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PJH mascot: Green Team

Divided board nixes Harvesters

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
 Editor

Pampa Independent School District's Board of Education passed the 2004 tax rate and 2004-2005 budget after receiving no response from the community during a public hearing Tuesday evening.

Choosing Pampa Junior High School's mascot, however, drew numerous comments from students, educators, board members and administrators.

The board unanimously voted for a 2004 tax rate of \$1.556 per \$100 valuation and approved the 2004-2005 budget for \$20,422,494 in revenues and \$20,172,494 in expenditures leaving a surplus of \$250,000. The surplus will be applied to a reserve fund required by the Texas Education Agency, school officials say.

After all was said and done, a divided board voted to name the PJH mascot "Green Team." Board members Greg Brown and Charles Smith voted against the decision. "Green Team" was the second choice of the junior high staff and students for a mascot name.

An earlier motion by John Curry, seconded by Brown, to name the mascot "the Harvesters" failed on a 3-4 vote, with Lance DeFever, Brown, and Curry, voting for and Joe Martinez, Dr. Jay Johnson, Lee Porter, and Charles Smith voting against.

Before voting three eighth graders, Chandler Talley, Karlie Novian and Keisha Crowell, and three PJH teachers, Sam Haynes, Denise Intemann, and Janyth Bowers, all of whom served on the name-change committee, and a parent, Gail Curtis, spoke before the board.

All were in favor of naming the mascot "the Harvesters," and pointed out that the name was No. 1 in polls of junior high staff and students alike.

"I don't feel the opinion of staff and students have been considered," Coach Haynes said. He said he felt that having the same mascot name as Pampa High School would unify the schools.

Curtis said she had four children go through Pampa public schools and her boys played Harvester football.



Pampa News photo by DEE DEE

Pampa Junior High Eighth Grader Chandler Talley reads a letter to the school board supporting the choice of "Harvesters" as the PJH mascot. Behind her, waiting for a turn to speak is Karlie Novian, another PJH eighth grader who wanted "Harvesters" for the school's mascot.

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(Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS)

No way to start the day

Pampa Police Officer Joey Williams, above, was one of several officers responding to the 1700 block of Duncan this morning, where a maroon GMC sport utility vehicle rolled over onto its driver's side in the southbound lanes. A Guardian EMS ambulance and a Pampa Fire Department truck also responded to the scene, but no one was transported by ambulance, and no fuel spilled from the vehicle. Cause of the accident and identity of the driver and any passengers in the GMC were unavailable as of press time today.

Museum requests budget hike to help with repairs

By MARILYN POWERS
 Staff Writer

Gray County Commissioners met at 9 a.m. today to continue discussion and possibly take action on the county's proposed 2004-05 budget.

A public hearing was to be held at the beginning of today's session concerning the upcoming budget, along with a proposed \$100 per month pay increase for all approved county employees and elected officials.

John Forister, a member of the White Deer Land Museum advisory board, addressed

commissioners this morning concerning the museum's proposed budget for 2004-2005. He said later that the advisory board and staff are working to maintain and keep the museum attractive, and create new exhibits in the annex to attract tourists and bring people to the downtown district.

'The advisory board and staff have been working three to four years to expand exhibits ...'

— John Forister
 White Deer Land Museum board member

Forister said in a copy of his address to commissioners that there are two areas to be addressed concerning the museum's budget: Repainting the exterior trim of the main building, the Holland wing and the carriage

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Texas Briefs

Former soldier gets 60 years for murder

BELTON (AP) — A former Fort Hood soldier has been sentenced to 60 years in prison after being found guilty in the death of his wife, who was strangled, drowned, stabbed and cut in their Killeen apartment in 2001.

Edmond Demond Waites, 22, who was sentenced Tuesday, will be eligible for parole after serving half of his sentence. He was found guilty Friday by the same jury, the Killeen Daily Herald reports in its Wednesday editions.

Records show that Waites had called 911, confessing to "killing my wife," and asked the dispatcher to send police to "pick him up." Killeen police Det. Karl Ortiz said that the body of Terri Waites was found in the doorway of the couple's Killeen apartment on the evening of Oct. 21, 2001, with a plastic trash bag around her head and feet.



Hutchison

Texas shows disunity at national convention

NEW YORK (AP) — Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison took a rare swipe at Texas Gov. Rick Perry on Tuesday, saying he was "trigger happy" for lambasting her for telling a reporter the state had failed to do enough to provide health insurance for more children.


Hutchison said in a television news talk show interview Sunday that Texas has left hundreds of millions in federal funds in Washington that could have been used to provide health insurance for children in families too poor to buy private coverage and too well off to get Medicaid.

Hutchison's comments in the interview with Weslaco's Valley Newsline led Perry's office to accuse the senator of attacking President Bush's record while he was governor.

Kathy Walt, Perry's spokeswoman, said in a statement to Valley Newsline that Bush was in office when the Children's Health Insurance Program was created and some money went unspent. Hutchison said Texas could have provided matching funds needed to get federal dollars made available during Perry's term.

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 Stationed: 1-7 Cavalry, Fort Hood, Texas
 Deployed: Iraq
 Job Description: A r m a m e n t Electronics and Avionics (15 Juliet)
 Graduate: Randall High School, Amarillo, 2000
 Born: Pampa, moved to Amarillo in 1990
 Family: Parents, Clint and Pam Deeds, Amarillo; sister, brother-in-law and nephew, Genie, Jeff and Austin Robison, Amarillo/Houston; grandparents, Paul Howard and the late Mary Howard, Pampa, and Gene and Sis Deeds, Lubbock.



Militants strapped with explosives seize Russian school, take 400 hostage

BELSAN, Russia (AP) — More than a dozen militants wearing suicide-bomb belts seized a southern Russian school in a region bordering Chechnya on Wednesday, taking hostage about 400 people and threatening to blow up the building if police storm it. As many as eight people have been reported killed, one of them a school parent.

Security officials said they had made brief contact with the hostage-takers, Russian special forces wearing camouflage and carrying heavy-caliber machine guns surrounded Middle School No. 1. About 1,000 people, mostly parents, were massed the three-story building in the town of Belsan, demanding information and accusing the government of failing to protect their children.

Kazbek Dzantiyev, head of the North Ossetia region's Interior

Ministry, said that the hostages have threatened "for every destroyed fighter, they will kill 50 children and for every injured fighter — 20 (children)," the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

At one point, a girl wearing a floral print dress and a red bow in her hair fled the school, her hand held by a flak-jacketed soldier. An older woman followed them, Ruslan Ayamov, spokesman for North Ossetia's Interior Ministry, told The Associated Press that 12 children and one adult managed to escape after hiding in the building's boiler room.

The attack was the latest blamed on secessionist Chechen rebels, coming a day after a suicide bomber killed nine people in Moscow and a week after near-simultaneous explosions blamed on terrorists caused two Russian

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Obituaries

Bonnie Jean Scribner, 77

Bonnie Jean Scribner, 77, of Pampa, Texas, died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Services are scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 3, 2004, at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. Jack Lee, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shamrock, and the Rev. J.C. Burt, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Scribner was born May 7, 1927, in Wellington, Texas. She married Lawrence M. "Mutt" Scribner on July 20, 1946, in Mobeetie. He preceded her in death on Feb. 13, 2001.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1952, moving from Mobeetie. She worked as a health and beauty aid buyer for Sandra Corporation for 17 years.

She was a member of the Barrett Baptist Church and later the Cornerstone Baptist Church.

She was a member of the Mobeetie

Bluegrass Association and the Pampa Tractor Club.

Survivors include two sons, Myron Scribner and wife Helen of Haslet, and Billy Scribner and wife Cathy of Pampa; one daughter, Becky Mayfield and husband Jeff of Pampa; four sisters, Edna Tosh and Juanita Powell, both of Pampa, Audrey Powell of Decatur, and Ann Moyer of Paradise; two brothers, Bill Alexander of Amarillo, and Carl Alexander of Ellacott, Colo.; seven grandchildren, Anna Bagley of Richland Hills, Julie Morris of Amarillo, Garrett Scribner of Pampa, Dr. Misty LeBlanc of Krum, Laura Scribner of Arlington, Brandon Mayfield of Rock Springs, Wyo., and Lindsey Scribner of Houston; and four great-grandchildren, Amanda Bagley and Emily Bagley, both of Richland Hills, Hunter Scribner of Arlington, and Ebby Morris of Amarillo.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or to Cornerstone Baptist Church Building Fund, 1301 N. Banks, Pampa, TX 79065.

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



Scribner

Josie S. Weese, 87

WHITE DEER — Josie S. Weese, 87, of White Deer, died Monday, Aug. 30, 2004, at Amarillo, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2, 2004, at the Higgins Cemetery in Higgins with the Rev. Barry Owens, associate pastor of the First Baptist Church of Pampa, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whitley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Weese was born Nov. 21, 1916, in Buffalo, Okla., to Earl and Addie Fesler Williams. She was a 50-year member of the Higgins Chapter #300 Order of the Eastern Star. She was an avid Lady Raider basketball fan and enjoyed watching her son's teams play.

Due to her husband's work with Santa Fe Railroad, she lived in many towns, but the longest part of her life was spent in Higgins

and White Deer. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Willard Weese in 1996; and a daughter, Alta Gail Weese in 1951.



Weese

Survivors include three sons, James A. Weese and wife Laura of White Deer, Dean Weese and wife Joann of Granbury and Linden Weese and wife Gay of Lubbock; one daughter, Kay Carpenter of El Paso; one sister, Alta Stewart of Phoenix, Ariz.; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176.

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

Services tomorrow

WEESE, Josie S. — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Higgins Cemetery, Higgins.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department today reported the following incidents and arrests.

Sunday, Aug. 29

Assault was reported in the 1100 block of Prairie Drive. No injuries were reported.

Assault was reported at Central Park, in the 800 block of Duncan. No injuries were reported.

Monday, Aug. 30

Disorderly conduct/fighting was reported in the 1100 block of Varnon.

A runaway was reported in the 2400 block of Dogwood. The juvenile was later located after another subject was discovered harboring a runaway. The case was forwarded to the juvenile probation office.

Theft was reported in the lobby of the police department. The incident occurred in the 400 block of West Brown. Taken were a wallet

and contents valued at \$300, and 60 compact discs valued at \$1,200.

Taylor Mart, 1342 N. Hobart, reported a gas drive-off involving \$16 worth of gasoline.

Theft was reported in the 900 block of North Gray. A swamp cooler valued at \$40 was taken.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Domestic assault and bodily injury was reported in the 900 block of Rose. No injuries were reported. A suspect has been identified.

A domestic disturbance was reported in the 700 block of Denver. No injuries were reported.

Burglary of a habitation was reported in the 400 block of Roberta. A television and medicine were taken, for an estimated loss of \$105.50.

Jason David Sprowls, 17, 424 Dwight, was arrested at the Skate Park in Central Park for a bond surrender on

a charge of possession of marijuana.

Accidents

Pampa Police Department today reported the following motor vehicle accident.

Friday, Aug. 27

12:19 p.m. — A 1995 Lincoln Town Car, driven by Robin Newman Douglas, 36, 1309 Terrace, and a 2000 Chevrolet 1500 pickup, driven by Jose Luis Hernandez, 37, 305 Jean, collided in the 1300 block of North Hobart. Douglas was cited for failure to control speed.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Aug. 31

Deborah L. Hodges, 43, White Deer, was arrested for

driving while intoxicated.

Jimmie Charles Johnson, 51, 1000 Huff Road, was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for possession of a controlled substance.

Gumaro Guadalupe Lopez Jr., 22, San Angelo, was arrested on a bond surrender for a charge of possession of marijuana.

John Edward Towe Jr., 31, Winnboro, was arrested on a bond surrender for a charge of sexual assault.

James Brak Smyth, 29, Colorado Springs, Colo., was arrested on a grand jury indictment for tampering with government records.

Pamela Groves, 50, 2705 W. Harvester, was arrested for purchasing/furnishing alcohol to a minor.

Fire

Pampa Fire Department responded to the following

calls during the 48-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 30

7:21 a.m. — One unit and four firefighters responded to a medical assist in the 500 block of Magnolia.

8:13 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a dumpster fire in the 900 block of South Finley.

11:33 a.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to a reported grass fire caused by lightning at Texas 70 and FM 293. No fire was found.

11:49 a.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to possible hazardous material in the 300 block of West Browning. Fire officials determined the foamy substance was probably caused by the rain and did not pose a hazard.

Tuesday, Aug. 31

6:28 p.m. — One unit and two firefighters responded to the 900 block of North Hobart. A tree in the park

had a small smoldering fire in its trunk. Firefighters opened the tree trunk and extinguished the fire.

Ambulance

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

Tuesday, Aug. 31

10:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 900 block of South Nelson and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

11:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 100 block of South Russell and transported a patient to PRMC.

Wednesday, Sept. 1

12:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center, Amarillo.

A&M re-evaluates interest in nuke lab

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — The Texas A&M University System's interest in managing the Los Alamos National Laboratory is being re-evaluated after defense contractor Lockheed Martin Corp. backed out, a school official said.

Lee Peddicord, vice chancellor for research and federal relations for A&M, said the exit by Lockheed Martin could mean managing the troubled lab could prove challenging. He said it is unclear if the system will bid on the \$2.2 billion annual contract in the coming months.

"It's a clear message that one needs to think carefully about this," he said. "I wouldn't say we've lost interest, but it has made us more deliberate in our approach."

The lab, which has been managed by the University of California since World War II, is the nation's largest. It was established to build the first atomic bomb during the Manhattan Project.

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Morning glories in a variety of colors cover the fence along the south side of 513 N. Naida. The blooms are in shades of blue, white, dark pink and purple. Shirley Hoskins and her husband recently moved to the address from Fritch, and she has planted a variety of vegetables and flowers on the property. A grapevine growing at the front of the house yielded enough fruit to harvest this year, she said.

Gray County Weather

Today: Mostly sunny, with a high around 90. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. South southwest wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. South southwest wind between 10 and 20 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly

clear, with a low near 64. South southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 92. South southwest wind around 20 mph.

Friday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 63. South southwest wind around 20 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy,

with a high near 87. South wind around 20 mph becoming north northwest.

Saturday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. North northeast wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 84. East northeast wind around 15 mph.

Sunday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low near 60.



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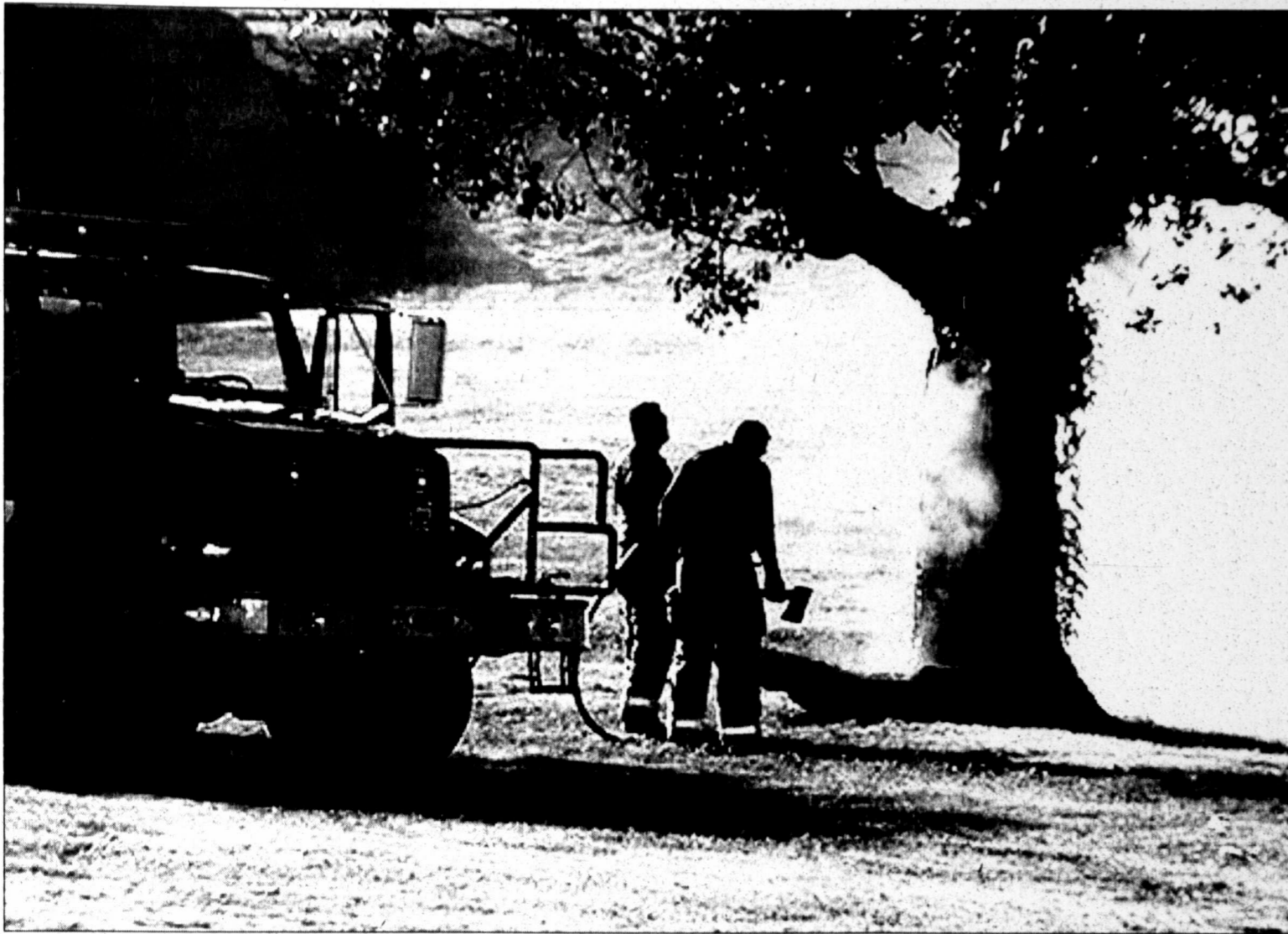
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Smokin' tree

Charla Shults, an employee of Culberson-Stowers Inc., took this photograph Tuesday afternoon of local firefighters extinguishing a smoldering fire inside a tree trunk in the park behind the 900 block of North Hobart. Pampa Fire Department Deputy Chief Randy Dunham said today that the fire was located in a split down in the tree and firefighters had to open the trunk in order to put out the fire. Firefighters were unable to determine what had initially caused the small fire, he said.

School

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planes to crash, killing all 90 people on board. The surge in violence was apparently timed around last Sunday's Chechen presidential election.

"In essence, war has been declared on us, where the enemy is unseen and there is no front," Russian Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov said.

President Vladimir Putin interrupted his working holiday Wednesday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi for a second time and returned to the capital. On arrival at the airport, he held an immediate meeting with the heads of Russia's Interior Ministry and Federal Security Service, the Interfax news agency said.

The stand-off began after a ceremony marking the first day of the Russian school year, when it was likely that many parents had accompanied their children. About 17 militants, men and women, stormed the three-story building and herded captives into the gymnasium. They forced children to stand at the windows and warned they would blow up the school if police intervened, said Alexei Polyansky, a police spokesman for southern Russia.

"I was standing near the gates, music was playing, when I saw three armed people running with guns. At first I thought it was a joke."

— Zarubek Tsumartov
Witness

ple running with guns. At first I thought it was a joke when they fired in the air and we fled," a teenager, Zarubek Tsumartov, said on Russian television.

Hours after the seizure, Regional Federal Security Service chief Valery Andreyev said on NTV television that negotiations with the hostage-takers "are just beginning" and that brief contact had not allowed authorities to evaluate the situation in Belsen, located 10 miles north of the regional capital of Vladikavkaz.

The ITAR-Tass news agency, citing local hospitals, reported that seven people died of injuries in the hospital and one was killed at the site during the seizure.

Regional Emergency Situations Minister Boris Dzgoyev told The Associated Press that two civilians were killed and nine hospitalized, and that two bodies were visible near the school. Interfax cited a health official as saying four people were killed, but the emergency ministry later said the toll was two.

Dzgoyev said a girl was also lying near the building, presumably wounded, but officials said the area could not be approached because it was coming under fire.

Fatima Khabalova, spokeswoman for the regional parliament, earlier said one of the dead was a father who brought his child to the school and was shot when he tried to resist the raiders.

Museum

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house, and replacing the roof of the annex, which is located on the south side of the main building.

Price quotes for the painting range from \$12,000 to \$14,000, Forister said in the address. Price quotes for the new roof will also run \$12,000 to \$14,000, he said.

"The advisory board and staff have been working three to four years to expand exhibits and storage using the annex. Approximately three years ago, we updated the dilapidated exterior of the annex.

"Now, we are working to create a series of exhibits on the Red River War, the area's Indian history, and early ranching history. We have studied alternatives, built a model of the building, outlined exhibits, and are now beginning detailed layout work. We will seek grants and donations for the interior work and exhibits," Forister said in the address.

The Red River War exhibits are part of an overall Texas Historical Commission effort, Forister said. Seventeen Panhandle museums will work together concerning the exhibits.

Interactive exhibits will be partially funded by grants from the THC, who has hired a consultant to begin work on display recommendations, Forister said.

"Gray County has more Red River War sites than any other county. We have four battle sites, the Cantonment site and numerous campaign routes," he said.

"The Red River War is a frequent inquiry topic by museum visitors," he said. "This is a very organized effort, led by the same THC personnel who helped created the 'La Belle' museum exhibits on the Gulf Coast and in Austin. Our museum must have a place to put our part of the exhibits, and we are out of space in the main building," Forister said.

The 'La Belle' is the ship of the explorer LaSalle.

Other budget-related items on today's agenda included a proposed 2004-2005 tax rate, 2005 sheriffs' and

constables' fees, and repairs to the White Deer Land Museum building and annex.

An internal audit report, current-year budget amendments, intra budget transfer requests and amendments to the employee policy manual regarding budgeted items were also on today's agenda.

An interlocal agreement with Panhandle Regional Planning Commission for services related to the adoption of official county road maps was also on the agenda.

A representative of the PRPC has attended the past two county commission meetings concerning the proposed maps, which will be drawn up by precinct to show all county roads in each precinct. Commissioners have the choice of paying for the PRPC to furnish the maps, or hiring an independent firm to create them.

Commissioners have been holding public hearings on the 2004-2005 county budget since the end of July. Representatives of each department may address commissioners concerning their department's proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year. Departments which have been discussed include justices of the peace, sheriff and jail.

'Gray County has more Red River War sites than any other county.'

— John Forister
White Deer Land
Museum board member

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"They earned the named Harvester," she said, but added, "I think it would be an honor for the younger children to be known as Harvesters, too."

"Dr. Jay Johnson of the board said he knew that a number of high school students felt the Harvesters was "their name and didn't want to share it."

Board President Joe Martinez said he had heard from many members of the community. "We're here for the community," he said. "We answer to them. A lot say we've got better things to do with our time."

Member Charles Smith added, "I personally think you have to earn the name 'Harvester.' Most of the children you see are wearing T-shirts that say 'Future Riot' and 'Riot 06.' That means they are looking forward to becoming Harvesters. Personally, I think Pampa Junior High can be whatever it wants. I just don't think they should be Harvesters."

Action on three local policies regarding student eligibility to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities also stimulated discussion between the board and high school staff at the meeting Tuesday.

A "no pass, no play" directive, standard in University Interscholastic League (UIL) rules, stood at

the heart of the debate.

The board agreed on a 6-1 vote, with Lee Porter voting against, to change Local Policy FM which relates to eligibility of students who fail an Honors course at the end of a grading period to add pre-calculus and to exempt them from suspension from extracurricular activities for failing.

High School Principal Evan Smith asked for the policy change, saying the change would help stimulate student participation in honors and advanced placement (AP) courses. She said some students won't take the harder courses for fear of failing and not being able to participate in other activities.

She said the staff is working on a contract for the stu-

dents that would help them be responsible for maintaining good grades.

Porter, who voted against, indicated he felt honor students should also be accountable for their grades.

A second policy change approved by the board requires students to pass all subjects in order to be able to participate on educational field trips lasting two days or longer.

The change primarily affects the high school band and choir trips and aligns the school policy with current practice.

PHS Choir Director Fred Mays and Band Director Bruce Collins spoke in favor of keeping the policy so that students can participate regardless of academic

achievement. They both said that some students and their families invest a great amount of time and finances in order to go on the trips, only to lose their money and be unable to go at the last minute because of failing a class.

PHS Science Teacher Beth Shannon spoke in favor of changing the policy to UIL standards, saying that it provided incentive for students who want to go on the trips to do well in their classes.

The board took no action on Local Policy FMG.

Editor's Note: More from the Tuesday night school board meeting will be reported in the Thursday edition.

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Viewpoints

In appreciation for the fire drills of life

Today, when I sat down in my fourth period year-book class to work on the all-important project of designing the book's cover, I had a rather annoying interruption.

After about five minutes of working on the visuals, my mind was ripped out of the realm of fonts for the title and colors for the graphics by a series of three short, but migraine inducing, bells.

It was only after taking a few seconds for recovery from the shock that I realized we were having a fire drill.

The fire drill has become

one of my least favored parts of the secondary educational level life.

After gaining three years of experience in the school, I know that when I hear the bell's warning sound I will be forced to pause the educational process and spend several minutes walking the predetermined evacuation routes which are ingrained in the memory of all students by this point.

The only reprieve from this disturbance comes when the bell is once again sounded, signaling that it is safe to return into the school building.

While I know that fire

drills are a necessary evil because they prepare students in case there ever was an actual disaster, I also feel it is safe to infer that they do not adequately represent what would happen in a real emergency.

To support this inference, I note that it took my class a few minutes to evacuate the building and reach our safe location across the street behind the football bleachers today; however, if there had

been an actual fire, in which one could see flames, I firmly believe that time would have been greatly reduced.

All of this got me thinking about whether it is really possible to prepare for the worst unknowns, such as a fire or even a rigorous college course.

Over the past four years I have registered in some of the most challenging curriculum our school has to offer such as high level sci-

ences, like Biology II Advanced Placement, and tough language arts and foreign language courses.

My main reasoning for this has been to expand my knowledge base to a greater extent, but I also do this in preparation for college.

I know that without taking tough classes now, I will never be able to survive a much more challenging college course.

It is in this way that these classes serve as my fire drill for post-high school life. They prepare me for what is to come.

It was only after thinking about all of this during my

three-minute walk in chilling wind back from the bleachers to the classroom that I realized this was not such a disturbance.

Fire drills are more of an opportunity for the future.

Since we have no idea what time may bring, the best level of defense is preparation, whether it may be in the form of a fire drill, a tough English class or what ever else it may take on.

Being prepared for the unknown of tomorrow can only happen by taking measure to practice today.

Ben Briscoe

News Intern



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Sept. 1, the 245th day of 2004. There are 121 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 1, 1939, World War II began as Nazi Germany invaded Poland.

On this date:

In 1807, former Vice President Aaron Burr was found innocent of treason.

In 1878, Emma M. Nutt became the first female telephone operator in the United States, for the Telephone Despatch Company of Boston.

In 1905, Alberta and Saskatchewan entered Confederation as the eighth and ninth provinces of Canada.

In 1923, the Japanese cities of Tokyo and Yokohama were devastated by an earthquake that claimed some 150,000 lives.

In 1932, New York City Mayor James J. "Gentleman Jimmy" Walker resigned following charges of graft and corruption in his administration.

In 1951, the United States, Australia and New Zealand signed a mutual defense pact, the ANZUS treaty.

In 1961, the Soviet Union ended a moratorium on atomic testing with an aboveground nuclear explosion in central Asia.

Our readers write

Liberals lead Democrats

To the editor,
Communist/socialists were decisively defeated in the 1932 election. The mid-1930s saw a reappearance as progressive Democrats. Calling themselves liberal Democrats in the 1960s they began to advance to higher status in the Democratic Party, leading the Democratic Party further and further to the left with some becoming extreme radical left-wingers.

The 2004 Democratic Convention nominated the #1 and #4 liberal, according to their voting records as

senators, for President and Vice President, culminating in their take over of the Democratic Party. Full circle.

There are three things more needed to control the country:

#1. Elect their Presidential nominee.

#2. Control all information released to the public. With 90 percent, plus reporting the news voting for Democrats, that's success.

#3. Purchase and ownership of all firearms denies to the public.

Mister Democrat, explain the rapid increase of crimes, especially rape and murder, in England and Australia.

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Now more important than then

John Kerry graduated from Yale in 1966. George Bush graduated in 1968. I graduated from said institution in 1971. With the Kerry campaign in full panic mode about the swift boat charges, maybe I can provide some perspective on the environment that has led to the current confusion.

Yale became more strongly antiwar during those five years, but Kerry reflected the campus mood even in 1966 when, as chairman of the Political Union (Yale's most prestigious political debating society), he used his commencement address to criticize America's involvement in Vietnam.

Neither Kerry nor Bush nor I wanted to fight in Vietnam, and we all did

what we could in our situations: Naval Reserves (Kerry), Texas Air National Guard (Bush), draft lottery No. 278 (me), which meant immunity from having to serve. In his circumstances, Kerry's choice was smart: Navy or Coast Guard folks were much less likely to see combat service than their counterparts in the Army or Air Force, and the safest Navy spot may have been that of a Naval Reserve officer.

A combination of unlikely circumstances placed Kerry, despite his plans, in a combat situation for three

months during 1968 and 1969. How he performed during that period is now a matter of intense dispute. I've gone through the claims and counter-claims, and suspect he was valiant in one incident and a whiner or exaggerator in others.

Is that a crime? No. It takes a rare person to resist the temptation to exaggerate, and instead to underplay heroism. Sure, a great book and movie, "The Right Stuff," show pilot Chuck Yeager with half of his face burned away walking away from a crash uncomplained-

ly, but Yeager was a living legend because he had such uncommon resolution.

My point, having lived through the 1960s-1970s confusion, is that the era was not one of uncommon resolution, at least not of the patriotic variety. I relished my high draft lottery number. George W. Bush played it smart like John Kerry and found a soft gig. He and I took different rotten paths — he drank heavily, I became a communist — but both of us could say the same thing: "When I was young and irresponsible, I was young and irresponsible."

The other thing both of us can and do say is that we did not save ourselves: God

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Marvin Olasky

Columnist



Cheney just said what many feel

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on Cheney and same-sex marriages:

Vice President Dick Cheney's announcement last week that he does not support a constitutional amendment banning same-sex marriage had Democratic partisans casting aspersions on his timing.

How convenient, they say, to express moderation on such a viscerally divisive issue on the eve of his

party's national convention, at which Republicans will need to make a positive impression on as-yet-undecided voters.

But it was exactly the time for Cheney to speak up, as the Republican Party platform committee was meeting to establish the GOP agenda.

Although the official party line will stick to its support of the constitutional amendment, Cheney expressed an opinion that mirrors the one held by many Americans, even those who identify themselves as Republicans.

The issue isn't a hypothetical one for them. They struggle with trying to

square their religious understanding of marriage as the union of a man and a woman with their democratic understanding of civil rights being extended to all Americans.

Everything said and done by the candidates between now and Nov. 2 will be viewed cynically through the prism of politics.

But Cheney said what many Americans feel. Good for him.

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In the spirit of giving



Altrusans from left to right, Georgia Johnson, Mary Wilson, Gaye Whitehead, Mattie Norton, Beth Miller and Myrna Orr met recently and assembled gift bags for the new residents of the Schneider House.



Classroom mural

Debbie Davis carefully paints a mural depicting the wall in Jerusalem during Jesus' time. This walk back in time fills the walls of the newly renovated children's wing at First Christian Church.

Philadelphia joins list of cities mulling wireless Internet for all

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — For about \$10 million, city officials believe they can turn all 135 square miles of Philadelphia into the world's largest wireless Internet hot spot.

The ambitious plan, now in the works, would involve placing hundreds, or maybe thousands of small transmitters around the city — probably atop lampposts.

Each would be capable of communicating with the wireless networking cards that now come standard with many computers.

Once complete, the network would deliver broadband Internet almost anywhere radio waves can travel — including poor neighborhoods where high-speed Internet access is now rare.

And the city would likely offer the service either for free, or at costs far lower than the \$35 to \$60 a month charged by

commercial providers, said the city's chief information officer, Dianah Neff.

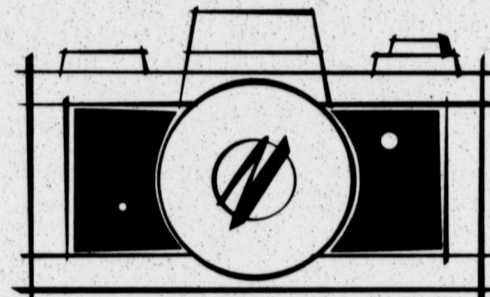
"If you're out on your front porch with a laptop, you could dial in, register at no charge, and be able to access a high speed connection," Neff said. "It's a technology whose time is here."

If the plan becomes a reality, Philadelphia could leap to the forefront of a growing number of cities that have contemplated offering wireless Internet service to residents, workers and guests.

Chaska, Minn., a suburb of Minneapolis, began offering citywide wireless Internet access this year for \$16 a month. The signal covers about 13 square miles.

Corpus Christi, Texas, has been experimenting with a system covering 20 square miles that would be used (for now) only by government employees.

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Now

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alone saves sinners (and I can surely add, of whom I was the worst). Being born again, we don't have to justify ourselves. Being saved, we don't have to be saviors.

John Kerry, once-born, has no such spiritual support, nor do most of his top admirers in the heavily secularized Democratic Party.

It would be great if he could say: "I was young and vainglorious and often self-absorbed. I exaggerated and lied at times, and since then have thought it necessary not to disavow the fantasies I wove. But I do deserve credit for being there and serving my country in a mixed-up

era in which I at times was also mixed-up."

Kerry can't say that because he evidently does not believe that all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

He and his handlers portray him as virtually perfect in the past and omniscient in the present. In and of itself, that's also not unusual: it's so hard for a presidential candidate not to get puffed up when laudatory remarks follow him as closely as Secret

Service agents. But do we want a president who pretends that he can do no wrong and never has?

What's relevant now is that — George Bush did not receive his party's nomination for what he did over three decades ago, but John Kerry did.

That's why we need to get to the bottom of what the swift boat vets are saying.

The original exaggeration is not the problem.

The current cover-up attempt is, because that goes to the heart of what kind of president we could expect

John Kerry to be.

Marvin Olasky is a professor of journalism at University of Texas at Austin and editor of "World" magazine.

'The original exaggeration is not the problem. The current cover-up attempt is ...'

— Marvin Olasky
Columnist

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

The following notice publication is required by House Bill 432, passed by the 71st Legislature in 1989, effective September 1, 1989.

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2005 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 7:30 am on September 14, 2004 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

The following is a summary of the Appraisal District budget in the manner and form prescribed by Section 6.062 of the Texas Property Tax Code:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$535,786.

The total increase over the current year's budget is \$14,617.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 9 (full time employees).

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 9 (full time employees).

The increase in the proposed budget is due to increase in normal operation expenses and recent legislation.

The Appraisal District is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the Appraisal District.

If approved by the Appraisal District Board of Directors at a public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the Appraisal District.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of these governing bodies.

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Letter

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after liberals disarmed law-abiding citizens.

Sen. Kerry wants President Bush to stop the "Swift Boat" ads.

Democrats have been running "527" ads since mid-2003 demeaning Bush.

Is that one of the liberals' "God-given rights" dumb Republicans do not have?

James R. Braxton
Pampa

Calendar of items

• Gray County Chapter of Active Citizens Concerned

Over Resource Development in Agriculture, Inc. (ACCORD INC.), meet the first and third Thursday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Lovett Memorial Library. For information, call 665-8516 or 665-7659.

• Boy Scout leaders meet at 6:30 p.m.

the first Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church of Pampa. The Golden Spread Council of Boy Scouts of America is open to boys between the ages of 6 and 18 and includes a 27-county area in the Texas Panhandle. The BSA program includes Club Scouts, Boy Scouts and Venturing, a new program for 14- to 20-year-old boys and girls. For more information, call (806) 358-6500.

• The Celebration of Lights project will hold regular workshop meet-

ings at 6:30 p.m. on Monday nights at 822 E. Foster. Anyone wishing to help with the project is invited to attend any work session.

• Church of the Brethren hosts a country gospel program at 7 p.m., every Monday at its location at 600 N. Frost.

• **Clean Pampa, Inc., holds its monthly membership meeting at 12 noon on the second Tuesday of each month at Clint and Sons, 1421 N. Hobart.** The public is welcome. No fee to join. For more information, call 665-2514. Office hours are 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

• **Pampa Chapter No. 65, Order of the Eastern Star** meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. at 420 West Kingsmill.

• **The Fellowship of Christian Cowboys** potluck will meet on the fourth Saturday of each

month at 6 p.m. in the Clyde Carruth Pavilion.

For more information, contact Jim Greene at 665-8067 and Bill Kidwell at 669-6347. For memorials or donations write Fellowship of Christian Cowboys, P.O. Box 91, Pampa, TX 79065.

• Pampa Girl Scouts meets at 7 p.m.

the first Thursday of each month at Pampa Girl Scout House on Kingsmill.

• **First Pentecostal Holiness Church, 1700 Alcock,** hosts a Gospel Singing from 2-4 p.m. every second Sunday of the month. Pastor Albert Maggard and the congregation of First Pentecostal cordially invites the public to attend. Singers and musicians from area churches participate in this informal congregational singing and enjoy various special vocal and instrumental presentations.

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THE PAMPA NEWS COMICS

Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: My problem concerns what to do with a group of snapshots and a bundle of about 100 old love letters that I've hidden for more than 50 years. If they are found after my death, my heirs will be shocked.

I have treasured these mementos in my heart since I received the first, before I was shipped overseas in World War II. The letters continued up to December 1947 -- and in '98 and '99 I received three more that were ultra-special. They are the sincerest of love letters from the girl in the photographs.

Family interference separated us, even as we were planning to be married. Of course, life went on. I met my wife and we were married a few years later, but I could never bring myself to destroy the letters or the photographs.

After half a century, I searched and found my first love. Then in 1999 we were able to locate our son, who was born and placed for adoption after we were separated. The three of us have spent some special time together. Even though we acknowledged that our love was and still is true, we agreed not to upset my marriage.

My wife knows all about this, and accepts my strong need to financially help my "other girl" have a comfortable lifestyle. I love my wife. She is and always will come first in my life. Yet those photos and letters are precious to me.

Genealogically, they are vital family memorabilia, and without anyone knowing, I have placed them with five generations of saved items. They represent an important part of my life with my first love. I cannot find the courage to let them go. Have I done wrong?

IN LOVE WITH TWO EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN

DEAR IN LOVE: Not

from my perspective. This is the 21st century -- not the 1940s. Perhaps it's time to let your children know about their half-brother. After all, this happened before you even met your wife.

An alternative would be to put the keepsakes in a safe deposit box and give one of the keys to your lawyer, with instructions to mail them to your love child after your death. I'm sure your son would treasure having evidence of the love through which he was conceived.

DEAR ABBY: Seven years ago, my husband's "Aunt Selma" lent us \$2,000 on our first home. We set up a payment plan and paid her faithfully.

A year later, our first child was born with a heart condition. Aunt Selma came to us and demanded that instead of paying her, we put the money toward the enormous hospital bills. We tried to refuse, but she insisted.

There was never any paperwork, just words spoken out of love -- until recently. Now she wants us to pay back the rest of the money. After all this time, I don't feel that's fair. This is causing a lot of stress in our marriage, and I need some guidance. Please help.

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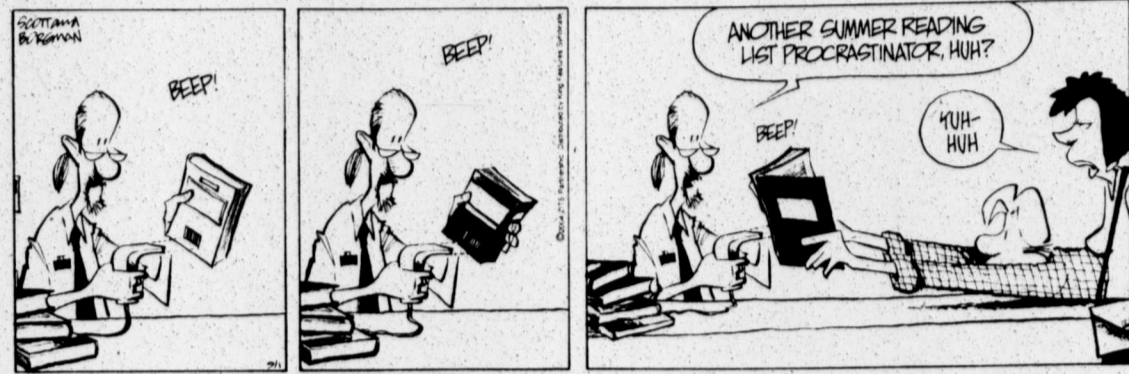
DEAR INDIGNANT: When you ran into financial hardship because of your child, Aunt Selma tried to lessen your burden. Please don't repay her generosity by withholding her money. She may be asking for it because she needs it now. So reinstate the payment plan and give her what she's due -- and I don't mean just the money.

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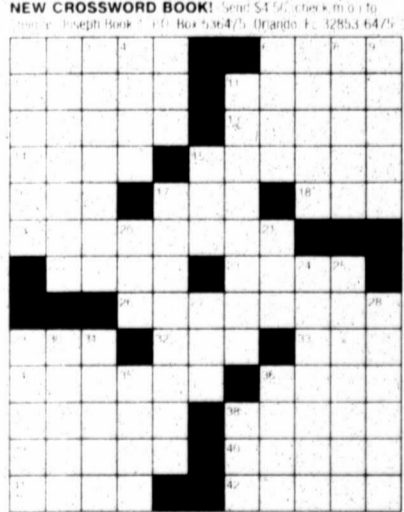
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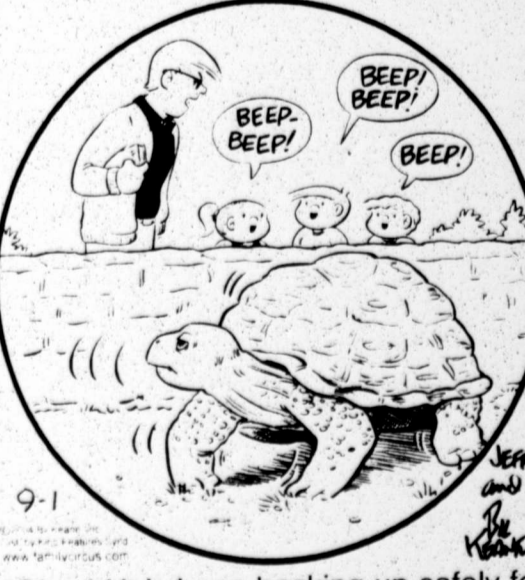


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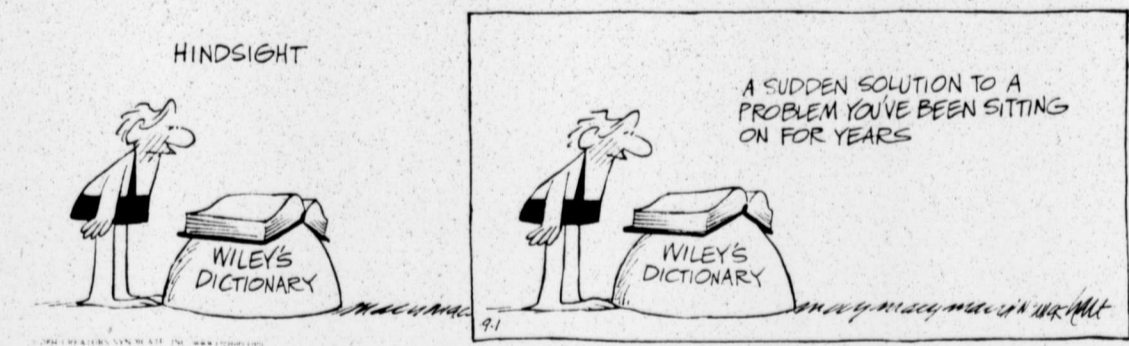
"You want me to dig a hole with that shovel? Isn't that cheating?"

The Family Circus

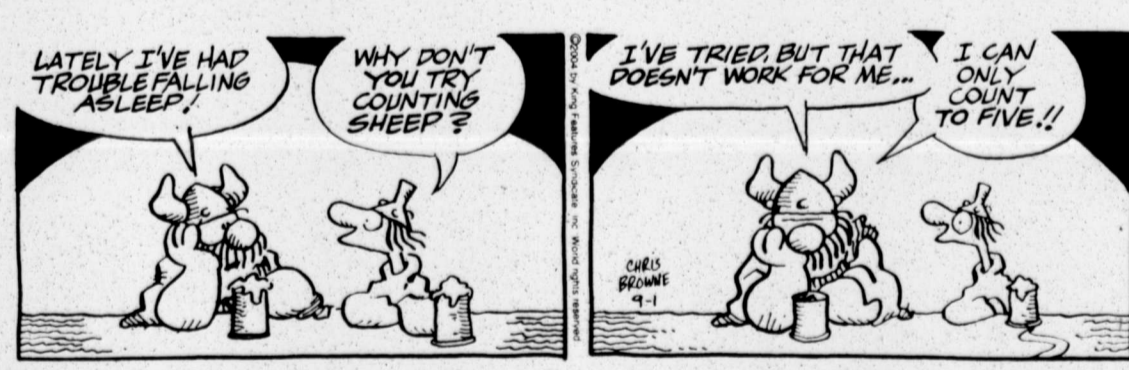


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Sports Day

WEEK TWO

PHS JV on road tomorrow

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Week two of the high school football season kicks off tomorrow as the PHS Harvester JV team makes the trip to Clovis to face the Wildcats. The JV Harvesters look to improve on their 1-0 mark after edging Perryton at home last Thursday, 13-12. Kick off in Clovis is scheduled for 6 p.m.

When asked to evaluate the JV team to this point, PHS Head Coach Heath Parker said, "I'm extremely pleased with the JV team's progress and inspiration. They are able to compete right now. They showed that with the win over a pretty good Perryton team last week, despite losing a few players to the varsity team to serve as backups."

The Pampa High School 9th grade team hosts Plainview tomorrow afternoon at 5 p.m. They fell to Perryton last Thursday, 17-0.

The varsity squad will try to even its record with a win over Clovis at home Friday night after last week's 26-10 loss to Perryton. The Wildcats will come to Pampa Friday night still stinging from the 35-0 loss suffered at the hands of the Mayfield Trojans.

Twins 8, Rangers 5

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Torii Hunter waited until the final pitch of the game to wrap up a career night.

Hunter hit a three-run homer with two outs in the bottom of the 11th inning Tuesday night to cap a six-RBI night and lead the Minnesota Twins to an 8-5 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"It's just one of those days that don't happen too often," said Hunter, who believes the last time he had six RBIs was in Little League. "When it does happen, you just have to enjoy it."

Hunter also doubled twice, scored two runs, stole his 20th base of the season and made another catch against the center-field wall.

"Torii had a big night, a very big night," said an exhausted Ron Gardenhire.

"Man, I ran a lot today," Hunter said. "But, I'm just trying not to do too much and it's worked."

Justin Morneau also homered and had two RBIs for the Twins, who maintained their seven-game lead over Cleveland in the AL Central.

Juan Rincon (11-6) earned the win after getting two outs in the 11th. Joe Nathan got the first out, but had to leave when he tried to field a ball with his pitching hand and cut his ring finger. He is day-to-day.

Alfonso Soriano and Rod Barajas had two RBIs each for Texas, which dropped 4 1/2 games behind Oakland in the AL West — the club's biggest deficit of the season. The Rangers are also four games behind Boston in the AL wild-card race.

"There's a lot of things that could've gone our way," said manager Buck Showalter, after his team left 11 on base. "The bottom line is they didn't, so I'm not going to dwell on them."

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Astros shut out Reds

CINCINNATI (AP) — One inning, four pitches, three home runs — that was more than enough for the streaking Houston Astros.

Jeff Kent homered twice and Houston hit three straight shots in the fifth inning Tuesday night to help the Astros beat the Cincinnati Reds 8-0 for their fifth straight win and eighth in nine games.

Carlos Beltran, Jeff Bagwell and Lance Berkman hit consecutive home runs for the Astros, who pulled within three games of the NL wild-card lead after the Chicago Cubs' 8-0 loss at Montreal.

Brandon Backe (2-2) scattered three hits over six shutout innings to win for the first time in three career starts. He threw seven shutout innings in a no-decision against Chicago in his first career start on Aug. 21.

The Reds got just one runner past second base against Backe. Barry Larkin went to third on Sean Casey's two-out double in the sixth, but Backe struck out Adam Dunn

looking to end the threat.

"I had already gotten him out twice," Backe said. "On 3-2, I threw him a backdoor slider. First base was open, so I wasn't going to leave it in the middle of the plate. He was either going to take it for a ball, take it for a strike or swing through it."

"Backe was in some jams, but he made pitches when he had to," manager Phil Garner said.

Relievers Chad Qualls, Mike Gallo and Dan Wheeler allowed a combined three hits over the final three innings for Houston's 11th shutout of the season.

Kent led off the second with his 18th homer of the season to give Houston a 1-0 lead, then hit a two-run shot in the ninth.

Aaron Harang (8-7) allowed four home runs in five innings and lost for the fourth time in five starts.

With one out in the fifth, Beltran and Bagwell each hit their 21st, on consecutive pitches, and Berkman followed with his 24th, his third in two nights.

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Cowboys release nine

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Bill Parcells was hoping that Donald Mitchell would be the nickel cornerback for the Dallas Cowboys this season. But he won't even be on the team.

"I've been rooting. I didn't see any plays," Parcells said. "We really need somebody at the nickel spot. I

hoped he could do it. Something was missing. I don't know what it was."

Mitchell was one of nine players released Tuesday by the Cowboys. The cornerback spent last season on the injured reserve list with a sprained left ankle after four seasons in Tennessee.

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UT retiring longest-tenured mascot, Bevo

AUSTIN (AP) — It's official. Bevo XIII, the University of Texas steer mascot, is being put out to pasture to make way for a new longhorn.

Pregame and halftime ceremonies at Saturday night's football home-opener against North Texas will usher in a new Bevo, a 2-year-old checking in at about 1,300 pounds.

Officials with the Silver Spurs spirit

club that manages the mascot have been considering retiring the 20-year-old Bevo XIII since before last season's Holiday Bowl.

After 16 seasons on the sidelines, they decided he'd had enough.

"He's given us so much," said Colby Muecke, student president of the Silver Spurs. "He's going to live out his days chewing grass and walking

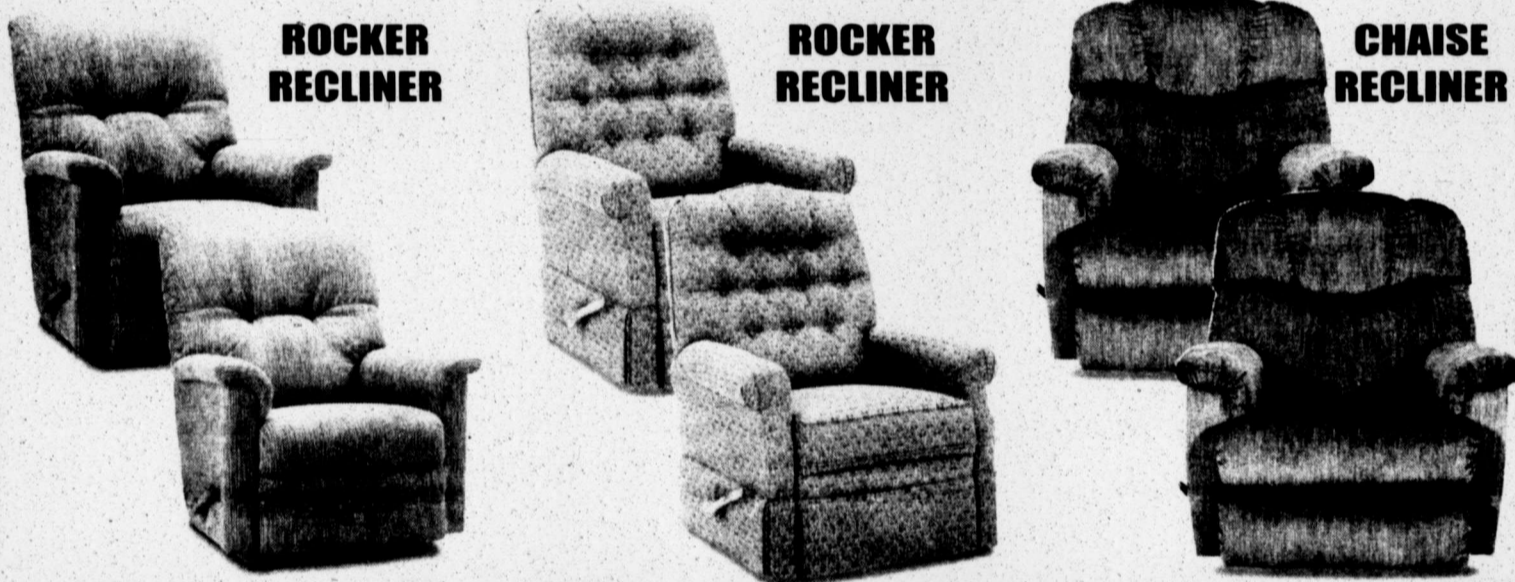
the pasture."

Bevo XIII is the longest tenured Bevo. With a 124-67-2 record during his tenure, he has seen more Longhorns victories than any other Bevo.

Muecke said Bevo XIV was donated by the same rancher who owns Bevo XIII.

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Curtis Atwood's chaps fly as he hangs on to his ride during the "Hotter Than Fire, Bull-Splasion" buck out held this past Sunday at the Top O' Texas rodeo arena. Slick the dog was not scheduled to appear, but managed to find his way into the arena. He escaped unharmed.

Buck out falls short of goal

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Pampa High School Rodeo Club hosted the "Hotter Than Fire, Bull-Splasion" this past Sunday at the Top O' Texas rodeo arena. It was a buck out to raise money for the club.

Curtis Atwood won the buck out. Club sponsor, Kay Talley was hoping to raise at least \$1,000 via entry fees and concession stand sales. "Though there were more spectators than we expected, turnout by participants was far less than expected," Talley said. This meant the money raised was not what the club was hoping for either.

Talley added that, unlike other PHS teams and clubs, the Rodeo Club is supported solely by parental donations and fundraisers like the buck out and car washes.

Talley noted, "When I graduated in 1979, the club was recognized and part of the school's sports programs. I am not sure why it isn't today."

Talley hopes the buck out returns again next year with more success and to make it an annual event.

Cowboys

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Linebacker Markus Steele and running back Aveion Cason were among the other released players. Center Gennaro DiNapoli was put on the reserve/physically unable to perform list, meaning he can't play before Oct. 24 at Green Bay.

The 10 player moves got the Cowboys' roster to 68 players. That is the NFL limit of 65, plus three NFL Europe exemptions.

The other released players were third-year receiver Cedric James, defensive end Johnathan Taylor, defensive tackles Shaun Smith and Dave Volk, and two rookies: punters Ryan Flinn and defensive end Darrell Lee.

With Mitchell no longer an option as the nickel back, Parcells' choices include three

rookie cornerbacks. Nathan Jones, a seventh-round pick out of Rutgers, likely will get a chance Thursday against Kansas City in the exhibition finale.

The Cowboys also could shift cornerbacks Terence Newman or Pete Hunter into the slot on passing situations. Hunter, competing with Jemeel Powell to be the starting right corner, was the primary nickel back last season.

Mitchell, who had just two tackles this preseason, was on track to making the team last year before injuring his ankle in the final preseason game. He played in 44 games, plus six playoff games, at Tennessee.

Steele played in 14 games last season, primarily on special teams. He played in 42 games, with 12 starts at linebacker, the past three seasons.

Cason was a third-down back in his only season for the Cowboys. The fourth-year pro had career highs for carries (40), rushing yards (220) and touchdowns (two), and also caught 17 passes for 142 yards.

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— Bill Parcells
Coach, Dallas Cowboys

Volk, Steele and Cason didn't even play in the 20-17 exhibition win over Tennessee on Monday night.

DiNapoli missed all of training camp with an injured right ankle. He can't start working out with the team again until Oct. 18. The Cowboys will then have 21 days to put him on the active roster or return him to the physically unable to perform list for the rest of the season.

After announcing the player moves, Parcells put his team through a 45-minute walkthrough. He planned to practice again

Wednesday, a day before the preseason finale.

While not saying how much, Parcells said his starters — including Vinny Testaverde — would play against Kansas City. The coach isn't worried about the 69-hour turnaround between games.

"Get the violins out," Parcells said. "They've got plenty of time to rest over the weekend. It's difficult, but not impossible."

Parcells did plan to give his team a couple of days off during the Labor Day weekend before starting full-out preparation for the Sept. 12 season opener at Minnesota.

Extra points: PK Matt Bryant has a hamstring strain and was held out of Monday's game as a precaution. While Parcells likes what he's seen from Bryant, who signed during camp, Billy Cundiff likely will keep the job if Bryant can't play Thursday. ... The final cut to 53 players has to be made Sunday.

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Astros

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"You can't be perfect all the time," said Harang, who threw a three-hit shutout in his last start, a 1-0 win against St. Louis last Thursday. "They're a good team, and they're hot right now. I didn't execute my pitches the way I wanted to, but I went back and looked, and they weren't that bad."

"Their lineup's tough. Any of them can hurt you."

"We didn't muster any offense," Reds manager Dave Miley said. "You look at Aaron, he gave up the home runs, but they were all solo shots. Technically, we're still in the ballgame, but we couldn't get anything going."

Bagwell added an RBI single in the ninth, and Berkman had an RBI groundout before Kent's second homer, which gave Houston a combined eight in the first two games of

the series.

"Good weather," Kent said about the power surge. "It's better hitting on the road. Our home park is not a power park. A lot of our hitters like to drive the ball to left-center and center, and those just get chased down for outs in our park."

"This is a hitter's park. I like this place. It allows you to be a complete hitter, not just a pull hitter."

The Reds, who have been shut out eight times, fell a season-worst seven games under .500 for the second time this season. Notes: Reds OF Austin Kearns did not start after making seven in a row since coming off the disabled list on Aug. 24. ... Kent has 270 career homers as a second baseman, seven behind all-time leader Ryne Sandberg. ... The Reds allowed three consecutive homers for the second time this season. ... Houston had three consecutive homers for the first time since July 19, 2003, against the Reds at Great American Ball Park.

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Manager, Cincinnati Reds

Rangers

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With two outs in the 11th, Shannon Stewart singled off Carlos Almanzar (7-3) and Jacque Jones followed with an infield single before Hunter hit a 1-0 pitch over the left-field wall for his 18th homer.

"After three-and-a-half hours and 11 innings, you give up a couple bloopers and a chopper," Soriano said. "It's tough to lose like that."

With Minnesota leading 5-3 in the fifth, Hank Blalock extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a one-out double. He moved to third on Mark Teixeira's third hit and scored on Soriano's RBI fielder's choice. Kevin Mench added a two-out RBI single off reliever Joe Roa to tie it at 5.

Stewart led off the first with a double, and scored one out later from third on Hunter's RBI groundout. Morneau followed with a 410-foot home run off Ryan Drese to make it 2-0.

Teixeira hit a leadoff double in the second and Soriano drove him in with a bloop single to make it 2-1.

Hunter hit a two-run double in the third

inning and Morneau had an RBI single to extend Minnesota's lead to 5-1.

Barajas started the Rangers' comeback in the fourth with a two-out, two-run single off Kyle Lohse with the bases loaded to make it 5-3.

Hunter made one of his patented catches in the sixth inning, leaping against the 408-foot sign in center field to rob Barajas of an extra-base hit. Jones made a great catch of his own in the seventh, diving to rob Mench with two outs to save a run.

"I was getting ready to field the ball and Jacque came out of nowhere," Hunter said. "That play was impressive."

Notes: Hunter has hit safely in 11 of 13 games, batting .367 with seven doubles, a homer and 13 RBIs. ... The Twins optioned C Rob Bowen to Double-A New Britain of the Eastern League. They recalled INF Terry Tiffie and RHP Matt Guerrier from Triple-A

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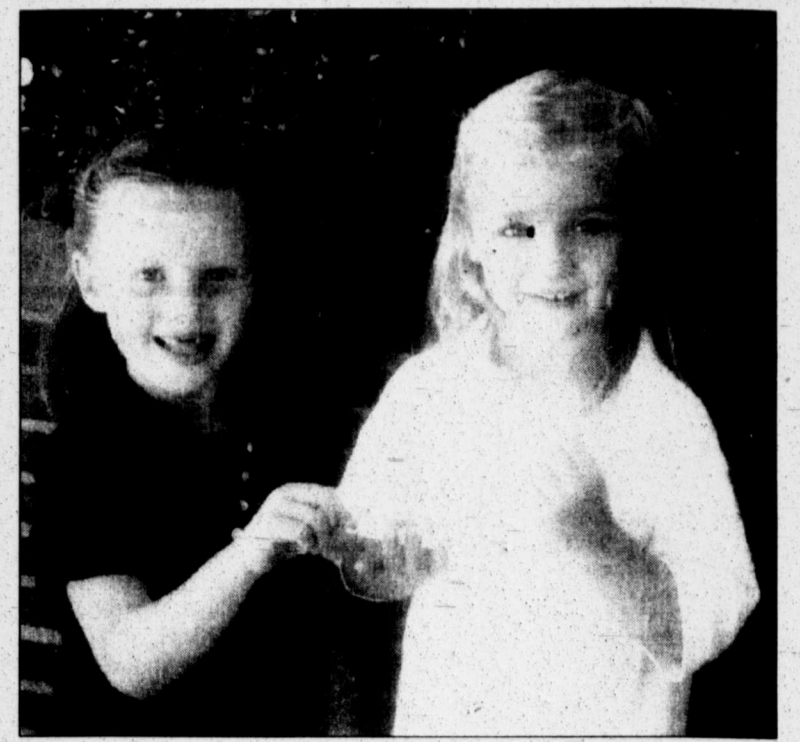
— Alfonso Soriano
Infielder, Texas Rangers

Rochester of the International League, and recalled Jesse Crain from Elizabethton of the Appalachian League. ... Drese is 0-1 with a 10.80 ERA in two starts against the Twins in the last six days. He has allowed 12 runs and 22 hits in 10 innings. ... Almanzar has allowed seven earned runs and nine hits over his last four appearances, covering four innings.

Chautauqua



Pampa High School Band Director Bruce Collins will lead a brass ensemble following an invocation by the Rev. Ed Cooley at 9 a.m. and a flag presentation by Boy Scout Troop 404 during the Labor Day Chautauqua celebration in the city's Central Park. The park's outdoor stage will feature free performances by bands, dancers, gymnastic students and vocalists until 4 p.m. during the celebration.



Tailgate picnic

Elise Kennedy and Harper Kelly hold tickets to sell for the upcoming yearly Tailgate Picnic. Sponsored by 20th Century Forum Study Club, the picnic is an annual tradition slated this year on Friday, Sept. 3 just prior to the high school football team's first home game. Tickets are \$6 and may be purchased from club members or by calling 665-7099. Proceeds will go toward scholarships for Pampa High School seniors.

Expert: Laci's scent caught by dog at marina

REDWOOD CITY, Calif. (AP) — Prosecutors are trying to prove Scott Peterson took his wife's body by truck to a marina, where they say he ferried her out onto San Francisco Bay and dumped her weighted body.

A search dog handler testified Tuesday that her canine picked up Laci Peterson's scent at the marina where her husband launched what he says was a solo fishing trip the day his wife vanished.

Eloise Anderson, a dog handler with the Contra

Costa County Search and Rescue team, said the Labrador named Trimble came to the Berkeley Marina on Dec. 28, 2002, four days after Peterson reported his pregnant wife missing.

Anderson said Trimble found Laci's scent and followed it from the parking area, along a tree line and down a pier, where the dog stopped at a pylon at the water's edge.

The dog then "stopped, checked out over the water, the wind was coming into her face ... turned around and

gave me end-of-trail indication," Anderson said.

Prosecutors allege Peterson killed his wife in their Modesto home on or around Dec. 24, 2002, then drove to the marina and dumped her body in San Francisco Bay. Her remains and those of the couple's fetus washed ashore in April 2003, not far from where Peterson launched his fishing trip.

Defense lawyers contend someone else abducted and killed Laci, then framed his client after learning his

widely publicized alibi.

Judge Alfred A. Delucchi ruled during pretrial hearings that jurors would hear some, but not all, details gathered by the scent-sniffing police dogs.

Calling the details "iffy, at best," Delucchi in March tossed out prosecution claims that other dogs had detected a broken trail of Laci Peterson's scents leading from the Petersons' home to the warehouse where Scott Peterson kept his boat and along the boat's rim.

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3:00 PM	Dalene Herriman, Brittany Irwin
3:15 PM	Woody Guthrie Tribute
3:45 PM	Darla Starbuck, Vocalist
4:00 PM	"Day Is Done" Traditional Closing

Protestors stage sit-in against church closings

WEYMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — John Hammel is spending his summer vacation in church.

The 55-year-old has been home just three times in as many days and has spent much of the rest of his time praying, eating and sleeping at St. Albert the Great church, where he has been a parishioner for almost 30 years.

Hammel, with help from fellow parishioners, is staging a sit-in prayer vigil, hoping to save the church from being closed as part of a massive reconfiguration by the Roman Catholic Boston Archdiocese.

"If the bank was trying to come take my home, I wouldn't walk away from it. I'd do everything in my power to keep it," Hammel said. "Well, this is my spiritual home, and I'm not going to let it go."

Although the archdiocese had planned to close St. Albert's at noon Wednesday, officials have decided to hold off to avoid a confrontation with the parishioners who have stationed themselves there.

"We don't have any plan right now other than to be patient," said the Rev. Christopher Coyne, a spokesman for Archbishop Sean O'Malley. "We're certainly not going to do anything to escalate the situation. As time goes on, we hope to reach a resolution."

After the last Mass was celebrated at the church Sunday evening, Hammel and a determined group of about 10 parishioners stayed put. They remained overnight, and since then, others have come by to help.

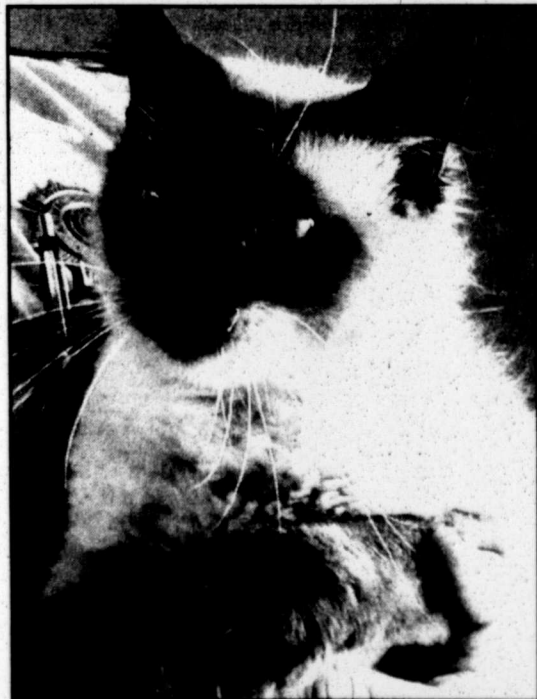
Signup sheets at the back of the church are filled with the names of more than 200 who have offered to do shifts during the occupation. A hearty few have offered to spend the night, and many others have offered to spend two, three or four hours at a time.

At lunchtime on Tuesday, more than two dozen were gathered in the church. Some prayed, some ranted about the closing and still others wanted to share stories about their church.

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