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LOCAL
Pampans to compete in Kansas City event

Pampa will be represented by two Xcel Energy employees at the International Lineman's Rodeo at Kansas City, Mo., in October.
Pampans Jack Loggins is a member of one of the teams who qualified to compete at the international event during the 13th annual electric utility Lineman's Rodeo at Lubbock this weekend.
Dru Chidester of Pampa and James Bach of Hereford will round out Xcel's regional entries at Kansas City.

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Acreeage still point of contention

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Dalton Lewis wanted to bring it to the board's attention. Steve Phillips wanted to take it to district court. Bill Allison doesn't want to sue the city.

Tensions between the Pampa Economic Development Corporation and the Pampa City Commission surfaced again at the PEDC's monthly meeting in City Hall Monday afternoon.

The point of contention is the 213 acres known as Industrial Park.

On July 8, the Pampa City Commission passed a resolution delaying the sale of property. According to the resolution, it is in the public's interest to retain the property for water supply and economic development purposes.

The PEDC is being dissolved and the PEDC board of directors, appointed by the City Commission, is tasked with essentially liquidating all properties, loans and business dealings in which the economic development corporation has been involved.

"We have about two years left in business," said Doug Locke, president of the board.



(Pampa News photo by David Bowser)

PEDC President Doug Locke and PEDC attorney Vanessa Buzzard talk about Monday afternoon's agenda as Locke prepares to call the meeting to order.

Lewis, a member of the board, brought the City Commission's resolution to the board's attention Monday afternoon, saying it was in violation of the laws governing the dissolution of the PEDC and in violation of a Texas Attorney General's opinion concerning the dissolution.

This is not the first time that the City Commission's preference for holding on to the 213 acres has caused dissension between the two bodies.

The city asked for, and got, a Texas Attorney General's opinion last year on whether the PEDC board could sell the Industrial Park property.

The problem, Locke said today, is that the opinion is so broadly written, it can be interpreted either way.

"The attorney general's opinion did not settle the issue," Locke said.

Steve Phillips, secretary-treasurer of the PEDC board, said during the meeting

Monday that the only way to get a clear legal opinion on the dispute was to take it to district court and ask for a declaratory judgment.

Board member Bill Allison said he didn't want to sue the city over the property or a decision of whether or not to sell it.

Phillips said PEDC records show that City Attorney Don Lane had already indicated that the property needs to be sold.

Lewis said he would like to meet with the City Commission to discuss the issue but didn't think that they would talk about the property in a meeting open to the public.

Allison disagreed, saying he would try to arrange such a meeting.

In related business, board member Gary Sutherland said there may be an environmental problem with the property. He's researching records to find an environmental evaluation that has been done on it.

In other business, David Gayanich of FSI or Frac Services, Inc., submitted a proposal to buy the American Energy Building from the (See ACREAGE, Page 3)

Army Air Field veterans return for 31st reunion

For the 31st time, Pampa will host a reunion of persons associated with the World War II-era Pampa Army Airfield this week.

Four days filled with events begins on Wednesday, Aug. 13, with registration from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Best Western PAAF Hospitality Room.

On Thursday, the reunion group plans to eat lunch together at Texas Rose Steak House, then go to Panhandle for a tour of the Carson County Square House Museum and a visit to the Wind Farm north of

White Deer. That evening, a bus will take the group to Cotton Woods Springs Guest Ranch north of Pampa for a chuck wagon dinner.

Friday's activities begin with an African safari exhibit at Bourland & Leverich Supply Co., then a trip to the Pampa Community Building, M.K. Brown Room for a presentation on the Red River Wars by John Forister.

After a hamburger lunch, a PAAF Reunion Association business meeting is planned with

President Blake Laramore presiding.

Special veterans will be recognized that night at the Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honors Banquet in the VFW building, 105 S. Cuyler.

A tour of the Freedom Museum USA and B-25, 600 N. Hobart, starts Saturday at 10 a.m. The National B-25 Preservation Group will then meet in the museum library.

After lunch, the group can visit the Woody Guthrie Folk Music (See REUNION, Page 3)

B-25 bomber group to begin fund drive

National B-25 Preservation Group and Freedom Museum USA plan to raise more than a quarter million dollars to house a World War II bomber.

The groups want to build a hangar for the B-25 that now sits fenced in behind the museum on Hobart. The 110 foot by 90 foot by 30 foot hangar is expected to cost about \$300,000.

National B-25 Preservation Group was established in 1992 in Pampa in order to acquire a B-25, a World War II bomber that was used for training at the Pampa Army Air Field during the war.

The bomber was to be turned over to Freedom Museum USA, then in the process of being organized by the Pampa Army Air (See B-25, Page 3)

Mesa Water willing to sell to CRMWA

By DAVID BOWSER
STAFF WRITER

Despite sniping from both sides, a spokesman for Mesa Water, Inc., says they continue to remain open to the idea of selling their Roberts County water to the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority.

Earlier this year, CRMWA's 11 member cities, including Pampa, agreed to expand their water sources.

CRMWA supplies water to its member cities from Lake Meredith and from a well field north of Pampa.

Kent Satterwhite, general manager of CRMWA, entered into negotiations with Quixx Corporation, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Xcel Energy, for about 65,000 acres of water rights they hold in Roberts County near CRMWA's well field.

CRMWA, however, was outbid for the water rights by Mesa.

Robert "Bobby" Stillwell, a spokesman for Mesa, said Mesa submitted their bid a week before CRMWA, although Quixx had a contractual obligation to inform Mesa of their negotiations with CRMWA or anyone else interested in buying the company's water rights.

Stillwell, vice president and general counsel for Mesa, said CRMWA was fully aware of Quixx' obligation to Mesa.

While the sale of the water rights for some \$20 million hasn't been completed, Stillwell said he expects it to go through.

In addition, Mesa is helping some 130 Roberts County landowners trying to get high volume pumping permits through the Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District, headquartered in White Deer.

Stillwell said they are supplying (See WATER, Page 3)

Look! Up in the sky! It's the Perseid meteors

The night skies over the Texas Panhandle are expected to light up tonight as the 2003 Perseid Meteor Shower reaches its zenith.

The annual meteor shower started in mid-July and will continue through August, but officials say it will peak tonight.

Clear panhandle skies tonight should make viewing easy, although a

full moon, officials say, will make many of the more faint meteors difficult to see. Still, NASA officials say that standing in the shadows and not looking at the moon should increase the number of meteors a viewer can see.

NASA officials say the best time to watch the aerial fireworks display is 4 a.m., away from city lights. They say

there should be as many as 100 meteors an hour lighting up the sky.

Astronomers expect the meteor shower to be at its best about 4 a.m. Wednesday.

The Perseid Meteor Shower is an annual event that occurs when the Earth orbits through debris left by the Swift-Tuttle Comet.

The meteor shower gets its name

because they seem to radiate from the constellation Perseus in the northeastern sky. NASA officials, however, say that the meteors can be seen all over the night sky.

While the meteor shower is expected to be at its best between 4 a.m. and dawn, long, slow meteors, called Earthgrazers, will be visible just after (See METEORS, Page 3)

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ON RECORD

ACCIDENTS

Pampa Police Department today reported the following accidents.

Saturday, Aug. 9

A 1993 Chevrolet pickup, driven by Terry Wayne Carpenter, 39, 2223 Nelson, was in collision in the 2300 block of Hobart with a 1996 Mitsubishi Montero SUV, driven by Joe Bob Kinnaman, 29, 704 Magnolia. Carpenter was cited for following too close. Kinnaman was cited for failure to present his driver's license.

Monday, Aug. 11

Police today were searching for a red vehicle that reportedly struck a 1996 Pontiac Grand Am, driven by Majorie Kaye Windle, 18, of Skellytown, from behind in the 800 block of West Foster, then left the scene.

FIRE

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

Monday, Aug. 11

2:08 p.m. — Three units and five firefighters responded to Gray K and Gray 6 on a grass fire. The firefighters were assisted by Lefors Volunteer Fire Department and Gray County Precinct 2. The fire consumed approximately 20- to 30-acres, fire officials said.

4:27 p.m. — Three units and seven firefighters responded to the 900 block of East Francis. An electrical cord on an icebox shorted out, fire officials said, causing only minor damage and some smoke.

POLICE

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

Monday, Aug. 11

A pistol was taken from a vehicle in the 1700 block of Fir.

A vehicle in the 1900 block of Fir was broken into. Nothing was reported stolen.

A window was reported broken out at a home in the 500 block of Duncan. Officers said someone apparently entered the house but nothing was reported stolen.

A windshield was reported broken out on a vehicle in the 1100 block of Huff.

A threatened suicide was reported in the 800 block of North Frost.

A back door screen was reported cut in the 500 block of North Nelson.

Terri Lynn Ferguson, 29, Lefors, was arrested at 120 S. Starkweather on criminal trespass charges.

Police were investigating a possible child abuse report.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

A street sign was torn down in the 900 block of Browning and a juvenile was threatened.

AMBULANCE

Rural/Metro Ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m., today.

Monday, Aug. 11

8:18 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block of West Kingsmill. No patient was transported.

11:46 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 200 block South Canadian and transported a patient to Pampa Regional Medical Center.

1:13 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Golden Plains Community Hospital, Borger.

2:29 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to GPCH and transferred a patient PRMC.

2:55 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to a local nursing facility and transported a patient to PRMC.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

3:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1000 block of South Banks and transported one to PRMC.

SHERIFF

Gray County Sheriff's office reported the following arrests during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 11

Jesus M. Velasquez, 56, 701 Gordon, was arrested by Pampa police on a warrant charging him with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Terri Lynn Ferguson, 29, Lefors, was arrested by Pampa police officers on charges of criminal trespass.

Tuesday, Aug. 12

Tracy Don Stroud, 37, 1913 Zimmers, was arrested by Gray County deputies on charges of possession of a controlled substance under four ounces and failure to appear.

OBITUARIES

LOUIS L. ALLEN (BOBO THE CLOWN)

1926-2003

Louis L. Allen (Bobo the Clown), age 76, of Ennis, passed away Thursday, August 7, 2003, at the Ennis Regional Medical Center. He was born October 10, 1926, in Quail, Texas, to A.C. and Lillie V. (Robinson) Allen. Louis graduated from Pampa High School in 1944. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. On July 21, 1946, he married Ruthie Inez Keeton in Amarillo, Texas. Louis was "Bobo the Clown" for over 50 years. He was a charitable humanitarian doing the work he loved in the state school system, especially the Denton State School. He was also a Mesquite Rodeo Clown and known as "Captain Lou" on a shrimp boat in the Gulf.

Survivors include four children, Teresa Allen Goodman and husband, Terry, of Wrensburg, Mo.; Janis Kay Allen of Longview, Texas; Gary Wayne Allen of Dallas and Beverly Allen Wonnacott and husband, Richard, of Rice, Texas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; two sisters, Waneta Mahoney of Dallas,

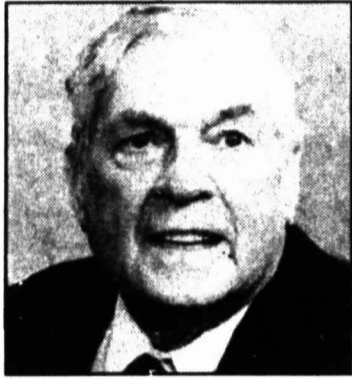
Texas, and Elva Varela of California and several nieces and nephews. Louis was preceded in death by his wife of 53 years, Ruthie Inez Keeton Allen and brothers Floyd and Freeman Allen.

A memorial service will be held on August 16, 2003, at 2 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Pampa, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Denton State School, P.O. Box 368, Denton, Texas 76202-0368. (940) 891-0342.

To view an on-line obituary or leave the family a personal note, please visit www.bozemitchellmckibbin.com.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Boze-Mitchell-McKibbin Funeral Home.



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The following grain quotations are provided by Attebury Grain of Pampa.		NOI	19.43	+0.01
Wheat	3.25	KMI	53.03	-0.22
Milo	3.47	XCEL	14.17	-0.07
Corn	3.96	Kerr McGee	42.93	+0.22
Soybeans	4.61	Limited	17.21	+0.01
		Williams	8.05	+0.19
		MCD	23.90	+0.14
		XOM	36.42	-0.10
		Atmos	23.98	-0.01
The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.		Pioneer Nat	25.38	-0.12
OXY	33.40	JCP	17.73	-0.34
BP	42.88	COP	53.96	+0.02
Celanese	29.25	SLB	46.61	-0.31
Cabot Corp.	25.49	Tenneco	4.95	-0.05
Cabot Oil Gas	25.94	CVX	73.16	-0.04
Coca Cola	44.50	Wal-Mart	58.20	+0.50
VLO	38.33	OKF	19.86	+0.08
HAL	23.19	NS Grp	7.58	+0.04
Trud	30.25	New York Gold	361.85	
		Silver	4.99	
		West Texas Crude	32.01	

WEATHER FOCUS

PAMPA

The forecast today is calling for mostly sunny skies, highs in the upper 80s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Tonight's forecast is calling for mostly clear, lows in the lower 60s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday should see partly cloudy skies, highs in the mid 80s and east winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday night should be mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Southeast winds 5 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent. Thursday, mostly cloudy. Chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

Chance of rain 30 percent. Thursday night, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday, mostly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 80s. Chance of rain 20 percent. Friday night, mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Saturday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 60s. Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 90s. Sunday night, partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Monday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 90s.

STATEWIDE

Rainy days in South Texas should last until Sunday, along with mostly cloudy skies. It will rain for a few more days in North Texas.

The best chances for severe weather today will be in south central Texas. North Texas should see decreased chances for severe storms today. Rainfall may be heavy in many areas of Southeast Texas.

Cool summer temperatures will prevail for a few days. The warmup will come first in North Texas beginning Thursday, and hot temperatures are forecast there Friday and Saturday. South Texas will see a little warmup this weekend. West Texas will remain unseasonably cool through Saturday, with a slight warmup on Sunday.

Many 100 degree readings were recorded across the state yesterday. The Fort Worth area saw large hail. In Castroville, near San Antonio,

a possible tornado destroyed a hangar complex and a number of planes.

West Texas will be clear to partly cloudy today with isolated rain possible in all areas except for the Panhandle and far west. Beginning Wednesday the entire region will see possible isolated rain through the weekend. Highs will be in the upper 80s to lower 90s this week, slightly warmer Saturday. Skies will be mostly cloudy Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy otherwise.

South Texas will see good chances of rain in all areas today. Periods of very heavy rain will be possible in areas of Southeast Texas, mainly east of I-45. In southern and central South Texas, isolated storms are forecast later today and some may be severe, with gusty winds and large hail.

Even better chances of rain are forecast Wednesday and Thursday, with rain possible

through the weekend across the region. Highs will be in the upper 80s to low 90s, warmer in the west. Temperatures should warm up some on Friday. Cloudy skies will be the norm this week.

In North Texas, cool summer temperatures and good chances of rain will continue through Thursday. By Saturday, highs will be back to the mid 90s in most areas. In East Texas today, heavy and steady rains are possible, although storm activity shouldn't reach severe levels. Rain should be scattered elsewhere.

The best chance for severe weather today will be southwest of a Waco-to-Hamilton line. Skies will be mostly cloudy for the next few days, sunnier in the west. Slight chances of rain will continue Friday and Saturday. Hot temperatures will return by Friday over the region, highs in the mid 90s and warmer.

Feds unlikely to move on interest rates amid early signs of economic revival

By JEANNINE AVERSA
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

WASHINGTON (AP) — Scattered signs of the economy's revival, especially the hope that a long freeze on business investment is finally beginning to thaw, give Federal Reserve policy-makers ample reasons to stay the course and hold a major short-term interest rate at a 4.5-year low.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan and private economists believe the economy, which limped through the first six months of this year, will gain speed in the final six. Some are estimating that growth in the second half will clock in at an annual rate of 3.5 percent to 4 percent or more.

Near rock-bottom short-term interest rates, with President Bush's third round of tax cuts, should motivate consumers and businesses to spend and invest more, thus strengthening economic growth in the second half, economists said.

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Fed policy-makers are "taking solace in the better economic data and believe their forecasts for a second half rebound are on track," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

There have been promising signs lately. A report from the Institute for Supply Management this month showed that manufacturing activity expanded in July for the first time in five months, further evidence that this part of the economy is on the mend. Manufacturing has had a more difficult recovery from the 2001 recession than any other sector.

Last week, the nation's largest retailers reported strong sales for July, a promising sign for consumer spending, which has been a key force keeping the economy moving.

Especially encouraging to economists, however, were some budding signs in the government's recent report on second-quarter gross domestic product that business investment may be coming back to life.

Businesses, which cut spending on equipment and software in the first three months of this year, boosted such investment in the second quarter at a sizable 7.5 percent rate. That marked the biggest increase in three years. A sustained turnaround in capital investment by businesses is a crucial ingredient to the economy's ability to get back to full throttle, economists said.

Against this backdrop, economists widely expected Greenspan and his Federal Open Market Committee colleagues to hold the main short-term interest rate, called the federal funds rate, at 1 percent, the lowest rate in 45 years, at their meeting Tuesday. The meeting got under way in the morning and an afternoon announcement was expected.

"I do not think that they will move. I think they will be able to breath a sigh of relief that the data show some improvement and some

growth," said Clifford Waldman, economist at the Manufacturers Alliance/MAPI, a research group.

Even if the economy rebounds in the second half, the job market is likely to remain sluggish, economists said. The nation's unemployment rate dipped to 6.2 percent in July, mainly because many people left the civilian work force. Businesses cut jobs for the sixth month in a row. Business will want to be certain about the recovery's vigor before going on a hiring spree, economists said.

"I don't see a distinct improvement in the labor market until 2004," said Richard Yamarone, economist with Argus Research Corp. "I think there is plenty of pain if you don't have a job."

The last time the Fed cut the funds rate, the interest banks charge each other on overnight loans, was at its previous meeting on June 25. The Fed sliced the rate by one-quarter percentage point, marking the 13th cut since January 2001, when the central bank's credit-easing campaign began.

In response, commercial banks lowered their prime lending rates for many consumer and business loans, to 4 percent, the lowest level since 1959.

Rates on longer-term loans, however, rose after the Fed's June 25 action. Disappointment on Wall Street that the Federal Reserve didn't make a bolder cut to short-term rates pushed bond rates up, which caused long-term mortgage rates to rise. More recent signs that the economy is gaining traction was another factor behind rising rates.

Rising mortgage rates has slowed refinancing activity, an important force underpinning consumer spending. Economists, however, are hopeful that fatter paychecks and other incentives coming from Bush's latest tax cut will move in to support spending as refinancing cools.

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New Masonic Lodge officers



(Courtesy photo)

Incoming officers of Pampa Masonic Lodge #966 AF&AM were recently installed in a combined ceremony with Top O' Texas Lodge #1381. Pictured are, far back, Dick Blain; middle row, from left: Curtis Broadus, Installing Marshal and Secretary Gordon Fore, Tiler Glen Preas, Ray Sissom, Blake Laramore, and Ralph Milliron; front row, from left: Senior Steward Carl Sissom, Worshipful Master Kelly Miller, Senior Deacon Keith Woods, Chaplain Gary Stewart, Installing Master J.B. Fife, and Master of Ceremonies Kenneth Crawford. Not pictured are Marshall Red Horton, Senior Warden Dustin Larkin, Junior Warden Mike Helms, Treasurer Vic Laramore, Junior Deacon Mike Stone, and Junior Steward Greg Kelly.



(Courtesy photo)

Incoming officers for Top O' Texas Masonic Lodge #1381 AF&AM were recently installed in a combined ceremony with Pampa Masonic Lodge #966. Pictured are, back row, from left: Junior Deacon Ray Free, Junior Warden Bryan Denham, Senior Warden John Tripplehorn, and Senior Deacon Ralph Milliron. Front row, from left, are Treasurer Wyeth J. Osborne, Secretary Bob Keller, Worshipful Master Kevin Romines, Senior Steward Durward Williams, and Chaplain A.W. Calvert. Not pictured are Junior Steward Randy Stubblefield and Tiler J. Allen Chronister.

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B-25

Field Reunion Association and VFW Post 1657 of Pampa.

Freedom Museum USA, at 600 N. Hobart, was dedicated Aug. 20, 1994. It now serves as national headquarters for the B-25 group.

"The purpose of the group," said Thelma Bray, a charter member of both the B-25 group and the museum, "is to compile and preserve the history of the North

American B-25 Mitchell Bomber, and it's military service; to locate all existing B-25s, both air-worthy and grounded, and to record the service record and history of each aircraft."

They also want to help preservation efforts of B-25 enthusiasts and expand their membership.

Bray said they plan to honor Gen. Jimmy Doolittle and the Tokyo Raiders, who flew the twin-engined bombers off the deck of an

aircraft carrier to bomb Tokyo in 1942 during the early days of World War II.

In 1997, the group got a B-25J on loan from the Marine Corps. The plane was stored at Perry Lefors Airfield until it was moved to Oregon to become part of a memorial there to Doolittle's raiders at the airfield where they trained prior to bombing Japan.

In June 2002, the first bomber was replaced by a B-25D, which now sits behind a fence next to the museum.

REUNION

Center and go on a Downtown Historic Walk, 320 S. Cuyler, or go through the White Deer Land Museum, 116 S. Cuyler.

At 7 p.m., Saturday, will be the PAAF Reunion Association's annual dinner and installation of officers at the Pampa Country Club.

Retired Col. Mike Porter will be master of ceremonies for the program, "Evening of Memories," assisted by

Soren Jensen and Lynn Hulsey.

Ann Jordan Davidson will provide special entertainment, "Forties Piano Music."

John Wunderle will lead the installation of officers, followed by the benediction by Lynn Hulsey.

PAAF Reunion Association officers for 2002-2003 are Blake Laramore, president; Lewis Epps, first vice president; James Baird, second vice president; Billie Laramore, treasurer; and Thelma Bray, secretary.

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He proposed a \$110,000 purchase price. FSI would lease the building for one year at a rate of \$2,500 a month with all lease payments going toward the pur-

chase. FSI would then pay \$80,000 to buy the building.

"They're a pretty strong company," Phillips said.

FSI indicated that it could bring five or six new jobs to the city if it were able to get the building, but Allison noted that the purchase price

is about \$100,000 below the appraisal.

The board decided to counter Gayanich's offer, asking for \$175,000 with a one year lease at \$2,500 a month will all lease payments going toward purchase.

The board also told their attorney, Vanessa Buzzard, to proceed with foreclosure against Crall Products in connection with a real estate loan held by the PEDC.

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METEORS

sunset tonight.

Space officials say the Earthgrazers emerge from the horizon and streak horizontally, skipping through the Earth's atmosphere. They

tend to be slow, bright and colorful, said Bill Cooke of NASA's Space Environments Team at the Marshall Space Flight Center.

"Between 8 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. on August 12th is a good time to look for Perseid

Earthgrazers because," said Cooke, "the constellation Perseus will be hanging low near the northeastern horizon - a good geometry for grazing meteors."

Cooke said Earthgrazers are relatively rare, but he said they are very pretty.

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WATER

Mike Jackson, a landman; Mike Powell, an attorney; and Bob Harden, a hydrologist, to help the landowners with their applications.

"The filing and pursuit of these applications has been very interesting to downstate purchasers (of water)," Stillwell said. "They are seeing much more widespread participation by area landowners and view that as very positive."

Stillwell said that Mesa has met with Satterwhite and con-

tinues to offer water to CRMWA, its member cities and other area towns.

"This is the West Texas Plan which we publicly presented last year in Amarillo and Austin," Stillwell said. "We emphasized to Mr. Satterwhite that there is no reason to work at cross-purposes and that there is plenty of water available for us both to achieve our objectives. He has given no indication of interest in discussing such an arrangement, but we will remain open to the idea."

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TEXAS EDITORIAL

Corporate reform begins within

From the Houston Chronicle:

In his Devil's Dictionary, begun in the 1880s, Ambrose Bierce defined a corporation as "an ingenious device for obtaining individual profit without individual responsibility." One year after passage of the corporate reform legislation known as Sarbanes-Oxley, the definition is only slightly dated.

The Associated Press reports that, according to Bush administration figures, the government has won 250 corporate fraud convictions, charged 354 people with corporate crimes and won more than \$85 million in fines and restitution. Last week, the Citigroup and J.P. Morgan Chase banking institutions agreed to pay fines and disgorge profits of \$308 million for their role in helping Enron misrepresent its finances. Earlier, major security firms agreed to pay \$1.4 billion to settle charges that analysts had made false recommendations to investors in order to curry favor with corporate investment banking clients.

The picture is mixed, however. Two of the central figures in the Enron scandal, Ken Lay and Jeff Skilling, have never been charged. The trials of those who have been indicted and haven't pleaded guilty are months or years off.

The Securities and Exchange Commission, under a new chairman, William H. Donaldson, now requires corporations' chief executive and financial officers to certify the company's financial statements. Never again can corporate chieftains claim they know nothing about grotesque accounting errors, fantasy profits and concealed debts.

The SEC requires corporations to expense stock options and get investor approval for executive compensation packages. Donaldson, however, noted that many company executives and boards have not gotten the message that huge salaries, bonuses and perks are not in the best interests of investors now eager for low-taxed dividends.

Last month the Chronicle reported in its business section that five Houston CEOs were paid more than \$9.5 million in 2002, even though the value of three of the companies had declined appreciably. Two CEOs received more than \$22 million.

Proponents of huge salaries for executives say companies need to pay a lot in order to secure the executives' best efforts. If a CEO is unwilling to give his best for a couple of million a year plus perks, the company may have the wrong person for the job.

True, some CEOs add great value to their companies. That is their job, and the extra value belongs to investors. CEOs shouldn't automatically get tens of millions of dollars extra for doing their job. After all, few CEOs get pay cuts when stock value declines.

The wave of corporate accounting scandals set off by Enron's meltdown has warned investors to be careful where they put their money. Despite new regulations, corporate misdeeds will continue until individual profits for corporate executives and board members are accompanied by individual responsibilities.

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Stop the world and let me off

Is it just me or does it seem like the world has gone completely mad?

Temperatures rage at 100 degrees-plus throughout the northern hemisphere. Texas government screeches to a near standstill because political party loyalty matters more than the business at hand.

California government looks like a circus as they decide to dump their governor and nearly 200 hopefuls - including Arnold "The Terminator" Schwarzenegger - sign up to take his place.

I can't even tell what's happening in Washington for all the blame-throwing, back-biting and self-serving smegma going on.

It's enough to make you want to throw up or at least throw in the towel.

Can anybody stop this world? I'm ready to get off.

While the world in general seems to be whirling out of control, here at home things are pretty good. Vic and I took the 1969 GTX to Summer's Last Blast in Vernon this weekend.

Our daughter Angel, son-in-law Chad and grandkids, Kaitlyn and Brendan, live in Vernon. They host a big get-together each year for this event. It's a great mid-year family time.

This year, more than 1,100 automobiles and trucks from 1978 back signed up for the Saturday Night Cruise.

Families take out their lawn chairs, fire



DEE DEE LARAMORE
EDITOR

up the barbecue, open up the coolers and sit back to watch the hundreds of vehicles travel back and forth the four-mile stretch known as Wilbarger Avenue.

As the parade of cars began, the local radio station broadcast a young college student, originally from Vernon, as he sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

Listening to his beautiful baritone, I scanned the thousands of people lining the road, laughing and smiling. They obviously were having a good time. My eyes filled with tears that I could not stop from flowing.

This is what my son Dave is fighting for in Iraq. He is enduring the 120 to 130 degree heat, sleeping on the ground, long hours of work and then boredom, separation from the people he loves, so that his family and his countrymen can enjoy nights just like this.

He's also enduring these hardships so that the Iraqi people can have the opportunity to have freedom, too.

The Iraqis may or may not be able to take this opportunity. They seem more interested in blaming the Americans for

every problem and expecting the Americans to take care of everything for them than they do in taking this chance to create a free country of their own.

Even as we enjoyed the cruise Saturday, a terrorist fired a rocket propelled grenade into the compound where Dave and his company slept.

Thank you, God - the RPG turned out to be a dud and no one was hurt, but one extremely shaken young man realized how quickly life can be forever changed - or ended.

A couple of weeks ago, County Treasurer Lee Cornelison's mother called me. Someone had asked her why she still had yellow ribbons in her yard.

Quite upset, she couldn't understand why they didn't realize that we still have troops in harm's way that need our support.

Because of my own son, I feel like I'm too close to this subject to be objective.

But the truth is, we still have almost 150,000 troops in Iraq alone, not counting Afghanistan, Bosnia, South Korea and some in Liberia, probably more in the near future.

We must support them. They need to know that we haven't forgotten them. Keep your flags and yellow ribbons flying. Don't stop writing them. Don't stop sending care packages.

They can endure almost anything as long as they know someone cares.



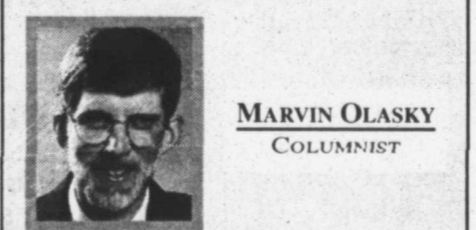
Indian women declare independence

TAMIL NADU, India - Pundits often write of inequalities in America, but they're minor compared to the daily contrasts here. Imagine an America so technologically and economically divided that families living on dirt floors underneath thatched roofs and eating fly-covered rice and vegetables live down the street from homes with high-speed Internet connections. That's India.

But description of that sort is easy. More startling, as India prepares to celebrate its Independence Day next week, on Aug. 15, is the way many women are declaring their independence from traditional subservience. Of the dozens of Indian communities I visited last month, three stand out for me in this regard.

One site was Pandi Koil in Madurai, the great temple city of southeastern India. Three decades ago, the temple was merely a small shack in a sacred grove owned by five families. Then, slowly, it gained a reputation as a place where women, usually in their 40s, could come to twist and shriek, in the assumption that they are temporarily possessed by a male god named Pandi and must come to the temple every Tuesday and Friday for the next 10 weeks.

Pandi Koil has become so popular that five years ago it installed railings like those at theme park rides to keep the crowds in check. Many women troubled by stomach pains or a colicky child vow to Pandi, "If you cure me of this, I will



MARVIN OLASKY
COLUMNIST

come to your temple." If the pains or the crying go away, they come to a place where they don't have to respond to the entreaties of husbands or fathers, but can wail and flail all they want.

Branches of Pandi Koil have now sprung up all over the Indian state of Tamil Nadu, as have over 100 congregations of women called Adhiparashakti. In traditional Hinduism, women are not permitted to offer puja (worship) in a temple's Holy of Holies - but in this new demonation, only women do puja. Ironically, a man - Bangaru Adigalar, now 63, - established the congregation: His devotees address him as "Mother" and say he has merged with the goddess Shakti.

This concept has caught on so quickly that one group in Madurai, which until recently owned merely a memorial stone and several bells, now has a small building decorated with two calendars featuring Adigalar portraits and six other pictures of the guru that depict him with a halo and red marks on his hands and feet. The group next year plans to erect a new, elaborate temple at a cost of 5 million

rupees, or about \$109,000.

That's a lot in an economy where 100 rupees per day - little more than \$2 - is a decent income.

I visited a third empowering site in the poor, Anakaputhur section of Chennai, the city formerly known as Madras. Many women in that area had become economically dependent on tannery work for 50 cents a day, plus the likelihood that their hands would be ruined by acid and their hearts sickened by a daily dose of managerial abuse.

But six years ago, an Indian couple, Samuel and Prema Sundar Raj, started a needlepoint enterprise where young women receive \$2 a day making exquisite tablecloths and napkins. Sometimes, the women talk as they cross-stitch, or receive information about hygiene or nutrition. At other times, someone reads the Bible out loud, as fingers ply the needles.

One woman, Sugila, said this about her new situation: "Before coming here, I was not able to pay school fees for my children. Now, my two children study at school. In days to come, God will work out better things for all of us."

Another young woman, Abya, said she had no father and her mother is a housemaid, so she is happy to be able to help her whole family. Others - Jaya, Stella, Mymuna, Rajkumarai, Selvi and Radha - noted similarly that they had been touched by hope.

TODAY IN HISTORY

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 12, the 224th day of 2003. There are 141 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:
 Fifty years ago, on Aug. 12, 1953, the Soviet Union conducted a secret test of its first hydrogen bomb.
 On this date:
 In 1851, Isaac Singer was granted a patent on his sewing machine.
 In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.
 In 1898, the peace protocol ending the Spanish-American War was signed.
 In 1898, Hawaii was formally annexed to the United States.
 In 1944, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

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DEAR ABBY

written by Pauline Phillips and daughter Jeanne Phillips

Herpes Is Unwelcome Souvenir From Husband's Tour Abroad

DEAR ABBY: I am a 22-year-old mother of two. Until two months ago, I was happily married. During his last overseas tour, my husband contracted herpes-2. He claims he was under the influence and the woman took "unfair" advantage of him.

I don't know if I'm more upset that he wasn't capable of controlling the situation, or the fact he had unprotected sex with a stranger and then with me. I feel robbed, not only of my trust and the sanctity of our marriage, but also of my dignity, my self-image and my future.

I have decided to stay in this marriage. How could anyone else love me if he knew? I have drilled my husband with accusations and questions. How can we put this behind us and have a happy marriage again? Every time I have an outbreak, I'm reminded of what he did to us. Now, because I loved and trusted my husband, I must live with this for the rest of my life. Can you help me to heal my heart — or should I just leave?

CANT FORGET

DEAR CANT FORGET: According to the American Social Health Association (ASHA), more than one in five Americans over the age of 12 are infected with herpes-2.

Although you may feel isolated in having this problem, nothing could be further from the truth. ASHA has a wealth of information available on this subject, and support groups as well. Please call the National Herpes Hotline for information and referrals in your area. It operates from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (EST). The number is (919) 361-8488. The Web site is www.ashastd.org.

I sincerely hope you and your husband can overcome this marital crisis. But if the only reason you're staying in your marriage is that you think no one else would want you because you have herpes, that's the wrong reason for staying.

Marriage counseling would be very helpful to you and your spouse. He behaved irresponsibly, but it doesn't have to be the end of your marriage. Other marriages have survived this. With work and forgiveness on both of your parts, yours might, too.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my mid-80s, and recently a family member died. When I read his obituary in the newspaper I was amazed at how much I learned about him. I later was told he had written his own obituary. No other family member could have recalled all the relevant facts regarding his life.

My wife — very delicately — asked my opinion about writing your own obituary. At first I was taken aback. But after thinking it over, I told her I felt it was an important thing to do. Most of us have prepared our trusts and wills to distribute our estates after we're gone — and that is not upsetting to us.

Abby, what do you think about people writing their own obituaries?

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DEAR MURRAY: I can't think of a better way for people to "maximize their positives" and "minimize their negatives." Not only that, but a person then has the rest of his or her lifetime to polish, edit and update the document. Talk about the ultimate opportunity for creative writing! (And you have the last word.)

DEAR ABBY: I'm curious, are there any statistics on the success rate of couples who have been divorced and remarried the same spouse? My ex-husband and I are getting reacquainted. We were married for 20 years and have been divorced for two. We have both changed, but I'm nervous about the prospect of returning to what I worked so hard to escape. What do you think?

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DEAR UNCERTAIN: I don't have the statistics, but I'll ask my readers if their remarriages have worked. Readers?

P.S. Unless you and your former husband have extensive premarital counseling to ensure that the issues that drove you apart have been resolved, I'd advise against it.

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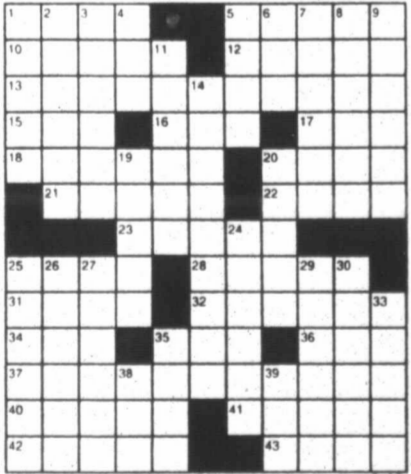
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Harvesters coming together for 2003 season

By L.D. STRATE
Sports Editor

PAMPA — Head coach Heath Parker likes the way things are coming together for the Pampa High football team after a week of workouts.

"This senior class is a very dedicated bunch. They seem driven to have the best season possible," Parker said. "The spirit on this team has been great."

The Harvesters will kick off the 2003 season at home Aug. 29 against the Perryton Rangers.

The first scrimmage date is Aug. 21 against the Frenship Tigers at the Tulia High School field. The scrimmage moved from Aug. 23 because of a school conflict.

"Frenship will be a good start for us because they always seem to have a good team," coach Parker said. "They're ranked in the top 20 this year."

The junior varsity and freshmen teams scrimmage at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity

at 8 p.m.

Going into the second week of practice, Parker has been particularly impressed with the work ethic of senior linemen Michael Shaw and Sergio Alva.

"These are two guys who probably won't start, but they've got the hardest job in my opinion of anyone on the team. The guys who don't play much, but are out there everyday trying their very best," Parker said. "They play on the scout team and they prepare the starters. That's what makes a team."

Senior Johnny Moore and junior Tyler Doughty are battling for the quarterback spot, left vacant by graduated senior John Braddock, who threw for 2,857 yards and 23 touchdowns a year ago.

"We're going with a no-huddle style. We want a 50-50 pass-run offense this season. We feel like we're going to have a good enough running game to keep the pass defense honest," Parker said. "Nowadays, if a team is pass-

it looks like they're passing every down."

Senior running backs Andrew Curtis and Derek Lewis are No. 1 on the depth chart so far.

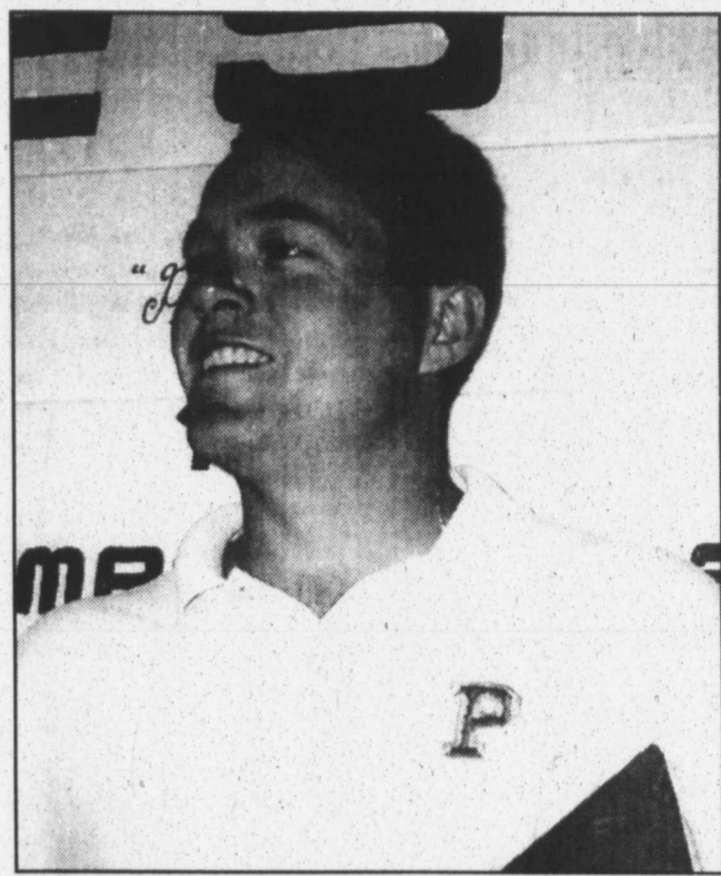
Senior offensive lineman Marcos DeLeon, junior defensive end Brittin East, senior receiver Jesse Tarango, senior safety Joe Meraz, and Lewis at running back have been impressive in recent workouts, says Parker.

Parker also likes the way junior Mark Williams is looking at mike linebacker.

"Mark has the potential to be the best player we've had that position in a long time. He's doing a fantastic job," Parker pointed out.

Junior Seth Foster, who started at fullback a year ago, will also be handling the kicking chores.

Upcoming events for the Pampa players are the Harvester Pool Party (Aug. 15 at Pampa Country Club) and Meet the Harvesters (Aug. 22 at Harvester Stadium).



(Photo by Billie Dixon)

Pampa head coach Heath Parker addresses the Harvester Booster club Monday night. Coach Parker talked about the practice schedule and an intrasquad scrimmage this Friday night as the team gets ready for an Aug. 21 scrimmage with Frenship.

NOTEBOOK

GOLF

PAMPA — The Pampel Golf Scramble will be held on Thursday and is open to the public.

Golfers need to check in by 5:30 p.m. for the 6 p.m. start.

Entry fee is \$10 for non-members. Carts are available to rent at \$5 per person.

In case of a tie, the pot rolls over to the next scramble. Winner takes all.

The scramble is limited to the first 40 entries.

PAMPA — The Pampa Lions Club Day-Night Golf Scramble will be held Friday, Aug. 22 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The scramble is Pampa's only day-night tournament.

There will be shotgun start-registration at 5:30 p.m. Aug. 22 for the four-person scramble. Hamburger and drinks will be provided.

The format will have only one player per team with a 9 or less handicap. Team handicap will be 50 or more.

Entry fee is \$45, which include cart, green fees and "glow ball."

Contact David Teichmann at Hidden Hills for 806-669-5866 if more information is needed.

HUNTING

AMARILLO — The Texas Youth Hunting Program is accepting applications for this year's hunting seasons for people ages 9 to 17 to take part in hunts in the Panhandle.

Local landowners will host two dove hunts and four deer hunts this fall. Hunting spaces are limited and an application is required for each hunt.

Dove hunts will be Sept. 20-21. Cost is \$25.

Deer hunts will be Oct. 25 to Oct. 27 and Jan. 17 and 18. Cost of the weekend hunts is \$65, covering both the young hunter and a mandatory guardian.

For more information and an application, call Lynn McClure at (806) 355-9223.

BASEBALL

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — It's never too late for a winning streak.

Todd Greene hit a two-run homer and Joaquin Benoit threw five strong relief innings Monday night, leading the Texas Rangers to a 9-3 win over the Detroit Tigers.

It was the Rangers' seventh victory in 10 games in August.

"We finished last the last three years," Greene said. "When you're 20 games out, you still have to find things to achieve."

Texas broke the game open with a five-run fifth inning, aided by a double error charged to Detroit center fielder Alex Sanchez.

Flashback

2000: Tandi Morton and Beth Lee each won two events in leading Pampa to first place at the Borger Girls Relays.

Morton won both the 100 and 300-meter hurdles. Lee was victorious in the 800 and 1600-meter runs.

PHS Volleyball Schedule

2003 Pampa High Volleyball Schedule

Aug.
16 - Plainview, 10 a.m. away; 19 - Estacado & River Road, 5 p.m., at River Road; 22-23 — Borger Tournament; 26 - Borger, 6 p.m. away; 29-30 — Coca-Cola Classic, at Plainview.

Sept.
2 - Fort Elliott, 6 p.m. home; 5-6 — Seminole Tournament; *9-Randall, 6 p.m. home; *13-Plainview, 2 p.m. away; *16-Hereford, 6 p.m. home; *20-Palo Duro, 2 p.m. away; *Dumas - 6 p.m. home; *River Road, 2 p.m. away; 30-Caprock, 6 p.m. away.

Oct.
*4-Randall, 2 p.m. away; *7-Plainview, 6 p.m. home; *11-Hereford, 2 p.m. away; *14-Palo Duro, 6 p.m. home; *18-Dumas, 2 p.m. away; *25-Caprock, 2 p.m. home.

Baylor prexy says no booster paid players

WACO, Texas (AP) — While most of the Baylor basketball team is deciding whether to stay with a program now on self-imposed probation for NCAA violations, at least three players have agreed to return.

"Because no matter what, postseason or not, we're going to be able to play against great players in the Big 12," senior Matt Sayman said Monday.

"... And it's just the honor. We have nothing to lose, so we're just going to go and play hard and try to gain people's respect as we go and get a couple of wins along the way."

He said two others have also

decided not to transfer.

Sayman said he knew nothing about his teammates receiving money or taking drugs, two major violations that led to Friday's resignations of basketball coach Dave Bliss and athletic director Tom Stanton.

Baylor president Robert Sloan said school investigators discovered that Bliss was involved in two players' receiving improper financial aid and that staff members did not properly report failed drug tests by players.

At a news conference after a 2 1/2-hour meeting with the team and parents Monday, Sloan declined to say where the two

players received tuition money but said it was not from a booster. He said university accounts were being audited.

"Thus far, I have no knowledge of any booster money being involved in improper payments," Sloan said. "... I know of absolutely no evidence of a slush fund."

Allegations of NCAA violations surfaced after the mid-June disappearance of basketball player Patrick Dennehy, whose body was found July 25 in a field near a rock quarry southeast of town. He died of gunshot wounds to the head, according to a preliminary autopsy report.

Happy in Houston, Banks still irked by treatment in Dallas

HOUSTON (AP) — When Tony Banks scans the Texas Stadium sidelines Friday night when Houston visits for a pre-season game, he won't see the Cowboys coaching staff that suddenly dumped him two training camps ago.

He will see the man he still blames for it.

"That's the only one who matters out there. That owner," Banks said of Cowboys' boss Jerry Jones, who was behind the decision two years ago Thursday to release Banks and hand the reins to rookie Quincy Carter.

Coach Dave Campo had been steadfast that Banks was his starting quarterback until Aug. 13, 2001, when he suddenly changed his tune to match Jones' assertion that the job was open. Banks was gone the next day and signed with the Redskins, where he ended

up supplanting Jeff George and started 14 games for the Redskins.

Washington lost both games against the Cowboys that year and Banks was a free agent again after the season. Banks signed with the Texans during training camp last summer, but never took a regular season snap. He was on the sidelines when he finally got a measure of revenge last September when Houston shocked Dallas 19-10 in its inaugural game.

Banks' juices still get flowing when he sees silver and blue, even if current coach Bill Parcells and his staff had nothing to do with his plight in 2001.

"I had a little pep in my step (Aug. 2) when we went out and scrimmaged them. I want to play well against them and kind of rub it in their faces

a little bit," Banks said, then reconsidered his words. "Not all of their faces. There's only one guy out there I have any ill feelings for."

Jones, whose team has struggled at quarterback since Banks' departure, declined to shoot back.

"I wish Tony Banks well, I'd like to respond that way," the usually loquacious owner said.

Despite not stepping on the field during a regular season game last season — rookie David Carr took every snap — Banks gladly re-upped with the Texans even though the same thing could happen again.

"I just turned 30, I'm in the best shape of my career and I'm throwing the ball as well as I ever have," the seven-year veteran out of Michigan State said. "Who knows what's

going to happen this year? God willing, David takes all the snaps this year — he's a great talent and he can take this team on to bigger and better things.

"I still think I've got a few starting years left in front of me, though, and I think this staff feels that way."

Before last season, Banks had participated in 82 of 96 possible games and started 75 of those in St. Louis, Baltimore and Washington. He has a career 54 percent completion rate with 71 touchdowns and 68 interceptions.

Coach Dom Capers appreciates having someone with Banks' experience holding a

clipboard on the sidelines.

"He's a professional," Capers said. "We don't have a lot of guys with a lot of experience on our offense, and he handles the situation very well. He's certainly good to have in quarterback meetings and he's good to have here because you never know, you're always one play away from being in there and you have to be ready to go."

Maybe a chance to start for another team will come up next season, Banks said, but for the meantime, he's pleased to be a Texan.

"There were a couple of other opportunities out there," Banks said.

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Wood gets 1,000th strikeout, but Cubs fall further behind in NL Central Division race

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press Writer

A milestone night for Kerry Wood turned into a missed opportunity for the Chicago Cubs.

Wood became the fastest pitcher in major league history to reach 1,000 strikeouts, but Wade Miller allowed just one run in six innings and the Houston Astros beat the Cubs 3-1 Monday night.

By winning the opener of a crucial four-game series at Wrigley Field, NL Central-leading Houston remained two games ahead of St. Louis. The Cardinals defeated Pittsburgh 6-4.

The third-place Cubs trail by 3 1/2.

According to research historian Ed Hartig, Roger Clemens needed 143 games to reach 1,000 strikeouts. It took Wood just 134.

That was of little consolation for Wood (11-9), however, after he allowed three runs over seven innings.

"I got outpitched. This means nothing right now," Wood said of his strikeouts. "We're chasing a pennant and we lost a big game."

In other NL games Monday, Los Angeles defeated Florida 9-3 and Montreal beat Colorado 3-1.

Wood's 1,000th strikeout victim was Jeff Kent in the seventh, but Kent had already made an impact with

a two-run double that opened the scoring in the fifth. The Astros' second baseman went 1-for-4 and is now 11-for-23 with 12 RBIs in his career against Wood.

"You just try to get as many scrape runs as you can because he's not going to give you very many," Kent said. "He's a heck of a pitcher. We had to have our 'A' game against him today."

Miller (9-10) wasn't quite as dominant as in his last start at Wrigley, when he pitched a two-hitter and struck out 14 on May 30. But he held the Cubs to five hits, striking out nine.

"The crowd really gets into it, so you've just got to bear down and pitch your game," Miller said. "This is a very big series — coming in here with four games. It's big to win the first one."

Octavio Dotel pitched two scoreless innings, and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his 34th save in 37 chances for the Astros.

Sammy Sosa doubled in the sixth, moved to third on a single by Aramis Ramirez and scored on an RBI single by Eric Karros for Chicago's only run.

Craig Biggio's 10th homer, a drive off Kyle Farnsworth that hit the left-field foul pole, made it 3-1 in the ninth.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 4
Albert Pujols and Bo Hart homered in the first inning at PNC Park, and St. Louis held on to beat Pittsburgh.

Jim Edmonds twice threw out runners at the plate, including Abraham Nunez in the eighth with the potential go-ahead run on base. The Pirates had four consecutive singles in the eighth, yet didn't score.

Miguel Cairo and Scott Rolan also homered for the Cardinals, who hit four solo homers in the first four innings off Kip Wells (5-6) a night after hitting three solo shots in beating the Atlanta Braves 3-2.

Pujols extended his hitting streak to 25 games.

Dodgers 9, Marlins 3
Dontrelle Willis retired only six batters and gave up seven runs, including a three-run homer by Adrian Beltre that helped Los Angeles win at Florida.

In a rare show of offense by the Dodgers, their first eight hitters reached base in the third inning as they scored six times.

Willis (11-3) lasted only two-plus innings, matching his shortest outing.

Odalis Perez (8-9) allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings.

Expos 3, Rockies 1
Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and Zach Day (6-4) pitched six strong innings to lead Montreal over Colorado.

Montreal, which returned from a 1-5 road trip, improved to 27-16 at Olympic Stadium.

Jason Jennings (10-10) got the loss.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL
National League
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
All Times EDT
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	76	41	.650	—
Philadelphia	64	53	.547	12
Florida	64	54	.542	12 1/2
Montreal	60	59	.504	17
New York	48	69	.410	28

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	54	.542	—
St. Louis	62	56	.525	2
Chicago	60	57	.513	3 1/2
Pittsburgh	54	62	.466	9
Cincinnati	52	65	.444	11 1/2
Milwaukee	46	71	.393	17 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	73	44	.624	—
Arizona	62	55	.530	11
Los Angeles	61	56	.521	12
Colorado	60	61	.496	15
San Diego	46	73	.387	28

Sunday's Games

Milwaukee 5, Florida 4
Houston 8, Montreal 2
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 3
San Francisco 5, Philadelphia 2
Chicago Cubs 3, Los Angeles 1
Arizona 7, N.Y. Mets 4
San Diego 2, Cincinnati 0
St. Louis 3, Atlanta 2

Monday's Games

Montreal 3, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 9, Florida 3
St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 4
Houston 3, Chicago Cubs 1

Tuesday's Games

Colorado (Tso 2-0) at Montreal (Ohka 8-10), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Tomko 8-7) at Pittsburgh (Fogg 6-6), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Nomo 13-9) at Florida (Beckett 5-6), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (W.Franklin 7-9) at Philadelphia (Duckworth 4-6), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ponson 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Heilman 1-5), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Schilling 5-6) at Cincinnati (P.Wilson 6-9), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Eaton 6-8) at Atlanta (Maddux 11-8), 7:35 p.m.
Houston (Redding 8-9) at Chicago Cubs (Zambrano 10-8), 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Houston (Robertson 11-5) at Chicago Cubs (Estes 7-9), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Jarvis 4-4) at Atlanta (Hampton 9-5), 7:05 p.m.
Colorado (Stark 1-0) at Montreal (Vazquez 9-8), 7:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 3-9) at Florida (Pavano 9-10), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Fassero 1-6) at Pittsburgh (Meadows 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 10-9) at Philadelphia (Millwood 11-8), 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco (J.Williams 5-2) at N.Y. Mets (Trachsel 10-7), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Batista 7-6) at Cincinnati (Bale 0-0), 7:10 p.m.

American League
At A Glance

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East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	70	46	.603	—
Boston	68	50	.576	3
Toronto	59	59	.500	12
Baltimore	57	60	.487	13 1/2
Tampa Bay	46	71	.393	24 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	63	54	.538	—
Chicago	62	56	.525	1 1/2
Minnesota	61	57	.517	2 1/2
Cleveland	50	69	.420	14
Detroit	30	86	.259	32 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	71	47	.602	—
Oakland	68	50	.576	3
Anaheim	55	63	.466	16
Texas	52	66	.441	19

Sunday's Games

Texas 5, Toronto 4
Cleveland 3, Anaheim 1
Minnesota 4, Detroit 3
Seattle 8, N.Y. Yankees 6
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 3
Baltimore 5, Boston 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Oakland 1

Monday's Games

Tampa Bay 4, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 5, Cleveland 3
Texas 9, Detroit 3
Kansas City 12, N.Y. Yankees 9
Toronto 5, Seattle 3
Anaheim 10, Chicago White Sox 8
Oakland 4, Boston 0

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Lopez 5-6) at Tampa Bay (Bell 2-2), 7:15 p.m.
Cleveland (Traber 6-6) at Minnesota (Reed 5-11), 8:05 p.m.
Detroit (Bonderman 5-15) at Texas (Dominguez 0-0), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Mussina 12-6) at Kansas City (May 5-5), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Halladay 16-3) at Seattle (Garcia 9-12), 10:05 p.m.
Boston (Burke 9-5) at Oakland (Zito 8-10), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Cotts 0-0) at Anaheim (Ra Ortiz 13-9), 10:05 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Baltimore (Helling 7-8) at Tampa Bay (Gonzalez 5-5), 2:15 p.m.
Detroit (Maroth 6-16) at Texas (Dickey 6-5), 8:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Ja.Davis 7-9) at Minnesota (Santana 6-3), 8:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Weaver 6-8) at Kansas City (Appier 7-8), 8:05 p.m.
Toronto (Thurman 1-1) at Seattle (R.Franklin 8-10), 10:05 p.m.

p.m.
Boston (Lowe 11-6) at Oakland (Mulder 15-8), 10:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Buehrle 10-11) at Anaheim (Washburn 9-11), 10:05 p.m.

TODAY'S MAJOR LEAGUE LEADERS

By The Associated Press
NATIONAL LEAGUE
BATTING—Pujols, St. Louis, .367; Helton, Colorado, .354; Bonds, San Francisco, .335; Sheffield, Atlanta, .334; Renteria, St. Louis, .329; Loretta, San Diego, .325; Vidro, Montreal, .320.
RUNS—Helton, Colorado, 106; Pujols, St. Louis, 102; Furcal, Atlanta, 95; Sheffield, Atlanta, 95; Bonds, San Francisco, 85; AJones, Atlanta, 82; Bagwell, Houston, 78.
RBI—PrWilson, Colorado, 112; Pujols, St. Louis, 102; Lowell, Florida, 96; Helton, Colorado, 96; Sheffield, Atlanta, 91; Sexson, Milwaukee, 86; AJones, Atlanta, 85.
HITS—Pujols, St. Louis, 162; Helton, Colorado, 157; Pierre, Florida, 145; Renteria, St. Louis, 145; PrWilson, Colorado, 140; L.Castillo, Florida, 139; Sheffield, Atlanta, 139.
DOUBLES—Pujols, St. Louis, 42; ShGreen, Los Angeles, 41; MGiles, Atlanta, 37; PrWilson, Colorado, 37; Helton, Colorado, 37; LGonzalez, Arizona, 36; Biggio, Houston, 34.
TRIPLES—Furcal, Atlanta, 8; CPatterson, Chicago, 7; SFinley, Arizona, 7; LWalker, Colorado, 7; Wigginton, New York, 6; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 6; 7 are tied with 5.
HOME RUNS—Bonds, San Francisco, 35; Pujols, St. Louis, 32; Sexson, Milwaukee, 32; Lowell, Florida, 31; J.Lopez, Atlanta, 31; PrWilson, Colorado, 29; AJones, Atlanta, 29; Edmonds, St. Louis, 29; Sheffield, Atlanta, 29.
STOLEN BASES—Pierre, Florida, 55; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 29; Renteria, St. Louis, 25; Podsednik, Milwaukee, 23; Lofton, Chicago, 23; EYoung, Milwaukee, 22; OCabrera, Montreal, 20.
PITCHING (12 Decisions)—Willis, Florida, 11-3, .786, 3.10; RuOrtiz, Atlanta, 16-5, .762, 3.46; Reitsma, Cincinnati, 9-3, .750, 4.04; Schmidt, San Francisco, 12-4, .750, 2.32; WWilliams, St. Louis, 14-5, .737, 3.44; Robertson, Houston, 11-5, .687, 4.70; Simontacchi, St. Louis, 8-4, .667, 5.99; HRamirez, Atlanta, 8-4, .667, 4.15; Prior, Chicago, 10-5, .667, 2.76; MRedman, Florida, 10-5, .667, 2.82.
STRIKEOUTS—Wood, Chicago, 201; JVazquez, Montreal, 174; Prior, Chicago, 165; Schmidt, San Francisco, 153; Nomo, Los Angeles, 140; KBrown, Los Angeles, 135; Wolf, Philadelphia, 133.
SAVES—Smoltz, Atlanta, 42; Gagne, Los Angeles, 39; Wagner, Houston, 34; Biddle, Montreal, 28; Worrell, San Francisco, 25; MWilliams, Philadelphia, 25; Loooper, Florida, 23.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—Isuzuki, Seattle, .339; Mueller, Boston, .327; GarciaParra, Boston, .324; Bradley, Cleveland, .321; Blalock, Texas, .319; MOrdonez, Chicago, .319; ShStewart, Minnesota, .316.
RUNS—GarciaParra, Boston, 92; CDelgado, Toronto, 92; Wells, Toronto, 91; ARodriguez, Texas, 88; MRamirez, Boston, 87; ISuzuki, Seattle, 86; BBoone, Seattle, 83.
RBI—CDelgado, Toronto, 112; Wells, Toronto, 98; GAnderson, Anaheim, 94; BBoone, Seattle, 92; JaGiambi, New York, 91; Matsui, New York, 84; GarciaParra, Boston, 82.
HITS—Isuzuki, Seattle, 167; GarciaParra, Boston, 158; Wells, Toronto, 154; MYong, Texas, 150; GAnderson, Anaheim, 149; MOrdonez, Chicago, 140; Matsui, New York, 139.
DOUBLES—Huff, Tampa Bay, 41; GAnderson, Anaheim, 39; Mueller, Boston, 36; Wells, Toronto, 35; Matsui, New York, 34; Bradley, Cleveland, 34; MOrdonez, Chicago, 34.
TRIPLES—GarciaParra, Boston, 12; CGuzman, Minnesota, 10; MYong, Texas, 8; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 7; Bynes, Oakland, 7; Rivas, Minnesota, 7; Nixon, Boston, 6; DYoung, Detroit, 6.
HOME RUNS—JaGiambi, New York, 34; CDelgado, Toronto, 32; ARodriguez, Texas, 31; Wells, Toronto, 29; BBoone, Seattle, 29; Thomas, Chicago, 28; RPalmeiro, Texas, 28.
STOLEN BASES—Crawford, Tampa Bay, 34; Beltran, Kansas City, 30; ISuzuki, Seattle, 28; ASoriano, New York, 28; ASanchez, Detroit, 26; Damon, Boston, 22; Baldelli, Tampa Bay, 18; BRoberts, Baltimore, 18.
PITCHING (12 Decisions)—Halladay, Toronto, 16-3, .842, 3.40; DWells, New York, 12-3, .800, 3.91; Loaiza, Chicago, 15-5, .750, 2.24; Hawkins, Minnesota, 9-3, .750, 2.33; Moyer, Seattle, 15-5, .750, 3.50; THudson, Oakland, 11-4, .733, 2.51; Ponson, Baltimore, 14-6, .700, 3.77.
STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 155; Clemens, New York, 154; Mussina, New York, 146; Halladay, Toronto, 139; Loaiza, Chicago, 135; Colon, Chicago, 133; Pettitte, New York, 133.
SAVES—Julio, Baltimore, 29; Foulke, Oakland, 28; Guardado, Minnesota, 27; Urbina, Texas, 26; MacDougal, Kansas City, 25; DBaez, Cleveland, 25; MRivera, New York, 23; Percival, Anaheim, 23.

BASKETBALL

Women's National Basketball Association
At A Glance

By The Associated Press
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Detroit	20	8	.714	—
Charlotte	16	12	.571	4
Cleveland	14	14	.500	6
Connecticut	14	14	.500	6
Indiana	13	15	.464	7
New York	12	15	.444	7 1/2
Washington	7	21	.250	13

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	19	9	.679	—
Los Angeles	19	10	.655	1/2
Seattle	16	11	.593	2 1/2
Minnesota	16	13	.552	3 1/2
Sacramento	15	14	.517	4 1/2
San Antonio	10	19	.345	9 1/2
Phoenix	6	22	.214	13

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Sunday's Games

Cleveland 71, Indiana 67
Detroit 90, New York 87, OT
Houston 69, Phoenix 46

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

New York at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Game

Detroit at Phoenix, 10 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON GRAY COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT PROPOSED BUDGET

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

The Gray County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for the 2004 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held at a meeting to begin at 7:30 a.m. on August 22, 2003 at the Gray County Appraisal District offices, 815 North Sumner, Pampa, Texas.

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

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$521,169.

The total increase over the current year's budget is \$7,022.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cowboys' Allen sidelined with sore ankle

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dallas offensive lineman Larry Allen missed practice Monday because of a swollen right ankle, another possible setback for the seven-time Pro Bowler who played just five games last season.

"I don't think that he has an ankle problem, but I am concerned about him," coach Bill Parcells said. "He has to get his stamina to the point where he can play more than a few plays."

Allen's right ankle was heavily wrapped while he worked out with a trainer on

the side during the team's only workout Monday. The 6-foot-3, 335-pound lineman did stretching exercises and rode a stationary bicycle.

Allen limped noticeably as he left the field after practice. He refused to answer questions.

Surgery on his left ankle ended Allen's 2002 season. He had been limited in summer workouts before the season because of shoulder surgery on his left rotator cuff.

Allen played 18 snaps in the Cowboys' preseason opener Saturday at Arizona.

Parcells and owner Jerry Jones said there was no indication after the game he was hurt.

Parcells said Monday that the ankle "just puffed up" on the 6-foot-3, 335-pound lineman.

"When he's been in there, he's been OK. Hopefully, we can progress from here," Parcells said.

"I'm hoping he can sustain enough during the rest of camp and get enough time in preseason games to get himself ready to go."



1 Public Notice
THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Gray
TO: ZACK GERCKEN
Respondent(s)
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, County of Gray, Texas, at the Courthouse thereof, Pampa, Texas, by filing written answer, at or on or before 10 o'clock a.m. on the Monday next after expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then there to answer the petition of KIM COX filed said Court on the 5th of August, 2003, against ZACK GERCKEN, Respondent(s) and said being numbered 3301 of the docket of said Court and entitled:
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THE STATE OF TEXAS
County of Gray
TO: ZACK GERCKEN,
Respondent(s)
GREETINGS:
YOU ARE HEREBY
COMMANDED to appear before the Honorable District Court, 223rd Judicial District, Gray County, Texas, at or before 10 o'clock a.m. of the Monday next after the expiration of twenty days from the date of service of this citation then and there to answer the Petition of KIM COX filed in said Court on the 5th day of August, 2003, against ZACK GERCKEN, Respondent(s) and said suit being numbered 33019 on the docket of said Court, and entitled:
IN THE INTEREST OF

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EMMA RILEE SWINT, A CHILD
the nature of which suit is a request FOR MANAGING CONSERVATOR
Said child EMMA RILEE SWINT was born on the 11th day of December, 2001, in AMARILLO, TEXAS
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Gray County, Texas
P.O. Box 1139
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By:
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Genesis House impacting young lives for the better

This article is one in a series of articles of profiles on the agencies and organizations supported by Pampa United Way. This information is being provided by Pampa United Way as part of its 2003 "50 Years of Caring and Still Going Strong" fund-raising campaign.



Genesis House is a licensed substance abuse treatment facility for troubled teens, providing them a chance to rebuild their lives in a home-like environment. In the past year, Genesis House has served 27 clients in its adolescent residential program in addition to 216 family members. Genesis House provides help to those who are struggling with issues related to drug and alcohol use. Residents have been admitted from nine Panhandle counties during the past year.

Genesis House is a United Way agency, entering its 32nd year of operation, helping in community-sponsored programs such as the annual Postal Workers' Food Drive and Pampa ISD's Summer Lunch in the Park Program. GH also holds membership in the local Adopt-A-Park program, sponsoring Bueckler Park. GH residents' participation in these types of projects not only improves the quality of life in Pampa, but encourages them to become civic-minded and better citizens of

their home communities.

GH provides an opportunity for those in need of residential treatment to develop the skills necessary to become a productive member of society. The highly structured program encourages the client to develop good decision making skills, positive study and work habits, and identifies behaviors that are destructive to both physical and mental health.

The service provided by GH is not measured solely by the number who enter the program, but by the lifelong changes that result for the client as well as their family members. As with other agencies assisted by UW funding, GH depends on your help to continue serving those in need.

A case example: Vicki is the youngest of three children and her parents divorced when she was 8-years-old. She moved from one parent to another but lived mainly with her mother where she was left unsupervised most of the time.

By the time Vicki entered seventh grade, her father re-

entered his daughter's life, and she moved in with him since she wasn't getting along with her mother.

Vicki began to have multiple problems in and out of school. She bullied, threatened and intimidated others. She initiated physical fights, causing bodily injury, was charged with assault and was put on probation.

She began to be more defiant, violating the rules of society and often missed school. She began using marijuana by the time she was 13 and a year later, cocaine. She would use both drugs on a regular basis or sometimes every day, whenever she got frustrated.

Her behavior caused significant impairments in her social and academic functioning. She was never remorseful of her past activities, but eventually had to face the consequences of her behavior. She was placed in a detention center and was eventually sent to Genesis House for residential treatment.

Vicki entered the residential program as a young lady portraying independence with a tough image, but one could tell by the look in her eyes that she was crying for help.

While in treatment, she learned to control her anger, respect authority, take responsibility for her actions and accept the consequences of her actions. She also received education dealing with family dynamics.

Extensive individual and

group counseling taught her about the dangers of drugs, alcohol, HIV/AIDS and STDs. Vicki was assigned home chores, had supervised attendance at school and took part in varied recreational activities.

Not only did her self-esteem improve, but with after-school tutorials and supervised study time, so did her school grades. She was consistently on the AB honor roll.

After five months at GH, Vicki graduated from the program and returned home with the confidence that she and her family could resolve issues openly, honestly and calmly, without returning to drug use or aggressive behavior.

Since Vicki's successful completion of the program and return home, she has continued to live a drug-free lifestyle. Vicki wrote the following letter to the staff of GH.

Dear Genesis House,

Just thought I'd write this letter to let you all know how I am doing. So far so good! But if there is one thing that was harder than getting help, it would be trying to live a life without drugs.

Sometimes I feel the urge to just curl up and cry and all the crazy thoughts start to come back, and I find myself wanting to fall into the hole I once dug for myself.

At those times, when I reach that point, I realize that my life isn't like that any more, and it doesn't ever have to be

that way again. I start to remember how I wasted time thinking that drugs would somehow fill the emptiness I once felt.

Now, looking back, I see that no drug could ever fill the emptiness in one's life. It's weird how when I was there with you all I saw this, but the reality of it didn't really hit me until I was back where it all began, until I stood in the shoes of one who was once completely overwhelmed by life alone and once felt there was no purpose for trying to save a life, the life that belonged to me.

When I got here, I admit I was happy to be back, but I had this feeling that there was something missing, and, come to figure out, it was my "safe ground." Genesis House was that safe ground for me, and to be set free to do what I wanted was not a familiar feeling.

All the pain and misery that once took the front seat in my control cart very slowly wanted to creep up on me along with feelings of being selfish and worthless. But there was absolutely no way that I would let the first day of my new life fall to pieces nor any other day after that.

Every time something like this starts to happen, I remind myself that I got the chance to start over, and that is what I did. I came home with a new perspective on life and a renewed heart, along with skills to tackle challenges that would eventually arise.

I spent plenty of time prac-

ticing how to handle moments like these, and now it's the real thing and 10 times harder, but, yet, I still manage to get through the day, the week, the month, and hopefully one day I can the year, but today is all I'm worried about.

One big thing I did learn at Genesis is that by living one day at a time, I will live all the days of my life. There will be no one that can stop me.

Things get hard, but I will not let that make me the victim who says, "Nothing good ever happens, I guess I'll be a loser all my life." I let things that are hard make me a survivor who says, "Yeah, things get hard, bad things happen, but that will be what drives me to work harder to accomplish great things in life because when it's over I'll know I DID IT!"

As words of wisdom to all the residents, I can say that things will be a rough battle when they are ready to step foot out into the free, but it is up to each and every one of them whether or not it is a battle they win or lose.

No matter who they are, each one of them has the potential to overcome difficulties in life. That potential can be found in the palm of each and every of their hands. Whether it is used or not is a choice.

Change is all a process of being willing. Yes, it is hard, but yet it can be done! I wish the residents luck and wish them the best. Take care! Hope to hear from you all soon!

Sincerely, Vicki

Wildfire in Glacier Park flares up again

WEST GLACIER, Mont. (AP) — A backfire set by firefighters to contain a reinvigorated blaze in Glacier National Park seemed to be stemming the voracious appetite of the flames.

Apgar Village, at the southern end of Lake

McDonald about two miles north of West Glacier, was evacuated Monday, a week after it reopened.

"We're trying to remind everybody that we're taking this a day at a time," park spokeswoman Amy Vanderbilt said Monday.

The evacuation area is about 10 miles north of West Glacier, the park's gateway town that had been threatened by the fire for more than a week in late July and early August.

High winds and hot temperatures have given added life to the wildfire, now estimated at more than 36,600 acres. Some campgrounds, a lodge and private houses were evacuated late Sunday as winds kicked the fire up again.

Elsewhere in Montana, a wildfire that began with a lightning strike Friday near Big Timber, about 70 miles west of Billings, had tripled in size to about 34,000 acres and forced the evacuation of some 50 homes.

The blaze was threatening another 70 homes, after burning six outbuildings. More evacuations were in progress Monday night, said fire information officer Pat McKelvey.

He said the fire crews faced extreme fire behavior Monday and were dealing with a forest as dry as it's ever been. The fire has "extreme growth potential," McKelvey said.

Another fire about 20 miles east of Eureka was estimated at 27,525 acres Monday. And a new wildfire in the Swan Valley grew to 4,000 acres by late Monday, forcing residents in 17 area homes to be ready to evacuate.

After burning for 45 days, fire bosses expressed optimism that Washington state's largest wildfire could be fully contained by late Tuesday.

The blaze has charred more than 81,000 acres, mostly in north-central Washington's Pasayten Wilderness. It was started by lightning June 29.

TFS awards grant to Hoover Volunteer Fire Department

Texas Forest Service recently awarded Hoover Volunteer Fire Department with a \$4,500 cost-sharing grant from Rural Volunteer Fire Department Assistance Program for two portable pumps.

House Bill 2604, enacted by the 77th Texas Legislature, established the aid program, a \$15 million annual cost-sharing program funded by contributions from the insurance industry and administered by TFS.

Since Sept. 1 of last year, over \$14.4 million in grants for equipment and training have been awarded to volunteer fire departments across the state under the 2604 program.

"Requests for over \$80.7 million in assistance have already been received, and additional requests are likely," stated Joe Fox, program manager of Bryan. "These

requests clearly indicate that the 2604 program addresses an unmet need of the state's volunteer fire departments. The program obviously will have a backlog of requests for several years."

The needs of VFDs are tremendous, Fox said. He indicated that he wished the program could immediately fund each and every assistance request that has been received. Because the requests far exceed appropriation of funds, TFS has had to implement a rating system to guide program decision-makers in allocating existing funds.

For additional information about the program, contact Emergency Services Grants Division, Texas Forest Service, 301 Tarrow, College Station, TX 77840, phone (979) 458-6505 or visit www.tamu.edu/ticc/ on the Internet.

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CHAUTAUQUA 2003
Fun Run/Walk • 5K Run

Where: Central Park • Pampa, Texas
(corner of Georgia & Mary Ellen)

When: September 1, 2003

- Registration Day of Race beginning at 7:00 am
- Fun Run/Walk (one mile) begins at 8:00 am
- 5K Run begins at 8:20 am

Entry Fees: Register By Mail Before August 25

- Fun Run/Walk \$4.00 & 5K \$9.00

Register Day Of Race

- Fun Run/Walk \$5.00 & 5K \$10.00

ALL ENTRY FEES DONATED TO PAMPA UNITED WAY

ENTRY FORM

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FUN RUN/WALK • 5K RUN

Last Name _____
First Name _____
Age _____ Male Female
City & State _____

Check One 5K Fun Run
T-Shirt Size Needed Youth/Large Adult/Small
 Adult/Medium Adult/Large Adult/X-Large

Mail Entry Form To: Pampa Regional Medical Center
Attention: Terry Barnes
One Medical Plaza
Pampa, Texas 79065

5-K MALE	5-K FEMALE	FUN RUN MALE	FUN RUN FEMALE
19 & UNDER	19 & UNDER	8 & UNDER	8 & UNDER
20-29	20-29	9-11	9-11
30-39	30-39	12-15	12-15
40-49	40-49	16-19	16-19
50+	50+	20-29	20-29
		30-39	30-39
		40-49	40-49
		50+	50+

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