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## State's business near standstill

*As parties bicker, special sessions costing taxpayers \$1.7 million each, Rep. Chisum says*

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

Pampa's state representative says the Texas Legislature has come to a halt.

Warren Chisum, who has been a state representative from Pampa since 1989, told the Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce at their monthly luncheon Tuesday that although the Texas House of Representatives is working during the second special session called by Gov. Rick Perry this summer, the bills passed by the House are backing up in the Senate.

Eleven Texas Senators, enough to break a quorum and bring the state Senate to a halt, left Austin and are holed up in Albuquerque over partisan bickering concerning redistricting national congressional districts.

"This pressure to do redistricting is



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
Neil Fulton, right, talks with State Rep. Warren Chisum after Chisum spoke at the Chamber luncheon Tuesday.

brought on us by Washington, not by anything here in Texas," Chisum said.

The results, if redistricting passes as proposed by the Republican leadership of the Texas Legislature, will increase the number of Republicans representing congressional districts in Texas in

the nation's capital.

"It has a purpose for them up there," Chisum said. "It causes us a little bit of heartache down here."

Special sessions, Chisum said, are not cheap.

"It's no small expense," Chisum

said. "It costs you \$1.7 million every time there's a special session. We're in our second one now and probably within a few days, we'll be looking at a third special session."

The governor has vowed to keep calling special sessions until he gets a redistricting bill.

Still, Chisum said that the Texas House of Representatives continues to work.

"For your first \$1.7 million that we spent in the first special session," he said, "we passed one bill."

During the second session, so far, he said they have passed about 28 bills.

The bills, however, don't appear to be going anywhere soon since the Senate, which is also required to pass them before they can be submitted to the governor and become law under his signature, has been stopped by the senators in Albuquerque.

The second special session ends Aug. 26.

"The governor has promised to do this all over again," Chisum said.

On a positive note, he said, the legislative session last spring was generally a good one.

"The only problem is we were \$10 billion short in revenue," Chisum said. "Now \$10 billion is a lot of revenue."

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## Citizens give views at budget hearing

By DAVID BOWSER  
STAFF WRITER

The city budget, as it stands now, does not include a tax increase, although that could change.

Pampa City Manager Mitch Grant presented a proposed budget for the next fiscal year based on this year's tax rate of 69.5 cents per \$100 valuation at a public hearing Tuesday evening, although City Commissioner Faustina Curry said the city commission may need to use the effective tax rate of 71.12 cents.

The effective tax rate is the rate that would bring the same amount of money into city coffers next year as this year. Because of declining appraisal values, the rate would have to be slightly higher.

"Unlike the county," said City Finance Director John Horst, "we're not raising our rate."

Based on using this year's rate and a 94.5 percent collection rate, Grant is projecting a \$14,786,905 next year, State down slightly from this year's budget

of \$14,836,397.

Only three citizens spoke at the public hearing Tuesday evening in the city commission chambers. Ralph West, Shirley Nickolson and Paul Nachtigall.

West suggested working with Gray County to buy supplies in bulk in an effort to save money. He also suggested trying to use vendor discounts to get better deals. They were ideas that seemed to appeal to Commissioner Curry.

"That's never been brought up before," Curry said.

West also suggested using people working off fines through community service and prisoners more often for labor to relieve the load placed on city work crews.

Curry noted that there were legal liabilities involved if a prisoner was injured while working on a city project. She also said that, while the city has used prisoners from the prison in the past, that practice has all been stopped because of a lack of guards at the prison to monitor work crews. State

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(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)  
Ralph West of Pampa suggests ways to cut city expenses at the City of Pampa's budget hearing Tuesday.

## Chamber honors Hildebrandt

*Former city executive gets 'Mootilda Award'*

Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce bestowed a special award on the city's former director of community services.

Bill Hildebrandt, a victim of city budget cuts, was presented with a special Mootilda Award Tuesday at the chamber's monthly luncheon.

The chamber's executive director, Clay Rice, presented Hildebrandt a plaque in appreciation for all the help Hildebrandt has given the chamber and city.

In making the presentation, Rice said that earlier this summer, the chamber has placed Mootilda, a large inflatable cow, on Hobart to draw attention to the chamber's Business Expo.

Rice said he was afraid a summer storm that blew up might damage Mootilda so he went down to Hobart to deflate her, but he

was too late.

As Rice sat in his vehicle watching the wind buffet the beast and the rain slap against her, Hildebrandt drove up.

Together they managed to deflate her as they battled the elements for almost an hour.

Rice said that was typical of Hildebrandt's enthusiasm.

"That's just one of the many experiences we've had," Rice said. "It didn't matter if it was day or night, rain, sunshine or snow, I could call Bill. He was always here to help."

Hildebrandt resigned in July after being told that his position as Community Services Director wouldn't be funded in the budget for the new fiscal year.

"I just want to thank you, Bill," Rice said.

Hildebrandt received a standing ovation as he received the plaque.

## DPS investigates truck, car wreck

Officers today continue to investigate the rear-end collision between a truck tractor rig and a car on Texas Highway 152 that sent a Pampa teenager to the hospital.

About 6:15 p.m. Tuesday, a 1994 Ford driven by Lajonna Reeves, 40, was turning from Highway 152 onto Gray County Road 4 to go home when the Ford was struck from behind by a 1994 Freightliner driven by Dennis Spears, 31, of Foss, Okla., said Trooper Ron Shank of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The truck tractor was pulling a tank trailer, he said.

Taylor Reeves, 15, a passenger in the Ford, was transported to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, Shank said.

The teenager was treated and released from the hospital, and was able to attend the first day of school this morning, he said.

The boy's mother received minor injuries, Shank said, and the driver of the Freightliner was not injured.

Shank said he plans to return to the accident scene today to look at skid marks and other evidence as he continues his investigation.

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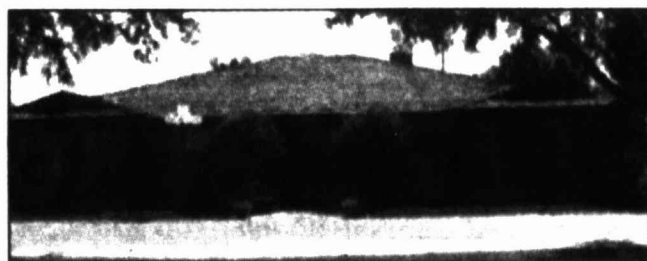
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**ON RECORD**

**POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following arrests and incidents.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

Natasha McGill, 20, 723 Kingsmill, was arrested for possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Paula Johnson, 31, 723 Kingsmill, was arrested for possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia.

David Young Sinches, 49, 638 S. Somerville, was arrested for speeding.

A report of harassment was taken in the 1200 block of North Wells.

Minor in possession of tobacco was reported in the 1900 block of North Price Road.

Found property was reported in the 100 block of South Summer. A bike was recovered.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 700 block of South Cuyler. A plate glass window, worth an estimated \$250, was broken.

A small air compressor and a black bag containing miscellaneous tools were reported stolen in the 700 block of Nelson. The items were worth an estimated \$35.

A simple assault and destruction of property in which a vehicle sustained minor damages was reported to the PD.

Theft of medications, cash, keys, and a savings bond worth an estimated \$300 was reported in the 600 block of East Foster.

**Wednesday, Aug. 20**

A runaway was reported in the 1800 block of Fir.

**AMBULANCE**

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

7:45 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing home and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

2:15 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

3:04 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 800 block of West 25th and transported one to PRMC.

3:42 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to NWTH and transferred a patient to PRMC.

6:17 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 152 and County Road 4 and transferred a patient to LifeStar helicopter for transport.

**FIRE**

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following call during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

**Tuesday, Aug. 19**

6:16 p.m. — Three units and six firefighters responded to a collision between a car and a semi-tractor trailer rig with injuries at Texas Highway 152 and Gray 4. Firefighters helped prepare one injured person for ambulance transport. No hazardous material spill was noted on the report.

**SHERIFF**

Gray County Sheriff's Office **Tuesday, Aug. 19** arrested on bond Anthony Gamble, 32, 1201 N. Russell, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

**STOCKS**

The following grain quotations are provided by Anebury Grain of Pampa

Wheat	3.40
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The following 9:30 a.m. S & S Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa

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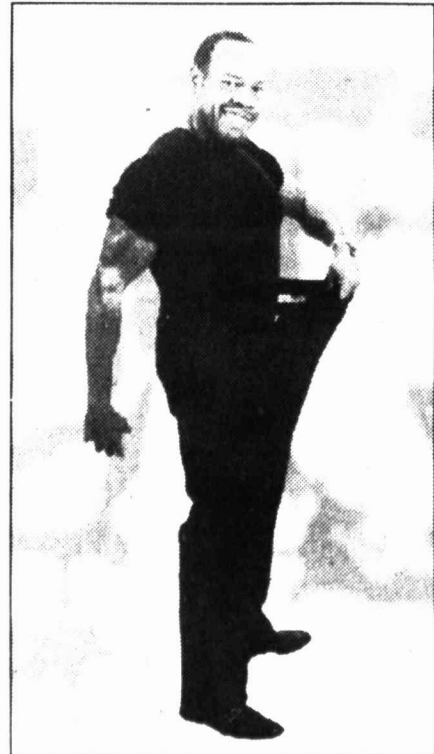
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**OBITUARIES**

**SERVICES TOMORROW**

**HENDERSON, Laurie Dawn** — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

**WALDEN, Kevin Shawn** — Memorial services, 10 a.m., Grace Community Church, Amarillo.

**KEVIN SHAWN WALDEN**  
1971-2003

**AMARILLO** — Kevin Shawn Walden, 32, died Saturday, Aug. 16, 2003. Memorial services will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, at Grace Community Church with Scott Davey officiating. Private graveside services are also scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

Mr. Walden was born Aug. 4, 1971. Survivors include his mother and stepfather,

Carol and Allen Rovner of Skellytown; his father and stepmother, Michael and Roma Walden of Amarillo; three brothers, Michael Walden and Mark Walden, both of Amarillo, and James Walden of Fort Bragg, N.C.; and two sisters, Dóna Whetstone of Amarillo and Stephanie Walden of Fort Worth.

The family requests memorials be to Grace Community Church, 5511 Amarillo Blvd. West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

**WEATHER FOCUS**

**PAMPA**

The forecast today is calling for partly cloudy skies this afternoon, highs around 100 and south winds 10 to 15 mph. Tonight should see partly cloudy skies, lows in the upper 60s and south winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday should be partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 90s. South winds 5 to 10 mph. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Friday, partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 90s. East winds 5 to 15 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy

with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the mid 90s. Sunday night, mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s. Monday night, mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

**STATEWIDE**

Heat will continue over the state today. A few degrees of relief are expected Thursday in a good part of West Texas, and Friday in North Texas.

South Texas will see daily chances of rain. North Texas will see better chances of rain this weekend.

West Texas should be free of precipitation today and Thursday, with only a slight chance of some evening rain in the Panhandle. On Friday the entire region may see some isolated storms, and the possibility of rain will continue in the Permian Basin and Trans Pecos through the weekend.

The far west is the exception to the above, with

chances of evening rain through the weekend. Highs today will be in the upper 90s, but highs should be five degrees cooler Thursday in the north and west.

On Friday, highs should only be in the lower 90s north, mid 90s in the south and west. Skies will be mostly sunny today, partly cloudy the rest of the week.

South Texas will see the current heat levels hold through the weekend: highs in the 90s with some 100 degree marks in the west. A slight chance of isolated rain will continue through the weekend, with somewhat better chances of rain beginning Friday.

Southeast Texas may see some daytime rain, otherwise rain should be in the late afternoon and evening. A few strong storms may develop in eastern parts of the Coastal Bend and deep south. Skies will be partly cloudy.

The North Texas forecast calls for highs in the upper 90s and low 100s today and Thursday. Beginning Friday, a little relief comes, with highs only in the mid 90s in many areas.

East Texas may see a few storms today and Thursday. This weekend a slight chance of rain is forecast over the entire region, with better chances in East Texas. Skies will be partly cloudy.

**AG gives DA seven days to explain FOI refusal**

**ODESSA (AP)** — The Texas attorney general has given Ector County seven days to explain why it believes the amount it paid in health insurance claims for a former county commissioner should not be public information.

County Judge Jerry Caddel requested an attorney general's opinion June 26 after refusing a Freedom of Information Act request by the Odessa American.

The letter, dated Aug. 18, is addressed to District Attorney John Smith.

"I'm going to give it to my appellate lawyer (Rod Price) who handles all of our legal matters researching the law," Smith told the Odessa American for its Wednesday editions. "We will research it and try to answer that question, and we'll get it in the mail within the time specified."

Caddel said Tuesday that he believes the county reacted appropriately in not revealing

how much it spent on Tom Todd's medical claims.

"I feel that we were compelled to prevent the revealing of that information under guidelines of the Texas Medical Privacy Act and" the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, Caddel said. "I referred the case to John Smith because of that."

However, Commissioner Barbara Graff said the Ector County Commissioners Court does not fall under HIPAA regulations.

"None of the HIPAA laws apply to us at this time. We're not required to be under HIPAA until April of next year," Graff said.

The county commissioners launched an investigation June 13 into circumstances in which Todd's wife was covered under the county health insurance policy after her husband left office and didn't pay premiums for 21 months.

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# FBI: U.N. bomb made from Saddam's old arsenal

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — The FBI said Wednesday the deadly bomb that ripped through U.N. headquarters in Iraq was made from 1,000 pounds of old munitions, including a single 500-pound bomb — all materials from Saddam Hussein's prewar arsenal that required no "great degree of sophistication" to assemble.

An FBI special agent at the site of Tuesday's unprecedented attack on the world organization said it was impossible yet to say whether the bomb was the work

of Saddam loyalists or foreign terrorists.

Hopes of finding survivors faded Wednesday afternoon, 24 hours after an explosives-rigged truck brought down the facade of U.N. offices in the Canal Hotel, killing at least 20 people including the top U.N. envoy in Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello. About 100 people were wounded.

A key member of the U.S.-picked interim government said the death toll could go much higher. About 300 U.N. employ-

ees worked at the headquarters.

"There are many who are still trapped in there," said Ahmad Chalabi, a member of the Governing Council and leader of the Iraqi National Congress. Chalabi insisted the bomb was the work of Saddam loyalists but gave to evidence to support that.

FBI Special Agent Thomas Fuentes said the bomb had been delivered by a KAMAZ flatbed truck. Such trucks were made in the former Soviet Union.

U.S. officials had said on Tuesday that a cement truck

delivered the explosives.

"We believe it (the bomb) was made from existing military ordnance. ... I cannot say that it required any great degree of sophistication or expertise to create..." Fuentes' told The Associated Press.

Chalabi also said the Governing Council had received information Aug. 14 — just days before the bombing — that there would be a terror attack in Baghdad, and that the council warned the United States.

"The information said that the attack would be aimed at a

soft-target, not the American military or forces. The information said the attack would use a truck and would be carried out by using a suicide mechanism or by remote control. We shared this information with the Americans," Chalabi told reporters.

He said his investigators had yet to examine the rubble pile where the victims were killed. He said there was concern that searchers could be harmed by unexploded materials used in making the bomb, which also consisted of Soviet-era artillery

and mortar shells as well as hand grenades.

Wednesday's bombing was far more sophisticated than the guerrilla attacks that have plagued U.S. forces, which have been hit-and-run shootings carried out by small bands or remote-control roadside bombs.

In the latest such violence, insurgents fired a rocket-propelled grenade at a U.S. convoy Wednesday, killing a civilian working for the occupation force and injuring two soldiers, U.S. Maj. Brian Luke said.

## Traffic stop nets two drug arrests

Two Pampa women were arrested Tuesday for possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia, Pampa police reported today.

According to police records, Natasha McGill, 20, and Paula Johnson, 37, both of 723 Kingsmill, were pulled over in a 1994 red Ford SUV on a minor traffic stop.

Upon receiving consent from the driver to search the vehicle, police discovered drug paraphernalia along with at least three different prescription medications.

Justice of the Peace Kurt Curfman set bond for both women at \$1,000 for the possession of dangerous drugs charge and \$500 for the possession of drug paraphernalia charge.

## CRMWA meets with Roberts Co. landowners

SANFORD - Canadian River Municipal Water Authority officials say they're looking to meet future water needs.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of the Canadian River

Municipal Water Authority, told Roberts County landowners Tuesday that CRMWA needs up to 150,000 acres of water rights and has allotted as much as \$53 million to purchase the water. Satterwhite

explained, however, that CRMWA might not use the water for another century.

In an effort to secure more water rights, CRMWA sent out a request for proposals last week, asking landowners, primarily in Roberts County, if they were interested in selling their water and what would they want for it.

Satterwhite told Roberts County landowners gathered at CRMWA's offices Tuesday morning that proposals should be returned by Sept. 8.

Satterwhite said he expects negotiations with interested landowners to take a month.

He hopes to execute contracts by Oct. 9. CRMWA expects to perform due diligence between October and January. Closing would be in January.

Acceptance of the proposals will be based on the nearness of the water to CRMWA's pipeline, amount and quality of the water and price.

Satterwhite said individual properties would have to be contiguous.

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### BUDGET

budget cuts have squeezed correction guard employment opportunities.

West suggested replacing dumpsters with trashcans and making each resident responsible for his or her trash can.

"We tried that a few years ago," Curry said. "It was a disaster."

"I would hate to think that the woes of our city could be answered by trash pickup and prisoners," said Paul Nachtigall.

He said that every citizen within the city limits of Pampa has a responsibility to the city.

"We live in a nation that's founded upon principals that are clearly written out," Nachtigall said. "One of the things we have to do is to love our neighbor just like we love ourselves."

Nachtigall suggested working with organizations to do things like adopting parks and getting them to mow the grass and cut the weeds on city streets.

Pampa resident Shirley Nicholson said the city commission has abandoned the idea of decreasing city government to avoid a tax increase, an idea that Curry, Commissioner Jeff Andrews and Mayor Lonny Robbins rejected.

"This budget has no tax increase," Andrews pointed out.

"We haven't abandoned anything yet," Robbins said.

Nicholson said she thinks that if the city commission can bring the tax rate in line with other cities in the Texas Panhandle, they will stop population loss in Pampa and encourage business.

Curry said that the city has cut more than 40 employees over the last five years. She said now it is time to start cutting services.

"We have cut a lot," Curry said.

Commissioner Robert Dixon said he was disappointed that under the budget Grant presented, there was only an \$11,600 surplus to deal with emergencies.

Commissioner Andrews responded that this is the first budget in years in which there has been any surplus projected.

Curry noted that Pampa is not alone in having to make deep cuts. Other cities in the area and across the nation are faced with similar problems.

"I'm not exactly sure what direction our city is going to go within the next week or so," Nachtigall said, "but I am positive that Pampa is resilient enough to weather the storm that we're in at this point."

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### CHISUM

but it's not anything like California with its \$38 billion deficit."

He told the chamber members in mock amazement how the Legislature dealt with the deficit.

"We have this accounting practice we call 'smoke and mirrors,'" Chisum said. "We can just move money from this account and that account. Some how, no money changes hands, but all of a sudden our \$10 billion deficit just faded away. It's just amazing to me."

There was no bill to raise taxes.

"We didn't raise your taxes," Chisum said, "but if you're in the business of paying fees, you're going to find out we hit you there."

Unfortunately, he admitted, the Legislature delayed funding education.

There is still pending legis-

lation, he said, to deal with education funding. It's part of the state's business that has taken a back seat to the partisan politics of redistricting.

He said reaching a workable education funding bill will not be easy.

"We need your prayers," he said. "If you have any ideas on how to educate our kids with less money, we need to hear from you."

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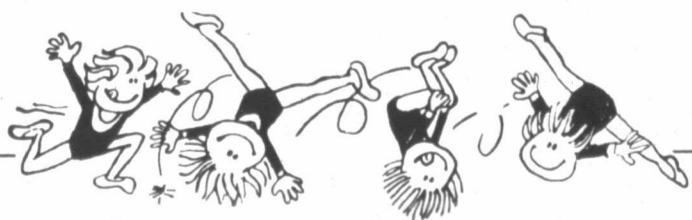
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## DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

### Girl Being Abused By Father Must Reach Out Now For Help

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a young girl with a problem. My dad beats me and sexually abuses me. When I lock myself in my bedroom, he says he's going to change the doorknob so it doesn't lock. I can't tell anybody because I am ashamed of what they will think. What can I do? Help!

ASHAMED IN OHIO

**DEAR ASHAMED:** You have nothing to be ashamed of. When a young person is physically and sexually abused, it is never the victim's fault. It is urgent that you tell a trusted adult what is going on.

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Please let me hear from you again. You are in my prayers.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I recently visited a longtime friend who had moved out of state, she refused to let me take her picture. She said it was because she had put on weight and was self-conscious about it.

I love her no matter what, and I thought she was overreacting. I just wanted some pictures for my photo album. I managed to sneak a few shots of her when I thought she wasn't aware. (I figured she would eventually change her mind and thank me.)

After I returned from the visit, I noticed a couple of rolls of my film were missing from my suitcase. I suspect she confiscated the rolls behind my back. I want to confront her, but my husband says I should leave it alone. What do you think?

PICTURE-PERFECT IN POPSTOWN, PA.

**DEAR PICTURE-PERFECT:** Why are you offended that she did something behind your back, after what you did behind hers? I agree with your husband. Leave it alone. Two negatives don't make a positive.

**DEAR ABBY:** My husband, "Howie," and I were married right

out of college. We are now 27. When we were dating, we shared our life goals. Howie planned on going to medical school. I aspired to (and did pursue) a career in interior design so that when we had children I could work from home.

It's now five years later. Howie has taken the MCATs (medical college admission tests) but scores poorly because he never takes the time to study or take the preparatory classes. I'm frustrated, because he seems to want a different career every three months. He has talked about becoming a college professor and a biologist. But it is all talk and no action. I'm beginning to wonder if we'll ever be financially secure enough to start a family.

A couple of months ago, Howie told me he was going to become a paramedic. Last week he dropped another bomb — he wants to join the Army. I think it's a mistake for anyone as indecisive as my husband to join the military because he won't be able to back out when he changes his mind in three months. He claims he has "always" wanted to serve his country, but this is the first I've heard of it in the seven years I have known him. I wish Howie had told me this was his life goal when we were dating.

My friends tell me I should tell my husband to grow up and accept his responsibilities. I love him, but I want to get off this emotional roller-coaster. I haven't slept well in months, and we rarely speak without an argument erupting. What should I do now?

FEEL LIKE A YO-YO IN COLORADO

**DEAR YO-YO:** Your husband is floundering. He needs you right now, so calm down.

Ask your husband to promise you that before he joins the military or pursues any other "career moves," he will consult his doctor and arrange to be tested for adult attention deficit disorder. That may be the reason he is unable to focus long enough to choose a career and stay on the path to attain it.

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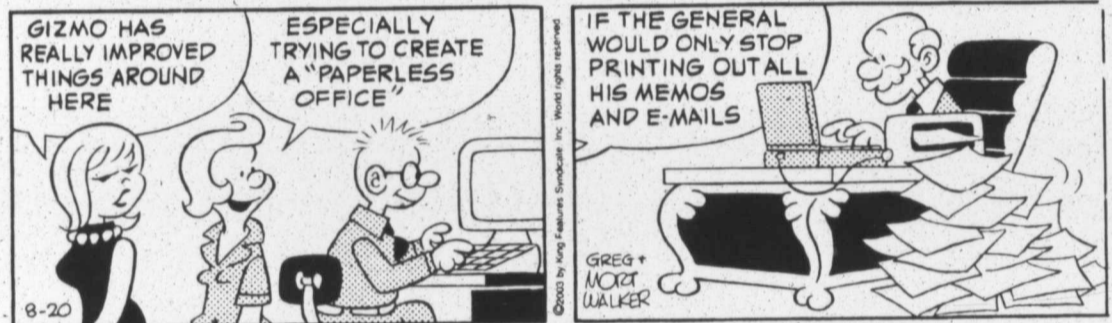
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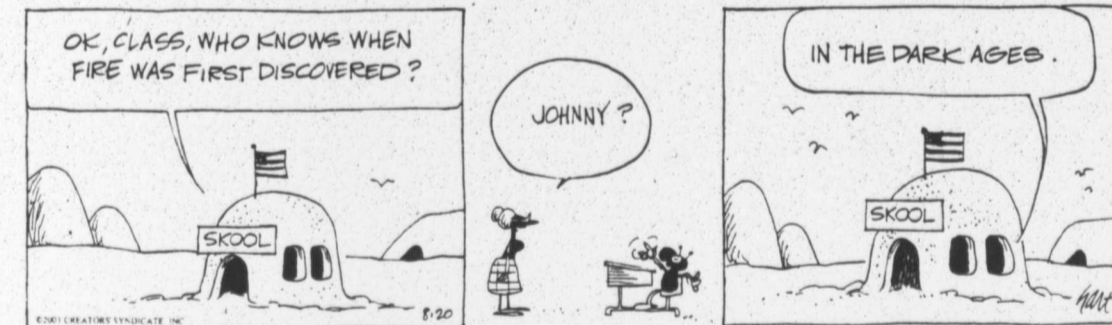
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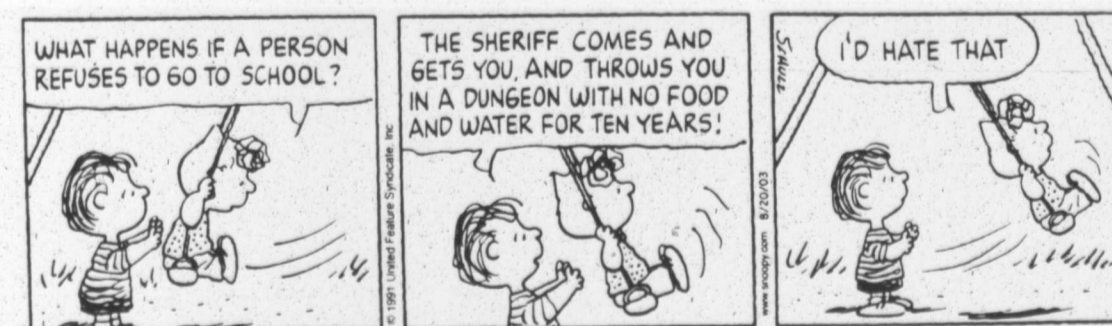
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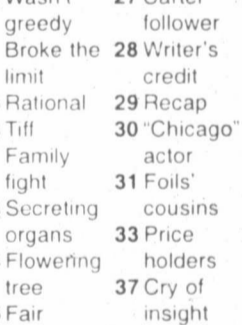
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# SPORTS

## Cowboys' camp ends amid many woes

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — There were some key injuries and a practice so filled with mistakes that coaches walked out.

There's no decision on a starting quarterback, a sense that the team's confidence is sagging and there are several legal pads filled with things that didn't get done.

Bill Parcells' first training camp with the Dallas Cowboys might have ended Tuesday, but there's still plenty of work to do to prepare for the season.

"I think we have a long, long way to go," Parcells said following the 33rd and final practice in San Antonio. "I'm not

under any illusions about this team at all.

"We have a very difficult schedule, the hardest in the league. We've got some hard decisions to make, difficult decisions. These next 10 days are going to be very important for this year."

Next up is a preseason game Thursday night at Pittsburgh. Chad Hutchinson and Quincy Carter will both play quarterback, but Parcells didn't say who would start. He said the coaching staff had yet to discuss playing time for any position, although he expects to use first-teamers into the third quarter.

This second-to-last preseason game won't be a dress rehearsal for the opener, as some teams do. Parcells said evaluations will continue through next Thursday's home game against Oakland.

Parcells still isn't sure when he'll name his No. 1 quarterback for the season. His initial target date was Tuesday, the end of camp. His self-imposed deadline is the Tuesday before the Sept. 7 opener against Atlanta.

"I don't just stand around thinking about it. I've got too many other things I'm thinking about as well," he said.

Parcells said he has an idea

of his choice, "in the back of my head," but isn't ready to say yet who it is.

"I'm just trying to collect as much information as I can," he said. "When we do decide, we'll just go with it."

The Cowboys looked lousy in their preseason opener, a 13-0 loss to Arizona. They were much better in a 34-6 victory over Houston, but their first practice back was the one they finished running themselves because Parcells led his coaches off the field.

"Obviously the team is not brimming with confidence and rightfully so," Parcells said. "But the better you play, the

more quickly that happens."

When workouts resume Saturday at team headquarters, Parcells won't push players as hard. He and his staff, meanwhile, will be putting in long hours debating what kind of team they have and what they can do about it.

A priority will be placed on evaluating the offensive and defensive schemes to "make sure we're headed where we want to head," Parcells said. They'll throw out plays their team doesn't do well and find ways to emphasize strengths.

"And, of course, I'm looking for players," Parcells said.

### NOTEBOOK

#### GYMNASTICS

**ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP)** — National champion Courtney Kupets became the third American woman to be scratched from the World Gymnastics Championships when she tore her left Achilles tendon during practice.

Kupets joins reigning world beam champion Ashley Postell (stomach flu) and vault specialist Annia Hatch (knee) on the sidelines for the second biggest gymnastics meet in the world, behind the Olympics. All three gymnasts have been scratched in the span of four days.

USA Gymnastics president Bob Colarossi said recovery time is estimated at seven months. The Athens Olympics are next August.

#### OLYMPICS

**COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP)** — The U.S. Taekwondo Union could be dropped as the sport's national governing body and lose the ability to chose Olympic team members after a review by the U.S. Olympic Committee found problems in its operations and finances.

USOC membership and credentials chair Thomas Satrom wrote the Taekwondo Union on Aug. 1 that his committee is prepared to recommend revoking the union's charter over the problems, which include compliance with the USOC charter.

South Los Angeles, said city attorney spokesman Frank Mateljan.

#### BASKETBALL

**WACO, Texas (AP)** — The Baylor University athletic director who resigned earlier this month amid an investigation stemming from the death of a basketball player will not remain on the job until his replacement is hired.

Tom Stanton announced Tuesday he will step down immediately. David Brooks, Baylor's vice president for finance and administration, will oversee the athletic department until a permanent replacement is found.

Stanton had resigned Aug. 8 but had been allowed to stay on until the university filled the job.

Stanton said the strain of the investigation into Patrick Dennehy's death, NCAA violations within the men's basketball program and coach Dave Bliss' attempted coverup of those violations pushed him to step down now.

"These past few months have been the most difficult period of my life," Stanton said in a statement released by the university. "There have been many families that have suffered throughout this ordeal. They have been in my thoughts and prayers. Unfair speculation and innuendo reported in the media have also taken a toll on my family."

### Wheeler seniors



(Pampa News photo)

The Wheeler Mustangs will be looking to (l-r) Josh Miller, Blaine Rutherford, James Chapman, Brad Masters, Joe Don Glassey, Brenton Goerend, Joe Suter and Dallas Owens for senior leadership going into the 2003 season. Wheeler opens the season Sept. 5 against West Texas High.

### Coaches named for Tiger Football League

PAMPA — Coaches for the 2003 Optimist Tiger League Football season were named by Commissioner David Hutto this week.

Registration for players in the third through sixth grade will be conducted Thursday and Friday. Signup times are from 6 to 8 and from 1 to 3 on Saturday at the Optimist building. The playing fee is \$65.

"Our coaches have been working enthusiastically in getting the equipment ready for the season to start," Hutto said. "We are in good shape for coaches, but we can always use a few more."

Hutto can be reached at 665-3017 or 665-5800.

Coaches for the season include Armando Ramirez, Donny Hooper, Rick Pearson, Joe Mechelay, Shawn Smith, Blake Howard, James Marquez, Matt Dudley, Brian Wall, Juan Rodriguez and David Carter.

Returning players in each league will be assigned to the same team they played on last year. New players in the third and fourth grade league will be assigned by a blind draft according to weight. New players in the fifth and sixth grade league will go through a regular player draft with each team drafting in each round until their roster is filled.

## Big East faces football uncertainty this season

By JOSH DUBOW  
AP Football Writer

Big East football has never been stronger.

A conference school has finished in the top two in the country the past four years, played for the national title three of those seasons, and was one close call away from winning it all twice.

This season might be the deepest year yet. Miami, Virginia Tech and Pittsburgh are in the preseason Top 10 and give the conference three national title contenders for the first time ever.

That's what makes the impending breakup of the league so painful to those who were around when it was mocked as the "Big Easy."

"It's ironic that things have worked out this way because I think this is the best talent this league has ever had," Miami coach Larry Coker said.

The Hurricanes and Virginia Tech are leaving the Big East for the ACC after the season, putting the future of the conference in peril.

But both schools still have one season left with plenty to play for before departing.

"We are a Big East school and we're looking forward to defending our conference championship," Coker said.

Instead of the focus being on the field in what should be a competitive season, it will be on the meeting rooms where the university presidents will decide the future of the conference.

Sometime this fall, the league is expected to decide whether the major football schools will break away from the conference.

Then, the presidents must decide which schools to try to add to reach the minimum eight needed to be a conference in 2005.

"We're losing two of the top teams in our league. It's up to other teams to step it up," Pittsburgh coach Walt Harris said. "We have three years remaining with a BCS bid. We have to take advantage of this opportunity."

While most of the players and coaches don't harbor any animosity to the departing schools, there is concern that the fans could get rowdy.

Boston College coach Tom O'Brien plans to write a letter to the students before Miami comes to town Sept. 20, urging them to behave.

"We want to beat Miami because we haven't done that in a while," O'Brien said. "But we want a classy atmosphere."

The Hurricanes are used to being a target — and even thrive on it — every time they go on the road as one of the highest-profile teams in the nation.

"I'm sure we'll be called traitors," Miami offensive

lineman Vernon Carey said. "But the fans don't play. I don't think they'll be louder than they are now. It can't be any worse."

The Hurricanes will have plenty of tough trips in their final season in the conference, starting with Boston College in their fourth game and then a brutal November schedule.

Miami begins the month at Virginia Tech, one of the toughest road venues in the country.

After coming home for three weeks, including a nonconference game against Tennessee, the Hurricanes finish their Big East stay at Pittsburgh on Nov. 29, with the conference title possibly on the line.

"I hope it's going to be cold — like 20 degrees," Panthers receiver Larry Fitzgerald said. "That's going to be a great game and I'm looking forward to it."

The key for the

Hurricanes revolves around first-year starting quarterback Brock Berlin, a transfer from Florida who takes over for Ken Dorsey.

Berlin as plenty of talent around him, including tight end Kellen Winslow Jr. and running back Frank Gore. The Hurricanes also return their entire starting linebacker corps and secondary from a team that played for the title last season.

"If we play the way we're capable of playing, nobody can stop us," Winslow said.

Pittsburgh and Virginia Tech beg to differ. The Panthers, led by Fitzgerald, quarterback Rod Rutherford and running back Brandon Miree, have one of the most balanced offenses in the league.

Virginia Tech has talented running back Kevin Jones, who should have a breakthrough season now that he no longer shares the load with Lee Suggs.

### Major League Standings

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Atlanta	81	44	.648	—	New York	77	47	.621	—
Philadelphia	69	55	.556	11 1/2	Boston	71	54	.568	6 1/2
Florida	69	56	.552	12	Toronto	61	64	.488	16 1/2
Montreal	66	60	.524	15 1/2	Baltimore	57	67	.460	20
New York	54	70	.435	26 1/2	Tampa Bay	51	73	.411	26
Central Division					Central Division				
W	L	Pct	GB	W	L	Pct	GB		
Houston	66	59	.528	—	Kansas City	65	59	.524	—
St. Louis	65	60	.520	1	Chicago	64	61	.512	1 1/2
Chicago	64	60	.516	1 1/2	Minnesota	64	61	.512	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	57	66	.463	8	Cleveland	55	72	.433	11 1/2
Cincinnati	55	69	.444	10 1/2	Detroit	31	93	.250	34
Milwaukee	49	75	.395	16 1/2	West Division				
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San Francisco	74	50	.597	—	Seattle	76	49	.608	—
Arizona	66	59	.528	8 1/2	Oakland	72	53	.576	4
Los Angeles	64	60	.516	10	Anaheim	60	65	.480	16
Colorado	62	66	.484	14	Texas	59	67	.468	17 1/2
San Diego	48	78	.381	27	Tuesday's Games				

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# Falcons' Vick sidelined for Sept. 7 opener at Dallas

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. (AP) — Michael Vick has never looked so human.

He's got a cast on his right leg, crutches under each arm and can't even take a shower without help.

Superman, he isn't.

"I need assistance," Vick said Tuesday, speaking for the first time publicly since he broke his leg in a preseason game. "It's tough. I've never experienced it before. This is the first major injury that I've had in my career."

The Atlanta Falcons quarterback has always been the guy everyone else was chasing, an aberration of nature who could run faster and throw farther than anyone else on the field.

That all changed Saturday night.

Scrambling out of the pocket, Vick was grabbed from behind by a Baltimore Ravens lineman, the leg buckling under him as he went to the turf. X-rays showed a clean break just above the ankle. Doctors say he'll be out at least six weeks — longer if surgery is required.

Under the most optimistic timetable, Vick will miss the first four games of the regular season, which begins Sept. 7 at Dallas.

While clearly upset about the most serious injury of his athletic career — and still in some pain — Vick vowed he'd return better than ever once the bone heals.

"I will be the same Michael Vick that I was last year, that I was last week," he said. "Nothing's changed

about me. I won't play timid and I won't play scared, I promise you that."

Local and national media packed the small media room at the Falcons suburban training complex for Vick's half-hour news conference. At least one Atlanta television station aired live coverage.

Vick's injury was a stunning blow to the Falcons, who have sold out every home game and had high hopes of improving on last year's play-off season. Now, they've got to rely on fourth-year backup Doug Johnson to run the team for the first month.

"It was very emotional," said Vick, a Pro Bowler in his first year as a starter. "I've been looking forward to coming out and playing against Dallas in September and

that's not going to happen."

Still, Vick insists he's not concerned about the team getting off to a poor start while he's on the sideline.

"I won't rush through it at all," he said. "We're going to come back and get right on track. We're going to move towards our goal — and that's to win the Super Bowl."

Teammates are telling Vick to keep his head up.

"Of course, he's going to be a little frustrated," said safety and close friend Keion Carpenter, who broke two bones in his neck during the playoffs last season. "He's never had a big injury in his life. This is one of the big tests in his career. I told him, 'Welcome to the NFL.'"

Until now, Vick's worst

injury was a high ankle sprain to the same leg at Virginia Tech.

"I'm feeling better than I did on Saturday," Vick said. "I'm still pretty sore, but I'm just going to have to let the healing process take its course."

Vick conceded that maybe he should have thrown the ball away instead of taking a hit. After all, it was only an exhibition game. But the Falcons' offense was struggling, so his competitive side took over.

"If you put me out there for two quarters and ask me to play, I'm going to play, bottom line," Vick said.

At first, Vick thought he sprained the ankle again. Then he stood up and tried to put weight on it. When the

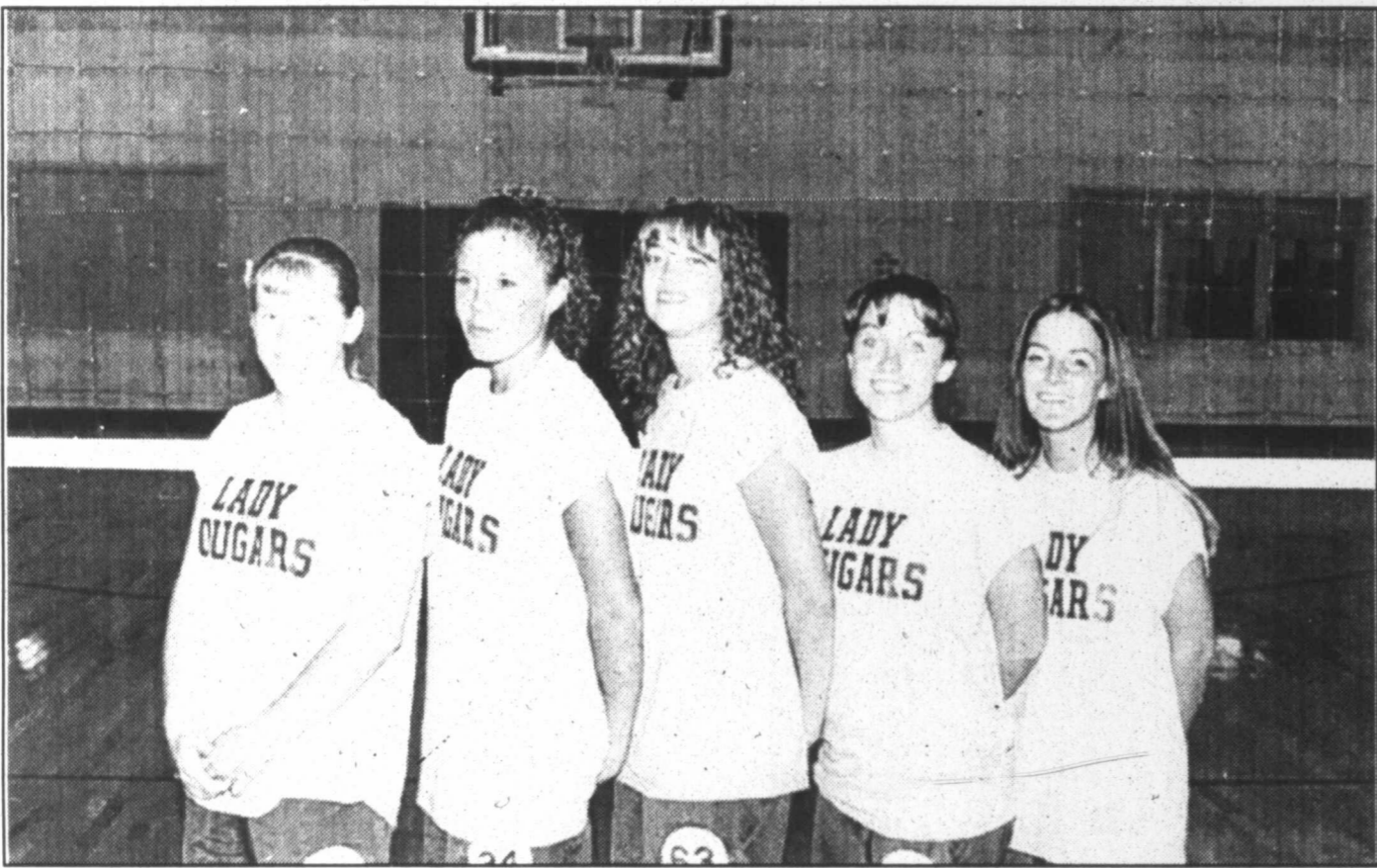
pain shot through his body, he knew this injury was much more serious.

The timing could have been much worse. Johnson has a couple of exhibition games to get ready. The early schedule is favorable, with Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay the only playoff team among the first four games.

"I could have been out for the season. It could have been a knee," Vick said. "It could have happened five games into the season. It just happened to happen during the preseason and I'm just fortunate that I'm going to have the opportunity to come back and play."

Vick doesn't think the new, softer turf in the Georgia Dome made him more susceptible to injury.

## Returning varsity players



Returning to the Fort Elliott varsity volleyball team this season are (l-r) Andrea Hathaway, Alicia Reis, Holly McCurley, Tamara Hefley and Sarah Zybach. The Lady Cougars host Perryton and Childress in a triangular at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

## Texans break camp

HOUSTON (AP) — It was going to take more than a steak-house-catered meal after training camp ended Tuesday afternoon for many of the Houston Texans to stick around.

Several players made a beeline to electric carts that whisked them from the practice fields to the Reliant Stadium locker rooms across the street, where they got cleaned up and headed home for the first time in three weeks.

"I'll be glad to be home, glad to sleep in my own bed," said fullback Moran Norris, who left camp as the Texans' first-string fullback after starter Jarrod Baxter was diagnosed with a season-ending left foot sprain Monday. That status might change once the team gets a look at Deon Dyer, a fourth-year player Houston acquired Tuesday from the Dolphins in exchange for a seventh-round pick contingent on whether Dyer makes the Texans.

Dyer, a blocking specialist who hardly has touched the ball in three seasons with Miami, has

missed most of Miami's training camp with a groin injury.

Also, veteran blocking tight end Jabari Holloway worked out a little Tuesday at fullback. With the team stacked with four tight ends it likes — starter Billy Miller, rookie Bennie Joppru, developmental project Rashod Kent and Holloway — head coach Dom Capers said training at fullback could broaden his options.

As for the Texans who endured Capers' camp — including seven two-a-day practices and others conducted during an early August heat wave with temperatures near 100 degrees and heat indices surpassing 110 — almost all were ready for a more normal work schedule and to move out of the south Houston hotel they've called home.

"I never miss camp. I hate camp," said Aaron Glenn, the Pro Bowl cornerback known for his immaculate work habits. "But it's good to be out there and around your teammates."

## Rangers win again against Tigers; Maroth loses 18th game

DETROIT (AP) — Mike Maroth is trying to keep his head up as his agonizing crawl toward a dubious pitching record continues.

Alex Rodriguez tripled and homered, and Maroth lost his 18th game of the season, as the Texas Rangers beat the Detroit Tigers 5-4 on Tuesday night.

With nearly 40 games left to play, it seems almost certain that Maroth will become the first pitcher in 23 years to lose 20 games in a single season.

"This isn't easy — I don't want people to know me only for the number of losses I have," he said. "But I want to get better, and the only way I'm going to do that is to keep pitching."

"People started talking about this when I was 0-9 in May or whatever it was,

and it hasn't changed since then. I'm not going to quit now."

Maroth (6-18), like most of his colleagues, couldn't figure out Rodriguez, who has two home runs and a triple in his last three at-bats.

"He's a great player, and he's going to get his homers and hits," Maroth said. "On the homer, I threw the pitch exactly where I wanted it, and he made an adjustment and hit it out."

That's what I need to learn — I have to figure out when guys are making adjustments like that, and how to stop them."

"You have to give Mike credit — he's got good stuff and he's not afraid to challenge hitters," Rodriguez said of Maroth. "That's why I think he'll be a big winner in the majors."

John Thomson (11-10) got the win for Texas, which has matched its longest winning streak of the year at seven games. One day after the Rangers bullpen pitched nearly 10 innings in a 16-inning victory, Thomson went eight-plus innings, allowing four runs and 11 hits on 120 pitches.

"I thought we got everything we could have asked for, and maybe a little more," Texas manager Buck Showalter said. "He was the difference in this game."

Brian Shouse worked the ninth for his first career save.

"I never dreamed about getting a save," Shouse said. "I'm just glad I was the guy Buck wanted out there. Hopefully, I'll be out there again."

Texas went ahead in the first when Rodriguez tripled off the 420-foot sign in center and scored on Rafael Palmeiro's two-out single.

Detroit's Ben Petrick homered to tied the score in the bottom half of the inning.

The Rangers took a 4-1 lead in the third after Michael Young singled and first baseman Carlos Pena booted Hank Blalock's grounder for an error. Rodriguez followed with a 423-foot homer down the left-field line.

The Tigers have lost seven straight and 11 of 12, falling a franchise-worst 62 games under .500 at 31-93. Detroit, 6-26 since the All-Star break, has had six losing streaks of seven or more games this year and needs to win five of their next 11 to avoid losing 100

games before Sept. 1.

"We would hope we would get better by this point of the season," Tigers manager Alan Trammell said.

"But we are still getting tight in clutch situations. We definitely had our opportunities to win this one, but we shot ourselves in the foot yet again."

Notes: Thomson's start on Tuesday was his third against the Tigers in a span of eight days. He started

against Detroit on Aug. 11, but left after just 1 2-3 innings because of rain and started again three days later. ... Rodriguez's first-inning triple was his 1,500th career hit. He is the youngest to reach that plateau since Robin Yount did it in 1983. ... Brandon Inge's ninth-inning single extended his hitting streak to a career-high 12 games. ... Maroth is the first pitcher with 18 losses by Aug. 19 since Clyde Wright and Randy Jones in 1974.

## Lions Club Scramble is Friday

PAMPA — The Pampa Lions Club Day-Night Golf Scramble will be held Friday at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The scramble is Pampa's only day-night tournament.

There will be shotgun start-registration at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 for the four-person scramble. Hamburger and

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The format will have only one player per team with a 9 or less handicap. Team handicap will be 50 or more.

Entry fee is \$45, which include cart, green fees and "glow ball."

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## Bonds hits game-winning homer in emotional return

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds wanted to apologize to the Atlanta Braves for taking a little longer than usual to celebrate as his game-winning homer sailed into McCovey Cove.

This one meant a whole lot more.

"I just got a lot of emotions going for me and my dad," Bonds said after his 651st homer in the 10th inning gave the Giants a 5-4 win over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night and snapped their season-high six-game losing streak.

Bonds was playing his first game since taking off San Francisco's weekend series in

Montreal to be with his father Bobby Bonds, who has lung cancer and other ailments.

"Barry talked to all of us before the game to explain how he wanted to help the team during his sadness and sleepless nights," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "He's going to hit 700 home runs, but the way we were going there were none bigger than that. It was an incredible feeling."

After Bonds hit his major league-leading 38th homer on a 2-1 pitch from Ray King (3-2), he thrust his arms over his head and pumped his fist as he slowly went from a walk into his home run trot.

"Barry is so great you come to expect stuff like that," Giants pitcher Tim Lincecum (4-3) said. "It's amazing his ability to focus with all he's been through."

In other NL games, it was St. Louis 13, Pittsburgh 5; Milwaukee 6, Philadelphia 4; Houston 12, Chicago Cubs 8; Colorado 10, Florida 2; Arizona 6, Cincinnati 1; San Diego 3, N.Y. Mets 2; and Montreal 7, Los Angeles 5

Bonds went 1-for-3 with two walks. The home run was his eighth game-winner and sixth with the Giants. Jose Cruz Jr. also homered for San

Francisco.

Pinch-runner Todd Linden scored on a wild pitch by Trey Hodges with two outs in the eighth inning to tie it at 4. Hodges bounced an 0-2 pitch to pinch-hitter Andres Galarraga in the dirt in front of catcher Javy Lopez. The ball went to the backstop allowing Linden to score.

"I felt it was completely my fault," Hodges said. "They gave me the lead and I couldn't hold it."

Lopez, Gary Sheffield and Marcus Giles homered for the Braves, who lost for just the second time in seven games.

Braves starter Russ Ortiz,

who spent the first five years of his career with the Giants, allowed three runs on six hits over seven innings.

"The loss is frustrating," Ortiz said. "Barry has hit some good pitches over the years. That's why he's so great."

Cardinals 13, Pirates 5

At St. Louis, Scott Rolen hit a go-ahead, three-run double, a two-run single in a 10-run eighth inning and drove in a career-high six runs for the Cardinals.

Albert Pujols, who has 30-game hitting streak, started serving a two-game suspension for punching Gary Bennett of the Padres on July 13.

Astros 12, Cubs 8

At Houston, Jeff Kent homered and drove in six runs, lifting the Astros over Chicago.

With the game tied at 5 in the fourth, Kent followed walks to Lance Berkman and Jeff Bagwell with a three-run homer, his 18th of the season.

Dan Miceli (1-2) got the win, giving up just one hit over two scoreless innings.

Rockies 10, Marlins 2

At Denver, Jay Payton had four hits and three RBIs. Denny Stark pitched seven solid innings and Colorado snapped a five-game losing streak.

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NOTICE OF DRAFT FEDERAL OPERATING PERMIT DRAFT PERMIT NO. 0-02448 APPLICATION FOR A DRAFT PERMIT W&W Fiberglass T Company, 5717 C Street, Suite 124, Lubbock, Texas 79424. Plastic Products NEC city has applied to Texas Commission Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an Initial Permit for an Initial Permit (herein referred to as Permit) Application No. 3742 to authorize operation of W&W Fiberglass T Company. The site addressed by the application is located at 207 P. Road, Pampa, Pecos County, Texas. This application was received by the TCEQ on December 6, 2001.

The purpose of a federal operating permit is to provide overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code 122.10/30TAC § 122. The permit will not authorize new construction or authorize the area to increase emissions. TCEQ Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the areas must operate. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application statement of basis draft permit is available for viewing and copy at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35th, Building E, Floor, Austin, Texas TCEQ Amarillo Regional Office, 3918 California Drive, Amarillo, Texas and the Pampa City Office, 200 West Foster, Pampa, Texas. At the central regional office, you also review and copy

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AUGUST 2003

**Horoscope BY JACQUELINE BIGAR**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Thursday, Aug. 21, 2003.  
 You will have a tendency to be open and share more of yourself. Put your best foot forward in all situations and remain flexible to new information. Work with each situation individually, and you will get the net results you want. Meetings, groups and friends all help pave the way to what you want. You will develop the ability to make more money. Also be careful about how much you spend. If you are single, there is an intensity that is quite unique in a relationship that could appear suddenly. You will need to avoid power plays in order to let this relationship develop. If you are attached, a child could play a strong role in your interactions. GEMINI will always be your friend.  
**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)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your best intentions run amok. You feel frustrated and surprised but are backed by strong emotions and caring. News could force you to regroup and restructure your plans. Your ability to think outside the box comes into play. Tonight: Flex with the moment.  
**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You feel a lot of caring about a personal venture or an investment involving property. Extremes mark feelings and actions. As a result, you could upset an associate or trigger an unforeseen set of events. Tonight: Treat a loved one.  
**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Defer to those around you. Caring seems to surround you, no matter which way you go or what goes on. Consider your options carefully, espe-

cially if someone challenges you. Someone might be unusually challenging. Tonight: Listen to the other side.  
**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Indulge someone you care about. You easily could go overboard with an expenditure. Though it might feel right on some level, on another level, you could be very uncomfortable. Don't count on stability on the work front. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.  
**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Your positive attitude melts barriers and draws someone in a lot closer than you originally anticipated. What feels uncomfortable to you might be very easy for another. A child or loved one might be acting contrary just to be contrary. Tonight: Follow the action.  
**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Take charge where you can. You are in a leadership position. Your instincts lead you in a new direction. Relax and follow through on what is important. Your instincts will also carry you past a problem. Be careful about a new acquaintance made today. Tonight: A must appearance.  
**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Realize the possibilities that surround a trip or special seminar. You will have the opportunity to break a pattern. A loved one or friend takes you in a new direction. Relax with a current situation; please, don't get uptight about a conversation. Tonight: Try a spot with music.  
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Deal with others individually. You can sense a superior's warmth and approval. Not everything takes the spin you want or need. You might want to structure a stronger budget or revamp your finances in some other manner. Tonight: Go along with another's idea.  
**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**

\*\*\*\*\* If there is a problem at all today, it is likely to come from you. Hold up a mirror, especially in the afternoon, when you could easily lose your temper. Others show caring, perhaps in a detached way. Key information heads in your direction. Tonight: Go with another's request.  
**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* You might be stunned by what you hear if you simply let others talk. An associate means well and could make a big difference. Learn to curb knee-jerk reactions. You come out on top no matter what you do or with whom. Tonight: Get your favorite type of exercise.  
**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Rethink an offer. If you think about it, it is heartfelt. You just might want to follow this person's suggestions and be open to, a different type of idea. Think thoroughly about what you expect from a meeting or key tie. Could you have false expectations? Tonight: Definitely where the action is.  
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
 \*\*\*\*\* Tension builds, but understand that much comes from others' admiration of the quality of your work. Don't push limits and understand what might be going on in your immediate circle. Consider options carefully before plunging into a difficult power struggle. Tonight: Cocoon at home.  
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**8-20 CRYPTOQUOTE**  
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# Blackout effect on soaring gas prices minimal, analysts say

WASHINGTON (AP) — As the summer vacation season winds down, tourists trying to escape high temperatures are facing soaring gasoline prices.

Thursday's power blackout didn't help matters as it temporarily shut down seven refineries in the United States and Canada, worsening an already tight gasoline supply situation. Problems with refineries and pipelines in the West also boosted prices.

Prices at the pump jumped an average of about 10 cents a gallon nationally in the past three weeks and spiked much higher in some places, according to the Energy Information Administration, part of the Energy Department.

The agency said the average price was \$1.627 a gallon in the government's latest survey Monday, nearly 24 cents a gallon higher than prices motorists were paying the same time a year ago. Depending on region, prices were 16 cents to 36 cents a gallon higher than last year.

"It's likely that prices will continue to

increase through Labor Day; after that demand will fall off," EIA analyst Douglas MacIntyre said Tuesday.

The impact on prices by the refinery shutdowns was blunted because most of them reopened fairly quickly, once electricity was restored, although some were not yet at full production by midweek.

With the exception of one refinery, "we don't think any of them suffered any damage," said Bob Slaughter, president of the National Petrochemical and Refiners Association. He said most restarted Friday or over the weekend and were moving back to normal operation.

But he added: "The supply and demand balance is so tight that if you lose major output even for a day it does have some impact. Almost anything can have an impact on prices."

Last spring, when Mideast oil fields averted any serious damage as a result of the Iraq war, there were predictions of low gas prices through the summer. But then:

—Crude prices increased, staying above \$30 a barrel.

—Gasoline stocks remained tight, below normal levels.

—In California, refining glitches developed in the production of ethanol-laced gasoline.

—A major pipeline sending gasoline from Texas to the Phoenix area burst. Prices soared in Arizona and producers began pushing gasoline that would have been used in California into Arizona.

Gasoline prices across the West increased sharply last week, averaging \$1.887 a gallon, up 17 cents a gallon in only a week and 36 cents a gallon over the same time a year ago. West Coast gasoline normally is more expensive than that in the rest of the country, but the dramatic increase this summer caught many by surprise.

The refineries that were thrown out of service by the blackout — two near Toledo, Ohio, one near Detroit and four in Canada — only added to other problems that have been pushing up prices, say government and industry officials.

Together, the seven refineries that were shut down process more than 672,000 barrels a day of crude into gasoline and other refined products, according to industry estimates. Typical summer demand nationwide is more than 9 million barrels of gasoline a day.

A Marathon-Ashland refinery near Detroit was still out Tuesday after an explosion in its boiler unit during the blackout-related shutdown Thursday, officials said. It is expected to be back in operation soon, they said.

Ed Murphy, a vice president at the American Petroleum Institute, said gasoline stocks have been affected by the tight inventories, higher than expected demand and the high cost of crude oil, which has stayed above \$30 a barrel.

"We've had a big demand increase in the last few weeks," said MacIntyre of the EIA. He said gasoline use increased by about 300,000 barrels a day this summer, compared with last summer. Demand peaked at a record 9.6 million barrels a day during the third week in July, according to EIA.

## Southside place for everyone

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If there are any students who need to use the computers after 5 p.m., they must contact Captain at 669-4765, so someone can come to the

center and unlock it for them.

Saturday only, the center provides meals for its senior citizens. The meals are offered on a donation basis. At present, Southside serves 67 meals and has served up to 70 individuals. To find out more about the meal program, call the center at 669-4765. If you sign-up for a meal, be sure and make the center aware of any diet restrictions.

Southside Senior Citizens Center is a community center where everyone is welcome. If you have any suggestions on services or activities the center can add or change, contact Captain at 669-4765.

Southside Senior Citizens Center has a new administrator, Gloria Captain. Come by and meet her any time. The center, now on its winter schedule, is open from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. It opened from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m., and later, this summer.

Southside's youth program is open to youth within the community who are invited to come in for games, to use its computers or to just have fun.

Thursday night is youth night at the center. Refreshments are served and youth are treated to games and prizes. Thursday, Aug. 21, is the last night of the summer program until next year.

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