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Officials reject bid for Ballard properties

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Some items were approved, some were rejected and others were tabled at Gray County Commissioners' Tuesday morning meeting in the second-floor courtroom at the courthouse.

Bids for tax-delinquent property along South Ballard Street were rejected. Lonnie Vaughn had submit-

ted bids of \$500 each for 309, 315, and 301-305 S. Ballard.

"The City of Pampa rejected the sale of the properties on Ballard, and City Manager John Horst asked that we not approve them," said County Judge Richard Peet.

The Ballard Street property is of potential interest to Pampa Economic Development Corporation for business activity, Peet said, and the city wished to retain the property

for that use.

"If any one of the three taxing entities wants to use properties like these, it must be approved by the other two entities," Peet said concerning the issue.

Four other bids on tax-delinquent properties were accepted. All four were submitted by Milton and Terrie Thompson and were \$200 for a vacant lot at 713 Octavius; \$150 for 405 Maple, which includes a burnt-

out structure which is not repairable; \$300 for a vacant lot at 1064 Varnon Drive; and \$250 for a vacant lot at 702 S. Gray.

Action on two agenda items was deferred until commissioners' next meeting. Sheriff and constable fees were tabled until more information could be obtained.

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BORDER ISSUES

Protesters gather outside hearing on immigration

By JUAN A. LOZANO
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON (AP) — Divided by metal railings, activists on both sides of the immigration debate sang and chanted outside a Houston courthouse Wednesday, where members of Congress were holding a hearing on immigration reform.

The groups, fewer than 100 people on each side, held up signs that read, "Fight Ignorance Not Immigrants!" and "Love Thy Neighbor," as well as U.S. flags and signs that said, "No Amnesty" and "Stop the Invasion. Protect Our Borders Now."

"You have got to stop the flow of illegal immigrants," said George Lingenfelder, a business owner from the Houston suburb of Katy. "We need to stop the free education, stop the free health care, stop the housing subsidies. I do not believe in amnesty."

The Rev. Kevin Collins, pastor at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Houston, said he believed Wednesday's hearing was being held to spread misinformation about immigrants.

"We want to fix the system that is broken," he said. "But we feel these hearings are not doing anything to fix the system. They are painting pictures of immigrants as criminals."

Inside the courthouse, a U.S. House subcommittee began one of about two dozen hearings around the country this month on how to fix the laws on illegal immigration.

The subcommittee, chaired by U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Austin, was to discuss criminal activity and violence along the U.S.-Mexico border.

PISD postpones meeting until next week

Pampa Independent School District's board of trustees decided at its last meeting on Aug. 9 not to reconvene this week. The board moved not to meet again until Aug. 24 to further hash out the pros and cons of bringing a bond issue before the public.

Pampa ISD Superintendent Barry Haenisch said a meeting was scheduled this week, but the board accomplished enough at the last meeting to make meeting this week unnecessary.

At the previous meeting, the board concerned itself mainly with the formation of a facilities plan, Haenisch said. "We're trying to put together a plan that will last 25 to 30 years."

The emphasis now, the superintendent explained, is to remodel the high school,

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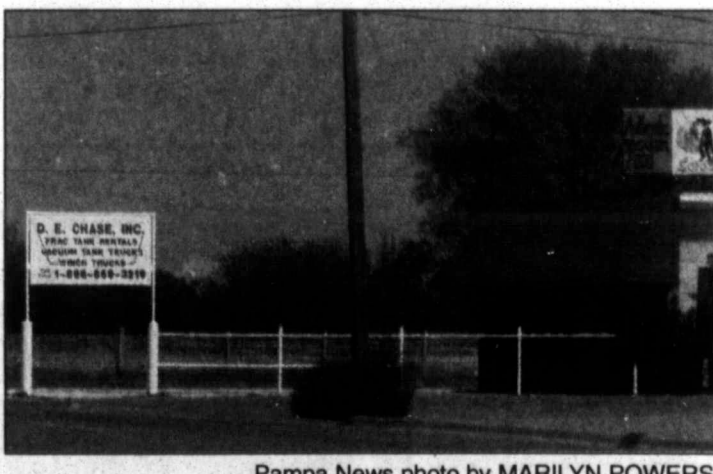
VFW murals

Pampa artist Doug Pollard, shown in both photos pictured here, painted a mural at the VFW Hall which is made up of scenes from World Wars I and II, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, and the battles in the Middle East.

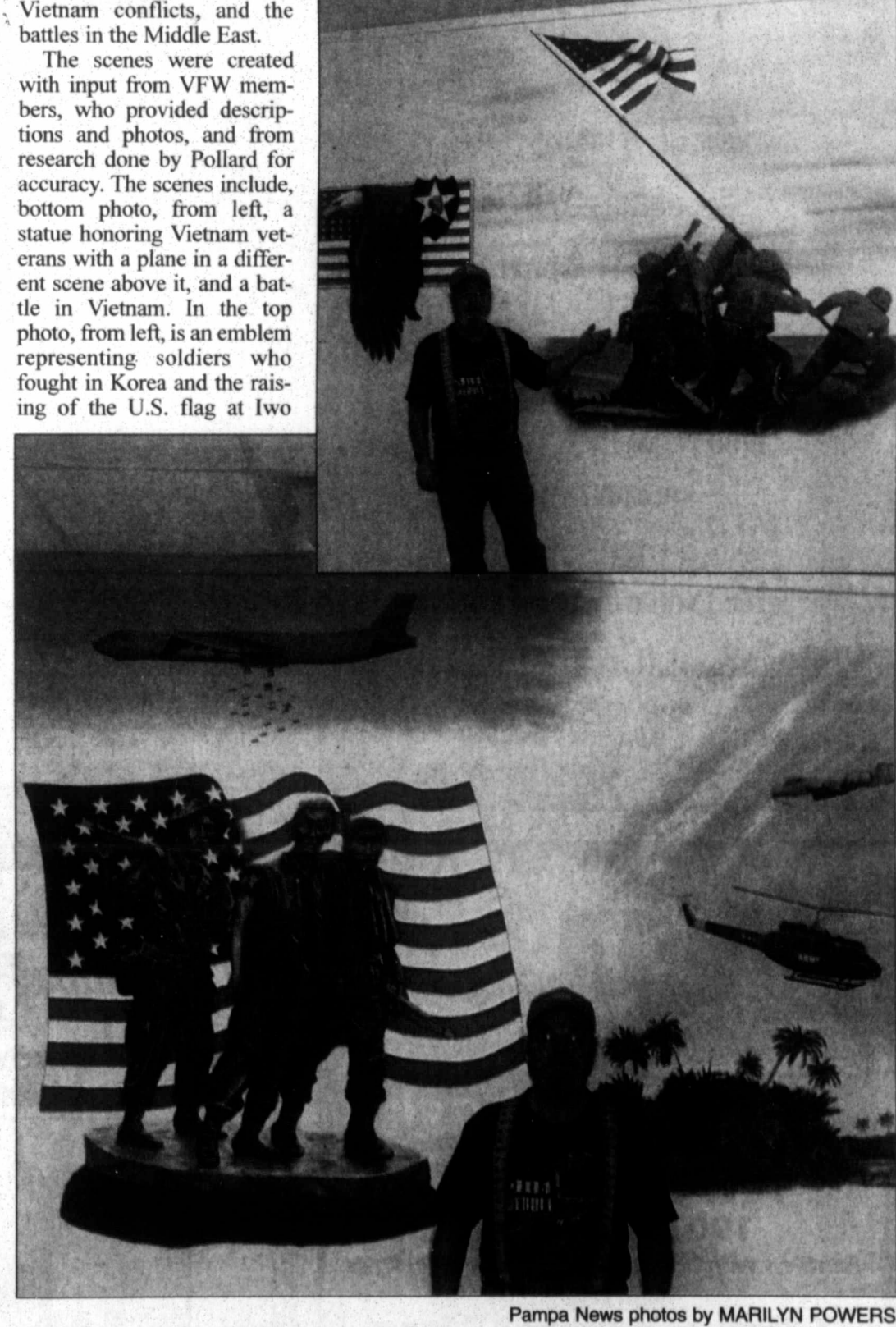
The scenes were created with input from VFW members, who provided descriptions and photos, and from research done by Pollard for accuracy. The scenes include, bottom photo, from left, a statue honoring Vietnam veterans with a plane in a different scene above it, and a battle in Vietnam. In the top photo, from left, is an emblem representing soldiers who fought in Korea and the raising of the U.S. flag at Iwo

Jima in World War II. Pollard said it took him two weeks to research the scenes and another three and one-half weeks to paint the mural.

The VFW, at 105 S. Cuyler, is open from 10 a.m. to midnight daily, and visitors may go there to see the mural.




Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
D.E. Chase Inc. of Pampa has expanded its operation with an office in Wheeler. The location was expected to be ready for equipment to be placed there some time this week, according to a company spokesman. The company transports fluid by-products of the drilling process, mainly salt water, which is emptied into disposal wells. Increased oil and gas activity in the Pampa area has led to growth of businesses and population.



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Obituaries

Ida Laverne Freeman Collis, 91

WHITE DEER, Texas — Ida Laverne Freeman Collis, 91, died Aug. 14, 2006, at Panhandle, Texas.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, August 17, 2006, at Fairview Cemetery in Pampa with the Rev. Alan Wilson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of White Deer, officiating.

Arrangements are under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors of Pampa.

Mrs. Collis was born April 6, 1915, in Wingo, Ky. She had been a resident of White Deer since 1934. She married Loyd Collis on Sept. 9, 1935, in White Deer. He preceded her in death on Oct. 16, 1996.

She was a Baptist. She was a member of the Home Demonstration and Council in Carson County for many years. She was a member of the White Deer Art Club, the Daughters of the Pioneers, and a founding member of the White Deer Senior Citizens Center.

Survivors include one daughter, Amber Walker of Pampa; one grandson, Bo Dempsey and wife Lynn of Pampa; one great-granddaughter, Cami Culpepper and husband Matt of Irving; and one great-great-granddaughter, Molly Elizabeth Culpepper of Irving.

She was preceded in death by a son, Bobby Collis; and a daughter, Louise Collis.

The family requests memorials be to St. Ann's Nursing Home, P.O. Box 1179, Panhandle, TX 79068; the White Deer Senior Citizens Center, 319 S. Main, White Deer, TX 79097; or Cal Farley's Boys Ranch, 600 SW 11th Ave., Amarillo, TX 79101.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2006, at Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Home in Pampa.

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

Mary Alice Stroebel, 90

Mary Alice Stroebel, 90, of Pampa, died Aug. 15, 2006, at Bowie, Texas. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral

Directors of Pampa.

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

Ruth 'Ma' Walker, 88

Ruth "Ma" Walker, 88, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 15, 2006, at Pampa. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Walker was born July 1, 1918, in Hill County, Texas. She married Joe Bailey Walker on Aug. 7, 1937, in Hillsboro. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1982.

She had been a resident of Pampa since 1968. She worked for Gibson's Discount Center as a cashier for many years. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include one daughter, Judy Hoover of Pampa; one son, Gary Walker and wife LaGwenda of Pampa; two granddaughters, Brandi Brewer and Cari Carrillo and husband Jerry, all of Pampa; four great-

grandchildren, Calli Jo, Corbin Lee, Raeli Blayne and Emori Ruth, all of Pampa; numerous nieces and nephews, including special niece, Betty White and husband Otis of Pampa; two stepgranddaughters, Debbie Hoover and Vickie Daley, both of Pampa; two stepgreat-grandchildren, Marcus and Carrie, both of Pampa.

She was preceded in death by four brothers, three sisters and her son-in-law, Lee Hoover.

The family requests memorials be to BSA Hospice, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, TX 79065; or a favorite charity.

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

Gray County Weather

Today: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85. South wind between 5 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

Tonight: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Some of the storms could produce heavy rain. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68.

South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. Thursday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 85.

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

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

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

Traffic complaints were received from the 400 block of North Wells and the 3100 block of North Crest.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 1300 block of East Kingsmill.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 100 block of South Cuyler.

Animal complaints were received from the 1600 block of North Faulkner, the 2600 block of Cherokee, the intersection of Francis and Hobart streets, and the 600 block of North Roberta.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Gwendolyn Avenue and Price Road.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2100 block of Aspen and the 1100 block of North Russell.

A suspicious person call was received from the 2100 block of Aspen.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 800 block of East Murphy.

A narcotics violation was reported in the police department lobby.

Harassment was reported in the police department lobby.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Frost.

Sexual assault was reported in the 300 block of North

Ward.

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon was reported in the 100 block of West Albert. The victim was transported to the hospital, but no serious injuries were reported.

Fraud was reported in the police department lobby and the 800 block of East Campbell.

Theft was reported in the 1300 block of South Price Road.

Sheriff

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

Tuesday, Aug. 15

Earl Franklin Knotts, 25, of Pampa was arrested by GCSO on a probation violation for driving while intoxicated.

Fire

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

Tuesday, Aug. 15

9:02 a.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1600 block of North Zimmers on a call for lifting assistance.

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls between 7 a.m. Monday and 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 14

8:23 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1400 block of Dwight and trans-

ported a patient(s) to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

9:41 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1600 block of Buckler and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

11:01 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

2:41 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

3:27 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 400 block of Oklahoma and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

4:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to a local nursing facility.

5:03 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1000 block of North Wells and transported a patient(s) to N.W.T.H.

5:34 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to Harvester and Bradley Drive. No transport.

6:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transported a patient(s) to the 1200 block of Wells.

9:35 p.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

Tuesday, Aug. 15

2:59 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 1100 block of North Russell. No transport.

3:50 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 500 block of Magnolia and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

5:10 a.m. — A mobile ICU unit responded to the 2700 block of Navajo and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

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decide," Peet said of the fees.

An update of the rental agreement for Clyde Carruth Pavilion was also deferred at the request of Precinct 2 Commissioner Gary Willoughby until more information could be

obtained and the county attorney could be consulted.

A maintenance renewal contract for the district attorney's automated victim notification services was approved. The computer program enables crime victims to find out the status of their case, including release dates of offenders, for both felonies and misdemeanors, and includes statewide information, said 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer.

Switzer also received approval by commissioners to fill the position of intake coordinator for her office. The position is currently vacant.

A joint election agreement with Pampa Independent School District concerning the upcoming Nov. 7 general election was approved. The school district will hold an election on that date, and the agreement allows voters to vote in both elections at the same polling places wherever possible.

Also approved Tuesday were a contract with Pacific Telemanagement Services for pay phone service at Perry LeFors Airport, an extended warranty on the courthouse security system, and a request by the City of LeFors to place a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Shaw and Second Streets in LeFors.

Bills totaling \$108,349.84 and salaries of \$215,142.19 were approved for payment. Five budget amendments were approved to reflect donations received in connection with the March and April wildfires.

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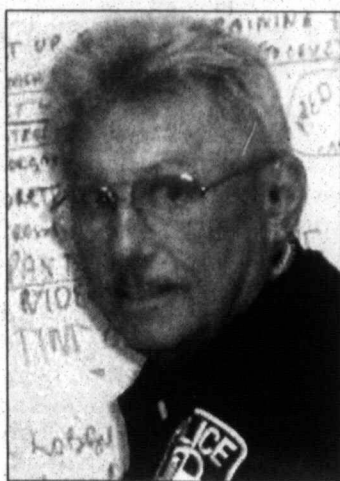
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Cop Corner

The 2006-2007 school year is upon us again. One of the issues we face every year is what to do when we see a school bus picking up children. I want to remind everyone of the correct procedures when you encounter a bus.

You want to look for a couple of signals generated by the bus when it is picking up or dropping off kids. The big thing is to look for the flashing red lights on the bus itself. When these are on, you must stop. Many of the buses also have a "stop sign" that pops out from the side of the bus.

I want to remind all you motorists just exactly what stopping means. First, all motorists must stop in both



Lt. Fred Courtney

directions. Second, the car you are in must come to a complete stop. That means no more movement. We want to be aware that the kids may decide to cross the street right after getting off the bus, and if you are "stopped" you are in a position to observe everything that is happening and are prepared for the unexpected.

When the bus driver turns off the flashing lights and folds in the stop sign then you can continue on your way. Remember our children are our most precious assets. They depend on us to look out for their safety.

—Cop Corner is provided by Pampa Police Department and Lt. Fred Courtney.

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build a new junior high school and move the current administration offices to the old junior high school.

The discussion centered on the merits of creating a new Pampa Junior High School and the possible locations for such a project. The decision to create a new PJHS would, Haenisch said, require a bond issue in the fall. The board has two weeks to decide.

At the instigation of two reports, the board established a PISD Facilities Committee, consisting of 51 community members, in November 2005.

Both the Texas Association of School Administrators and the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper recommended in separate find-

ings, Haenisch said, replacing or remodeling the junior high and high schools.

"The first group evaluated how adequate the facilities were for learning, and the second group looked at the facilities from a structural point of view," Haenisch said.

"Both came up with the same basic concept," he noted. "Everything was adequate or better, but the junior high and high school were both in the lower ranges of adequate."

Haenisch said the proposed rebuild and renovations are the "only way to meet the needs both the studies identified at a cost acceptable to the board."

Parkhill, Smith and Cooper also recommended replacing the bus barn and both central administration buildings currently in use by the district.

At the last meeting, the board was trying to put together a long range pro-

posal. At this time, Haenisch said, the board is favoring a site for the proposed new junior high that is large enough to accommodate an additional campus should Pampa High School require rebuilding at some point in the future.

PHS, Haenisch said, was built in 1941. Officials hope to eke out another 30 to 50 years from the campus and anticipate the proposed remodeling will extend the life of the school dramatically.

"Some of the remodeling would take care of electricity but not plumbing and other significant structural issues that might develop over time — certainly not all of them," the superintendent said.

The location of the next meeting has not yet been finalized, Haenisch said. He believes the time will be 6 p.m. and expects the board will continue its debate on whether or not to raise a bond issue for the public to vote on.

Texas Cooperative Extension to host producer meeting

MIAMI — The present year has seen extreme conditions in the Texas Panhandle, from wildfires to drought, resulting in stress to livestock, wildlife and rangeland.

In an effort to address management of these conditions, Texas Cooperative Extension in Roberts County will host a Range and Habitat Recovery meeting

Aug. 25 at the Miami Community Center.

The event will lead off with registration at 11:30 a.m. and will include a noon meal courtesy of First State Bank of Miami.

Topics will cover drought from a rangeland perspective, from a ranching perspective and from a wildlife per-

spective. Speakers will include Dr. Ted McCollum, beef cattle specialist; JF Cadenhead, range specialist; and Ken Cearley, wildlife specialist.

The meeting will be worth three general CEUs for pesticide applicators. Participants must RSVP by Aug. 21 by calling (806) 868-3191.

Former online gambling exec freed on bond

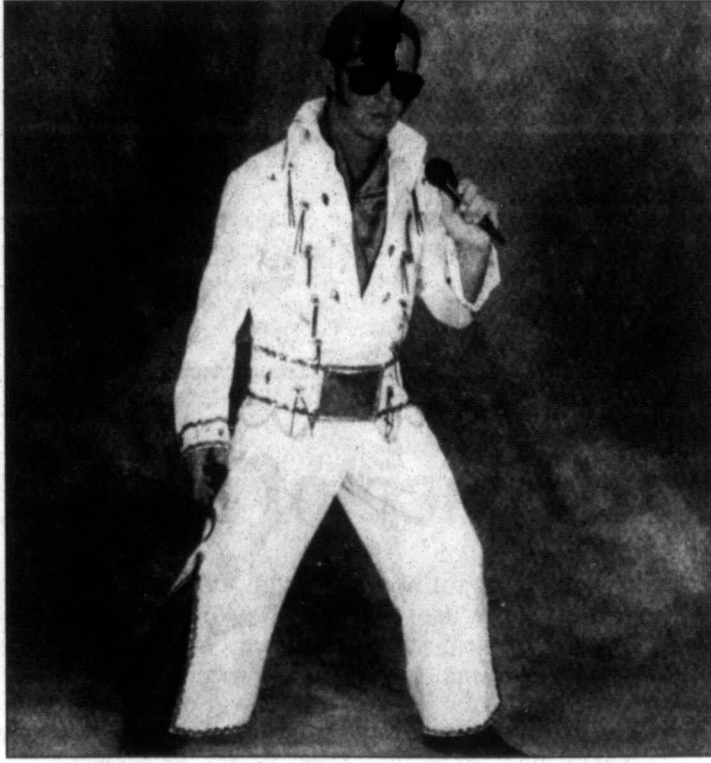
ST. LOUIS (AP) — The former chief executive of online gambling company BetOnSports was freed on \$1 million bond Wednesday after spending nearly a month behind bars following his arrest on racketeering and fraud charges.

David Carruthers, 48, was released after a hearing before U.S. District Judge Mary Ann Medler. He had been expected to be freed as early as Monday but it took days to work out technical details. Among those details: A dedicated phone line had to be installed at the residence where he will stay.

Carruthers must remain in the St. Louis area until his trial. According to the terms of his bond, Carruthers will live at a hotel in the suburb Clayton. He will not be allowed to leave the hotel except for court appearances, meetings with his attorney or medical emergencies.

During the hearing, Carruthers asked the judge if the home-incarceration was 24 hours a day. She said it was.

The charges against Carruthers are part of a 22-count indictment against London-based BetOnSports PLC being prosecuted by U.S. Attorney Catherine Hanaway in St. Louis. Carruthers was chief executive of the company until he was fired shortly after his arrest last month at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport.



Courtesy photo

Smokey Binion Jr. of Stinnett will perform at 7 p.m. Friday at Hastings Books, Music & Video in Pampa. Binion performs music by Elvis Presley and dresses like Elvis. The "King of Rock and Roll" died 29 years ago today at his home, Graceland, in Memphis, Tenn. Binion is also scheduled to perform at Pampa's Chautauqua Sept. 4 at Central Park.

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This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for City Of Pampa. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes on last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments are required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:	
Last year's operating taxes	\$2,058,774
Last year's debt taxes	\$822,033
Last year's total taxes	\$2,880,807
Last year's tax base	\$414,504,604
Last year's total tax rate	0.695000/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$2,783,493
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$436,213,213
= This year's effective tax rate	0.638103/\$100
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)</i>	
This year's rollback tax rate:	
Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$3,042,137
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$436,213,213
= This year's effective operating rate	0.697397/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.753189/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.197981/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	0.951170/\$100
- Sales tax adjustment rate	0.236786/\$100
= Rollback tax rate	0.714384/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If City of Pampa adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of 0.638103 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2005 taxes by \$43,345.

Schedule B: 2006 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1997 Certificate of Obligation	\$130,000	\$6,500	\$600	\$137,100
2001 General Obligation	\$270,000	\$70,450	\$600	\$341,050
2001 Certificate of Obligation	\$103,925	\$18,270	\$600	\$122,795
1999 Certificate of Obligation	\$100,000	\$117,119	\$600	\$217,719
2005 Certificate of Obligation	\$0	\$61,104	\$600	\$61,704
Total Required for 2006 Debt Service				\$880,368
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$0
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006				\$880,368
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2006				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$880,368

Schedule C - Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating its effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$1,052,917 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 North Russell, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Name of person preparing this notice: Gaye Whitehead RTA
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Viewpoints

Democratic Party a party of unhinged ideologues

The message was loud and clear: There is no longer any room for the likes of Joseph Lieberman in the Democratic Party.

Forgotten were Lieberman's decades of service to his party, his vice presidential candidacy in 2000, his years of loyally voting for his party's liberal measures in the U.S. Senate and his incredible decency. All that counted in the Connecticut primary was his support of the war in Iraq and his refusal to go along with the cowardly cut-and-run group that has taken over his party.

In their eyes, this was the unforgivable sin, and for committing it he earned the scorn of the left-wing crazies who have managed to take control of the party of Harry

Truman, Scoop Jackson and John F. Kennedy. He simply had to go.

I may disagree with many of his liberal political positions, but I bow to no one in recognizing the undeniable fact that he is that rarest of all politicians — a decent, honest, deeply religious man whose word could always be trusted.

In a sane political party, those qualities alone would earn him the loyalty, support and respect of his fellow Democrats, but in the party of Howard Dean, Michael Moore, George Soros and MoveOn.org those qualities don't matter. In that party, decent men and women need no longer apply.

There has been much talk and all kinds of proof that a crazed, well-financed seg-

ment of the Democratic Party had taken control. What happened in Connecticut showed it to be a fact. From this point forward, only those willing to sign on to the hate-America Stalinist policies of the party's now-dominant left wing will survive.

The rest will follow Joe Lieberman into the new Gulag reserved for those Democrats who refuse to bow their knees to the reigning monarchs of the extreme left and insist on putting principle above party.

I trust that most of my fellow Americans are as shocked as I am over this

turn of events. There is no longer a rational dialogue between the two major parties, or even within the Democratic Party itself. The deranged babbling of the Soros-

MoveOn.org loonies is now the only language spoken.

This is a disaster for the Democrats. It has converted what was a legitimate — if frequently wrong — political party where seemingly rational political policies were advanced, into a cabal of unhinged ideologues where no dissent is permitted.

It could also be a disaster for the nation should the loonies of the Democratic

left prevail in the fall elections. To begin with, we would quickly witness a replay of Vietnam — a war we won on the battlefield but lost in the halls of Congress which, while claiming to support our troops, slashed the military budget to the bone, de-funding the war.

The end result was the creation of a communist regime in Saigon, and the imprisonment and death of a million Vietnamese — a nation condemned to slavery under the brutal Hanoi dictatorship.

If the crazies gain power on Capitol Hill, we can expect to see their cut-and-run policies put into play by the simple expedient of choking off the finances required to fight the war. With our troops withdrawn,

we could expect to see Iraq and the entire region descend into chaos, depriving us of our vital Mideastern oil supply lifeline.

Moreover, should we flee from our solemn commitment to help pacify Iraq and secure for the Iraqi people a stable democracy, what other nation would be able to trust us to keep our promises? Taiwan would see itself as defenseless and Japan would be forced to go nuclear to defend itself. The message would be loud and clear to all — Uncle Sam is not a trustworthy ally.

The left has already made it clear that they plan to harass the president and start impeachment proceedings in

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Michael Reagan
Columnist

Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 16, the 228th day of 2006. There are 137 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 16, 1977, Elvis Presley died at Graceland Mansion in Memphis, Tenn., at age 42.

On this date:

In 1777, American forces won the Revolutionary War Battle of Bennington.

In 1812, Detroit fell to British and Indian forces in the War of 1812.

In 1858, a telegraphed message from Britain's Queen Victoria to President Buchanan was transmitted over the recently laid trans-Atlantic cable.

In 1861, President Lincoln prohibited the states of the Union from trading with the seceding states of the Confederacy.

In 1948, baseball legend Babe Ruth died in New York at age 53.

In 1954, Sports Illustrated was first published by Time Incorporated.

'The most persistent threat to freedom, to the rights of Americans, is fear.'

— George Meany
American labor leader (1894-1980)

In 1956, 50 years ago, Adlai E. Stevenson was nominated for president at the Democratic national convention in Chicago.

In 1960, Britain granted independence to the crown colony of Cyprus.

In 1987, 156 people were killed when Northwest Airlines Flight 255 crashed while trying to take off from Detroit.

In 2000, delegates to the Democratic National Convention in Los Angeles formally nominated Al Gore for president.

Ten years ago: A jubilant Bob Dole set out from the Republican convention, promoting his tax-cut plan as a boon to working families.

Five years ago: Paul Burrell, trusted butler of Princess Diana for many years, was charged with the theft of hundreds of royal family items, a charge he denied. (The case collapsed when Queen Elizabeth told prosecutors that Burrell had told her he was holding some of Diana's things for safekeeping.)

One year ago: Hundreds of defiant Jewish settlers hunkered down in advance of a midnight deadline to leave Gaza. A plane carrying vacationers home from Panama to Martinique crashed in western Venezuela, killing all 160 people on board. Two transport helicopters carrying NATO peacekeepers crashed in western Afghanistan, killing 17 Spanish troops.

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Macho in the face of nuclear war ...

"Ethics, too, are nothing but reverence for life. That is what gives me the fundamental principle of morality, namely, that good consists in maintaining, promoting, and enhancing life, and that destroying, injuring, and limiting life are evil."

Albert Schweitzer said that. It's pretty good, as far as it goes. It doesn't cover venality, however. One can easily imagine a congressman believing that a nice, fat bribe is maintaining, promoting and enhancing at least his own life.

Nor does it address the question of defense, both personal and national. That is always a sticky wicket, whatever that means. It's

worth thinking about, however, as one more anniversary (Aug. 6) of the destruction of Hiroshima rolls around.

We were in a war. There is no question that but for the two nuclear bombs we dropped (the second on Nagasaki), Japan would have fought on. That probably would have made an invasion necessary. That would have cost far more lives, both Japanese and American, than the two primitive bombs did.

One should not forget,

though, that in the future someone else may so reason, and we could end up being on the receiving end of thermonuclear warheads. It's not a pleasant thought. It's even impossible to be macho in the face of a nuclear war.

What good will it do to be young, fit, strong and well-armed when some potbellied fellow in a dirty tunic can take his finger out of his nose and vaporize you by placing it on a button?

No, Hiroshima and Nagasaki are two chickens I

hope never come home to roost. Those two bombs were almost spitballs compared with the stuff that sits in silos in China and Russia. Russia, by the way, just successfully launched one of its intercontinental ballistic missiles. It hit dead on target.

I don't believe that as long as such weapons exist, any head of state should be arrogant and reckless. God knows it is difficult to keep human beings from killing each other, but so far, since 1945, the nightmarish nuclear wraiths have not been let loose from their silos.

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Charley Reese
Columnist

Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 6

San Antonio Express-News on the Open Meetings Act:

The Texas Open Meetings Act has served the interests of good government for four decades. Enacted in 1967, it stipulates that "every regular, special, or called meeting of a governmental body shall be open to the public," with some very limited exceptions.

As the Legislature has beefed up the act over the years, some of the worst tendencies of local government have receded. But a lawsuit filed in a West Texas court would turn back the clock

on open meetings and create the potential for a constitutional showdown over the separation of powers.

In 2004, Brewster County District Attorney Frank Brown indicted two members of the Alpine City Council. Brown determined that a series of e-mails among the council members discussing beyond public view the hiring of a water engineer constituted a violation of the Open Meetings Act.

The indictments were later dropped. And that should have been the end of the story.

But one of those council members, along with a third who received immunity in the original case, filed the lawsuit in Pecos charging that the Texas Open Meetings Act is vague and unconstitutionally stifles free speech.

A ruling in favor of the plaintiffs by U.S. District Judge Robert Junell would erase a substantial record of progress toward local government accountability. Democrats and Republicans have championed the Open Meetings Act, with former Texas Attorney General and current Sen. John Cornyn among its most ardent advocates.

And a ruling against the statute in a federal court would call into question the ability of any state legislature to compel transparency in local government.

That's a high price to assuage the hurt feelings of a few council members in Alpine. And it's one the state of Texas shouldn't be forced to pay.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I hardly know how to put this into words. It is so difficult. Recently, my husband's college roommate came to visit us. These men are in their 40s, Abby. My son, who is 16, heard them talking out on the patio about their life at college. Obviously, they had no clue he was near. It seems that the two of them had sex with each other that continued during all the four years they were in college. Once he got an earful about their relationship, my son told me he stopped listening. As far as I know, this visit was the first in 10 years. I never for one moment would have suspected this. It has frightened me in so many ways, and now I need to discuss the situation with my son and my husband and control the damage. However, my son refuses and is pretending now that it's not important. How do I handle this? We are simple people, Abby, just plain people with a real problem. Can you help me? — **DUMB-FOUNDED IN SAN JOSE**

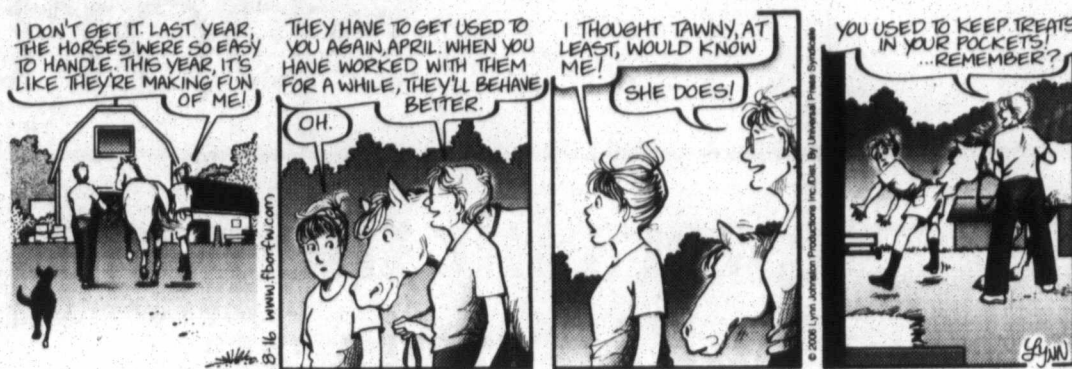
DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: Your son may have stopped listening, but he knew what he heard was important enough that he came and told you. People have been known to "experiment" with their sexuality in college, but a four-year affair goes beyond experimentation. You need to find out if your husband has continued his bisexual activity since college. If he has, you need to contact your doctor and be tested for sexually transmitted diseases. Once you know your health status, it will be time to ask your physician for a referral to a licensed family therapist who can help you discuss this with your husband and your son. For everyone's sake, it's important to do it as soon as possible.

DEAR ABBY: My parents have been divorced for about eight years. Frankly, they stayed married too long. They made

me and my siblings miserable with their constant fighting. Mom finally left my father, and although Dad tried to win her back, she went through with the divorce. Dad is now happily remarried, and Mom lives with her boyfriend. My children love their new step-grandmother, "Ellen," and they also love my mother's boyfriend. I have never invited Dad to any of my children's birthday parties (my oldest will be 10 next month) because I invite my mother. However, I really like Ellen, and when my 5-year-old insisted I send invitations to her grandfather and Ellen, I didn't hesitate. My mother is extremely selfish and self-centered. She doesn't want Ellen to have any kind of relationship with "her" grandchildren. She has already called Ellen and told her so in not-so-nice words. How can I break it to Mom that my daughter wants everyone there? After all, it's her special day. I'm glad my dad is happy. I like Ellen, and my children love her. I have reached the end of my rope with my mother, but I'm not sure how to express my feelings. — **IN THE MIDDLE IN STOCKTON, CALIF.**

DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: Tell your mother that in this day of blended families, you are no longer willing to choose sides. Explain that you and the kids would love to have her share these milestone occasions with you, but their grandfather and his wife are part of the extended family and will be included. If she doesn't like it, then it is her privilege not to attend -- but if she goes that route, she'll only be cutting off her nose to spite her face.

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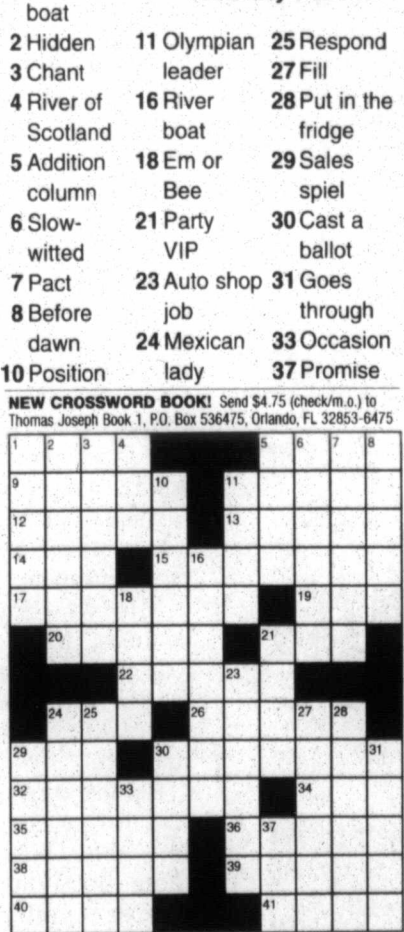
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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 - 19 Messy room
 - 20 Wild card, often
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 - 21 Party
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Blondie



Sports Day

Harvesters hit the road: volleyball, tennis and football teams in action

By **MICHAEL J. STEVENS**
Sports Editor

Volleyball

The Lady Harvesters varsity team, under the guidance of second year head coach Sonia VanGilder, will travel to Canyon Friday and Saturday for tournament play. The JV squad will travel to Hereford Friday and Saturday for tournament play. The freshman team will be at the Amarillo Tournament Saturday.

Tennis

Head coach Emily Laurence and her

Pampa High School tennis team will be in Wichita Falls Friday and Saturday to open the 2006 fall season.

Football

First year head coach Andy Cavalier and his staff will lead the 2006 Pampa Harvesters into Childress Friday night for a scrimmage with Wichita Falls Hirshi. The JV squad will scrimmage at 6, followed by the varsity at 7. The freshman are off until Aug. 25.

Sports Day will have coaches comments in Thursday's edition of The Pampa News.

Schneider retires at West Texas A&M

CANYON (AP) - West Texas A&M coach Bob Schneider retired Tuesday, closing out a career that included more than 1,000 wins on the collegiate and high school levels.

Schneider, who turns 70 on Aug. 25, said he had been contemplating retirement for about a week.

"I talked to the players this morning, and I told them there's never a good time to retire," Schneider said at a news conference. "I've always kind of felt that way."

"I just feel like this is the time for me," he said. "It's one of those situations where you really don't think about it that much, but then all of a sudden you wake up in the morning, and you begin to think about some other things. I think that's where I am at this time."

He said he had considered retirement before.

"You have great relationships with your players, your coaches, the community and the administration, so you say, 'Well, I want to go one more year. I've done this, or I'm looking forward to this', and the years just keep rolling on. Hopefully the wheels don't fall off."

West Texas A&M went 28-4 last season and won the Lone Star Conference title, Schneider's ninth in 25 years with the Lady Buffs. The team advanced to the NCAA Division II quarterfinals.

Schneider's West Texas A&M teams compiled a 585-163 record. The 1988 team went 33-1 and was the national runner-up.

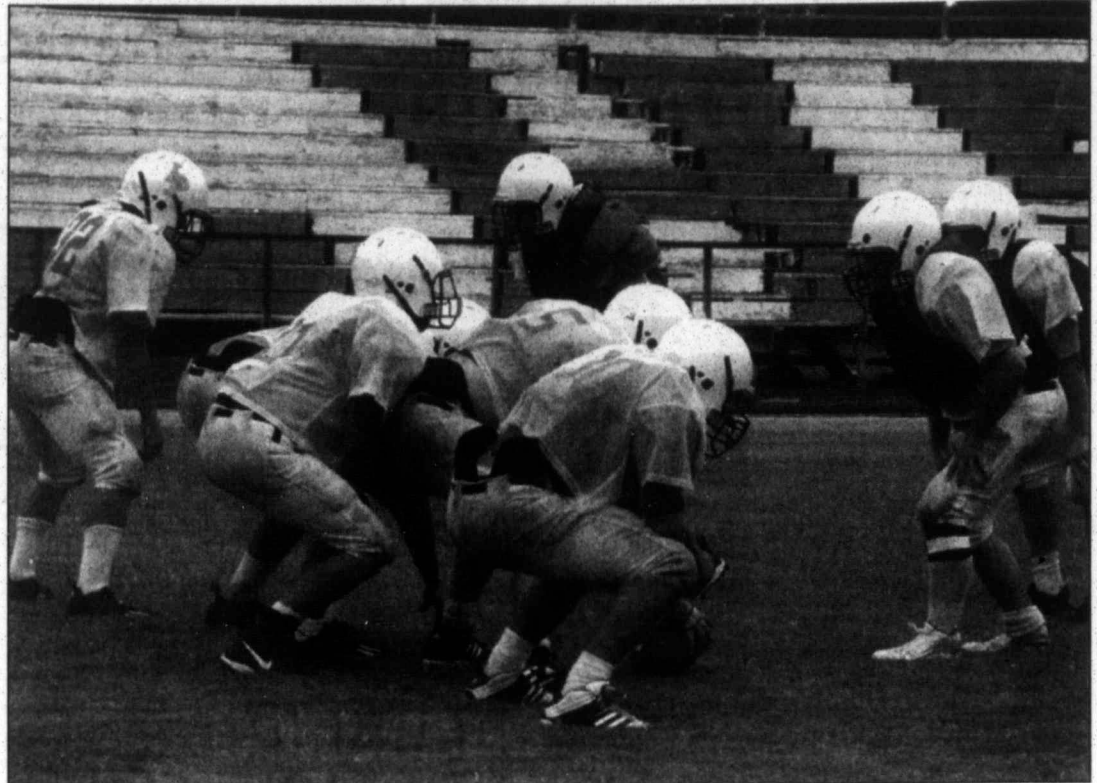
Overall, Schneider compiled a record of 1,045-293. In addition to West Texas A&M, he coached at Texas Woman's University and at three high schools in Texas and New Mexico.

He led Canyon High School to five state championships and the state championship game 10 straight seasons while compiling a 350-59 record from 1966 to 1978.

The school planned to begin its search for a successor on Wednesday. Athletic director Michael McBroom said the search committee will narrow the search to three candidates.

The Amarillo Globe-News reported in its Wednesday editions that Schneider had recommended his son, Brett, for the job. Brett Schneider is an assistant at West Texas A&M.

Pirate practice



Pampa News photo by MICHAEL J. STEVENS

The Lefors Pirates take advantage of the overcast skies and cooler temperatures during a midday practice Tuesday. The Pirates, under second year head coach Joey Czubinski, are anxious to improve on their one-win season last year.

Cubs 8, Astros 6, 18 innings

HOUSTON (AP) - Fighting fatigue at the end of a long night, Matt Murton found the energy for another big hit.

Murton hit a tying homer in the ninth inning and a two-run single in the 18th, sending the Chicago Cubs to an 8-6 victory over the Houston Astros on Tuesday in the longest regular-season game in the 6-year history of Minute Maid Park.

"I was a little tired," Murton said. "That's just part of the game. You have to find a way to get over it. It was a great night in the sense we were able to win a game like that."

Cubs manager Dusty Baker said he's never managed a longer game. By the end, he was down to his last pitcher - and player - Rich Hill, who's scheduled to start Wednesday. Thanks to Murton, Hill (3-5) only had to throw 28 pitches, shutting out the Astros in the 17th and 18th.

The teams used 18 pitchers in all, tying an NL record. Hill finally ended it after 5 hours, 36 minutes, by striking out Morgan Ensberg at 12:41 a.m. CDT on the game's 542nd pitch.

That came about 45 minutes before another 18-inning game ended Tuesday night - the Arizona Diamondbacks won 2-1 at Colorado. It was the first time in major league history two games on the same day lasted as long as 18 innings, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The Cubs and Astros won't get much sleep, either. The finale of their three-game series starts at 1:05 p.m. CDT today.

It was Houston's third 18-inning game in 10 months. The Astros outlasted Atlanta 7-6 in a home playoff game last October to advance to the NL championship series, and lost 8-7 in 18 innings at Pittsburgh on May 27.

"We normally win 18-inning games here," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "We played hard and had great pitching performances. It was just a tough one to lose."

Murton sent this one to extra innings with a leadoff homer in the ninth off Astros closer Brad Lidge, who blew a save in a game Roger Clemens started for the second time in a month.

Lidge's fifth blown save this season cost him his job as the team's closer, too.

"I'm going to take him out of the closer's role," Garner said. "It's going to be closer-by-committee."

Lidge was pulled from the closer's role for a short stint earlier this season, as well.

Clemens was shaky in his 683rd career start, giving up five runs and seven hits - two of them homers - in six innings. It was the first time in 11 starts this season he yielded more than three earned runs and more than one home run.

Rangers fall to Angels 9-7

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) - The Los Angeles Angels are tired of getting brushed back and hit by pitches from the Texas Rangers.

On Tuesday night, the Angels did something about it.

Vladimir Guerrero hit a three-run homer four pitches after a high-inside fastball from Texas starter Vicente Padilla, and Chone

Figgins' two-run triple in the eighth inning sent the Angels to a 9-7 victory.

Padilla was ejected for hitting two batters with pitches and nearly plunking a third in only 3 2-3 innings. Texas manager Buck Showalter also was tossed on a 101-degree night.

During the previous series between the teams, Rangers starter Adam Eaton was tossed in the first inning

Aug. 6 for throwing at Juan Rivera.

"I don't know what message those guys are trying to send," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "It's a couple of times our guys have been thrown at."

Scioscia said he expects Padilla to be suspended.

"I'm sure the league is going to take action," Scioscia said. "When you're throwing inside on the counts that they threw, there's no point for any of that in our game."

Asked if Padilla deserves a suspension, Scioscia said: "It's warranted."

Michael Young, Hank Blalock, Matt Stairs and Rod Barajas homered for the Rangers, who had their five-game winning streak snapped.

Barajas gave Texas a 7-6 lead in the seventh with a solo shot, but the Angels came back in the eighth against reliever Wes Littleton (2-1).

Pinch-hitter Curtis Pride singled with one out and went to third on Reggie Willits' double. Figgins' triple into the right-field corner put the Angels ahead 8-7, and Maicer Izturis added an RBI groundout.

"We don't play for revenge," Figgins said. "We understand that you're throwing on people, but twice around (Guerrero's) head, that's not safe."

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KACV-TV set to stage its annual membership drive

AMARILLO — The KACV-TV August Membership Drive is scheduled for Aug. 19-27. Highlights of the on-air campaign include "Andre Rieu: The Homecoming," "Great Performances: South Pacific in Concert" and "Mystery! Inspector Morse."

The on-air campaign will also highlight a variety of musical performances including "Great Performances: Vittorio: Dreams of Rome," "Yanni: Live! The Concert Event" and "American Soundtrack: Doo Wop's Best on PBS."

During the pledge period, KACV asks viewers to make contributions to offset national and local programming costs and outreach services for preschool literacy. Contributors are eligible for special "thank you" gifts for their pledges.

The KACV Kids Club is the newest initiative the station is launching. Membership in the Kids Club is being offered as one of the special thank you gifts during the drive.

"It is a great way for kids to get involved in public television," said Missy Macon, membership coordinator. "Membership in the Kids Club is \$25 per child and is good for one year. Members gain free admission into two special events per year; receive special birthday messages, mailings, and free books. And if you join before Sept. 1, 2006, you'll also get free admission to the Curious George Party on Sept. 9."



Among the featured performances KACV-TV has scheduled to air during its annual membership campaign is "Andre Rieu: The Homecoming."

Membership Drive are Merrill Lynch, Atmos Energy, Street Toyota, A.G. Edwards, and Craig Methodist Retirement Community. Amarillo Downtown Kiwanis Club is also providing additional support for the drive. Amarillo Coca-Cola Bottling Co. and Arctic Glacier are providing support during the drive, as well as Chick-Fil-A, Papa John's Pizza, Sonic Drive-In, Dyer's Bar-B-Que, and

Fazoli's. Licensed to Amarillo College, KACV broadcasts 24 hours a day on Channel 2 and is carried as Channel 3 on the cable system. The station serves the entire Texas Panhandle; area communities should check local listings for cable and translator channels. For more information about the Drive, contact Macon at 371-5479 or the KACV Web site www.kacvtv.org

AG questions legality of Saline County contract

BENTON, Ark. (AP) — Saline County Sheriff Phil Mask may have violated state law by signing a contract that provided him with a \$32,000 discretionary fund and gave a Texas company rights to handle telephone calls by county jail inmates, according to an attorney general's opinion.

The five-year contract is with Evercom Systems Inc., a subsidiary of Securix Technologies of Dallas. Dated Dec. 13,

2005, it says Mask was to be provided with a \$55,000 signing bonus, including the discretionary fund and \$3,000 for the sheriff to attend a function of the National Sheriff's Association. How the remaining \$20,000 was to be allocated is not indicated in the contract.

Mask said Tuesday that he didn't intend to do anything wrong and that, if he had done so, so have most Arkansas sheriffs.

Reese

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Whatever one thinks of past American presidents and past Soviet leaders, we owe them all thanks for at least having the good sense (or lack of nerve) to not incinerate the Northern Hemisphere. They came close. It might not be a bad idea to have a board of psychiatrists examine all candidates for president to make sure that at least our side has a sane leader.

Somewhere on my bookshelves is an English translation of a Soviet civil-defense handbook. It is full of useful, if scary, information. I used to plot the burst radius of warheads of different megatonnage over my city. I never lived far enough out of town, I can tell you now. As a matter of fact, nobody can live far enough out of town to make surviving what would be left a worthwhile endeavor.

Thanks to our urbanization, we have made it vastly easier for enemies to target us. Just 75 big warheads bursting over metropolitan areas would kill more than half of our population. Much of the rest would be poisoned by radiation. Both Russia and China have far more than 75 warheads.

Let you think I'm taking a defeatist attitude, just remember that there are no civil-defense facilities or training for any of the American people except the toads in Washington.

We should mourn all of the innocent dead of World War II, which number 55

million, less a few million military. Then we should get Cowboy George away from that nuclear football as quickly as we can. He is nei-

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the middle of a war, no less. They make it plain they will increase taxes and cripple the economy, and return to their cherished goal of imposing a socialist system on the American people.

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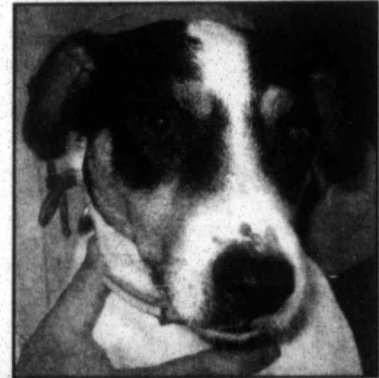
KEYES PHARMACY
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Pet of the Week



...NANA

This female black and white Sheep Dog is a young adult. Nana is spade and micro-chipped. This beautiful girl is very loving and will be a loving companion ... visit us today.



JACKSON...

This friendly guy is a young adult Jack Russell Terrier. Jackson is full of energy and love. He's ready for his new home ... visit us today.

For information about these pets or any other contact the Animal Shelter at 669-5775 or come by their location at Hobart Street Park.

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FOUND A PET? Let us know ... we might be able to help them find their home.

LOST YOUR PET? Come by the shelter every 2-3 days to check for your animal. We hold stray animals for 72 hours only. So PLEASE call us as soon as your pet is missing!
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2006 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN GRAY COUNTY GENERAL

This notice concerns 2006 property tax rates for Gray County General. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before tax payers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last Year's Tax Rate:	General Fund	Farm To Market/ Flood Control Fund
Last year's operating taxes	\$5,137,649	\$479,453
Last year's debt taxes	\$121,365	\$0
Last year's total taxes	\$5,259,014	\$479,453
Last year's tax base	\$1,174,539,867	\$1,164,427,444
Last year's total tax rate	0.447751/\$100	0.041175/\$100
This year's effective tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$5,185,134	\$472,659
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$1,369,661,585	\$1,359,907,695
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	0.378570/\$100	0.034756/\$100
Total effective tax rate	0.413326/\$100	
<i>(Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings)</i>		
This year's rollback tax rate:		
Last year's adjusted operating taxes	\$5,065,473	\$472,659
(after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)		
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$1,369,661,585	\$1,359,907,695
= This year's effective operating rate	0.369834/\$100	0.034756/\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	0.399421/\$100	0.037536/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	0.008666/\$100	0.000000/\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	0.408087/\$100	0.037536/\$100
This year's total rollback rate	0.445623/\$100	

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Gray County General adopts a 2006 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.413326 per \$100 of value, taxes would decrease compared to 2005 taxes by \$8,981.

Schedule A: General Fund - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations	\$1,473,307
Interest and Sinking	\$6,190

Schedule B: General Fund - 2006 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
2001 Certificates of Obligation (Feb. 2007)	\$60,000	\$31,889	\$0	\$91,889
2001 Certificates of Obligation (Aug. 2007)	\$0	\$30,089	\$0	\$30,089
Total Required for 2006 Debt Service				\$121,979
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$0
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources				\$0
- Excess collections last year				\$1,769
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2006				\$120,210
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2006				\$0
= Total Debt Levy				\$120,210

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 205 North Russell, Room 100, Pampa, Texas 79065.

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