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**EU may target Texas** 

DALLAS (AP) — Texas'

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become one of the biggest

losers of a trade conflict

brewing between the United

States and the European

could be one casualty if the

EU raises tariffs in mid-

December on \$2.2 billion of

U.S. exports to the 15-nation

have a big impact on the cit-

rus industry in Texas," said

Ray Prewett, president of

Texas Citrus Mutual, an

industry trade organization. "It would really put us at a

big competitive disadvan-

tariff increases if the U.S.

doesn't repeal duties on steel

imported into the United

juice that Texas growers

produce gets shipped to

DEATHS

Florence 'Flo' Gilreath.

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# **Co. Attorney Alvey resigns** Weather Weather

Says resignation not related to Texas Ranger investigation of County Attorney's office

By DAVID BOWSER STAFF WRITER

announced today that he is a prosecutor with Alvey.

said this morning.

Alvey said today that his Scott as a special prosecutor." resignation had nothing to do this year by Texas Rangers.

Dec. 31, Alvey said.

ignation late yesterday," Gray investigate those matters,' morning, he indicated to me sary, whether it be to close that he had been here for 10 the file or present it to a grand

Judge Peet said the Gray County Commission would fax from Scott over the weeking an interim county attor- had been reached in the case.

"We'll be taking applica- inquires to Scott. tions," Peet said.

lowing an investigation by no way shape, form or fashcers into the operation of the my office." County Attorney's office.

me by a Texas Ranger," 31st authority to handle it and District Attorney Rick Roach resolve the issue. My undersaid today, "involving some standing is that a resolution activities that were taking has been reached, but that's

place in his office there." Texas Ranger Gary Henderson investigated involved had approved the reports of questionable activ- resolution to the case. ities in the County Attorney's office earlier this year, ently centered around book-Henderson concluded his keeping operations in the investigation last summer County Attorney's office.

before retiring, Roach said.

concluded," Roach said

Roach removed himself from the case, he said, The Gray County Attorney because of having worked as

"I didn't think it was appro-"This is my 10th year and priate for me because of our it's time for me to go on to relationship as prosecutors in bigger and better things," the same county for me to County Attorney Todd Alvey handle that," Reach said today. "I appointed David

Scott, a lawyer in private with an investigation into the practice in Perryton, had operation of his office earlier worked before with the District Attorney's office in His resignation is effective—the past on other cases.

"David was given full "I did get his letter of res- authority to completely County Judge Richard Peet Roach said, "and take whatsaid. "Talking with him this ever action he deemed necesyears and that he would like jury or any other type of disto move and do more full position that he felt like was time private practice. He warranted under the circumthought now is the time to do stances given the facts of the

Roach said he received a begin the process of appoint- end saying that a resolution Roach referred all other

"Les a tell you that the res-The resignation comes fol- olution to the matter was in state law enforcement offi- ion had anything to do with was done specifically by "A matter was referred to David. I had given him all I know.

Roach said the victims

The investigation appar-

Scott was in court this "There were a couple of morning and could not be matters which had not been reached for comment.



(Pampa News photo by Marilyn Powers)

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner, right, congratulates Officer Aaron McWilliams after awarding him the department's Lifesaving Ribbon and a certificate, along with a pen and pencil set from Burlington Northern & Santa Fe Railroad. McWilliams was honored last night at the city commission meeting in City Hall for saving a woman's life Oct. 10 at the Starkweather railroad cross-

# Policeman honored for rescuing woman

By MARILYN POWERS

STAFF WRITER

was honored at the city commission meeting—sets of rails, counting from the south side of the last night for saving a woman's life Oct. 10 at crossing. McWilliams ran toward the rails and the Starkweather Street railroad crossing.

McWilliams with a certificate and the depart- most track. ment's Lifesaving Ribbon. Senior Agent Gary Lane of Burlington Northern & Santa Fe either side of the rails. If you're on the Railroad also recognized McWilliams' actions by presenting him with a pen and pencil set.

"We are here to honor an officer who's gone form each day." Pitner said.

Videotape taken from cameras in the patrol who also responded to the dispatcher's call. began with the call on the radio stating that a wor, an was reportedly lying on the tracks at but was able to respond to McWilliams' questhe Starkweather Street railroad crossing, and a tions. She was not lying on the crossties to purtrain was comine

McWilliams arrived first at the scene, on the south side of the tracks. The crossbars were cer since Feb. 17. Before coming to Pampa, he down and warning lights and bells on, signal- was a Hutchinson County sheriff's deputy for ing the approach of a train. No other vehicles four and one-half years.

were waiting on the south side of the crossing.

Just as McWilliams stopped his car at the crossbar, a train moved over the rails crossing Pampa Police Officer Aaron McWilliams the street. This train was on the second of four saw the woman lying on the crossties about six Police Chief Treylyn Pitner presented to eight inches from the rails of the southern-

"Trains extend three or more feet from crossties, you'd be hit by a train," Pitner explained.

McWilliams pulled the woman away from above and beyond the regular duties we per-the rails and picked her up. He ran away from the tracks, carrying her to his patrol car. As he reached his car, a train crossed over the street cars of McWilliams and Officer Cade Logue, on the southernmost set of rails, where the woman had been lying.

> The woman was intoxicated. Pitner said. posely injure herself. Pitner said.

McWilliams has been a Pampa police offi-

# City considers \$25,000 budget transfer

By MARILYN POWERS STAFF WRITER

The first reading of an ordinance amending Pampa's 2003-2004 operat-Kingsmill.

second reading. The purpose of the department. transfer is to pay for a full-time employ-

and the second-floor permitting office, will be created. which includes code enforcement and the Action Center.

The transfer will pay for a full-time employee for the court and cash collections, city officials say. ing budget by \$25,000 passed in a regu- for the city increased about \$95,000 last of the school to accommodate handi-

lar session of city commissioners at 6 fiscal year, which ended Oct. 1, and capped children attending there," said tion were canvassed and results declared. p.m. yesterday in commission chambers shows no sign of slowing down since. Kim. Lineycomb. street department on the third floor of City Hall, 201 W. that date. He stated that the increase in supervisor. court rev rue could help offset the The \$25,000 could be transferred \$25,000 increase in spending, as could participation in the Panhandle Regional ment that we need to address or it will from the water fund to the general fund reconnect fees and customer service if Ordinance No. 1411 is passed on its inspection fees collected by the water

An ordinance creating new bus load-

of Pampa Independent School District planning project. Grant pointed out that court revenue requesting bus loading on the west side

mitigation project passed unanimously. feel free to talk to us and open lines of The project involves funding provided by the Department of Public Safety's to go away. Also, we need some public ee for the court and cash collections ing zones on Browning and Hazel Division of Emergency Management to meetings to talk about costs and are they streets for Woodrow Wilson Elementary address incidents involving natural and willing to pay the costs." City employee Donna Darling had School was passed on first reading. If man-made hazards which may cause "I was approached by representatives - rata share of the costs of the regional - Supercenter.

Commissioners also approved sec- 2 was absent from the meeting

ond and final readings of ordinances which eliminate city commission work sessions and which change the time of city commission meetings from 6 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Votes cast in the Nov. 4 special elec-

Faustina Curry, Ward 4 commissioner, said of the election, "Obviously we A resolution authorizing the city's have some problems in the fire depart-Planning Commission's regional hazard—rear its ugly head again. They need to communication, because it's not going

A staff report by Donny Hooper, been dividing her time between central the proposed ordinance passes on its significant harm to property and persons engineering technician with the city's collections, or cash collection and court, second reading, the new loading zones in the city. Pampa will have to provide. Public Works department, was heard \$6,002 in matching resources as its pro- concerning the proposed Wal-Mart

Commissioner Jeff Andrews of Ward

FRED BROWN area, said Mitch Grant, city manager.

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### OBITUARIES

FLORENCE 'FLO' GILREATH 1913-2003

Florence "Flo" Gilreath, 89, of Pampa, Gilreath, Jr., Texas, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Pampa. David Graveside services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Gilreath, Nov. 14, 2003, at Fairview Cemetery with the Anthony Rev. Charles Lowry, pastor of the Fellowship Gilreath, Mark Baptist Church, officiating. Arrangements are Ramey under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley T o m m y Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Gilreath was born Dec. 12, 1913, in great-grand-Marion County, Ala. She had been a resident of Pampa since 1941. She married Luther Milburn Gilreath on Oct. 8, 1933, in Lakeview, Texas. He preceded her in death on May 1, and numerous nieces and nephews. She was

She worked as a sales clerk at M.E. Moses for over 30 years.

She was a member of the Fellowship Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter, Susan E. Ramey of Ponca City, Okla.; a son, Billy W. Gilreath of Pampa; five grandchildren, Billy

Ramey; five children; a great-greatgrandchild;

preceded in death by a sister and three brothers.

The family will be at 1040 S. Wells and 128

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### **ELLA JANE BRADLEY TROUT**

1920-2003

MOBEETIE, Texas — Ella Jane Bradley Trout, 83, died Monday, Nov. 10, 2003, at Wheeler, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m., Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at the First Baptist church of Mobeetie with the Rev. Ray OQuin, a Baptist minister, and the Rev. Lewis Ellis, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Burial will be in Mobeetie Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Trout was born Oct. 25, 1920, in Mobeetie where she had been a lifelong resident. She married Albert Trout on July 22, 1939, in Pampa. He preceded her in death on April 8, 1991. She farmed and ranched with her husband for many years.

She worked at the Mobeetie Grocery Store for 22 years and worked in the Mobeetie School Cafeteria for nine years. She was affec-

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three police officers, releas-

ing six children and a woman,

and shooting possibly at least

one other man in a standoff at

Police were called to

a.m. following reports of gun-

fire. After the apartments

were evacuated, officers sur-

rounded the scene and began

negotiations with the man,

whose name was not released.

apartment and found four

children unhurt. Police said

the children told them that the

gunman was inside a bed-

room, Sgt. Gil Cerda said.

Authorities entered the

apartment

Wednesday.

tionately known as "Gran Gran."

She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Mobeetie. Survivors include three daughters, Carol

McGee and Judy Watts and husband Richie, all of De Leon, and Marolyn OQuin and husband Ray of Pampa; two sons, Dewayne Trout and wife Anita of Amarillo and Lonnie Trout and wife Sandra of Miami; three sisters, Frances Sclusky of South Charlestown, N.H., Dortha Beck of Lefors and Jimmie McBain of Columbia, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, John Bradley Trout on Aug. 22, 1965.

The family requests memorials be to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101, or a favorite charity.

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ed the officers as they entered

The officers were taken to

Methodist Hospital where

they were listed in good con-

dition, nursing administrator

Tom Hall said. Their names

of the children, Cerda said.

The man's relationship to

"At this time, a motive is

still being established,"

Senior Cpl. Chris Gilliam

said. "We're getting some

questions answered by the

young lady we have down-

town. But the ultimate ques-

tions are going to have to be

answered by the individual

Two other children who

were being held hostage were

escorted out of the apartment

by police about four hours

after the standoff began, leav-

ing one child with the gun-

man. The woman was

released sometime before the

children, but police were

unsure how she got out of the

Gilliam said police saw the

body of a man in the apart-

ment. He backed away from

earlier police statements that

at least two other men were

either wounded or dead inside

were not released.

the bedroom, Cerda said.

Officers shot in stand-off

early

Meadow Parc Apartments in the hostages was unclear, but

southwest Dallas about 3:40 he could be the father of some

inside.

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apartment.

DALLAS (AP) — A man The gunman shot and wound-

### ON RECORD

## **POLICE**

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Tuesday, Nov. 11

Burglary of a building was reported at Amber's Restaurant, 2014 N. Hobart. Entry was through a back door. Taken were several cases of beer and meat. Estimated loss was

400 block of Davis. Means of entry is lia.

unknown. Taken were a microwave and two end tables. No estimate of loss was reported.

Troy Lynn Brassfield, 24, 509 N. Cuyler, was arrested for capias pro fines on charges of no motor vehicle registration and no insurance. Billy Jack Baldwin, 26, 329 Jean, was arrested for criminal trespass; evading arrest/detention; resisting arrest, search or Burglary of a habitation was reported in the transport; and possession of drug parapherna-

### SHERIFF

Tuesday, Nov. 11

and Naturalization Service. Wednesday, Nov. 12

Gray County Sheriff's Tijuana, Mexico, was arrested Lubbock, was arrested for Department today reported and held for the Immigration aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Locke had a knife and was involved in a Troy Wayne Locke, 33, domestic violence incident.

the following arrests.

Ricardo Martin, 43,

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

**FIRE** 

### Tuesday, Nov. 11

12:21 p.m. - One unit and two firefighters responded to a grass fire in the 800 block of South Sumner. About 100 square feet of grass was burned after someone dumped out ashes in the yard.

### Wednesday, Nov. 12

5:55 a.m. – One unit and three firefighters responded to a carbon monoxide report in the 1900 block of North Christy. Firefighters found elevated carbon monoxide levels in the residence. Officials believe that when residents changed a heater filter, carbon monox ide had drafted into the home from the exhaust.

### **AMBULANCE**

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

### Tuesday, Nov. 11

7:42 a.m. – A mobile ICU responded to the 400 block of Jupiter and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 11000 block of Courty Road L and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:50 a.m. - A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Coffee and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:09 p.m. – A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

2:22 p.m. - A mobile ICU responded to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo, and transferred a patient to PRMC.

## WEATHER FOCUS

Today's forecast is calling for mostly Friday, partly cloudy in the morning then cloudy skies, highs around 60 and north winds 15 to 25 mph. Caution is advised on area lakes. Tonight should fall on cloudy skies with a 30 percent chance of rain, lows in the lower 30s and east winds 10 to 15 mph. Thursday should see a 60 percent chance of rain. Rain mixed with sleet in the morning. Cooler. Highs in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain and light sleet. Lows in the lower 30s. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph. in the upper 50s.

becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Friday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows around 40. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 50s. Monday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Tuesday, partly cloudy. Highs

### Lynch disturbed by early reports of her ordeal

NEW YORK (AP) — Pfc. Jessica Lynch said she is disturbed that the military seemed to overdramatize her rescue by U.S. troops and spread false stories that she went down shooting in an Iraqi

"That wasn't me. I wasn't about to take credit for something I didn't do," she told The Associated Press on Tuesday. "I'm not that person."

The 20-year-old former Army supply clerk twig-thin and weary, one crutch close at hand described her ordeal in a Veterans Day interview seven months after the rescue made her a national

Reports circulated by the U.S. military early in the war said Lynch waged a fierce gunbattle with Iraqi fighters who ambushed her 507th Maintenance Company from Fort Bliss, Texas on March 23 at Nasiriyah. She has since said her rifle jammed, and she did not get off a shot.

And Lynch's new book points out that, despite the "tension and drama" of the military videotape showing gun-toting U.S. soldiers rushing into an Iraqi hospital to rescue her, the hospital staff never resisted, and even offered the troops a key.

"It disturbed me," Lynch said. "I knew that it wasn't the truth."

Still, the ex-prisoner of war from rural West Virginia took pains to say that she does not care why the military may have exaggerated her story, and that she considers the soldiers who rescued her April 1 to be heroes.

"No matter what it was, the point is that they got in there, they rescued me, and they took me home safe," she said.

Lynch, who has fair skin and fine blond hair that falls to her shoulders, physically recoils when she recounts her time in the hospital, a time when her hope dwindled each day that she would see home again — or even survive.

But she said that as she lay in a bed at Saddam Hussein General Hospital, her body wracked, she decided: "I wasn't going to let myself die there."

"I was determined," she said. "In my mind, I was thinking, 'I've got family to get back to, I've got a boyfriend, I've got all these things to see and do when I get home."

Lynch spoke with the AP as her biography, "I Am a Soldier, Too," hit bookstores nationwide. It was written by Rick Bragg, who resigned from The New York Times after a free-lancer helped him with a story without receiving credit. Bragg was present during the AP interview with Lynch.

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So for how ever long you're on this earth, from the first day of your birth. You have been a special child, to care for you the best I can, In hopes that I can fulfill, whatever has been God's Plan.

These words are a promise to you, And I will always hold them to be true. So be strong my little one. Till the day that God says I am done!

Happy 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday and many more to come.

Ismael, Jessica, Juarez & Ontiveros

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# NASIRIYA bomber attac

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The truck compound as Carabinieri bi chamber of c spokesman, A He said the

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## Sheltered Workshop contract



(Courtesy photo)

Pampa Sheltered Workshop recently contracted with Pampa Regional Medical Center to shred documents for the hospital. In celebration of their new contract, Workshop employees wear PRMC t-shirts: back row, from left, Donald Stuart, Randy Swires, Taisey Phillips, Hector Estrada; middle row, from left, Bobby Garcia, Gary Carr, Linda Pierce, Steven Counts, Janis Smith, Debbie Ellis, Amy Hammer; front row, Joan Arnold, Dicky Hendricks, Ronnie Tucker, Majaunta Slater, and Lisa Busby. For more information about Pampa Sheltered Workshop, contact Anna at 669-6322.

# Truck bomb in southern Iraq kills 17 Italians, Iraqis at base

bomber attacked the headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in this southern city on ammunition stored in the compound rocked the Wednesday, killing 25 people — including 17 area moments after the main blast. Italians — and possibly trapping others in the

began in April, and the first such attack in injury but the driver was wounded. Nasiriyah, a relatively quiet Shiite Muslim city. not safe anywhere in Iraq.

Col. Gianfranco Scalas said 17 Italians were spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition said at least eight Iraqis were also killed. About 15 people were wounded, although their national- mation on the shootings. ities were not known, Italian officials said.

the presence of other fatalities," Defense Minister Antonio Martino told parliament.

the debris, and bulldozers worked to clear rubble. As night fell, however, soldiers said rescue efforts had ended.

Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi declared an end to active combat May 1. called the bombing a "terrorist act," while Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi miles southeast of Baghdad, went off at about commitment to helping Iraq.

Witnesses said the truck driver got past military police said. guards after a car ran a roadblock, distracting the sentries.

The truck rammed the gate of the Italian in Nasiriyah, along with 110 Romanians. compound and exploded in front of the chamber of commerce building, a coalition no reports of Romanian victims. spokesman, Andrea Angeli, said.

Euphrates River. All the vehicles parked out- the Balkans.

NASIRIYAH, Iraq (AP) — A suicide truck side the stricken building exploded in flames. Angeli said secondary explosions from

Also Wednesday, U.S.-troops in Baghdad accidentally fired on a car carrying a member It was the deadliest toll suffered by non- of the Iraqi Governing Council. The council American coalition forces since the occupation member, Mohammed Bahr al-Uloun, escaped

And a roadblock in Fallujah, a restive city The bombing appeared aimed at sending a west of the capital, U.S. troops fired on a truck message that international organizations are carrying live chickens Tuesday night, killing five civilians.

"They went to bring chickens ... and they killed: 11 Carabinieri paramilitary police, four came back at 9 or 10 at night and we were waitarmy soldiers, an Italian civilian working at the ing for them," said Khalid Khalifa al-Jumaily, base and an Italian documentary filmmaker. A whose two nephews were killed on the truck. "The Americans fired on them."

The U.S. military said it no immediate infor-

In separate attacks, an American soldier was "Unfortunately, it's not possible to exclude killed when a roadside bomb exploded near a U.S. patrol by the town of Taji northwest of Baghdad, the U.S. military said. A 1st Armored There were fears of others trapped beneath Division soldier died of wounds suffered in a roadside bombing in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Their deaths bring to 153 the number of soldiers killed by hostile fire since President Bush

The truck bomb in Nasiriyah, about 180 pledged that it wouldn't derail his country's 10:40 a.m. in front of base of the Carabinieri's multinational specialist unit, the Italian para-

> Italy has sent about 2,300 troops to help rebuild Iraq. About 340 Carabinieri are based

Alice Moldovan, a spokeswoman for Carabinieri building, which was the former Romania's Defense Ministry, said there were

Carabinieri are paramilitary police under the He said the force of the explosion blew out Defense Ministry, and frequently serve in interwindows in another building across the national missions such as in Afghanistan and

# Tensions increasing between U.S., Iraqi Governing Council

Governing Council.

most recently the truck bomb- about to disband it. ing Wednesday of the headsouthern city of Nasiriyah.

which risks civilian casualties hoped." and alienating Iraqis.

Heavy-handed against the 25-seat Governing very intense period." Council also could be seen by

spokesman for council memwere "nonsense and baseless" powers and sovereignty."

Sunni Kurd member of the not been replaced. council, told The Associated Press. "This is supposed to be a partnership based on equality, but when the Americans want to find solution for their problems, they do it in any way that suits them."

L. Paul Bremer, the chief civilian administrator for Iraq, was summoned unexpectedly

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - from Baghdad to a White The Kurds are eager to Personal agendas, ethnic rival- House meeting Tuesday with maintain their autonomous ries and differences over Secretary of State Colin control of the north. The visions for a new Iraq are Powell, Defense Secretary Sunnis, who controlled Iraq own creation - the Iraqi Rice and other key officials.

Frustration over the U.S.- cials acknowledged concerns give them a commanding appointed council has about the council's progress voice in the new Iraq. emerged at a time of escalating since its installation in July but

In response to the growing said on condition of anonymiinsurgency, the U.S. military ty. "But there is a need to put has adopted a new tactic of some energy into the political have a dialogue to reach a answering guerrilla attacks transition. It is true they are decision," he told AP. "And with massive firepower — not as together as we had when we do that, then we shall

moves Washington that "we are in a and compromise with them."

the already distrustful Iraqi the IGC is failing," Bremer ened when Washington perpublic as a sign that the said. "They face a very diffi- suaded Turkey to send troops Americans aren't serious cult situation at this time, but to join the coalition - despite about granting Iraqis a mean- the Iraqis are, I think, more widespread public opposition ingful role in their own affairs. and more effective in their to a Turkish role. The Turks - Qanbar, assumption of authority."

ber Ahmed Chalabi, said the ences, the very composition of complaints against the body the council discourages quick decision-making. To reflect and that the "only solution is the diversity of Iraqi society, tion and the Governing that the council be given full the council includes 13 Council have been simmering "The Governing Council Sunnis, one Christian and one complained privately about should not alone bear the Turkman. One of the Shiites, the slow pace of decisionresponsibility of any ineffi- Aquila al-Hashimi, was assas- making and seeming indifferciency." Mahmoud Othman, a sinated in September and has ence of some members to

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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## **WEDNESDAY • NOVEMBER 12, 2003**

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

## **Poison Is Dangerous Solution To Problem of Mailbox Spiders**

DEAR ABBY: As a longtime postal carrier, I found the letter you printed from the carrier in Las Vegas interesting and frightening. I, too, find spiders in mailboxes. Sometimes I shoo them out; sometimes they run and hide. When they're black widows, I usually try to squish them. But I never want my customers to spray poisons into or around their mailboxes!

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Please warn readers to look inside their mailboxes before reaching in. It's a safer way to avoid contact with spiders, and it's simpler.

SUSAN S., NORTH HIGHLANDS, CALIF.

DEAR SUSAN: Call me an arachnophobe, but if I saw a black widow spider, my first reaction would be to call an exterminator. However, I have heard from several other mail carriers, and all echoed your sentiments. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You don't need to use bug spray in the mailbox. A mothball in the mailbox will keep all the critters out!

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DEAR ABBY: When I was growing up, my older sister, "Lisa," beat me up frequently. It started when I was 3 and she was 6. The beatings continued until I was 12. Then she started doing other things — like spraying hairspray in my eyes and telling our parents I did it to myself, or breaking the zipper on my backpack just as I was getting on the school bus. One time, Lisa maneuvered me into the back seat of my brother's car and whispered for him to slam on the brakes. She held on and laughed while I was thrown against the front seat and cut my head.

My parents never said a word to her, and my mother always sided with her against me. I went through years of depression but finally graduated from college and

got on with my life. Now that we are adults, Lisa thinks we should be friends. I think now, after all she did to me, she should leave me alone and let me live in peace. What do you think? TIRED OF HER ABUSE

IN ARIZONA

DEAR TIRED: I agree. Your sister was a malicious brat, but I fault your parents for turning a blind eye instead of stopping the abuse. I don't blame you for wanting little or nothing to do with your childhood abuser. Under the circumstances, it's a logical decision. The time for building a close and loving relationship was years ago.

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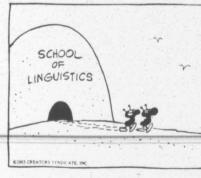
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### WRESTLING

**PAMPA** Harvester Wrestling Booster Club is having a spaghetti supper Thursday at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

Spagetti supper tickets are five dollars apiece and may be purchased from any wrestler or booster club member. For more information, call 440-1234.

### **TENNIS**

AUSTIN (AP) — Conroe Oak Ridge and Highland Park will meet in the Class 4A team tennis finals after winning their semifinals matches Tuesday.

Conroe Oak Ridge (22-3) defeated San Antonio Alamo Heights 10-4 while Highland Park (24-0) defeated Wichita Falls 10-2.

San Antonio Alamo Heights ends the season at 11-8. Wichita Falls finishes at 23-6.

A site and time for the 4A finals was to be set Wednesday.

### BASKETBALL

HOUSTON (AP) -Jeff Van Gundy beat his brother, and then made excuses for him.

"Tonight had nothing to do with intensity, effort or energy, we just outsized them," the Houston Rockets coach said. "They don't have much size or shooting ability. We have size and shooters."

In only the second time brothers coached against each other in an NBA game, Jeff's Rockets beat Stan's Miami Heat 90-70 on Tuesday night.

The Van Gundys joined Herb and Larry Brown asthe only coaching matchup between brothers in league history. The Rockets won their fourth in a row and Miami lost its seventh straight to remain the only winless team in the league.

"You could assemble a staff of Red Auerbach, Red Holzman, and Phil Jackson and it wouldn't matter," Jeff said. "That's just a small, small team."

After rehashing their childhood together for several days leading up to Tuesday's game, Jeff Van Gundy was glad the game was over.

"The last three days, any time I've tried to think about basketball, I've been reminded about pingpong in childhood," Jeff said.

"I almost feel guilty. It's like why were you blessed with talent and he wasn't? There was a huge talent discrepancy and huge size discrepancy, which we're happy about, but we're going to have to play better to continue to win."

### Flashback

1963: Second baseman Rickey Stewart had four hits and two runs-batted-in to lead the Pampa Rebels past Borger in an American League game.

Jim Arthur was the winning pitcher.

# Pampa in favorite's role at bi-district clash

The Harris Ratings give Pampa the favorites role in the bi-district clash against San Angelo Lake View. The 9-1 Harvesters are favored by 13 points over a 4-6 Lake View squad at 5 p.m. Friday at Lubbock's Lowrey Field.

The Chiefs' record could be a little misleading. All of those losses have been against playoff-bound teams.

The Chiefs haven't been to the playoffs since 1996. That was the year Pampa beat them 29-7 in the Area

The Chiefs do have some

**Clock strikes** 

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HOUSTON (AP) — The

The franchise that stayed in

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Texans nose guard Seth Payne

- the tip of the spear of Houston's 3-4 defense -- crum-

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ing sack Aaron Brooks for a 7-

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devolved into a 31-6 victory for

the so-so Saints and the Texans,

who upset Miami in the opener

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background. They went undefeated at 10-0 during the 1982 regular season, but lost to Lubbock Dunbar in the playoffs. Lake View's offense is

led by 6-2, 210-pound senior Matt Phillips, who has thrown for 1,108 yards and 9 touchdowns. Phillips can also run with 643 yards and 11 touchdowns to his credit.

Running back Robert Payne is a rushing threat with 1,092 yards and 8 TDs. He rushed for 164 yards and scored two TDs in the

winning tradition in their Lubbock Estacado to clinch averaging 35.9 points a a playoff spot.

> Leading the receiving corp is 5-10, 170-pound senior Alex Gaither, who has snared 46 passes for 470 yards and 6

> Hunt, a 6-3, 300-pound senior, is a bonafide major college prospect.

The Harvesters had no problems in disposing of Caprock (37-0) last week to gain a share of the District 3-4A championship with Palo Duro and Plainview.

game and scored 30 points or better in the first five games of the season.

Johnny Moore at quarterback and Andrew Curtis at running back have been an Offensive guard Jeff effective 1-2 tandem for the Harvesters.

> The elusive Moore uses slippery moves in rushing for 1,171 yards and 16 touchdowns. Power running by Curtis has resulted in 795 yards and 8 TDs.

Moore has also passed for 1,184 yards to go with 10 The Pampa offense fin- TDs. Leading in receptions Chiefs' 34-0 win over ished the regular season is senior receiver Jesse

Tarango, who has caught 49 passes for 702 passes and six

Strong-legged junior Seth Foster has contributed five field goals to go with 34 extra point kicks.

Against winless Caprock, It was the fourth shut out for the Pampa defense, which has allowed just 9.1 points a game. Junior linebacker Q.B. Cobb led the Pampa defense with a game-high 14 tackles and turned in one of the more dazzling plays of the night when he returned an interception 76 yards for a touchdown.

## **Bi-district champs**



The Fort Elliott Lady Cougars will meet Water Valley in the area round of the Class 1A volleyball playoffs tonight in Knox City. Team members are (front row, I-r) Sarah Moon, Andrea Hathaway, Chrystal Selby, Sarah Zybach, Randi Barr, Tamara Hefley, and Andria Keelen; (back row, I-r) Coach Curtis Smith, Chynna Atherton, Glory Hartsfield, Alicia Reis, Laura Lohberger, Holly McCurley, Vanessa Huff, and Shealee Coulter.

# Oklahoma turns focus to lowly Baylor

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Bob Stoops and the No. 1 Oklahoma Sooners say they're taking Baylor seriously. Hardly

anyone else is. disappointment when he was healthy and rookie Antwan Peek

is considered the future of that position anyway. As harmful as the injury

problems have been, not to mention the ineffectiveness of free safety Matt Stevens that led to his benching, Payne's still pains most.

The Texans were fond of noting for weeks afterward that the team went six games into the season before yielding a 100yard runner, although the claim was a little specious. New Orleans' Duece McAllister had 96 yards that fateful Sept. 14, and Priest Holmes had 89 the next week without playing the fourth quarter in a Chiefs' blowout win.

The Colts' Edgerrin James finally broke through with 104 yards on Oct. 26, piling up bunches of late yards to seal the

Then the dam burst. Carolina's Stephen Davis ran right past the patchwork defensive line for 153 yards in a Texans win, then Rudi Johnson erupted for 182 yards last weekend in a loss at Cincinnati. Journeymen Corey Sears and Jerry Deloach, rookie free agent Terrance Martin and two guys signed after the season began -Junior Ioane and Steve Martin - provided little barrier.

The only relief in sight is that the offenses, particularly the rushing offenses, of the next three teams aren't particularly daunting. Then again, who besides Bengals fans, Auburn alums and fantasy football mavens knew anything about

Stoops was asked about two dozen questions during his 23minute news conference Tuesday, most concerning the team's etiquette in a 77-0 rout of Texas A&M. A few were about quarterback Jason White's Heisman Trophy campaign. Others sought to prod Stoops

on his team (he couldn't). Only two were about lowly Baylor, a 53-point underdog coming into Norman this weekend.

into naming a specific weakness

"We do recognize that anybody can get anybody if they're not prepared to play," Stoops said. "We definitely need to be

prepared to play, as always." That's a scary prospect for the Bears (3-7, 1-5 Big 12),

earlier this season. Here's a breakdown of what appears to be a colossal mis-

who lost 73-10 to Texas A&M

Oklahoma (10-0, 6-0) has the nation's top-ranked defense, keeping Ol'homa State and Texas A&M out of the end zone the past two games. In the Sooners' win over the Aggies, A&M had only three first downs and 54 yards of offense.

Meanwhile, Baylor ranks 113th out of 117 Division I-A schools in total offense (281 yards per game), and the Bears have only scored one offensive touchdown in the past three

- The Sooners have the country's highest-scoring offense (48 points per game) and have scored more than 50 points a school-record six times this season. Baylor has the nation's 109th-ranked defense

(457 yards per game) and is 113th in scoring defense (38 points per game). - Against common opponents (North Texas, Colorado, Texas and Texas A&M) Baylor has been outscored 211-66,

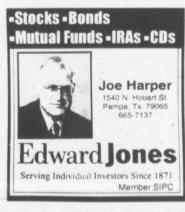
while Oklahoma holds a 203-36 advantage.

You get the idea.

Making matters potentially worse, new Baylor coach Guy Morriss has openly mused about starting a lineup full of underclassmen, including freshman quarterback Shawn Bell, against the Sooners to get some much-needed playing time.

"They are the future," Morriss said. "I think it would

be a good opportunity for them to go into an environment like Norman and play against the No. 1-ranked team."





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## Report: Rangers would listen to trade offers for Rodriguez

NEW YORK (AP) - The before the 2001 season. He The New York Times report- deal could be completed. ed Wednesday.

"It would be less than honest for me to say we're not listening," Rangers manager Buck Showalter told the newspaper. "If people call you about a player, even if it's a player you love the way we love Alex, you have to at least

Especially because Rodriguez costs the Rangers so much.

He has seven years and \$179 million remaining on the record \$252 million con-

Texas Rangers are willing to also has a no-trade clause, field trade offers for star which he would have to shortstop Alex Rodriguez, waive before any potential

Rodriguez, 28, might agree to that for a chance to win soon. The Rangers have finished last in the AL-West for four straight seasons.

At the general managers' meeting in Phoenix, Texas GM John Hart made it clear that his team is not trying to move Rodriguez and said the possibility of a deal was a long shot, The Times report-

"He's our cornerstone player," Hart told the newspatract he signed with Texas this business, you pick up the years.

Rodriguez suggested in late July that he would be willing to accept a trade if the team doesn't improve, but later changed his tone.

"The optimism is obvious. I hope that this winter we get a few small pieces and keep going," Rodriguez said at the end of the season. "We don't need a miracle. We don't need a total facelift.

Perhaps the best all-around player in baseball, Rodriguez hit .298 with 47 home runs and 118 RBIs last season and won a Gold Glove for his defensive excellence. He's had at least 41 homers and per. "But if the phone rings in 111 RBIs each of the past six

## Mavericks defeat Hornets, 125-97

DALLAS (AP) — The Mavericks. Nash finished first quarter to build a 39-26 Dallas Mavericks finally got their lineup of All-Stars pulling in the same direc-

Steve Nash hit all five of his 3-point shots and sparked a decisive thirdquarter run in Mavericks' 125-97 victory over the New Orleans Hornets on Tuesday night.

The Mavericks, struggling to assimilate newcomers Antoine Walker, Antawn Jamison, Danny Fortson and Tony Delk into the lineup, had their most complete effort of the season, shooting 58, finishing with 40 assists and holding a 45-30 rebounding edge.

"Coming together with the group we have, we're bound to have some explo-Nash sions," said. "Hopefully this was a glimpse."

The Hornets cut a 19started a 23-2 burst capped the season Friday night. by Jamison's dunk.

Nowitzki 18 for the shooting 17-for-25 in the injury.

with 17 points and 11 edge. assists, and Fortson had nine points and 11 rebounds in Dallas' most-lopsided victory of the season.

"The most important thing was our defense," said Jamison, who had 12 points. "We controlled the boards and got the opportunity to run. This is what we're capable of doing."

Nowitzki said the key the first quarter.

"He was controlling the game, getting everybody involved," Nowitzki said. "He was our MVP last season and that hasn't changed. We have so many weapons, we don't have to force shots. When we have 40 assists, that pretty much says it all."

Baron Davis had 25 points, 20 in the first half, for the Hornets.

David Wesley added 18

Michael Finley 20 and Dirk season, got off to a fast start, because of a hamstring

Finley's 13 points and Fortson's seven points and seven rebounds helped Dallas to its highest-scoring first quarter of the season.

The Mavericks had 15 assists on their first 17 baskets, with Nash handing out seven of them in an effort to get his teammates rolling.

ball, sharing the ball, not was Nash's unselfish play in forcing bad shots," Finley

Mavericks' third-quarter

3-pointer, and it was like we couldn't come back," said P.J. Brown of the Hornets. "It seems like we were stuck on 60-62 points. It was just a bad, bad quarter ... horri-

point deficit in the second points for the Hornets, who his 250th victory with the period to 66-60 early in the handed the Los Angeles Mavericks and is the second third. Then Nash hit a 3 that Lakers their first defeat of NBA coach with at least 250 wins with three teams. Dallas, which led all the Lenny Wilkens is the other. Walker had 21 points, way for the first time this ... Delk missed the game

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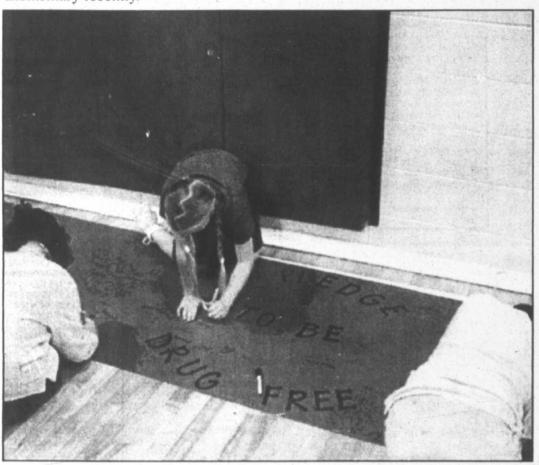
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### Red Ribbon activities



(Courtesy photo)

Principal Doug Rapstine reads to students during Red Ribbon Week at Travis Elementary recently.



Students sign the "I Pledge to be Drug Free" poster during Red Ribbon activities at Travis Elementary recently



Trevlyn Pitner, chief of Pampa Police Department, and Ashley Pitner discuss tobacco use with Travis Elementary students recently during Red Ribbon Week.

### **Prairie Rivers show** set for this Saturday

Prairie Rivers Musical, a live music show, will hold its second show of the season at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 15, at Canadian Middle School

Auditorium. 'We started our fifth season with a performance in October and had a wonderful crowd," said Jay Godwin, a founder of the show. "People are coming from all over the area to support us while enjoying a real blend of classic country, western swing, honky-tonk, and gospel music.

There is no admission charge to see the show and concessions are sold

Regular performers include Scott Campbell, Frankie McWhorter, Phil Ridgway, Hank and Venita McPherson, Mary Lynn Schafer, Lonnie Cox, Wayne Wright, Pat Popham, George Briant and Godwin.

"This is a place to bring the entire family, where you can really relax and enjoy 'toetapping, knee slapping' live music for an entire evening," Godwin said.

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# Art Carney dead at age 85

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) was a huge fan of 'The — With a turned-up porkpie hat and slapstick shtick, Art Carney turned "The Honeymooners" sidekick, Ed Norton into one of the most memorable characters in television history.

He later took home the 1974 Oscar for best actor in "Harry and Tonto," but it was as the upstairs sewer worker neighbor to Jackie Gleason's Ralph Kramden in the 1950s that Carney will be best remem-

Carney, who had been ill for some time, was buried during a small, private ceremony Tuesday, two days after he died in Chester. He was 85.

Kramden and his not-toobright bowling buddy, Norton, appeared in various forms from 1951 to 1956, and the show still in syndication on cable stations - was revived briefly in

With his unbuttoned vest over a white T-shirt, Carney's Norton with his exuberant "Hey, Ralphie boy!" became an ideal foil for Gleason's blustery, bullying Kramden. Carney won three Emmys for his role and his first taste of fame.

"The first time I saw the guy act," Gleason once said, "I knew I would have to work twice as hard for my laughs. He was funny as hell."

In one episode, Norton and Kramden learn to golf from an instruction book. Told to "address the ball," Norton gives a wave of the hand and says, "Hellooooo, ball!" In another episode, Norton inadvertently wins the award for best costume at a Raccoon Lodge party by showing up in his sewer worker's gear. Another time, the loose-limbed Norton teaches Kramden a finger-popping dance called the Hucklebuck.

"I loved Art Carney," said actor Billy Bob Thornton. "I Honeymooners' and I loved Jackie Gleason, who was a genius. But I was probably more struck by Art Carney than Gleason. You just couldn't wait for him to come through the door again."

Evening Post interviewer in

1961 that strangers were always asking him how he liked it down in the sewer. "I have seasonal answers," he said. "In the summer: 'I like it down there because it's cool.' In the winter: 'I like it down there because it's warm.' Then Carney told a Saturday I've got one that isn't seasonal: 'Go to hell."

## Lions Club Sweetheart



(Courtesy photo)

Brianna Bailey, daughter of Nathan and Robin Bailey, was recently named Pampa Noon Lions Club's October Sweetheart of the Month.

Her honors, activities and accomplishments include the following: Cheerleader (three years); dance (14 years); PHS Concert Choir (three years); PHS Show Choir; ASTRA Club; Latin Club; cheerleading captain; UCA All Star; choir activities director; student council senior class representative; National Honor Society; and choreographer (several city chorus musicals as well as "Grease," "The Wiz" and "Once Upon a Mattress," all PHS musi-

Brianna attends Wells Street Church of Christ.

Her future plans are to pursue either a pharmacy or a molecular pathology degree with a minor in music at Texas Tech University.



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