

Deaths

Lillie L. Chamberlain, 83, cafe owner.

Maurice S. Heard, 82, services pending. Doris Y. Rice, 72, homemaker.

Hallie Mae Stone, 98. services pending.

Texas Today

House majority leader makes surprise visit at debate club's forum

HOUSTON (AP) — Students at a high school debate club who had invited Tom DeLay to attend a candidates' forum but didn't receive a return commitment were surprised to see the U.S. House majority leader show up.

DeLay attended Tuesday night's forum sponsored by Clear Lake High School Debate Club. The area only recently became part of the 22nd Congressional District after the state Legislature redrew congressional districts in Texas in a plan pushed by DeLay.

Democrat Richard Morrison and independent Michael Fjetland attacked DeLay's conservative record during the forum that ranged from regional transportation issues to national concerns, including the war on terror and homeland security.

But DeLay said he is committed to looking at all modes of transportation and finding which are the most cost-effective and beneficial.

Agents say violence increasing on border

HARLINGEN (AP) — A weekend shootout on the banks of the Rio Grande is an example of the increasing violence related to drug and people smuggling along the Mexican border, U.S. Border Patrol officials said Tuesday.

"We've had a few incidences here recently where we've had some acts of aggression toward our agents, mainly along the river and rural areas," Border Patrol spokesman Eddie Flores said. "We're noticing an increase in violence along the border."

While Flores said he could not be specific, he said agents have reported confrontations with smugglers in Starr County and within the McAllen sector stretching Brownsville to Falcon Dam.

PISD board faces full agenda Thursday

By DEE DEE LARAMORE Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education faces a full agenda when they meet Thursday, Oct. 21.

The board plans to meet in regular session at 6 p.m., Thursday, at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

Among the action items before the board Thursday are the school campus plans, bids for spring sports,

Textbook Selection Committee, financial reports and personnel mat-

Also scheduled for board consideration is a request by an individual to use school facilities for a MAYB basketball tournament, and a class-Elementary School.

Miranda Bailey, Pampa High School publications advisor, is requesting board approval for two

and approving the 2004-2005 student editors and two sponsors to attend the Columbia Scholastic Press Association convention in New York City in March 2005. The trip would take the place of the annual state journalism conference

Discussion of the Pampa Junior size waiver request for Austin High yearbook class is also scheduled Thursday. A student parent raised concerns about the program and the selection process during the public comment period of the

September meeting.

A number of reports will also be presented at the meeting on the following subjects: Contracting with an outside firm, JR3 Education Association, on rehiring retired educators; PHS extracurricular contract; **TASB** Workers'

Compensation Program; first reading of TASB Policy Update 73; student enrollment information by campus; and SAT, ACT and AP

Group to host district meeting

About 100 Optimists from the North Texas District will meet in Pampa this weekend for the First Quarter District Meeting, according to John W. Warner, chair for the event.

"It's been about 20 years since we've had one of these in Pampa," Warner said today.

Presiding over the threeday meeting will be Cassie Shultze, governor of the North Texas District, from Wichita Falls.

Optimist International Vice President Danny Rodgers will address the group at the Governor's Banquet on Saturday night.

The event will begin at 6 p.m. Friday with a Mexican pile-on dinner followed by a Casino Night. Benny Horton and Jason Bagwell will assist Optimists gambling with Optimist Bucks at a craps table and blackjack tables. At the end of the evening, the winners will bid for door prizes as Buddy Allen conducts the auction.

Saturday morning the group will be welcomed to Pampa by Mayor Lonny Robbins and Pampa President Ronnie Haynes. The business session will be followed by a training session on Tri-Star Basketball taught by former North Texas Governor Paul Lucas of Odessa.

Boys and girls in three age groups, 8-9, 10-11 and 12-13, will compete for first, second and third place medals at 4 p.m. Saturday at the Optimist Gym. Registration for Tri-Star Basketball will continue today and tomorrow from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym. Due to time constraints, only 12 boys and 12 girls from each age group

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Pampa Firefighter Rick Littlefield explains fire safety precautions to third graders from Woodrow Wilson Elementary School in the "kitchen" area of the Fire Safety House.

Fire safety education helps safe lives

Safety House," a yearly program target-bedroom. ing children in third grade.

Chief Randy Dunham in a news release, for her lifesaving effort.

Last year, a Pampa 8-year-old used what she had learned from this program to save her great-great grandfather's life.

the years to come."

On Oct. 8, 2003, "Abby" Abigail Jones went through the Fire Safety House with other third graders from Lamar Elementary School.

Two days later, on Oct. 10, 2003, she heard her dog bark- kitchen, the bedroom, and encourages ing and looked out from her house to the youngsters to choose with their fam- able to all members of the Panhandle see what was wrong. Then she saw the ilies an assigned outside "meeting Firemen's and Fire Marshals' house next door was on fire. Inside the place." home was Warren Bowers, 84. She

For many years now, Pampa Fire Her grandmother and a neighbor helped should do in the event of a real fire. Department has been involved in "Fire Mr. Bowers escape from his burning

The third-grader was later recognized to get out of the building safely. "The Pampa Fire Department takes by the Pampa Fire Department, Pampa pride in this program," said Deputy Police Department and City of Pampa fast asleep in their bedroom, a small

how to correct precautions fire extinguishers then makes a call to 911. and sprinklers.

The room area, the the real thing.

There is also a pretend fire scenario the Canyon Fire Department. alerted her grandmother and called 911. that teaches the students what they

The students are briefed before the fire on exactly what steps are necessary

As the students are pretending to be amount of non-toxic smoke is sent into "and looks forward in continuing it in The Safety House program makes the room, causing a smoke detector to students aware of activate. The awakened students then common fire haz- roll out of bed and on to the floor. ards that may exist. Staying as low to the floor as possible, in the home and they head for the bedroom door.

When checking the door, they find it these hazards as is hot, and do not open it (as instructed). well as educating. They then go to the bedroom window, them on such safety—their second avenue of escape, climbing as out and to their assigned meeting place. smoke detectors. Once everyone is out safely, one student

This conversation with the 911 operprogram ator is heard over a speaker for the stresses the living group, and is simulated to be exactly as

The Fire Safety House is made avail-Association, and is located in Canyon at

- Dee Dee Laramore, Editor

PGWCD to offer new low-interest ag loan

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in his bedroom.

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

WHITE DEER The State of Texas has come up with half a million dollars for the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District for agricultural low interest ment," Williams said.

The money from the Texas Water Development Board can be used by local farmers and ranchers to buy

tion equipment, C.E. Williams, general manager of the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, will let farmers update their said this week.

"We've had a lot of interest in upgrading equip- of their watering systems."

He said a number of area farmers have used or requested federal money through the Environmental Ouality Incentive Program, Program.

agricultural water conserva- or EQIP, to install more efficient irrigation systems.

"Between the EQIP program and this program, it equipment," Williams said, "and increase the efficiency

The funds were made available through the Texas Water Development Board's Agricultural Water Conservation Loan

Under that program the the water board. water board can make money available to districts like the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, who in turn can lend it at reduced interest rates to farmers and ranchers that want to install more efficient irrigation equipment on their

Williams said this is the second loan this year that the district has gotten from

property.

"This new loan will allow us to provide monies to more farmers," Williams said, "saving many more acre feet of water through improved use efficiencies."

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District covers all or part of nine counties, including Gray

"It's a win-win deal," Williams said.

Lillie Lorene Chamberlain, 83

Lillie Lorene Chamberlain, 83, of Pampa, carpenter's helper, learning to lay bricks. Texas, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Briarwood Full Gospel Church with the Rev. Lynn Hancock,

pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

M r Chamberlain was born Feb. 1921, in Eufaula,

Okla. She retired after 25 years at the Schneider Hotel. She was later co-owner of Loretta Devoll.

She also worked as a house painter and www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Chamberlain

She was an active member of the Monday Night Swingers, in charge of food and hug-

She was a member of the Briarwood Full

Survivors include three children, Wynona "Punkin" Gilleland, Linda J. Payne and M.C. Simpson; three stepchildren, Elijah "Junior" Slate, Shirley Parent and Carol Devers; one sister, Deca Dalton; 11 grandchildren, Marlo Hendrick, Nick Moore, Kelly Wyatt, Shelly Graham, Susan Carrol, Joey Gilleland, Chad Simpson, Billy Simpson, Jesse Simpson, Carla Sprowles, Lisa Johnston and Raynell Simpson; 23 great-grandchildren; and six great-greatgrandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to Briarwood Full Gospel Church Building the Country House Cafe for four years with Fund, 1800 W. Harvester, Pampa, TX 79065.

—Sign the on-line register book at

Maurice S. Heard, 82

Maurice S. Heard, 82, of Pampa, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Amarillo.

Services are pending under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Born July 14, 1922, at Dean, Mr. Heard moved to Pampa in 1934. In 1985, he retired from Phillips Petroleum as a gas measurement supervisor after 40 years of service. He married Selma McPherson on Nov. 25,

Mr. Heard, a former Boy Scout leader, belonged to First Baptist Church and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657.

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, he served during World War II with the 82nd Sea Bees.

Survivors include his wife, Selma, of the home; a son, Gerald M. Heard of Pampa; a brother, Ferrel L. Heard of Kansas, Okla.; a sister, Datha DeMoss of Clarendon; a grandchild; and two great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to VFW Post 1657, 105 S. Cuyler, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Odyssey Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, TX 79101.

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

Doris Y. Rice, 72

Doris Y. Rice, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died Murray of Tulsa, Okla.; her mother, Iva Back Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas. Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with Rodney Tedford, minister of Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Rice was born Jan. 9, 1932, at Laketon. She was a 1950 graduate of Pampa High School. She married Bill R. Rice on March 21, 1951, at Clayton, N.M. He preceded her in death on June 18, 2002.

She was a member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ and the Pampa Fine Arts Association.

Survivors include one son, Clay Rice and wife Beth of Pampa; one daughter, Kymm www.carmichael-whatley.com.

of White Deer, died Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2004.

of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Brandenburg, Ky. She lived in Lefors for 30

years prior to moving to White Deer in 1999.

at Jenks, Okla.; he died Aug. 1, 1987.

Today: Partly cloudy, with

between 10 and 15 mph.

She married L.O. Stone on Nov. 10, 1923,

Mrs. Stone was preceded in death by a

Gray County Weather

a high near 72. South wind with a low around 51.

Services tomorrow

Mrs. Stone was born Oct. 29, 1905, at

of Pampa; one sister, Jackie Pyeatt and hus-Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in band A.F. of Amarillo; four grandchildren,



Hallie Mae Stone, 98

Services are pending under the direction Poland of White Deer; two sons, G.E. Stone

BOWEN, Betty Jo — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel,

Tonight: Partly cloudy,

South southwest wind

WHITE DEER — Hallie Mae Stone, 98, son, Don Stone on Sept. 25, 2003.

Jennifer Muns of Amarillo, Brenden Rice of Pampa, Shane Murray of Stillwater. Okla., and Zac Murray of Tulsa, Okla.; and a great-

grandson, Keegan Muns of Pampa. The family requests memorials be Heart American

Association, 6605 1-40 West, Amarillo, TX 79106.

—Sign the on-line register book at

Survivors include a daughter, Irene Stone

of Amarillo and Owen Stone of Sheridan,

Wyo.; 12 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchil-

Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065.

The family requests memorials be to BSA

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dren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests. Tuesday, Oct. 19

Theft was reported at Tarpley Music Company, 117 N. Cuyler. A cornet valued at \$400 was taken.

A broken car window was reported at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles. The incident occurred in the 100 block of

East 27th, on the north side of the school. Violation of a protective order was reported in the 2200 block of Lea.

A lost cell phone was reported in the 900 block of South Banks. Estimated value of

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 900 block of South Nelson. Prescription drugs were taken. Value of loss is unknown.

A knife valued at approximately \$10 was found in the 1900 block of North Christy. Found property was reported in the 2100 block of Williston. A bicycle was found.

Thomas Jason Watkins, 33, White Deer, was arrested in the 400 block of Montague for no valid driver's license, expired registration, and capias pro fines for expired registration and expired motor vehicle inspec-

Jimmy D. Atwood, 24, 1326 Coffee #2, was arrested in the 200 block of Georgia for running a stop sign and failure to pay fines and court costs.

Sheriff

Gray County Sheriff's Office today reported the following arrests. Tuesday, Oct. 19

Rosa Linda Flores, 24, McLean, was arrested by the Precinct 2 constable for a bond surrender on a charge of possession of a dangerous drug.

Robert Allemand, 31, Gainesville, was arrested for making a false statement, theft over \$20,000 and under \$100,000, theft by check, a bond surrender for a charge of theft by check, and a fugitive warrant out of Oklahoma.

Bobby Remy, 63, Manzanola, Colo., was arrested on a bench warrant for theft.

Brent Crossman, 46, 1901 Lynn, was arrested for criminal mischief.

Commuter plane crash kills at least eight in NE Missouri

KIRKSVILLE, Mo. (AP) — A twin-engine turboprop commuter plane crashed in the woods about three miles from the airport where it was preparing to land, killing at least eight of the 15 people on board, officials said.

At least two people survived the crash Tuesday night and were being treated at a hospital, and five others were missing, said Adair County Chief Deputy Larry Logston. The American Airlines-affiliated Corporate Airlines flight from St. Louis was carrying 13 passengers and two crew members, both of whom died, Logston said.

The last communication from the Jetstream 32 indicated it was on a normal approach to Kirksville Regional Airport in northeastern Missouri, and there was no mention of any problems, said Elizabeth Isham Cory, a spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Chicago.

Logston said the plane's flight data recorder was Emergency recovered. crews searched woods and fields open early Wednesday for the missing passengers.

Weather conditions at the time of the crash were overcast with misting and some thunderstorms in the area, according to an FAA weather observation system. It wasn't immediately known if it was storming where the plane went down or if weather was a factor.

The plane — Corporate find survivors, he said, but Airlines Flight 5966 — was on a regular route from St. Louis when it crashed shortly after 7:50 p.m., Cory said.

'On behalf of Corporate Airlines, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the passengers of flight 5966. **'**

— Doug Caldwell Corporate Airlines

Emergency crews reached the site about three miles south of the airport and found the fuselage engulfed in flames and largely intact, with the wings broken off but nearby, Logston said. All eight of those known dead were found in the fuselage, some still in their seats and the two crew members in the cockpit area, he said.

The plane had clipped treetops before crashing on its belly, and the wreckage was scattered over an area about one mile across, he

A female survivor was walking around when rescuers arrived, and a male survivor was found in brush about 25 feet from the fuselage, Logston said. Rescue crews were still hoping to added that the two who did make it were discovered "so close to the plane we're imagining the others probably should have been close to the plane if they survived."

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and Nov. 5.

The survivors were being treated at Northeast Regional Medical Center in Kirksville, said Larry Rodgers, a spokesman for the hospital. He said both were stable, but had no information about extent of their injuries.

"As the physicians evaluate them, we should know more," he said.

Corporate Airlines, based in Smyrna, Tenn., began perating in 1996 and is affiliated with Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines. American Connection,

Corporate provides 70 flights from 13 cities in the Midwest to St. Louis and Nashville.

Doug Caldwell, Corporate Airlines' CEO, said the crash was the airline's first fatal accident. The company has 250 employees and flies 17 Jetstream 32s. The airline was trying to contact the families of all the passen-

gers Tuesday night, he said. "On behalf of Corporate Airlines, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the family of the passengers of flight 5966," Caldwell said in a news release. The statement also said the airline could not speculate as to the cause of the crash.

Former tribal official's trial gets under way

 The former head of the Kickapoo tribe's health care program is accused of stealing money and laundering checks, a prosfederal trial.

Bill Harris told jurors in his opening statement Tuesday that Maricela Mendoza allegedly wrote phony checks to Mexican doctors, to a variety of vendors, and even to herself, some as large as \$15,000. Harris said she converted many of these at a check-cashing outlet in

Mendoza's defense lawyer, said the 48-year-old woman is liable only for sloppy

too much about her Indian clients. He said Kickapoo Indians, who live in Maverick County and northern Mexico, have unusual health care needs, and meeting them came at a personal cost to Mendoza.

Pass, was arrested in November on accusations that she stole about \$259,000 from the program over a two-year period ending in October 2002.

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Thursday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low near 57. Southwest wind between

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DEL RIO, Texas (AP)

CITY BRIEFS

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25TH ANNIVERSARY Reception for Brent & Gail Fund Raiser, Community Dabbs will be held Fri., Oct Christian School, Fri., Oct. ervone is welcome.

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BUSINESSES GIVING Halloween Candy on Sat. Oct. 30th, let the Pampa News nual Fiesta Supper, Fri., Oct. I know. We'll put you on the 22, in PHS Cafeteria, 5-7:30 I list for free! Deadline Tues. 1 Oct. 26th, 5 p.m. List will be in the Pampa News, Fri. Oct. 29th! Call 669-2525

22nd, 7 p.m., Grace Baptist 22th, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.., 220 N. Church Fellowship Hall. Ev- Ballard. Tickets avail. from any sch. family or sch. office.

CALF FRIES, Lodge, Thurs. 6:30 p.m.

PHS CHOIR Boosters Anp.m. Tickets \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 yrs. & under, and avail. from PHS choir students or at the door.

ecutor says in the woman's record-keeping and caring Assistant U.S. Attorney

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Mendoza, former director of Kickapoo Community Health Services in Eagle

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Mitzi Melody played by Cela Roachelle and Buck Buckaroo played by Tim Andorfer are an acting duo hoping to win the Best Acting Team award during the 1929 Hollywood Award Show. But don't tell Mitzi's husband or Buck's wife you saw them sittin' together or there could be murder in the air. ACT I's dinner theater production, "Murder, Mayhem and Movie Stars," opens Oct. 29-30 and Nov. 5 at the Pampa Country Club. Call for reservations, 669-3286.

Audience to take part in ACT I season-opener

will open its 22nd season with a comedy sleuthing chance to figure "who dun it." murder mystery as a dinner theater at 6:30 p.m. in the Pampa Country Club, Oct. 29-30 manager and understudy for the men's roles. and Nov. 5.

the show without a dinner.

is a first for ACT I," says Director Rochelle Dwayne Smith as Otto Ratts. Lacy, "and we think it will be a real crowd pleaser."

Hollywood Awards Show where a variety of dinner are \$17 per person. actors and actresses, a movie producer and a contest. During the course of a buffet dinner the Country Club at 669-3286. the audience members get to know all the ACT I Season Tickets are available by foibles of each character and when one of calling Kayla Pursley at 665-3820.

ACT I (Area Community Theater, Inc.) them is "bumped off," the audience gets a

Ken Wilson is the assistant director, stage The cast includes Tim Andorfer as Buck

A show-only performance is set for Buckaroo, Dennis Boyd as Lamont L'Amour, Thursday, Oct. 28, at 7 p.m. at the theater Diana Bruner as Veronica Swann, Lynn behind Pampa Mall for those who want to see Frances as Penelope Purr, Bill Hildebrandt as Jack Von Rippy, Cela Roachelle as Mitzi "This type of audience participation show Melody, Rochelle Lacy as Starla Snoop and

The Pampa Country Club is providing an all-you-can eat Mexican buffet for the Oct. The action of the play, "Murder, Mayhem 29 and Nov. 5 performances and an Italian and Movie Stars" comes from a 1929 buffet on Oct. 30. Tickets for the show and

After the show on Friday, Oct. 29, the Hollywood gossip columnist welcome the audience is invited to stay for the Country audience and invite them to pick their Club Halloween Costume Party and Kareoke favorite performers during an acting scene Night. Reservations are required by calling

Club

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may participate.

Kevin Davis will head up a Ball Park Burger Luncheon for the group.

Afternoon training sessions will include an explanation of the Children's Shopping Tour by Trevlyn Pitner, John Wagner and Warner, a session on power point presentations and a session on security and self-

Rochelle Lacy heads up activities for spouses who are not Optimist members. They will make their own Mardi Gras masks for Saturday night's Mardi Gras party, will have lunch at the Vickery House and tour the

protection.

White Deer Land Museum Saturday.

The Mardi Gras party will follow the Governor's Banquet. Jimmy Cantrell and K.T. York are in charge of the banquet.

The meeting will conclude with a church service at 8:30 a.m. Sunday at the Optimist building. Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Terrorist puzzle: What does al-Zarqawi pledge of fealty to bin Laden mean to U.S.?

WASHINGTON (AP) — terms of what it means in play down any connection to Zarqawi, the most wanted anonymity. terror leader in Iraq.

over the weekend to be an and Jihad, are believed to be U.S. military steps up attacks effort to elevate his status behind dozens of attacks and against the insurgency in and improve his resources much resistance to Iraqi and Iraq, and what the statement and fund raising. Others view U.S.-led forces in Iraq. That means. it as an attempt to broaden includes a series of beheadhis audience and improve ings. recruitment.

to sort out just how close al- ment, posted on a Web site the central Iraq city believed Zarqawi is to bin Laden, known for carrying militant to serve as the group's base. many agree that al-Zarqawi's Islamic content, is viewed as U.S. officials have said the motives are worrisome.

tive development, but in U.S. officials have tried to Zarqawi's organization.

U.S. officials are taking a practical terms, it isn't clear the holy month of fasting and sober view of a recent pledge at this point," said a U.S. prayer. of loyalty to Osama bin counterterrorism official, Laden from Abu Musab al- speaking on condition of speaking anonymously, said

Some consider his pledge ment, now named Tawhid the statement now, as the

The counterterrorism offi-While U.S. authorities try cial said al-Zarqawi's state- Zarqawi network in Fallujah, credible. It came at the start attacks are believed to have "It is certainly not a posi- of Ramadan, although some killed major leaders, of al-

A defense official, also the military is trying to deter-, Al-Zarqawi and his move- mine why al-Zarqawi made

In recent days, U.S. air strikes have targeted safe houses used by the al-

Vaccine ability expected after peak of flu season

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Tommy Thompson

HHS Secretary

WASHINGTON (AP) — More flu vaccine is expected to be available for millions of 2.6 million additional doses of flu vaccine

The flu season typically peaks in January British manufacturing plant. or later. It takes two weeks for people to

develop immunity after being vaccinated, which should be in October or November, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

So while the U.S. government is searching all over the world for more vaccine, it is unclear how helpful the extra doses will be if they don't arrive until next year.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, said Wednesday he believes the additional shots will arrive in cine will be available to treat 100 million

of the December, the beginning of January, adults refrain from getting vaccinated to but it goes well through February and some- leave enough for those at greatest risk: the times into March," he said on CBS's "The very young, the very old and people with Early Show."

"So, any amount of doses that one can get, flu year," Fauci said.

Federal health officials said Tuesday that Americans in January, but that could be too will be available in January, far fewer than the 48 million lost to contamination at a

"We're waging a comprehensive and

aggressive response," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson told a news conference. "We have good reason to be optimistic in our ability to deal with the flu season and protect the most vulnerable from its harsh effects."

He said there was enough antiviral medicine available to treat 40 million people, shortening illness in people sick with the flu and preventing illness in healthy people.

Between vaccines and antiviral drugs, enough medi-

people this flu season, Thompson said. The flu season likely will "peak at the end Federal authorities have asked that healthy chronic illnesses.

Sen. John Kerry, President Bush's even as late as January, clearly will be very Democratic challenger, has said the adminishelpful, particularly if we have a very active tration failed to heed warnings about a poten-

BSA Hospice to host Rose Memorial Service Oct. 24

BSA Hospice staff and provides an opportunity for long-stemmed red rose from lege to serve through the hospice program this past year Sumner.

Set to begin at 2 p.m., this

volunteers will honor those individuals, families and a hospice staff member. who they have had the privi- caregivers to join together in remembering loved ones.

during its 22nd annual Rose opportunity to light a candle eternal love. Memorial service Sunday, in memory of their loved one Oct. 24, at New Life as well as hear messages of God Church in Pampa will Assembly of God, 1435 N. hope and comfort through host the community-wide scripture, song and sharing.

After the candle-lighting, non-denominational service each attendee will receive a 665-6677.

BSA Hospice has adopted

the rose as a symbol for Participants will have an beauty of life and for God's

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Texas Department of Criminal Justice is currently accepting correctional officer applications for positions at the Jordan Unit.

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The seminar, to get under way at 7 p.m., will explain the application process as well as discuss correctional officer duties, qualifications, salary and benefits.

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Viewpoints

Coming to terms with all those deadlines

yearbook pages lay in two straight lines on the fake wood-grain laminate table as I entered the yearbook room. Ahead of me was a long night of editing, redesigning and fixing the mistakes on each of the pages in our book's first major deadline.

All of the 58 must be mailed off to the yearbook publisher's plant in Kansas on Thursday, so the entire staff has spent the last several days scrambling to make them perfect. Until Thursday

Fifty-eight printed-out will live, sleep, eat and simply feeding ourselves another example of this I University due: December 1. will other thoughts enter our minds during schooltime hours. We will never take our eye off of the clock. We will concentrate on meeting the deadline.

All of this yearbook-relat- live. Why ed stress has me thinking about how much of life actu-that ally consists of deadlines. When it comes straight down to it, we face hundreds, if not even thousands of time limits every day: From rushing to make it to passes, it is clear (that) we school or work in time, to

around us.

Ben

Briscoe

Columnist

They plainly control how we then is it some seem stress us out

more than others? My theory is that the stressful deadlines are ones we are not used to dealing. with on a regular basis. For

breathe yearbook. Rarely dinner before we feel the want to look towards the col- University of Texas due: ramifications of hunger in lege application process. As February 1. They seem to go stomachs, deadlines are all I thumb through my dayplanner, I

> clearly see there, underlined letters in a Sharpie permarker, so that I will not

miss it. Southern Methodist University Application Due:

November 1. Stanford

on and on throughout my little black planner like this.

These are the stressful ones. These deadlines will literally change my life. Not meeting them would mean the end of my educational journey. This is not a situation I would normally face. Sure I am used to getting ready for school in a rush or finding food at the right time, but the college application process is one I am not used to. That is why they

HOW'M I SUPPOSED

TO SLEEP WITH THAT

hold stress for me.

I am sure that by the end of the time the UT due dates makes it here, these deadlines will seem like just another normal part of life to me. They will hold little stress. They will become part of my 'second-nature and monthly routine.

After all, this is my first major yearbook deadline and I already am starting to feel less stressed about it. It is becoming a normality.

The next one in mid-November will be no prob-

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Oct. 20, the 294th day of 2004. There are 72 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Oct. 20, 1944, during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur stepped ashore at Leyte in the Philippines, two and a half years after he'd said, "I shall return."

On this date:

In 1803, the U.S. Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase. In 1892, the city of Chicago dedicated the World's

Columbian Exposition. In 1903, a joint commission ruled in favor of the United States in a boundary dispute between the District of Alaska

and Canada. In 1944, the Yugoslav cities of Belgrade and Dubrovnik were liberated during World War II.

In 1947, the House Un-American Activities Committee opened hearings into alleged Communist influence and infiltration within the American motion picture industry.

In 1964, the 31st president of the United States, Herbert Hoover, died in New York at age 90.

In 1968, former first lady Jacqueline Kennedy married Greek shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis.

In 1973, in the so-called "Saturday Night Massacre," speial Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox was dismissed and Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson and Deputy Attorney General William B. Ruckelshaus resigned.

In 1979, the John F. Kennedy Library was dedicated in

Our readers write

Where are all those pigs?

At age 67, I have spent over 40 years in this fine city. Woodrow Wilson, the Red Brick Junior High, PHS through 1956, 35 years with Cabot and numerous churches and civic clubs. I understand Pampa. Yet, upon retirement, after 15 years in Atlanta, I returned to settle here in my hometown, Pampa.

I love driving in the country and know most every country road, the old road to Hoover being my favorite drive, just to see the sun go down. I have seen many things come and go, but won't bother to mention them. Just believe me.

After settling in my hometown for several years and running the caliche roads on a regular basis, I began to hear rumors of pigs. I went looking. Stories, as they go in this part of the world, said there were wild hogs. Then I heard stories of 30,000 edible hogs in our community.

Now, I have seen prairie chickens disappear from the landscape and the arrival of antelope, and now turkey roam our city parks, but where are all the pigs? Surely 30,000 pigs,

penned up and edible, could not hide, whereas the wild certainly Quandary? Where are all the pigs?

I am not a curious soul.

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The L-word sticks to Kerry

go, President Bush and his campaign demonstrated once again that they are playing chess while Kerry is playing checkers.

In a feat of strategy worthy of the greatest admiration, they realized that the Bush had entire race would change complexion once the third debate kindled a focus on domestic disagreements in what had been, until then, a foreign-policy contest.

Knowing that Kerry - or any Democrat - has an advantage in a contest over domestic policy, they prepared for a parry during and after the third debate, which

With only two weeks to has given their candidate the has waned in recent weeks lead once again.

> on the president's foreign policy and,

> > Dick

Morris

Columnist

in particular, on the war in Iraq, accused the Democrat of flip-flopping on the

war, voting for it, then opposing its funding, then supporting it again and now opposing it while saying, nevertheless, that he will fight it with more troops if he is elected.

But the flip-flop attack

as a strong and firm Kerry To blunt the Kerry attacks showed himself in the debates firmly committed to

course of action, however wrongheaded and contradictory it

his views

and his pro-

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may be. It is very hard to make the accusation of inconsistency stick in a debate when your opponent is disciplined, stays within his talking points and takes a consistent position in all three clashes.

But as Kerry moved to domestic policy and extolled his "plan" for job creation, health care, Social Security and Medicare, Bush shifted his attack - much less calling Kerry a flip-flopper, much more accusing him of liberalism and tax-and-spend policies.

By declaring in the third debate that Kerry inhabits the far left bank of our politics, well away from the mainstream, Bush hit pay

Knowing that Kerry would seek to win the. domestic issues by promis-

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Trade barriers won't solve problem

and as the biggest market as well, the United States has an enormous interest in keeping open the pipes and spigots that allow the sales of goods and service to flow freely into and out of the

Both major presidential candidates have pro-free trade records, though President Bush for political reasons has made an occasional, noteworthy exception (new tariffs on steel) while Sen. John Kerry has implied he sympathizes with some protectionist measures.

As the largest, most pow- reducing tariffs and other agreements negotiated with noises about "fair trade" erful nation on the planet, barriers to free trade stalled about the time Bush took office, but have shown recent signs of reviving. Meanwhile, his administra-

> negotiated individual free trade

tion has

a g r e e - Austin American-Statesman ments, including

with Australia and Central America, though not all have been ratified by Congress. Bush also won passage of

the Trade Act of 2002, which required Congress to vote up or down, with no amend-World trade talks aimed at ments, any proposed trade

other countries. Bush's record on free

trade is not perfect; he imposed steel tariffs in hopes of securing votes in this year's

Texas Thoughts presidential election in Virginia, Pennsylvania

and states where the steel industry employs thousands. But he backed down when the European Union threatened higher duties on various U.S. products.

For his part, Kerry has played politics, too, making

rather than "free trade," "Benedict denouncing Arnold CEOs" and even talking about renegotiating such trade treaties as the North American Free Trade Agreement, which the United States committed to under President Clinton.

He's also talking about applying stiffer labor and environmental standards to free trade agreements; such "standards" could too readily serve as an excuse to maintain trade barriers, not protect overseas workers desperate for jobs.

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Dr. Kathleen Hawker, a neurologist specializing in multiple sclerosis at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, was in Amarillo on Oct. 16 to address the latest research studies being done for the Panhandle Division of National Multiple Sclerosis Society Volunteer Luncheon.

Kayla Pursley of Pampa was recognized for her volunteer efforts in Pampa and Amarillo. She is actively involved in the Friendly Visitor Program and is a Peer Support Counselor, a program of telephone support for MS patients throughout the U.S. Pursley was instrumental in a grant writing project for funding an in-home exercise program for MS residents in Gray County.

"There is a huge amount of brain power being poured into this [research]," Hawker told the group.

Presently, 150 drugs under study for MS. A sixth drug is expected to be approved next year, she said.

"It usually takes more than one drug to battle the disease," said Hawker. "There is not one drug for one person and treatindividualized."

"Do we start more aggressive treatments from the beginning diagnosis?" asked Hawker. "Yes, we don't want to wait for something to happen."

Criteria for MS therapy is to feron drugs prevent disability and brain and a drug will injury and stop the inflamma- stop working tory process in consideration after a year. of patient tolerability and ease Regrowing of administration, she said, myelin, new adding that combination thera- tissue and the pies are proving promising. cells that make Just looking at a patient does- myelin is vital n't reflect the disease. The ear- to lier the diagnosis the better the research. Scar patient does.

T-cells in individuals with regrowth MS get "turned on" crossing However finding a way to long term use. the blood brain barrier and make it regrow also involves secreting proteins which stopping the new growth transplant therapy, is being who are pregnant due to high attacks myelin, the nerve cov- before it turns into tumors. erings, and the cells that make

myelin.

"It is much easier," said able in the next few years. Hawker, "to prevent the



Dr. Kathleen Hawker, recently returned from an International Conference on MS, spoke to the Panhandle Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Amarillo last week. Hawker, left, is a neurologist at the University of Texas Southwest Medical Center in Dallas. Kayla Pursley, right, was recognized for her outstanding volunteer work in Pampa and Amarillo at the meeting.

ment protocols need to be on different levels. There are opment of clinically definite study will be available in two multiple proteins in myelin MS. Studies are underway to weeks and the drug could be and which ones are being see whether oral steroids may available in 2005. "attacked" is one of the com- show the same benefit as intraplexities of research. There are venous. also neutralizing antibodies

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Hawker Neurologist

Dr. Kathleen

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study, relapses went down 50

Cholesterol lowering drugs such as lipitor are being stud-Many immunosuppressant ied in trials at UTSW. Psoriasis drugs are being studied presently. A benefit in animal models of MS have been Methotrexate shown with several drugs, suggesting these drugs may be for rheumatoid helpful in patients. Further arthritis is a testing is needed, however. weekly pill, Tetracycline is in trials for MS anti-inflammatory research.

Rituximab is a lymphatic work. All the cancer medicine being studied have in patients with primary protoxic gressive MS at UTSW.

The relapse rate in pregnancy goes down 70 percent in Cellcept, a drug used in the third trimester in women studied in combination with levels of estrogen. Studies are A new protein microarray is an interferon to show whether ongoing with estriol to find a relationship and determine problems with long-term estrogen use.

For more information about MS contact the National MS Antegren seems to prevent Society at 1-800-FIGHT MS bad T-Cells from getting into (344-4867).

> tion, "Where are all the pigs?" was posed, and he

This response creates another dilemma. Will someone help me solve these two mysteries: Where is the PEDC? and where are the pigs?

Honestly, sincerely, a con-

David Gantz Pampa

simply points its nose in the general direction in response said, "Find the PEDC."

cerned citizen.

Letter

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However, when I hear a story, I am prone to seek the source or take time to verify the facts. I hate rumors, so where are all the pigs?

I began to plot out the landscape east of Pampa.

After four long evenings

decided to borrow one of those hunting dogs that can locate pigs of any kind. I guess they go by smell,

but I have never talked to a dog to be sure. No curiosity. But I did load the dog onto the hood of my jeep and asked, "Where are all the pigs?"

She barked twice and I

to a simple question.) Every day I asked the dog, "Where are all the pigs?" And the same response - east.

turned due east. (This dog

But where are all the pigs? I gave up on the dog because she ate nearly as much as the Jeep cost to run.

I called a friend who really knows the answers to most questions. The ques-

rekindle doubts about his

ability to stick to a position.

But as this marathon cam-

paign draws to a close, we

must remember how volatile

American elections have

become. As the Walsh

heavily in 1992, so were the

contests of 1996 and 2000

also heavily influenced by

last-minute developments.

announcement

weighed

year is most likely to come from al Qaeda, which is probably determined to leave its mark on our elections as surely as they did in those already held this year in Spain by blowing up a train and in Australia by attacking their embassy in Jakarta. Just as the terrorists attacked in Israel before every recent election, so they will probably try to get at us here in the United

States. Hopefully they will not succeed in their acts of ter-

Dick Morris is a political advisor and was an adviser

ror, but even their attempts are likely to remind us of what a dangerous world we inhabit, another factor that will boost Bush's chances.

to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Calendar items

 Through Dec. 14, **Lovett Memorial Library** will host its fall "story time" at the library for children 18 months to 4-years of age. Shanla Brookshire, children's librarian, will read stories and prepare crafts for participants. All story times are free and require no registration. Certificates for the summer reading game are available at the circulation desk. Children who made quilt blocks at the program need to pick them up by Oct. 1. For more information, call Lovett Memorial Library at 669-5780.

 Harrington House Connoisseur Lecture Series will begin Tuesday, June 1 at Harrington House in Amarillo. "Couture Designers: Mrs. Harrington's Collection" will be showcased. Two identical lectures will be offered at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. with each limited to 10 people. The series will be offered the first Tuesday of each month June through October. Regular hours of the house will not be scheduled on this day. For more information or for reservations (required), call (806) 374-5490.

Pampa National Guard reunion is set for Saturday, Oct. 23 at the Pampa Armory. Registration will be between 11 a.m. and 12 noon. A business meeting is scheduled between 2 and 3 p.m. Dinner will be served between 6 and 7 p.m. followed by the program between 7 and 8 p.m. For more information, call (806) 274-9470 buffaloborger@yahoo.co

 The Seventh Annual Celtic Festival and Craft more information, check Faire in Amarillo is set out the foundation's web Oct. 23 and 24 at Rex site at www.arborday.org Baxter Building and the on the Internet.

Tri-State Fairgrounds. Sponsored by League of Celtic Nations, the event will include Jerre's Merry Fiddlers, genealogy classes, whiskey tastings, sheepdog demonstrations, Scottish Country Dancers, Clan booths, Kid's tent, workshops, Saturday night Ceilidh, food, clothing and jewelry booths and much, much more. Admission is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children per day. A dollar will be subtracted from admission with the donation of two or more cans of food for High Plains Food Bank. Corporate rates are also available. Gates open at 10 a.m. both days. For more information, call (806) 374-4243.

· The monthly meeting Palo Handweaver's Guild is set for 7:30 p.m. Oct. 28 in Amarillo. The meeting is open to individuals interested in weaving, spinning, dyeing or fiber arts. For more information, call (806) 358-2765.

Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout this month. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The 10 trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to twelve inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Free Shade Trees, National Arbor Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Oct. 31. For



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ing the moon, Bush, in great jujitsu style, used the Democrat's strength against him, coming around his right flank adding up the cost of the promises and underscoring his adversary's liberalism.

Attacking a Democratic opponent as a liberal is a tactic the Bushes have used with success in the past. In the closing weeks of the 1992 campaign, President Bush pulled even with Clinton-Gore by labeling the Arkansas governor as liber-' al. (The highly political announcement of Iran-Contra Special Prosecutor Lawrence Walsh – five days

Trade

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For many Americans, the most significant and fright-

ening aspect of free trade

today is "job outsourcing."

the president.)

Gallup and 6 Newsweek's.

before the election – that he planned to indict Reagan

seems to be working. Bush leads Kerry by 4 points in the Zogby tracking poll, 3 in

And once again the attack

the Rasmussen poll, 8 in the The beauty of the Bush

attack is that it is fueled as much by Kerry's proposals as by the Republican jabs. With every new speech, Kerry shows his liberalism and makes promises that dig him an ever deeper hole. Should he try to tack to the right to rebut the accusation, he will run into the old charge of flip-flopper and

Kerry has accused Bush of

indifference as American

jobs moved overseas. The

There's very little any

president can do to stop out-

sourcing without inflicting

much greater damage on

senator knows better.

Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger likely gave Bill Clinton the bounce he needed to finish 5 points ahead of

In 1996, Clinton saw his lead over Bob Dole dwindle from 17 points to the 9 by which he ultimately won as the China fund-raising scandal dominated the news in the campaign's final two weeks. In 2000, news of Bush's previously undisclosed DUI arrest in Maine helped Al Gore obliterate a 4-point Bush lead in the final

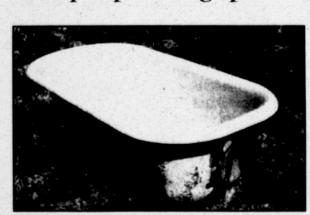
weekend. An October surprise this

world. On this issue, both candidates are not dealing with the iceberg below the outsourcing: the rise of a massive, increasingly well-educated labor markets in China American economic rela- and India willing to work for

tions with the rest of the much lower wages than Americans.

Trade barriers won't solve that problem, but a President Kerry would seem much more likely to resort to protectionism than a President Bush in a second term.

Bathroom disgrace or unique planting space?



One man's trash is another man's treasure. Trade your "trash" for cash in the Classifieds.

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The Lady Harvesters huddle for a pregame cheer prior to last night's meeting with Dumas.

Playoff hopes dashed; Pampa falls to Dumas

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

On a night that honored its senior players, the Pampa Lady Harvester volleyball team saw its playoff hopes evaporate.

Pampa fell to third ranked Dumas 25-16, 25-23, 25-16. With the win, Dumas, (32-5 overall, 9-0 district), clinched the District 3-4A title.

The Lady Harvesters still could have made it into the playoffs with a Hereford win over Randall last night. That help didn't come as Randall took care of the Lady Whitefaces 25-15, 25-21, 17-25, 25-18. Both teams secured the remaining playoff spots.

With one game left in the season, Pampa is 10-21 overall and 4-5 in district play.

Jaclyn Spearman played big for the Lady Harvesters last night finishing with 10 kills, 3 blocks and 9 digs. Jackye Barber had 3 kills, 2 blocks and 7 digs, while Teryn Garner ended the night with 16 digs. Wendi Miller had 9 digs and Jackie Gerber tossed in 12 digs, 3 kills and 7 blocks. Lindsey Ammons also had a strong night with 13 digs, and 11 assists. Alyssa Bromwell had 9 digs and 3 assists, with Kendall Stokes adding 1 kill and 4 blocks.

The Lady Harvester's final game of the season is this Saturday when they travel to Caprock to take on the Lady Longhorns. Game time is 2 p.m.

Redneck Race Track ends season; announces new class for 2005

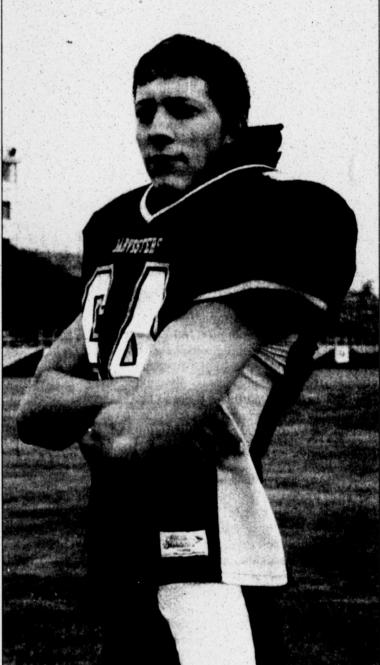
By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Redneck Lawnmower Race Track will be busy this Saturday, Oct. 23. It's the final race of the 2004 season. Drivers will be racing for trophies and track promoters promise a special day for spectators.

It's not too soon to start planning for next season. The track will offer a new 'claimer class'. This will be a class of mowers that can be claimed (purchased) by any one. Machines can be claimed for \$150 up to \$400. To learn more about the new 'claimer class', contact the race track.

Races this Saturday will get underway at 2 p.m. Redneck Race Track is located one mile East on Highway 60.

Senior spotlight



Senior Michael Pergeson is a solid college prospect on the offensive or defensive line.

Michael Pergeson, OL/DL

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

At 6'4", 195 pounds, Michael Pergeson is a towering force on either line. He opens holes on offense and fills them on defense.

Michael Pergeson

Player Jersey: #64 Player Position(s): Left Tackle/Defensive End

Player Grade: 12 Player Parent(s)/Guardians(s): Diane Pergeson & the

late James Pergeson School Activities/Interests: Football, Student Council,

FFA, D-Fy-It, Hunting, Central Baptist Church

Player information provided by the PHS Football

Pampa 7th grade shuts out Borger, 8th grade splits pair

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

The Pampa 7th grade football teams hosted Borger yesterday. And unkind hosts they were. Both teams held Borger

The B-team only needed a 12-yard touchdown run from Tye Powell and a Zach Organ extra point conversion to secure a 8-0 win.

The A-team's offense exploded while the defense stood strong in a 38-0 win.

Mithcell Killgo scored a touchdown off a 17-yard pass from Alex Clendening. The point after attempt failed.

Gabriel Rodriquez scored on a 2-yard touchdown run. And then took care of the 2-point conversion.

Clendening chipped in a 9-yard TD run followed by Rodriguez' 2-point run.

Braden Hunt got in on the scoring with a 3-yard run. Rodriguez with another 2-point run.

Ryan Jimenez capped the afternoon off with a 11-yard

run. Clandening then handled the 2-point conversion.

The teams next take the field against Westover Park next Tuesday. B-team at 5 p.m., followed by the A-team at 6:30

The 8th grade teams traveled to Borger vesterday.

The A-team came away with a 28-18 win fueled by a Madison Wilson 18-yard touchdown run and a Casey Trimble pass to Byron Smith-Greene for the extra point.

For the second week in a row, the defense kept the opposition scoreless in the first quarter thanks to a Chase Herriman fumble recovery in the end zone.

Wilson scored on a 4-yard run followed by a Trimble

extra point pass to Alex Torres. Trimble would later cash in on a long 42-yard run, only

to be outdone by Wilson's 58-yard touchdown run. The A team is now 6-1 on the year.

The B-team had a touch outing against Borger, falling 30-

A Jeremy Maxwell to Colton Shaw 23-yard pass netted the only score for the B-team, which is now 1-4. Both teams face Westover Park at Randall High School

next Tuesday. The B-team at 5 p.m., A-team at 6:30 p.m.

More boys needed for Optimist basketball competition

'The program is similar to Punt, Pass &

Kick in football. We are hoping to make this

an annual project.

Tuesday including five player from Odessa, according to al project." Tisha Sieck, Commissioner of Girls' Basketball.

The competition is open to : boys and girls from eight to 13 and will be conducted at the Optimist gym this Saturday at 4 p.m. There is no charge to participate.

Each participant will receive a framed certificate for participating in the first Tri-Star Basketball program in Pampa. The top three players

in each age bracket will receive medals. The project fea- Pampa this weekend. The purpose will be to teach Optimist tures competition in dribbling, passing and shooting basket-

"The program is similar to Punt, Pass & Kick in football," explained Ronnie Haynes, the President of the Pampa agency.

Registration for Optimist Tri-Star Basketball reached 43 Optimist Youth Club. "We are hoping to make this an annu-

"We have reached the maximum for girls who are 10 and Registration will continue today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the 11 and can only accommodate one more in the 12-13 girls'

age group," Sieck said. "Boys have been slow to sign up. We need more boys."

The project will be conducted by members of the North Texas District of Optimist International under the direction of Paul Lucas of Ronnie Haynes Odessa, a former District President, Pampa Optimist Youth Club Governor. The event will occur during the First Quarter District meeting to be held in

members from across the district how to conduct the com-

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Roger Clemens can days' rest lose about three times more than relax. For now, Pete Munro is the Houston Astros' pick to pitch them into the World

Ahead 3-2 in the NL championship series, manager Phil Garner studied it: the Rocket on three days' rest vs. a journeyman hit hard last week. On the team flight to St. Louis, Munro was told he would start Game 6 Wednesday against the Cardinals.

"I guess I was kind of overwhelmed," Munro said before Tuesday's workout at Busch Stadium. "I'm sure that they'd rather face me than Roger. I mean, I'd rather face me than Roger.'

Instead, Clemens will be held back for a possible Game 7. Or maybe a start in the World Series opener.

"There are going to be a lot of people saying do the opposite, start Roger," Garner said. "But what I feel in my gut is what I have to do."

Garner could have lined up Clemens and Roy Oswalt to face the Cardinals, bringing both back early in hopes of putting Houston into its first World Series.

But the stats aren't good: Since five-man rotations became popular, pitchers on three

they win in the postseason.

During the first round against Atlanta, Clemens pitched on three days' rest for the first time since April 11, 2002. He hung in for five innings, allowing two runs.

"I think it's false to assume that just because you're going to bring Roger back that you're sure to win," Garner said. "Because I'm starting Pete doesn't mean we're giving this game away.'

After losing three straight games, the Cardinals assumed they'd be facing Clemens.

"I saw some controversy in the paper, but I kind of think he'll pitch," third baseman Scott Rolen said earlier Tuesday. "I think we all think he'll pitch and then we'll have Oswalt in Game 7, hopefully.'

Added Game 6 starter Matt Morris: "Obviously, our position players might rather face Pete Munro rather than a Roger Clemens. We know his capabilities. Although, taking nothing away from Pete."

A day before, the 42-year-old Clemens said he was set. He won Game 3, going seven innings.

Munro, not Clemens to pitch tonight Lefors cross country results

Following are the Lefors results from the Canyon Invitational Cross Country meet on Saturday, Oct. 16:

Junior High Girls Valerie Willis - 3rd - 12:47 Emily Jackson - 18th - 13:50 Misty Pairsh - 21st - 14:08 Brittney Coombes - 61st - 15:26 Abby Andis - 94th - 16:25 Lacie Johnston - 110th - 17:16 Ashley Shephard - 128th - 20:03 Ashlyn Johnson - 129th - 20:53 *Junior High girls finished 5th as a team. Lefors Junior High Boys Gabriel Miller - 36th - 13:31 Wakely Pairsh - 46th - 13:47

Lefors High School Girls Rachael Stubbs - 3rd - 12:28 Tori Meeks - 14th - 12:58 Jonelle Tinney - 33rd - 13:49 Kayla Andis - 58th - 14:40 Amanda Lawrence - 60th - 14:42 Amanda Hicks - 85th - 16:48 Lindsay Duckworth - 86th - 16:49 Hannah Andis - 90th - 18:33 *High School girls finished 4th as a team.

Last day to register for Optimist basketball

With 40 more registrations Tuesday, the total number of girls participating is 110, already more than the 104 who played last year, Tisha Sieck, Commissioner of Optimist' Girls' Basketball, announced. Today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Optimist Gym is the last day for registration. Team assignments will be made on Monday.

The program is for the girls in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades and is divided into an older and vounger division.

'We will definitely need some more coaches now that we have so many girls," Sieck said. "We are excited about having teams from White Deer and Miami playing with us."

Practice will start next week for most teams. Games should begin early next month and conclude before Christmas for the Pampa United Way agency.

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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 are so goal-directed, you could trip over a misunderstanding. Don't worry -- you can easily sort our the problem. Meetings add a new dimension or perspective to a project. Don't worry, as a meeting turns into a happening. Tonight: Where the action

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

** Others want to believe that you have all the answers. You wish you did as well. Confirm messages, calls and meetings. A snafu involving communication can happen out of the blue. You feel inspired by a project. Tonight: Could be a late night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** You need to detach, or the

message you think you hear might only

be what you want to hear. Sort through facts. News could actually be better than you initially had anticipated. Your intellect and imagination merge. Tonight: Opt for something different. CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Use your sixth sense with finances, but don't risk. You could put yourself in a very difficult position. You need to say "no." Do enjoy the process of what someone goes through to persuade you to go along with his or her ideas! Tonight: Enjoy a favorite

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

★★★★ Others don't mean to pull the wool over your eyes, but somehow you would prefer to see what you want. Inevitably, at some point, hurt feelings are possible. You could feel that someone has lied to you. Actually, you just didn't want to see reality. Tonight: Toss away your rose-colored shades.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Concentrate on work, but at the same time, listen to what others are saying. Confirm meetings. Verify statements and instructions. Many of you are seeking work where you would feel more valued. What would that look like? Tonight: Discuss work possibilities with someone who cares.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** You're gamesy and flirtatious, perhaps throwing off work or a serious project. Smart Libras will take the day off and do what they really want. Otherwise, you might cause more trouble in your work environment than you should. Tonight: Act like it is

Friday night. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

★★★ Family and domestic matters take priority. In fact, many will decide not to go to work and instead handle a personal matter. What is going on at

home might not be a problem but merely something that pre-occupies you. Tonight: Make your home your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

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**** You see the humor in what happens, even a snafu. Hopefully you can help others view a misunderstanding with perspective. Your intuition leads you. Follow your feelings, and you'll land on your feet in the right place. Tonight: Favorite spot where music is played.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

** Your finances might not be as clear as you'd like. In fact, you might have a problem. Perhaps a check bounces or someone doesn't pay you as you had anticipated. Still, you could find money dripping right through your hands. Tonight: Organize your

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

*** * You are the cat's meow, even if someone might not agree with you. Let your playfulness emerge, helping others gain a perspective. Ask for what you want. Zoom in on what you want. Others care more than you realize. Tonight: Do whatever makes you

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Take your time with a decision or idea you are mulling over in your mind. Others' feedback simply will not help. You need to know what works for you. A partner does care. Do not question his or her feelings. Tonight: Get some extra rest.

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you printed a letter I wrote. In it, I told you I had expressed my desire to become the first female U.S. president, but my teacher and fellow students laughed at

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The fact that I received a response to my letter from that high up on the ladder of life has inspired me. I feel that I can now follow my dreams and help other young women my age to believe that they, too, can do whatever they want if they just trust themselves.

I have included a copy of what President Bush had to say, in case you want to print it, Abby. And thank you for your help. --MARTA IN MARYLAND

DEAR MARTA: Thank you for the update, and for granting me permission to print the letter you received from President Bush. (I printed Sen. Kerry's letter last May.) That he would take time from his campaign schedule to offer you his support shows his belief in young people like yourself, who, in the years to come, will determine the future of our country. Read on:

"Dear Marta: I recently learned about your desire to be president of the United States.

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DEAR ABBY: I cannot stand it when people drop in unannounced! My mother is the biggest offender. If our door isn't locked, she walks right in without knocking. My husband and I work hard all week and look forward to peace and quiet on weekends. It's disruptive when she "pops in" -- and she often stays for hours.

How can I tell her to call us before coming over? We have tried not answering the door, and even throwing on our coats like we were just leaving so she'll leave. I am so angry I can't even begin to think of a polite way to tell her to stop. -- SICK OF IT IN EAU CLAIRE, WIS.

DEAR SICK OF IT: I don't blame you for being angry, but you are placing the blame where it doesn't belong. Your mother isn't to blame for this situation -- you are.

Your mother may have no idea that you're so angry at her that you're ready to explode. Say something to her before you do. Tell your mother politely that you and your husband work hard all week and are not always prepared to entertain her on weekends. Explain that you and your husband would appreciate it if she called and arranged her visits in advance rather then dropping over. Then, if she persists, find the backbone to inform her that her visit is not convenient. Until you have the courage to act like an adult, she will continue to treat you like a child.

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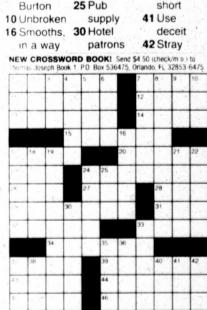
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Marmaduke



"Not a bone! I said bring my briefcase.

The Family Circus



Mother Nature is showing all the leaf-blowers how to do it."

B.C.





Haggar The Horrible





Peanuts



Flo & Friends





Blondie



