North Russell by PPD and Carson County Sheriff's Office for no valid driver's license. Monday, Sept. 24

Juston Matthew Arellano, 20, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of North Frost by PPD for possession of less than two ounces of marijuana.

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls during the 48-hour weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today. Saturday, Sept. 22 1:21 a.m. - One unit and four per-

sonnel responded to the 500 block of Sumner on a hazardous material clean 1:14 p.m. - One unit and three per-

sonnel responded to the 1200 block of North Wells on a medical assist. 5:11 p.m. - Two units and six per-

sonnel responded to the intersection of Kentucky and Mary Ellen on a motor vehicle accident.

Sunday, Sept. 23 9:53 a.m. - One unit and two personnel responded to the 1600 block of

West Somerville on a Dumpster fire. 6:25 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Francis and Starkweather on a haz-

ardous material clean up. 10:39 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Doyle and Browning on an investiga-

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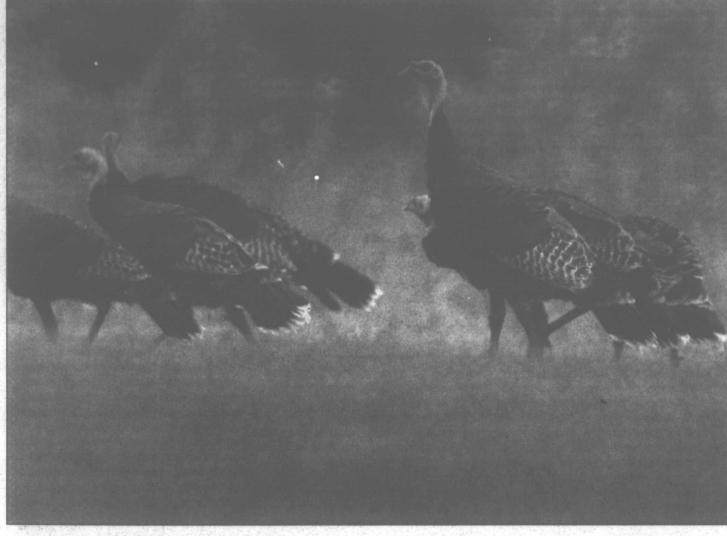
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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

A flock of wild turkeys wanders a field near Pampa Country Club on a wet, overcast morning last week, in search of bugs for breakfast.

Record

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Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls for the weekend period ending at 7 a.m. today. Friday, Sept. 21

8:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to 1420 N. Hobart. No transport. 12:33 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a fire standby

1:11 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient to St. Ann's in Panhandle.

5:52 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff Road and transported a patient to PRMC.

Sunday, Sept. 23 10:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the Baten Unit and transported a patient to PRMC.

3:06 p.m. — A mobile ICU respond-

ed to the 1400 block of West Somerville and transported a patient to

6:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the intersection of Starkweather and Francis and transported a patient to PRMC.

8:02 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of Huff and transported a patient to PRMC.

10:21 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to the 1000 block of Huff.

Petition

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charter are signatures of a minimum of 25 percent of qualified voters with-in the city and signatures in ink or indelible pencil only.

"City Secretary Karen Price was advised by the Secretary of State's office that the street address alone wasn't sufficient," Lane said of the requirement that signers include their addresses. The addresses given by the signers must also include the city, he

The petition presented to the county is explained in a paragraph on the document which reads, "A petition requesting Gray County commissioners to call an election on the question of whether to freeze or cap ad valorem property taxes on the homesteads of elderly (age 65 and over) and disabled persons at the current dollar amount."

The Gray County tax assessor-collector's office is still working to verify the information on the petition presented to County Judge Richard Peet. At a county commissioners' meeting on Sept. 14, Peet said that he had sought County Attorney Josh Seabourn's interpretation of the Election Code regarding what must be included on the petition to make it valid.

"His approach is that as long as you can verify the voter, you must legitimize them as a registered voter and legitimate signer of the petition," Peet said at the meeting. One such issue mentioned was whether the address given by the signer required the city of residence, if, for example, the signer lived on the only street in any city in the county with that particular street

"Basically, it comes down to whether they can be identified without the city in their address," Seabourn

said in an interview Sept. 18. "I've not reviewed the petitions. I saw the front page of one. I pulled up the Election Code statute of requirements and looked at e-mail Gaye (Whitehead, county tax assessor-collector) got from the secretary of state," Seabourn said. "I looked at two court cases. One says you don't have to have the city if you can reasonably identify that person from the information given.'

A number of signers did not include their city of residence when they provided their street addresses on the petition, Whitehead said. Other problems with some signatures include signing a nickname rather than the name as it appears on the voter registration rolls, an incomplete or incorrect birth date and obvious changes to the date the signature was written.

"I am getting differences of opinion," Whitehead said about the legal requirements for petition signatures to be considered valid. "I have the secretary of state's opinion and local opinion that contradicts that."

Each signature and accompanying information on the county petition must be compared to the voter registration rolls to determine that the information on the petition matches that on the rolls.

The petition has over 700 signatures," Whitehead said. "So far, we have verified several pages. Only 210 signatures were valid." Each page has 10 signatures, she said.

"Now we will have to go over all the pages again," she said. "The judge has called the Texas Association of Counties, and I've contacted the Attorney General's office."

Section 277.002 of the Texas Election Code states that in order for a petition signature to be valid, it must contain the signature, the signer's printed name, the signer's date of birth or voter registration number, the signer's residence address and the date of

'State law requires that the address be stated, including the city," said Ashley Burton, a spokeswoman for the secretary of state's office, in a telephone call Sept. 17. "Some courts have ruled otherwise, but state law requires that the city be included in the address."

Some of the other issues such as incorrect or incomplete birth dates were also addressed by Seabourn.

"If the birth date is different, I would think the signature is invalid," he said. "If there's missing information and you can work around it, it's OK. If the information is incorrect, it's invalid."

Peet's query to the Texas Association of Counties resulted in a referral to the person in charge of the elections division of the secretary of state's office, he said.

"We're in the process right now of talking to their legal department, because the information they gave us cannot be found in the law," Peet said. "For instance, what they faxed us said the city is required, but we can't find it in the law."

If the final ruling on the matter is that the signatures must be accompanied by the city as well as street address in order to be valid, there are not enough valid signatures on the petition presented to the county to have it placed on a ballot for voters' consideration, Peet said. If the city is not required for a valid signature, there may or may not be enough signatures, he said.

Whitehead said Sept. 21 that she had talked to a representative of the secretary of state's legal department concerning the issue of whether the city is required for a valid address accompanying each signature on the petition.

"She cannot support the county attorney's decision," Whitehead said. "She told me, 'I have to advise you that the definition of a residence address is street name, number and

"We have to go by the state constitution and how the secretary of state's office interprets it for us," Peet said. 'We can go to our county attorney, but ultimately we must defer to the state ruling."

The proposal set forth by the petition would affect only tax rates for those age 65 and over and the disabled, and would not affect property valuations for those persons' property, which in turn would mean that the affected property owners might still see their total tax liability change as valuations change.

"It talks about taxes and not value," said Chief County Appraiser Pat Bagley of the petition. "The only significant thing about it is that any time you lower someone's tax obligation, you just increase the burden on everyone else."

It may be awhile longer before the final determination on the petition to the county is reached. The time required to verify each signature with accuracy and care is no small amount, Whitehead said.

"For example, one person signed his nickname. It took us 10 minutes to find the person who had that birth date," she said.

"I'm just going to take my time. I could be held liable," Whitehead said. "The secretary of state said this office does not have a deadline on verifying all the voters. We worked solid for two weeks on it, then got a difference of opinion between local and state offices."

Two employees in Whitehead's office devoted all their time to verifying the signatures in the first two weeks after the petition was received, and four others spent part of their working hours on it. Adding to the tax assessor-collector's burden is the time

"We are busy preparing for tax time mail outs, and I had one employee cut to half time," Whitehead said.

Five percent of registered county voters must have valid signatures on the petition for it to be eligible to be placed on a ballot, she said. Approximately 13,000 county residents are currently registered to vote, and five percent of that amount is about 690, she said.

Hutto said he is prepared to try again with both city and county petiions on the issue.

"This is the same petition Amarillo used," he said. "My question is, why was it good for a city of 250,000 but not a city of 17,000?" "We're not through," he said. "We

will try again."

Fair

that uses milk, Terrie said. "I think it's gorgeous," she

The jewelry boxes comple-Continued from Page 1 ment Terrie's handcrafted jewelry.

"I like stuff a little bit different," she said, displaying one of her creations with turquoise from Australia. Her necklaces and matching earrings range from turquoise to coral to silver.

In addition to the jewelry boxes, John's woodwork includes tables and, for whimsy, brightly-colored bird

City commission to meet

By KERRI SMITH Staff Writer

A sales tax report, numerous bids for tax delinquent properties, and a list of disbursements for Aug. 2007 are the only items on the agenda for a regular city commission meeting for the City of Pampa to be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the city commission chambers on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. Kingsmill.

Commissioners will consider and possibly approve bids from Pamela D. Dacus and Gary Willoughby for tax delinquent property. Dacus a

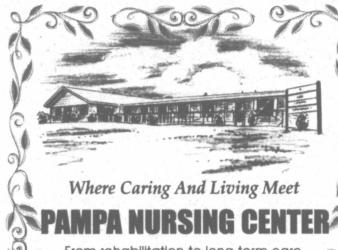
bid on property at 541 Harlem Street and 524 - 526 Elm Street. Willoughby bid on lots 11, 12, 13 and 14 at 1210 Barnes Street.



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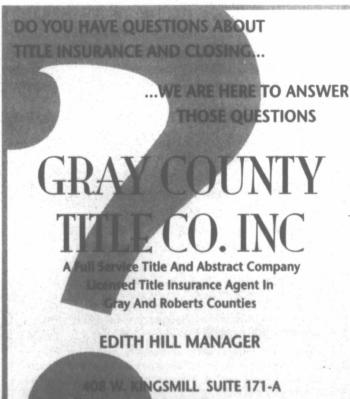
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Viewpoints

Energy independence and corn-based fuel carry hefty price tag

be "energy independent." They want it so bad that they will believe just about anything that will help them achieve that goal.

The domestic oil and gas industry has been preaching "energy independence" and "over dependent on foreign oil" sermons to members of Congress for decades, without success.

members Most Congress didn't believe the domestic oil and gas producers. Instead of enacting laws that would encourage drilling, production and refining of petroleum, they imposed strict environmental laws, restricted drilling on federal lands, and passed the punitive "windfall prof-

Most Americans want to its" tax on U.S. crude oil should be paid for with tax loss of 22,000 Btu for each production.

> Predictably, the domestic industry went into a tailspin. The number of people in the oil industry declined by more than 500,000, the drilling rig count went from 4,500 to 600, and crude oil production declined from 9 million barrels per day to 5 million barrels per day.

Now, the same group of people in Washington many Congressmen are the same people that imposed restrictions on the U.S. oil industry 20 years ago want to increase taxes on the oil and gas industry by \$16 billion to fund the giveaway programs for renewable

Actually, those incentives

dollars from every American, not just one sector of the economy.

Alex

Mills

Columnist

Also, renewable energy should be able to compete in the marketplace

petitive.

with traditional energy sources. Unfortunately, renewables such as ethanol, wind and solar are light years away from being com-

Corn-based ethanol contains about 76,000 British thermal units (Btu) per gallon, but it takes about 96,000 Btu per gallon to plant, grow, harvest and refine. That's a

gallon. To add fuel to the fire, about 60 percent of the energy required to make a

gallon of ethanol will come from a foreign country.

America will about 6 bil-

lion gallons of ethanol this year, or about 3 percent of U.S. gasoline consumption, but 20 percent of the nation's corn crop. Congressional mandates put usage at 36 billion in 2022.

Corn received \$51 billion in federal handouts between 1995 and 2005, which is twice as much as wheat sub-

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sidies and four times as much soybean subsidies. Ethanol subsidies amount to about \$1.38 per gallon. Additionally, there is a \$0.54 per gallon tariff against ethanol from Brazil.

Ethanol's energy density is one-third less than gasoline, which means that it takes more ethanol to generate the same amount of power as gasoline.

Because it takes about 450 pounds of corn to fill up the gas tank of a sports utility vehicle (about what a human consumes in a year), demand for corn is on the rise. Human consumption will increase, creating shortages and further price increases.

Even though farmers who grow corn for ethanol are back in the saddle again, ranchers are complaining about the doubling of prices of corn for feed for cows, horse and other farm animals that are traditionally fed

"Energy independence" is a nice thought. However, the price tag is going to be expensive.

Alex Mills is President of the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, which represents more than 3,000 members in 25 states. The opinions expressed are those of the author and do not necessarily represent the policies or opinions of the Texas Energy Alliance Producers.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Monday, Sept. 24, the 267th day of 2007. There are 98 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 24, 1789, Congress passed a Judiciary Act that provided for an Attorney General and a Supreme Court.

In 1869, thousands of businessmen were ruined in a Wall Street panic known as "Black Friday" after financiers Jay Gould and James Fisk attempted to corner the gold market.

In 1929, Lt. James H. Doolittle guided a Consolidated NY-2 Biplane over Mitchel Field in New York in the first allinstrument flight.

In 1948, Mildred Gillars, accused of being Nazi wartime radio propagandist "Axis Sally," pleaded not guilty in

Fear cannot be without hope nor hope without fear."

Baruch Spinoza Dutch philosopher (1632-1677)

Washington, D.C., to charges of treason. (Gillars, later convicted, ended up serving 12 years in prison.)

In 1955, President Eisenhower suffered a heart attack while on vacation in Denver.

In 1957, the Los Angeles-bound Brooklyn Dodgers played their last game at Ebbets Field, defeating the Pittsburgh Pirates 2-0.

In 1960, the USS Enterprise, the first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, was launched at Newport News, Va.

In 1963, the U.S. Senate ratified a treaty with Britain and the Soviet Union limiting nuclear testing.

In 1969, the trial of the "Chicago Eight" (later seven) began. (Five of the defendants were later convicted of crossing state lines to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national

convention, but the convictions were ultimately overturned.) In 1976, Patricia Hearst was sentenced to seven years in prison for her part in a 1974 bank robbery in San Francisco carried out by the Symbionese Liberation Army. (She was released after 22 months after receiving clemency from President Carter.)

In 1991, children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as "Dr. Seuss," died in La Jolla, Calif., at age 87.

Ten years ago: President Clinton urged the annual convention of the AFL-CIO not to try to punish Democratic lawmakers who stood with him on his request for stronger authority to negotiate new free-trade treaties. Garth Brooks was named best entertainer by the Country Music Association.

Five years ago: British Prime Minister Tony Blair asserted that Iraq had a growing arsenal of chemical and biological weapons and planned to use them, as he unveiled an intelligence dossier to a special session of Parliament. Gunmen stormed a Hindu temple in the western Indian state of Gujarat, killing some 30 worshippers.



THAT CLOUD LOOKS LIKE

May the most brutal and ruthless side win

proved my point. He's a political general. Worse than that, he said something in his Senate testimony that should infuriate the loved ones of every man and woman fighting in Iraq.

"Is everything you are doing over there making America safer?" Sen. John Warner asked. Petraeus tried to evade the question, but Warner wouldn't let him off the hook. "Is it making America safer?" he persist-

"I don't know," Petraeus replied. In other words, maybe these nearly 4,000 young people who died and the 27,000 who have suffered wounds simply died and suffered for nothing. After all, their own commanding officer has now gone on record that he doesn't know if the sacrifices they are making are doing anything to make their country safer. That's a hell of a

Petraeus, like a true spin after his earlier tour of train-

Gen. David Petraeus put a gown of optimism on years ago. Oh, he spread the pig he brought to the dance. Like the bureaucrat he is (despite a chest full of ribbons, Petraeus has seen very little combat), he had his little charts and graphs purporting to show sectarian

> attacks and civilian Charley deaths are Reese down.

Whether Columnist his numbers are correct or

not - and they differ from the numbers of several independent organizations – is beside the point. President George Bush pre-defined success of the surge. The purpose of the surge, the president said, is to buy time and space for the Iraqi government to reach agreement on reconciliation.

surge was a failure. One congresswoman nailed him good. She read a report Petraeus had written

Did it? No. Ergo, the

good cheer. Everything was going swimmingly. Unfortunately for the general, he used almost the same words three years ago that he used in his current testimony. None of the promises and

predictions three years pass.

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had, before the last presidential election, written those words in an op-ed piece for The Washington Post that painted the war in Iraq in glowing and optimistic colors. I may be wrong, but I know of no other general on active duty who wrote an op-ed piece so carefully timed to influence the outcome of a presidential campaign.

Petraeus' testimony was also out of sync with the Government Accountability Office report, as well as a master, was trying his best to ing the Iraqi army three report done by a retired

Marine Corps general. Petraeus tried to cover his political tracks by saying upfront that he personally wrote his report. Well, I personally write these columns. but that doesn't mean I don't confer with people, interview people and do other research. I'll bet a six-pack to a shot of bourbon that Petraeus conferred many times with the White House spin doctors before he sat down to write his own report.

So the game goes on. The president says he will "accept" the general's recommendations. What a surprise. That will leave 136,000 Americans stuck in Iraq until the new president is sworn in January 2009.

Congress should act and cut the funding off for this war. It is a moral outrage to sacrifice the lives and limbs of our men and women in uniform for nothing. The dumb Bush administration succeeded in creating a

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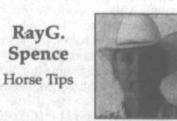
Lift up the forelock (hair on the forehead) and look at the two muscles on either side and right in front on the forehead.

If either muscle is more prominent than the other, chances are your horse needs its teeth floated.

Whichever side is more definite indicates your horse is chewing more on that side.

Also if your horse "spills" a lot of feed out the side of its mouth might

Here is a rule of thumb to go by to indicate time for a dental check up.



There is a product out now that I strongly recommend for flies and mosquitoes. It is called Freedom Spot On. I have found most fly sprayers and

wipes last about as long as 5 to 10 minutes, if you're lucky!

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than 40 years.



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The clouds, as seen from Loop 171, seem to be coming together from two different directions last week.

50 years after integration battle, legacy looms large in Little Rock

LITTLE ROCK (AP) -Fifty years after federal troops escorted Terrence black students into an allwhite high school, he says the struggles over race and segregation still are unresolved.

"This country has demonstrated over time that it is not prepared to operate as an integrated society," said Roberts, who is a faculty member at Antioch University's psychology program.

He and the other students known as the Little Rock Nine will help the city observe Central High School's 50th anniversary this week with a series of events culminating with a ceremony featuring former President Bill Clinton.

For three weeks in September 1957, Little Rock was the focus of a showdown over integration as Gov. Orval Faubus blocked nine black students from enrolling at a high school with about 2,000 white students. Although the U.S. Supreme Court had declared segregated classrooms unconstitutional in 1954 -

Reese

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Shiite theocracy closely allied to Iran and set off a sectarian civil war. Well, let the Iraqis fight it out without us and without

them stealing billions of

American tax dollars at

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and the Little Rock School Board had voted to integrate - Faubus said he feared Roberts and eight fellow violence if the races mixed

in a public school.

The showdown soon became a test for then-President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who sent members of the Army's 101st Airborne Division in to control the angry crowds. It was the first time in 80 years that federal troops had been sent to a former state of the Confederacy.

Yet, half a century later, there are signs of progress and strife in Arkansas' largest school district, which is now 70 percent black.

A federal judge ruled this year that the 27,000-student district was unitary, or substantially integrated, and ordered the end of federal

desegregation monitoring. The school now has a nearby museum for the Little Rock crisis, and statues of the nine brave students stand on the grounds of the state Capitol.

But race still divides the school board, which has a black majority.

In 1957, Roberts, Carlotta Walls LaNier, Melba Patillo Beals, Elizabeth Eckford, Ernest Green, Gloria Ray Karlmark, Jefferson Thomas, Minnijean Brown Trickey, and Thelma Mothershed Wair were determined to get a good educa-

tion. "I really didn't understand at 14 we were helping change the educational landscape here in America," LaNier recalls. "All we wanted to do is go to school."



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been divorced for a number of years. Our divorce was amicable. He is now remarried and has chosen to include his current wife, "Blanche," in all correspondence with our two daughters and me. I admit to some jealousy when it comes to my girls. They are our children, not hers. This has become more hurtful to me since I found out that I am terminally ill. I don't want Blanche to replace me as a grandmother to any children who are born to our girls. I am writing now because my oldest daughter has just learned that she is pregnant. If I survive long enough, it will be my first grandchild -- an honor I do not wish to share. Am I being selfish, or is there some other way for Blanche to be part of this grandchild's life without taking my place? My children are not close to her and have also expressed disapproval of their father's inclusion of his new wife in every part of his interaction with them. Please tell me what you think. -- WANTS TO BE REMEMBERED, LONGVIEW, TEXAS

DEAR WANTS TO BE REMEM-BERED: Please allow me to offer my sympathy regarding your prognosis. All of your feelings at this point are understandable. Your grandchildren will have only CO one biological grandmother, and that is you. Your husband's wife will be their STEP-grandmother. And from what you have written about your daughters' attitude toward her, I'm sure they will make certain that their children know the difference. So please, rest easy. No one can control the future; not you and not I. And in the final analysis, what is more important is that your grandchildren are loved. The more love they're surrounded with, the better off they'll be.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 21-year-old male who has always been unlucky in love. I recently met a woman who is perfect for me. She is smart, funny, worldly, attractive and allaround wonderful. The problem is, she is 31. Age is just a number to me, but I'm concerned that my advances may seem like some kid trying to woo her. I know she thinks of me as a peer, but I just can't get over my insecurities about it. I want to take our friendship to the next level, but I'm unsure what to do. - NAIVE IN NEW **ENGLAND**

DEAR NAIVE: The longest journey begins with a single step, and your first step should be to find out why you have "always been unlucky in love." It could save you much heartache in the future. Could it be that you have always chosen a love object who was inappropriate -- this woman included? Before taking steps to take this friendship to the next level, be smart and schedule some sessions with a psychologist to figure out what has gone wrong in the past. Those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend, "Eddie" is away at college. I would like to send him a care package to show him how much I love and mis him. Have you any suggestions on what should go into a meaningful care package? -- TRICIA IN SAN FRANCIS-

DEAR TRICIA: Send your boyfriend something he can't get while he's away at school. The perfect "I care" package should contain homemade cookies and brownies, and perhaps a book you have read recently that you think he might enjoy, along with a picture of you and a love let-

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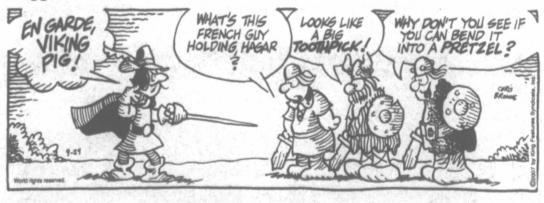
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Sports Day

Harvesters recover from Friday's loss

By JORDAN REAGAN Sports Editor

For Harvesters and fans alike, Friday night was the toughest loss this season as the varsity football team fell to the Borger Bulldogs.

The way in which the game was lost perhaps made it one of the toughest losses in Pampa history.

It's a given though, that no team is perfect, and tough losses happen. It's how the team reacts to the loss that can make or break a successful season, especially at the time in which Pampa's loss to Borger occured this year.

"The good thing is that this happened in the part of our season that does not affect our district standings or playoff situation," head coach Andy Cavalier said, "I have seen many teams respond from situations like this and use it as a springboard into their district play. We have the makings of a good football team in our locker room, and the next few weeks will be extremely important in determining if we allow that good football team to develop or not."

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This week, the coaches and players will take the time to learn everything they can from Friday night's game and prepare to move on from the loss and into a successful season.

There are several factors that can be attributed to the loss Friday, but none overwhelm the fact that Borger came back from being behind 35-7 in the fourth Borger's gaining momen-



Pampa News photo by JORDAN REAGAN

Sophomore Ryan Jimenez is brought down by a Borger's John Schilling in the first quarter of Friday night's Homecoming game against Borger.

quarter to winning the game 36-35.

"In the fourth quarter, we had the opportunity to put the game away and absolutely did not get it done," Cavalier said.

"In every aspect of the game we just did not make the plays we needed to when given the opportunity," Cavalier said, referring to an extra point blocked, a bad snap in special teams, a successful 1st down conversion on a fake punt by Borger, two onside kick recoveries by Borger, and the failure to generate a 1st down on several occasions.

All of these and a loss of momentum against

tum led to Friday night's shocking outcome.

"You just cannot win games with this many miscues and it's my job as our head coach to make sure our kids are prepared to make plays in all of these situations," Cavalier said.

Most importantly, Cavalier stresses that teamwork is the most imperative value in the sport, and that teamwork will prove to be the greatest remedy in recovering from the loss to

"The worst thing that can happen to a team is for individualism to surface, for some people to point their finger at others," Cavalier said, "What I hope happens

is that each and every member of this team takes full responsibility for what happened, that each one of us responds in a manner that will build up his teammates, that we learn that there is no guarantee of success, and that we commit, individually, to doing everything we can to make our team better."

The Harvesters have the next two weeks to build that teamwork and prepare for their next game.

This weekend is their open weekend, and the following week, Oct. 5, they will travel to Plainview to take on the Bulldogs.

Basketball boosters

The Pampa High School Basketball Booster Club will have a meeting tonight at 7 in the Ready Room at the PHS

Tonight will be a short meeting to discuss fund raising reports and to vote on the girls' locker room improvements.

Colts remain undefeated with 30-24 win over Texans

HOUSTON (AP) — For now, the Indianapolis Colts are more concerned with winning than looking good.

Peyton Manning threw for 273 yards and a touchdown and Joseph Addai ran for two more scores as the Colts beat the injury-ravaged Houston Texans 30-24 on Sunday.

The Colts improved to 3-0 for the third straight season, but their performance against the Texans was a mixed bag.

The good? Indianapolis didn't commit a turnover, converted two Houston turnovers into 10 points and held the Texans to 40 yards rushing.

The not-so-good? Two penalties helped Houston score 10 points, the Colts settled for field goals on three of six trips into the red zone and the Texans broke two long kick returns, one for a touchdown.

Indianapolis still took command of the AFC South, with its second straight road 22-20 last week.

victory over a divisional foe. The Colts beat Tennessee "As long as we're getting the wins, we can still correct

that kind of stuff," said

Dallas Clark, who caught

Manning's TD throw. "That shows you what kind of team we have here. We haven't played great — it's always been something here and there — but we're still finding ways to win."

The Texans (2-1), coming off two encouraging wins to open their season, were eager to measure themselves against the defending champions. By game's end, they must've been wondering who was still healthy enough to make any plays.

Leading rusher Ahman Green sprained his knee in the second quarter and rookie Jacoby Jones, filling in for injured receiver Andre Johnson, separated his left shoulder on a 74-yard punt return. Backup running back Ron Dayne was inactive because of bruised ribs, so the Texans had to rely on third-stringer Samkon Gado for most of Sunday's game. Gado rushed for only 12

The injuries weren't just limited to skill players.

Starting center Steve McKinney sprained his knee and was on crutches after the game and defensive tackle Cedric Killings was taken

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Soccer boosters host first

The Pampa High School Soccer Booster Club will host the first annual 3-on-3 soccer tournament Sept. 29-30.

The tournament will help the booster club raise funds to purchase equipment and pay for travel expenses for the high school soccer teams for the upcoming school year.

There will be four different age groups for the tournament - under 6, under 8 through under 14, under 15 through under 18 and

Team fees vary with each age group, with under 6 being \$80, under 8-under 14 being \$100, and under 15-under 18 and adults being \$125.

There can be up to five players on each team, and a medical release is required for all

All players will receive a T-shirt. For more information on the tournament,

or to register contact Michelle Dyson at 663-0737 or by email at kmdyson@nts-online.net

Over 120 arrests made in an 18-month investigation of underground steroid trade

WASHINGTON (AP) — Over 120 people were arrested in an 18-month international investigation of illicit steroid labs, the Drug Enforcement Administration announced Monday.

The DEA said the wide-ranging probe dubbed Operation Raw Deal was assisted by foreign governments in nine countries including China and led to the seizure of 56 laboratories in the United States for manufacturing anabolic steroids and human growth hormone.

DEA spokesman Michael Sanders said 143 federal search warrants were issued during the probe, many of them since last Thursday.

The number of steroid doses seized in the raids amounted to 11.4 million.

Investigators seized over 500 pounds of raw powder originating in China and used to manufacture steroids.

help us in this investigation," DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney said in

Washington. News conferences by law enforcement officials were planned for San Diego, New York City, Houston, Kansas City and Providence, R.I., said Sanders.

In addition to China's cooperation, other countries participating in the investigation were Mexico, Canada, Australia, Belgium,

Denmark, Germany, Sweden and Thailand. The seizure of steroid labs follows scandals in the sports world over steroid abuse.

Major league baseball home run king Barry Bond's career has been tainted by allegations of steroid abuse.

Pro wrestler Chris Benoit killed his wife and young son and hanged himself. At the time of his death, Benoit had more than 10 times the normal level of testosterone in his system. Ten performers suspended by World Wrestling Entertainment were punished for ordering drugs, mostly human growth hormones, that violate the company's drug policy.

Also participating in Operation Raw Deal were the FBI, Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Immmgration and Customs Enforcement and the National Drug Intelligence Center.

In Denmark, police raided 26 locations "China really stepped up to the plate to across the country. Germany's Federal Criminal office said its agents closed down five illicit labs and confiscated tens of thousands of illicit tablets and capsules as part of searches carried out in five of the nation's 16 states.

Joergen Isalin of the Denmark National Police investigative center, said police were able to see the China link in the investigation through money transfers between a buyer and a Chinese seller.

Edwards victory at Dover marred by inspection failure

DOVER, Del. (AP) — Sunday was spoiled after his Carl Edwards ran so far out in front he was able to avoid the kind of crashes and mechanical woes plagued so many other Chase drivers on the track.

Not until Edwards brought his No. 99 Ford from Victory Lane at Dover International Speedway to the garage did he run into the kind of trouble that could derail his title

Edwards' victory in the Dodge Dealers 400 on with more performances like

car flunked inspection because the right rear fender was too low, meaning a likely fine and loss of crucial points. Edwards is in third

place in the Chase for the championship standings, only three points behind series leader Jeff Gordon, so even the lightest penalty could be a brutal blow to his Edwards knows the only

way to make up the deficit is

"You're really going to have to win races to be leading the points at the end," he said.

NASCAR spokesman Ramsey Potson said there was no evidence of intentional tampering Edwards' car.

"This is a height violation. It is not one where we believe the structure of the body has been manipulated," he said.

Tony Romo throws for 329 yards and Cowboys beat Bears, 34-10

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony able to make," Cowboys Romo did all he could to erase those lingering doubts, to show that he is an elite quarterback and not a one-

year wonder. Romo passed for 329 yards after a rough start, Anthony Henry had two interceptions for the second straight week and the Dallas Cowboys made a big statement, beating the Chicago Bears 34-10 on Sunday

night. "I just see him make decisions and make plays that I don't see a lot of other guys coach Wade Phillips said. "Whether it's being pressured or whatever it is, he has that knack, plus he is tremendously accurate if you leave him in the pocket. He throws a great ball. That (game) made a statement, certainly."

For Romo. And for Dallas. The Cowboys showed just how serious a contender they are in the NFC during the second half, outscoring the Bears 31-7. Dallas is 3-0 for

the first time since 1999. "I think this journey that

we're going on has been pretty fun, and I think it's going to be really exciting for the rest of the year,' Romo said.

He again showed that last season's rise from obscurity to the Pro Bowl was no fluke, going 22-for-35 with two touchdowns and an interception. He did all that despite passing for just 17 yards in the first quarter.

Romo led the Cowboys on an 89-yard touchdown drive to start the second half. breaking a 3-3 tie. And he put the Cowboys ahead for

touchdown pass late in the third period that capped a 91-yard drive.

Henry added a 28-yard interception return early in the fourth quarter to make it 27-10, and Marion Barber scored from the 1 after breaking off a 54-yard run.

It was a terrible night all around for the Bears (1-2).

The defending conference champions lost four Pro Bowl players to injuries: linebacker Lance Briggs (groin), cornerback Nathan Vasher (groin), defensive

good, 17-10, with a 10-yard tackle Tommie Harris (knee) and guard Ruben Brown (ankle).

Rex Grossman had another rough outing, completing 15 of 32 passes for 195 yards. He threw three interceptions, did not have a touchdown and was sacked three times - twice by DeMarcus Ware. That's why Grossman heard more boos from the home crowd.

If he's worried about his job security, Grossman wasn't letting on.

"I'm going about my business and not worrying about

the things that I don't control," he said.

tinued to support the embattled OB. "Rex Grossman is our

Coach Lovie Smith con-

quarterback," Smith said. "I know he's going to take a lot of the blame. We all will take a lot of the blame. We didn't get a lot done."

Not that Grossman had much help.

Bernard Berrian caught six passes for 73 yards, but dropped a potential touchdown pass in the first half.

'What worse can he go through in this town?'

By JIM LITKE AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP) - Anthony Henry tied for second on the Bears' receivers list and had the only touchdown.

Unfortunately, he plays cornerback for the Cowboys.

So stop me if you've heard this

34-10 Sunday night.

"Rex Grossman is our quarterback," Chicago coach Lovie Smith said after Dallas mugged the Bears

Lousy quarterbacks are a given with the Bears, who have endured nearly 60 years of frustration since Sid Luckman left town. But even that doesn't completely explain the coaching staff's loyalty to the undersized passer with the underwhelming arm and the mobility of a skyscraper.

It was one thing when Smith stuck with Grossman last season, when the Bears covered for their erratic passer with a stingy, opportunistic defense, timely touchdowns from kick-returner Devin Hester and went to the Super Bowl. But they're 1-2 in this campaign and falling faster than one of Grossman's floaters.

If the loss of four Pro Bowl players — three on defense— by the end of the Dallas game didn't instill a sense of urgency, well, there's Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo to remind them of what they're

Grossman attempted 32 passes and completed 15, not counting the

two picked off by Henry and a third by safety Roy Williams. Afterward, Grossman said most of the same things he's said each time his quarterback rating — 27.5 on this night — fails to exceed the dinner tab for a family of four at one of Soldier Field's concession stands: He needs to stop trying to make hero plays.

"Their defensive corner hugged up on the outside receiver and I thought I could get a corner (throw) in behind his head," he glumly acknowledged. "It kind of floated

Other than his coaches and teammates, it's hard to imagine anyone believes Grossman is capable of changing. He's certainly not going to get taller — the Bears' media guide generously lists him at 6-foot-1, still too short to see over onrushing linemen — and he'll never be quick-footed enough to buy time in the pocket. The start against the Cowboys was only his 26th, but that's because Grossman was hurt for much of his five-year stay in Chicago. So there's little hope he'll study his way of this jam, either.

For the moment, though, Grossman appears to have all the support he needs to keep his job.

What worse can he go through in this town?" Bears linebacker Brian Urlacher said. "The guy went through it all last year, and I'm sure he's going to go through it again

"I'm sure he'll come back and

can't get any worse than that."

Grossman has had worse games, but nothing like the one Romo pieced together after a slow start. Romo has been in Dallas for the same five seasons, but unlike Grossman, a first-round choice from a powerhouse Florida program, he arrived there as an undrafted free agent from Eastern

Romo got his chance when Drew Bledsoe played his way into thencoach Bill Parcells' doghouse, and his time watching was well spent. While Romo had trouble adjusting to the Bears' relentless blitzing early in the game, he never got flustered or forced throws.

And by the second half, sidestepping one defender after another without leaving the pocket, he began to find the range. He finished a quietly efficient 22-of-35 for 329 yards with two touchdowns. All that talk about Romo being unable to post big numbers against a defense as good as Chicago's turned out to

"They gave Tony some fits," Terrell Owens said. "They bring a heck of pass rush and Tony was able to escape and use his ability to get out of some of those jams and find some open guys down the field."

Owens had little to say about Romo's opposite, but when the boo birds started in on Grossman in earnest in the third quarter, he cupped his hand behind his right get through it," he added, "but it ear, pretending he was having a

hard time hearing them.

Not so with Smith, who acknowledged afterward, "I know he's going to take a lot of the blame. But we all take a lot of the blame."

At the same time, Smith didn't hide his admiration for the way Romo patiently picked his team apart. Asked what impressed him most, Smith replied, "the way he avoided pressure and got the ball

"I knew that coming in," he added. "But he was even more impressive in person."

The only reason there hasn't been much of a quarterback controversy in Chicago — yet — is because the last time backup Brian Griese turned up in a regular-season game was New Year's Eve and he went 5for-15 in relief with two intercep-

"I can relate to any quarterback that takes criticism and has people talking about him," Romo said. "I think Rex is a fine player. It's just difficult. This city and some cities across the league and really, Dallas is the same way.

He's really in a tough position because he has such a great defense that you're almost asked not to lose the game. And I think that's very difficult way to play quarterback,' Romo added, "I really do."

Apparently he's not the only one.

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Galaxy snags 2-1 victory over Dallas

CARSON, Calif. (AP) -Chris Klein scored in the 72nd minute give the Los Angeles Galaxy a 2-1 victory over FC Dallas on Sunday night.

Dallas (12-10-4) played with 10 men for the final 66 minutes after Chris Gbandi received two yellow cards.

"When we go down to 10 men, it's almost like a new life for them and we just shoot ourselves in the foot," Dallas midfielder Dax McCarty said.

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Klein took Cobi Jones' pass from the left flank and sent a 19-yard line drive into the upper-right corner of the net to give Los Angeles (5-13-6) only its second victory against a Major League Soccer team since July 4.

"I actually thought about hitting it first," Klein said. "But I took a touch, was able to keep my head down and just hit it hard on goal. Cobi did a very good job of creating space.'

Dallas took a 1-0 lead in the 11th minute on Dax McCarty's first career MLS goal. McCarty secured Gbandi's pass from the left wing and converted from 13 yards in front of two Galaxy

Colts

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off the field on a stretcher after a headfirst collision with Indianapolis receiver Roy Hall. The 310-pound Killings hit Hall on a block as Jerome Mathis was returning a kickoff in the second quarter. The Texans said Killings suffered a neck injury and coach Gary Kubiak said he was moving his arms and legs and talking on the field. Killings was taken to a hospital.

"It was a tremendous effort on everybody's part and we paid the price for it,'

Kubiak said.

The Colts still couldn't put the Texans away.

Houston got within 30-24 when Vonta Leach caught a 1-yard pass from Matt Schaub with 2:49 remaining. The Texans got the ball back with 19 seconds left, but Schaub was sacked and time

"They played most of the game without their two best backs and then their best receiver, and they continued to fight back," said Colts coach Tony Dungy, "We just couldn't get that right play to knock them out of things. But we made enough plays when we needed them.

redo the opening kickoff after an offside penalty on the first try. Mathis only got to the 20 on the first one, but returned the second 84 yards for a touchdown.

It was reminiscent of last year's Super Bowl, when Chicago's Devin Hester started the game with a 92yard return.

"Obviously, it was not the way we wanted to start the game," Manning said, "but I told the offense that is not touchdown run with 8:51 left the first time a team has for a touchdown."

Manning smoothly engineered a 15-play drive and Clark got in front of Michael The Colts were forced to Boulware for a 2-yard recep- yards.

tion in the back of the end zone to tie it at 7 midway through the first quarter.

"I thought we did a great job of answering," Manning said. On Houston's next drive,

Colts linebacker Raheem Brock jumped offsides on a fourth-and-1 and Kris Brown kicked a 33-yard field goal to put the Texans up 10-7.

The Colts took their first lead on Addai's 4-yard in the first half. Indianapolis returned the opening kickoff pierced the red zone on four of its next five series, but

scored only one touchdown. Adam Vinatieri kicked field goals from 36, 28 and 35

Briggs, Vasher suffer groin injuries; Brown injures ankle

CHICAGO (AP) Chicago Bears Pro Bowl linebacker Lance Briggs and cornerback Nathan Vasher left with groin injuries, while an ankle injury knocked offensive lineman Ruben Brown out of Sunday's game against the Dallas Cowboys.

The Bears had already lost Briggs and Vasher when Brown, a nine-time Pro Bowl pick, got hurt in the fourth quarter.

Briggs appeared to injure himself midway through the second quarter, when Brian Urlacher sacked Tony Romo.

Briggs, who was trying to avoid Urlacher, stayed in the game but did not come out for the second half. Vasher, a Pro Bowl pick in

2005, walked off the field midway through the third quarter after being injured \$ away from the ball. The injuries are the latest

blows to a team that lost former Pro Bowl safety Mike Brown and starting defensive tackle Dusty Dvoracek to season-ending knee injuries in the opener at San

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Cardinals score 3 times in ninth to rally for 4-3 win over Astros

ST. LOUIS (AP) - Rick Ankiel and the St. Louis Cardinals put together a memorable home finale at the expense of Houston closer Brad Lidge.

Ankiel's two-run triple off Lidge capped a three-run rally in the ninth inning and the Cardinals beat the Astros 4-3 Sunday night.

Ankiel, breaking out of a slump that coincided with reports linking him to human growth hormone, had his second straight three-hit game. He's batting .433 (13-for-30) against the Astros with six RBIs.

"It was exciting, especially being the last game here, just to get the win the way it unfolded," Ankiel said. "It was fun, and I hope the fans enjoyed it."

Albert Pujols also drove in a run in the ninth with a pinch-hit single that gave him 99 RBIs. Last year's World Series winners won for only the fourth time in 18 games, two days after they were eliminated from the postseason.

"That was just the way we wanted it, get your closer out there to close it out," Astros interim manager Cecil Cooper said. "Unfortunately Brad just had a little problem locating.

"I'm still going to sink or swim with Brad Lidge.'

Kelvin Jimenez (3-0) got the last out in the ninth after a two-run homer by Carlos Lee off closer Jason Isringhausen had given Houston the

Pujols missed his fifth straight start with a strained left calf muscle and can't run. He had plenty against the pitcher who surrendered a go-ahead homer to Pujols in the 2005 NLCS that brought the series back to St. Louis for a deciding fifth game.

"Sometimes that's going to happen," Pujols said. "In some big situations you're going to get big hits against big pitchers like that.

"But I'll take him anytime on my

team, he's a great closer." Lidge (5-3), who blew his eighth save in 24 chances, also walked Pujols on four pitches to force in a run with two outs in the ninth of the Astros' 6-4 victory on Friday.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept.

You often want to try another approach or do something very different this year. More dynamic methods or approaches to daily life are likely. Others will encourage a change as well. If they poke and prod you, you will spontaneously take off and try something very different. Your family and domestic life feel different, for better or for worse. If you are single, everyone appreciates your attitude and openness. However, you might want more than what others can offer at first. Let time work in your fayor. Someone could pop up out of the blue. If you are attached, your bond is enhanced through working as a team. Never shut off communication. PISCES anchors in on your efficiency

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

★★★ Opportunities knock on your door. You might not be sure which way to go or what you will find. Evaluate and think knowing that an immediate answer might not be available. Sit down and take your time. Tonight: Ferret out other ideas. TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** Move a situation forward by debating its pros and cons with friends. A partner has many different ways of making a financial happening a possibility. Get to the bottom of a situation rather than create more problems. Tonight:

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

★ Take charge and understand what might be going on. Let someone else get to the bottom of an issue. See what motivates someone on a deep level. The unexpected occurs professionally or with an authority figure. Tonight: A must

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

★★★★ Examine the possibilities, even if you might feel considerable discomfort. An opportunity to break your patterns will help you grab a long-desired goal. You might not be sure, as you are on the other side. Take a leap of faith. Tonight: Hop on the Web

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might want to rethink a decision with a partner. Yes, the unexpected keeps curtseying in your backyard, but you can deal with it. Can't you? Realize all the options that are appearing. One must work, don't you think?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might as well roll with the moment and the punches. Know when you don't want to tempt fate, as well as when it is futile to do so. Open up to possibilities rather than worry about what could happen. Tonight: Let others announce their intentions

Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Get into the right frame of mind to move forward and handle a problem. If you think a problem has arisen that might shake up the status quo, handle it as directly as possible. You will be much happier that way. Tonight: Easy does it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Let your imagination come forward. The unexpected thought or solution is probably the one that is going to work. Relax and let go of a situation. Understanding evolves with those who are close. Tonight: Ever playful.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to rethink decision with greater care. You could have a problem close to home that forces your hand. Real estate could be an issue

right now. Rethink your decisions with a

security-driven motivation. Tonight: At

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Your instincts keep flowing, allowing you to swerve and avoid a hassle. You might want to rethink a decision with a more dynamic perspective. The

servative right now. Plunge. Tonight: Out and about. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** You might be full of fun and games, but you need to understand where a situation ends and begins. Sometimes the financial ramifications could be stunning, even to the Aquarian, who special-

unanticipated evolves, but don't be con-

izes in surprises. Tonight: Avoid unnecessary risks. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You have get-up-and-go on your side. Don't underestimate your creativity and ability to think. If you are open to suggestions, your power and ingenuity

will only increase. Know when to say no.

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Actress Catherine Zeta-Jones (1969), actor Will Smith (1968), actor Michael Douglas (1944)

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Steve Flesch wins again on the PGA **Tour, taking Turning Stone by 2 shots**

VERONA, N.Y. (AP) — Two months ago, Steve Flesch was down and almost out. Now, there seems to be no stopping him.

Flesch, who missed the cut in half of the first 20 PGA Tour events he entered this year, continued his resurgence on Sunday, shooting a 1-over 73 to beat Michael Allen by two shots and win the inaugural Turning Stone Resort Championship.

It was the left-hander's second PGA Tour victory of the year, and the \$1.08 million payday boosted his earnings for 2007 to \$2.2 million to vault him from 70th on the money list to 25th.

"Eight weeks ago, I was fighting to keep my job out here," said Flesch, who also earned a spot in the U.S. Open next year as a multiple winner since the last Open. "I wasn't playing great, missing a lot of cuts by a shot. And when I did make a cut, I was shooting even par on the weekend. You're just waving guys by when that happens.

"Ît's funny. This game is all confidence," Flesch said. "One little spark can turn your year around, turn your game around. All my friends and family told me to hang in there, keep working hard. But at some point you want results. You can only hang in there so hard and have these guys beat your brains in for so long before you start losing a little bit of confidence."

It was Flesch's fourth career victory on the PGA Tour and marked the third straight time he's won after holding the 54-hole lead. The third-round leader has won five of the last eight events on the PGA Tour, dating to Flesch's victory at the Reno-Tahoe Open in August.

It was a banner day, too, for the 48year-old Allen (68), who last year made his 13th trip to the Q-school finals and earned his PGA Tour card for a record ninth time. Although Allen failed to get his first victory, he earned \$648,000 to boost his earnings to a career-high \$960,297, inside the top 100 on the money list.

"I'm going to faint in just a little bit. I mean, it's great," said Allen, who also will get a \$4,000 refund from Q school now that he won't have to endure that again. "In a way I won the tournament just finishing second because for me that was enormous. I didn't really have much chance to win unless he really faltered."

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Heard-Jones Health Mart employee Ada Westbrook, left, presents a pizza oven to Odessa McGahen who won the item in a recent drawing.

Project to supply laptops to children

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — The project that hopes to supply developingworld schoolchildren with \$188 laptops will sell the rugged little computers to residents Canadians for \$400 each, with the profit going toward a machine for a poor coun-

The One Laptop Per Child project expects that its "Give One, Get One" promotion will result in a pool of thousands of donated laptops that will stimulate demand in countries hesitant to join the program. It will be offered for only two weeks in November.

Originally conceived as the "\$100 laptop," the funky green-and-white low-power 'XO" computers now cost \$188. The laptops' manufacturer, Quanta Computer Inc., is beginning mass production next month, but with far fewer than the 3 million orders One Laptop Per Child director Nicholas Negroponte had said he was waiting for.

Negroponte said the avail-

ability of donated laptops would not be the sole condition for many countries weighing whether to place multimillion-dollar orders. But "it just triggers it," he said. "It makes it all happen faster."

By opening sales to people in the U.S. and Canada at http://www.xogiving.com, "Give One, Get One" will delight computing aficionados, because the XO is unlike any other laptop.

It has a homegrown user interface designed for children, boasts built-in wireless networking, uses very little power and can be recharged by hand with a pulley or a crank. Its display has separate indoor and outdoor settings so it can be read in full sunlight, something even expensive laptops lack.

The machines use the Linux open-source system and don't run Windows; Negroponte expects that to be possible soon, but Microsoft Corp. insists it can't guarantee that, given the machine's idiosyncratic

2 years after Rita, Louisiana town recovering in slow motion

By DOUG SIMPSON Associated Press Writer

CAMERON, La. (AP) — This Louisiana town may have dried out and cleaned up since getting flattened by Hurricane Rita, but its recovery is moving in slow motion: Nearly everyone still lives in temporary housing.

The post office operates out of a trailer. The town's only bank works out of a trailer. Darlene Dyson sells shrimp from a trailer, then picks up her 7-year-old son and brings him to their home - a trailer.

"It's not like it was before the storm, that's for sure," Dyson said. Rita struck two years ago today

as a Category 3 storm whose 120mph winds and 9-foot storm surge ruined every structure in the southwestern Louisiana towns of Johnson Bayou and Holly Beach. It brought similar destruction to southeastern Texas.

About 100 died in Texas, including 23 senior citizens whose bus exploded during evacuations. The storm caused no fatalities in Louisiana, but plenty of property damage in Cameron and Vermilion parishes.

In all, there were \$5.8 billion in property insurance claims in Texas and Louisiana, according to a Texas insurance group.

In Cameron, the parish courthouse is one of the few buildings that survived Rita. It was a town of about 2,000 residents. Local officials estimate today's population at about half that.

Those who have moved back, or plan to, have complaints similar to those of residents hit by Hurricane Katrina: the process of returning home is stymied by disputes with property insurers and paperwork from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Marvin Trahan, 46, is hoping his lawsuit against his insurer will be settled this year so he can move back. The storm destroyed his

three-bedroom house. He now lives in Lake Charles but wants to build a smaller, replacement house on his property in Cameron.

Trahan said the pull of his hometown lies in its small-town peacehunting and fishing areas.

"You can fish here, you can hunt here, you can do whatever you want," Trahan said. "You can leave your door unlocked all night without worrying about somebody coming in. It's just a great place to

Living in Cameron is especially difficult because no grocery stores or pharmacies have opened since

the storm. Residents must drive 50 miles north to buy supplies. Dyson drives 53 miles to Lake Charles every Monday, to buy her groceries and other essentials.

"That's 106 miles roundtrip," fulness, plus its proximity to prime she said, "just to get a pound of

Few elderly residents have returned, partly because Cameron still has no hospital. In emergencies, ambulances must drive to a medical center in Lake Charles. A rebuilt \$23 million hospital is set to open in Cameron this fall with 20

Increased costs prompt more farmers to look at wind energy

By HENRY C. JACKSON

Associated Press Writer CRESTON, Iowa (AP) — Joe Weisshaar always knew the winds whipping across his family's farm could offer more than a cool

He just didn't how to harness it.

"I started going to a bunch of seminars, trying to figure out how to do this. But I was going no place," said Weisshaar, who has farmed on family land for 50 years in Creston, about 75 miles southwest of Des Moines.

That's when Weisshaar linked up with his son-in-law, a grad student with an expertise in grant writing. Finally able to navigate the paperwork, he obtained a federal grant and the Weisshaar Family Farm added an electric wind turbine in February.

"It's always been windy here," says Brian Zachary, Weisshaar's son-in-law and nextdoor neighbor. "It's a resource that's just been slipping away."

Squeezed by high energy prices and more overhead costs, some small farms are exploring ways to increase their energy efficiency and lower costs. By erecting wind turbines, making biodiesel fuel and adopting more efficient tilling practices, farmers have cut costs and reduced their environmental

"It's one of those things, just like a regular homeowner, when you start talking about the things you've done at your household and how to lower your energy bill," said Kamyar Enshayan, a professor at the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Energy and Environmental Education.

Practices such as generating power from the wind or brewing biodiesel aren't new, but experts said increased costs have motivated farmers to take another look at their opera-

Tracking the number of farmers who have made such moves is difficult, but those who study agriculture think it's becoming more common, as farmers are motivated by potential profits and benefits to the environment.

Weisshaar has certainly seen the interest. Since erecting his turbine, he's become a local celebrity of sorts. The turbine sits in the middle of his farm, between his house and his daughter's house, and is easily visible from a nearby highway. Unexpected visitors are fairly common.

"They see it and they're excited about it," said Mary Jane Weisshaar, Joe's wife. "A lot of people pull into the driveway and they say 'I've wanted to do something like that.' But they don't have a clue."

Alliant Energy estimates that Iowa has

more than 600 wind turbines, which collectively produce enough electricity to power 140,000 homes. Most of those turbines are located on wind farms and are not individually owned. During particularly windy months, the

Weisshaars have collected as much as 4,000 kilowatts of energy — while using only 2,000 or so to power their home. Their agreement with their power company lets them bank the extra energy, using it during less windy months.

Although they could sell their energy back to the power company, Zachary said it saves the family more money to bank the kilo-

Steve Fugate, an Iowa-based energy consultant who works with farmers on efficiency efforts, said some farmers may face a struggle for survival if they don't limit energy costs.

"Energy prices are just skyrocketing and it's one of those costs that farmers can't control at all," he said. "You're looking at people getting five dollars a bushel for corn and if their gas price triples or their electricity bill increases then they're not making a prof-

Among other efforts, Fugate helps run the Yoderville Co-op in Iowa, where farmers pool resources and use shared equipment to create biodiesel fuel. Biodiesel reduces their costs, lessens the uncertainty about the dayto-day fluctuations of gas prices and burns more cleanly than gas.

"We all know we're on a razor's edge with oil supply and refining capacity," Fugate said. "It won't take a lot, something catastrophic happening, and then it's not crazy to suggest oil prices might double."

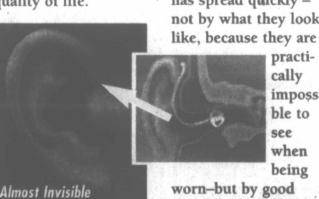
There are even simpler approaches to going green on the farm. Jerry DeWitt, the director of Iowa State University's Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, knows of farmers who have adjusted the ways they plow, trimming costs by limiting the number of trips back and forth across their land.

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