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Picken's water pipeline put on the back burner

by Randy Pribble
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T. Boone Picken's plan to sell Ogallala aquifer water to downstate metro areas has apparently taken a back seat to his wind energy plan.

"The wind project is imminent, but we've put the (water) pipeline on hold," said Ron Harris, a consultant for Picken's company Mesa Power Pampa LLC. Harris was the guest speaker at the Pampa Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon meeting.

He told the crowd that right of way lease had been reduced from 250 feet wide to 150 feet wide, that is, the right of way necessary for transmission line to carry

power from the wind farms to the established electric transmission grid.

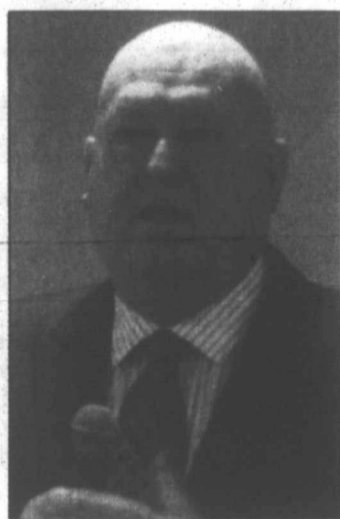
Harris added not to believe "rumors" that "we are trying to sneak in the pipeline."

"At 150 feet (wide), the law says we would have to renegotiate with landowners," he said, noting that the width was not enough to install the line and be able to work on it around the transmission lines.

The water project is not dead, he maintained, just postponed.

The wind generation project, Harris said, is "on schedule."

"We are encouraging cities along the transmission line to come to us with a proposal for hooking up," he said.



Ron Harris

He also said that an economic impact statement for local school districts should be available this week.

Trial cancelled, charges dropped

by Marilyn Powers
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The trial of Matthew Wade Hopkins which was to have begun Monday was canceled and will not take place because the charge of criminally negligent homicide, which had been made against him and three co-defendants has been dropped, according to Evelyn Rutherford, a paralegal with 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer's office.

Hopkins, along with Penny June Summers, Terry Glenn Honeycutt and Kylie J'nae Winegeart, were indicted June 24 by a Gray County grand jury on the charge in connection with the death of Cody Randall Best, 17, of Pampa.

Best was taken to Pampa Regional Medical Center on Sept. 13, 2005. At the time, he was unconscious from a drug overdose, according to a Pampa Police Department press release, and died the following day.

An autopsy performed in Lubbock showed that Best died of a lethal amount of methamphetamine, according to the PPD press release.

Allegations against Hopkins, Summers, Honeycutt and Winegeart at the time of Best's death included making

See Charges dropped, Page 3

Pampans take Gospel message to Sturgis rally

by David Bowser
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When it comes to stories about you did on your summer vacation, Doug Hixson, Don Summers and Mike Gandy have a good tale to tell.

They traveled to Sturgis, South Dakota, this month for bike week.

Each year during the first full week of August, bikers from across the country gather here to compare their Harley's. The annual event has a reputation for being wild and woolly, but that's only part of the story for the Pampa trio.

Doug Hixson is the pastor of Cornerstone Baptist Church. Summers and

Gandy are members of his church. It wasn't a vacation. They went to save souls.

"We had not been up there before."

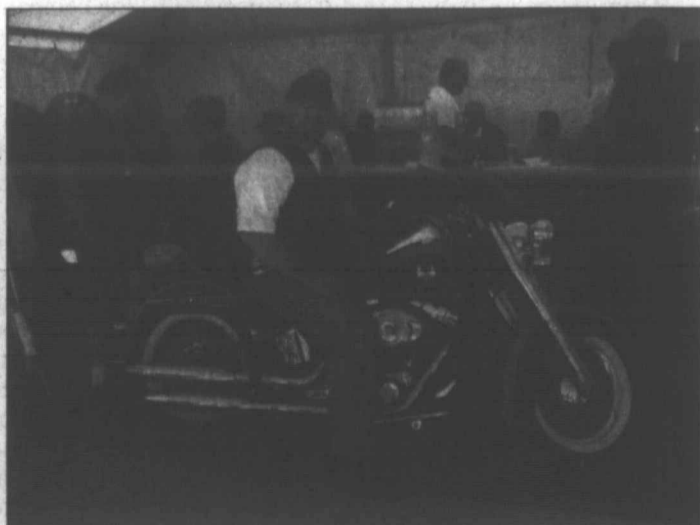
Hixson admitted that Sturgis has a pretty rough reputation.

"Five thousand people came through the booth," Hixson said, "and 1,337 prayed to receive salvation."

He said that Sturgis, during bike week, is filled with people that are there for the party.

"But some of them found the message of Jesus," Hixson said. "That was really our hope."

Hixson said his church here in Pampa worked with the Dakota Baptist Convention on the event.



staff photo by David Bowser

Doug Hixson, pastor of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Pampa, sits atop a Harley Davidson motorcycle that was raffled off during the motorcycle rally at Sturgis, S.D., earlier this month.



staff photo by David Bowser

Mike Gandy, Don Summers and Doug Hixson about to leave Pampa on their way to Sturgis, S.D., earlier this month for a motorcycle rally and some soul saving.

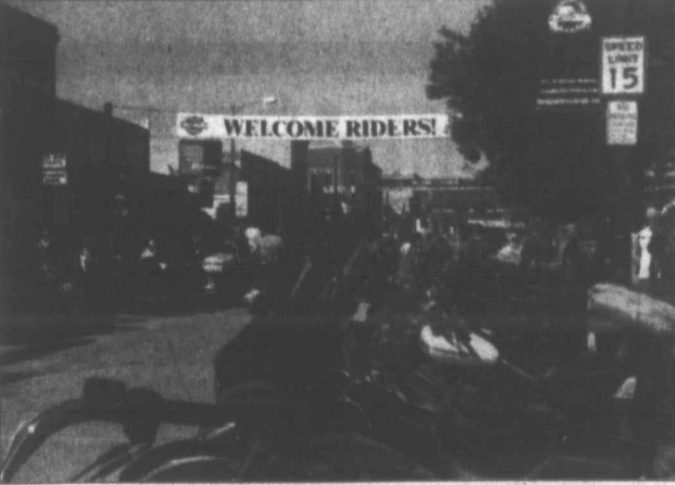
More specifically, they were working with Jim Hamilton, the executive director of the Dakota Baptist Convention, a 6-foot-5, 300 pounds former biker who started a mission at the annual biker gathering. Hamilton came to Pampa for a revival and bike ride in April.

"He was there in full leathers," Hixson said.

The Dakota Baptist Convention had a booth and tent on Main Street, the street in downtown Sturgis that was lined with Harleys.

The group had bought a 2008 Harley Davidson Anniversary Edition Soft Tail, and they were giving it away that week.

"The whole plan was that if somebody would listen to one of the volunteers tell how this had changed their life for three minutes,"



staff photo by David Bowser

The main street of Sturgis, S.D., during the small town's annual motorcycle rally.

Hixson said, "then they'd give them a ticket for the bike drawing."

Hixson said he and his two companions were trained how to give their testimony in three minutes

or less. "That's hard," Hixson laughed. "Especially for a preacher."

Then they started working the booth.

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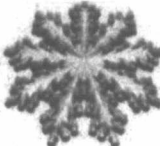

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Thursday  Partly cloudy	Friday  Mostly sunny	Saturday  Partly cloudy
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Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming south between 15 and 20 mph. Winds could gust as high as 25 mph.

Thursday Night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. South-southeast wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. South wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Friday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South-southeast wind between 10 and 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87. South wind around 10 mph.

Saturday Night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. South wind between 5 and 10 mph.

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Texas GOP asks AG for immigration opinion

AUSTIN (AP) — Two Republican state lawmakers have asked the Texas attorney general how far the state can go in dealing with illegal immigration, from yanking licenses for businesses to banning cities from enacting "sanctuary" ordinances.

On Tuesday, Rep. Frank Corte of San Antonio and Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston asked Attorney General Greg Abbott for a legal opinion on the issues, hinting at a possible flare-up over immigration issues in the 2009 legislative session, which begins in January.

"I really believe that the citizenry are asking for something to be done," said Corte, who is chairman of the House Republicans.

The letters ask Abbott if Texas could legally yank the business license of employers who hire illegal workers — similar to a measure in Arizona — and if the state can ban cities from enacting "sanctuary" ordinances that prohibit city workers, including police, from enforcing immigration laws.

Several cities already encourage their police not to

focus on the immigration status of witnesses and victims, and some legislators want to ban such practices.

Last year, several Republican lawmakers proposed a slew of anti-immigration bills, but nearly all of them failed after the attorney general said they would violate the Constitution or overstep federal authority. House leaders had asked Abbott to review all the proposals after they were filed.

Corte said it would be nice to know before the 2009 legislative session what authority Texas has to enforce immigration laws.

"I'd hate for us to spend a bunch of time debating something we don't have clarity on," he said.

State Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, said immigration policy should be left to the federal government.

"Let's face facts," Shapleigh said. "The U.S. needs a vibrant labor force in technology, health services, construction and agriculture. Immigrants have shouldered that burden for years."

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Obituaries

Lorene Madeline (Nene) Tice, 73

Lorene Madeline (Nene) Tice, 73, of Pampa, Texas, died Aug. 18, 2008, at Oklahoma City, Okla. Services are pending with Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors.

Miss Tice was born Sept. 14, 1934, in Pampa, to David F. and Minnie May Ford Tice. She worked for Your Laundry, Panhandle Packing Plant, Brown & Root, Arthur Brothers, and she retired from the Pampa Independent School District as the head custodian of Horace Mann and Woodrow Wilson schools in 1978.

She was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. Lorene was an avid

bowler in her younger days, winning several bowling league awards. She loved attending her grandchildren's activities and was their biggest cheerleader. They were her everything.

Lorene loved to go camping, fishing and family get-togethers. She was a Dallas Cowboys and Texas Rangers fan. She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Gladys Griffin; and brothers, Woodrow F. Tice and Bennie George Tice.



Tice

Survivors include one son, Randell Tice and wife Sheri of Pampa; one grandson, Randy Allen Tice of Pampa; one granddaughter, Cassandra (Cassy) Elizabeth-May Tice of Pampa; two sisters, Alice Hassler and husband Jim, and Pauline Ware, all of Amarillo; two brothers, Milton Roy Tice of Pampa and Ralph (Butch) Tice and wife Barbara of Skellytown; one sister-in-law, Elsie Tice of Skellytown; 19 nieces and nephews, and a host of great

nieces and great nephews; and her grandpuppies, Turbo, Chloe, Allie, Boston and Diesel.

MEMORIALS: American Heart Association, 2514 82nd St., Suite B, Lubbock, TX 79424, or Pampa Optimist Club, P.O. Box 802, Pampa, TX 79066-0802.

SPECIAL NOTICE: The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21, 2008.

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

Emergency Services

Pampa PD

Pampa Police Department reported the following incidents for the period from 7 a.m. Monday to 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 18

Eight traffic stops were made. Traffic complaints were received from the 900 block of East Browning, and the intersection of Somerville and Buckler streets.

An abandoned vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of Juniper.

A vehicle accident was reported in the 600 block of East Frederic.

Calls and stops concerning animals occurred in the 1100 block of Varnon Drive, the intersection of Pennsylvania and Duncan streets, the 600 block of East Frederic, the 1000 block of Neel Road, the 400 block of Hughes and the 100 block of West 30th.

Lost property was reported in the police department lobby. A wallet containing a Texas ID card and Social Security card was lost.

A runaway was reported in the 1100 block of Sandlewood.

A welfare check was made at the intersection of Browning and Hazel streets.

One attempt to serve papers was made.

A suspicious vehicle call was received from the 1900 block of North Wells.

A silent/abusive 911 call was received from the 1100 block of

Terrace.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 300 block of Hazel.

Criminal mischief was reported at Pampa High School, 111 E. Harvester. Six windows on the vocational building and one window on a portable building were broken. One security light on a portable window was broken. Total estimated cost of damage is \$250.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 500 block of Magnolia.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 1200 block of North Hobart. One alarm was reported.

Burglary of a motor vehicle was reported in the 1100 block of East Kingsmill.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

Two traffic stops were made. One stop at the intersection of Barrett and Crawford streets involved possession of a controlled substance, possession of marijuana, no driver's license and no insurance. Approximately \$700 in cash was seized from an individual in connection with the incident.

Warrant service was attempted on one occasion and resulted in at least one arrest.

Telephone harassment was reported in the 2500 block of Rosewood.

Fire

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

today.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

4:12 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 700 block of Dean 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. 18

3:26 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1900 block of Hilton Road and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

5:08 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of Zimmers and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Amarillo.

Tuesday, Aug. 19

3:47 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of East Foster and transported a patient to PRMC.

9:40 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Christy and transported a patient to PRMC.

12:50 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transported a patient to an area health care facility.

8 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1200 block of North Wells and transported a patient to PRMC.

American launches in-flight Internet on 3 routes

NEW YORK (AP) — One of the few remaining Internet-free havens vanished Wednesday as American Airlines launched airborne e-mail, Web and other online services on some of its longer, nonstop flights.

The move could create a new stream of revenue for an aviation industry facing high fuel prices and other challenges. But it also could create new headaches as passen-

gers retrieve sensitive e-mails and Web sites in confined quarters.

It also could end a common excuse people have to avoid checking "urgent" e-mail requests from their bosses. Unread magazines and books could now pile up as passengers devote their time aloft to electronic browsing.

American, a unit of AMR Corp., tested in-flight access on two flights on June 25.

With Wednesday's launch, the airline is making service available for \$12.95 per flight on its 15 Boeing 767-200 planes connecting New York with Los Angeles, San Francisco and Miami.

"Today the days of being cut off from the rest of the world while in the air become history," said Jack Blumenstein, chief executive of Aircell LLC, the company providing Internet services for American and other airlines.

Delta Air Lines Inc., Virgin America and US Airways Group Inc. are among the other airlines planning to test in-flight services.

JetBlue Airways Corp. offers free Wi-Fi service on one aircraft through its LiveTV subsidiary, limited to e-mail without attachments, instant messaging and some services from Amazon.com. Continental Airlines Inc. also plans to use LiveTV with similar restrictions.

Aircell's Gogo service is still formally a test, meaning American could drop it entirely after three to six months or expand it to other planes, depending on customer adoption and feedback. It can work with most laptops, Apple Inc.'s iPhone, some models of Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerry and other Wi-Fi-enabled devices.

The system will block Internet-based phone calls, giving passengers relief from chatty seatmates.

However, American and other U.S. airlines have said they will not filter sites based on their content, raising the prospect of passengers surfing racy material with kids nearby. Airlines say they already have general policies to address unruly passengers, and those would apply as they do now to passengers who browse adult magazines.

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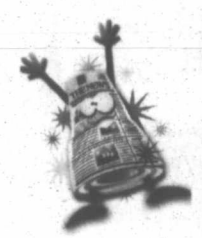
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A group of Pampans traveled recently to Florida and visited Buzz Lightyear and Woody. In the front row, from left, is Austin Turner and Trevor Turner. In the back row, from left, is Lena Mendoza, Kayla Mendoza, Margo Mendoza, Ruben Mendoza, Valerie Turner and Art Turner.



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Energy companies bid millions to tap Western Gulf of Mexico

WASHINGTON (AP) — Energy companies have placed \$487.3 million in winning bids for the right to drill in the west-

ern Gulf of Mexico, knowing that they may get a chance later to also explore in other areas that have been off limits for decades.

The lease sale Wednesday was the first to take place since President Bush last month lifted an executive ban on oil drilling off the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. Since then, politicians in both parties have signaled that they are willing to expand off-

shore exploration.

Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne called Wednesday's sale a step toward more domestic oil production. He acknowledged, however, that some of the purchased leases may not end up producing oil.

Offshore wells now provide 27 percent of the nation's domestic oil.

Drilling ban extended

ESPANOLA, N.M. (AP) — The Rio Arriba County Commission has approved a 180-day extension on a four-month ban on new oil and gas drilling in the county.

Commissioners voted to extend the ban Monday to give the county more time to hone new regulations aimed at protecting the county's watersheds.

Commission chairman Alfredo Montoya says the county also wants to see special rules Gov. Bill Richardson recently ordered the state Oil Conservation Division to write specifically for parts of the county.

The moratorium, approved in April, was drafted in response to plans by a Fort Worth, Texas-based company, Approach Resources Inc., to drill test wells for oil east of Tierra Amarilla.

The company owns mineral-rights leases on 90,000 acres east of Chama River and El Vado Reservoir.

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Charges dropped

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methamphetamine available to him and then not seeking prompt medical attention for him when it became apparent that it was needed.

The four co-defendants were first indicted in connection with Best's death on Feb. 9, 2006 by a Gray County grand jury. At that time, the charge against each of the four was manslaugh-

ter, a second-degree felony punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The four did not go to trial on the manslaughter charges, and 31st District Attorney Lynn Switzer took the case before a Gray County grand jury again at a later date. Hopkins, Summers, Honeycutt and Winegeart were then indicted for injury to a disabled person in connection with

Best's death, but once again the case did not go to trial on those charges, according to Switzer.

"The current indictments on the four co-defendants have now been dismissed due to the fact that there isn't a legal or statutory 'duty to act,' which is separate from a moral duty to act," said Rutherford.

Criminally negligent homicide is a state jail felony.

Rally

Continued from front page

The booth was manned about three hours that first Sunday afternoon, then for the rest of the week through Friday, it was manned from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

"It was really cool," Hixson said. "It was really a neat experience."

Two of them rode their bikes and one drove a pickup in case there were any breakdowns.

"We rode the whole way," Hixson said. "A thousand miles one way."

Sturgis, he said, wasn't as bad as he thought it would be, although he said that somebody looking for trouble could find it there.

"The Buffalo Chip was one of the big bars," Hixson said, "but we weren't spending a lot of time in the bars," Hixson said. "What we really found was that a lot of these people were just normal folks. We saw everything from parents with their kids to grandmas and grandpas."

He said there were the hardcore bikers, but he was surprised at the people he met there.

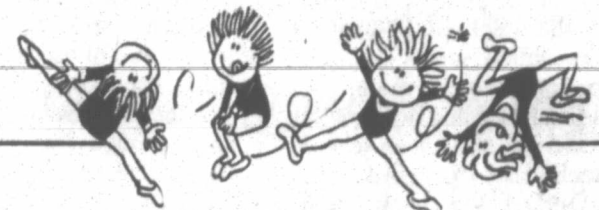
"It's probably not a trip for everybody," Hixson said, "but to see that many peo-

ple's lives changed by the Gospel was real testimony, and to be able to be a part of that was worth the trip for our part."

He said there are some in

his church that couldn't go this year, but they're planning on going next year.

"We can take as many as 15 or 20," Hixson said.



Gymnastics of Pampa Fall Registration

Preteam, Junior Team and Advanced Team ONLY Wednesday, August 20th
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All other new and returning students registration- Thursday, August 21st
4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

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Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The City of Pampa will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.70 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax rate calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on September 4, 2008 at 6:00 PM and at City Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM at City Commission Room, City Hall, 200 W. Foster, Pampa, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Commissioner Neil Fulton
Commissioner Bill Allison
Mayor Lonny Robbins
Commissioner Brad Pingel
Commissioner Robert Dixon

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

ABSENT:

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Pampa last year was \$38,090. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.690000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$262.82.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in City of Pampa this year is \$42,003. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.617454 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$259.35.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.665000 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$279.32.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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August 20, 2008

Viewpoints

School lunch dough: Congress has rocks in its head

Even Jimmy Schmidt would have gone for a deal like that.

According to MSNBC, the National School Lunch Program is the latest victim of America's rapidly rising food and fuel costs. The cost of subsidized breakfasts and lunches has shot up by as much as 50 percent in some schools.

Despite an \$8.7 billion-plus annual subsidy — despite a 4.3 percent increase in funding this year — the School Nutrition Association wants the government to spend more.

To understand how we got to this point, a little school-lunch history is in order.

During the Depression, FDR saw an opportunity to feed America's poorest kids

at the same time he could win the favor of farmers by buying their food with government dough.

In 1946, the Truman administration formalized the government's role. During both World War I and World War II, the government noticed that some recruits suffered from malnutrition and stunted growth. To solve the problem — and win the favor of food producers — the National School Lunch Act was born.

Though there was, and still is, lots of debate and politics surrounding the program, the premise was reasonable enough: For some of America's poorest kids, a hot breakfast or lunch at school might be the only decent meal they have all day.

Which brings us to 2008. The program has expanded a wee bit.

Today, 30.5 million of America's 56 million schoolchildren — roughly 54 percent — participate in the program. Half — children from families at or below 130 percent of the poverty level — receive free lunches.

Many others — children at or below 185 percent of the poverty level — are eligible for heavily discounted lunches; they pay 40 cents. Even students from high-income families enjoy a partial subsidy.

If only I could have

enjoyed government-subsidized grub at St. Germaine School in the 1970s.

My mother, a master at pinching pennies, packed our lunches. Early in the school year, she was enthusiastic. We never got name-brand treats, but she made a fresh ham sandwich, gave us a fat peach or pear and sometimes baked up some muffins or cookies.

Her enthusiasm waned by the second week of school though. The rest of the year, my lunch consisted of two end pieces of bread and a hunk of bologna glued

together by warm mayonnaise. She tossed in some celery, a couple peanut butter crackers and a Washington apple; the apple was littered with multiple half-moon cuts, as my sisters examined every apple with their fingernails before choosing one to eat.

Every day I sat next to Jimmy Schmidt. His lunch consisted of peanut butter and jelly on fresh Wonder Bread, a can of Coke, Hostess Ho Hos and a Nestle Crunch bar — not exactly nutritious, but lunch heaven for a kid back then.

Every day I asked Jimmy if he wanted to trade. He looked at me like I had rocks in my head.

And now, where school lunches are concerned, I

think Congress has rocks in its head.

On one hand, the School Nutrition Association people do a tremendous job preparing hot-meals for kids. Who can blame them for wanting more government dough to offset rising costs?

But on the other hand, how did taxpayers get into the business of subsidizing the lunches of more than half of America's school kids? Helping out America's poor is one thing, but folks at 185 percent of the poverty level earn up to \$38,000 a year. And though they may not be rolling in the dough, why should other people be expected to feed their kids?

Government subsidies go

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Tom Purcell
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 20, the 233rd day of 2008. There are 133 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 20, 1940, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force, saying, "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

On this date:

In 1833, Benjamin Harrison, 23rd president of the United States, was born in North Bend, Ohio.

In 1866, President Andrew Johnson formally declared the Civil War over, months after fighting had stopped.

"I am more and more convinced that man is a dangerous creature, and that power, whether vested in many or a few, is ever grasping, and like the grave, cries "Give, give!""

— Abigail Adams
American first lady
(1744-1818)

In 1914, German forces occupied Brussels, Belgium, during World War I.

In 1920, pioneering American radio station 8MK in Detroit (later WWJ) began daily broadcasting.

In 1948, the United States ordered the expulsion of the Soviet Consul General in New York, Jacob Lomakin, accusing him of attempting to return two consular employees to the Soviet Union against their will.

In 1955, hundreds of people were killed in anti-French rioting in Morocco and Algeria.

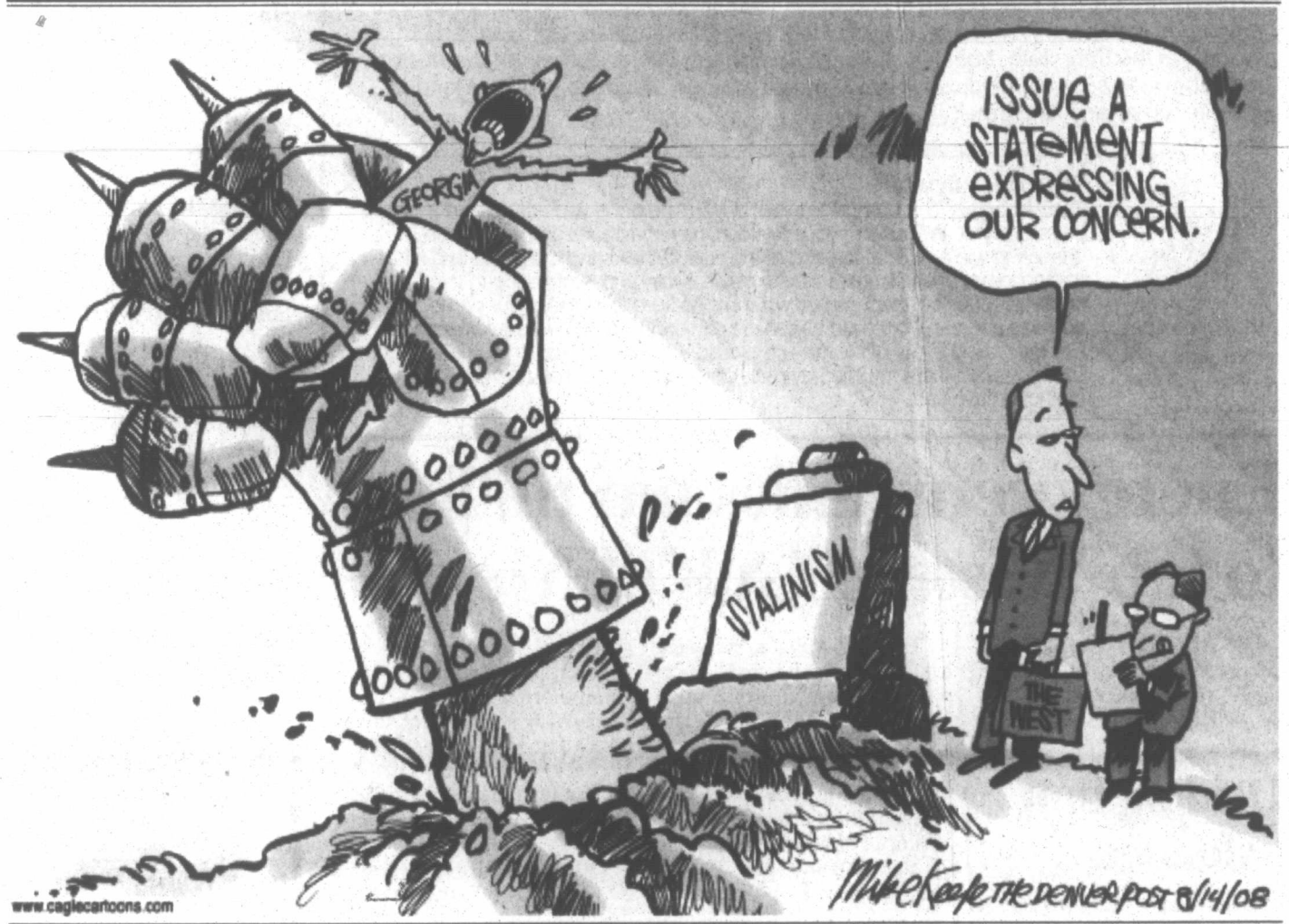
In 1964, President Johnson signed the Economic Opportunity Act, a nearly \$1 billion anti-poverty measure.

In 1977, the U.S. launched Voyager 2, an unmanned spacecraft carrying a 12-inch copper phonograph record containing greetings in dozens of languages, samples of music and sounds of nature.

In 1986, postal employee Patrick Henry Sherrill went on a deadly rampage at a post office in Edmond, Okla., shooting 14 fellow workers to death before killing himself.

In 1988, eight British soldiers were killed by an Irish Republican Army land mine that destroyed a military bus near Omagh, County Tyrone in Northern Ireland.

Ten years ago: Retaliating 13 days after the deadly embassy bombings in East Africa, U.S. forces launched cruise missile strikes against alleged terrorist camps in Afghanistan and what was described as a chemical plant in Sudan. Monica Lewinsky went before a grand jury for a second round of explicit testimony about her White House encounters with President Clinton.



Every generation it seems rediscovers war

The International Herald Tribune recently published an article about a new Army medical book on trauma wounds. The reporter said that "the gruesome photographs illustrate the grim nature of today's wars, in which more are hurt by explosions than by bullets, and body armor leaves many alive but maimed."

That's a naive statement. Probably since World War I and certainly since World War II, explosions have killed more people than bullets in most wars. As for the maimed, since time began there have always been more people wounded than killed in wars. In the War of Northern Aggression, 140,415 Yankees were killed in battle and 281,881 were wounded. More than 200,000 died of "other causes," which usually was disease.

Body armor is about as old as war itself, and the bureaucratic label "improvised explosive device" is just government-bull language for booby trap. Booby traps also are old. The only thing new is the bureaucratic language, which the press, like a parrot, repeated.

I'm not knocking the reporter. His story about the medical manual was well-written. It just struck me that every generation seems to go through the ritual of discovering sin for the first time. The present younger generation is seeing war for the first time in Iraq and Afghanistan. As wars go, they aren't much. In five years, we've lost a little

more than 4,000 souls. The single battle of Okinawa killed 7,600 Americans on land, and another 5,000 were killed at sea by Japanese suicide bombers. Nor should we forget Hiroshima, where 80,000 people died in about 10 seconds.

Altogether, some 55 million people died in World War II, and that war, at least for us, lasted only four years.

War indeed is grim and horrible, and it's no surprise that nearly all governments try to hide the horror from the civilians back home. As long as war is a parade with flags and bands and bumper stickers, it doesn't seem so bad. On the field of battle, strewn with body parts,

excrement, blood and the smell of burnt flesh, it becomes a pretty hard sell for the military public-relations types.

The human species being what it is, pacifism is suicide, but every single American should be against war except as the last extreme resort. Getting rid of Saddam Hussein was not worth 4,000 American dead and another 29,000 wounded. He had no weapons of mass destruction, and he was definitely not an imminent threat to the United States. The Iraq War is one for which George W. Bush and Dick Cheney should not be forgiven. There was no excuse for ordering it. The American troops didn't die for freedom; they died because Bush didn't like Saddam or because the

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ Aug. 11
San Antonio Express-News on redistricting reform:

The next census is only two years away, and redistricting in 2011 will follow it.

The specter of another round of depressing partisan haggling to redraw political lines, particularly congressional districts, is fueling a renewed national push for redistricting reform.

Gerrymandered districts are one of the most detrimental diseases afflicting modern politics.

Instead of giving voters a real choice in competitive districts, politicians of

both parties draw lines to serve their partisan interests by packing districts and giving voters less reason to participate in the democratic process.

Packed districts also allow the extremes in both political parties to gain more control over the legislative process at all levels and disenfranchise middle-of-the-road Americans whose main goal is effective government.

The new push is being led by the nonpartisan Americans for Redistricting Reform, a diverse coalition with members of varying political philosophies.

The common bond among the organizers is a desire to reduce political self-interest in the redistricting process and give average people more voice.

Members of the organization recent-

ly sent a letter to congressional leaders urging support of redistricting reform measures, including a bipartisan bill sponsored by Rep. John Tanner, D-Tenn., and Rep. Zack Wamp, R-Tenn.

Of course, Congress isn't likely to approve the needed reform in the closing weeks of an election year session, but now is the time to push lawmakers and candidates to take a stand for fairness.

The next Congress will be in office in the final session before the post-census round of redistricting.

Reformers say the changes should include the creation of independent commissions to draw congressional lines in each state and the prohibition

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: How do you deal with a hypochondriac? My brothers and I lost our dear mother to cancer when we were in our teens. Daddy has recently been diagnosed with a pernicious form of melanoma, which has a low survival rate. Our father has been married to his second wife, "Doris," for 20 years. Doris is a textbook hypochondriac. She denies it, of course, and insists that her health is bad. So bad, in fact, that she didn't see the irony of telling my sister-in-law, who was undergoing chemotherapy for lymphoma, that "no one understands what it's like to live with a chronic condition." Doris was referring to her allergies! Now Daddy is battling cancer. He and Doris came to visit his three children and multiple grandchildren. Doris talked about her head cold the entire visit, and our time with Daddy was cut short because she needed to be driven back to the hotel. (No one else could detect her symptoms.) I'm sure Doris loves my father, and after 20 years of marriage, they're certainly used to each other. But now that Daddy is facing death, I'm having trouble supporting Doris' emotional needs because her hypochondria is so irritating. Still, Dad wouldn't want us to abandon his second wife, despite her psychosomatic quirks. What do you suggest? -- **NEEDS HELP UP NORTH**

DEAR NEEDS HELP: You can try talking Doris out of her hypochondria until you're blue in the face, but it will only make her try harder to convince you that she's sick -- so stop trying. Instead, every time you see her, tell her she looks TERRIBLE; you've never seen her look worse. It's what she's "dying" to hear, and she'll love you for it!

DEAR ABBY: My women friends have all known each other more than 25 years. One of our group, "Dottie," (age 76) was a very astute businesswoman when she worked with us years ago before we all retired. About three years ago, Dottie began behaving oddly. She couldn't remember what she ordered at lunch in a restaurant and lied to us about bizarre things. (She claimed her doctor made a house call in the middle of the night and gave her an IV.) She also became argumentative. Recently she has withdrawn from our group dates. Now she no longer answers her phone and, on the rare occasion that one of us has gotten hold of her and offered to come over, she refused to answer the door. Dottie is quite wealthy. She likes to drink at her neighborhood bar every night, and once when one of us called, we heard a man in the background saying, "That's enough. Hang up now," which she did. We're concerned because Dottie has no family, and there's no one to contact. We're worried about her. What options do we have? Is there anyone we can contact in order to help her? -- **WORRIED IN NEW YORK**

DEAR WORRIED: Because Dottie appears to have become not only forgetful and delusional but also reclusive, you have reason to be worried. While her entertaining a male guest -- or having a boyfriend -- is a good sign, when that person takes over her life and isolates her, that's another cause for concern. Because Dottie has no family, contact your nearest Area Agency on Aging (it's listed in the phone directory) or the Department of Social Services, and tell them what's going on. A social worker should be able to determine if your friend is in trouble, and get her the help she needs if she is.

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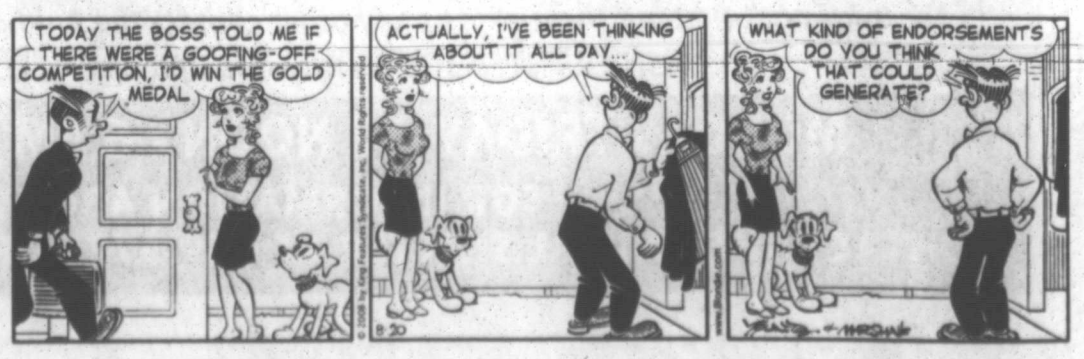
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Harvesters loose to Rockets



Staff photo by Rachel Stennett

Pampa High School's Lady Harvesters varsity volleyball lost last night in a tournament against the Amarillo Rockets and the Plainview Bulldogs. The Lady Harvesters played for the best three out of five matches against both teams. The Lady Harvesters were first up against Plainview beating the team with a total of three wins, but then lost to the Amarillo Rockets in four matches.

FIGHTING TIGERS



Jesse Conner is the son of Ray and Theresa Conner of Snyder. Grandson of Ferrell and Barbara Baird and Lois Calloway of Pampa. Jesse was the 2008 catcher for the AAA state baseball team of Snyder, receiving the First All-District Catcher, All-State Plains Catcher, and All-State Tournament Team Catcher. Jesse received the Albert Lewis Award, which is voted on by his teammates due to his hard work and leadership. Albert Lewis was the last coach for Snyder to take a team to state and win in 1983. Jesse will be a senior this year and will be the quarterback for Snyder High.

Hunters' open house in offing

FRITCH — Lake Meredith Park headquarters in Fritch will be the site of an open house for hunters to be staged at 6 p.m. Thursday. Presenters will include park rangers from Lake Meredith National Recreation Area as well as game wardens and biologists from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The open house will focus on hunting, wildlife habitat and conservation. Hunting maps and other literature will be available to participants.

According to a National Park Service news release, the only significant change to hunting regulations at Lake Meredith this year is the extension of waterfowl hunting past noon to a half-hour past sunset. Hunting seasons and bag limits have been established in accordance with research provided by Texas Parks and Wildlife biologists, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and park staff.

The gate at Mullinaw Crossing, park officials report, will be closed the first week of general deer season Nov. 22-29 and will be open Nov. 30 through the end of deer season. The crossing will also be subject to close during inclement weather, high water or other threats to public safety.

The park service oversees proper use of the park while Texas Parks and Wildlife manages the harvest of fish and wildlife. No hunting is permitted or firearms allowed within Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument.

Hunters within the boundaries of the lake must wear blaze orange during general gun season for deer and during special youth season. Only migratory bird hunters on lake waters are exempt from this requirement.

For more information on the upcoming open house, contact park headquarters at (806) 857-3151. To learn more about hunter safety and regulations, log onto www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/hunt/season/ on the Internet.

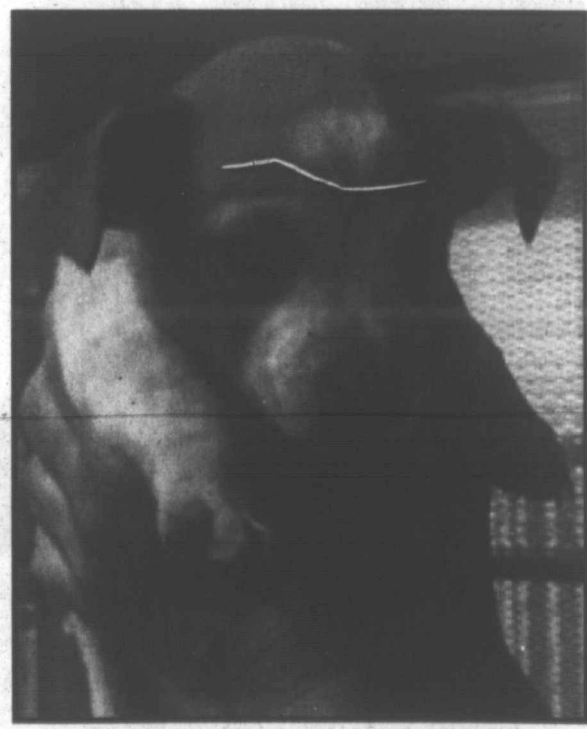
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Make your move early in the day, when the planets root you on. Financial matters come to the forefront in the afternoon, though it might be as simple as your deciding to pay your bills or check out an expenditure. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** If you are dragging this morning, don't worry. Your batteries will be well-charged by mid-afternoon. Postpone what you can until this period, when you feel as if you are on top of the world. Listen to your instincts with a loved one or a child. Tonight: Do your thing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Use the morning to complete all important projects. You have what it takes to hit a home run. Late in the afternoon, you could be exhausted and drained. Honor your energy levels. Tonight: Vanish and do your thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ***** You are in a position where others will listen because you seem so rational and "with it." With cooperation, you will have reason to celebrate. A meeting or get-together proves to be instrumental. Tonight: Where your friends are.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Look beyond the obvious. Be willing to pick up the phone and touch base with people who know their stuff. The better your information, the better the end result. You steer clear of rough waters. Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Work with a partner directly. You understand a lot more and make stronger decisions. Someone might act awkward, as he or she tries to pay you a compliment. Help this person feel more comfortable. Tonight: Think about what would be different. Then you will know what to do.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Work with others. You really do not have the strength to fight every-one, and others need to see the results of their ideas. In the afternoon, schedule an important meeting. You could be amazed by what someone shares. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Plunge into work with an eye to getting as much done as possible quickly. mid-afternoon, lighten up, network and return calls. Stop and enjoy the people who punctuate your work and daily life. Catch up on news. Tonight: Sort through invitations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your creative bent comes to the rescue, perhaps not only for you but also for a key person in your life. You are known to be a problem-solver, as today demonstrates. Make time to complete your to-do list. You cannot always help others. Tonight: Go until you are tired.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** You might be too tired and exhausted to really get going. Rather than fight your innate energy levels, work with them. If you do, you could be a pistol by mid-afternoon. Suddenly, every chore and errand is as good as done. Conversation seems easy. Tonight: Save some energy for fun.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** You are an open sign, but not blunt. You hate to hurt others' feelings, but inevitably you do. You discover that even a well-intended remark could be misread. Use this situation as an example, and sign up for a workshop in communication! Tonight: A quiet night at home.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Deal with finances with someone who really knows his or her stuff. If feeling confused or like a statement or issue does not make sense, question, ask and get the answers you need. No one wants you in a quandary. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

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CDL driver-local oil field hauling, start pay based on veri. exp., must pass drug screen & phy. 1 yr tandem exp. req. Shop hand, mech. ability, pay neg. 665-2451 M-F 9-4.

ASST. Cook needed at Meals on Wheels, 6:30am-11:30am, \$6.55 per hr. Great working conditions. Call Jeanne Autry 669-1007 or come by 302 E. Foster.

CHEMICAL Delivery Driver, Oil field experience helpful. Mandatory drug test and background check. CDL with hazmat and air brake endorsement will be required during employment. Good benefits, 401k after 1st year of employment. Pampa, Perryton, Canadian area. 1-806-228-3462 for application. 1-888-881-3248 (ask for Roger, Mike or Chris)

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TAKING applications for all positions. Johnson Home Furnishings. 801 W. Francis.

GAS Prices cutting into your budget? Earn extra cash! Start your Avon business-only \$10. Call 664-0208.

TRUCK Drivers needed & hot shot drivers. CDL req. Drug test and references required. Competitive pay! Call 665-0379.

JANITOR- full & part-time job. No experience needed, will train. To apply call 662-9775.

EXCEL Production is accepting resumes and/or application for an Exp. Field Pumper. Individual must have knowledge and exp. in the operations of oil & gas wells, compressors & tank batteries. No Phone Calls will be accepted. Please bring resume or pick up application at 1050 N. Price Rd. or mail resume to: Attn: Personnel Excel Production P.O. Box 1800 Pampa, TX 79066-1800

DISHWASHER & Exp. Cook needed at Granny's Home Cookin'. No phone calls! 328 E. Frederic.

NEED full-time Make Ready person for rental properties. Light carpentry, plumbing, painting. Have own tools & transportation. 665-4274 or apply at 1347 Coffee St.

THE Cash Store is a leader in consumer financial services with over 200 stores in eight states. We currently have an opening for an Assistant Manager in our Pampa, Tx. location. Starting annual pay of \$19,344.00, with the ability to earn an additional \$562.50 / mo. in performance incentives every month. We have one of the best retail schedules available; closed Sundays, open half day Saturday, and closed early evenings Monday-Friday. Primary duties involve processing loan applications, making loans and providing excellent customer service. Applicants must have a high school diploma and minimum of three years previous experience in retail, restaurant, hospital, banking or customer service. Call (806)669-1508 to arrange for an interview. EOE.

OUR Roustabout company is looking for experienced roustabouts & a backhoe operator with a CDL. We offer competitive pay. Please call 580-772-5157 for more information.

Fast Growing Co. looking to hire a **Mechanic.** Diesel knowledge preferred. Salary based on experience. Send resume to: Blue Ridge Oilfield P.O. Box 644 Canadian, TX. 79014 or call 806-323-6855

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ACCOUNTS Receivable, data entry, and invoicing position with established company. Computer knowledge required. Full time Mon-Fri. 8-5:00, great benefits. E-mail resume to trmpa@tms.com mail to ATTN: Accounting P O Box 2358 Pampa, TX 79066.

BABYSITTER needed in my home for 2 kids under the age of 3. Must be dep. & respons. Must have DL and insurance. Please send references to 2904 Rosewood, Pampa, TX.

FULL-TIME RN needed at Parkview Home Health in Wheeler. Please call 826.1370, ask for Susan Leffew RN Director, or come by 306 E. 9th, Wheeler, for an appl.

ACCEPTING applications for Rig Supervisor, Exp. Roustabout, Cable Tool Operator and Pumper. 401K, paid vacation, holidays. Send resume to P.O. Box 43, Pampa, TX, 79066-0043

Truck Driver Needed Must have CDL & Hazmat. Blue Ridge Oilfield 806-323-6855 or pick up application at 10938 US Hwy 83 Canadian, TX.

HELP Wanted. Clerk & Deli. Good working environment. We pay competitive wages and gas mileage. Call 806-868-3221 or pickup application at Crossroads Market in Miami.

CDL Drivers Needed! Night & Day shifts available in Miami, Tx. Must pass drug test. Also Have opening for Experienced Diesel Mechanic

Competitive wages, paid weekly, 401K & insurance, 2 weeks vacation after 1 year. Please call Turner Energy (806) 898-0414

HM Hall Plumbing Heating & Air Conditioning needs HVAC helper. Call 669-2437 or pick up appl. 11781 Hwy 152 West.

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Gas Measurement Tech III for Frontier Natural Gas, LLC, a business enterprise of Aka Energy Group/The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund. Responsibilities of this position include completing all gas measurement and cathodic protection related activities and work tasks, and assisting in providing analysis of pipeline capacities and cost estimates to accommodate producers production schedules. This position will be located at the Kelton Gas Services facility in Wheeler, TX.

FLUID COMPRESSOR PARTNERS is looking for: Field Maintenance Tech Competitive Pay Quarterly Bonus Health Ins. Vacation 401K Pampa / Borger Area 806-669-7499

DEFENDABLE High School Student Wanted! Looking for MATURE High School Student with valid drivers lic. to pick up / drop off my Pampa Jr. High student at school. Monday-Thursday mornings only. \$20.00 weekly pay. Please call 903-452-0460 ASAP.

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CONSTRUCTION LABORERS Western Builders of Amarillo, Inc. is looking for experienced construction laborers for work at Pampa High School. Employment is subject to passing a drug test. Please contact Construction Superintendent: Jeff Popp, 806-672-5689

WESTERN BUILDERS OF Amarillo, Inc. is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate against applicants or employees on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, gender, pregnancy, national origin, veteran's status, age, disability, perceived disability or any other reason prohibited by applicable law.

WESTAIR Gas and Equipment, L.P. is looking for a Warehouse Man / Driver. The qualified applicant must have a minimum Class B CDL with haz-mat endorsement, pass a drug test, DOT physical and be able to lift up to 50 lbs. Westair is a joint venture with Praxair, Inc. which assures an outstanding benefit package, which includes medical, dental and life insurance, a great 401K plan, along with competitive pay. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer. Applications are available at our location in Pampa, TX, @ 740 W. Brown Street (HWY 60) or call 806-665-2351 for more information.

CREATE a Beat! Pampa Community Center for the Arts needs an Art Teacher for elementary aged children, 2 one hour classes per week. Contact: Julie Long - 1615 N. Banks, P.O. Box 1565, Pampa, TX 79065. (806)665-7474. createabeat@createabeat.org.

CREATE a Beat! Pampa Community Center for the Arts needs high school graduate to help supervise elementary aged children. M-F 3:00pm to 5:30pm. Contact: Julie Long - 1615 N. Banks, P.O. Box 1565, Pampa, TX 79065. (806)665-7474. createabeat@createabeat.org

DIETARY Staff needed. Please apply in person. Coronado Healthcare Center, 1504 W. Kentucky Ave, Pampa.

PROPERTY MANAGER WANTED Bent Creek Family Community 40 units in Pampa 25 hours per week Must have clerical skills & management exp. Please furnish resume to: MJS Management, Inc. P.O. Box 847 Linden, TX 75563

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I buy used drilling bits, gas, water & oil 940-366-1108 940-872-3636

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95 Furn. Apts. All real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation, or discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preference, limitation, or discrimination." State law also forbids discrimination based on these factors. We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on an equal opportunity basis.

96 Unfurn. Apts. CAPROCK APTS. Enjoy balconies/patios, on site laundry, beautiful grounds. One bdrm starting at \$390. Call for availability. 665-7149.

LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. Call for availability. References & deposit req. 669-4386

NUMEROUS Houses, Apts., Dupl. & Comm. properties thru-out Pampa. 665-1875, 665-4274.

NURSES Unlimited, Inc. is seeking enthusiastic and outgoing attendants to assist clients in the home with personal care, meal prep & light housekeeping. P-T. EOE. Call 1-888-859-0631.

White House Lumber 101 S. Ballard 669-3291

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SACRIFICE Queen pillowtop mattress set. New in Wrapper. Only \$145. 806-341-5233.

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21 Help Wanted

NEED Handyman at Schneider House Apts. P-T, 30 hrs. week. Knowledge of boiler, cooling tower, electrical, plumbing & some painting. Please call 665-0415, 9-2.

HARVESTER Donuts is now hiring cashier or cook's helper. Start immediately. Come to the store personally. No phone calls. 508 N. Hobart, Pampa, Tx.

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Events calendar

• **The Red Hat Dollies Society** of Pampa will meet at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 21 at Pampa Senior Citizens Center for its monthly luncheon and program. For more information, call 669-9916 or 665-3617.

• **Austin Elementary School** in Pampa has scheduled a "Meet the Teacher" event from 12-2 p.m. Aug. 22 at the school. Parents are encouraged to bring their children's school supplies to the school on that day. The school is also preparing a "Tears and Cheers Event" strictly for kindergarten parents. Tears and Cheers will begin at 8 a.m. Aug. 25. The parents will be treated to a continental breakfast and a small welcome gift.

• **Woodrow Wilson Elementary School** will host "Meet the Teacher" from 5-6 p.m. Aug. 21 and from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Aug.

22 at the school. • **The Wheatheart Satellite of Big Brothers/Big Sisters** of the Texas Panhandle will hold a 5K race and Family Fun Walk Aug. 23 at Perryton High School in Perryton. The walk will start at 8 a.m. followed by the race at 8:30 a.m. The deadline to preregister is Aug. 8. The entry fee is \$25 and includes a T-shirt. The Family Fun Walker Package is \$90. For more information, call (806) 434-0016 or e-mail bigsmag-ic@windstream.net.

• **Texas AgriLife Extension Service** and the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office, are partnering to promote upcoming orientation and grant-writing training meetings to introduce the Texas Agriculture Technical Assistance Program. A meeting in this area is

scheduled from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Aug. 25 at PYCO Industries in Lubbock. For more information, call 1-800-732-1399.

• **A farm bill meeting is scheduled** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aug. 25 at Fair Park Auditorium in Childress for producers with Farm Bill questions. The guest speaker will be Dr. Joe Outlaw, AgriLife Extension economist and co-director of Agricultural and Food Policy Center at Texas A&M University. The program will include an explanation of the Average Crop Revenue Election, changes on payment limitations, adjusted gross income criteria for payment eligibility and more. For additional information, call Lonnie Jenschke at (940) 937-2351 or at ljenschke@tamu.edu.

• **Services-To-At-Risk Youth and Their Families** will conduct a free "Back in

Control Parenting Workshop" from 8:45 a.m.-4 p.m. Sept. 6 at Texas Panhandle Mental Health Retardation Children's Services Building in Amarillo. Participants must preregister to join. Instructors will be Janice James, MA, UCAP coordinator, QMHP, and Ruth Sullivan, QMHP, STAR case manager II. Continuing education units will be available. For more information, call (806) 359-2005.

• **The Greater Amarillo Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure** will stage its 2008 "pink luncheon" at 12 p.m. Sept. 9 in the Heritage Room of Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo. Reservations are required. Tickets are \$35 a piece. For more information, call (806) 354-9706 or visit www.komenamarillo.org on the Internet.

Reform

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of mid-decade redistricting unless ordered by a court.

Independent commissions, such as the one repeatedly proposed in Texas by San Antonio Republican state Sen. Jeff Wentworth, would take the process out of the hands of elected officials and significantly reduce the partisan influence.

State ballot initiatives around the nation, such as recent reform attempts in California and Ohio, have failed, but supporters note that regional political factors had more to do with the defeats than the concept of instituting independent commissions.

Federal legislation to fix the congressional process would be a huge step forward, and leaders should grant hearings on the bills pending in the House Judiciary Committee.

At home, voters should pressure federal and state candidates to support the reforms while they are on the campaign trail.

Pushing selfish partisanship away from redistricting levers is a crucial step in returning clout to average Americans and ensuring that elections draw more participation. URL: <http://www.mysa.com>

Purcell

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only one way, however: Up. That is why the Congress that

drove up food costs through nutty ethanol subsidies and increased energy costs through nutty energy policies — the Congress whose nutty policies ultimately drove up the cost of school lunches — will probably "resolve" the problem the only way it knows how — make taxpayers fork

over even more dough to feed even more kids.

Even Jimmy Schmidt wouldn't turn down a free-lunch deal like that.

—Tom is a humor columnist nationally syndicated exclusively by Cagle Cartoons.

Reese

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American Establishment wants permanent military bases on a big pool of oil.

I said during the buildup to war that it's too bad we couldn't stage an old-fashioned duel, strip Bush and Saddam down to their shorts, give them each a bowie knife and lock them in a dark room. Politicians have

become more reckless as they have become less accountable for their sins. At least Saddam has paid for his.

Harry Truman was fond of saying that the only surprises are the history you don't know. Though these latest photographs of torn bodies shocked the reporter, wars have always torn up bodies. I recall the photographs in an older Army medical book that you wouldn't want to look at over lunch. I expect every battlefield presents a grim picture — men hacked to death with swords and axes no doubt were not pretty to look at. Or, for that mat-

ter, people stepped on by elephants or eaten by lions.

I've noticed one thing about all the dead bodies I've seen: It's obvious the person who once inhabited the body is no longer there. It's a good argument that there is such a thing as a soul. Whatever the mystery of life is, you can tell when it departs by the change in the appearance of what's left behind.

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

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Gray County General will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 6.38 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on August 27, 2008 at 9:00 AM and at County Courtroom, Gray County Courthouse 2nd Floor, Pampa, Texas.

The second public hearing will be held on September 2, 2008 at 9:00 AM at County Courtroom, Gray County Courthouse 2nd Floor, Pampa, Texas.

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR:

Judge Richard Peet Commissioner Gary Willoughby
Commissioner Gerald Wright Commissioner James Hefley

AGAINST:

PRESENT and not voting:

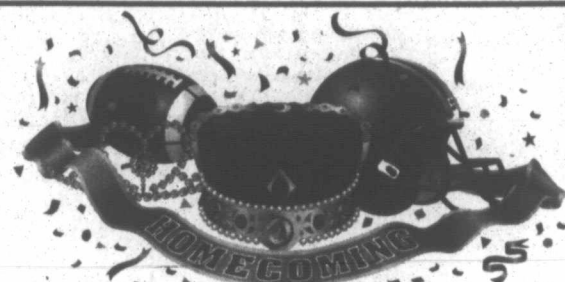
ABSENT: Commissioner Joe Wheelley

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gray County General last year was \$33,230. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.473260 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$157.26.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in Gray County General this year is \$36,789. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.412719 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$151.84.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.439069 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$161.53.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.



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