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Pro EDC group to register with state as committee

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

A band of Pampa residents plans to register with the Texas Secretary of State today as the Pampa Economic Development Group Promotional Committee and set up a bank account with Sean Smith, publisher of The Pampa News, as treas-

The group, 14 strong at their Thursday evening meeting at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce, indicated their desire to raise money in a campaign to pass a half-cent sales tax at the Nov. 8 general election, which would fund a 4B economic development corporation.

In 2001, voters elected to disband the Pampa Economic Development Section 4A of the state's economic development statutes.

A corporation formed under the 4B section of the law would have authority to fund a wide range of projects that could not be funded under a 4A corporation.

The 4A corporation was limited specifically to funding manufacturing and industrial projects. A 4B corporation would have the authority to fund local infrastructure projects that could include new water and sewage lines or low cost housing as well as entertainment facilities, parks or athletic fields

Because of the broad spectrum of projects that a 4B corporation could fund, the committee of citizens that

Corp. that had been formed under has been meeting the past few weeks to support a new Pampa Economic Development Corp., is calling on the Pampa City Commission to clarify a number of issues the city could face.

Carl Parks called on the city to tie funding directly to economic development projects.

The committee is also calling on the city commission to limit the number of people from the city on the PEDC board of directors.

Under the 4B statute, the city can appoint up to four members of the seven-member board. The committee reached a consensus that no more than one or two of the PEDC board members be city employees or offi-

The committee is calling on the

commission to limit borrowing and the percentage of funding from the sales tax that would be spent on city

They also want the city commission to address any conflicts of interest regarding PEDC board members and define the appropriate use of money for retail purposes.

The committee is also calling for a five-year plan for economic development before hiring a director.

Under the 4B corporation, the PEDC would act as a planning group that would study proposals, package them and bring them to the city commission. By law, a 4B economic development corporation has to have

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Man arrested with \$10,000 hidden in auto

McLEAN Oklahoma man was arrested after Texas Department of Public Safety troopers found \$10,000 dollars in his car Wednesday morning following a traffic stop on Interstate 40.

8:53 At a.m. Wednesday, a westbound 2000 Ford Expedition was stopped by troopers for an alleged traffic violation. The stop was near McLean.

Consent to search was given, and \$10,000 in cash was found concealed in the fender of the Ford, according to the DPS. Also seized was a Ruger 45 semi-automatic pistol.

Guillermo Leyva, 22, of Tulsa, Okla., was arrested and booked into Gray County Jail for money laundering. He remained in jail as of press time today in lieu of \$10,000 bond, according to jail records.

Troopers believe the money originated in Tulsa and was headed for Chihuahua, Mexico.

Taking a break



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

These pigeons take advantage of a temporary water hole to get a drink, take a bath, and admire reflections after the last rain on Sept. 6 and is the only day rainfall is recorded for the Pampa area by the Mesonet weather station near Recreation Park. A chance of rain was forecast for this morning for the area.

Thornberry picked for Katrina panel

WASHINGTON D.C. -House Speaker J. Dennis Hastert Wednesday named Congressman Mac Thornberry, 13th District representative from Clarendon, to the Select Bipartisan Committee to Investigate the Preparation for and Response to Hurricane Katrina.

"I appreciate the confidence that the Speaker has shown in me," said Thornberry. "This is serious work. Lives can be saved or lives could be lost. There must be no place for political games."

The Select Committee is assigned to study and investigate both the preparation for Katrina by local, state, and federal authorities and the actual response to the hurricane's strike. A report from the Committee is due to be delivered to the House no later than February 15, 2006.

the Select As Committee begins its work, Thornberry said, "We should follow the facts - wherever they lead

Rita continues spin toward Texas-Louisana coast



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HOUSTON (AP) — Hurricane Rita roared toward the Texas and Louisiana coast with 135 mph winds Friday, creating monumental traffic jams along evacuation routes and raising fears of a crippling blow to the nation's oil-refining industry. As many as 24 people were killed when a bus carrying elderly evacuees

caught fire. In rainy New Orleans, water poured over a patched levee, gushing into the city's hard-hit but largely empty Ninth Ward and heightening fears that Rita would flood the devastated city all over again.

"Our worst fears came true," said Maj. Barry Guidry of the Georgia National Guard. "We have three significant breaches in the levee and the water is rising rapidly."

The storm was expected to come ashore early Saturday along the upper Texas-Louisiana coast on a course that could spare Houston and Galveston a direct hit. But Rita could plow into the oil and chemical centers of Beaumont and Port Arthur, about 75 miles east of Houston.

By Friday morning, the freeways within Houston had cleared out, but traffic was still bumper-to-bumper from the outskirts of the city toward Austin and Dallas. The state escorted tanker trucks full of gas to empty stations in small towns along the way.

Harris County Judge Robert Eckels, the chief executive for the county surrounding Houston, told residents who had not left yet to stay where they were for the storm.

The bus fire took place in a traffic jam on Interstate 45 near Wilmer, southeast of Dallas. The vehicle was rocked by explosions and engulfed in flames that reduced it to a blackened, burned-out shell.

Early indications were that the bus it caught fire because of mechanical problems, then passengers' oxygen tanks started exploding, Dallas County Sheriff's Department spokesman Don Peritz said.

Nearly 2 million people along the Texas and Louisiana coasts were urged to get out of the way of Rita, setting off an unprecedented exodus that brought traffic to a standstill across the Houston metropolitan area. Cars overheated and ran out of

gas in 10- and 12-hour traffic jams. Some drivers gave up and turned around and went home.

"It can't get much worse, 100 yards an hour," fumed Willie Bayer, 70. "It's frustrating bumper-tobumper."

Scores of petrochemical plants are situated along the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast in the nation's biggest concentration of oil refineries, and damage and disruptions caused by Rita could cause alreadyrising oil and gasoline prices to go even higher. Also, environmentalists warned of the possibility of a toxic

Plants shut down operations, and

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Country Fair "Under the Harvest Moon"... October 29th

Obituaries

Graley Ray Malone, 73

WHITE DEER — Graley Ray Malone, 73, of White Deer, died Sept. 22, 2005, at Amarillo. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of

Mr. Malone was born Jan. 16, 1932, at McLean. He was a welder for IRI prior to retiring and belonged to First Baptist Church in Pampa.

He married Maxine Gentry on Jan. 26, 1953, at Skellytown.

Mr. Malone was a veteran of both the U.S. Navy and the Air Force, serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Leroy; and a sister, Naomi.

Survivors include his wife, Maxine of the home; two sons, Randall Ray Malone of White Deer and the Rev. Scott Malone of Lubbock; a daughter, Julie Gaye Malone of Amarillo; a brother, Elmer Malone of Lebanon, Mo.; three sisters, Betty Tate and Doretha Richards, both of McLean, and Wanda Everson of Pampa; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be to First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 621, Pampa, TX 79066-0621, or to the Multiple Sclerosis Society Panhandle Chapter, 6222 Canyon Dr., Amarillo, TX 79109.

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

La Roy 'Buddy' Sutton, 80

McLEAN, Texas - La Roy "Buddy" Sutton, 80, of McLean, died Sept. 20, 2005, at Amarillo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24, 2005, at Heald Methodist Church in McLean, Texas, with the Rev. Thacker Haynes officiating.

La Roy Nicholas Sutton was born June 27, 1925, in Hammond, Okla., to Jake and Eula Mae Sutton. He married Bonnie Bailey on Oct. 29, 1944, in Cordell, Okla. They were married for 60 years.

Mr. Sutton was in the navy from 1943-1944. He was a barber for many years until he retired and moved back to McLean where he raised cattle and horses until the time of

Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Sutton of McLean; two sons, Danny Sutton (Nina) of South Carolina and Dennis Sutton (Vicki) of California; one daughter, Taylor Casey (Cole) of California; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. Sutton was preceded in death by a daughter, LaDonna Sutton in 2002.

The family requests memorials be to Heald Methodist Church, McLean, Texas,

Services tomorrow

STOKES, Annell "Nelly" Owens — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

SUTTON, La Roy "Buddy" — Memorial services, 11 a.m., Heald Methodist Church,

Gray County Weather-

a high around 87. Northnortheast wind around 10 mph becoming south-southeast.

Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. Southsoutheast wind around 10 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 86. South wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 64. South-southeast

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Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. Eastnortheast wind between 5 and 10 mph.

Monday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. East wind 10 to 15 mph

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Terror charge added

against son in Lodi case

SACRAMENTO (AP) - A man already being held

on charges of lying to authorities about attending a ter-

rorist training camp in Pakistan has been indicted on

federal charges alleging he intended "to wage jihad in

providing material support to terrorists, the most seri-

ous charge that could be filed absent an actual terrorist

mosque arrested earlier this year in Lodi, an agricultur-

al town of 62,000 about 35 miles south of Sacramento.

happen now," U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said.

Hayat was one of five men from the same suburban

"Whatever was taking shape in Lodi isn't going to

Scott said he doesn't know exactly what was planned

The government never charged the two religious

in Lodi, but he believes indicting Hayat and deporting

two Islamic leaders connected to the mosque ended it.

leaders, but it has alleged the two intended to set up a

terror training camp as part of a planned religious

school in Lodi. During an immigration hearing last

month, an FBI agent testified that at the camp, "individ-

uals would be taught ... to commit acts of violence

resources for carrying out acts of terror between March

2003 and June 2005, when he was arrested shortly after

returning to the United State from Pakistan.

The indictment alleges Hayat provided support and

Hayat "intended, upon receipt of orders from other

If convicted of all charges, he could face up to 31

Hayat's attorney, Wazhma Mojaddidi, said prosecu-

tors still offered no concrete evidence that her client

individuals, to wage jihad (holy war) in the United

Thursday's indictment accuses Hamid Hayat, 23, of

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Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents today.

Thursday, Sept. 22

Five traffic stops were made. One traffic complaint was received on Highway 60 West.

One motorist assist was provided in the 1800 block of North Hobart.

An assault was reported in the 300 block of North Christy with minor injuries resulting.

A family violence report was received in the 800 block of West Foster. A civil matter was reported in the 200 block of Kingsmill.

Theft of a bicycle of unknown value was reported in the 1000 block of South

A forgery incident involving \$75.31 was reported in the 1400 block of North

A theft in the form of a counterfeit check worth \$473 was reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Four disorderly conduct reports were received from the 100 block of Harvester, at Montagu and Wells, the 1000 block of Huff Road and the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

There were three reports of assisting other law enforcement agencies.

Three suspicious person reports were made. One was at Alcock and Wells of a man on a bicycle; one was at One Medical Plaza where a man was trying to get into a silver pickup on a parking lot; and one was in the 1400 block of Barnes where some people were attempting to climb a

Two business alarms reports were received from Highway 70 North and the 2800 block of West Kentucky.

funeral. Warrant service was attempted at three

One escort service was supplied for a

A burglary was reported in the 1100 block of South Hobart.

Two special assignments were provided, one in the 200 block of West Kingsmill and one in the 100 block of East Randy Matson.

One harassment call was received in the 200 block of West Kingsmill.

Vehicle accidents were reported in the 1400 block of North Hobart, at Finch and Gray, and in the 300 block of North

Criminal trespass was reported in the 300 block of North Hobart, the 500 block of North Lowry, and two incidents in the 100 block of South Sumner.

Welfare checks were made in the 1900 block of Lea, the 700 block of Doucette and the 700 block of East Browning.

An animal complaint was received in the 1700 block of Beech where a dog was shot in a backyard.

A driving while intoxicated was investigated in the 1300 block of North Hobart.

Found property in the form of a tractor tire was reported in the 800 block of

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident. Thursday, Sept. 22

3:26 p.m. - A 1985 red Ford Explorer driven by Caroline Viola Ledford, 29, 101 S. Dwight, Pampa, and a 2001 green Nissan Xterra driven by Laura Claire

Green, 38, 1025 N. Charles, Pampa, collided at the intersection of North Gray and West Finch. According to the accident report, Green was traveling south in the 700 block of Gray, and Ledford was traveling west in the 500 block of West Finch when the vehicles collided. Ledford received a citation for failure to yield. No injuries were reported.

Sheriff

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

Thursday, Sept. 22

Amanda Fought, 22, of Pampa was arrested on charges of theft of services, theft by check, speeding and failure to

Coleman Hampton, 22, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of aggravated theft by check.

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James' Wilbon, 57, of Pampa was arrested on a bond surrender on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

Michael Heathe Honeycutt, 30, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana.

Carl Wayne Dunn, 50, of Pampa was arrested on a charge of violation of probation manufacture and delivery of a controlled substance.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department reported the following calls in the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 22

10:24 a.m. - Two units and five firefighters responded to the 700 block of west Browning for a fire prevention program given to preschoolers at St. Matthew's Episcopal Day School.

4:16 p.m. - One unit and three firefighters responded to a traffic accident in the 1400 block of North Hobart.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Thursday, Sept. 22

8:33 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

4:18 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:29 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to the 700 block of Russell and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

7:23 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

9:56 p.m. – A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Christy. No trans-

11:30 p.m. - A mobile ICU unit

responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Friday, Sept. 23 4:14 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit respond-

ed to the 1200 block of Garland and transported a patient(s) to PRMC. 6:11 a.m. - A mobile ICU unit respond-

ed to the 1200 block of Williston. No transport.

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WASHINGTON (AP) - Saudi Arabia's foreign minister says the Bush administration did not heed some Saudi warnings on occupying Iraq and that he doesn't believe a new constitution and elections will solve the emerging nation's problems.

Prince Saud al-Faisal also said his country was still holding out the prospect of a peace treaty with Israel, but could have no diplomatic contact in the meantime, as other Arab and Muslim countries have had. He said Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon has not acted on opportunities for peacemaking after his withdrawal from Gaza.

"He does something and then immediately goes to the United Nations and makes a speech saying, 'I am not going to do this, I am not going to do that," Saud told The Associated

We are not establishing relations just for the heck of it," he added. "It would be false because we are in a state of conflict."

In a wide-ranging interview Thursday, Saud said he'd like to see oil prices drop about \$20 a barrel from their current \$60plus range, but predicted a lack of refineries will keep consumer prices higher even if crude becomes cheaper.

USS Oriskany, moved to Texas, now faces Hurricane Rita

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) -A retired aircraft carrier towed from the Florida Panhandle to Texas to avoid hurricanes this season now faces a menacing Hurricane Rita, officials said.

The USS Oriskany was moved in June from Pensacola to a Navy Reserve Fleet facility in Beaumont, Texas, to continue environmental testing that would determine whether it can be safely sunk in the Gulf of Mexico as an artificial reef.

The ship is currently moored

about 75 miles east of Houston, facing a storm that forecasters at the National Hurricane Center said would make landfall as a "dangerous hurricane of at least Category 3 intensi-

The Navy has no plans to move the Oriskany out of Rita's projected path, said Lisa Coghlan, a Pensacola Naval Air Station spokeswoman.

"The protocol in the military is to send ships out to sea during a hurricane - if they're sea-

worthy," she said. "But, in this case, we don't have a choice."

The 888-foot carrier, a combat veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, would be the largest ship ever purposely sunk to serve as a reef.

It was originally set for sinking this summer.

In January, the date was delayed until after the hurricane season due to the death of a key scientist working on the environmental analysis.



On two separate weekends, several local youngsters got together to run a lemonade stand, with home-baked cookies and brownies, and a car wash to raise funds for Hurricane Katrina relief efforts. Above: (Back row) Jazmin Rose, Elizabeth Terry;

(middle row) Emily Terry, Caitlin Sieck, Madison Joyce, Taylor Smith, Courtney Ward, Kailyn Troxell, Stephanie Allen; (front row) Miranda Patterson, Rachel Andrews and Lindsey Brown. In total, the girls raised \$500.

PRMC on standby to take in up to 22 evacuees from Hurricane Rita

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa Regional Medical Center is prepared to receive up to 22 evacuees from the Texas Gulf Coast area which is expected to be hit by Hurricane Rita sometime this weekend.

"We're just on standby," said Terry Barnes, PRMC marketing director, in a telephone interview this morning. "It hasn't been confirmed whether we're going to get any evacuees."

"If patients come up to Amarillo, Amarillo will take care of all they can and then will disperse them among four area hospitals, us being one of them," Barnes said.

The Eastern Texas Panhandle Chapter of the American Red Cross, headquartered in Pampa, is also on

"We are not opening a shelter at this time, but we are on standby. We've been put on standby to assist Amarillo with their shelter as needed," said Jana Gregory, executive director.

A total of 65 evacuees are on their way to Pampa, but all are going to be housed with family members or private individuals, not in a public shelter, Gregory said. Fifty of those are being assisted by one family, with the remainder being relatives of three Pampa families, she said.

Persons interested in donating cots, bedding, pillows and food to hurricane evacuees may call the Red Cross office at 669-7121 and have their names and telephone numbers placed on a list to be contacted if the items should be needed later, Gregory said.

"I can't take any items right now because I don't have any place to put them right now. We don't need the donations at the moment, but would be interested in putting their names on a list," Gregory said this morning.

The center of Hurricane Rita was located 220 miles southeast of Galveston and 210 miles southeast of Port Arthur at 10 a.m. today, according

to the National Weather Service. The Category 4 hurricane was expected to make landfall near the southwest Louisiana and upper Texas coasts early

Hurricane Rita is also expected to cause flooding in the area along the Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama coasts where Katrina made landfall. Tides there are running about two feet above normal and are expected to increase to three to five feet and be accompanied by large waves and swells, according to the NWS.

The hurricane is moving to the northwest at about 10 miles per hour. Maximum sustained winds this morning were at 135 miles per hour with higher bursts. Hurricane force winds extend outward up to 85 miles from the center, and tropical storm force winds extend outward up to 205 miles.

Texas has been hit by 59 hurricanes in the period from 1851 through 2004, according to the NWS.

20 killed in bus blast

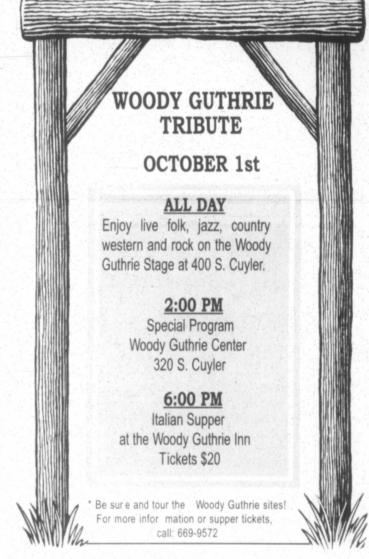
A bus carrying elderly evacuees from Hurricane Rita caught fire early today on a gridlocked highway near Dallas, killing as many as 20 people, authorities said.

"Deputies were unable to get everyone off the bus," spokesman Don Peritz said. "We believe it's going to be closer to 20 fatalities.

The bus, carrying about

WILMER, Texas (AP) — 45 people who had been traveling since Thursday, was engulfed with flames, causing a 17-mile backup on Interstate 45 that was already congested with evacuees from the Gulf Coast. The bus was reduced to a blackened, burned-out shell, surrounded by numerous police cars and ambulances.

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Rita

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hundreds of workers were evacuated from offshore oil rigs. Texas Gov. Rick Perry said state officials had been in contact with plants about "taking appropriate procedures to safeguard their facilities."

At 11 a.m. EDT, Rita was about 210 miles southeast of Port Arthur, moving northwest near 10 mph. Its winds had weakened to near 135 mph — down from 175 mph on Thursday. That meant Rita was on the border between a Category 3 and a Category 4 storm.

Its hurricane-force winds extended up to 85 miles from the center, and its tropical storm-force winds reached outward 205 miles, meaning Houston and Galveston might not feel Rita's full fury but could still get battered.

Two communities that stood to bear the brunt of the storm were Port Arthur, a city of about 58,000 that is home to industries that include oil, shrimping and crawfishing; and Beaumont, a petrochemical, shipbuilding and port city of about 114,000. Beaumont was the site of the 1901 Spindletop oil gusher that gave birth to the modern petroleum indus-

The first bands of rain were expected before nightfall Friday. Forecasters warned of the possibility of a storm surge of 15 to 20 feet, battering waves and rain of up to 20 inches, with more than 25 inches possible over the next several days as the storm moves inland into Texas and Louisiana and wrings itself out.

Texas officials scrambled to reroute several inbound highways to accommodate outbound traffic, but many people were waiting so long they ran out of gas and were forced to park.

"We know you're out there," Houston Mayor Bill White said of the congestion that extended well into Louisiana. "We understand there's been fuel shortages."

Texas Army National Guard trucks were escorted by police to directly provide motorists with gasoline. The state was also working to get more than 200,000 gallons of gas to fuel-starved stations in the Houston area.

By late Thursday night, the traffic was at least moving slowly, but was still backed up for about 100 miles in what White called "one of the largest mass evacuations in American history.'

Rita brought steady rain to New Orleans for the first time since Katrina. The forecast was for 3 to 5 inches in the coming days — dangerously close to the amount engineers said could send floodwaters pouring back into recently dry neighbor-

Rita estimates

By The Associated Press

Jack Colley, the state's emergency management coordinator, said he expects

- Affect 19 Texas counties, 5.2 million people and 1.8 million households.

- Generate 26 million

tons of debris.

- Leave a damage total of \$8.25 billion.

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EDC

the city commission's approval on any expenditure over \$10,000.

A 4A corporation could spend the money without the commission's approval.

"They have to go to the commission before they spend the money," said Duane Harp, a member of the committee.

former Pampa The Economic Development Corp. collected a little over \$9.1 million from the halfcent sales tax passed by voters who initially established the organization. With interest from loans and money from the Texas Revolving Loan Fund, the PEDC had an income totaling about \$9.6 million before it was dissolved. About a half million dollars of that remains in city coffers, said City Manager John Horst.

Of the rest, \$4.4 million was used for financial incentives, Horst said. About \$2.3 million was used for loans and loan guarantees, and about \$2.9 million went for expenses.

John Curry said the city received about \$10 million in construction value, taxable assets of about \$5 million and an estimated promotional value across the nation of \$1 million.

Chuck White said there are 250 jobs in Pampa today with an estimated annual payroll of \$6.5 million because of the former PEDC. He said the estimated payroll dollars since the inception of the PEDC would total about \$50 mil-

The committee is planning a town hall meeting concerning the economic development corporation at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6, at M.K. Brown Auditorium.

The next scheduled meeting of the Pampa Economic Development Group Promotional Committee is 5:30 P.M., Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce offices.

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Viewpoints

Don't forget the heaven in your own backyard

earth is one of the most scenic routes in the Texas Panhandle. Once the highway drops off the caprock, you are encompassed in rolling hills with tree filled creek and river bottoms and communities populated by farmers, ranchers and oilmen - Texas folk.

On either side of your auto, the mesas and buttes created by God and His timeless landscaping technique show their ramparts. As you drive closer to heaven, the prairie becomes

The drive to heaven on stepped and covered by a with tree lined creeks abundant with wild turkey and

Heaven itself is situated on the east side of Wolf Creek, one of the most historic running water streams in the Panhandle, and, if one didn't know heaven was hidden under the tree canopy, you'd pass her by.

"We've got the corner on Texas" is one of heaven's monikers. Another uses the words "middle" "nowhere" to describe where

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undiscovered most travelers. One has know something

is happening under her trees to experience her shine.

Saturday evening and night in Lipscomb, Texas, with the late summer sky filled with turkey vultures and hawks working the overhead breeze - the sounds of

she sits on the road map. children running and playing sagebrush sea, also laced This little piece of heaven is in a carefree environment

void of the worries presented in larger cities, a herd (it twern't no measly flock) of

wild turkey seemingly uncaring of the event going on in their backyard, a full moon coming up and providing its natural light along with the glow from lanterns, laughter and conversation as friends and acquaintances dined on brisket, homemade cobbler and ice cream, and the sounds of renowned fiddler Frankie McWhorter and his band playing western swing music with boot scooters of all ages (Closet Writer and his two left feet included) promenading the dance floor situated under the huge trees, the fiddling of Canadian Rose Annie Alexander – added a special moment to my night in heav-

It could not have been a better night out in our Texas Panhandle! And folks, this

little piece of heaven is right in our own backyard, but, don't blink or yawn for you'll miss her and perhaps, wind up in Oklahoma!

Lipscomb represents a place in Closet Writer's mind that takes me away from the humdrum events of the world around me - of war, politics, natural disasters, loss of loved ones - and permeates within me a calmness, a licking of wounds respite that reminds me there are still places on earth, in our Panhandle, that can be called heaven.

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Sept. 23, the 266th day of 2005. There are 99 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 23, 1779, during the Revolutionary War, the American warship Bon Homme Richard defeated the HMS Serapis after the American commander, John Paul Jones, is said to have declared: "I have not yet begun to fight!" On this date:

In 1642, Harvard College in Cambridge, Mass., held its first commencement.

In 1780, British spy John Andre was captured along with

The only interesting answers are those which destroy the questions."

 Susan Sontag American author and critic (1933-2004) papers revealing Benedict Arnold's plot to surrender West Point to the British.

In 1806, the Lewis and Clark expedition returned to St. Louis from the Pacific Northwest.

In 1846, the planet Neptune was discovered by German astronomer Johann Gottfried Galle.

In 1938, a time capsule, to be opened in the year 6939, was buried on the grounds of the World's

Fair in New York City

In 1939, Sigmund Freud, the founder of psychoanalysis, died in London.

In 1952, Republican vice-presidential candidate Richard M. Nixon went on television to deliver what came to be known as the "Checkers" speech as he refuted allegations of improper campaign financing.

In 1957, nine black students who had entered Little Rock Central High School in Arkansas were forced to withdraw because of a white mob outside.

In 1962, New York's Philharmonic Hall (since renamed Avery Fisher Hall) formally opened as the first unit of the Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts.

In 1973, former Argentine president Juan Peron was returned to power.

Ten years ago: In a wide-ranging interview aboard Air Force One, President Clinton admitted he had tended in the past to get hung up on details, and pledged to do a better job in providing reassuring leadership to Americans confused by tumultuous times.

Five years ago: At the Sydney Olympics, Marion Jones won the women's 100-meter final in 10.75 seconds; Maurice Greene took the men's 100 in 9.87 seconds. Commentator Carl T. Rowan died in Washington at age 75

One year ago: President Bush denied painting too rosy a picture about Iraq, and said he would consider sending more troops if asked; Iraq's interim leader, Ayad Allawi, standing with Bush in the White House Rose Garden, said additional troops weren't needed.

Congress extended three middle-class tax cuts in a \$146 billion package.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mickey Rooney is 85. Singer Julio Iglesias is 62. Actor Paul Petersen ("The Donna Reed Show") is 60. Actress-singer Mary Kay Place is 58. Rock star Bruce Springsteen is 56. Actor Jason Alexander is 46. Actor Chi McBride is 44. Actress Elizabeth Pena is 44. Country musician Don Herron (BR549) is 43.

IF BUSH IS SO IGNORANT AND APATHETIC, THEN HOW'D HE GET ELECTED...

Government is not universal panacea

The federal help: Environmental Protection Agency has announced that the floodwaters in New Orleans are dangerous.

I don't know what kinds of tests the EPA ran, but everybody already knew that. All it takes is a glance and a sniff, not to mention the incessant commentary from the television reporters wading around in it.

Personally, I have always been skittish about drinking New Orleans water, even before the recent catastrophe. After all, the city is at the tail end of the Mississippi River, which has collected other people's dumping all the way from the Rockies and the

Here's another example of my youthful excursions to flubbed the dub. After FEMA had too many taithe Crescent City, I never drank much water anyway.

> All too often, the government and politicians spend our money to tell us what we already know: Stagnant floodwater is dangerously polluted:

> > Charley

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Columnist

the federal budget is out of balance; the border is out of control - our control,

anyway. Now we can all look forward to expensive windbag hearings on something else we already know. The Emergency Federal Management Agency fouled Alleghenies. Of course, on up, dropped the ball and

unwisely boasting during a press conference before the storm even came ashore that the agency had prepositioned people and supplies, it took FEMA three days to deliver a single bottle of

places. require a logistical genius to

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load a helicopter with bottled water and Meals Ready to Eat and deliver them a few miles to a crowd of people complaining on international television that they have been abandoned and some are of dehydration.

lored trousers on chairs and too few Gucci loafers on the ground. The director of FEMA, Michael Brown, even claimed to have been surprised to discover there were people at the convention center.

The president of an adjoining parish said the first he saw of FEMA was a full seven days after the storm, when two bureaucrats showed up and announced they were there to "assess your needs." Those bureaucrats are lucky the folks in that area didn't shoot them on sight.

Mistake One was when Congress, in its usual thoughtless and sloppy fash-

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Feulner on enduring influence of Hayek

economies was held in the highest esteem by the Western democracies, the great libertarian economist F.A. Hayek wrote "The Road to Serfdom," a serious provocative work that quick- a b o u t ly became one of the century's most important manifestoes for economic, political and personal freedom.

Hayek warned that giving governments more and more control over the economies of free societies was not going to lead to socialist utopias but to totalitarian like hellholes Nazi Germany. "The Road to Serfdom," one of those masterpieces of liberty that rocks the lives and awakens the minds of many who read it, is as influential and relevant today as it ever was.

Ed Feulner, the president of the Heritage Foundation public policy think tank in Washington, knew Hayek personally and is something

More than 60 years ago, of an expert on the "The when the world was at war Road to Serfdom's" ideas and government planning of and its enduring influence.

> Wh Bill should Steigerwald everyone Columnist

politics, government policy and freedom still read "The Road to Serfdom" today?

A: I think "The Road to Serfdom" is essential for understanding the modern political landscape, wherever you live. The point Hayek makes in an educated but not supercilious way is that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. You've got a lot of people who see a problem, whether it's a social problem or some difficulty afflicting some part of the body politic, and the immediate suggestion or thought is, "Gee, somebody ought to do something about that" and the second thought is, "It ought to be the gov-

As Hayek points out, different government bureau-



operate different agen-The das. legislators, when they put things in terms of central control, remove

cracies

options to people. So "The Road to Serfdom" really is a set of guideposts for what the individual citizen's relationship is to government. The basic principles outlined there are as relevant today as they were 60 years ago.

Q: What did Hayek mean by "serfdom" in 1944?

A: His fundamental belief was that during wartime, when you have a concerted effort and everyone is pulling together to defeat a common enemy, you're willing to give up certain freedoms. But, when the war leaves, it is very hard sometimes for the government to go back to the way it used to

be. Instead, they think, "Hey, this is efficient. This is the way it ought to continue to be and let's keep it that way." So what you have is an individual controlling less and less of the decisions in his private life.

Basically, what he's talking about is that the more decisions are made by somebody else about where you live, what kind of job you have, how much taxes you pay, what you can do with your own property - whether it's real estate property or other things like a car - the less real freedom you have. The more of a serf you are. The more subservient you are to government.

Q: The book's central message was that the difference between Germany, fascist Italy and communist Soviet Union is not that great when you are the individual and you're looking at big government.

A: Right. The notion in all

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three cases that you just cited was the idea that it could very easily happen in a democratic structure like ours, where if we just give up a little more freedom, somehow we're going to be more secure. Government will be able to provide this for us, whether it is cradle-to-grave health care or whatever other desirable sounding program it might be. The next thing you know, you've got the government fundamentally making decisions like who goes to the head of the line to get a gall bladder operation or to have their cancerous prostate removed.

Q: In America was Hayek seen as a dangerous radical nutcase by the establishment?

A: Oh, yeah. The establishment, especially in Washington, which had the levers of power and which had built up boards and commissions and control groups here for virtually every part of the economy, didn't like to hear what Hayek had to say.

But at the same time, there books I ever read. I read it in was a residue of sufficient my freshman year in college

popular belief that man's destiny is not to be controlled, rather it is to be free and to expand freedom. That you could actually have a book of this intellectual content be run in a condensed version of the monthly Reader's Digest, as it was, is unbelievable, when you think about what's in every current magazine today.

Q: Who were some of the powerful people who would eventually read "The Road to Serfdom," love it and put its ideas, lessons and values into

practice?

A: In the political arena, probably the most prominent one who immediately comes to mind is Ronald Reagan. But even today Hayek's book has a continuing influence. When I visited former Gov. Jim Gilmore of Virginia in his offices in Richmond, he asked me, "Who is the most important person in terms of ideas that you have dealt with, since Heritage is involved in ideas?" And I said, "Oh, probably Hayek" and he reached behind his desk and pulled out a thumb-worn, paper-bound version of "The Road to Serfdom." He said, "This is one of the most important books I ever read. I read it in and it changed my life."

I was at a new-members of Congress conference in Baltimore a year and a half ago. I was sitting next to a brand new member from Tennessee, Marsha Blackburn, and we started talking about influences on our lives. The first person she mentioned was Hayek and "The Road to Serfdom." Who would think a first-term congresswoman from Tennessee would come up with an answer like that?

Q: The book is a classic, but 99 percent of the college kids in America have never heard Hayek's name or been introduced to his ideas.

A: No, they haven't. But that goes back to the notion of how does the influence of an idea spread. It's there. A lot of the faculty who have their heads more or less screwed on straight at some point or another have, if not been influenced by him, at least been exposed to Hayek.

Is it is as widely taught as it should be, or as widely influential as it should be? No. But it is probably more so than John Maynard Keynes. Keynes, who was his great intellectual nemesis in the late 1930s, through the '40s and

into the '50s, and who was then infinitely more popular and people would say more influential than Hayek, is no longer considered mainstream. His economic theories no longer hold. Hayek, on the other hand, has still got the fundamentals right. They're still as relevant as they were back then.

Q: What would Hayek think about the size, scope and power the federal government has today?

A: He'd be dismayed, for a couple of reasons. First of all, he'd be staggered by the shear size of the federal government and the size of the tax bite, both in absolute numbers and also in terms of the percent of GDP. But he'd be more concerned about the regulations coming out of the government.

Q: Have today's conservatives forgotten Hayek's lessons and principles?

A: No. I don't think so. They're probably not as visible in terms of our day-to-day activities as they should be ... But the bottom line is, Hayek is there to remind us of the longer-term truths. He doesn't operate in two-year election cycles. That's why Hayek is important.

Q: Milton Friedman in the 50th anniversary of "The Road to Serfdom" said it's not overstating it to say on both sides of the Atlantic that we preach individualism and competitive capitalism and practice socialism." Do you

A: I'd say it is mixed. It is true to a large extent. Milton was right then and it still would be right now. But at the same time, you've got Tony Blair - a self-admitted socialist Labor Party leader as prime minister - and he is not undoing the Thatcher economic reforms. He has not tried to resocialize housing or unscramble the privatized steel mills or the gas companies or anything because the privatized systems are working so much better. So there are mixed sig-

nals on both sides.

The fact is, it's very easy to get depressed day-by-day and say, "Boy, it's going the wrong way." But there are some hopeful signs out there. It takes a long time for these ideas to become both popularized and to have really the

fundamental impact on the system.

From the writing of Marx to the rise of Lenin, you had 50 years. Now I guess that's about where we are now with Hayek. We did have Reagan and Thatcher and we did have the most obvious version of state serfdom pulled down, in terms of Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. So we've come a long way positively. At the same time, yeah, there's a lot still to be done.

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ion, dumped FEMA into the Orwellian Department of Homeland Security, a virtually unmanageable bureaucratic monster. Mistake Two was appointing Michael Chertoff to head the Department of Homeland Security. The guy's a New Jersey lawyer with no management experience. The third mistake was appointing Michael Brown to be the director of FEMA. He used to run a horse owners association and had no managerial or leadership experience. The fourth mistake was to obsess over terrorism.

In an emergency, you can respond either to rules and paperwork or to the reality on the ground. Obviously, the FEMA bureaucrats went with the rules and the paperwork, and while they were doing that, people were suffering and dying. People in Mississippi have been told they must fill out FEMA forms before they can get aid. Of course, many of them have no way to get to the forms. FEMA people ought to be aiding those in need. The paperwork can

catch up later.

I've never had the faith in government that some people have. I've been too close to it and on three occasions a part of it. The larger government gets, the more inefficient it becomes. Those who responded magnificently in this tragedy were

the American people, not the federal government.

I don't believe race was ever an issue as the PBs (Professional Blacks, like Jesse Jackson) claimed. The rather well-to-do, mostly white suburbs got even less help, and that later, than the people in New Orleans. Of course, poor people are less mobile than rich people, but that's true everywhere in the world and has nothing to do with race.

I'm with the mayor of New Orleans. I'd like to see a moratorium on press conferences, studies, commissions and windbag hearings in general. As for the state government's role in this debacle, the people of Louisiana will solve that problem at the next election.

Events calendar

• Fritch at Lake Meredith will host its annual Howdy Neighbor Day beginning with a parade in downtown Fritch at 10 a.m. Saturday. Besides the parade, the event will include entertainment, food, display and game booths, a talent show, an antique car and tractor show and more, all at

Fritch City Park. Amarillo Museum of Art has scheduled a "Free Family Festival" from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday. Visitors will enjoy art activities, music, films, a print press demonstration and a gallery hunt - all inspired by artist Jasper Johns. Refreshments will be provided. The event is being held in conjunction with the exhibition "Jasper Johns: Prints." For more information, contact the museum at (806) 371-

• The deadline to signup for a women's fall retreat at First Baptist Church of Pampa is Monday. The annual retreat, to feature international speaker Linda Honey, is slated Sept. 30-Oct. 1 at the church. The theme will be "BEE' Coming A Chosen Vessel for the Lord." For more information, call 669-1155

or 669-0148.

• The deadline to register for "Daily Living with Parkinson's Disease" is Monday. The symposium, an annual event, will kick-off at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be provided for a \$7 fee. For more information about the symposium, contact Amarillo Area Parkinson's Symposium at 1-800-687-

• The late registration deadline for the ACT college admission exam is Sept. 30. The test will be administered nationwide

Fritch at Lake on Oct. 22. Students can dith will host its get registration materials al Howdy Neighbor from guidance counselors beginning with a or register online at de in downtown www.actstudent.org.

 Ten free trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation throughout September. The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign. The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Oct. 15 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. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's colorful bimonthly publication, "Arbor Day" and "The Tree Book" with information about tree planting and care. To receive the free trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Blue Spruces, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by Sept. 30. For more information, check out the foundation's web site at www.arborday.org on the Internet.

• The local Girl Scout council is seeking adult volunteers to help out with the program. To find out more, call (806) 8740-

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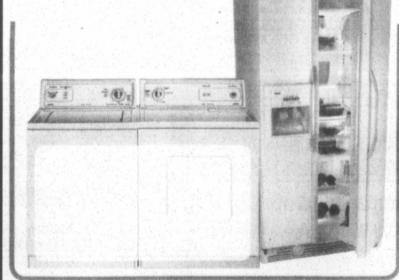
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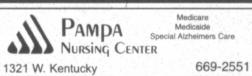
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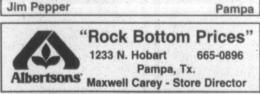
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St. Paul United Methodist Church to host revival services

Saint Paul United Methodist Church, 511 N. Hobart, will host revival services starting at 11 a.m. Sunday with the Rev. John Barrett.

The Rev. Barrett, a native of Louisville, Ga., graduated from Clinch County High School in Homerville, Ga. He holds a bachelor

of science degree in business administration from Columbus State University, Columbus, Ga., attended Asbury Seminary and received his master of divinity degree from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

Barrett served under appointment be described as 'down home,'" a

in South Georgia prior to transferring to New Mexico in 1984. In 1996, he became a full-time general evangelist.

He and wife Juleanne have four

"John's preaching style could best

church press release said. "His story-telling ability helps illuminate the Scripture themes he uses so effectively."

The services will be open to the community. For more information about the upcoming revival, call 665-8951 or 665-1167.

Simulcast resource for women

BORGER — On Nov. 12, First Baptist Church in Borger will host a luncheon for area women in conjunction with THRiVE! simulcast. THRiVE! is a division of INJOY, Inc.

A news release from the explained church THRIVE! hopes to attract more than 50,000 women to local churches across North America as "they explore what it means for women everywhere to start living their best

Themed "Leading a Life of Significance," the fourth annual live national simulcast conference will be broadcast from Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. John C. Maxwell, Elizabeth George, Carol Kent, Ruth Graham, Liz Curtis Higgs, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott and others will seek to inspire and equip women for ministry during the upcoming day-long event.

"All of THRiVE!'s programs are created," the press release said, "in response to statistical trends showing a nation of women hungry for spirituality, increasingly unclear about their faith, overworked on numerous fronts and stressed in their most fundamental relationships. The THRiVE! simulcast will offer training and resources that focus on helping women lead a life of significance."

Tickets, on sale at Borger First Baptist, are \$25 apiece. This price covers the simulcast and lunch. Early registration deadline is Oct. 3. Early registrants qualify for a special door prize drawing.

For more information, contact the church at (806) 273-

MINISTER'S MUSING

Terry Fox, greatest athlete ever!

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At the recent Chautauqua, I met a "Now what was the guy's name?" young man who lost his leg back in February. He and some friends were sitting on the rail of one of the walkover bridges at the park. When I passed by the first time, they had taken his prosthesis and put it in the middle of the bridge. Mike

As Shari and I walked by, I picked up the prosthesis, moved it over out of the way and put a \$5 bill in it and kept on walking. I think it kind of stunned the kids. Well, in

a couple of minutes I was walking back across the bridge and noticed that they hadn't moved it back into the middle of the bridge.

I stopped and said, "I'm very impressed with you guys. I thought for sure that the moment that I walked away, you would probably just put the leg back in the middle of the bridge. Thanks for not doing

Well, that started a conversation. One of his friends said, "Now you've gotta rub his nub."

I think they probably thought I wouldn't do that. I took hold of the end of his leg and held it tightly and massaged it for a few seconds. He looked surprised, but

I asked him when and how it happened. Then I asked him if he knew who Terry Fox was. He said that he didn't.

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I told him, "Terry Fox is the greatest athlete who ever lived."

I asked him if he had Internet access, and he said that he did. I encouraged him to check Terry's story out when he got

A few moments later when I walked back by, I stopped by and asked him,

He replied right back, "Terry Fox." I hope that he has checked his story out

because what Terry Fox did was the greatest athletic accomplishment in all of mod-



Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only 18-years-

old when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 6inches above the knee in 1977.

While in the hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research. He would call his journey the "Marathon of

After 18 months and running over 3,000 miles to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980. Although it began with little fanfare, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran a marathon (26 miles) each day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario. It was a journey that Canadians who saw Terry have never for-

However, on Sept. 1, after running 128 marathon runs in 143 days (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario, because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry

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Church briefs

will present Palmetto State free. Quartet in concert at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 3 at Borger High Auditorium.

BORGER — Jerry Smith Admission to the concert is School recently conducted a

Vincent de Paul Catholic collected.

food drive to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina. Students and staff at St. Over 200 food items were

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am 76, my wife is 65. Our neighbor "Roy" is retired, but probably less than 60 years old. The fence between Roy's property and ours is 6 feet tall, but the wood has shrunk and there are gaps of about half an inch or more between the boards.

Abby, Roy likes to work nude in his back yard and has told my wife he does this. Otherwise, he seems like a decent fellow. He has given my wife nectarines from over the fence, which is as close as I want his naked presence to my wife. Roy insists he has the "right" to go naked in his own back yard. Unfortunately, my wife agrees, and tells me she's not looking. I have asked her not to accept any more gifts over the fence from Roy and to keep her contact with him to a minimum. Am I being foolish? How would you recommend I handle this? --TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT IN CALIF

DEAR TOO CLOSE FOR COMFORT:

With a 6-foot fence around his property, Roy is probably within his rights to garden "au naturel." One way to handle the problem would be for you to develop an interest in horticulture. Perhaps the appearance of that fence could be improved by planting bougainvillea, or poison ivy on your side of it. Or a lovely cactus garden ... the possibilities are almost endless if you put your mind to it. P.S. Just be sure to wear gloves.

DEAR ABBY: Hello! I am 11 years old. I have known my best friend, "Dawn," since preschool. She has always been one step ahead of me. If I managed to get one step ahead of her, she'd get jealous and mad.

Recently my mother got pregnant. A few days ago she heard the heartbeat. Dawn was there when Mother was telling me and my brother the good news. Dawn said, "Oh, it's not dead yet?"

She thought it was a funny joke. She has been saying things like that ever since she heard about the pregnancy. Abby, I have told her once to stop all the chaos. I'm afraid to tell her again. My parents are now telling me they no longer want me going to Dawn's house. Please help me. -- WON-DERING IN DODGE CITY, KAN.

DEAR WONDERING: The person who needs help isn't you, it's Dawn, who appears to be insecure, jealous and lacking in judgment. Her remark was extremely inappropriate and not in the least bit funny. Your mother should have explained that to Dawn and also discussed it with her mother. My advice to you is to do some serious rethinking of your relationship with Dawn. Best friends support each other; they don't one-up each other or put each other down. Your parents are looking out for your best interests in wanting you to limit your time with her.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Simon," and I are being married in three months. Although my parents are paying for the wedding and reception, we would like to acknowledge his parents in the invitation. The problem is Simon's mother passed away last fall, and we're trying to find an eloquent way of including her name on the invitation. Any suggestions? -- "STUCK" IN SHREVEPORT, LA.

DEAR STUCK: The invitation could be worded this way:

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Crossword Puzzle

By THOMAS JOSEPH			
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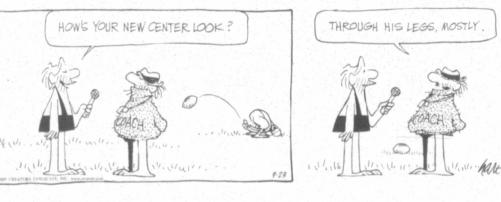
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Sports Day



The Pampa High School Rodeo Club is (left to right) bottom row-Sheryl Hoch, Dennis Golleher, Carley Richardson, Karli Douglas, Larri Golleher, Erin Hall, Ashlee Owens, Kaylynn Jones, Jamie Pergeson and Robert Douglas. Top row-Jason Sinclair, William Hoch, Justin Isbell, Cody Adams, Stephen McCarley and Tanner Cochran.

Richardson, Jones rope first place finishes at TSHSR event

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Congratulations are in order for some PHS cowboys and cowgirls after the Tri-State High School Rodeo event Sept. 17 in Dumas.

Carley Richardson finished first in Pole Bending and Break Away Roping, while Kalynn Jones took top honors in Barrels.

Richardson and Jones will be among other Pampa riders in action Saturday at the Top O' Texas Arena as they host the next round of Tri-State High School Rodeo competition. Events are scheduled to begin at 10 a.m.

Dumas Results Sept. 17, 2005 **Tri-State Steer Roping**

Blaine Harris, Amarillo Tyler Lane, Gruver

Tri-State Pole Bending Carley Richardson, Pampa

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Brian Johnson **Tri-State Goat Tying**

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Kari Merrick, Canadian Carley Richardson, Pampa

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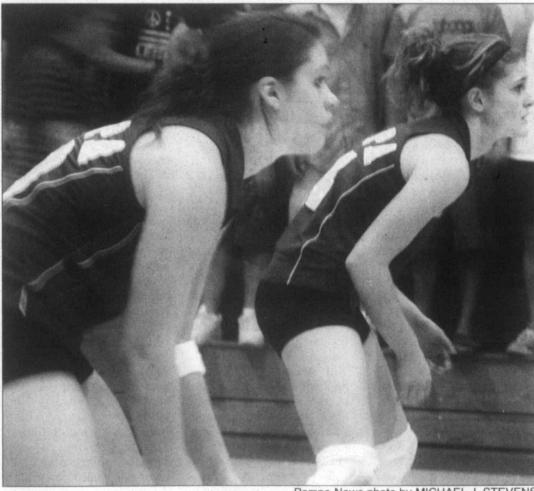
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In the zone



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Lady Harvesters Nicole Clark (left) and Jackie Gerber stand ready to receive a Lady Raider serve Tuesday. Pampa, which lost the district opener to Randall, faces another tough challenge on the road when the Lady Harvesters travel to Hereford Saturday.

Coach Don Carthel will dye hair should fan count hit 10,000

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

West Texas A&M head football Coach Don Carthel has agreed to allow the morning crew of campus station KWTS 91.1 to dye his hair maroon if attendance at Saturday night's

game exceeds 10,000. Should attendance exceed the target, Troy and Leighan, hosts of "Java Talk" will dye Coach Carthel's hair at 8:30 a.m. Monday in the JBK Student Center on the WTAMU campus.

Coach Carthel and his team will host No. 3 Texas University-A&M Kingsville at 6 p.m. Saturday night Kimbrough Memorial Stadium, in a battle of the unbeatens, as the Buffaloes pit their 4-0 mark against the 3-0 record of the Javelinas.

A full slate of festivities is scheduled for this weekend, wrapping up Saturday

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Big 12 Preview: Texas Tech keeps throwing and scoring

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech keeps throwing passes and scoring points, the nation's best team in both of those categories.

The No. 19 Red Raiders (2-0) broke a 52-year school scoring record in an 80-21 victory over Sam Houston State last weekend. And now they play another NCAA Division I-AA opponent, winless Indiana State (0-3) on Saturday.

So is scoring 100 points in a game possible, or even a goal, for Texas Tech?

"We don't go into a game with a set goal of points we want to score," coach Mike Leach said. "We do look at everything from an improvement standpoint. We need to keep playing better and work hard on every play, especially this week before we start conference play. I've been pretty pleased with what we have done so far, and we just need to keep getting bet-

The Red Raiders, who have never played Indiana State before, are averaging 68 points and 584 passing yards a game. But the competition level will increase significantly after this weekend when Big 12 play begins.

Texas Tech is one of just five Big 12 teams playing this weekend. The other seven have already completed their non-conference schedules and have open dates.

The specter of Hurricane Rita spurred Texas A&M and I-AA Texas State to reschedule their game from Saturday to Thursday night.

Reggie McNeal threw for 317 yards and two touchdowns as the Aggies (2-1) beat Texas State (2-1) 44-31 in a stadium rendered unusually bare and an area choked with evacuating traffic from the approaching storm.

No. 22 Iowa State (2-0), which had extra time to savor its Sept. 10 victory over then-No. 8 Iowa State, has a televised game Friday night at Army (0-2),

which lost its home opener 20-10 against Baylor last weekend.

Iowa State played against Army just one other time, losing at West Point in 1964. The Cyclones forced five turnovers, scoring after each one, against Iowa in its last victory.

In the other games Saturday involving Big 12 teams, Colorado (2-0) goes to No. 12 Miami (1-1); Kansas State (2-0) plays North Texas (1-1).

Second-ranked Texas, Nebraska, Kansas, Baylor and Oklahoma State are all 3-0 waiting for the start of league play Oct. 1. Missouri is 2-1 and defending Big 12 champion Oklahoma (1-2) is the league's only team with a losing record.

"It's a good time, I guess for an open date. We have a lot of work to do as a team," said Sooners coach Bob Stoops, his team coming off a 41-24 loss at UCLA.

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Lead Lady Harvester



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

First year head varsity volleyball coach Sonia VanGilder leads her Lady Harvesters (18-9, 0-1) into Hereford Saturday in search of her first District 3-4A win.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Other games of interest

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Unless otherwise noted, all games are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. tonight. Pampa is off this week.

Amarillo High @ Midland High

Tascosa @ Wichita Falls Rider

Perryton @ Caprock

Randall @ Frenship

Lubbock Estacado @ Dumas

Lubbock High @ Palo Duro (1 p.m. Saturday)

Levelland @ Canyon

Friona @ Dalhart

2A Stratford @ Tulia

Highland Park @ Sanford-Fritch

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Pampa teams in action

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS Sports Editor

Volleyball

The varsity and junior varsity Lady Harvesters will travel to Hereford Saturday to take on their Lady Whiteface counterparts. Both should be tough matches for each school. The JV game will start at 2 p.m., varsity at 3:30 p.m. The freshmen team will stay home to host Hereford. That game will begin at 10 a.m.

Tennis

Coach Emily Laurence and her Pampa High School tennis team will also travel to Hereford Saturday for a meeting that was scheduled to be played in Pampa. However, due to the updating of the Harvester tennis courts, those matches were moved.

Football

Both the varsity and junior varsity teams are off this week. The freshmen team defeated Hereford Thursday. The final score was not available at press time.

Members of both the junior varsity and varsity Harvester Tennis Teams are all smiles following last week's Green and Gold Scrimmage



Gas prices putting strain on schools, fans

DALLAS (AP) — Two fans Cisco football can always depend on are Grady and Sue West.

Except if it's a road game that requires a fill-up.

'They don't miss a game," said Cisco head coach Brent West, the couple's son. "But they said Seymour was too long a trip and the gas prices were too high.

Rising fuel costs are keeping more than just fans home Friday nights. Midland Lee made its last two road trips without its marching band. Malakoff has seen opponents unload buses without cheerleaders.

School officials put the blame squarely on high gas prices, which are straining budgets and mapping boundaries on how far some teams can travel. The U.S. Department of Energy reported the average price of gas in Texas was \$2.71 on Monday, about 50 cents higher than when teams began reporting for practice Aug. 1.

School districts pay less for fuel than motorists thanks to tax exemptions and bulk discounts. Officials put the difference between 10 and 45 cents less than pump prices, but that hardly translates into a savings for schools.

Mesquite ISD transportation director Mike Horn said his school district traditionally spent around \$450,000 annually for fuel. But Horn said if prices stay at current levels, the price tag may swell to as much as \$650,000 by the end of the school year.

"It's killing us," said Mesquite ISD athletic director Mickey Delamar, who oversees five high schools that travel upward of 230 miles round trip for district games in East Texas.

"When we put our budget together for fuel we estimated a three to four percent increase. That increase has jumped around 25 percent.'

Delamar said he's seen visiting teams bring fewer fans to Mesquite stadiums. Malakoff ISD superintendent Larry Hulsey said he also expects a slide in gate receipts this season, and Cisco's West said he knows road turnout is bad when he can't even get his parents to make the drive.

About 80 miles southwest of Dallas, Malakoff shares District 21-2A with schools some 75 miles away. Hulsey believes gas prices make it too prohibitive for many visiting fans to justify

"It's not tremendous if we lost

\$5,000 (in ticket sales)," Hulsey said. "But that's \$5,000 we don't have to spend on something we need."

The impact of gas prices hasn't been limited to budget spreadsheets. Some teams enter visiting stadiums without bands to blare their fight song or cheerleaders to rouse their fans however few there might be thanks to deterring gas prices.

Midland Lee didn't see its band for three weeks after its season opener in Abilene against Southlake Carroll. Midland ISD athletic director Davis Corley said high gas prices kept the band parked in Midland for Lee's next two games, both about 330 miles away

School administrators felt the sav-Unfortunately, so did the Lee foot-

"One of my kids told me he felt like he was playing in a junior high or jayvee game," said Lee coach Randy Quisenberry, whose team lost both games in Dallas. "It completely changes the atmosphere without them there. It's one of those things you take

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"You don't ever think about getting off to a bad start."

While the Sooners have struggled, Baylor is 3-0 for the first time since 1996 and Kansas for the first time since 1997.

Colorado will try to become just the 12th in the series' first game since 1993. The game in Florida begins at 10 a.m.

Colorado time. "This game was scheduled 11 years ago, and I know our players are looking forward to the challenge," Buffs coach Gary Barnett said. "Somebody may be making this a statement game, but we look at it as an opportunity to get a valuable win. All these games have the same value as a win or loss, and I don't State from 1979-82.

know how this game will impact our chances." Big

The Buffs have won five of seven games in the

Texas A&M finally was able to get past its seasonopening Sept. 3 loss, and took it out on SMU 66-8 when Reggie McNeal because the first Aggie and 16th NCAA player to pass for 300 yards and rush for 100 in the same game. The NCAA I-A team to score in Aggies rolled up 714 yards, 200 straight games when and now play Texas State, the Buffaloes play at Miami an instate school they've played only once - in 1919.

Kansas State tailback Thomas Clayton is the nation's leading rusher (165 yards per game) going into the Wildcats' game against North Texas, which has the backfield of Patrick Cobbs and Jamario Thomas who won the national rushing titles the past two seasons — and is coached by Darrell Dickey, a four-year starting quarterback at K-

Palmeiro says Tejada gave him vitamin that caused positive test

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Rafael Palmeiro said a vitamin he received from Miguel Tejada might have caused the positive test for steroid use that led to the first baseman's suspension, an assertion his Baltimore Orioles teammate dis-

missed as implausible. Palmeiro said he received vitamin B-12 from Tejada, a person familiar with Palmeiro's unsuccessful grievance hearing to overturn the suspension said.

Palmeiro has not publicly discussed details of his testimony, which came during an unsuccessful grievance filed by the players' association to overturn his 10-day suspension, which followed a positive test for stanozolol.

Another hurricane is rearranging schedules, forcing teams to scramble

By RALPH D. RUSSO **Associated Press**

With Tulane's plight fresh in their minds, University of Houston officials told the football team to pack for a lengthy trip with Hurricane Rita bearing down on the Texas

The Cougars were ready to go but unsure early Thursday where they were headed and how they would be getting

The second hurricane in less than a month had college sports teams scrambling again to rearrange schedules and in some cases — to relocate teams. No. 3 LSU had its home opener delayed for the third time, when the Southeastern Conference decided to push back the Tigers' game against No. 10 Tennessee two days to Monday night.

Houston's initial plan was to bus the football team, coaches and support staff — about 125 people — to Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, about a six-hour drive in normal conditions, far longer with much of southeast Texas fleeing the likely destination of a power-

That plan fell through late Wednesday night when the state wouldn't authorize the team's move to the base, according to Houston athletic director Dave Maggard.

And then the Cougars lost their ride when the bus company informed them that they had no drivers for the five buses the school hired, Maggard said.

"It's left us in a real quandary," Maggard said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Thursday.

After having no luck finding a charter plane to take the Cougars to Tulsa, Okla., where they play football next Saturday, the team decided to bus it the nearly 500 miles to

Maggard couldn't find any buses in Texas - "That has been amazing to me," he said Thursday night — but secured four in Tulsa. The Cougars expected to be on the road Friday morning.

The Cougars play Tulane in Lafayette, La., the following week, before their next scheduled home game at Robertson Stadium against Memphis on Oct. 15. Houston's home game against Southern Mississippi scheduled for Saturday was postponed on Wednesday because of Rita.

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Politicians looking beyond Roberts court confirmation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republicans and Democrats alike are looking beyond John Roberts' virtually certain confirmation as the nation's 17th chief justice to President Bush's next nominee to the Supreme Court, expecting a quick announcement from the White House and a much tougher confirmation fight.

Three Democrats on the Senate Judiciary Committee sided with the panel's 10 Republicans on Thursday in a 13-5 vote to endorse Roberts, sending his nomination to the floor of the Senate for a confirmation vote no later than next

With little suspense left in Roberts' climb to the Supreme Court, speculation focused on whether the support from three Democrats gives Bush any more or less leeway to nominate someone more conservative than Roberts to replace retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

"I think there were people in the White House who hoped the Democrats would all vote for him and show that Roberts was a high-quality nominee," said Wermiel, an American Stephen University law professor. "There were other people in the White House who hoped the Democrats would all vote against him, thinking that would help the president feel liberated to do whatever he wanted to do next."

Regardless of their motives, it was clear the Judiciary Committee members were eyeing Bush's next pick for the court.

"I think that some of the voting today was calculated to impact on the next nomination," said Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., chairman of the committee. Some senators believed that backing Roberts puts them in a better position to oppose the next Bush nominee, while others thought that opposing him puts the president on notice that he had better put someone up who was acceptable to a

broad spectrum of senators.

Norm Ornstein, a political analyst with the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank in Washington, said anyone familiar with the Bush White House knows that a strong Democratic vote against Roberts would convince Bush that Democrats would reject anyone he'd nominate "so why bother nominating anyone but a fire-breathing conservative.

The White House, which has been keeping details of Bush's selection process secret, said only that the president planned to nominate a highly qualified candidate whom Americans can be proud to have on the court.

"The historic standard, particularly with recent nominees, has been based on qualifications," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. "Judge Roberts clearly has far exceeded that standard, and earned broad-based support. The Senate has traditionally joined together in support of those nominees who were well-qualified to sit on the court, and avoided becoming beholden to partisan interest groups."

Some lawmakers and legal analysts claimed the three Democrats - Sens. Patrick Leahy, Russ Feingold and Herbert Kohl — likely supported Roberts so they would not be cast as obstructionists.

"If the Roberts' confirmation is a foregone conclusion, why look like a kneejerk obstructionist?" asked Brad Berenson, formerly a lawyer in the Bush White House. "It's far better to preserve the appearance of being fair-minded and try to convince the president he has a chance to get your vote if he nominates someone to your liking. It also gives you the ability to oppose the next nominee

with greater credibility."

Head Start prompts religious debate

WASHINGTON (AP) receive federal money to among educators in different ny as cases of financial provide preschool to poor grades. children. Now, the House Only 23 Democrats sup-academic quality have sursays, they should be allowed to hire based on religion.

In a broad update of the Head Start program, the House voted Thursday to let preschool providers consider a person's faith when hiring workers — and still be eligible for federal grants. The Republican-led House said the move protects the rights of religious groups, but Democrats blasted it as discriminatory.

The debate over religion overshadowed the main parts of the bill, which had drawn bipartisan support.

Overall, the House bill would insert more competition into Head Start grants, more than 900,000 poor chil-

require greater disclosure of dren. Though credited for Churches and other religious how money is spent, and try groups are allowed to to improve collaboration Head Start has drawn scruti-

> ported the House bill, which was approved 231-184. The vote on the amendment allowing the religion-based hiring was even tighter. It passed 220-196, with sup-

port from 10 Democrats. Ohio, the Republican chair- vides Head Start services to man of the House Education Committee, said the bill ensures that faith-based centers "aren't forced to choose between relinquishing their identities or being shut out

of the program altogether." Launched in the 1960s, the nearly \$7 billion Head Start program provides comprehensive education to

getting kids ready for school, waste and questions about faced nationwide.

Yet most of the debate Thursday was not about oversight. It was about religion and civil rights.

The Republican plan would, for example, allow a Rep. John Boehner of Catholic church that proemploy only Catholic childcare workers, and to reject equally qualified workers of other religions.

> "This is about our children, and denying them exemplary services just because the organization happens to be a religious one is just cruel," said Rep. Virginia Foxx, R-N.C.

Lobbyist probe takes new turn WASHINGTON (AP) — The arrest of a Republican fundraiser with close ties to GOP

former White House official marks a new phase in the investigation of Jack Abramoff in which authorities seek to extract information about the high-powered Republican lob-

David Safavian was arrested Monday and charged with making false statements and obstructing a federal investigation relating to a 2002 golf outing to Scotland with Abramoff, former Christian Coalition executive Ralph Reed, Rep. Bob Ney, R-Ohio, and

Safavian is the first person to face charges arising out of the probe of Abramoff, a major

leaders in Congress.

Investigators frequently seek to pressure minor players in complex federal probes as they build a case against their principal tar-

"You squeeze that person and hope he flips as you work your way up to the top," said Kirby Behre, a former prosecutor who is a partner at the Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker law firm in Washington.

Abramoff is under investigation for his lobbying activities on behalf of Indian tribes and his role in paying for overseas trips for House Majority Leader Tom DeLay.

Fox

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