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City's water woes may result in fine

By KATE B. DICKSON
 Associate Publisher

State environmental regulators are working on a draft of a proposed enforcement order against the City of Pampa in connection with excessive levels of total trihalomethanes in the water supply.

The proposed enforcement order will contain monetary penalties and also set out conditions to correct, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission spokesman Ruben Ochoa told *The Pampa News*.

Ochoa said the proposal should go out by in early November, after which time the city will have 60 days to negotiate the final parameters of the order.

TTHMs are a byproduct of the disinfection process. They occur most often when chlorine comes in contact with carbon-based material (leaves, dirt, etc.) in surface water, according to the TNRC.

The proposed enforcement order will contain monetary penalties and also set out conditions to correct, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission spokesman Ruben Ochoa told *The Pampa News*.

Studies have shown that TTHMs can cause cancer in laboratory animals and the health risk associated with TTHMs is based on long-term exposure to the compounds.

However, Ochoa said, recent scientific studies indicate that high levels of TTHMs in drinking water may be linked to increased incidences of "spontaneous miscarriages during the first trimester of pregnancy."

As a precautionary measure, Ochoa said, "The TNRC recommends that anyone in the first trimester of pregnancy consume bottled water..."

"I don't want to make light of it or be an alarmist," Ochoa said of TTHMs, "but it's believed the increased incidence of spontaneous miscarriage in the first trimester is related to this range of TTHM levels."

He was making reference to the over 100 parts per billion of TTHMs that have been found in Pampa's water. The most recent quarterly running average of the chemical in Pampa's water was 118.28 parts per billion. The federal limit is 100 parts per billion — a limit that is proposed to drop to 80 next year.

Meanwhile, the city has hired outside engineers to help develop a solution to

the problem. Also, when the Roberts County well project comes on line in the spring that groundwater will be mixed with Lake Meredith water thus cutting the surface water percentage.

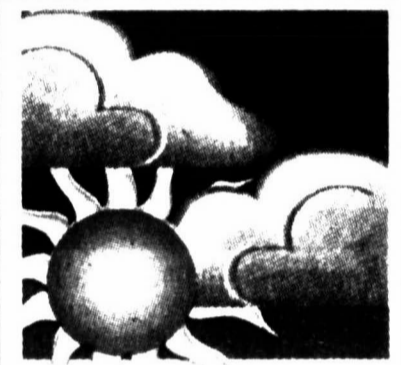
That is expected to bring the TTHM level down but Public Works Director Richard Morris told city commissioners Tuesday he does not believe the Roberts County water alone will get the level to 80 parts per billion or below.

During a break after Tuesday's Commission work session prior to the regular meeting, a *Pampa News* reporter asked Commissioners Jeff Andrews and Faustina Curry about the proposed TNRC enforcement order.

Both knew nothing about it and neither did City Manager Bob Eskridge and Morris, the two men said.

The newspaper learned of the enforcement action from Ochoa during a tele-

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High today 70
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Soccer shirt order deadline near

Attention Soccer Booster Club parents! orders for Harvester Soccer Center Circle Club shirts must be placed by Nov. 1 at T-Shirts & More. Any questions should be addressed to Mike Crain at 665-6302.

PHS Choir parents not seeking donations

Adults reportedly seeking donations to replace the money stolen from the Pampa High School choir recently are not from the Choir Boosters, officials say.

PHS Choir Director Fred Mays said he has received a report that an adult or adults had approached a parent of a high school choir student and asked for a donation for the choir. The parent was told the donation would be used to help replace money raised by choir members for their upcoming trip to New York City that was stolen in a burglary at the high school.

"I just want people to know that the (choir) parents are not seeking funds to replace the stolen money," Mays said.

- Emmett L. McAlester, 97, retired law enforcement officer, farmer.
- Irene Smart, 59, homemaker.
- Maggie Mae Thompson, 77, homemaker.
- Albert D. 'Tex' Titsworth, 74, retired owner-operator Texas Lounge and Texas Tee Room.

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Mountain visit better for couple this time around

By DAVID BOWSER
 Staff Writer

A Pampa couple returned this week from a South Texas state park with a lot better memories than when they were there last summer.

Cavin and Peggie Coleman are part of PARI, the Panhandle Area Rescue Team, that participated in a statewide rescue contest for emergency workers at Garner State Park this past weekend.

This year, the panhandle team won second in the advanced event and fourth in vertical or cave rescue event of the Texas Rescue Competition. Last year, the team won first all around.

The group consisted of Team Captain Kent Stansell of Panhandle; Lee Foster of Panhandle, head of the medical team; Cavin and Peggie Coleman of Pampa; Bill Daves of Pampa; Mark and Gwen Campbell of Amarillo; Jerry and Lorene Brazile of Amarillo; R. G. Decker and Dee Foster of Lubbock; Roxanne Bagley of Amarillo; Henry Beare of Seminole; and Leith McDonald of Houston.

Cavin is an EMT. Peggie is a Paramedic. Both work for Metro/Rural Ambulance in Pampa.

The competition, based on medical rescue from rugged country, includes mountain climbing, rappelling and medical applications. In the advanced event, teams have to rescue their patient from the side of a cliff.

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Stop turns up 'pot,' possible stolen items

Two Pampa men were jailed on a variety of charges earlier this week following a traffic stop for having faulty brake lights.

Timothy Dale Ferris, 18, 1214 Darby, driver of the car, posted a \$1,000 bond Tuesday on a charge of possession of a criminal instrument.

Kevin Brad Burton, 20, 1121 Starkweather, a passenger in the car, was in jail today in lieu of \$1,000 bond on charges of possession of marijuana under two ounces.

Both also face misdemeanor charges of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Burton was also wanted on four municipal traffic warrants and four capias profine warrants.

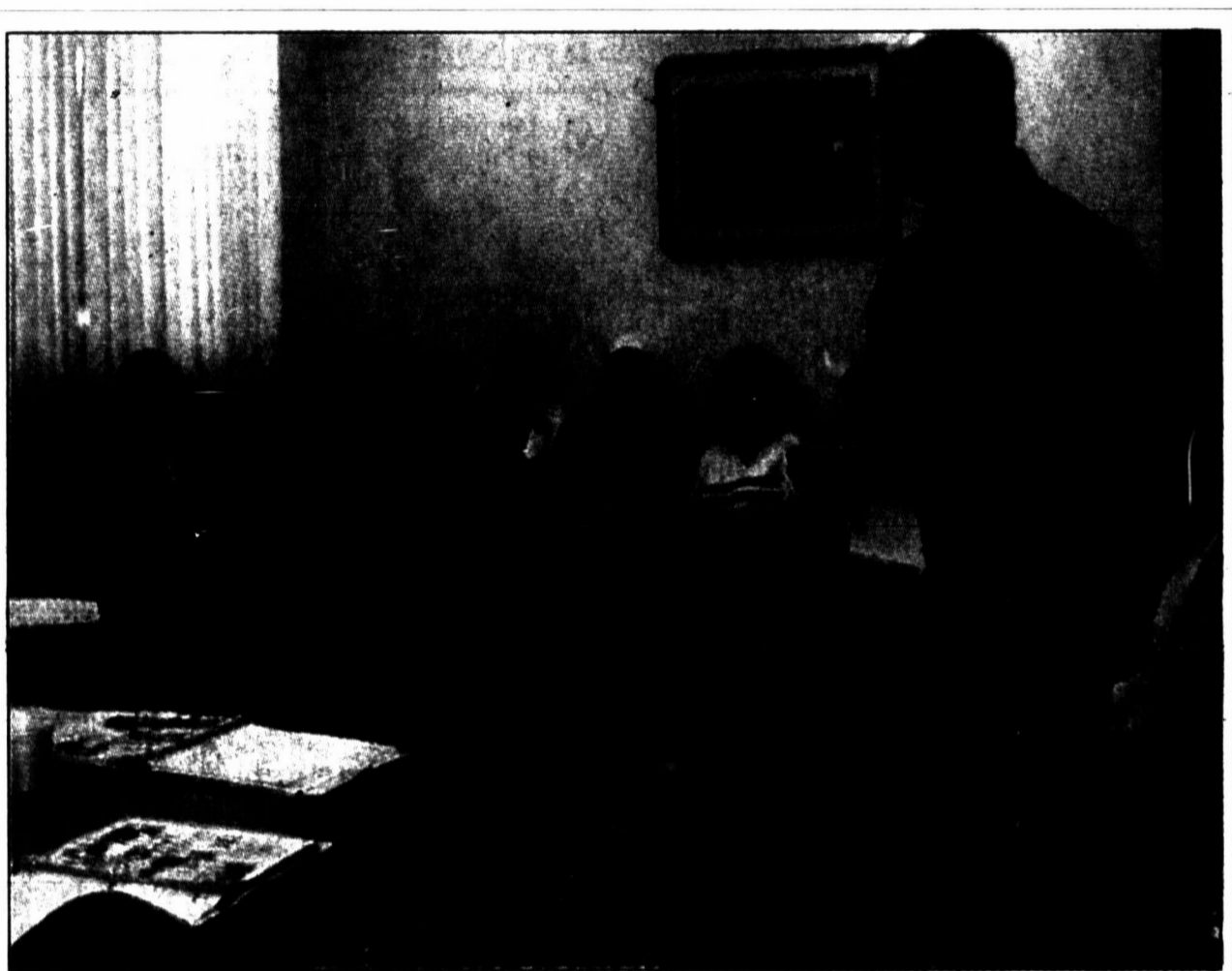
Police said Officer Colby Brown stopped the pair in a blue Nissan two-door sedan about 10:30 a.m. Monday in the 400 block of West Pennsylvania for faulty brake lights.

Burton was arrested on the outstanding warrants. When officers searched him, they found a plastic bag containing what appeared to be marijuana.

Authorities said a search of the car turned up a Pioneer compact disc player and radio and a Pioneer amplifier that were similar in description to a CD-radio and amp that were recently reported stolen from a vehicle in Pampa.

Officers said they are still trying to determine where the electronic gear came from.

Gray County Justice of the Peace Kurt Curtman set bond for the two men.



(Pampa News photo by Dee Dee Laramore)

Rev. David Schlewitz, chaplain for the Jordan Prison Unit, right, explains plans for a grass-roots effort to build a chapel at the prison to Mayor Bob Neslage, center, and members of Pampa City Commission during a work session Tuesday.

Jordan Unit chapel idea gets favorable reaction

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Staff Writer

Pampa city commissioners responded favorably toward a citizen's request for their support of a grass roots move to build a chapel at the Jordan Prison Unit.

Reed Kirkpatrick and the Rev. David Schlewitz, prison chaplain, asked commissioners for a letter or resolution of support of the project as well as permission to use a room at M.K. Brown Auditorium to hold one or more town hall meetings.

Commissioners instructed City Attorney Don Lane to look into the legalities of a letter or resolution in support of the project, as well as the use of M.K. Brown Auditorium.

"For the community to put an extra commitment to build a chapel at the prison would definitely put us in good stead with (the Texas

Department of Criminal Justice)," commented Mayor Bob Neslage. "It sure wouldn't hurt us."

Commissioner Faustina Curry asked Schlewitz about the IDCT's religious policy, wondering about if it encompassed all religious faiths.

"It is totally ecumenical," Schlewitz said, adding that the state prison system supports all faiths represented by the prison population.

In presenting the request, Kirkpatrick told commissioners that he is trying to garner community support to build a chapel for the Jordan Unit, citing "severe shortage of space" for the current faith-based programs at the prison.

"I think it will be a plus for our community," he said.

Schlewitz said that a chapel will help build a stronger faith-based program at the prison. Commissioners were given a hand-out from the Chapel of Hope prison building program that

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Crumbling buildings interfere with Pantex mission

AMARILLO (AP) — Crumbling buildings and postponed maintenance are delaying vital warhead work at Pantex and other nuclear facilities, a government report shows.

And those problems could cost taxpayers between \$5 billion and \$8 billion for a 10-year overhaul of America's nuclear weapons plants, according to the report by the Energy Department's Office of Inspector General.

The September report questions the

DOE's ability to meet goals of its Stockpile Stewardship program, which ensures U.S. weapons are safe and reliable.

It mentions problems found at the Pantex plant in Amarillo, the Kansas City plant in Missouri which produces electronic weapons components and the Y-12 plant in Oak Ridge, Tenn., which produces highly-enriched uranium parts for warheads.

Marilyn Creedon, a top Energy

Department official who oversees weapons programs, responded to the report in a Sept. 18 memo where she agreed with the audit's findings.

"Thus far, the production complex has been able to satisfy production requirements by focusing our limited resources on the infrastructure needed for current production," Creedon wrote in her memo.

The report echoes concerns that Pantex officials and others have raised about

funding shortages and decaying infrastructure at the production plants.

Frank George, president of Pantex's Metal Trades Council, a union group that represents about 1,000 Pantex workers, said leaking roofs and other problems have hampered the plant's mission.

"...we can't get the funding appropriated to get it done," George told the Amarillo Globe-News. "The facilities are old."

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Services tomorrow

TITSWORTH, Albert D. "Tex" — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.

Obituaries

EMMETT L. McALESTER
FORT SUMNER, N.M. — Emmett L. McAlester, 97, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. CDT Friday in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock with the Rev. John Dorn, of Shamrock Methodist Church, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Chavez Funeral Home.

Mr. McAlester was born at Shamrock and was a law enforcement officer for the Fort Worth Police Department for 20 years, retiring and moving to Fort Sumner in 1964. In 1968, he moved to Shamrock where he farmed and did wood work.

He was a Methodist and a U.S. Army, Navy and Marine Corps veteran.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred McAlester.

Survivors include a niece, Anna Gustafson of Albuquerque, N.M.; and a nephew, Mike Westmoreland of Klamath Falls, Ore.

IRENE SMART

GAINESVILLE — Irene Smart, 59, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2000. Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Shamrock Cemetery at Shamrock. Burial will be under the direction of George J. Carroll and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Smart was born at Shamrock and was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Benjamin Smart.

Survivors include a daughter, Lesley Lewis of Gainesville; two sons, Ronald Smith and David Smith, both of Amarillo; four sisters, Bernita Smith of Shamrock, Betty Lewis of Elk City, Okla., Nelda Scott of Borger and Joy Hall of Katy; and three grandchildren.

MAGGIE MAE THOMPSON

HOWARDWICK — Maggie Mae Thompson, 77, died Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2000, at Amarillo. Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday in Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel in Pampa with John Love, pastor of Trinity Fellowship Church of Amarillo, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery in Pampa under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Thompson was born Feb. 2, 1923, at Los Angeles, Calif. She came to Pampa in 1950 from Arizona and was a cook at Coronado Inn and at the Black Gold. She married Bob Thompson on Sept. 18, 1981, at Amarillo. The couple moved to Howardwick in 1987.

She was a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by a son, Jerry Dale McPherson, in 1952.

Survivors include her husband, Bob, of the home; four sons, John McPherson of Amarillo, Sam McPherson of Borger, Jim McPherson of Elk City, Okla., and Bill McPherson of Fairborn, Ohio; a stepson, Robert L. Thompson of Las Vegas, N.M.; 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

ALBERT D. 'TEX' TITSWORTH

Albert D. "Tex" Titsworth, 74, of Pampa, died Monday, Oct. 9, 2000. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Doug Yates, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Titsworth was born Nov. 29, 1925, at Carlsbad, N.M. He married Clara Mae Rich on Sept. 3, 1946, and later married Elsie Graves on March 25, 1963, at Platteville, Colo. He had been a Pampa resident since 1978, moving from Colorado, and owned-operated Texas Lounge and Texas Tee Room, retiring in 1999.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, serving in the European Theater of World War II from 1944-46, and belonged to Veterans of Foreign Wars.

He was preceded in death by a son, Albert Edward Titsworth, in 1986.

Survivors include three daughters, Elizabeth Ann Adams and Betty Mae Kuykendall, both of Roswell, N.M., and Alberta Diane Burdick of Painted Post, N.Y.; two sons, Charles Davis Titsworth of Independence, Mo., and Gordon Titsworth of Denver, Colo.; 15 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Emergency numbers

Ambulance.....	911
Crime Stoppers.....	669-2222
Energas.....	1-888-Energas
Fire.....	911
Police (emergency).....	911
Police (non-emergency).....	669-5700
SPS.....	1-800-750-2520
Water.....	669-5830

Police report

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

Monday, Oct. 9

A gas theft was reported at Allsup's, 1025 W. Wilks in which regular unleaded gasoline valued at \$25.02 was allegedly taken by someone driving a blue van.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Criminal trespass was reported in the 1500 block of North Williston. The break-in is believed to have occurred sometime between 4:30 a.m., Oct. 5, and 4:30 p.m., Oct. 10. A window valued at \$8 was broken according to police reports.

Theft of three steaks valued at approximately \$17 was reported at Frank's Grocery, 300 E. Brown. A suspect was arrested at the scene.

Edward Earl Holt, 49, 613 Plains, was arrested for theft under \$1,500, an enhanced charge due to two previous convictions.

A report of criminal trespass from July 2 was inadvertently omitted from the July 3 Police Report in the Pampa News. According to police records, Virgil Armstrong reported criminal trespass at Armstrong Coffee Service, 116 S. Ward. The break-in is believed to have occurred sometime between June 30 and July 2 with someone entering through the north window and exiting through the east door of the business. The broken window was valued at \$50.

Sheriff's Office

Gray County Sheriff's Office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Tuesday, Oct. 10

Gregorio Andrade Veliz, 23, El Paso, was arrested on three warrants for traffic violations.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:58 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 300 block of South Tignor and transported one to PRMC.

11:59 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Nelson; no transport.

6:26 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Russell and transported one to PRMC.

Fires

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

Tuesday, Oct. 10

8:52 a.m. - Three units and eight firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Lamar Elementary School, 1234 S. Nelson.

9:35 a.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a report of a structure fire five miles west of Pampa on U.S. 60. The smoke was caused by steam equipment.

10:26 a.m. - Three units and seven firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Bright Beginnings Day Care, 212 W. Cook.

11:03 a.m. - Four units and five firefighters responded to a grass fire five miles east on Texas 273 and one mile west on Gray 11. Two Lefors Fire Department units also responded. Approximately 30 acres were burned in the fire caused by a downed power line, according to fire reports.

3:42 p.m. - Three units and seven firefighters presented a fire prevention program at Happy Haven Child Care, 316 N. Somerville.

4:32 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire six miles east of Pampa on Texas 273. Approximately one acre of right-of-way was burned. One unit and two firefighters from Lefors Fire Department also responded.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atterbury Grain of Pampa.			
Wheat.....	2.71	Columbia/HCA.....	40 1/16 dn 3/8
Milo.....	3.10	Iron.....	83 3/16 up 1/2
Corn.....	3.49	Halliburton.....	46 3/4 up 3/4
Soybeans.....	4.21	KMI.....	40 1/16 up 1/4
		Kerr McGee.....	70 7/16 up 7/16
		Limited.....	22 3/4 dn 7/16
		McDonald's.....	30 3/16 up 1/4
		Exxon Mobil.....	95 up 1 1/16
		New Atmos.....	19 13/16 dn 1/8
		XCEL.....	27 1/2 NC
		NOI.....	33 7/8 up 2
		OKE.....	41 9/16 up 9/16
		Penney's.....	9 3/16 dn 5/16
		Phillips.....	65 7/8 up 1 5/8
		Pioneer Nat.....	14 3/8 up 1/4
		SLB.....	84 3/4 up 15/16
		Tenneco.....	4 15/16 dn 1/8
		Texas.....	55 9/16 up 15/16
		Ultrasat.....	26 15/16 up 9/16
		Wal-Mart.....	46 1/16 dn 5/16
		Williams.....	44 1/16 NC

The following show the prices for which these mutual funds were bid at the time of compilation:

Occidental.....	21 7/8	up 3/8
Fidelity Magell.....	128.54	up 1/4
Puritan.....	18.63	up 1/4

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

BP Amoco.....	56	dn 1/4
Cabot.....	19 7/16	dn 1/4
Cabot O&G.....	20 3/4	up 3/4
Chevron.....	38 7/16	up 1 1/4
Coca-Cola.....	59 3/16	up 1
Goldman Sachs.....	272.75	
IBM.....	4.90	
West Texas Crude.....	32.85	

Dr. Laura offers apology to gays

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Laura Schlessinger used the Jewish Yom Kippur holiday — the Day of Atonement — to apologize to gays and lesbians for "poorly chosen" words she said have been perceived as hate speech.

"On the Day of Atonement, Jews are commanded to seek forgiveness from people we have hurt," the radio and TV talk show host, who is Jewish, said in a newspaper ad. "I deeply regret the hurt this situation has caused the gay and lesbian community."

The ad, in the form of a letter signed by Schlessinger, was included in a special "Gay Hollywood" edition of the trade paper Daily Variety. The Wednesday issue examines progress by gays and lesbians in the entertainment industry.

Yom Kippur, during which Jews fast and seek forgiveness for sins, was Monday.

Schlessinger has been criticized by gay rights activists for referring to homosexuality as a "bio-

logical error" and "deviant." In March, she said she was sorry her radio comments have hurt people.

Her words of contrition then and now failed to placate her critics.

"Laura Schlessinger once again blames: others for the impact of her rhetoric, refusing to take responsibility for her precisely chosen, scientifically inaccurate descriptions of gay and lesbian lives," said Joan M. Garry, executive director of the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

"The anger Schlessinger's words have caused is too great and too profound to simply go away after a qualified admission of some guilt," Garry said in a statement.

Incensed by her characterization of homosexuality, gay rights activists tried to stop television stations from broadcasting her new "Dr. Laura" TV talk show, which debuted in September. In the controversy's wake, several top advertisers dropped sponsorship of the show.

WATER

phone interview shortly before the Commission meeting.

"... But I'm not surprised they (TNRCC) would leak something out," said Morris.

"That's their (TNRCC) modus operandi," Eskridge added. "One town I know of had issued bonds to take care of a problem and they still got fined."

Morris said one of the reasons the city and the regional office of TNRCC had not worried about the TTHMs is that when Lake Meredith water is blended with Roberts County water "the total complexion of the water will change."

This morning, Ochoa told the Pampa News a notice of enforcement letter was sent Aug. 17. "It seems like they would know [a proposed enforcement order could result]," he added.

Morris said this morning he is familiar with the letter. He did not take the letter to be a notice of enforcement saying it contained information relat-

ed to a regular inspection and pointed out some deficiencies the city should correct.

As a result, Morris said the letter was replied to and one of the corrective measures pointed out by the city will blend water from the Roberts County project when it comes on line.

Ochoa said he understands the city "is giving good faith measures" now to correct the TTHM problem but said, "the city should have addressed the issue sooner and there wouldn't be a proposed enforcement order."

He said TTHM levels have been a problem for Pampa since test results dating back to the fourth quarter of 1998 showed elevated amounts in the drinking water.

Eskridge expressed frustration at the situation saying, "Every time we get told something we obey the law. We have done it where sewage treatment was concerned and we will do it with the water. To make the appearance the city has willfully ignored the regulations is a bunch of crap, to put it in plain language."

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MOUNTAIN

The vertical event involves rescuing their patient from inside a cave.

Been there, done that, Peggie Coleman laughed this week.

The last time she was on Old Baldy, the granite mountain that dominates Garner State Park, it wasn't much fun. When Cavin and Peggie Coleman were there last summer, Peggie was the patient.

The couple had been on vacation, celebrating their wedding anniversary in August, and went rappelling at Garner State Park with Matt and Christa Perry, another Pampa couple. Coming

back down off the granite mountain, Peggie slipped and went crashing down a crevice.

A local rescue crew went down to pull her out and fly her to a nearby hospital where it took 16 staples to close the gash on her head.

"One of the people who got me out was one of our judges," Peggie said Monday, after returning from the competition.

She said things went more smoothly this trip than last, although they weren't able to repeat their win from last year's contest.

"It rained all day Saturday," Peggie said. "That was the day we did the cave rescue."

Although the rocks got a little slippery, she said, no one got hurt.

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CHAPEL

showed volunteerism increased 142 percent after a chapel was built. Presently, 70 to 100 area residents volunteer at the prison, he said.

Studies from outside Texas show faith-based programs reduce the number of inmates who return to prison, but Texas programs have not been in place long enough to be conclusive.

"I don't have scientific proof to give you yet, but

I believe it does have an impact on the recidivism rate," Schlewitz said.

He said the programs can also improve public safety.

Kirkpatrick told commissioners that the purpose of the town hall meetings would be to inform the community about the chapel building project and to identify people to serve on a core committee.

He said he wanted to use M.K. Brown Auditorium for the initial meetings so "it wouldn't put us with any one faith group."

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PANTEX

Problems at Pantex have caused delays in modifications, remanufacturing and surveillance testing of nuclear weapons components, auditors said.

Roof leaks halted some dismantlement work in fiscal year 1999, cutting the number of warheads that were scrapped from a planned 328 to 207, auditors said.

In response to some of the plant's needs,

Congress has agreed to appropriate an extra \$38 million next year for various Pantex programs.

A March 10 memorandum from the National Nuclear Security Administration also questioned backlogs of required weapons tests.

"The department's surveillance efforts are at the mercy of the capabilities and capacities of the production plants because the production plants are currently band-aiding their way through the required work," the memo states.

Rangers traveling to Las Vegas today; want to talk to men about bait shop slaying

STINNETT, Texas (AP) — Texas Rangers investigating the killing of a Lake Meredith bait shop operator were on their way Wednesday to Las Vegas to interview two West Texas men arrested on unrelated warrants.

Michael Noel Beans of Fritch and John Ashley Griffin of Stinnett were being held on Hutchinson County warrants alleging unauthorized use of a vehicle. The men are wanted in connection with the theft of a car, a home burglary and a forgery, Hutchinson County authorities said.

Florida troopers asked to cut gas usage

MIAMI (AP) — Rising gas prices and budget concerns have forced the Florida Highway Patrol to ask its troopers to reduce mileage and cut fuel usage by 20 percent.

Facing a \$1 million deficit in its gas budget, the FHP will likely decrease routine patrols while still responding to crashes and other calls for help.

"We've almost taken the 'patrol' out of the FHP," said Jim Rhyme, president of the union that represents 1,400 of the state's approximately 1,650 troopers.

Moore County sheriff's Lt. Tom Shelton said his department would like to question the men about the Oct. 2 slaying of Mary Kelsay, 61, who was found by an employee at the Ross's Roost bait shop. Kelsay had been shot once in the head.

"We don't have enough to call them suspects, but we would like to talk to them," Shelton said.

"They were just in the area and we are just trying to eliminate folks."

Texas Ranger Jay Foster said there were no signs of struggle inside the shop and no weapon was found. No charges have been filed.

The price per gallon of gas jumped from 98 cents in January 1999 to \$1.50 last January, sparking the deficit, said Bob Sanchez, spokesman for the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles.

South Florida's troopers will be asked to save gas by turning off their engines while sitting in their cars doing paperwork. Ordinarily, troopers keep their engines running because of the hot climate.

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SENIOR CITIZEN'S Dance, Fri. Oct. 13th, to "Buddy Payne", \$2.00 admission, 7-9:30 p.m.

Weather focus

PAMPA — Partly sunny and windy today with a high of 70 and south winds at 15-25 mph. Mostly cloudy and breezy tonight with a 20 percent chance of rain, lows from 50-55 and south winds at 15-25 mph. Tomorrow, cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain and winds from the south at 15-25 mph. Yesterday's high was 61; the overnight low 42.

STATEWIDE — Showers and thunderstorms were once again

in the forecast, with rain already falling Wednesday in some parts of Texas.

Intermittent light rain was reported in the El Paso area and the lower Rio Grande Valley. Low cloudiness stretched east of a line from Wichita Falls to Junction and Eagle Pass.

Early-morning readings ranged from the 30s to 60s. Extremes were 39 degrees at Marfa and 61 at Naval Air Station Corpus Christi and Dryden.

Other temperatures were 48 at Laredo and Paris and 60 at Corsicana.

Winds were light and southerly to southeasterly at 5 to 10 mph.

In West Texas, a chance of showers or thunderstorms will persist through Friday. Daytime highs through Thursday will be in the 60s and 70s, except for some 50s in the mountains.

Lows overnight will range from the mid-30s in the mountains to the upper 50s in the Concho Valley.

Most of South Texas will have cloudy skies with a slight chance of light rain or drizzle through Friday.

Calendar of events

WHITE DEER LAND MUSEUM

The White Deer Land Museum (112-116 S. Cuyler) visiting hours are Tuesday-Sunday, 1 p.m.-4 p.m. There will be history of the White Deer Land Co., and the early area settlers and outstanding arrow-head collection and art gallery. Elevator.

CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon College-Pampa Center will offer GED testing on the fourth Monday and Tuesday of each month. Registration will be at 9 a.m. each day. Cost will be \$45 including a \$20 deposit. For more information, call 665-8801.

LAS PAMPA WATER GARDEN AND KOI SOCIETY

Las Pampa Water Garden and Koi Society meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at Austin Elementary School. For more information, contact Sharron Andrew at 665-6138 or Lance DeFever.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD

Planned Parenthood of Amarillo and the Texas Panhandle is changing its hours. It is now open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 408 W. Kingsmill Ave., #175-A, in Pampa. For more information or for an appointment, call 665-2291. Planned Parenthood is a not-for-profit health care organization serving women and men in 17 offices covering 26 counties in the panhandle.

HIGH PLAINS EPILEPSY ASSOCIATION

High Plains Epilepsy Association of Amarillo, funded in part by Pampa United Way, will have a licensed social worker in Pampa from 9:30-12 noon the second Tuesday of each month at Pampa Community Building, 200 N. Ballard. The program assists people with epilepsy and their families. To make an appointment, contact the Amarillo office at 1-800-806-7236.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY HOUR

Lovett Memorial Library will sponsor a pre-school story hour at 10 a.m. every Tuesday this fall beginning Sept. 5. The free program is open to children 18 months to 5 years of age and will include stories, crafts and other activities. No registration is required. For more information, call the library at 669-5780.

GED TESTING

Clarendon College-Pampa Center conducts GED testing the fourth Monday and Tuesday of every month except for May and June. Test dates for these two months are May 22 and 23 and June 19 and 20. Those taking the full test must attend both days. Preregistration is required. For more information, call Jana Wesson-Martin at 665-8801.

THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army, 701 S. Cuyler, will be accepting Christmas applications from 9 a.m.-12 noon and from 1-3 p.m., Oct. 9-13. Applications must include: Picture ID; birth certificates for each child in the household; Social Security cards for each individual in the household; and proof of income (pay check stub, award letters) and expense. For more information, call 665-7233.

MIP CLASSES

Clarendon College will offer Minor in Possession classes from 7:30-10:30 p.m., Oct. 9-10, Nov. 13-14 and Dec. 11-12 in Clarendon, and Oct. 16-17 and Nov. 20-21 in Pampa. For more information, call Eddie Hankins, (806) 874-5074.

PRPC CONTRACT PROCUREMENT CENTER

Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Contract Procurement Center will sponsor "Doing Business with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice" with James W. David, HUB coordinator with Texas Department of Criminal Justice, from 6-8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 24 at Panhandle Regional Planning Commission Board Room, 415 W. 8th Ave., Amarillo. RSVP by Oct. 20 to Edmond Esparza, phone (806) 372-3381 or fax (806) 373-3268.

BSA FALL VOLUNTEER TRAINING

BSA Hospice Pampa will present its Fall Volunteer Training and Community Education Class from 6-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 12, at Clarendon College, 1601 W. Kentucky. This comprehensive class is designed for adults who are interested in becoming a hospice volunteer, want to learn more about hospice care or desire personal growth and enrichment. This program is offered free of charge to the Pampa, Borger and surrounding communities and continuing education unit's will be awarded by CC. For more information or to pre-register, call Janet McCracken, volunteer coordinator, BSA Hospice Pampa, at (806) 665-6677.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

The local Alzheimer's Support Group will conduct a four-part series this fall. The series will kick-off Sept. 7 with Dr. Bruce Harrow presenting an overview of the disease. Topics will include: Communication and Activities of Daily Living, Oct. 5; and Community Resources and Caregiving Planning, Nov. 2. The series will conclude Dec. 7 with a panel discussion. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. the first Thursday of each month at Shepard's Crook Nursing Agency, 916 N. Crest. For more information, call Dauna Wilkinson, 665-0356.

ARTS AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Wesley United Methodist Church will host its 20th Annual Festival of Arts and Crafts from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Dec. 2 in the Community Center in Hereford. A limited number of booths are currently available for a \$10 rental fee. Applications may be obtained by writing: Ellen Collins, 801 Miles St., Hereford, TX 79045 or by calling (806) 364-0774.

IRISH CRAFTFEST

Shamrock's Irish Craftfest is slated Oct. 7 and 8. Booths are available for \$30 a piece plus an additional fee if electricity is required. Santa will be present and booths will include everything from candles and Christmas decorations to baked items and much more. For more information, call Shamrock Chamber of Commerce, (806) 256-2501.

IMMUNIZATION CLINIC

The Texas Department of Health will be offering immunization clinics for vaccines that give protection against several childhood diseases including polio, diphtheria, lock jaw (tetanus), whooping cough (pertussis), measles, rubella, mumps, HIB (haemophilus influenzae Type B) and chickenpox (varicella). The TDH will charge money to help with the cost of keeping the clinic open. The amount charged will be based on family income and size, and the ability to pay. The following clinics will be offered: 10 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4:30 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Pampa Family Clinic, 700 W. Kentucky.

POWER WHEELCHAIRS

Miracle on Wheels is offering Power Wheelchairs to non-ambulatory senior citizens (65 years and up) usually at no out-of-pocket expense if they qualify. No deposit is required. The chairs are provided to those who cannot walk and self-propel a manual wheelchair at their home or independent living quarters and who meet additional qualifications of the program. This service may also be available to the permanently disabled of any age. For more information, call 1-800-749-8778 or visit www.durablemedical.com on the World Wide Web.

FREE BOOKLET

The Free Enterprise Institute in Washington, D.C., is offering a new booklet, "The 100 Most Popular Government Giveaway Programs," to consumers nationwide. To obtain a copy of the booklet, send \$5 to cover cost of printing, postage and handling to: Free Enterprise Institute, 100 Government Giveaways, Dept. 100GG-0816, P.O. Box 96071, Washington, D.C. 20090-6071. For more information, call (202) 595-1031 or visit www.FreeEnterpriseInstitute.org on the Internet.

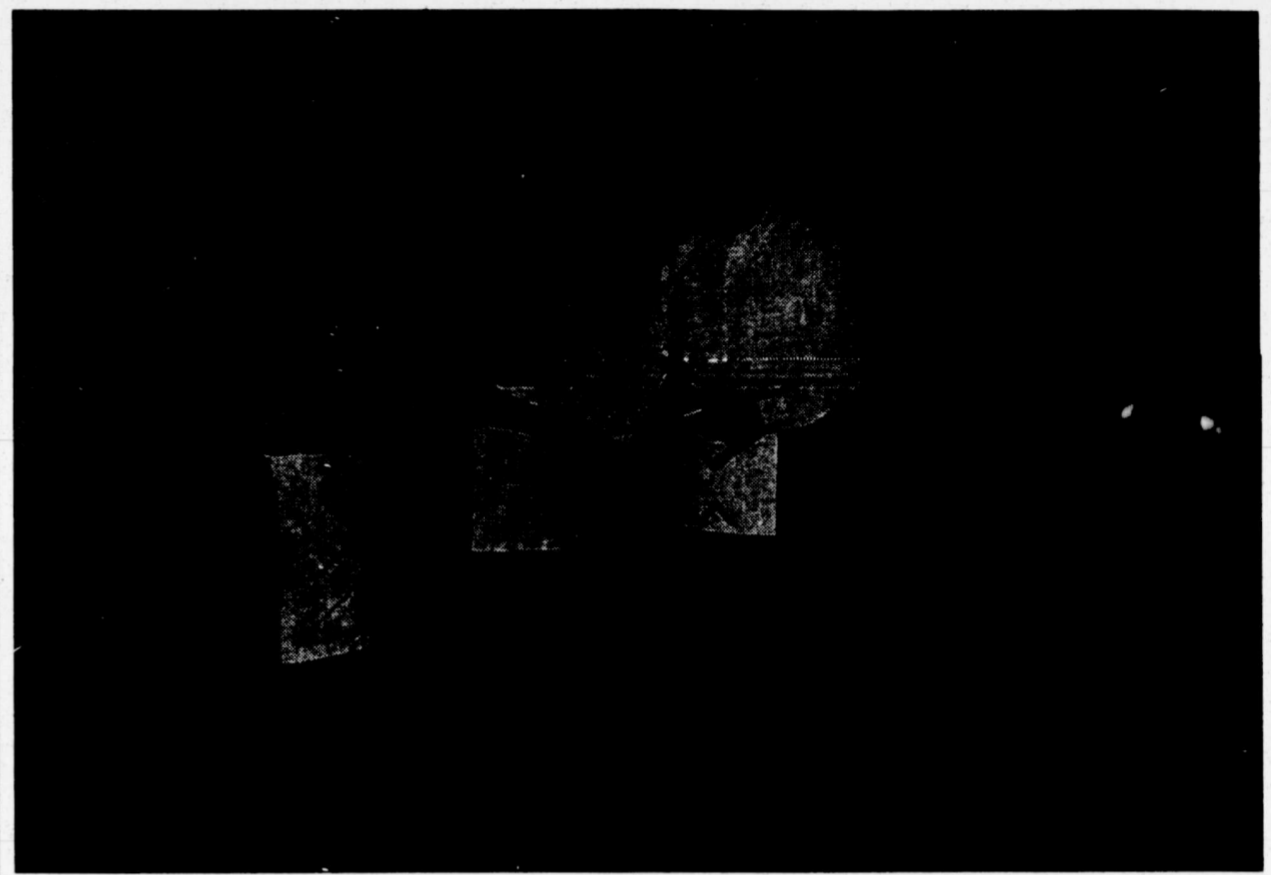
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AnimalPrints.com has dedicated \$1 from each sale of a newly released series of artist's prints to benefit animals in need. For more information or to view the prints, go to AnimalPrints.com on the Internet.

BUTTERFLY GARDEN CLUB

The Butterfly Garden Club of America is offering free butterfly garden seeds (with growing instructions). To receive a packet, send a long SASE with two stamps to: The Butterfly Garden Club of America, P.O. Box 629, Burgin, KY 40310. Limit one free packet per household. Additional packets are available for \$1 each.

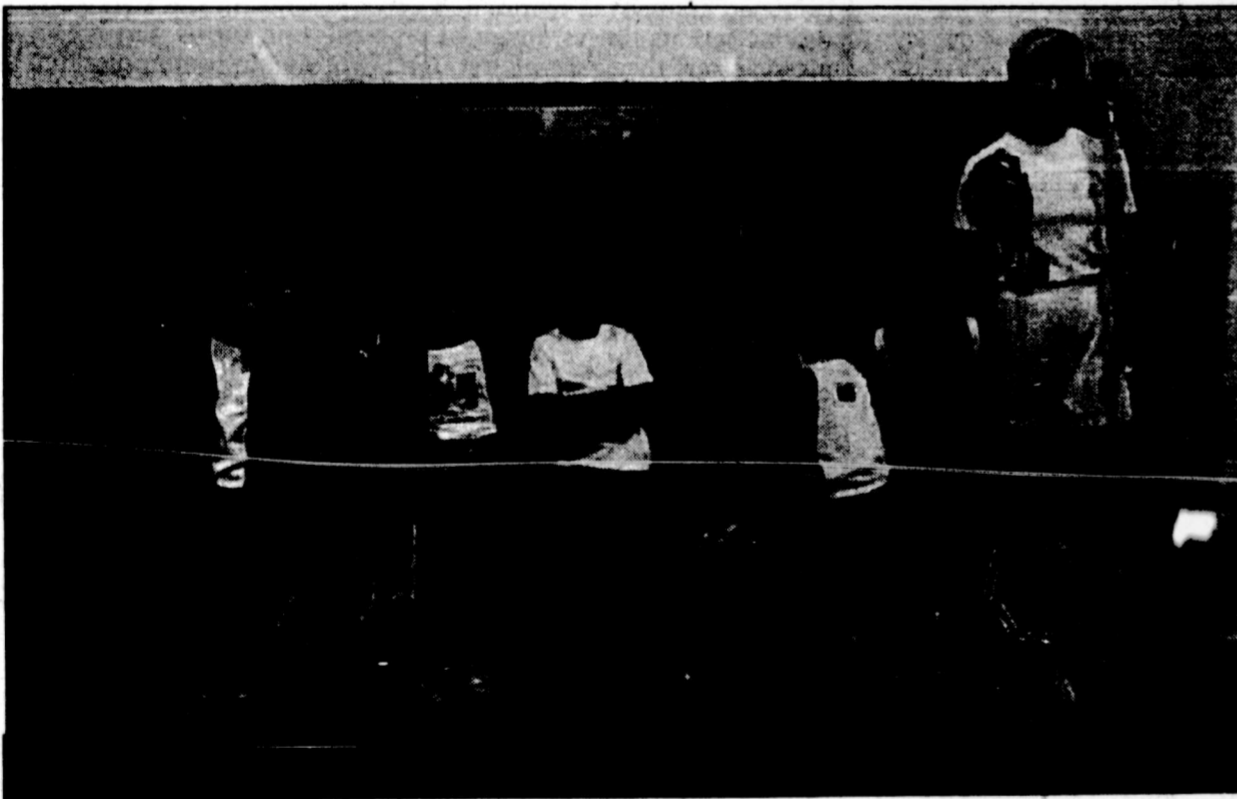
Masonic 50-year award



(Community Camera photo)

E.B. Saxon of Skellytown recently received his 50-year certificate from the Masonic Lodge. Above: (left-right) Bill Horst, former secretary of Skellytown Masonic Lodge #1391, Saxon, Curtis Broaddus, Worshipful Master, Pampa Lodge #966, and Paul Appleton, secretary of #966.

Olympic torch



(Special photo)

Christy Fatheree, far right, 1996 Olympic Torch Relay runner, stands in uniform with actual torch she carried. She is standing with Lamar kindergarten students (left-right) Dallon Poole, Eddie Castillo, Alexis Pena, Miguel Resendiz, Zachery Wolfe, Drake Fisher, Calli Brewer; (front row) Fabiana Rossiter, Walker Inge, Mark Harris and Marieli Sanchez. Not pictured are classmates Abigail Jones and Sierra Williams.

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Country Fair



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The Greater Area Pampa Chamber of Commerce will present "A Country Fair Evening on the Orient Express" from 5 p.m.-12 midnight at M.K. Brown Auditorium. Activities will include: a silent auction, a live auction, dinner, bingo and dancing. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call the Chamber, 669-3241. Above: Lana Miller buys admission tickets from Maxine Watson.

Bush and Gore prepare for second debate

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Locked in a close race, George W. Bush and Al Gore were mindful of the high stakes for their second presidential debate Wednesday night. Gore vowed to "do my best to get the details right." Bush, prone to verbal gaffes when tired, scheduled plenty of rest for the day and low-key debate preparation. Both teams said their candidates did not intend to be the first to go negative in the 90-minute debate, being held in a less formal setting than their first encounter in Boston last week. The debate will be on the campus of Wake Forest University in nearby Winston-Salem, site of a 1988 debate between Bush's father and Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Democrats and Republicans set to outspend candidates on TV ads

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time, the Democratic and Republican parties are on pace to spend more on TV ads than their presidential candidates, a watermark in how campaigns are funded. The Republican National Committee is set to spend at least \$60 million on "issue ads" promoting Texas Gov. George W. Bush and bashing Vice President Al Gore. The Democratic National Committee is prepared to spend at least \$54 million on pro-Gore, anti-Bush commercials. By contrast, Gore and Bush are each expected to spend about \$45 million of the \$67.6 million in federal tax money they received for the fall campaign on television advertising.

House approves compromise bill on auto safety

WASHINGTON (AP) — Spurred by a public outcry over the deaths of 101 Americans using Firestone tires, the House passed a bill calling for vehicle rollover testing, mandatory tire-deflation warning systems and possible stiff prison sentences for auto industry execu-

tives who hide fatal safety problems from the government. But with strong opposition from the auto industry and only a few days of this session of Congress remaining, the bill's fate is uncertain in the Senate.

Kostunica to meet top Yugoslavian army ranks

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — New President Vojislav Kostunica is seeking to ensure army loyalties amid resistance by Slobodan Milosevic's allies to attempts to push them from power. Kostunica was slated to meet with top army brass Wednesday. The army leadership has grudgingly accepted him as new president and commander in chief, but some doubts remain as to where the army really stands after a decade of loyalty to Milosevic. In a further show of foreign support after strong European Union backing of Kostunica, the United States announced it is planning to quickly reopen

its embassy in Belgrade and re-establish formal diplomatic relations.

El Salvador death toll from poisoned alcohol rises to 100

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — The Salvadoran Congress has imposed a nationwide 10-day ban on the sale of liquor, as the death toll caused by people drinking methyl alcohol reached 100. The death toll includes victims spread over half of this Central American country's 12 provinces, including the capital of San Salvador, authorities said. Police say the poisoned alcohol was sold openly to poor farm workers at liquor stores under the brand name Thunderbolt. Thunderbolt is a well-known cheap sugarcane liquor, but police suspect black-marketers of refilling discarded bottles with a mixture of methanol, which is normally used as an antifreeze in cars.

United Way funds benefit local Red Cross chapter

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2000 "Lead the Way!" fund-raising campaign.

The Gray County American Red Cross is known for performing many activities in the community. Through the generous donations to the United Way and the local Red Cross chapter, the Red Cross has been able to offer disaster services, health and safety services and service to military families.

Many area families were given emergency disaster assistance in the past fiscal year. Trained and dedicated volunteers helped with emergency needs such as temporary shelter, food, new clothes and shoes, prescriptions, basic household furnishings — such as beds, linens and kitchen utensils — and occupational supplies.

These services are available 24-hours a day, every single day of the year. All Red Cross assistance to disaster clients is free. It is given because of the generous financial and volunteer support of people like yourselves. The Gray County chapter also responded to several wildfires. It was there to provide food and drinks to the firemen.

The Gray County chapter also serves as the communications link between local citizens and their families in military services stationed around the world. Red Cross volunteers and staff verify deaths, serious illness, financial problems and births. Emergency messages are then relayed through a worldwide communications network to military personnel. Like Disaster Services, this program is available 24-hours a day, and is given without charge to the family or the service person.

Health education programs are a vital part of the American Red Cross mission. A total of 935 people enrolled in First Aid and CPR classes while 220 enrolled in Aquatics and Water Safety programs, ranging from beginner level swimming to life guarding. Certified volunteer instructors taught these life-saving skills for the community at large as well as in workplaces throughout the county.

Another available Red Cross service is a free medical loan closet. There are wheelchairs, potty chairs, crutches, walkers, canes and hospital beds to name a few. Red Cross also accepts donated items to add to its loan closet.

The Gray County American Red Cross relies solely on the United Way and public donations. So please remember to give to the United Way this campaign season to help continue the much-needed services in our own community.

Library to hold Halloween craft day

Witches and goblins will be part of the Halloween decorations made by local children at Lovett Memorial Library on Oct. 21.

A craft day is planned for the Saturday morning beginning at 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the library auditorium. All local children, ages six to 14, are invited to attend.

Among the crafts the children will be making will be trick-or-treat bags, harvest decorations and other Halloween decorations.

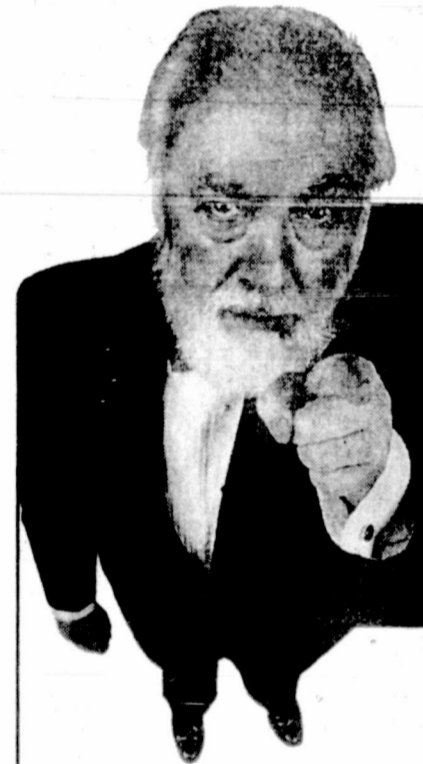
Sign-up for the program is underway at the library. Deadline for signing up is October 20.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting Shanla Brookshire at 669-5780.

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Points to watch in the second Bush-Gore debate

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP) — Al Gore has to beware of embellishing the record and George W. Bush needs to take the fuzziness out of his math as they meet Wednesday night in a presidential debate rematch that could test their foreign policy credentials.

With the brink-of-war crisis in the Middle East, and the inauguration of an elected president who ended the old regime in Yugoslavia, the men seeking to become president of the United States should expect to tell viewers what they think about those situations.

The domestic issues that dominated last week's debate in Boston are still on the agenda, as is the same moderator, Jim Lehrer of PBS. But the candidates will be seated beside him at Wake Forest University, instead of standing at lecterns, making for a less formal debate.

But with the Nov. 7 election one day short of four weeks away, and with the polls rating the contest close to even, the meeting may be more confrontational.

Democrats are taking the offensive against Bush, questioning his abilities and performance as governor of Texas, although Gore has so far left the attacks to his allies.

Bush challenged Gore on character and credibility last week, risking a backlash over negative campaigning but causing none. Gore tried to claim the high road, saying he would not attack in kind.

Polls rated Gore the better debater in Boston. But it was Bush who gained headway. And only 3 percent of debate watchers said what they'd heard would change their votes.

The GOP gains may reflect their hardened line of attack on Gore for his tendency for exaggerations and misstatements. They bore down on two such points after last week's debate — Gore's misinformed mention of a girl who had to stand for lack of a desk in an overcrowded science class, and his incorrect recollection of a trip to the scene of a Texas wildfire disaster in 1998.

Minor mistakes and no big deal, said Joseph Lieberman, Gore's running mate. But Republicans

are stringing such items together to try to make them into a credibility issue.

The vice president earlier had embellished a story about the high cost of medicine by saying a prescription his mother-in-law takes costs more than he pays for the same drug for his dog.

Bush says Gore "is prone to exaggeration." GOP vice presidential nominee Dick Cheney said Gore "seems to have this uncontrollable desire" to embellish his record.

Bush is not innocent of over-, or most recently, understatement. He said Gore had spent more money than he had on the 2000 campaign, when the opposite is so.

Gore calls the exaggeration business a negative personal attack.

Directly or indirectly, he will have to deal with it in the debate while avoiding any statement that could be read as wrong or exaggerated.

Gore surely will get back to the point he raised

relentlessly last week, saying seven times that Bush's proposed \$1.3 trillion, 10-year tax cut would give the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans more money back than the governor seeks for education, health care, prescription drug benefits and increased defense spending combined.

Bush complained of phony, fuzzy math, but did not produce numbers of his own to dispute Gore. He said weeks ago that he'd have to do a better job of making clear that his tax cut would help all Americans and leave ample funds for other needs, but he's still trying.

"The man's been disparaging my plan with all this fuzzy math," Bush complained last week.

His own math got fuzzier Saturday, at a rally in New Port Richey, Fla., as he tried to explain how a single mother raising two children on \$22,000 a year would benefit under his plan.

He said he wants her tax rate lowered, and then talked about the current system.

"When you add another 15 percent pay, or 16.2 percent payroll tax on top of that plus the 2.9, I mean the payroll tax and the Medicare tax, 16.4 percent, you end up with a high marginal rate. That's not right and that's not fair and we're going to do something about it. We're going to drop the rate and lower the..."

He paused and turned to his brother, Florida Gov. Jeb Bush. "What is the rate of the payroll tax?" he asked. No answer.

Bush went on, correctly adding Social Security and Medicare: "15.3 percent, 12.4, 2.9..."

"I was trying to do some fuzzy math," he said, laughing.

He can't afford fuzzy math when he's debating Gore on taxes.

EDITOR'S NOTE — Walter R. Mears has reported on presidential campaign debates for The Associated Press since 1960.

Batch of suits filed in tire deaths, injuries

MIAMI (AP) — A batch of 33 lawsuits has been filed against Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. and Ford Motor Co. over deaths and injuries in Ford Explorer accidents in Venezuela and Colombia.

Six additional suits involving Venezuelan and Mexican crashes were to be filed Wednesday, said lawyer Victor Diaz, lead attorney for the Miami lawsuits.

So many lawsuits have been filed around the nation that a panel of federal judges is scheduled to meet next week in Washington to consider whether they should be consolidated in one court. The number of cases filed in Miami makes the city a possible location for consolidation.

Firestone had not seen the lawsuits and had no comment, spokeswoman

Susan Sizemore said Wednesday. A spokeswoman for Ford did not immediately return calls seeking comment.

Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. in August recalled 6.5 million Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires used primarily on Ford's light trucks and sport utility vehicles, including

Ford's best-selling Explorer. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration is investigating Firestone tires in connection with 101 U.S. traffic deaths and more than 400 injuries.

Most of the Firestone tire deaths occurred when Ford Explorers rolled over after their tires came apart.

On the Net:
Bridgestone/Firestone:
<http://www.bridgestone-firestone.com>
Ford: <http://www.ford.com>
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:
<http://www.nhtsa.gov>

Honeymooner falls from boat, drowns

PORTAGE, Wis. (AP) — A couple on their honeymoon were thrown into the water when their boat capsized, and the husband drowned.

Their 12-foot aluminum craft overturned when Walter Gould, 61, of Horicon, Wis., stood up to stretch Tuesday on Long Lake, officials said.

"It tipped and rolled over on him," Columbia County Sheriff's Lt. Wayne Smith said. "He was trying to get the boat upright instead of getting out of the

water." Gould and his wife, Kathleen Gould, 47, had not been wearing life vests but were able to pull them on once they were in the 50-degree water, officials said.

Kathleen Gould suffered hypothermia and was hospitalized in good condition Wednesday. Her husband was unconscious when pulled from the water and was pronounced dead about an hour later.

The couple had married Saturday.

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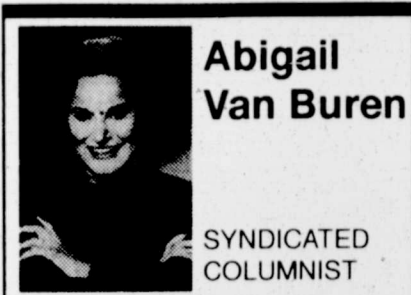
DEAR ABBY: Your readers may be interested to know that the Funeral Consumers Alliance Inc. provides an end-of-life planning kit that includes a 20-page booklet, "Before I Go, You Should Know," in which they can record their wishes. It comes in a plastic document pouch, with a refrigerator magnet to indicate its storage location. It contains a checklist of other documents that should also be added to the pouch. (Veterans, for example, might want to add their DD 214 discharge papers that will be needed to get the free cemetery marker and American flag.) Most important, the pouch includes a state-specified living will and durable power of attorney for health care.

Surveys show that 85 percent of the public supports the idea of living wills — but only 25 percent have done anything about it.

We want to get the kits into the refrigerator of every adult American. Why the refrigerator? Because most people have one, and it's likely to survive a fire. By having a specific place to "file" these papers, perhaps more families will actually get it done. We hope that more families will begin talking about their choices, as recommended in the pamphlet from Partnership in Caring that is enclosed in the kit.

Also included is a brochure titled "Death Away From Home" that's meant to be popped into a suitcase or RV when traveling.

Abby, I hope you'll agree this is something worth mentioning to your readers. End-of-life issues are



Abigail Van Buren

SYNDICATED COLUMNIST

never pleasant to talk about — but death (and taxes!) are facts of life.

LISA CARLSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DEAR LISA: I agree. I was so impressed by the packet you are offering that I ordered some for my staff. I know the subject is difficult, especially when people are in the best of health, but it's better to be safe than sorry. Don't put it off.

Because the alliance is a small, nonprofit office, mail orders are preferred. Send \$10 (check or money order in U.S. funds; no cash, please) to: Funeral Consumers Alliance, P.O. Box 10, Hinesburg, VT 05461. (The kit is also available via the Internet at www.funerals.org.)

DEAR ABBY: I am 17 and have met a man I love dearly. He is sweet, caring and intelligent. He is 25. I know that seems like a big age difference, but it doesn't bother us. My father is nine years older

than my mom. They began dating when my mother was my age. I don't see a problem. However, my mother wants me to stop seeing him. I don't want to do that. I am very much in love. What should I do?

YOUNG, BUT NOT FOOLISH

DEAR YOUNG: Although it's hard to do, try to disengage your emotions from your thought processes for a moment. Your mother has your best interests at heart and may be trying to tell you something important. She may see things in your boyfriend that you do not. Or, she may regret that she missed out on some opportunities because she became involved with your father so early.

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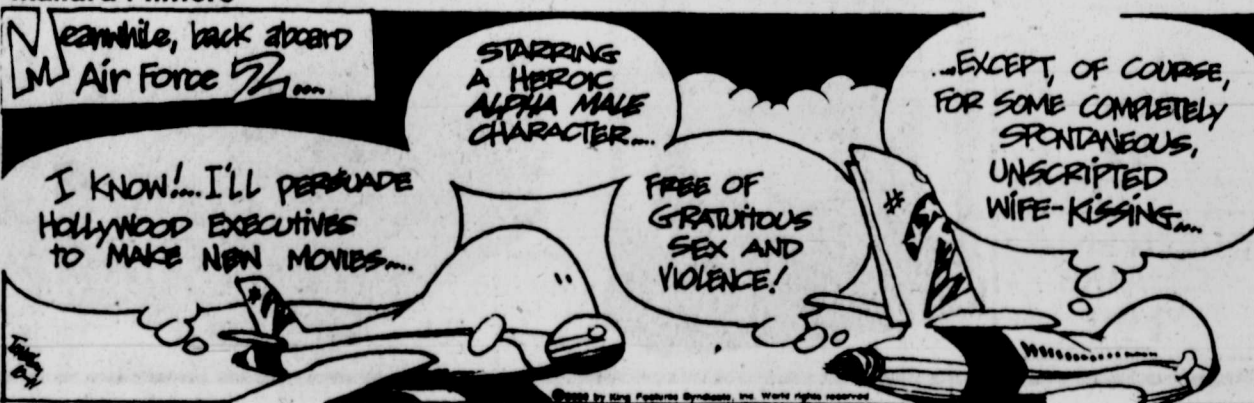
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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR

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) ***** You break through barriers. Discussions bring even more clarity within your immediate circle. You might need to screen calls to get your work done. Stay on top of surprises. You might not be reading a friendship correctly. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Assume a low profile. Bosses take surprising action, but you will know what you want to do. Stay within yourself, and you'll come up with answers. Discussions bring the results you want. Make your own decision about finances. Tonight: Take a personal night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** You normally gravitate toward groups, but even more so now. Network at a meeting. Do what you need to do to convince another to join forces with you. Break past a barrier or restriction. Learn to walk in this person's footsteps. Caring evolves if you relax. Tonight: Celebrate living.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** Others look to you for answers. Take charge but don't forget an important partner, who needs your support and caring. Work with unexpected financial developments. You might need to make

an adjustment professionally. Your instincts are on target. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Reach out for others. You might need to light a fire under a child or loved one to motivate him. Enlist others to help make a project a possibility. An associate reacts in a most interesting manner. Don't trigger, become creative. You know how to draw this person in. Tonight: Consider a weekend getaway.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** One-on-one relating takes you in another direction. You're coming from a strong point of view. Be willing to modify your stand. Be generous, both intellectually and emotionally. Step back from a work project. Consider another path. Tonight: Relax with a loved one.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Others clearly run with the ball. See this as positive rather than a problem. Your mental approach can make all the difference in the results. Trust your thought process and add a touch more creativity. Realize that it is important for another to feel that he is in control. Tonight: Be easygoing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Pace yourself, as you have a lot of ground to cover. Understand what you expect from another. A close friend or family member's reaction could stun you. Step back. Better understand those close to you. Your understanding draws positive results. Tonight: Get some exercise.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your efforts might draw surprising reactions, but they certainly don't go unappreciated. Others do their best to

pitch in and make a difference. Count on a loved one to come through. Tonight: Put on your dancing shoes.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Though you have a strong personality, even you sometimes consider reinventing yourself. Look toward transforming yourself internally and creating more of what you want in life. A money matter does seem out of control, especially with a domestic issue. Stop and take stock of your priorities. Tonight: Order in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Keep communication flowing. You could change your mind about a friendship, questioning exactly how valuable it is to you. You have time to revise your thinking. Get as much done as possible: Your behavior could jolt another. Be ready to make an important gesture. Tonight: Dinner at a favorite spot.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Your bright-eyed approach paves the way for others. Recognize the importance of your personal assets beyond money. You gain because of your ability to respond quickly to a changing situation. Bring this skill to your work. Others observe what you offer. Tonight: Buy a card for a loved one.

BORN TODAY
Actor Kirk Cameron (1970), opera singer Luciano Pavarotti (1935), occultist Aleister Crowley (1875)

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Crossword Puzzle

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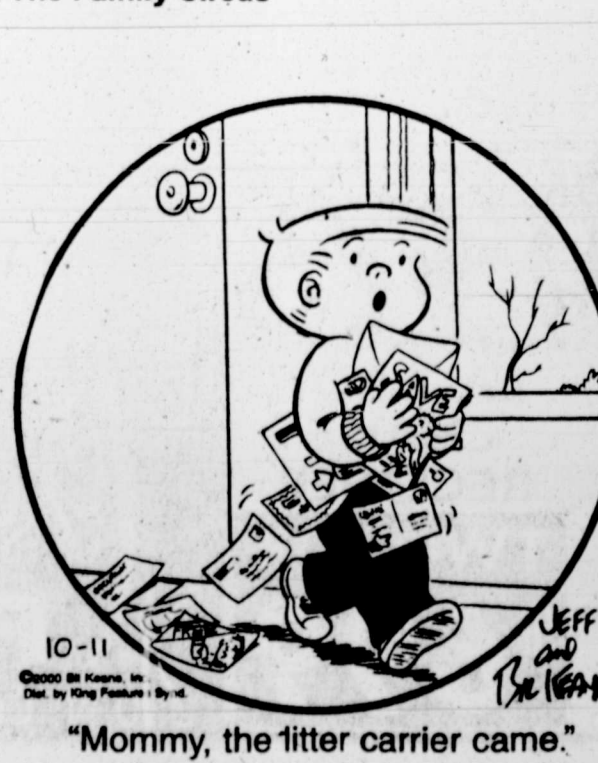
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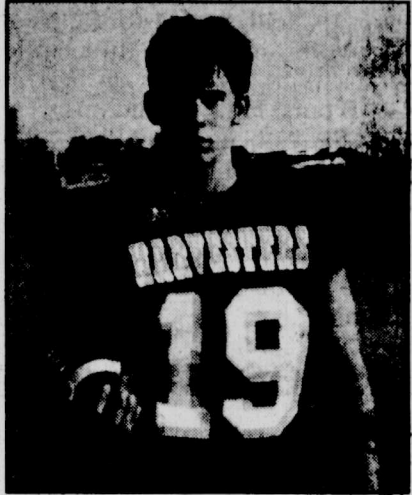
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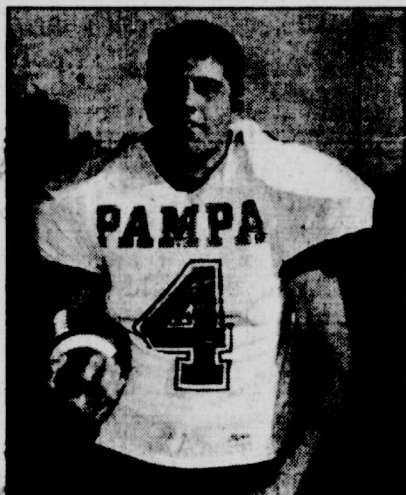
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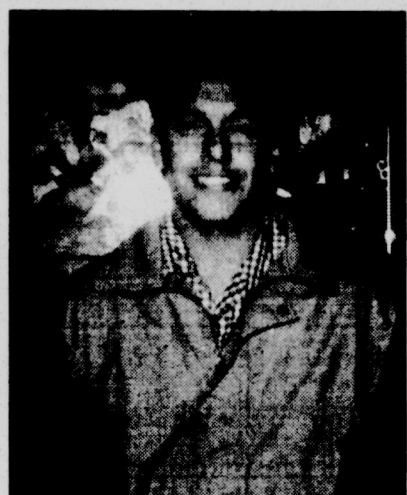
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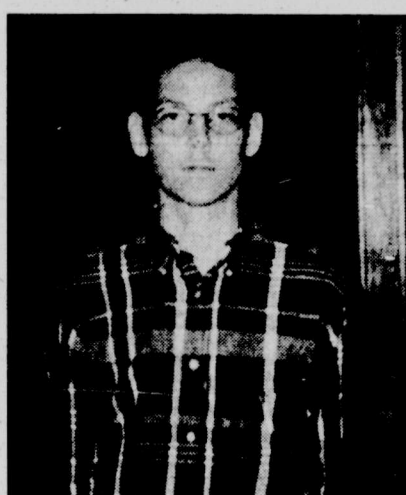
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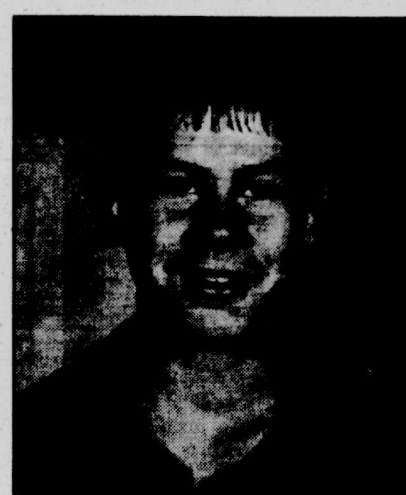
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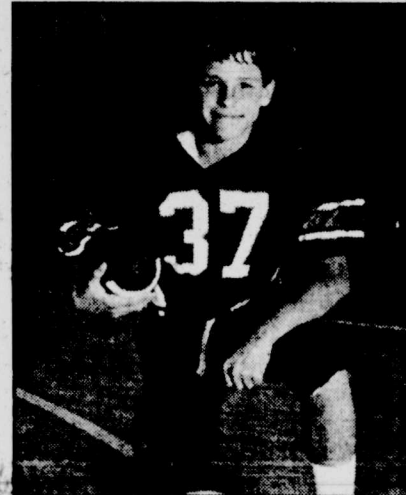
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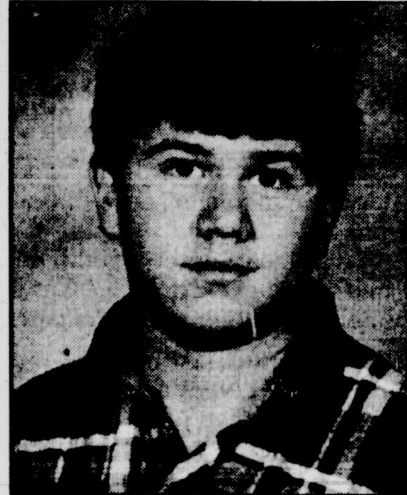
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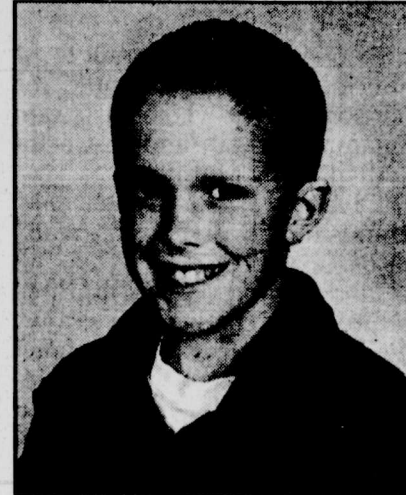
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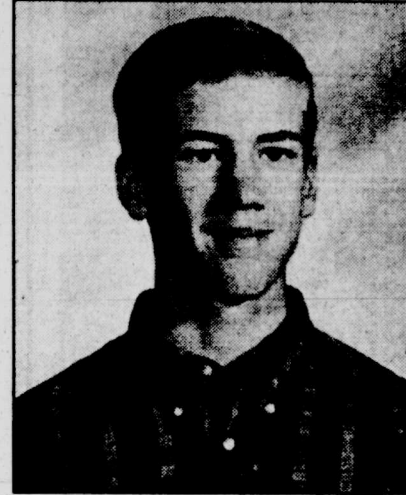
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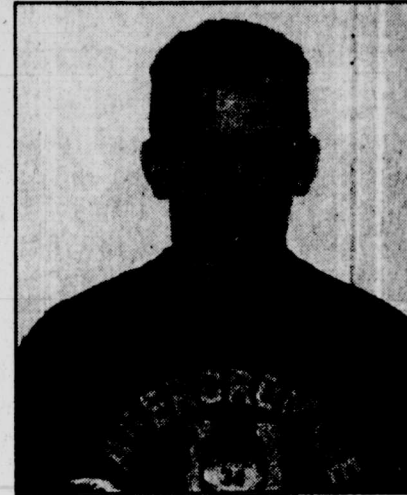
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Players of the Week selected by the Pampa coaches are Varsity: strong safety Lane Baker (parents, Tom and Sue Baker), Junior Varsity: linebacker Zach Cobb (parents, Craig and Kelly Cobb); Freshmen A Team: Danny Mesa (parents, Juan and Nena Mesa); Freshmen B Team: Don Wright, (parent, Rita Hancock); 8th Grade A Team: kicker-free safety Janssen Eilenberger (parents, Rick and Sherry Eilenberger); 8th Grade B Team: free safety Adam Brown (parents, David and Debbie Brown); 7th Grade A Team: tailback-linebacker Dylan Henley (parent, Shelley Henley); 7th Grade B Team: nose-guard Cody Ellis (parents, Justin and Linda Ellis); 8th Grade A Team: middle linebacker-captain Tyrel Bolin (parent, Tonie Bolin); 8th Grade B Team: middle linebacker Jared Winegeart (parents, Johnny and Kim Winegeart); 7th Grade A Team: quarterback Brody Smith (parents, David and Myrna Smith); 7th Grade B Team: receiver Nick Robbins (parents, Lonnie and Gloria Robbins. Baker, Cobb, Mesa, Wright, Brown, Eilenberger, Ellis and Henley were selected as Players of the Week for the week of Oct. 1. The others were named Players of the Week for the week of Sept. 24.

Harris favors Harvesters over Dumas in Friday night contest

PAMPA — The Harris Rating System has Pampa favored by 10 in the District 3-4A clash with Dumas on Friday night, but coach Dennis Cavalier knows anything can happen when the Harvesters are on Demons' turf.

"Dumas has a highly-capable team. It seems like they're always pretty tough, especially when you play them there," Cavalier said.

Pampa beat Dumas 16-0 in Harvester Stadium last year, but the Demons were victorious 23-20 in the 1998 meeting in Dumas.

Pampa is currently locked in a four-way tie for third with Caprock, Randall and Palo Duro at 1-1 in the district standings. Dumas and Borger are in last place at 0-2. Hereford and Canyon are tied for the top spot at 2-0.

"This is about where you

would expect teams to be in the standings this time of year. It's who is beating who is the difference," Cavalier added. "That's what makes it kind of interesting."

Borger and Dumas were picked to finish second and third, respectively, in one of the pre-season polls. Both bottomed out last week. Borger lost to Caprock 15-14 and Dumas fell to Palo Duro 26-20.

Hereford, right on target as the top pick, spoiled Pampa's four-game win streak last weekend with a 28-7 victory.

"I thought we looked good in the second half against Hereford, especially our offense. I thought our defense played very well as a whole, but Cody Hodges (Hereford quarterback) was on fire for them," Cavalier said. "Our offense was sputtering in the first half, but I thought our defense was able to keep the

ball out of Hereford's hands quite a bit the second half."

Pampa trailed 28-0 at intermission, but the Harvesters came out and gave a good account of themselves in the second half.

Pampa scored on its first possession of the third half, capping off a 70-yard drive with Armando Tarango's 10-yard touchdown run. The Harvesters came close to scoring on its next possession, but fumbled away the opportunity on the Hereford nine-yard line.

Pampa's defense came out the second half determined to hold Hereford scoreless. They were able to accomplish that task as middle linebacker Jason Burklow, outside linebacker Chris Lewis and end Ricky Blain led defensive charges that saw Hodges sacked three times.

The Pampa-Dumas contest kicks off at 7:30 Friday night in Dumas.

Caprock claims district volleyball victory

AMARILLO — Pampa fell to Caprock 7-15, 15-12, 8-15 in high school volleyball action Tuesday night.

"We made far too many hitting errors and we didn't pass very well," said Pampa coach Carmen

Pennick. Jennifer Lindsey and Destiny Engel led the Lady Harvesters with 8 kills each. Lindsey and Morgan White each had 11 digs. Alexis Amador had 9 digs while

Stephanie Cameron had 7 digs and 5 kills. Chasity Nachtigall had 7 kills and Danielle Martinez had 3 blocked solos and 5 assists.

Pampa hosts Canyon at 2 p.m. Saturday in McNeely Fieldhouse.

Pampa 7th graders rally past Borger

PAMPA — Pampa scored a game-winning touchdown in the final seconds to rally past Borger 28-24 in 7th grade football action Tuesday night.

Borger was leading 24-22 and had possession with 40 seconds to go in the game. However, Borger fumbled and Pampa recovered on their own 45. Facing a fourth-down situation with 5 seconds remaining, Grant Stucki threw a 55-yard touchdown pass to Brody Smith for the winning score with no time left on the clock.

Pampa had trailed Borger 18-0 at halftime, but cut the deficit to 18-8 going into the fourth quarter.

Eric Kingcade was one of Pampa's outstanding players on both sides of the ball. Other standouts on offense were Chris Jimenez, Chad Malone, Grant Stucki, Brody Smith and Taylor Reeves. Defensive standouts were Matt Parks and Ross Andreen.

Pampa hosts Hereford Tuesday in Harvester Stadium. The B team game starts at 5 p.m.

It was the Pampa 7th graders' first win of the season compared to two losses and one tie.

Pampa beat Borger 14-8 in the B team game to boost their

record to 4-0 for the season. Outstanding players were Cody Ellis and Charles Brewer (offense); Chase Phillips and Tyson Hickman (defense).

Pampa Scoring Summary
Pampa 28, Borger 24
Grant Stucki 22 run (Stucki run)
Eric Kingcade 18 pass from

IRVING, Texas (AP) — There were times in Dave Campo's days as a Dallas Cowboys assistant when the team could win a game just by showing up. Now that he's the coach, he wishes it was that easy.

The Cowboys are 2-3 in Campo's first season in charge. They could just as easily be 3-2. Or 1-4.

Campo has learned quickly that there's not much separating NFL teams these days. Nobody wins by being there. This is the anybody-can-win era where parity rules and this week's elite is next week's upset victim.

"It's tough on the coaches because you truly have to go into every game with your team completely prepared to execute," he said Tuesday. "That's very difficult."


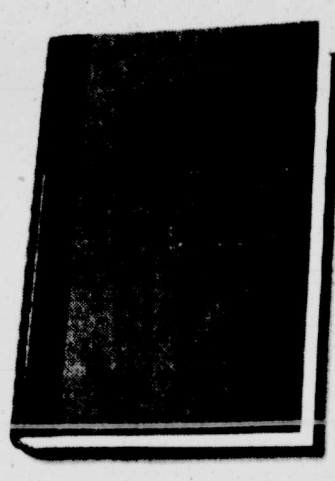
"Let's say both teams are pre-

pared to execute and they execute very well, then the team that has the extra juice, the extra emotion, wins that game. Well, it's very difficult to have a team emotionally charged for 16 games."

Campo was the secondary coach when Dallas won Super Bowls following the 1992 and '93 seasons. He was the defensive coordinator on the '95 Super Bowl champions.

He also was the defensive coordinator the last three years, when the Cowboys were 24-24, costing Barry Switzer and Chan Gailey their jobs.

Campo is starting to understand that an 8-8 season isn't such a terrible thing. However, his boss — team owner Jerry Jones — is convinced the Cowboys will always be championship contenders as long as Troy Aikman and Emmitt Smith are playing.

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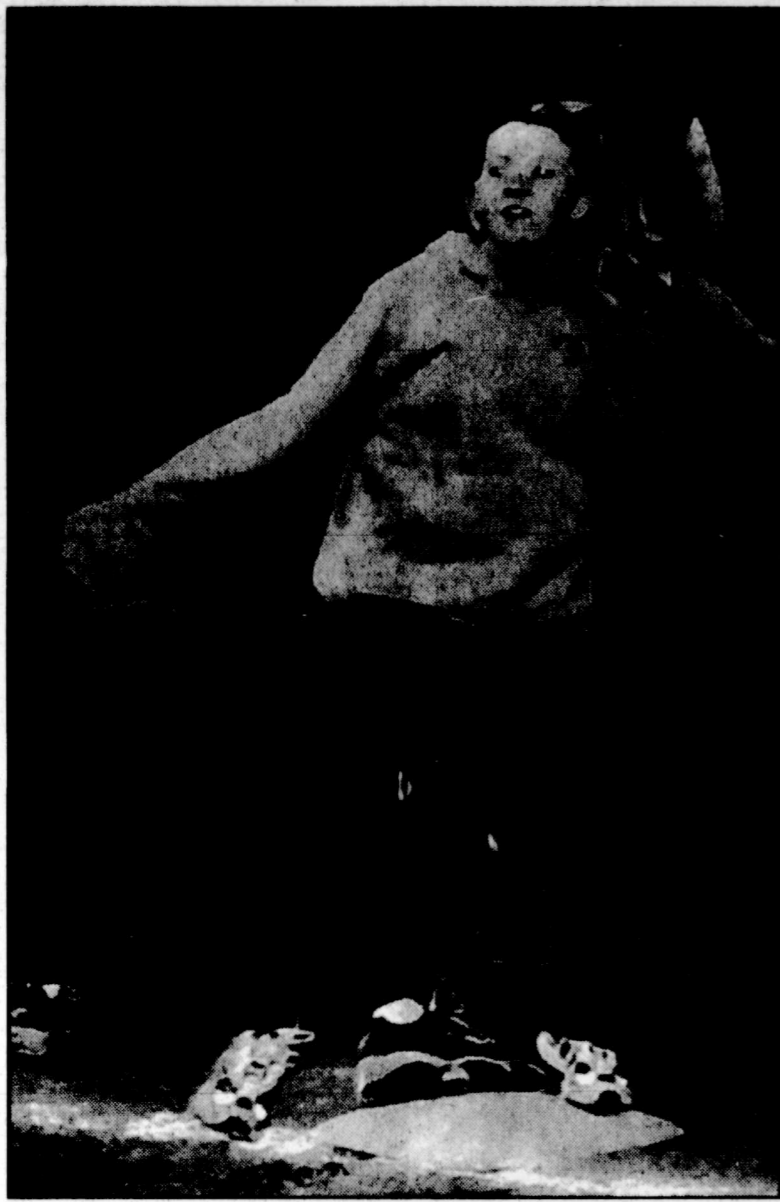
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Safe at third



(Photo by Grover Black)

Heidi Searl of Trinity Fellowship goes into third base during a City of Pampa Slowpitch Softball game Tuesday night at Recreation Park. Trinity was playing Stan's Hot Shot Service.

Garcia shuts down Yanks in ALS opener

NEW YORK (AP) — If John Halama beats the Yankees in the second game of the AL Championship Series, it will make the Randy Johnson trade look like a 2-for-1 sale.

And it would be the Seattle Mariners who got the bargain. Freddy Garcia, one of the two pitchers Seattle got from Houston in the Big Unit deal two years ago, became the latest to shut down Mummies Row, leading the Mariners to a 2-0 win over New York in Tuesday's series opener.

Garcia struck out eight in 6 2-3 innings, and Jose Paniagua, Arthur Rhodes and Kazuhiro Sasaki finished the six-hitter.

Rickey Henderson hit an RBI single off Denny Neagle in the fifth, Alex Rodriguez homered off the left-field foul pole's screen an inning later and the Mariners improved to 4-0 in the postseason.

No one in Seattle seems to be whining anymore about the Johnson trade, which also sent Halama and infielder Carlos Guillen to the Mariners.

"Obviously," Rodriguez said, "things have worked out greatly for us."

Garcia and the bullpen reduced the Yankees to cranky old men who struck out 13 times. Many of them stayed in the trainer's room and players lounge for long periods after the game, not rushing to discuss their puny performances.

"There's no secret: We got shut down," said Paul O'Neill, who went 0-for-3 and was lifted for a pinch-hitter.

Derek Jeter struck out three

times, swinging like a wide-eyed rookie. Bernie Williams and Scott Brosius shot nasty looks at plate umpire John Hirschbeck when he called them out on strikes. New York was 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position and is hitting just .235 in the playoffs.

"If they pitch like they pitched tonight, then we're not going to win the series," Yankees reliever Jeff Nelson said.

Seattle tries to go home with a 2-0 lead Wednesday after Halama pitches against 35-year-old Orlando Hernandez. He is 6-0 in postseason play, and the Yankees are 8-0 when El Duque starts.

"They are going to come out fighting," Rodriguez said. "We have to attack him, attack him early and be ready to go to war because they are going to come out real hungry."

Garcia, a 21-year-old right-hander, starved the Yankees, stranding runners at third base in the third and fifth innings and escaping a two-on, no-out jam in the sixth.

With the crowd on its feet, Mariners manager Lou Piniella went to the mound.

"I was feeling pretty good, and I had a lot of confidence," Garcia remembered telling his manager.

Piniella stuck with Garcia, who struck out O'Neill and Williams, then retired David Justice on a flyout Mike Cameron caught one step in front of the center-field fence.

"He got three tough hitters out," Piniella said. "To have a young pitcher come into a play-off game for us like Garcia did, he should be very proud of his

effort." Sasaki, possibly the AL Rookie of the Year, got his third save of the playoffs, but filled the ninth inning with drama.

With the crowd again on its feet, Williams singled leading off as Sasaki repeatedly stepped off. Justice struck out, and Tino Martinez singled to bring up Jorge Posada, who homered off Sasaki twice in three at-bats in the regular season.

But Sasaki got Posada to fly out, and Luis Sojo, after a long foul down the right-field line, flied to center for the final out.

Rockets star passes first test

HOUSTON (AP) — What a difference a half made for Hakeem Olajuwon.

The Houston Rockets star, trying to play the final season of his career with an asthma-like breathing condition, survived his first test in Tuesday night's 93-92 exhibition loss to the Dallas Mavericks.

"The second half, I felt very comfortable," Olajuwon said. "The first half, my chest was burning. Practices have been wonderful. The games have been different. But in the second half, I felt comfortable. I'm encouraged to work out, improve."

Olajuwon was bothered by the breathing disorder last season but expects to be able to complete his Hall of Fame career on a positive note. He played 15 minutes against the Mavericks, scored five points and got four rebounds.

Sasaki bowed to teammate Jay Buhner.

The biggest signal of the Yankees' desperation was when Yankees manager Joe Torre batted Glenallen Hill in the eighth for O'Neill, just 4-for-22 in the playoffs, including three infield hits. With a runner on first and two outs, Hill whiffed.

"Paul's been struggling a little bit, and I just felt it was a chance to maybe pop one where the lefty had to pitch to the right-hander," Torre said. "It's not something I like doing and may not do again."

"Oh man, what a difference (from last season)," Olajuwon said. "I was very relieved. I was coughing in the first half. But after taking the medicine, it was much better in the second half. I was trying to get my second wind."

"I'm excited. I feel I can do much better."

Olajuwon's breathing condition is not a problem during regular workouts. It's brought on by the intensity of games. He used an inhaler at the half to help his breathing against the Mavericks.

"I didn't know what to expect coming to camp," Olajuwon said. "I was training, preparing for camp. But I needed a game to see, I didn't have the power. But I ran comfortably. Now I'm comfortable to work hard, train, practice. It will come."

The Rockets host Charlotte at Compaq Center on Thursday.

Edmonds hopes to continue torrid playoff start for Cardinals

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jim Edmonds' huge first-round playoff series was no surprise to the New York Mets.

Over the Labor Day weekend, Edmonds hit two game-winning homers in a three-game sweep over the St. Louis Cardinals' future NLCS foe. He had four homers and six RBIs against the Mets during the season.

"This is going to be our toughest test, I think, all year," Edmonds said. "But we know we can play with them, obviously."

Edmonds has plenty of confidence after feasting on Braves aces Greg Maddux, Tom Glavine and Kevin Millwood in the division series, going 8-for-14 in the Cardinals' sweep, with two homers and seven RBIs.

"He was a huge part of what we did to Atlanta," teammate Mark McGwire said. "Everybody played off that." Edmonds big series came after an MVP-caliber season in his first year in the National League. He had career bests in home runs (42), RBIs (108) and runs (129), and played Gold Glove-caliber defense in center field.

He had a highlight reel over-the-shoulder catch at the

warning track in Game 2, and his two-run homer off Millwood in Game 3 was perhaps the big hit of the clinching 7-1 victory.

But he also has a healthy dose of humility. Now the slate is clean, and he wonders whether he can do it again.

"That's always the pressure on me, to not live on what I did last week," Edmonds said. "I've got to go out there and prove my abilities again."

"That's something I lay down in bed and think about every night."

The next test for Edmonds, and the Cardinals' lefty-stacked lineup, is the Mets' 1-2 left-handed combination of Mike Hampton (15-10) and Al Leiter (16-8). Hampton will try to continue the Mets' 18-inning scoreless streak in Game 1 tonight when he opposes Cardinals 20-game winner Darryl Kile.

Edmonds admitted he wanted the Cardinals to face the Giants, because he didn't have to face that duo.

"Those are the two guys you probably don't want to face as a left-handed hitter right now," Edmonds said. "Both of them move the ball around, both of them throw pretty hard and both of them come right at you."

The Cardinals often go with a lineup that has five left-handed hitters, although manager Tony La Russa will sit either Ray Lankford or J.D. Drew in favor of Eric Davis in Game 1. Davis batted .390 against left-handers.

"I played against left-handers all year," Davis said. "Why should it change now?" Hampton doesn't consider facing lefties much of an advantage.

"I don't really know if there is any advantage," he said. "On paper it looks great. But it basically boils down to still making quality pitches."

His strategy against Edmonds is pretty simple. "It's just the same against everybody," Hampton said. "I'm going to stay with my strengths, move the ball in and out, and just keep it out of the middle of the plate, keep it out of the sweet spot."

Kile could pitch three times for the Cardinals in Games 1, 4 and 7, if needed. He never went on three days' rest during the season, but seemed receptive to the idea.

"He's our best guy, just like Bob Gibson or Dave Stewart," La Russa said. After Kile, the Cardinals will go with 21-year-old rookie Rick Ankiel in Game 2.

Andy Benes and Pat Hentgen, who didn't pitch in the division series, are the probable starters for Games 3 and 5.

Mets manager Bobby Valentine will go with Rick Reed and Bobby Jones in Games 3 and 4. He said the decision to go with Hampton over Leiter in Game 1 was no big deal.

Stars have poor showing against Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Coach Ken Hitchcock headed straight to the team bus after another poor showing by his Dallas Stars.

"It was an unacceptable effort," defenseman Richard Matvichuk said following a 5-2 loss to the Carolina Hurricanes on Tuesday night.

The defending Western Conference champions were sluggish following Monday night's victory at Toronto and now have a 1-2-1 record, with just eight goals.

Brett Hull's 612th career goal late in the second was one of the few bright spots for Dallas, which went 0-for-9 on the power play and broke down numerous times in front of goalie Marty Turco, who made his NHL debut.

"We gave them three or four 2-on-1 goals, and if you leave your goalie out to dry, you're done," Hull said.

In the only other NHL games, Montreal beat Edmonton 5-2 and Colorado defeated Calgary 3-1.

Rod Brind'Amour and Bates Battaglia scored four minutes apart early in a three-goal second period as the Hurricanes dominated the Stars with their new open style of play.

"We're not going to beat a team up or bruise them, but when you see some of our guys coming at you with their speed, it's just as intimidating," said Jeff O'Neill, who scored Carolina's first goal.

Carolina blew a 2-0 lead in its season opener Saturday and settled for a 3-3 tie with Washington. But the Hurricanes played a solid third period this time around, limiting Dallas to just five shots on goal.

"I would have to answer a lot of difficult questions about the style of game we're going to play had we lost this game 5-2," coach

Paul Maurice said. "Now, I don't have to answer those."

Sandis Ozolinsh added a short-handed goal late in the second as Carolina took advantage of a Dallas team that decided to rest Ed Belfour in net.

"I think they are a little bit tired. Those guys are champions over there, but we kind of jumped on them," O'Neill said. "The kid in net got hung out to dry a little bit. But they've won enough times so tough for them."

Carolina led 1-0 before Brind'Amour scored his first of the season off a pass from Sami Kapanen, who took a shot on Turco, got the rebound and slipped it to the wide-open Brind'Amour.

Battaglia, promoted to the top line for this game, then scored off a perfect pass from Ron Francis on a 2-on-1 to make it 3-0.

IOC calls for 'truce' among Greeks

LONDON (AP) — A top IOC official has called for a "truce" among squabbling Greek organizers and government officials as they struggle to rescue the troubled 2004 Summer Olympics.

Jacques Rogge, the International Olympic Committee executive with control over the Athens Games, said the Greeks must overcome three years of delays.

"I would call for a four-year truce," Rogge said Tuesday in an interview. "They cannot afford to quarrel. They have to unite. Now is the time to pull all the ranks together and work in a united way."

Athens, host of the first modern Olympics in 1896, has been plagued by bureaucratic delays and political paralysis since being awarded the 2004 games in 1997.

The IOC has told Greece it must speed up preparations and increase government involvement to get the games on track.

The crisis has come into sharper focus since the close of the highly successful Sydney Games, with many observers wondering how Athens will be able to manage such a massive undertaking.

While the IOC insists no contingency plans are being discussed, speculation persists that

the games could be taken away from Greece if Athens falls any further behind.

IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch has called for Greece to follow the model of Sydney, where the head of the organizing committee was also a government minister.

The Greek government said last week it was not considering a Cabinet post for Gianna Angelopoulos-Daskalaki, who led Athens' bid for the games and was brought back four months ago to take over the organizing committee.

Angelopoulos-Daskalaki met last Thursday with Prime Minister Costas Simitis, but no progress was reported in resolving their differences.

There have been numerous reports in the Greek media that Angelopoulos-Daskalaki has threatened to resign because of disputes with government ministers.

The organizing committee has been criticized in Greece for spending \$1.6 million on its hospitality offices in Sydney.

"There have been a lot of controversies in the press about the alleged lack of cooperation between the organizing committee and the government," Rogge said. "All of this is not positive. We need a very united collabora-

tion between the organizers and the government. We also need a unity of public opinion behind the games."

Rogge said Greece has repeatedly rejected the IOC's proposal for the Athens Games to be run by an Olympics Minister.

"The government said this was not compatible with Greek political traditions," he said.

Rogge said the IOC will accept any arrangement that ensures strong input from various ministers.

"What is important is not who does it, what is important is what the government can deliver," he said. "If they deliver with various ministers what they could do with one minister, it's irrelevant. If the result is the same, we are happy."

The organizing committee is scheduled to meet with government ministers in Athens early next week. Expected topics include disputes over organizing committee salaries and expenditures, and efforts to start tapping into the expertise of the Sydney organizing team.

Rogge said the IOC is waiting to see if Athens meets the deadline of appointing a host broadcaster by the end of this month. The host broadcasting company handles the global television feed for the Olympics.

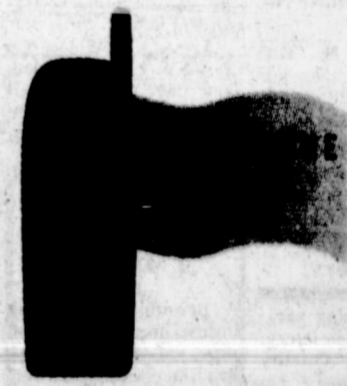
FOOTBALL													
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AMERICAN CONFERENCE													
East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	1	0	.833	112	51	San Diego	0	6	0	.000	93	177
N.Y. Jets	4	1	0	.800	91	86	Seattle	2	4	0	.333	94	132
Indianapolis	3	2	0	.600	135	106	San Diego	0	6	0	.000	93	177
Buffalo	2	3	0	.400	86	98	NATIONAL CONFERENCE						
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San Diego	0	6	0	.000	93	177	N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667	101	91
SUNDAY'S GAMES													
Miami 22, Buffalo 13													
New Orleans 31, Chicago 10													
Pittsburgh 20, N.Y. Jets 3													
Detroit 31, Green Bay 24													
Tennessee 23, Cincinnati 14													
New England 24, Indianapolis 16													
Washington 17, Philadelphia 14													
N.Y. Giants 15, Atlanta 6													
Denver 21, San Diego 7													
Oakland 34, San Francisco 28, OT													
Carolina 26, Seattle 3													
Arizona 29, Cleveland 21													
Baltimore 15, Jacksonville 10													
Open: Kansas City, Dallas, St. Louis													
Monday's Game													
Minnesota 30, Tampa Bay 23													
Sunday, Oct. 15													
Dallas at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.													
Atlanta at St. Louis, 1 p.m.													
San Diego at Buffalo, 1 p.m.													
Baltimore at Washington, 1 p.m.													
Oakland at Kansas City, 1 p.m.													
Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m.													
Cincinnati at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.													
Cleveland at Denver, 4:05 p.m.													
Indianapolis at Seattle, 4:05 p.m.													
N.Y. Jets at New England, 4:05 p.m.													
Philadelphia at Arizona, 4:15 p.m.													
San Francisco at Green Bay, 4:15 p.m.													
Minnesota at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.													
Open date games: Miami, Detroit, Tampa Bay													
Monday, Oct. 16													
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 9 p.m.													
BASEBALL													
Postseason Baseball													
At A Glance													
By The Associated Press													
All Times EDT													
LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES													
American League													
(NBC)													
Tuesday, Oct. 10													
Seattle 2, New York 0, Seattle leads series 1-0													
Wednesday, Oct. 11													
Seattle (Halama 14-9) at New York (Hernandez 12-13), 4:09 p.m.													
Friday, Oct. 13													
New York (Petitte 19-9) at Seattle (Sele 17-10), 8:12 p.m.													
Saturday, Oct. 14													
New York (Clemens 13-6) at Seattle (Abbott 9-7), 7:42 p.m.													
Sunday, Oct. 15													
New York at Seattle, 4:09 p.m., if necessary													
Tuesday, Oct. 17													
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary													
Wednesday, Oct. 18													
Seattle at New York, 8:12 p.m., if necessary													
National League													
(FOX)													
Wednesday, Oct. 11													
New York (Hampton 15-10) at St. Louis (Kile 20-9), 8:18 p.m.													
Thursday, Oct. 12													
New York (Leter 16-8) at St. Louis (Ankiel 11-7), 8:18 p.m.													
Saturday, Oct. 14													
St. Louis (Anson 12-9) at New York (Read 11-5), 4:18 p.m.													
Sunday, Oct. 15													
St. Louis (Kile 20-9) at New York (B.J. Jones 11-6), 8 p.m.													
Monday, Oct. 16													
St. Louis at New York, 8:18 p.m., if necessary													
Wednesday, Oct. 18													
New York at St. Louis, 4:18 p.m., if necessary													
Thursday, Oct. 19													
New York at St. Louis, 8:18 p.m., if necessary													
SOFTBALL													
City of Pampa Softball													
League Standings													
Men's Open													
Division One	Team	Won	Lost	Division Two	Team	Won	Lost						
	B.D.C.I.	3	0		DK Glass	3	0						
	Culbertson-Stowers	2	1		Stan's Hot Shots	3	1						
	Halliburton	1	2		Easy's	3	1						
	Wolpack	0	3		Pampa Machine	1	3						
					Trinity Fellowship	1	3						
					United Supermarket	1	3						

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