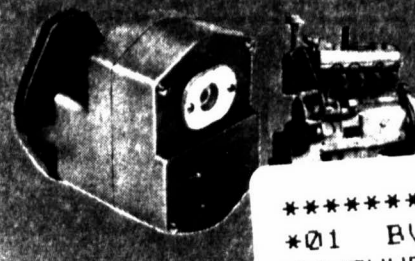


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Toddler wreck victim upgraded to stable

DPS officials continue to investigate cause of crash that claims five lives

By DEE DEE LARAMORE
Editor

Only five people, including a Pampa woman, died in a fatal wreck near Abilene Sunday, according to a release from Texas Department of

Public Safety officials.

The Associated Press had initially reported that six people were killed in the head-on collision of two vehicles that took the life of Pampan Sara Ontiveros. However, the DPS Monday afternoon reported that one

of the victims, Rosalva Belmares Saucedo, 38, of Liberal, Kan., had not died but remained in critical condition at Hendrick Medical Center in Abilene.

Ontiveros' 2-year-old daughter, Jaclyn Jade Soliz, has been upgraded

from critical to stable condition at Hendrick Medical Center, according to DPS reports.

Trooper Chuck Wheeler of Anson and Sgt. Scott Stevenson of Abilene continue to investigate the crash that See **WRECK**, Page 3

Hearing set on Pickens' well permits

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

WHITE DEER -- Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District staff will present a multiple well drilling application from Boone Pickens during a public hearing at the district's board of director's monthly meeting here Wednesday.

Yvonne Thomas with the water conservation district said the board will also consider draft rule amendments and set dates for a hearing on the amendments and deadline for public comment.

In addition, the board will consider an initial production permit for James and Sterling Seitz in Roberts County and consider amending high impact production permits for Mr. and Mrs. Albert T. Reynolds and Boone Pickens.

They will also consider single well permits for Rhonda McWhorter in Wheeler County, W.A. and Agnes Mays Trust in Potter County, Pat Mills in Potter County, Gene G. Hill in Donley County, Dominion Homes LP in Potter County, Kirk Kelly in Armstrong County and three single well permits for Boone Pickens in Roberts County.

The PGWCD board is also expected to review their 2003-2004 fiscal year budget and set a tax rate.

They will also hear a report from C.E. Williams, general manager of the district, and consider their precipitation enhancement program.

The Panhandle Ground Water Conservation District meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday at the district's offices, 201 W. Third, White Deer.



Pampa News photos by BEN BRISCOE

Cool after school

Jaden Howard, above, pays Brent Rogers of the Snack Shack for his medium cherry lime squeeze snowcone after the first day of school. Jaden, inset, relishes the taste of his first after-school snack for the new school year.

Hurricane victims battle long lines for basics

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (AP) Federal disaster assistance money started flowing to Hurricane Charley's victims and postal workers handed out mail Tuesday outside their damaged building, but hundreds of thousands still had no phones, no running water, no diapers for the baby and no gas to fill the tank.

"I haven't had a hot meal in days, but I'm doing all right," said 82-year-old Norma Chapman, who drove to a half-demolished strip mall in Punta Gorda Tuesday to pick up six bags of ice.

She was still without any

electricity or running water. Federal Emergency Management Agency director Mike Brown visited Punta Gorda on Tuesday and said \$2 million in payments had already been issued to victims, with more on the way. He said the agency had received 23,500 applications seeking relief, including 13,000 on Monday alone. Officials estimate Charley caused as much as \$11 billion in damage to insured homes alone when it tore across the state Friday.

"We have just started the recovery process of Hurricane Charley," Brown

said. He said FEMA was making preparations to house up to 10,000 people in temporary shelters, calling the relief effort "a textbook operation."

'I haven't had a hot meal in days, but I'm doing all right.'

— Norma Chapman
Hurricane Charley victim

There were other small signs of progress Tuesday.

At 7:45 a.m., the U.S. flag was raised at the heavily damaged main Post Office in Punta Gorda as 60 employees said the Pledge of Allegiance, cheered and applauded. Then, they went to work for the first time since Charley struck on Friday. "We're back in business," declared Postmaster Doug Burns. The building's front windows and sliding glass doors were blown out, sections of the roof were missing and insulation from a nearby business was plastered across rental mail boxes. Since people could not get to the boxes,

Postal Service employees handed out mail in a drive-through operation. Attorney General Charlie Crist filed price gouging and unfair trade practices complaints Tuesday against two motels, accusing them of jacking up room rates. One advertised \$39.99 on a billboard but asked for \$109 and \$119 a room, Crist said. "It is unthinkable that anyone that anyone would try to take advantage of neighbors at a time like this," Crist said. More than 100 state investigators were in the field, and most of the initial complaints are about lodging rates.

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Ten Hoover Volunteer Fire Department firefighters recently attended training at College Station. Pictured are Bill Campbell, Justin Holman, Trent Price, Bud Rose, Brian Snapp, Charley Thomas, Jeffery Sweeney, Joe Millican, and Wayne Hines. Not pictured is Dean Linder.

Hoover firefighters attend training

Hoover Volunteer Fire Department firefighters recently attended the 75th annual Municipal Texas Fire Training School at College Station. Each year, this school enrolls more than 2,500 fire prevention, suppression, control and safety personnel from municipalities, industries, state and federal agencies and the armed services, representing more than 775 cities from 25 states and numerous countries. Students choose one of the many courses offered during this week-long school. Instructors ignite fires on various training props, ranging from crashed aircraft and navel vessels to oil rigs and railroad cars, to create environments firefighters may face in actual situations.

Ambulance

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Sunday, Aug. 15
3:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transported a patient(s) to Northwest Texas Hospital, Amarillo.

Monday, Aug. 16
7:20 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded four-miles south of Miami on a motor vehicle accident and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
8:36 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded

to the 100 block of Randy Matson. No transport.
12:38 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 8400 block of County Rd. 29 in Wheeler County and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
12:40 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 700 block of Mora and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.
7:44 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Kentucky and Hobart streets. No transport.
9:53 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 2100 block of North Coffee on a call for lifting assistance.
10:51 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Highway 273 and Loop 171 and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

Clarification

In a boxed section of a story on Page 1 of Sunday's *The Pampa News*, County Clerk Susan Winborne has not requested an increase in her department's funds. A one-time addition of \$101,000 to Winborne's 2005 funds will be used to buy 17 new voting machines and a new vote counting machine which are required for compliance with new state and federal voting laws.

School funding trial moves into week two

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawyers for school districts challenging the state's education finance system sought on Monday to discredit a legislative study used to determine the cost of an adequate education in Texas. About 300 school districts have sued the state over the share-the-wealth system, arguing that its dependence on local property taxes is flawed and unconstitutional, and doesn't spend enough to educate Texas' 4.3 million students. Lynn Moak, a consultant specializing in school finance, opened the second week of testimony in the trial, criticizing a study prepared for Texas lawmakers to determine how much the state should spend per pupil to provide an "adequate" education. The study was commissioned by Texas lawmakers and presented to them in March as they prepared for a special session on school finance. The session ended in June without lawmakers devising a new funding method that would give homeowners property tax relief while keeping schools well funded. The study, conducted by researchers at Texas A&M and the University of Kansas, suggested that it takes about \$6,200 annually per student to maintain a 55 percent pass rate of the state's annual standardized test — the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills, or TAKS. That's about \$300 less than the average amount spent per student in 2004.

Stocks

The following grain quotations are provided by Atebury Grain of Pampa.

Wheat	2.80
Milo	3.25
Corn	4.02
Soybeans	4.95

The following 9:30 a.m. N.Y. Stock Market quotations are furnished by Edward Jones & Co. of Pampa.

QVY	49.74	-0.58
BP PLC ADR	53.80	-0.74
Cabot Corp	38.00	+0.15
Cabot Oil Gas	38.64	-0.64
Coca Cola	44.64	+0.12
VLO	65.95	-2.02
HAL	26.63	-1.16
Triad	33.55	+0.50
NOI	28.75	-0.99
KMI	59.32	+0.40
XCEL	17.25	-0.04
Kerr McGee	51.24	-0.64
XOM	44.60	-0.49
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MCD	26.02	+0.27
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Tenneco	13.31	+0.07
CVX	94.42	-1.44
Wal-Mart	54.48	+0.18
OKE	22.70	-0.14

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Wreck

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occurred on U.S. Highway 83, three miles north of Anson in Jones County.

A 2003 Pontiac Grand Prix driven by Ontiveros was reportedly traveling south at a high rate of speed. As it went around a curve, the vehicle crossed the center stripe into the northbound lane, striking a northbound 1999 Chevrolet Venture driven by Jorge Dominguez, exact age and address unknown, head-on.

Investigators believe that both drivers may have been wearing seat belts, but the other occupants did not, according to the DPS release.

Ontiveros was transported to Hendrick Medical Center where she was pronounced dead by a Taylor County Peace Justice.

Dominguez; Jesus Emmanuel Saucedo, 1, Diana Victoria Saucedo, 10; and Jose Vicente Saucedo, 8, all of Liberal, Kan., were all pronounced dead at the scene by a Jones County Peace Justice.

DPS officials said it was uncertain where Dominguez is from and how old he was. They believe he was in his early to mid-30s. The vehicle he was driving had Kansas license plates.

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Viewpoints

Skeptical about so-called 'pivotal' election

This period between the major political party conventions is a good time to think through what's at stake in this year's presidential election. Leaders of voter registration drives on both sides speak of a "pivotal election" — is that hype or truth?

My immediate reaction is skepticism. Almost every presidential election has seemed pivotal to the contending forces, but look at two of the hardest-fought and closest: Was the American trajectory radically affected when Grover Cleveland lost to Benjamin Harrison in 1888? Was the 1892 rematch between the two equally pivotal?

The same could be said regarding almost any election prior to 1980, with the exception of the Civil War-precipitating clash of 1860 and possibly McKinley vs. Bryan in 1896 and again in 1900. Was Van Buren's loss to Tippecanoe (and Tyler, too) in 1840 pivotal? How about Coolidge vs. Davis in 1924?

In recent years, though, the major political parties have become more ideological, and the bipartisan Cold War willingness to stand up to anti-American dictators has disappeared. Look at the 1980 Carter-Reagan contest: Had President Reagan not stepped up the military and rhetorical pressure on Soviet

leaders, the Berlin Wall might still be standing. Tens of millions in Eastern Europe might still be enslaved. Hundreds of millions might still fear nuclear annihilation.

I'll skip over the Bill Clinton years and note that the election of 2000

was another pivotal one: If Al Gore had received a few more hundred Floridian votes, he would have made some presidential noises in September 2001, but would most likely have continued for four more years hem-

ming and hawing over terrorism and the dictatorships that support it.

That brings us to the presidential election this fall, which I reluctantly conclude



Marvin Olasky
Columnist

is also pivotal because two decidedly different views of America's role in the world confront us. A

President John Kerry could talk a good game, but does he understand that there is evil in the world and that we must stand up against it? Or does he think that those who hate America, as well as the Christian principles on

which our country is based, can be massaged into politeness?

Even if Kerry were suddenly to show vision rather than equivocation, the pressures on the Democratic side toward accommodation and appeasement are great. A stubborn Andrew Jackson or Harry Truman could resist such pressures, but those hoping to curry favor with the French cannot. One new reference work, "The Book of Rule," begins its discussion of "how we are governed" with an opening spread on the United Nations. That's what John Kerry is likely to make first in war, although not in the hearts of his countrymen.

Furthermore, what comes first in peace? I haven't so far mentioned domestic social issues, which would not make an election pivotal if we had basic agreement on what makes a just or good society, or even on how to decide such questions. Now, we do not. As Supreme Court justices continue to grab power, we can either curse their dark robes or push for the appointment of candles rather than smudgepots. With several justices perhaps waiting until after the election to retire, the next president may have his judicial way for the next 30 years.

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 17, the 230th day of 2004. There are 136 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 17, 1807, Robert Fulton's North River Steam Boat began heading up New York's Hudson River on its successful round-trip to Albany.

On this date:

In 1863, Federal batteries and ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbor during the Civil War.

In 1896, a prospecting party discovered gold in Alaska, a finding that touched off the Klondike gold rush.

In 1942, during World War II, U.S. Eighth Air Force bombers attacked Rouen, France.

In 1942, U.S. Marines led by Lt. Col. Evans E. Carlson raided a Japanese seaplane base on Makin Island.

In 1943, the Allied conquest of Sicily was completed as U.S. and British forces entered Messina.

In 1962, East German border guards shot and mortally wounded 18-year-old Peter Fechter, who had attempted to cross the Berlin Wall into the western sector.

In 1969, 248 people were killed as Hurricane Camille slammed into the Gulf Coast.

In 1969, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair concluded near Bethel, N.Y.

In 1978, the first successful trans-Atlantic balloon flight ended as Maxie Anderson, Ben Abruzzo and Larry Newman landed their

Double Eagle Two outside Paris.

In 1987, Rudolf Hess, the last member of Adolf Hitler's inner circle, died at a Berlin hospital near Spandau Prison at age 93, having apparently committed suicide.

Ten years ago: Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger Altman resigned under pressure, the latest Clinton administration official felled by the Whitewater controversy.

Five years ago: More than 17,000 people were killed when a magnitude 7.4 earthquake struck Turkey.

One year ago: Federal investigators joined industry teams in the search for clues into what triggered the country's worst power blackout in the Midwest and Northeast as the Bush administration promised to get answers and address whatever problem was found. Insurgents attacked a police station in Afghanistan, killing some two dozen people.

Today's Birthdays: Actress Maureen O'Hara is 84. Actor Robert DeNiro is 61. Movie director Martha Coolidge is 58. Rock musician Sib Hashian is 55. Actor Robert Joy is 53. Rock singer Kevin Rowland (Dexy's Midnight Runners) is 51.

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American author

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Establish a Department of Peace

With this nation embroiled in what threatens to be an interminable "War on Terrorism," an idea put forward last year by Ohio Congressman Dennis Kucinich has, for me, considerable appeal. Kucinich, who was the one candidate in the Democratic primaries to unflinchingly promote the party's traditional Franklin Roosevelt liberalism, proposed the establishment of a Department of Peace.

Now he has introduced in the House HR 2459, a bill that would establish a Peace Department, adding a new cabinet post to the executive

branch of government. The Department of Peace would "advise the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of State on all matters relating to national security, including the protection of human rights and the prevention of, amelioration of, and de-escalation of unarmed and armed international conflict."

The secretary of peace would serve as a delegate to

the National Security Council and also would "provide training of all United States personnel who administer post-conflict reconstruction and demobilization in war-torn societies."

In other words, the Department of Peace, with a highly trained and dedicated staff, would be a constant, working counterpoint to the Defense Department and its expenditure of billions of dollars to

perfect the weapons of war. The department would act not only in an international context, but also in those areas of domestic policy that endanger the nation's well-being: the proliferation of automatic weapons and the violence in our schools, our homes and in our streets, where the intolerant prey on those whose lifestyles they find offensive. It might well come up with some new strategies for turning around our losing war on drugs, and it might also lobby Congress to put an end to the cruel and

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Walter Cronkite
Columnist



'Dinosaur' party rebounds in Mexico

Houston Chronicle on Mexico's PRI rebounds:

Results of two state and local elections in Mexico recently suggest that dinosaurs may dominate the land again. "Dinosaurios" are what Mexicans call the old school of the PRI, the political party that, through patronage, co-option and intimidation, ruled for seven decades until President Vicente Fox's astounding win four years ago. The PRI's recent victory in the Tijuana mayoral race and a contested win in the race for governor of Oaxaca could herald the return of a PRI president in 2006.

Fox entered office prom-

ising to remake Mexico. Unfortunately, he has achieved little of substance. His failures sprout in part from his own limits as a politician. Even more corrosive, though, has been the PRI's lingering systemic control from Congress to the courts.

The most depressing recent example involves Fox's special prosecutor for cases from Mexico's "dirty war" on dissidents in the 1970s and 1980s. The prosecutor recently charged for-

mer president Luis Echeverria with genocide for the massacre of at least 25 protesters in 1971. But the presiding judge dismissed the case, saying it exceeded the statute of limitations by three years.

Texas Thoughts

Houston Chronicle

Human rights experts shake their heads at what seem to be the prosecution's blunders. But they also say the case stood little chance in the corrupt, PRI-dominated court system.

Would another PRI president mean full capitulation

to the bad old ways? Not necessarily. More likely, it would show Mexicans exercising democratic choice for only the second time in modern history. Despite inspiring rhetoric and a lack of venality, Fox simply has not delivered: not on tax reform, fiscal reform or political reform. More votes for PRI may reveal grudging preference for a party that can get things done. And the PRI itself has modernized, competing in campaigns instead of miming them as in the past.

Unlike Eastern Europeans yearning for communism,

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Corvette Caravan to honor firefighters, police, military

AMARILLO — Amarillo Area Corvette Club members and Westgate Chevrolet plan an American Freedom Corvette Caravan Sept. 11, to honor area firemen, police, members of the military and veterans.

American flag. The public is invited to view the Corvettes and share in a hamburger lunch catered by Desperado's. Cost of the meal is \$5 per person.

Registration begins at 11:30 a.m. at the Westgate Chevrolet parking lot. Afterwards the cars will be on public display and ham-

burgers will be served.

At 2 p.m., a mandatory driver's meeting will be conducted followed at 2:30 p.m. by "Let's Roll," the start of the Caravan. After driving around Amarillo, the patriotic caravan will return to Westgate Chevrolet at 3:45 p.m.

Suggested locations to watch the Parade include Westgate Chevrolet, the V.A. Hospital Entrance, 15th Street and Gene Howe Park, Grand Street between Amarillo Boulevard and 34th Street, Oldham Circle off 34th Street and Western Street between 34th and Plains.



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

Church's park named

Gary Jameson, left, minister of music at Calvary Baptist Church, and Ricky Garcia, custodian at the church, hang the nameplates at the church's new park, Lighthouse Park. Church members and volunteers created the park from a drainage gully which ran beside the west side of the church.

Wheeler County farmers bring produce to market

WHEELER — Wheeler County farmers hold a Farmers Market every Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon at the Wheeler City Park.

The Farmer's Market will continue every Saturday until Sept 4. Some of the items

that may be purchased are tomatoes, watermelon, okra, peaches, pumpkins, peppers, apples, grapes and squash.

Anyone wishing to buy fresh produce that is grown in Wheeler County is welcome.

Skeptical

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Oh, I hate to describe our next vote as pivotal. A Republican win will not mean victo-

ry for biblical principle but only the opportunity to keep battling for the soul of the GOP — and victory for compassionate conservatism will once again be elusive.

Sadly, if the Democrats win, international and further judicial disaster is within our grasp.

Peace

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unusual punishment of small-time drug offenders called "mandatory sentencing." It would also advise the attorney general on matters of civil rights and labor law. But its primary importance, it seems to me, would be in international affairs, demonstrating to the rest of the world, to borrow the old motto of the Strategic Air Command, that "peace is our profession."

Now, to some, this is going to sound terribly naive, given the current state of things and the very real, hard-edged dangers that face us. But the naivete' just might lie on the other side of the side of those who believe that military force and our policy of pre-emption are alone suffi-

cient to make us safe. The fact is that there is nothing in this proposal that would weaken our military posture or our ability to strike terrorists and their havens and to do whatever is necessary for the defense of the United States.

But wouldn't it be an advantage to have a peer of the secretaries of defense and state whose primary responsibility it was to develop the methods and means of peaceful conflict resolution and to offer peaceful alternatives in the councils of war?

Wouldn't it have been an advantage in the run-up to the Iraq War to have had a cabinet officer whose department was responsible for training U.S. personnel in human rights, conflict resolution, reconstruction and the detailed planning necessary to restoring a durable peace; in short, to do what was so disastrously

absent when our forces rolled into Baghdad?

Kucinich's bill is more elaborate and specific than I can spell out here. Right now it is a long way from realization, with only a few dozen congressional sponsors. It needs a lot more to move another step along the legislative process.

Actually, there is an urgency to its adoption. In this dangerous world, where the strength of the United States is needed to keep the peace, we need a visible manifestation of our intention to play that role, without the arrogance that cost us friends and allies among the nations and peoples of the world.

But no matter how far off it might be, it is an idea that deserves our attention. We can hope that Kucinich and those who are pioneers in supporting his bill stay the course and redouble their efforts.

Fox deserves his due. Victims' families now search for truth in thousands of dirty war-era documents Fox opened to the public. Journalists use new freedom of information laws.

Fox's very election

(which some call his true legacy) created a new sense of participation.

Mexico's democracy, like its dinosaurs, may be slow-moving — yet ultimately strong.

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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing regarding your reply to "Needs More," whose sexual appetite is bigger than her fiance's. You advised her not to marry him because of it. I disagree.

I have been married to a wonderful man for three years. Had I let our differing drives stop me from marrying him, I would have missed out on a loving, mature, attentive husband and father to our children. I actually think I have it better than many women out there whose husbands demand sex daily.

There is more to a relationship than sex. My husband shows me love and affection in hundreds of other ways. Perhaps "Needs More" should take a closer look at their relationship. If sex is the only thing lacking, other ways of physically expressing love -- like hugging, holding hands and kissing -- could be substituted. If she nurtures her relationship in all the other ways, she may find, as I have, that his desire grows in time. Libido fades with age; love does not.

— SATISFIED IN ALL WAYS IN KNOXVILLE

DEAR SATISFIED: You and your husband have been able to negotiate past your differences and make your marriage a fulfilling one. That is not the case with many of the wives and husbands who write to me. Sometimes I wish I could run a dating service for all of the mismatched couples who feel sad, frustrated, isolated and unattractive to the person they love. The reasons for a low sex drive can vary. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My second wife found herself with a far stronger libido than I could match. This, of course, left me with a lot of disappointment. She, a nurse, said, "Off to the doctor with you!" The doctor said, "Let's do some lab work." Sure enough, there was a little brain chemistry issue I needed to deal with. I am now on medication, which solved our problem. — HAPPIER NOW IN

KANSAS CITY

DEAR HAPPIER NOW: I'm pleased that your problem was resolved. Thank you for pointing out that a low sex drive may be an indication of a medical problem.

DEAR ABBY: That letter from "Needs More" could have been written by me 20 years ago. I married my best friend, who also had very little interest in sex. During our six-year marriage we argued frequently and I felt more and more undesirable. When I finally found the strength to leave the marriage, it broke both our hearts.

Two years later, my ex realized that he was gay. It made so much sense in retrospect. I agree with the advice you gave "Needs More." She should keep her fiance as a friend, but she should not marry him.

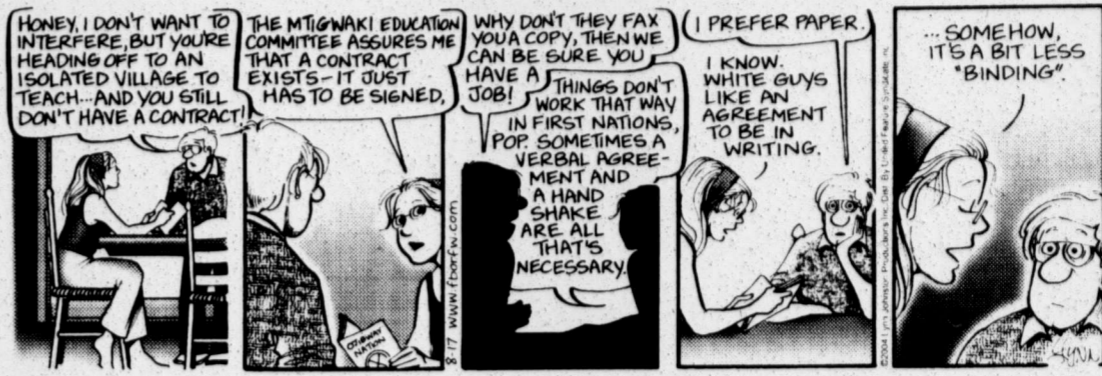
— BEEN THERE, DONE THAT IN VIRGINIA

DEAR BEEN THERE: Thank you for sharing your experience. The mail I have received from readers has been divided on this issue. About one-third came from women, like yourself, whose husbands turned out to be gay. Another third said the problem had been caused by a hormonal or chemical imbalance or depression, which had been successfully treated. The rest felt I should reconsider my advice:

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have learned that with open communication, compromise and respect, we can work through this difference. Intimacy, although important, is only one part of marriage. Because people are different does not mean they should not marry. Marriage is the union of two individuals, not two identical people. Please reconsider your advice to "Needs More." — FEELING FRISKY IN FRISCO, TEXAS

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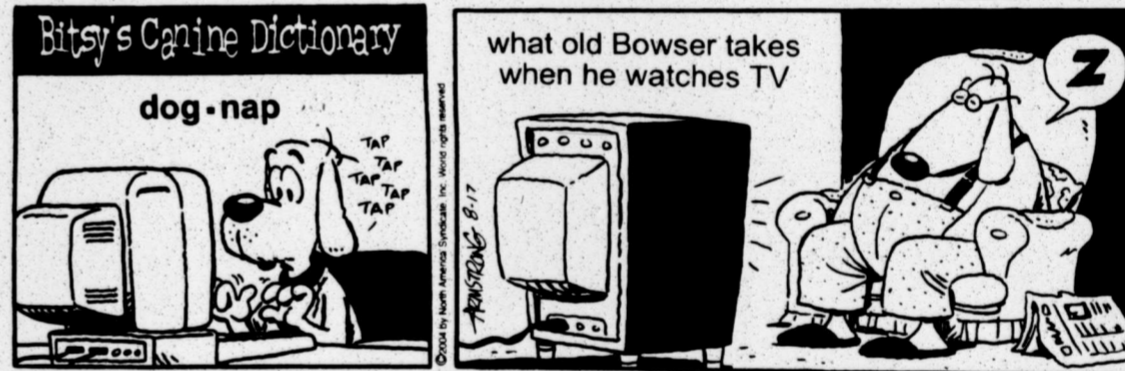
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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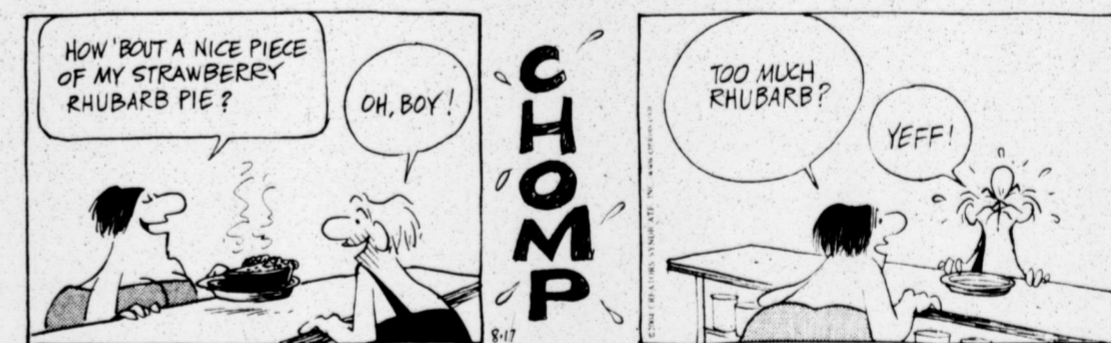
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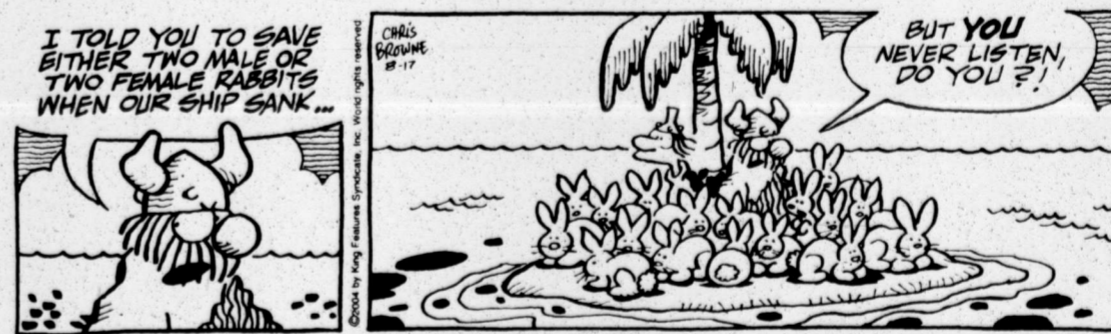
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Pampa Harvester quarterback coach Dale Ammons instructs freshman Brett Ferrell on how to run the offense during the recently completed two-a-days.

Fall softball leagues forming

The City of Pampa Recreation Department will offer Men's Open and Mixed Open Fall Softball leagues.

The entry fee or sponsor's fee for teams is \$200 per team (\$185 if team is currently sanctioned). The player's fee is \$15 per player with a minimum of 11 persons for Men's Open and 12 persons for Mixed Open. Entry deadline is 5 p.m. Aug. 18. No teams will be added after this date. Schedules will be available after 1 p.m. Aug. 25, at the Recreation Office.

Play will begin the week of Aug. 30.

Roster forms, fact sheets and bylaws are available at the Recreation Office at City Hall, Room 204, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have any questions or would like more information on the Fall Softball Leagues, please call 669-5740 during regular business hours.

Olympic medals through Aug. 16

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Arlington council to vote on stadium referendum

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — A deal to bring the Dallas Cowboys to the mid-cities for at least 30 years may be on the fast track, with approval of the \$650 million plan expected by the Arlington City Council.

That would leave the final decision on a new stadium in the hands of voters on Nov. 2.

Arlington council members were scheduled Tuesday night to vote on whether to approve the city's master agreement with the Cowboys and then decide on placing a referendum on the ballot asking voters to increase sales and other taxes to pay for half of the retractable-roof, 75,000-seat stadium.

Mayor Robert Cluck said Monday the council is expected to pass both items.

"This is indeed a very special day in Arlington," Cluck told reporters on Monday. "This is a decision that will have major dividends for years to come."

In the proposed deal, the Cowboys would commit to playing home games for 30 years in Arlington, paying \$2 million in yearly rent at the new stadium, with two 10-year lease extensions allowed. Arlington would get 5 percent of any naming-rights deal that is struck. The team has not yet talked with companies about naming rights, said Stephen Jones, Cowboys' vice president and chief operating officer.

"This will be the premiere facility and the

largest stadium in the NFL," Jones said. "I can promise it will be a place that the Eagles, Giants and Redskins won't particularly enjoy."

Jones said planners had visited with other teams and cities to get ideas for the proposed stadium, which could handle up to 90,000 fans for special events.

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— Jerry Jones
Owner, Dallas Cowboys

The Cowboys have been looking for a new home to replace Texas Stadium in Irving.

The new stadium also would feature an interactive Cowboys hall of fame, a museum outlining the team's history, numerous concession stands, video boards and message boards, officials said.

Arlington's share of the stadium cost would be capped at \$325 million. The city's portion would be paid back by a one-half percentage-point sales tax increase, a 2-percentage-point increase in hotel-occupancy taxes and a 5-percentage-point increase in car-rental taxes. All three would need voter approval.

The city could add \$238 million a year to its economy and gain an estimated \$7 billion in benefits over the next 30 years, according to a cost-benefit study commissioned by Arlington city officials.

Cluck said that Arlington, located midway between Dallas and Fort Worth, would be the ideal location for the venue, which would be built next to the Texas Rangers' Ameriquest Field.

TCRA Rodeo time in Perryton

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

The Young Riders 4-H Club will sponsor the 6th Annual Texas Cowboys Rodeo Association Rodeo this Friday and Saturday, Aug. 21 and 22, in conjunction with the Wheatheart of the Nation Celebration in Perryton. Each performance will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Ochiltree County Arena in Perryton.

Events include bareback riding, calf roping, breakaway roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, barrel racing and bull riding.

Kids can participate in the calf scramble and boot scramble each night.

Admission will be \$5 with kids under 6 admitted free.

Along with the activities on Saturday, kids 4-16 can take part in the 8th Annual WRCA Jr Ranch Rodeo at Leatherman Park. All teams will consist of 4 members. The peewee division will be made up of kids age 4-7. The junior division will include kids age 8-11 and the senior division teams will be kids 12-16. Each team will compete in 4 events—pony express, calf branding, cow milking and steer doctoring. Winners in each division will qualify for the World WRCA Jr Ranch Rodeo Finals to be held in Amarillo in November. Buckles will be awarded to each age division.

Registration will be from noon to 1 p.m. at Leatherman park. Entry fee will be \$20 per team or \$5 per rodeo participant.

For more information, call (806) 435-3831.

PFL registrations underway

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS
Sports Editor

Pampa Football League registration gets underway today at the Pampa Optimist Youth Club, 601 East Craven. Registrations will be taken 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. through Friday and again next Monday. Registrations will also be taken this Saturday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

All players grades 3 through 6 are encouraged to sign up. Those interested in coaching or assisting should contact the Optimist Club as well.

Games are scheduled to begin either September 11 or 18.

For additional information, please contact the Pampa Optimist Youth Club at 665-4361.

RANGERS WIN FOURTH STRAIGHT

Jordan homers in sixth to extend winning streak

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Brian Jordan has feasted on fastballs throughout his 13-year major league career, and he wasn't going to let a first-pitch heater get by him in a tie game.

Jordan's tiebreaking homer in the sixth inning helped the Texas Rangers extend their winning streak to four games with a 5-2 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

With two outs and nobody on in a 2-2 game, Jordan hit the first pitch from C.C. Sabathia (9-7) over the center-field fence and gave the Rangers their first lead of the game.

"He threw me a good fastball, and I wasn't late," said Jordan, who went 2-for-3 to raise his average from .167 to .182. "It felt good. I've just got to keep competing when I get a chance to play."

Jordan has been limited to 29 games due to knee problems, but still has the respect of his young teammates.

"I know fans look at the numbers, but B.J. is a huge part of this club," Rangers shortstop Michael Young said. "He's obviously still got it. He's just trying to get his knee healthy."

Said Rangers manager Buck Showalter: "There's not a lot of people on the field who have a better pedigree than Brian Jordan."

Sabathia had an 11.00 ERA in two previous starts against the Rangers this season, but was sharper this time, allowing five runs and seven hits over 6 1-3 innings. He struck out four and walked five.

Erasmio Ramirez (4-3) pitched 1 2-3 innings of one-hit relief for the win. Ramirez, Brian Shouse, Frank Francisco and Francisco Cordero combined for 4 2-3 innings of scoreless one-hit relief. Cordero got three outs for his 36th save

in 38 chances.

"It's easy to be spoiled by those guys," Young said. "Our bullpen has been our collective MVP."

Victor Martinez hit his 20th homer for the Indians, who've lost six of seven to the Rangers this season.

Cleveland fell 2 1/2 games behind idle Minnesota in the AL Central.

"Those guys have played us tough all year," Indians manager Eric Wedge said of the Rangers. "We have two games left against them to turn it around. They're a good team with a lot of pop in their lineup."

Texas remains a half-game behind first-place Oakland in the AL West. The Athletics beat the Baltimore Orioles 3-1 on Monday night.

Rangers right-hander Mickey Callaway was activated from the disabled list for the start. He left a 2-2 game after 4 1-3 innings and 85 pitches, allowing two runs and five

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— Buck Showalter
Manager, Texas Rangers

hits. Callaway had been out since April 14 because of a right ulnar nerve injury. He appeared in two games for the Rangers in April, going 0-1 with a 23.14 ERA.

The Indians took a 2-0 lead in the first when Matt Lawton led off with a home run and Martinez hit a two-out homer.

In the third, Texas loaded the bases with nobody out on two singles and a walk. Gary Matthews Jr. scored from third on Young's high hopper to third that glanced off Casey Blake's glove for an error. But Sabathia struck out Alfonso Soriano, then got Mark Teixeira to ground into a double play to keep the score at 2-1.

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Phelps falls short, men win gymnastic gold

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Michael Phelps' quest for seven gold medals ended after just three events, when he had to settle for another bronze in the most anticipated race at the Olympic pool — the head-to-head showdown with Australia's Ian Thorpe in the 200-meter freestyle.

Defending Olympic champion Pieter van den Hoogenband of the Netherlands won the silver.

Natalie Coughlin, the top female swimmer on the American team, won the 100 backstroke, holding off Kirsty Coventry of Zimbabwe. France's Laure Manaudou took bronze, her second medal of the games.

Aaron Peirsol was first in the men's 100 back. Markus Rogan of Austria claimed sil-

ver and Japan's Tomomi Morita held off American Lenny Kravtzelburg for the bronze.

The U.S. men's gymnastics team won Olympic silver to cap a four-year rebuilding project, taking home its first medal since the boycotted 1984 Games and just the second since 1932.

After faltering in the middle two rotations, Paul and Morgan Hamm led a rally. The Americans hit their last six routines, on parallel bars and high bar, to push past Romania with 172.933 points.

The Japanese went last and needed to average about 9.5 over three sets on high bar to win. They did it with ease, winning the meet by 0.888 points.

Bryant prosecutors lose bid to bar testimony

EAGLE, Colo. (AP) — Prosecutors say they still plan to try Kobe Bryant on a sexual assault charge despite losing a last-ditch attempt to keep his lawyers from telling jurors about the alleged victim's sex life.

Without explanation, the Colorado Supreme Court refused Monday to consider an appeal of a ruling by the trial judge that the woman's sexual conduct around the time of her encounter with Bryant is relevant to the case.

The refusal dealt another setback to prosecutors who also lost an attempt to delay the trial indefinitely last week. That request had prompted speculation about whether prosecutors would drop the case.

The latest setback Monday came as Bryant's final pretrial hearing got underway, much of which was held behind closed doors. If the justices had agreed to hear the

prosecution appeal, the trial could have been delayed for weeks beyond the scheduled Aug. 27 start date.

District attorney spokeswoman Krista Flannigan said prosecutors still plan to put the Los Angeles Lakers guard on trial.

On Friday, District Judge Terry Ruckriegle denied the request to indefinitely delay the trial. Prosecutors sought the postponement in part because of the accidental release of transcripts from a closed-door hearing, which they called "extremely harmful" to their case.

In the transcripts, a defense witness explained why she believed DNA evidence indicated the alleged victim had sex with another man after her encounter with Bryant but before her hospital exam. The woman's attorney's dispute that claim.

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Hank Blalock's sacrifice fly in the fourth tied it at 2. Texas loaded the bases with one out in the seventh, and Sabathia walked Teixeira, the final batter he faced, on a pitch close to the outside corner to force in a run. Sabathia showed his frustration after the pitch was called a ball, but said he was simply angry with himself, not at plate umpire Brian Runge.

"I think I'll apologize to the umpire," Sabathia said.

"I knew it was a ball. I was just mad at myself." Kevin Mench's sacrifice fly off David Riske later in the seventh made it 5-2. Sabathia said walks proved his undoing.

"I stopped counting after four walks," Sabathia said. "As many walks as I gave up, I was surprised it took them until the seventh inning to break out on me."

Notes: Both starters were called for balks in the fourth inning. ... The Indians had won six of their previous seven. ... Sabathia fell to 5-2 for his career against Texas.

Monday's Major League box scores

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Boxing champ found dead

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Antonio boxer to win a major world title.

He beat Juan Polo-Perez in 1990 in England, winning the International Boxing Federation super flyweight title. Quiroga successfully defended the title five times and retired in 1995. He finished with a 20-2 record with 11 knockouts.

Police said Quiroga was stabbed in the abdomen, back and left shoulder, and the incident is being treated as a murder. No suspects are in custody.

Quiroga, nicknamed "Pikin," or little hot pepper, for his scrappiness in the ring, was the first San Antonio boxer to win a major world title.

Robert Quiroga, 34, was pronounced dead Monday morning at University Hospital in San Antonio. A passer-by on Interstate 10 flagged down an officer, who found Quiroga lying next to his car, San Antonio police spokesman Sgt. Gabe Trevino said.

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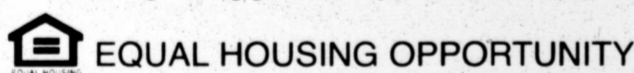
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Business Review

Schneider House, a senior citizens community that feels like home – ‘Senior Living at Its Best’

The Schneider House Apartments offers senior adults and disabled individuals a charming place to call home.

Located at 120 S. Russell, Schneider House Apartments in Pampa offers its residents all the comforts of home with a wide-variety of services and conveniences to make life easier and better.

"We want potential residents to see how comfortable and roomy our apartments actually are," said Debbie Sigala, apartment manager. Sigala said each apartment comes furnished with a stove, refrigerator and central heating and air conditioning.

In addition, an alert system is provided to each resident should they get into difficulty and need to signal for help.

"We have a laundry room downstairs, and an elevator to take you there," Sigala said, adding that in addition to the laundry



▲ The apartments at Schneider House are arranged to be cozy yet compact.

facilities Schneider House runs an indoor mail service and has a modern grande lobby on its ground floor as well.

Many Schneider House residents gather in the mornings for breakfast and fellowship. Besides a weekly movie night, residents may enjoy a multitude of fun and

engaging activities such as the weekly country and gospel music night, craft days, parties, church services, cook-outs and much, much more.

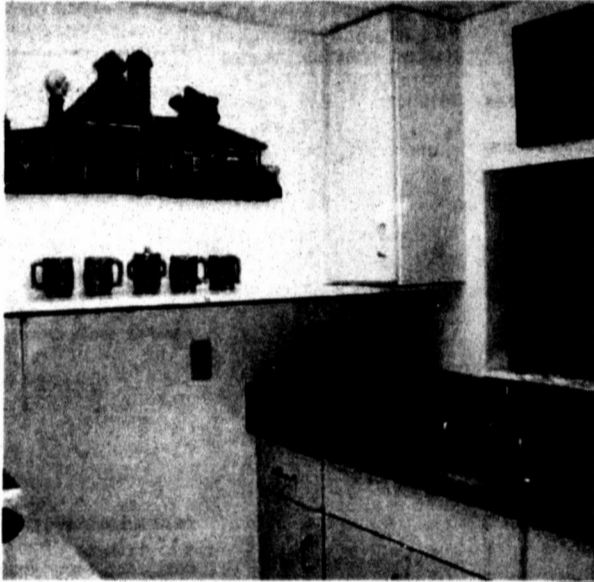
Another advantage of living at Schneider House is that residents are within easy walking distance of downtown and have use of an attractive park directly across the street from the great, old-fashioned apartment building, the front of which has a long, sheltering overhang to shade residents who want to take to the air. A comfortable row of benches lines the shaded porch.

Rental rates are based upon income with medical deductions for disabled or senior citizens. The Schneider House is a surprisingly affordable, independent living facility with utilities included and no maintenance required, Sigala said.

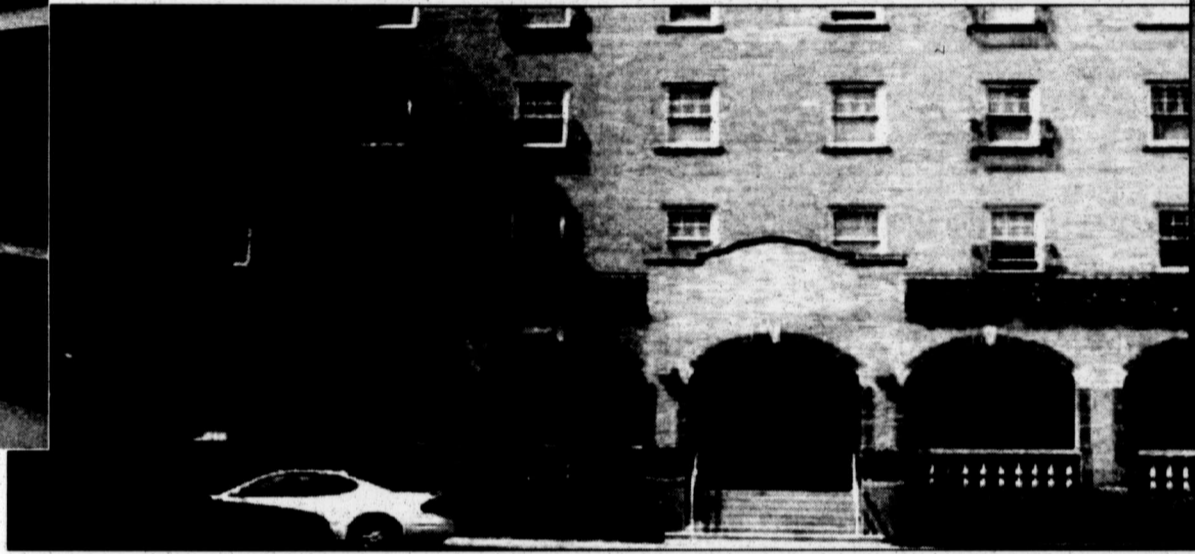
Schneider House is "Senior Living at Its Best!" For more information, contact Schneider House at 665-0415.



▲ Elizabeth Lynn, left, and Wyvon Griffin, right, enjoy the fresh air while relaxing on the covered portico at Schneider House.



▲ Apartments at Schneider House can appear quite homey.



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▲ A room with a view ... Schneider House residents enjoy all the comforts of home.

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