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School board to discuss salaries for employees

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Salaries will be at the top of the list for the Pampa Independent School District board of trustees who will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday at Carver Center, 321 W. Albert.

All full time school district employees are paid on salary schedules with steps based on years of experience. Auxiliary worker salaries are compared to Labor

Department surveys.

Substitute salaries have been \$45 for the last 10 years, according to school officials, which is toward the low end in the state.

The Texas Legislature mandated this year that teachers get their prior year salary plus their step increase plus \$2,500. The Legislature also required school districts to add \$500 for health compensation.

While this amounts to an average

9.88 percent increase, Pampa school officials said employees are already getting the \$500 outside the salary schedule, and employees will see an average net pay increase of 6.64 percent this next year.

Starting pay for Pampa teachers is \$31,000 compared to \$29,354 statewide. Average pay for Pampa teachers is \$38,382 compared to \$41,866 for the state. Maximum pay for Pampa teachers is \$46,907 com-

pared to 46,679 for the state.

Pampa school officials are proposing to raise substitute pay to \$51 a day.

A five percent increase is proposed for administrators. The superintendent's compensation will also be discussed.

The school board will review the proposed removal of bleachers at the

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White coating on streets helps keep asphalt cool

By MARILYN POWERS Staff Writer

Pampa motorists may have noticed a white coating being applied repeatedly to some city streets by city personnel.

"We're mixing lime with water and putting a coating on the streets that helps reflect the sun, so that the asphalt won't heat up and start bleeding as much as it could be bleeding," said City Public Works Director Richard Morris.

Summer's hotter temperatures generally mean that the surface of some streets softens or melts, a condition local drivers experience every year. This year's hot weather has been worse than usual, prompting the city to seek a way to help combat the condition.

"Normally during the summer, we cool off a little more at night, and we just haven't been cooling off at night," Morris said.

The sizzling temperatures also arrived earlier than usual this year, he said.

"We were having trouble starting with a few days in May. It started a lot earlier this year," Morris said.

"Some summers have a total of a couple of weeks that we really have problems. This year has been different," he said.

The lime being used to coat Pampa streets includes crusher finds and dust which are by-products of the process of crushing rock to make material of the right consistency for surfacing or

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City to test sewer system with smoke

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

Pampa will be smoking come August, and it has nothing to do with the weather.

The Pampa Wastewater Collection Department will be blowing a non-toxic smoke through the sewer system, looking for leaks.

Wayne Terry, wastewater collection superintendent, said his department would begin Aug. 1, from U.S. Highway 60 to McCullough and from South Hobart to Tignor pumping smoke into

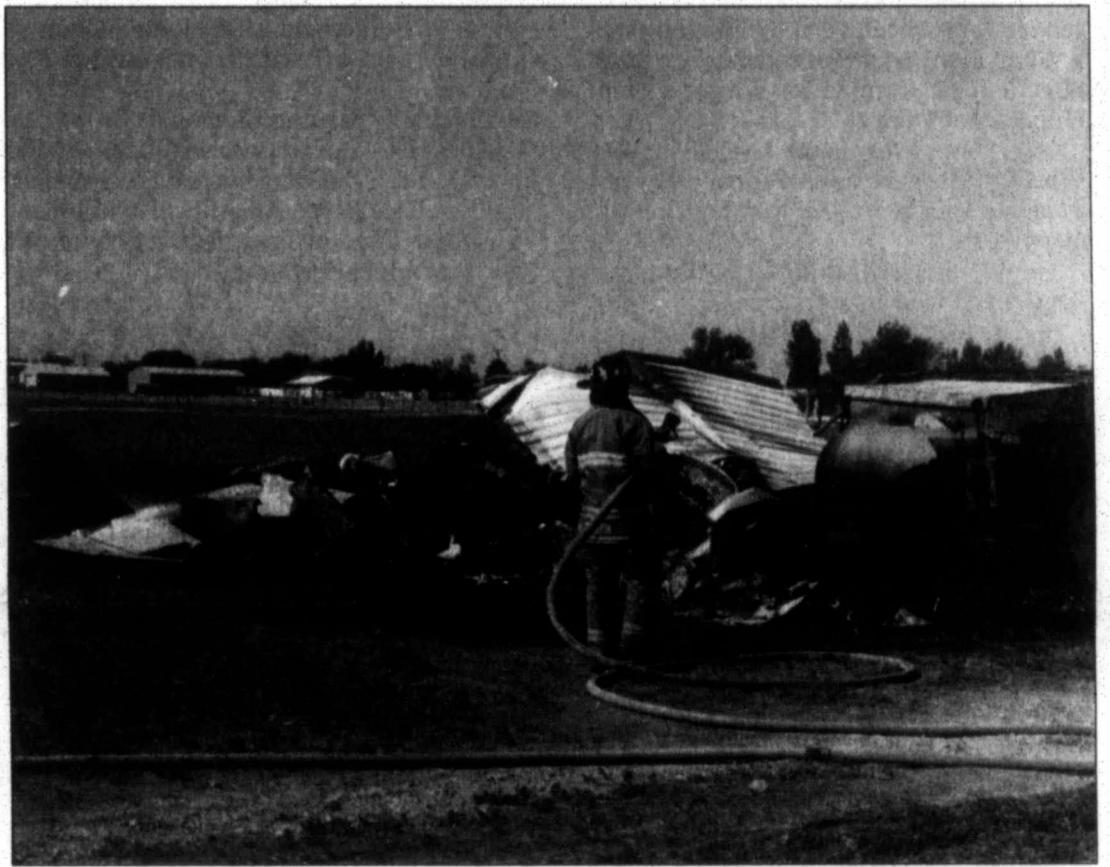
the sewer system to locate breaks and defects.

"The smoke you see coming from the vent stacks on houses or holes in the ground is non-toxic and is non-staining," Terry said.

He said the smoke would be white to gray in color and creates no fire hazard.

"The smoke should not enter your home unless you have defective plumbing or dried up drain traps," Terry said.

He said homeowners See SMOKE, Page 3



Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Randall County firefighter Ronnie Robinson stands watch over the burned wreckage of a small plane that crashed south of Amarillo today.

Small plane crash in Amarillo injures two men with burns

By DAVID BOWSER Staff Writer

AMARILLO - A small plane crashed south of Amarillo today while trying to make an emergency landing.

Two Amarillo men were taken the hospital.

Randall County deputies said a single-engine Cessna crashed at Georgia and McCormick Road this morning, injuring two.

Officers said the plane had taken off from TAC Air at Rick Husband International Field at Amarillo, lost an engine and tried to land in a plowed field south of McCormick Road along South Georgia Street.

The landing gear sheared away in the soft earth and the plane skidded through a barbed wire fence and crashed into a well house at

Double H Farms, bursting into flames. The plane narrowly missed a propane tank next to the well house.

A man and his adult son escaped the blazing plane with serious burns, officers said.

The man was airlifted to medical facilities and the son was taken by ambulance to Northwest Texas Hospital.

Marian Hand, who lives in a house 100 feet away from where the plane crashed, said it was about 8:30 a.m. today when she and her husband George heard a terrible explosion and then saw black smoke outside.

Her son, Bob Hand, had just been working in the area around the well house and had come inside the house a few minutes before the crash.

Investigators were on the scene at noon today.

Bernanke tells Congress high oil prices are a concern

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke told Congress today that record high oil prices are a concern, but that a slowing economy should moderate inflation down the road.

Still, he didn't close the door to further interest rate increases.

Delivering his second economic report to Capitol Hill, Bernanke also

stressed that these are difficult and uncertain times for Fed policy-makers, saying the climate of slowing growth and rising inflation puts the Fed in a tricky spot in terms of setting interest rates.

"There are risks in both directions, if I may say so," Bernanke said during questioning before the Senate Banking Committee. "Clearly we

don't want to tighten too much to cause our economy to grow more slowly than its potential. We are very aware of that concern. We think about it. We look at it. We try to evaluate it," he told the panel.

"The risk in the other direction is that ... were we to stop tightening too soon and inflation were to get higher and more persistent, then we would

be faced with a situation of having to address that later on with perhaps even more rate increases," he added.

Bernanke said those countervailing forces are something the Fed must weigh on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

"The recent rise in inflation is of

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Obituaries

Richard A. Haiduk, 68

ARLINGTON — Richard A. Haiduk, 68, was preceded in death by his father, T.L. Haiduk. He died peacefully Friday, July 14, 2006, after a long battle with cancer.

Celebration of life: 2 p.m. Friday, July 21, in Wade Family Funeral Chapel, 4140 W. Pioneer Parkway, Arlington.

Mr. Haiduk, also known as "PoPo," was a hardworking man who loved to be outdoors. He was the general contractor and owner of Haiduk Construction for 46 years. Richard always had a big smile on his face, no matter what time of the day it was. He loved his wife, Bess, and his three daughters, Tammy, Brenda and Shirley, more than anything in this world.

Richard Haiduk was born Aug. 26, 1937, to T.L. and Alice Haiduk of White Deer. He



Haiduk

Now he can ride away in the sunset on horseback with the person he always admired, "John Wayne."

Survivors: Mother, Alice Haiduk of White Deer; soulmate and wife of 46 years, Bess Haiduk of Arlington; daughters, Tammy Kazmierski and husband, Mickey, of Arlington, Brenda Via and husband, John, of Maypearl and Shirley McCary and husband, Kevin, of Mansfield; brothers, Fabian of Panhandle, Jimmy of Dallas and LeRoy of White Deer; and grandchildren, Cody Via, Brett Kazmierski, Colton Via, Grant McCary and Matt Kazmierski.

Louise Heard, 91

LEVELLAND — Louise Heard, 91, died Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at Hickory House in Levelland. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday in George Price Funeral Chapel with Dr. Steve Vernon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Levelland, and Dr. Larry Heard, director of missions for Top O' Texas Baptist Association of Pampa, officiating.

Burial will be in City of Levelland Cemetery under the direction of George Price Funeral Home of Levelland.

Born June 3, 1915, Mrs. Heard moved to

Hockley County in 1942 from Olney. She married Richard Lee Heard on July 27, 1935, in Wichita Falls. He died on Nov. 23, 1984.

She was a retired teacher for Whitharral schools and was a member of Whitharral Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons, Dr. Larry Heard of Pampa and Barry Heard of Levelland; a daughter, Pat Blair of Levelland; seven grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

William Elmo 'Butch' Poole, 62

William Elmo "Butch" Poole, 62, of Pampa, died July 15, 2006, at Pampa. No services are scheduled at the present time.

Cremation and arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mr. Poole was born Aug. 2, 1943, at Wheeler. He grew up in Pampa and worked as an electrician for J.Q. Russell Electric for many years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Argues and Genelta Poole.

Survivors include a son, Michael Lee Poole of Illinois; two daughters, Angela Ann Elliott of Borger and Kathy Renee Exum of Lubbock; and a sister, Loretta Bridwell of Pampa.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, P.O. Box 950, Amarillo, TX 79176 or to Don & Sybil Harrington Cancer Center, 1500 Wallace Blvd., Amarillo, TX 79106.

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Kenneth Wayne 'Stretch' Richardson, 72

Kenneth Wayne "Stretch" Richardson, 72, of Pampa, Texas, died July 17, 2006, at Amarillo, Texas. Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 20, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Colonial Chapel with the Rev. Jeff Taylor, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, officiating.



Richardson

Graveside services will be

at 3 p.m. Thursday, July 20, 2006, at the Kelton Cemetery in Kelton under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mr. Richardson was born Nov. 19, 1933, in Wheeler. He was a graduate of Kelton High School in 1952. He had been a resident of Pampa since 1958, moving from Shamrock.

He farmed and ranched in

Wheeler County for many years, and he retired from IRI in 1995 as a machine shop superintendent after 37 years of service.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving during peacetime.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Vena Richardson; and a sister, Connie Taylor, in 1998.

Survivors include four daughters, Kristie Niehaus and husband Robert of Portland, Ore., Kelly Richardson and Keva Richardson, both of Austin, and Kerri Lafferty and husband Austin of Watonga, Okla.; two sisters, Glenda Gaines and husband James of Amarillo and Sandra Crowder of Chickasha, Okla.; three grandchildren, Neely Niehaus of Portland, Ore., Haynes Lafferty and Reece Lafferty, both of Watonga, Okla.; one stepgrandson, Nick Niehaus of Portland, Ore.; and 10 nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be to the Christopher Reeve Foundation, 636 Morris Turnpike, Suite 3A, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

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

Abbie F. Archer, 82

LEFORS — Abbie F. Archer, 82, of Services are pending with Carmichael-Lefors, died July 19, 2006, at Amarillo. Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Services tomorrow

COLEMAN, Alexander Bryant — Graveside services, 10 a.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
GUILL, Hazel "Pat" Patterson — 10 a.m., New Life Assembly of God Church, McLean.
HEARD, Louise — 4 p.m., George Price Funeral Home Chapel, Levelland.
JONES, Randall Robert Alexander — Graveside services, 2 p.m., Fairview Cemetery, Pampa.
RICHARDSON, Kenneth Wayne 'Stretch' — 10:30 a.m., Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa. Graveside services, 3 p.m., Kelton Cemetery, Kelton.

Emergency Services

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

Sixteen traffic stops were made, resulting in at least one arrest.

A traffic complaint was received from the 400 block of Perry.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 700 block of Browning.

A vehicle pursuit was reported at the intersection of Bond and Dwight streets.

Welfare checks were made in the 1000 block of South Nelson and the 1300 block of Mary Ellen.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

A civil matter was reported in the police department lobby.

A runaway was reported in the 700 block of Locust.

A suspicious person call was received from the intersection of Lefors and Kentucky streets.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 800 block of North Hobart.

A prowler was reported in the 1100 block of North Hobart.

Disorderly conduct was reported on three occasions at One Medical Plaza.

Criminal trespass was reported in the 800 block of East Brunow and the 400 block of Graham.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 700 block of Bradley Drive.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 800 block of North Wells, the 600 block of North Zimmers and the 500 block of North Cuyler.

Assault was reported in the 2800 block of Perryton Parkway.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 100 block of West 30th. The incident occurred in the 300 block of East Foster. Medical attention was needed for unknown injuries. The victim was hit with a metal object.

Sexual assault was reported in the 2300 block of North Hobart.

One burglar alarm was reported.

Forgery was reported in the police department lobby.

Theft was reported in the 1000 block of Willow. A vinyl sign valued at \$20 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 300 block of Henry.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported at Top O' Texas New and Used Cars, 440 W. Brown. A 1996 Ford pickup valued at \$3,500 was taken.

Burglary was reported in the 300 block of Sunset.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Tuesday, July 18

11 a.m. — A 2000 Honda CRV, driven by Terry Vinson Searl, 55, of 1707 Chestnut, was eastbound in the 700 block of East Browning when it left the roadway and drove off the south side of the street, traveling through front lawns until it struck a tree in front of a house at 720 E. Browning. Searl was transported by Guardian EMS ambulance to Pampa Regional Medical Center with non-incapacitating injuries. She was cited for failure to maintain single lane, no insurance and failure to change registration.

7:35 p.m. — A 1996 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Julie A. Tucker, 40, of Bosque Farms, N.M., and a 1978 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by Raymond Franklin Cox Jr., 46, of 1116 Bond, collided at the intersection of Dwight and Bond streets. No injuries were reported. Tucker was cited for failure to yield right of way at a yield sign.

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

Tuesday, July 18

Mark Garcia Gonzales, 38, of Vernon was arrested by GCSO on a motion to revoke probation and a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Francisco Arango, 49, of Pampa was arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety for driving while intoxicated.

Wednesday, July 19

Leroy Manuel Williams, 19, of Pampa was arrested in the 1000 block of West Crawford by Pampa Police Department on a capias pro fine for no seat belt.

Dirk Leroy Murray, 45, of Pampa was arrested at the

intersection of Price and Carter streets by PPD for telephone harassment.

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

Tuesday, July 18

8:44 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the intersection of Georgia and Mary Ellen on a bicycle accident.

10:29 a.m. — Two units and three personnel responded to the 2300 block of Perryton Parkway on a standby.

11:04 a.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the intersection of Hazel and Browning on a vehicle accident.

2:49 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1100 block of South Sumner on a medical assist.

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

Tuesday, July 18

8:16 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Barnes and Frederic and transported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

8:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Georgia and Mary Ellen and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

9:19 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1900 block of Hilton and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:03 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Browning and Hazel and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to an undisclosed location on Highway 152. The call was canceled en route.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of West Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

2:48 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of South Sumner and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Wednesday, July 19

4:56 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 300 block of Hobart and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:13 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1300 block of Kentucky and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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Audit finds iPods, dog booties and beer brewing equipment on HS credit cards

WASHINGTON (AP) — Wielding government-issued credit cards, Homeland Security employees racked up hundreds of thousands of dollars in unjustified expenses last year, including booties for rescue dogs, iPods, designer rain jackets and beer-making equipment, according to a congressional audit released today.

Investigators also cited more than 100 missing laptop computers that department employees bought in Hurricane Katrina's aftermath, although officials say at least some have been found.

Poor training, lax oversight and rampant confusion over what employees are allowed to buy with government-issued credit cards "allowed potentially fraudulent, improper, abusive, or questionable transactions to go undetected," Government Accountability Office investigator Gregory D. Kutz told a

hearing by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

He estimated that 45 percent of department purchases with the cards — reviewed from June to November 2005 — were deemed improper.

The report "shows yet again that the Department of Homeland Security seems to be sometime run more like a college fraternity house, than an agency meant to protect us from terror," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Kutz said about 9,000 Homeland Security employees carry credit cards for business-related expenses. The cards usually have a \$2,500 spending limit, but that was raised to \$250,000 for emergencies after Hurricane Katrina hit last Aug. 29.

Homeland Security chief financial officer David Norquist said new department-wide spending guidelines

will soon be enforced, which should eliminate much of the confusion and make sure purchases are strictly supervised. He also promised a crackdown on department shopaholics who use their cards improperly.

Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., said he was outraged that Homeland Security does not already have department-wide spending standards in place.

"Is it a sense of, 'Well, it's not my money?'" Coleman asked Norquist. "We give cards to folks and ultimately the responsible party is not the cardholder. It's the government. That's who's responsible."

Answered Norquist: "I would rather focus on the accountability of the people involved, because in the end, some of these are just about good judgment on the individual with the card."

Bush ready to veto bill on stem cell research

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush readied the first veto of his presidency to stop legislation to ease limits on federal funding for embryonic stem-cell research.

White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said the bill was expected to reach the president's desk midday today, and that Bush would veto the measure as promised as soon as it does. He planned to speak about the issue later this afternoon, surrounded by families who "adopted" frozen embryos that were not used by other couples, and then used those leftover embryos to have children.

While both the GOP-run House and Senate defied Bush in passing the measure to expand federally funded embryonic stem research, supporters do not appear to have the two-thirds vote margin needed to override such a veto.

Pleadings from celebrities, a former first lady and fellow Republicans did not move Bush from his determination to reject the bill. However, lawmakers planned to try as soon as Bush issues the veto.

"There is a strong difference of opinion and the president recognizes that," Perino said. "He also understands that there is a difference between when you are a scientist and when you are a policy-maker, when you are weighing the profound and unique responsibilities that you have as a policy-maker. He made this determination after considerable thought and much consultation with bioethicists and doctors and researchers and religious leaders, even family and friends."

The veto was following two days of emotional debate in Congress, punctuated by stories of personal and family suffering, that cast lawmakers into the intersection of politics, morality and science.

Economy

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concern," and possible increases in the prices of oil as well as other raw materials "remain a risk to the inflation outlook," he said.

"Persistently higher inflation would erode" the economy's performance "and would be costly to reverse," Bernanke added. "The Federal Reserve must take account of these risks in making its policy decisions."

On the other hand, a slowing economy should reduce inflation pressures going forward, he indicated.

A slowing housing market and more cautious consumers — whose spending accounts for a big chunk of economic activity — are the main factors behind the moderation in overall economic growth, Bernanke said.

Bernanke also said that Fed policy-makers must remain mindful that the full impact of their previous interest rate increases have yet to make their way through the economy.

Wall Street rallied sharply higher as Bernanke's testimony, while somewhat hawkish, removed some of investors' chronic uncertainty over the Fed's policies.

The economy which grew in the first quarter at a 5.6 percent pace, the fastest spurt in 2 1/2 years, is expected to slow to a pace of around 3 percent or less in the second half of this year.

"The extent and timing of any additional firming that may be needed to address inflation risks will depend" on what incoming barometers say about the price cli-

mate and economic activity, Bernanke said.

The Fed has raised interest rates 17 times since June 2004. Since the Fed's June meeting, energy prices have marched higher and oil prices jumped to a record closing high of \$77.03 a barrel last Friday.

Sen. Jim Bunning, R-Ky., who has expressed opposition to Bernanke's elevation to Fed chairman, raised concerns that the Fed will raise rates too high.

Bunning, saying he was disappointed in Bernanke's leadership, maintained that "inflation is not out of control. The Fed is chasing an inflation monster that is just not there."

The Fed's next meeting is Aug. 8. Some economist believe rates will go up again then. Others think the Fed will leave them alone to assess how the economy is doing.

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football stadium and the lease of three modular buildings

The board will also hear from Pampa High School Band Director Roger Meyers concerning a proposed band trip April 26 through 29 to San Antonio. Students would miss two days of school. The trip would cost \$500 per student. Students would have several fundraising opportunities during the school

year, Meyers said.

The sale of delinquent tax properties will also be on Thursday's agenda. The bids are \$110 for 805 S. Gray St., \$110 for 902 Clark, \$250 for 421 Crest, \$105 for 520 Barnes, \$125 for 632 S. Somerville and \$110 for 1068 Varnon Drive.

The board will also be asked to approve 93 fundraisers by 23 organizations at Pampa High School during the next school year. They will also be asked to approve two fund-raisers at each of the four elementary schools, Austin, Lamar, Wilson and Travis, and one

fundraiser at Pampa Junior High School.

The school board will also consider the 2006-2007 student code of conduct, selecting a delegate for the Texas Association of School Board (TASB) convention and changes to district policies to make them consistent with the TASB audit.

The board will hear the first reading of a revised policy on student activities for contests and competition. They will hear reports on the 2005-2006 TAKS results and the athletic cost per participant.

Smoke

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should pour a gallon of water into each floor drain before the city tests the system.

"If smoke enters your home," he said, "there is good reason to assume that dangerous sewer gases may also be entering your home or business."

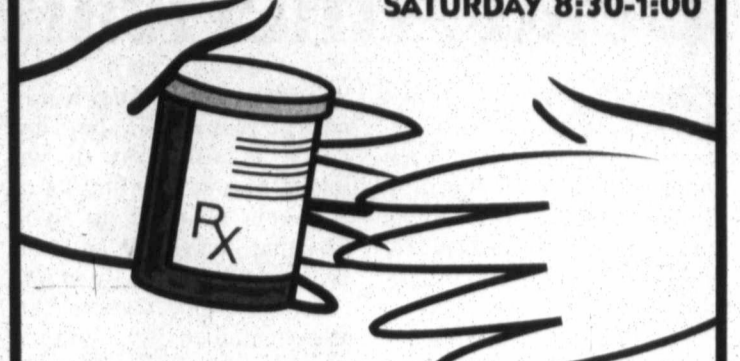
Terry said that if smoke enters a home or building, the owners should evacuate the building and notify the

city work crews.

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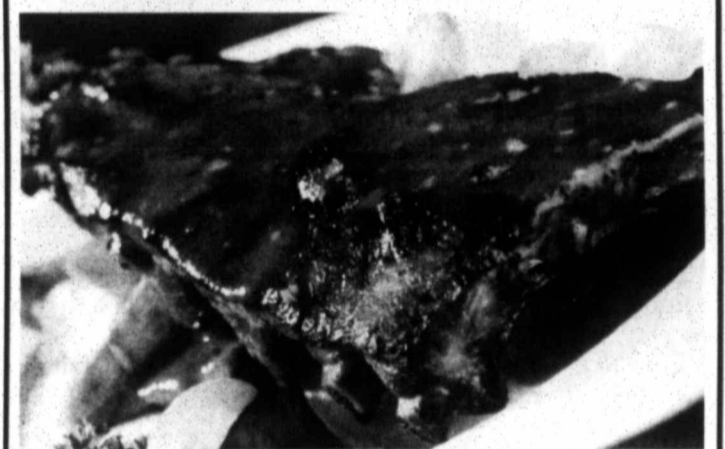
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Streets

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paving. The dust and fine particles are separated out from the coarser material.

The heat wave can't last forever, so there is an end in sight for the unusual tackiness of some streets this year, Morris said.

"The middle of next month, we'll start seeing cooler nights," he said.

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Viewpoints

Dead Americans campaign props for Democrats

Just when you think that the national Democrat party can sink no lower, they reach down into the mud and mire in their bag of political tricks and come up with a new and slimmer example of their utter shamelessness.

Not content with merely undermining the valiant efforts of our servicemen and women risking and sometimes losing their lives fighting international terrorism around the world, the Democrats have now produced a video commercial exploiting the deaths of American soldiers and Marines in order to raise money and win votes.

Their new fund-raising video shows some 12 flag-draped coffins of dead

American servicemen inside a cargo plane. This shocking scene is followed by an image of a soldier staring at a helmet propped up by a machine gun that is stuck in the ground, obviously marking the spot where an American died defending his country against a vicious enemy.

The disgusting commercial goes on to show pictures of New Orleans following Hurricane Katrina, successive photos of President Bush (who "obviously" caused the hurricane), a mug shot of former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, disgraced lobbyist Jack Abramoff and Vice President Cheney.

Apparently there never

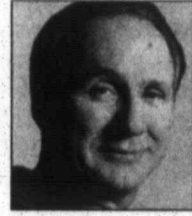
was a hurricane before Katrina — it was America's first. Elect Democrats, the ad suggests, and there will be no more hurricanes, no more dead

American servicemen, and no more lobbyists (except for former Sen. Tom Daschle and his wife) — if only the American people can be fooled into voting for Democrats in the fall elections, or coughing up money to pay for more slimy commercials exploiting our dead.

What the ad should say is: Elect Democrats and there will be no more America —

Michael Reagan

Columnist



Republican Congressional Committee Chairman (NRCC), the Democrats are trying to "blatantly exploit the sacrifices made by the men and women of our Armed Forces" for political purposes. "Regardless of what your views on the war may be, this crosses the line," he said in a statement released by the NRCC, adding that Democrat

Congressional Campaign Chairman Rahm Emanuel "owes our troops, their families, and the families of the fallen an apology."

Contrast this with my Dad Ronald Reagan's campaign slogans about "Morning in America," that drew a bright picture of the shining city on the hill, a nation filled with good, decent hardworking people whose promise is still being fulfilled. The Democrat version is more "like nightmare in America" — an imaginary and dismal picture of a nation that is in fact enjoying the strongest economy on the face of the earth.

Americans voted overwhelmingly for my Dad because he made us feel

good about America. Why would anyone vote for Democrats who insist on painting a dismal, sordid picture of an America in decline?

Where is the media outrage over this sordid money-grubbing commercial? According to the Media Research Council, the liberal media only get upset when Republicans use ads to cite the war on terrorism.

When a campaign ad for the re-election of President Bush in 2004 showed images of the 9/11 attacks on America, the media were then quite outraged. Said ABC's Charles Gibson: "The President, as you prob-

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, July 19, the 200th day of 2006. There are 165 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 19, 1848, a pioneer women's rights convention convened in Seneca Falls, N.Y.

On this date:

In 1553, 15-year-old Lady Jane Grey was deposed as Queen of England after claiming the crown for nine days. King Henry VIII's daughter Mary was proclaimed Queen.

In 1870, the Franco-Prussian war began.

In 1941, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill launched his "V for Victory" campaign in Europe.

In 1943, Allied air forces raided Rome during World War II.

In 1969, Apollo 11 and its astronauts, Neil Armstrong, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin and Michael Collins, went into orbit around the moon.

In 1975, the Apollo and Soyuz space capsules that were linked in orbit

'No written law has ever been more binding than unwritten custom supported by popular opinion.'

— Carrie Chapman Catt
American feminist
(1859-1947)



for two days separated.

In 1980, the Moscow Summer Olympics began, minus dozens of nations that were boycotting the games because of the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

In 1984, U.S. Rep. Geraldine A. Ferraro, D-N.Y., won the Democratic nomination for vice president by acclamation at the party's convention in San Francisco.

In 1986, Caroline Kennedy, daughter of President John F. Kennedy, married Edwin A. Schlossberg in Centerville, Mass.

In 1989, 112 people were killed when a United Air Lines DC-10 crashed while making an emergency landing at Sioux City, Iowa; 184 other people survived.

Ten years ago: Opening ceremonies were held in Atlanta for the 26th Summer Olympic Games. A Food and Drug Administration advisory committee recommended, with some conditions, that the abortion-inducing drug RU-486 be approved. Bosnian Serb official Radovan Karadzic yielded to international pressure to give up all political power.

Five years ago: Japanese prosecutors charged a U.S. airman with rape in an alleged attack on a woman in Okinawa. (Air Force Staff Sgt. Timothy Woodland was later convicted and sentenced to nearly three years in prison.) Circus animal trainer Gunther Gebel-Williams died in Venice, Fla., at age 66.

Bully mentality of American government

Back in the 1970s, Alexandr Solzhenitsyn, one of the giants of the 20th century, gave a commencement address at Harvard. It was, I believe, the last public address he gave in America. His criticism was so dead-on that he quickly became persona non grata.

I've always thought that it is a permanent disgrace that this great man, whom many Russians credit with bringing down the Soviet Union, was never invited to the White House, while all sorts of two-bit communists and other poltroons have been feted and dined there.

At any rate, apropos of the current headlines, one of the criticisms he levied was that we as a country had become cowards. He made it clear that he did not mean the American people; he meant the American government and the American Establishment. He said they bullied small and weak

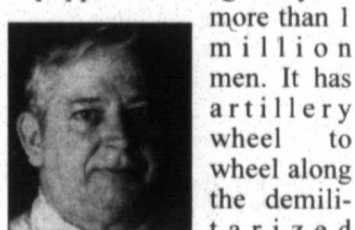
countries and appeased the powerful. That was true then, and it's true today.

Look, for example, at the contrast between George Bush's rhetoric directed at North Korea and his rhetoric directed at Saddam Hussein. Saddam, he said, had been given enough chances. He had run out of time. There was no point in any more talk. Blah, blah, etc. Saddam, of course, didn't have nuclear weapons, or even chemical or biological weapons.

With North Korea, the president says we must seek a diplomatic solution, and diplomacy, of course, takes a lot of time, etc. and so forth. Gosh, we hate to see North Korea so isolated.

What's the difference? Saddam was weak, his

regime was a toothless old hag, and Bush and his war hawks knew it. We could bully and invade him without fear. North Korea, however, is a regime with very sharp teeth. It has a fully equipped standing army of more than 1 million men. It has artillery wheel to wheel along the demilitarized zone. Even without its missiles, nuclear or conventional, war with North Korea would produce casualties in the tens of thousands, and would do it in a matter of days.



Charley Reese

Columnist

So you're darn right Bush wants to use diplomacy, though his diplomacy is so inept that it is not likely to work. We are not going to attack North Korea or even try a "surgical strike," and North Korea knows this. It

has a deterrent sufficiently strong to persuade us to let the sleeping dog lie on the Korean Peninsula.

You will notice, too, that all the tough rhetoric about Iran has suddenly quieted down. I think both the U.S. and Israel have finally realized that we have no military option with Iran. Iran is in a position to cause us unimaginable problems all over the Middle East. Our failure in Iraq and the Israelis' failure to cower the Palestinians have reminded both countries that the Middle East is not a good place to cause trouble. It is a place where conventional forces can win tactical victories, but not strategic ones.

T.E. Lawrence, or Lawrence of Arabia if you prefer, noted a characteristic of the Arabs: They can be suddenly seized with an idea so passionately, he said, that they will willingly lose

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

July 10

Austin American-Statesman on the rising cost of traveling:

As you no doubt have noticed, the cost of transportation is going up. Southwest Airlines, the nation's leading discount air carrier, has announced that it is raising airfares \$3 to \$10 per flight. Gasoline prices are nosing toward \$3 a gallon again, and there's not even a hurricane to blame. And by the end of the year, Central Texas drivers will encounter here, for the first time, the once unimaginable: paying tolls to use public highways. There's no indication of relief soon.

Last week, oil prices jumped to \$75 a barrel. Kent Hance, an Austin lawyer and oil industry expert, said he figures about \$25 of that \$75 reflects a nervous international market nervous about what might happen with Iran, North Korea and the continuing war in Iraq, and seeing no resolution in sight. Solve the world's biggest problems, or at least put a lid on them, and the price of oil should drop, perhaps by as much as a third. Meanwhile, some merchants are pointing to higher gasoline prices as a big factor in last month's drop in retail sales.

Still, fuel price pain hasn't been intense enough to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling. And drilling off much of the West and East coasts of the United States

remains forbidden, though the U.S. House last month approved a bill that would allow it and share royalty revenue with affected states.

Individual states could bar any drilling within 50 miles of their coastline. But the bill is expected to face strong opposition in the Senate, where senators Republicans as well as Democrats from coastal states are ready to vote against it, arguing that any spills from offshore wells could inflict more damage to their tourism industry than any gain in oil supplies.

So, for now, it appears that the price of jet fuel and gasoline will remain high. The American public may get angry again when the next round of

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Dear Abby...

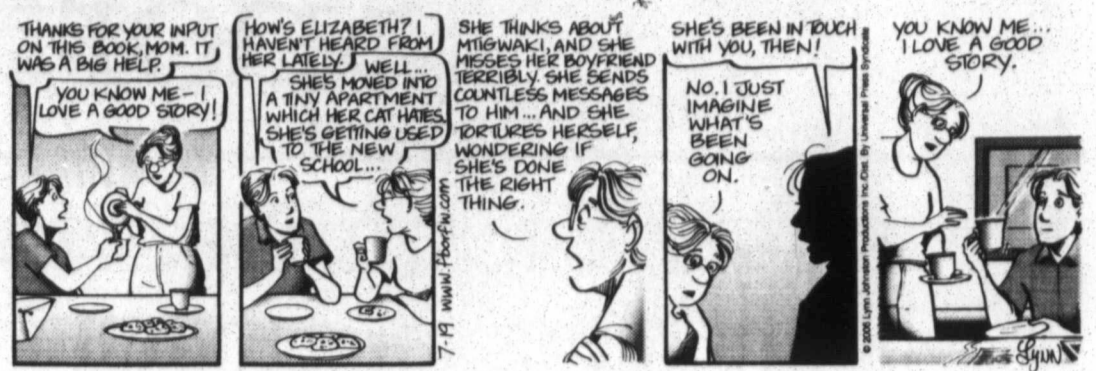
By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I am concerned about the number of teens who write to you about whether or not to have sex. I am a mother of four, and I'm only 22. My first child was born when I was 14. Only two of my biological children live with me, and I have taken my stepdaughter in as my own. Teens everywhere should be educated about sex and the consequences of having sex at a young age. Many parents still do not have "the talk" with their children -- leaving it up to the educational system, which is inadequate in this area. I would like to urge teen parents to volunteer at local schools to educate these teens about what "might" happen. I see more and more teens every day heading down the road I went down, and it scares me. I was lucky that I now have the chance to further my education and provide a stable life for my children, which, I might add, did not happen until I was already the mother of two and 18 years old. I had to give one child up for adoption, and it was heart-wrenching. To teens out there, PLEASE do not be like me. You might not be as lucky as I was. — **WISER NOW IN THE U.S.A.**

DEAR WISER NOW: Thank you for wanting to warn other teens not to venture down the same path that you did. You are right: You are lucky you have a chance to further your education and provide a stable life for your children, because most teenage mothers are not so fortunate. Sadly, only one-third of teen mothers receive a high school diploma, and only 1.5 percent have a college degree by the time they reach 30. (Nearly 80 percent of unmarried teen mothers end up on welfare.) Although

teenage pregnancy, birth and abortion rates in the United States have declined over the last decade, our country continues to have a higher rate of teenage pregnancy than most other developed countries. (It's nearly twice the rate as in Australia or Canada -- and more than four times higher than the rate in France.) Although we all wish that teens would remain abstinent until marriage, the fact remains that many don't. And those young people need accurate information about how to prevent unplanned pregnancies and avoid sexually transmitted diseases. Parents who leave sex education up to the schools should be aware that since 1996, the federal government has poured \$1 billion into abstinence-only sex education programs that do not include complete information on birth control methods or even sexually transmitted diseases. I have always believed that what people don't know CAN hurt them, and that anyone old enough to ask deserves straight answers to their questions. And that is why I offer a booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know," to answer some of the questions that many teens are afraid to ask their parents regarding sex, STDs, drinking and drugs. Many parents and grandparents have given the booklet to their teenagers or used it to foster discussion. It can be ordered by sending a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$6 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Postage is included in the price.

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Crossword Puzzle

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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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Yesterday's answer



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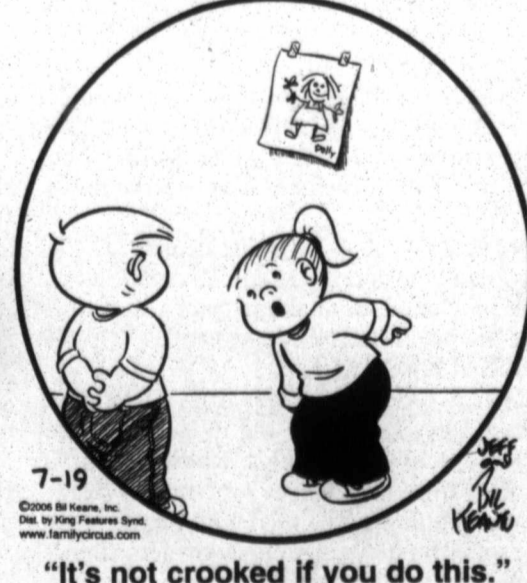


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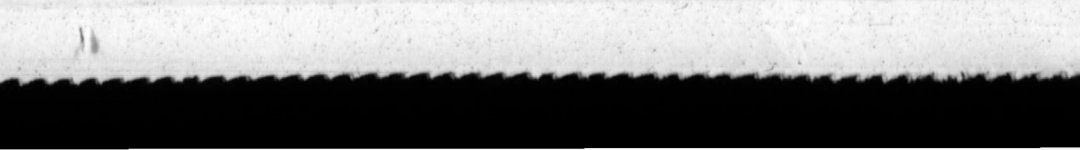


The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Flo & Friends



Sports Day

PAMPA OPTIMIST YOUTH CLUB BASEBALL

All-Stars hang on against Plainview

CANYON — The last time the Pampa Optimist 11-12 All Star team faced Plainview was in the West Texas State Tournament in Pampa in 2004. Pampa carried a 4-0 lead into the middle innings. Plainview scored eight runs in one inning and coasted to a 9-4 win. Saturday Plainview threatened *deja vu* in the West Texas State Tournament in Canyon.

Pampa lead 6-0. Cody Davis had scattered four hits in three innings of work. He had struck out four and had not walked a batter. Pampa's defense had not committed an error. Reid Miller took over and Pampa fell apart defensively committing six errors in the last three innings to hand Plainview five runs in the fourth inning and four more in the sixth. The difference was that Pampa battled back to hold its lead and won 12-9.

Davis has now been the winning pitcher in three of Pampa's five post season tournament wins. He had help from Zach Graves, Collin Killgo and Shane Smith, all of whom had two hits each. Graves scored once and had one RBI. Killgo scored three times. Smith's hits were doubles. He had two RBIs.

Killgo also made the outstanding defensive play of the game by snag-

ging an errant throw from third and tagging a leaping batter on the foot.

The two teams were like a pair of heavyweight boxers in the early rounds, feeling each other out. Both teams had hits in each of the first two innings. Both teams had a runner thrown out at home. Pampa had sent six batters to the plate in two innings. Plainview had batted eight players.

Pampa erupted for five runs in the third inning. Latigo Collins opened the inning with a single. He took second on a passed ball. Davis aided his own cause with a single. Collins stopped at third. The pair executed a double steal with Collins scoring Pampa's first run on the play. Zach Murray walked. Shane Smith doubled, scoring both runners, but was caught off second. Cole Engle was hit by a pitch. Killgo singled sending Engle to third when the center fielder could not find the handle on the ball. Graves singled scoring Engle. Killgo moved to third on a wild pitch. He came into score when Miller reached base on an error.

In the top of the fourth Pampa made it 6-0 when Trevor Morgan walked, stole second, went to third on an error and scored on a ground out by Murray. Plainview narrowed the lead to 6-5 in the bottom of the fourth on two hits,

two Pampa errors and two walks.

Engle started Pampa's rally in the fifth inning with a single. He went to second on a passed ball, to third on a wild pitch and scored on a throwing error. Killgo matched Engle with a single, going to second on a passed ball and to third on a wild pitch. After a walk to Graves, Miller singled to left field scoring Killgo and sending Graves to third. Walks to Zach Ruth, Cody McIntyre and Murray caused Graves and Miller to trot home.

Pampa added two insurance runs in the sixth without the benefit of a hit. Engle and Killgo reached base on Plainview errors. Both wound up scoring after two passed balls and a wild pitch.

Plainview refused to go quietly. Down by seven runs, they scored four times and had the tying run at the plate when Ruth picked up a difficult ground ball at third and tagged the base for a force out that ended the game. Four Pampa errors, two hits and a walk helped Plainview make the final score closer.

Next up for Pampa is Littlefield. The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

Texas Major League Baseball

Rangers 5, Blue Jays 2
TORONTO (AP) - The Texas Rangers finally put some offense together.

"Once we scored that first run we exhaled," Texas manager Buck Showalter said Tuesday night after Hank Blalock hit a go-ahead single in a five-run eighth inning and the Rangers rallied for a 5-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays.

Texas scored just four runs in the previous four games, but they rallied from a 2-0 deficit by sending 10 batters to the plate in the eighth.

Mark Teixeira hit a two-out RBI single off Scott Schoeneweis (2-1) and Blalock followed with a two-run single to center, also off Schoeneweis.

Brad Wilkerson added a two-run single off Vinnie Chulk to make it 5-2.

"We needed a big hit there to get the momentum going our way," Showalter said.

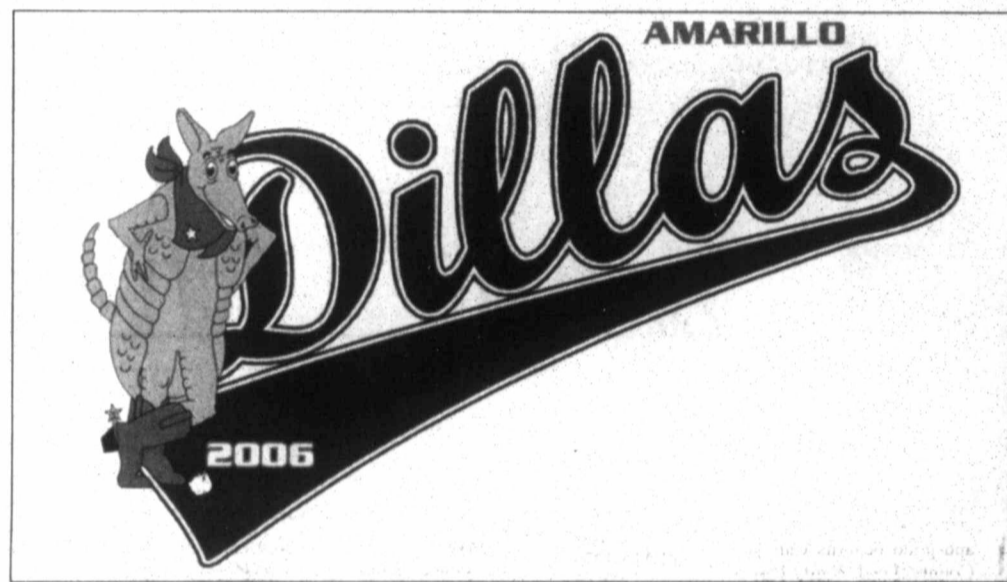
Cubs 4, Astros 2

CHICAGO (AP) - Despite being 20 games under .500 and with little to play for in the way of a postseason appearance, Phil Nevin and the Chicago Cubs haven't quit.

Nevin hit a three-run homer and rookie Carlos Marmol allowed one run over six innings to lead the Cubs to a 4-2 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

The Cubs bounced back from an embarrassing 13-7 loss to the New York Mets on Sunday night, when they allowed 11 runs in the sixth inning.

"Obviously there is a lot of talk about it," Nevin said of the perception the Cubs have given up. "But we've had some key injuries, and coming from a different organization to here, you lose your (No.) one and two starters, guys in the bullpen, and your first baseman who was a batting champion last year, you just don't replace those guys, it's impossible."



Famous Chicken draws nearly 7,000 to see Dillas blast Broncos, 12-2

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Nearly 7,000 fans entered the gates of the Amarillo National Bank Dilla Villa to watch as the hometown club played host to the visiting Laredo Broncos. Though worthy of the price of admission, Tuesday night's game was the added bonus.

What brought them in was The Famous Chicken. And his drawing power in Amarillo is always second to none. This visit even more so as the

chicken has not graced the old Amarillo stadium in more than two years. Tuesday night, in rock star fashion, he entertained his rowdy fans.

The Dillas rounded out a perfect night at the park with a 12-2 whipping of the Broncos. Amarillo generated 13 hits in the game, the team's second highest total so far this season. The Dillas improved to 24-32 in the United Baseball League. Laredo fell to 22-32. The two teams will square off again tonight at 7:05.

Dillas, Broncos Boxscore

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A.Ponce SS	3	0	0	0	.270	D.Bravo 2B	4	3	3	2	.339
E.Maldonado 2B	4	0	1	1	.341	C.Figueroa DH	4	1	1	1	.355
J.Salas CAT	4	0	0	0	.290	G.Schneidmil 3B	3	1	0	0	.319
P.Karr DH	4	1	2	0	.500	B.Morrison LF	4	2	3	1	.313
B.Tinius 3B	4	0	2	1	.305	J.Davis 1B	2	2	1	2	.287
O.Cruz CF	2	0	0	0	.285	E.Davis 1B	1	0	0	0	.256
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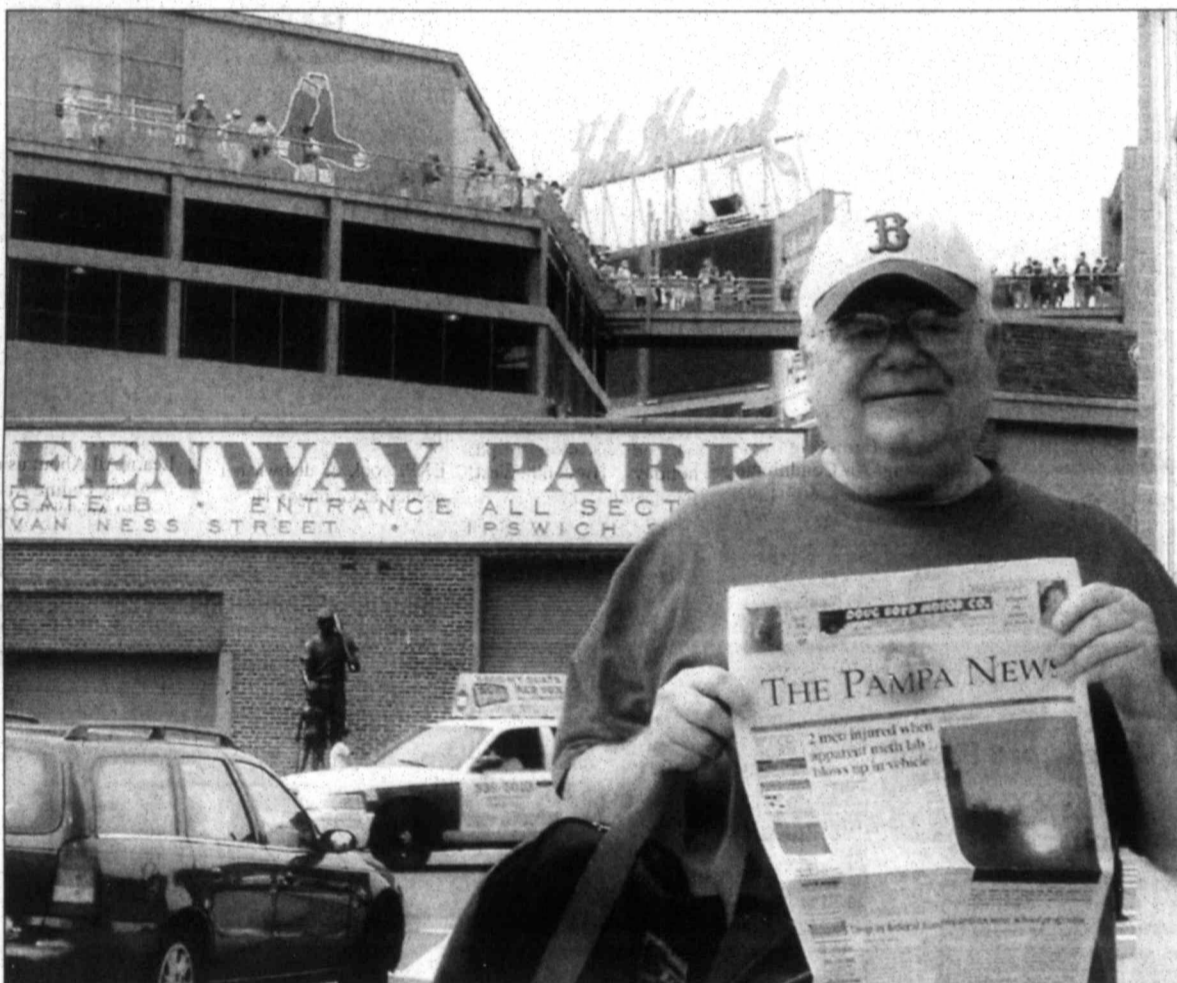
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Field of dreams



A lifelong dream was realized Saturday by Dennis Spies, Pampa News editor, who made a pilgrimage to Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox. Spies holds a recent copy of The Pampa News outside Fenway before a game between the Red Sox and Oakland A's.

Tuesday's Sports in Brief

PRO HOCKEY

UNIONDALE, N.Y. (AP) - Neil Smith was abruptly fired after less than a month as general manager of the Islanders and replaced by New York goalie Garth Snow, who retired to take over the position.

Islanders owner Charles Wang said Smith told him he had difficulty working within the team's revamped front office.

Smith was something of a surprise choice when he returned to the NHL following a six-year absence and replaced Mike Milbury on June 8. Smith's replacement was even more of a shock.

Snow, who went 4-13-1 last season as the backup to top Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro, will be in charge of making trades and will oversee the pro scouting department.

PRO BASKETBALL

SEATTLE (AP) - A group from Oklahoma City has agreed to buy the NBA's Seattle SuperSonics and the WNBA's Seattle Storm.

The new owners have set a 12-month deadline to reach a new arena deal with Seattle officials - something the previous owners didn't accomplish in two years. After that, the new owners gain the option to move the team to Oklahoma.

The Basketball Club of Seattle, headed by Starbucks Corp. chairman Howard Schultz, will sell the teams for \$350 million to the Professional Basketball Club LLC, headed by Oklahoma City businessman Clay Bennett.

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. (AP) - Nazr Mohammed, Flip Murray and Ronald Dupree signed with the Detroit Pistons, adding depth to a team that has been depleted by the loss of All-Star center Ben Wallace.

HORSE RACING

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. (AP) - Barbaro

trainer Michael Matz was encouraged by the colt's recent stability in his health, though he noted the Kentucky Derby winner's condition could still turn any time.

Matz said Barbaro vet Dean Richardson told him the colt had another restful night and his vital signs were normal.

Richardson said both of Barbaro's hind leg casts were changed a day earlier, and he was pleased with how the colt performed under light sedation in his sling.

While the colt has shown some encouraging signs the last five days, the odds of Barbaro's full recovery from a severe case of laminitis and a reconstructed right hind leg are really no better than they were a week ago.

BASEBALL

CHICO, Calif. (AP) - Jose Canseco's All-Star pitching debut proved to be short.

The former major league slugger retired only one batter while giving up four runs in the first All-Star game in the independent Golden Baseball League. Earlier, Canseco won the home run derby.

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) - John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil became the oldest man ever to play professional baseball when the 94-year-old stepped into the batter's box during the Northern League All-Star game.

O'Neil, who walked twice, passed 83-year-old Jim Eriotes, who struck out in a minor league game in South Dakota earlier this month.

CYCLING

L'ALPE D'HUEZ, France (AP) - Floyd Landis is wearing the race leader's yellow jersey again at the Tour de France, regaining it in the punishing Alps during the stage won by Luxembourg's Frank Schleck.

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Host families needed for high school foreign exchange students

Foreign high school students are scheduled to arrive soon for academic semester and year program homestays, and the sponsoring organization needs a few more local host families.

According to Pacific Intercultural Exchange (P.I.E.) Executive Director, John Doty, the students are all between the ages of 15 and 18 years, are English-

speaking, have their own spending money, carry accident and health insurance, and are anxious to share their cultural experiences with their new American families. P.I.E. currently has programs to match almost every family's needs, ranging in length from a semester to a full academic year, where the students attend local high schools.

P.I.E. area representatives match students with host families by finding common interests and lifestyles through an informal in-home meeting. Prospective host families are able to review student applications and select the perfect match. As there are no "typical" host families, P.I.E. can fit a student into just about any situation, whether it is a single

parent, a childless couple, a retired couple or a large family.

Families who host for P.I.E. are also eligible to claim a \$50 per month charitable contribution deduction on their itemized tax returns for each month they host a sponsored student.

P.I.E. is a non-profit educational organization that has sponsored more than

25,000 students from 45 countries since its founding in 1975.

Gray County area families interested in learning more about student exchange or arranging for a meeting with a community representative may call P.I.E., toll-free, at 1-866-546-1402. The agency also has travel/study program opportunities available for American high school

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Doug Brown, superintendent of sanitation for the City of Pampa, picks up a load of tree limbs and debris recently at the city's landfill. The wood is being cleared for processing in a wood-chipper rented for a limited time by the city to help maintain the landfill.

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Reagan

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images in an election campaign.

Tom Brokaw said: "The President today also shrugged off critics who've complained that he's politicizing the September 11th attacks ... The Bush campaign is using an image of the World Trade Center in another television ad."

And NBC's Ann Curry said: "More fallout expected today from President Bush's re-election ads that feature images from 9/11. Family members of some of the victims of the World Trade Center attacks say they will protest the President's attendance at a groundbreaking ceremony for a 9/11 memorial on New York's Long Island."

Asked the MRC: "Should we expect the same outrage from the press concerning this campaign video by Congressional Democrats, or are such images only verboten when used by a politician the press despises?"

Mike Reagan, the eldest son of the late President Ronald Reagan, is heard on more than 200 talk radio stations nationally as part of the Radio America Network.

Reese

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and our Establishment remain as cowardly as they were in the 1970s. Look at the great military "triumphs" in recent years - invading Panama and Grenada, bombing Libya and Serbia, fighting two wars with Iraq. Any general who wanted a triumphal procession in Rome after victories that petty would have been limited to a single cart pulled by a donkey.

Probably, we don't have a real peace movement in this country because one isn't needed. We're not going to fight anybody who has half a chance of drawing real blood. We are never going to launch a preventative war against North Korea or Iran, and God knows not against China or Russia. Perhaps, if Bush ever extricates himself from Iraq and Afghanistan, we might have another go at Somalia.

We are, just as Solzhenitsyn said, the bully of weak countries and an appeaser of strong ones.

Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

ably know, used scenes from Ground Zero in his first campaign ads that were broadcast. That ignited a debate about whether it's appropriate to use such

Travel

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As for the toll roads scheduled to open in December, they signal a sharp break with the past and an interesting twist on the 50th anniversary of the interstate highway system. The interstates have been financed with an easy-to-pay and easy-to-collect gasoline tax.

But in recent years, politicians promised no new taxes, the cost of highway construction and maintenance steadily rose, and the demand for highways continues to grow, so now even states such as Texas that have mostly shunned toll roads are turning to them in a big way.

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