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## City approves easement for motel

### One resident questions costs, need for the action at public hearing Tuesday

By DAVID BOWSER  
Staff Writer

The only person to speak out against an easement across city property was Russell Neef.

At the public hearing Tuesday afternoon in the Pampa City Commission chambers at city hall, Neef asked commissioners who was going to pay for the easement.

Pampans for Progress, L.L.C., had requested the easement in the 1100 block of North Hobart to give access across city property to a motel that is scheduled to be built on the site of the old Coronado Inn.

City Attorney Don Lane told Neef that the person or persons getting the easement would have to pay for it. The city would not pay anything on the project.

"They have to pay for it," Lane said.  
City Manager John Horst said the easement was 114 feet long and 35 feet wide and was not a through street.

It would provide access to a business.

Neef expressed concerns about safety and economic issues.

Commissioner Ray Boring said that once the motel was open, the city would collect taxes on it.

Neef questioned whether the city needs two motels (another motel is slated near the Pampa Regional Medical Center).

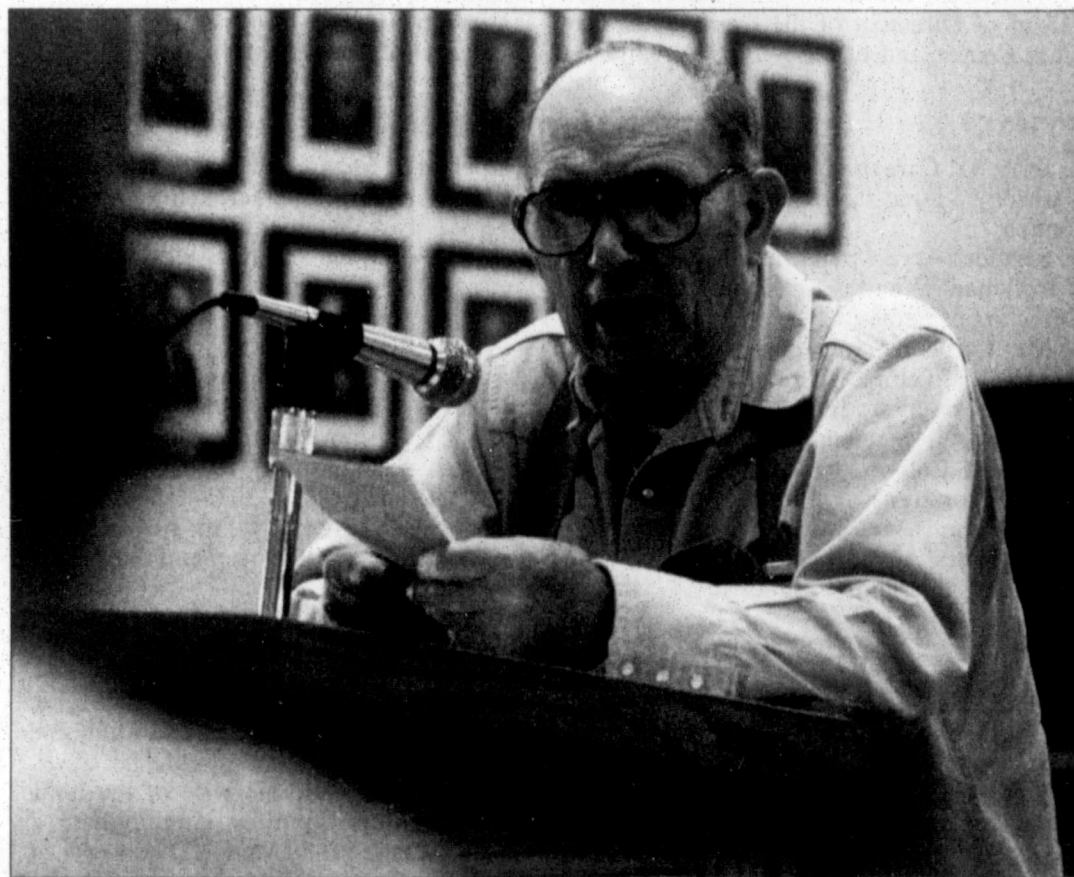
"Who's it going to profit?" Neef demanded.

"We'll get sales taxes from it," replied Commissioner Faustina Curry. "We'll profit off that."

"It would be helpful to the economy of the city," Horst said.

Following Neef's comments, Mayor Pro Tem Brad Pingel closed the hearing and opened a special meeting of the Pampa City Commission. The commission unanimously approved the easement.

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Pampa News photo by DAVID BOWSER

Russell Neef questions the need for two new motels in Pampa during a public hearing Tuesday afternoon concerning an access easement for one of them.

## Ceremony to precede meeting

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

New Texas and United States flags will be raised on the two new flagpoles on the south lawn of Gray County Courthouse for the first time in a public ceremony at 9 a.m. Thursday.

Jason Jones of Pampa will perform the national anthem while members of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1657, who donated funds for the new flags and poles, will raise the flags.

The ceremony will precede Thursday's county commissioners' meeting, which will follow immediately in the courthouse's second-floor courtroom.

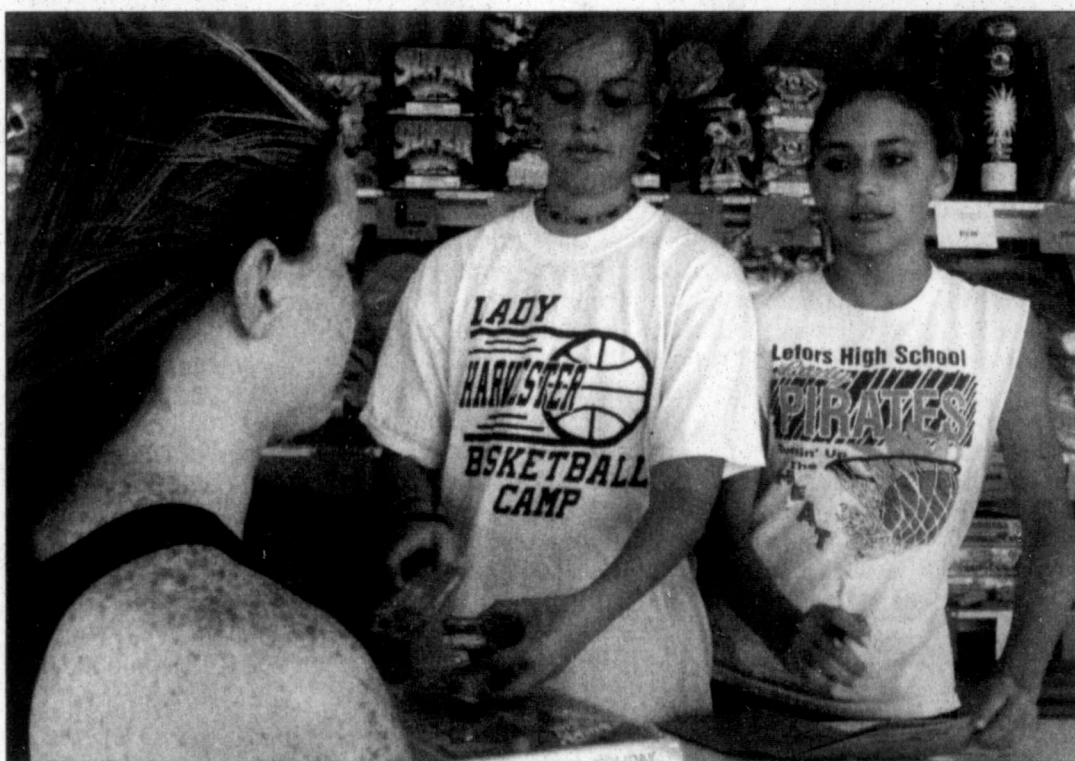
County roads and equipment account for six of the items on Thursday's agenda.

A county road policy, which was first discussed at the commissioners' June 1 meeting, is again on the agenda.

Requests for road crossings on Skyline Road and County Road 28 will be submitted for approval.

A representative of Hawkins Communications is scheduled to address com-

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Pampa News photo by BEN BRISCOE

Lefors cheerleaders Hannah Andis and Britney Coombes pull barrel fireworks off the shelf for a customer at the Lefors cheerleader's fundraiser fireworks stand. The stand opened June 24 and will stay open until midnight on July 4. It's operating hours are nine in the morning until midnight. "Our sales have been better than we expected so far. We have been pretty busy," Patsy Coombes, a cheerleader parent said.

## City will host fireworks display at Recreation Park on July 4th

By BEN BRISCOE  
News Intern

At last Thursday's City of Pampa's Parks, Recreation and Advisory Board meeting, Shane Stokes, city community services coordinator, announced that the

city of Pampa will once again hold its annual fireworks display at recreation park on July 4 at dusk; however, Fire Marshal Gary Stevens is reminding the public to, "be safe and follow the rules on the Fourth." Since the sale of fireworks

started on Friday, June 24, six complaints were reported to the Pampa Police Department for violation of Pampa Ordinance No. 1223, which prohibits the sale or use of any fireworks within

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## Events set for Summer Celebration Tour here

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

Central Park will be the scene of a variety of events on Friday, July 15, when Newschannel 10's Summer Celebration Tour comes to Pampa.

Amarillo's CBS affiliate will broadcast its evening news programs live from Pampa as part of its summer tour. Other towns on the tour have included Borger, where 3,000 gathered for their day's activities.

"We want to do better than that," said Clay Rice, executive director of the Greater Pampa Area Chamber of Commerce, at a recent meeting of the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium Advisory Board.

Activities currently planned for the day include a skateboarding competition, an ice cream making freeze-off, a tug-of-war between county and city officials, a praise bands competition featuring Christian music, a mini-burn out, and redneck races, according to City Manager John Horst.

In the burn out, vehicles

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# Deputies recover stolen pickup

By MARILYN POWERS  
Staff Writer

A telephone tip Tuesday resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle and the arrest of a Pampa man by Gray County Sheriff's deputies.

Fred Henry Pitt, 46, remains in Gray County Jail as of press time today in lieu of \$2,500 bond on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, according to jail records.

"We got a call that the truck was in the east part of town. (The suspect) was driving it at the time, and we got him stopped," said Chief Deputy Kelly Rushing this morning.

The truck, a white 1993 one-ton Chevrolet dually pickup, was reported stolen by Red River Sand and Gravel, southwest of Lefors.

"It had been gone for several days," Rushing said.

Pitt was arrested without incident, and the vehicle was returned, with no apparent damage, to its owner, he said.

## Cop Corner

Happy Fourth of July! This is one event I look forward to each year. The fireworks display put on by the fire department at Recreation Park is really professional and safe for all to see. The key word here is safe. The weather has been cooperating lately providing enough rain to help keep grass fires from starting. This is important for this celebration of our National Birthday. Everyone knows that fireworks may not be popped with in the city limits. People call the Police Department each year asking where they can go to celebrate the 4th. Gray County doesn't have an ordinance against fireworks. You can go to the county and pop firecrackers as long it is done responsibly. There are sometimes exceptions to this especially in times of drought when the fire danger is high. Each year, the police department answers dozens of calls of people popping fireworks. We must respond to this call for service from a citizen. Most of the time, we do not write tickets for this violation of the law, but sometimes we do. It is easy to let the enthusiasm for the holiday result in unsafe handling and use of the fireworks. We don't want to have to go to the hospital on a report of a child being burned or injured from fireworks. Parents, please teach your kids the right way to pop firecrackers and have a great Fourth of July.



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In the burn out, vehicles are judged on the amount of smoke and noise they can generate when their drivers spin the back wheels while remaining stationary.

The redneck races are lawn mower races, Horst said.

A portion of the streets around the perimeter of the park will be blocked off for the burn out and races.

Booths for both profit and non-profit groups will be allowed, and are expected to include those serving refreshments, Horst said.

Booth space will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, he said. Booth set-up will be from 2 to 3

p.m., July 15.

The evening's activities will begin at 5 p.m. and continue to 7 p.m. Nine praise bands were entered in competition as of the Parks, Recreation and Auditorium's board meeting on June 23, and their event could run until 9 p.m., said Kathy Cota, board secretary.

Registration for the skateboarding competition begins

at 4 p.m. on the day of the event, according to Shane Stokes, community services coordinator.

Spraying and mowing will be done at the park before the day's activities begin, Horst said. The city's 11 p.m. curfew for city parks will be observed, he said.

For more information on the Summer Celebration Tour events, call Cota at 665-0938.

## City

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They also approve an ordinance enacting a code of ordinances for the city, an action designed to clean the city's code of ordinances and repealing obsolete ordinances.

The commission approved B&G Electric's bid for sound and lighting installations at M.K. Brown Civic Auditorium. The base

bid from B&G was \$215,001, compared to the base bid of Missouri Valley of \$199,000.

After reviewing the base and alternate bids, the architect overseeing the project recommended that the city accept B&G's bid.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the commission that only one group had bid on a surplus animal control vehicle. That was Canines for Kids, a group in Burlington, N.C.

## County

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Commissioners on the radio equipment for Precinct 2. A request to use capital purchase money to upgrade the equipment, which has not been upgraded in 25 years, has been submitted to commissioners.

Hawkins Communications is currently under contract to the county to provide radio equipment.

Electronic voting machines are also on Thursday's agenda.

A vendor may be approved, as well as purchase of the new machines through the procurement process.

The machines are required by new federal law, with government funds available to pay for the majority of the costs.

The contract between Gray County and the Lubbock County medical examiner for autopsy services will be considered for renewal.

Other agenda items include the 2006 retirement rate, line item transfers, and payment of bills and salaries.

## Fireworks

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1,000 feet of the city limits. Anyone issued a citation for breaking this law can expect to pay up to a \$200 fine.

In addition to being against the law, Stevens reminds citizens that the use of fireworks inside the city without caution can carry other hazards than just the fine.

According to The Texas Pyrotechnic Association's fireworks safety website: <http://www.texasfireworkssafety.com/>, last year 2,532 house fires were started across the United States by fireworks. American Pyrotechnics Association points out on their website, <http://www.americanpyro.com/>, that this is only .3 percent of the home fires last year. They state that, "with proper safety measures any fireworks display can be safe."

### FAST FACTS

- Last year, 2,532 house fires in U.S. were started by fireworks.
- Since 1994, fireworks related injuries have declined 44 percent while use of fireworks has increased.

TPA supports this fact by reporting that "since 1994, injuries have declined 44 percent while use has increased significantly because of more participants taking certain safety measures."

The number one tip that TPA gives for fireworks safety is to follow the directions carefully with close adult supervision.

They also say that fireworks should be exclusively used outdoors in a safe area away from dry grass and buildings.

Also suggested by their website is to keep a bucket of water and wet towels near any place where fireworks are shooting off. The site warns that fireworks should never be pointed or thrown at people or animals.

— Staff Writer Marilyn Powers contributed to this report.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

#### City landfill to close for July 4 holidays

The city landfill will be closed for the 4th of July on the following days: Saturday, July 2; Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4.

The Landfill will open on Tuesday, July 5, at 8 a.m.

#### Medical fund set up for local resident

Local resident Sandra Friend has been diagnosed with cancer and has no medical insurance. Persons wishing to help with her medical expenses can make a donation to a fund set up for her at FirstBank Southwest, 300 W. Kingsmill.

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# Viewpoints

## Things to learn before going off to college

I always heard that cutting an onion will make you cry, but tonight I learned this myth is simply not true.

For the first time in my life, I peeled and diced the vegetable to cook a meal. While there was definitely a strange odor wafting from the white food item, my eyes shed no tears. Instead I was joyful because I learned one more task before moving.

As I prepare to leave for college in just over six

weeks, I have been thinking about everything that I do not know how to do.

While I started making a list of what I should learn by quickly jotting down a few words on a scrap piece of paper that I found in my car, it quickly turned into four typed pages of simple tasks.

Nothing on the list is an absolute need-to-know item.

I hope that I have learned all of those by this point in

my life. While I have mastered the art of balancing a checkbook and separating laundry

already, the items on the list are more tasks that are non-essential, but helpful,

things to know, such as the proper way to sew a replacement button onto a dress shirt or how to check

my oil and water levels on my vehicle.

Since time is so limited, I have been using any opportunity that has arisen to learn one of the items off my list, such as

cooking fajitas for dinner and chopping an onion for the dish. However, my list has not just brought about

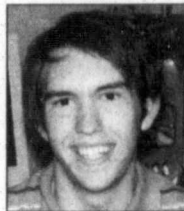
learning, but also teaching.

As I am preparing to leave, my mom has also started her list of things she wishes to learn from me, such as how to work the digital camera or how to set the ever-pesky DVD player's clock.

I was told in elementary school once, that you are only truly wise when you realize how much you do not know. If this is true, my list has made me feel like Einstein.

While I could survive without knowing how to complete any of these tasks, I am sure that learning them now, will make it just that much easier to adjust to life away from home, where I will inevitably discover a myriad of other tasks I have never even thought about.

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**Ben Briscoe**  
News Intern

## Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, June 29, the 180th day of 2005. There are 185 days left in the year.

### Today's Highlight in History:

On June 29, 1776, the Virginia state constitution was adopted, and Patrick Henry made governor.

### On this date:

In 1767, the British Parliament approved the Townshend Revenue Acts, which imposed import duties on certain goods shipped to America. Colonists bitterly protested the Acts, which were repealed in 1770.

In 1949, the government of South Africa enacted a ban against racially mixed marriages.

In 1954, the Atomic Energy Commission voted against reinstating Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer's access to classified information.

In 1966, the United States bombed fuel storage facilities near the North Vietnamese cities of Hanoi and Haiphong.

In 1967, Jerusalem was re-united as Israel removed barricades separating the Old City from the Israeli sector.

In 1970, the United States ended a two-month military offensive into Cambodia.

In 1972, the Supreme Court ruled the death penalty, as it was being meted out, could constitute "cruel and unusual punishment." (The ruling prompted states to revise their capital punishment laws.)

In 1988, the Supreme Court upheld, 7-1, the independent counsel law.

## Our readers write

### State income tax options

Early in our 2005 state legislative session, I recommended that we tax all petroleum and natural gas products leaving the state for consumption in the other 47 states to finance our schools and other worthy projects. Let's include what we consume.

We refine 85 percent of the gasoline, refining diesel, propane/butane with production of natural gas for national consumption. Taxing a barrel (42 gallons) of a product at 3 to 5 cents as it leaves the refinery, with natural gas taxed at 1 to 3 cents per MCF (million cubic feet) at point of origin, including off shore production and tankers.

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Transfer of funds to state's general fund requiring 10-year bonds, payable to trust fund with annual payments (interest and principal), and corporate bond interest rates.

Think it will happen? Too simple. Politician prefer to do things helter-skelter.

**James R. Braxton**  
Pampa



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## Hazard elimination project update

Since the controversy surrounding our proposal to remove trees in the north-eastern Panhandle first began, the Texas Department of Transportation has received extensive public comment. We're listening. On June 24, 2005, we held our third meeting with the Hazard Elimination Committee, which was formed at our request, and presented a significantly revised project proposal. I believe in this new project. It is obvious that TxDOT is working hard to address the concerns of the public.

First the numbers: In our study of the project area's 145 miles of highway, we found 9,496 trees on TxDOT right of way. Our original project concept estimated a total tree removal of 1,185. The new proposal is to take out 115 carefully selected

trees. These trees are in areas which cannot be shielded by guard fence or are in positions, such as on the outside of curves, that make them simply too much of a hazard to traffic.

None of the trees proposed for removal are within the city limits of any town. None are in the canopy area. None are in the median of the divided highway south of Canadian. None have any protected environmental or historical status.

Of course, this project is not just about trees. We'll also increase roadside safety by flattening slopes and making structure ends safely traversable.

Why is it important to do

this type of work? One third of all highway fatalities result from run-off-the-road crashes. In Texas, approximately 1,250 people died last year when their vehicles left the road. Many of these deaths occurred when vehicles struck fixed objects, such as trees. In this project area, eight people were killed in fixed object crashes over a 10-year period, and seven of those deaths were tree-related. Numbers of deaths and injuries on US 60 and US 83 were high enough when compared to similar roadway sections throughout Texas that the majority of this project qualified for funding through state safety programs.



**Mark Tomlinson**

TxDOT  
District  
Engineer

Some of the key decisions we've made revolve around how to apply our clear zone standards, since there is some flexibility in these rules. Depending on traffic volumes, the clear zone minimum is either 16 feet or 30 feet. The desirable clear zone value is 30 feet, regardless of traffic count. The highway shoulder, which is generally 10 feet wide, is considered to be part of this recovery area.

Due to public concerns about tree removal, we've chosen to use minimum clearance values as much as possible. This alone "saves" hundreds of trees.

After selecting the clearance value, we've reviewed all fixed objects within that area. We've involved the Hazard Elimination

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## Don't rewrite facts to fit viewpoint

Revisionist historians try to rewrite the past, but it takes real genius and duplicity to rewrite the present.

Enter the Bush administration.

We know the White House has hired hacks such as Armstrong Williams to present its case to the public, but now officials are working behind the scenes to do the jobs they once outsourced. Philip Cooney, a senior official on the White House Council on Environmental Quality,

recently sanitized global warming reports by U.S. scientists, the New York Times reported.

Cooney, a former lobbyist for the American Petroleum Institute, is no scientist, but he apparently felt comfortable editing the statements of those who are.

He rewrote dozens of sentences, according to the newspaper, in one instance

changing "the Earth is undergoing a period of relatively rapid change" to "the Earth may be undergoing a period of relatively rapid change."

People may disagree on the validity of the dire warnings about global warming. Michael Crichton has written a best-seller trying to debunk the theory but the issue is whether the reports

should be presented as they are, unvarnished and undoc-tored.

This episode illustrates a disturbingly casual relationship with reality: If the facts do not support your views, then change the facts or at least dilute them.

Cooney resigned, although administration officials claimed it had nothing to do with his stint as an editor. He accepted a position at Exxon Mobil, a job that reflects where his true allegiance lies.

### Texas Thoughts

San Antonio Express-News

TABLE 1—MARCH TEXAS OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS AND COMPLETIONS BY DISTRICT

RAILROAD COMMISSION DISTRICT	PERMITS TO DRILL OIL/GAS HOLES	OIL COMPLETIONS	GAS COMPLETIONS
(1) SAN ANTONIO AREA	45	8	5
(2) REFUGIO AREA	98	16	12
(3) SOUTHEAST TEXAS	97	22	35
(4) DEEP SOUTH TEXAS	155	2	75
(5) EAST CENTRAL TX	52	7	31
(6) EAST TEXAS	148	11	56
(7B) WEST CENTRAL TX	59	28	2
(7C) SAN ANGELO AREA	138	23	57
(8) MIDLAND	185	61	10
(8A) LUBBOCK AREA	88	44	3
(9) NORTH TEXAS	207	24	34
(10) PANHANDLE	89	8	11

TABLE 2 - JANUARY TEXAS TOP TEN OIL AND GAS PRODUCING COUNTIES RANKED BY PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION

COUNTY	CRUDE OIL (BBLs)	COUNTY	TOTAL GAS (MCF)
1. GAINES	2,304,865	1. PANOLA	19,207,725
2. YOAKUM	2,043,050	2. ZAPATA	18,518,243
3. ANDREWS	1,875,751	3. FREESTONE	16,948,253
4. HOCKLEY	1,644,052	4. WEBB	15,790,672
5. ECTOR	1,500,091	5. PECOS	15,308,029
6. SCURRY	1,361,886	6. HIDALGO	14,609,759
7. PECOS	899,443	7. WISE	14,077,111
8. CRANE	796,018	8. DENTON	11,411,066
9. UPTON	795,536	9. STARR	9,223,334
10. MIDLAND	792,852	10. CROCKETT	8,045,129

## TRRC: Drilling permits up from this time last year

AUSTIN — The Texas Railroad Commission issued a total of 1,364 original drilling permits in May 2005 compared to 1,086 in May 2004.

The May total included 1,162 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 33 to re-enter existing well bores, and 169 for re-completions.

Permits issued in May 2005 included 282 oil, 351 gas, 698 oil and gas, 18 injection, zero service and 15 other permits.

Texas preliminary April 2005 crude oil production averaged 896,601 barrels

daily, down from the 940,097 barrels daily average of April 2004.

The preliminary Texas crude oil production figure for April 2005 is 27,078,977 barrels, a decrease from 28,218,698 barrels reported during April 2004.

In May 2005, operators reported 254 oil, 331 gas, 17 injection and one other completion compared to 265 oil, 525 gas, 33 injection and one completion during May 2004.

Total well completions for 2005 year to date are 3,796, down from 4,458 recorded

during the same period in 2004.

Operators reported 426 holes plugged and zero dry holes in May 2005 compared to 332 holes plugged and 39 dry holes in May 2004.

Texas oil and gas wells produced 412,302,802 Mcf (thousand cubic feet) of gas based upon preliminary production figures for April 2005, down from the April 2004 preliminary gas production total of 447,188,820 Mcf.

Texas production in April 2005 came from 132,811 oil and 62,117 gas wells.

## Veterans programs to get more funds for health care

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Veterans Affairs Department will ask for an emergency infusion of cash to meet its health care expenses this year after pressure built in Congress to fill a \$1 billion funding shortfall, a senator and other officials said Wednesday.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said the VA and White House agreed to seek emergency money after Senate Republicans moved quickly to add \$1.5 billion to this year's veterans budget.

Administration and congressional officials said House leaders agreed with the decision. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because an official announcement had not yet been made.

The Department of Veterans Affairs told lawmakers last week that it now predicts veterans' health care will cost \$1 billion more than had been expected this year.

Senate Republicans, acting swiftly to minimize potential political damage, prepared to provide that money and more in a bill for debate and passage on Wednesday.

"I'm frankly frustrated to be put into this situation ... but this Congress will not fail our nation's veterans," said Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho.

The maneuver cut off Democrats preparing to

pounce on the shortfall with their own spending amendment, demanding a \$1.4 billion injection into veterans programs.

"I warned my colleagues that what was an emergency would become a crisis if we

"It's distressing because our veterans deserve better than an administration focused on cutting corners and hiding costs while engaged in a war abroad," said Rep. Sam Farr, D-Calif. Nicholson said Tuesday the VA intended to cover its \$1 billion in unexpected health care costs this year by drawing on a \$400 million budgetary cushion and \$600 million for building maintenance and operations.

About one-quarter of this year's shortfall can be

### SUPPORT FOR TROOPS

#### Pentagon sets up Web site

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon has set up a Web site for people looking for ways to show their support for U.S. troops — and to show the troops what people at home are doing on their behalf.

The site, [www.americasupportsyou.mil](http://www.americasupportsyou.mil), offers news and other information about military men and women and provides forums for well-wishers to send them messages of encouragement.

On the Net:  
America Supports You: <http://www.americasupportsyou.mil>

traced to an unexpectedly large number of veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan, but overall enrollment by veterans of all combat eras has exceeded the department's estimates.

The department said it used figures from 2002, before the United States went to war in Iraq, to project its 2005 budget needs, citing the federal government's long budgeting process.

Lawmakers, however, worried that veterans services would suffer if the VA robbed its other accounts to pay for urgent health care expenses.

Democrats called the shortfall a symptom of President Bush's mismanagement of the war in Iraq, as the president appealed for the nation's patience for "difficult and dangerous" work ahead in Iraq.

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## Richard Scrushy wins acquittal, first high profile CEO to escape conviction

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — By walking out of a courtroom a free man, Richard Scrushy became the first high-profile chief executive to escape conviction since a wave of corporate scandals followed Enron Corp.'s collapse nearly four years ago.

The HealthSouth Corp. founder was cleared of all federal charges Tuesday by jurors unconvinced by prosecutors' arguments that he played a leading role in a \$2.7 billion accounting scheme.

"You've got to have compassion, folks, because you don't know who's next," Scrushy said after leaving court to cheers from his supporters. "You don't know who's going to be attacked next."

Scrushy's acquittal contrasts with recent convictions of several former prominent CEOs for their roles in various frauds, including Tyco International's former chief L. Dennis Kozlowski, former WorldCom boss Bernard Ebbers and Adelphia Communications Corp. founder John Rigas.

From where jurors sat, though, there was plenty of reasonable doubt to shoot down government claims that Scrushy directed a systematic earnings overstatement at the rehabilitation chain he founded and ran for 19 years.

"The smoking gun wasn't pointing toward Mr. Scrushy," said Juror 538.

Scrushy still faces civil charges by the Securities and Exchange Commission which some experts say are more likely to be successful for the government.

"I'm disappointed in the verdict," said U.S. Attorney Alice Martin, who plans to ask the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to reinstate obstruction of justice

and perjury charges that were earlier thrown out.

Scrushy was the first CEO accused of violating the Sarbanes-Oxley corporate reporting law, but the jury acquitted him of that and 35 other charges including conspiracy, fraud, false reporting and money laundering.

He was Alabama's best-known business leader at HealthSouth's height, an imperial CEO who dictated everything from T-shirt designs to seating in the executive dining room. He had a penchant for big boats, vintage cars and waterfront mansions.

Joel Androphy, an attorney who specializes in white-collar cases, said prosecutors were wrong to try the case in Birmingham rather than in New York — where Kozlowski, Ebbers and Rigas were tried — or some other place a jury could be more objective.

*'You've got to have compassion, folks, because you don't know who's next.'*

— Richard Scrushy  
after acquittal

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## Trees

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Committee in helping us make the decision to remove objects or shield them with guard fence. Not surprisingly, the committee has strongly urged the use of guard fence.

We've listened and have made the decision to use a total of 5.5 miles of guard fence to protect thousands of trees. This will improve safety, although not as much as we had hoped.

TxDOT constantly strives to make roads better and safer. Over the last 50 years, extensive engineering research into roadside safety has been done. Combined with field experience, this research has created the life-saving standards we have today, which are the state of engineering practice.

These rules are used by TxDOT every day on projects throughout the state because they work. Coupled with technological improvements in vehicles, the for-

giving roadside concept has helped decrease highway fatalities despite huge increases in traffic volumes. Similar guidelines are used in other states. The rules are written to be applied everywhere because the laws of physics apply everywhere.

*We've heard much about how important trees are. We agree. We just believe that human lives are important, also.*

Besides being a standard, however, this concept just makes good, common sense. These highways carry traffic, including many trucks, traveling at speeds of 70 mph and above.

We live in a region that has ice, snow, driving rainstorms, blowing dust and other adverse highway con-

ditions. We know that vehicles leave the road on a regular basis, often for reasons outside the driver's control. If you hit a tree, structure or steep slope at high speed, you're probably going to die.

It makes sense to provide a little area where a driver can have a chance of recovering if his vehicle leaves the road. For much of this project length, we're only trying to clear six feet outside the paved area. In others, standards call for 20 feet, but we are greatly reducing the number of tree removals through the extensive use of barriers.

We've heard much about how important trees are. We agree. We just believe that human lives are important also. In this project, we're using proven methods to save lives while being sensitive to public concerns. I believe we're meeting both challenges.

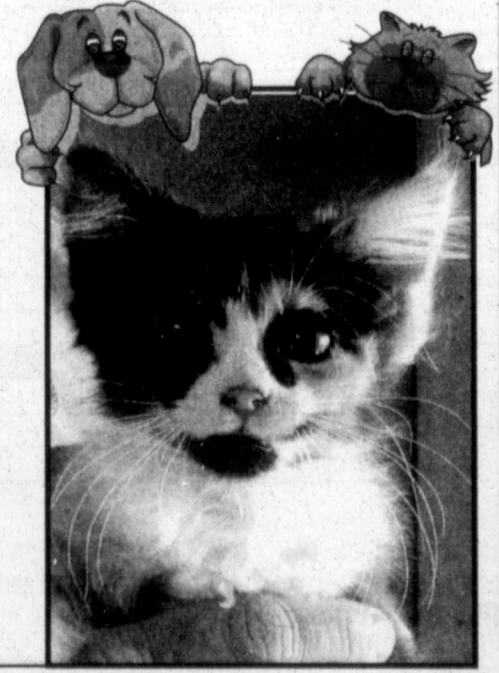
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*Mark Tomlinson, P.E., is Amarillo District Engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation.*

## PET OF THE WEEK

**Meet Patches, a medium sized, tri-colored kitten available for adoption at the Pampa Animal Shelter.**

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# Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-husband, "Greg," is being married in the fall to a wonderful woman I have come to regard as a friend. "Marla" is good to my two little boys. She pays their child support on time, attends every one of their school functions and sporting events, and loves them like they're her own.

I'm wondering if I should try to convince Marla not to marry Greg because he is very abusive. He has had problems with the law and was extremely violent during our marriage. I have the pictures to prove it. He even beat up my mother one time. Members of Greg's family have told me he's already showing signs of being abusive to Marla. Should I voice my fears to her, or just be thankful there's someone there that I can trust with my boys? -- TROUBLED IN NEW JERSEY

**DEAR TROUBLED:** Listen to your conscience and tell her what she could be in for. Don't be heavy-handed about it. Just arrange a private get-together and tell her you would hate to see what happened to you happen to her. Then take out the pictures and show them to her. If the spousal abuse is mentioned in your divorce papers, share that with her, too. After that, the decision is hers.

**DEAR ABBY:** I don't drink and neither does my family. My fiance drinks on occasion, as does the rest of his family. We are being married in September, and I'm having a problem with the alcohol issue.

Abby, I don't want booze at my wedding. I have agreed to serve wine or champagne, but his family says nobody wants to drink just that, and that a wedding is no fun unless people are getting a buzz. I want my special day to be memorable, not an excuse for people to get drunk and pass out. My father says if they want to drink hard liquor, they can have an after-party at their house. They already plan to do it, but they still insist that the wedding won't be any

fun without booze. I have 2 1/2 months before the wedding, and I'm beginning to have second thoughts about going through with it. Your thoughts, please. -- SOBER BRIDE, BRANDON, FLA.

**DEAR SOBER:** If sobriety is important to you, you must realize that after your wedding you will be joining a family with a very different point of view from your own. That difference will be apparent during every family visit and celebration. People who can't "have fun" without drinking are alcohol-dependent, and you cannot change them. It's time to have a serious talk with your fiance about it, because this is an issue that could drive a serious wedge between you.

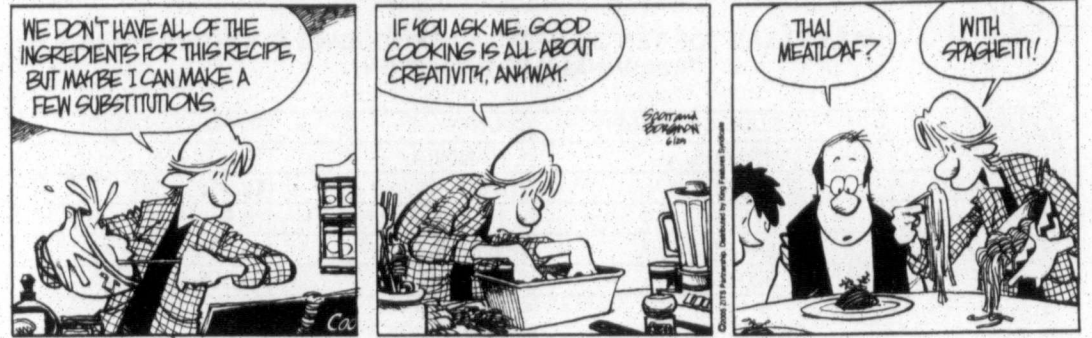
**CONFIDENTIAL TO MY READERS:** If you're looking for the "purrr-fect" gift for the cat lover in your life, I have the item. It's a fascinating, beautifully illustrated history of human-feline relationships, starting with cats' exalted status among the ancients as royal or sacred beings. The author is pioneer foreign correspondent, expert in international affairs and passionate cat-lover Georgie Anne Geyer, who traveled through the Middle and Far East to research the origins and characteristics of the 41 recognized modern cat breeds. The title is "When Cats Reign Like Kings" (Andrews McMeel Publishing, \$24.95). Available in bookstores, it's truly an "a-meow-sing" read!

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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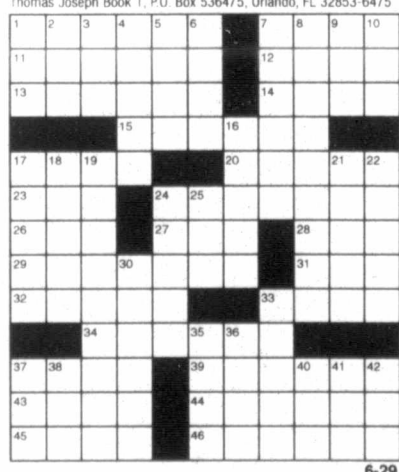
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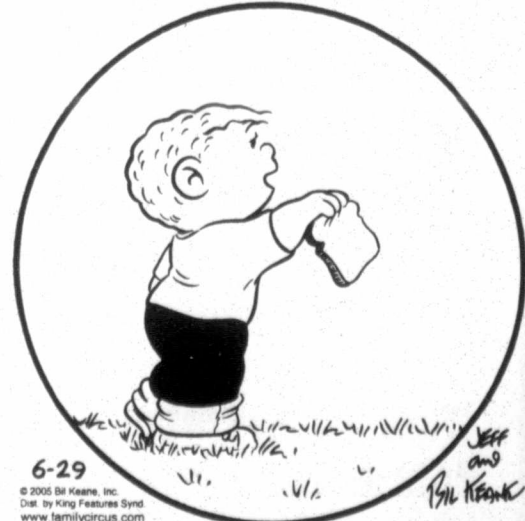


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# Sports Day

## Optimist 9-10 squad has tough time in Plainview; State Tourney scheduled for July 9-14 in Pampa

By MICHAEL J. STEVENS  
Sports Editor

The Pampa Optimist 9-10 team took part in a tournament over the weekend in Plainview, losing Saturday's game one, 10-8 to North Randall County.

Pampa lost its second game Sunday by protest after inadvertently allowing their pitcher to go one too many innings.

All is not lost for Pampa however. In fact, the outing could work in the team's favor.

Pampa will play host to a state tournament July 9 through 14. Despite losing the two games this past weekend, Pampa will play in the upcoming state tournament by way of automatic bid for being from the host city.

Said Shane Stokes, one of the coaches for the Optimist 9-10 team, "This is such an exciting event for our city as well as our players." He added, "This will be a great experience for these kids."

The Pampa Optimist Youth Club is a Pampa United Way agency.

## Stop sign



With his base coach flashing the stop sign, Danny Nelson of CTW Brakes and Rims hustles into third during last night's Pampa Park and Recreation City Summer League game against O.C.B. O.C.B. (2-2) entered the night one game in front of CTW (1-3) in Division 1 of the Mixed Open league. Division 2 will play tomorrow night.

## Angels 5, Rangers 1

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Garret Anderson hit a grand slam in the 11th inning and the Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 5-1 Tuesday night for their eighth straight victory.

Anderson pulled a line drive into the first row of seats in the right-field stands for his ninth homer. It was his seventh career slam, his first since May 8, 2003, and it came on an 0-1 pitch from Brian Shouse, a left-handed reliever brought in specifically to face him.

The Angels loaded the bases with none out against Kameron Loe (0-1). Chone Figgins had a leadoff single

before Darin Erstad doubled and Vladimir Guerrero, who has a hit in all 29 career games he's played against the Rangers, was intentionally walked.

Los Angeles began its winning streak with a three-game sweep of the second-place Rangers last week. The Angels have an 8 1/2-game lead in the AL West with two more games to play in Texas this week.

Guerrero's RBI double in the first inning extended his hitting streak against the Rangers. But he grounded out to start the ninth against Francisco Cordero, who then struck out Anderson and Juan Rivera.

## NBA DRAFT

### Bogut goes first, Tar Heels go often

NEW YORK (AP) — Fourteen picks into the NBA draft, it was clear to see why North Carolina won an NCAA championship last season.

And why Andrew Bogut was the college player of the year.

The Milwaukee Bucks made Bogut the first player with U.S. college experience to be drafted No. 1 overall in five years, and four Tar Heels were taken in the first round Tuesday night — matching a record for one school.

Milwaukee had been debating whether to take the Utah center or North Carolina's Marvin Williams with the franchise's first overall No. 1 pick since 1994. In the end, the lure of a versatile, athletic 7-footer was too much to pass up.

"I was confident, but I wasn't 100 percent," Bogut said. "Now that I'm here, it's a great honor."

The Atlanta Hawks chose Williams second, and the 19-year-old player flashed a bright smile while shaking hands with commissioner David Stern.

"It's a great honor to get picked, and I wish the best for all the guys," Williams said.

It couldn't have worked out much better.

Not long after the Tar Heels' 6-foot-9 sixth-man was selected, three starters off UNC's fourth national title got to make that same joyful walk to the podium at Madison Square Garden.

Point guard Raymond Felton was next, going to the Charlotte Bobcats with the fifth pick.

"I am close to my hometown and to Chapel Hill, so that probably played a big role in it," said Felton, who's from South Carolina. "At the same time, I think I can bring a lot to the Bobcats."

Eight picks later, the Bobcats again looked close to home and took North Carolina forward Sean May.

"Ray told me yesterday he thought there may be a chance it would happen. Me being the person that I am, I thought my luck would never be that good," May said.

Next up, the Minnesota Timberwolves used the last lottery pick — No. 14 overall — to complete the Tar Heels grand slam by selecting shooting guard Rashad McCants.

That allowed North Carolina to match Duke as the only school to have four first-rounders in one draft. The Blue Devils did it in 1999 with Elton

Brand, Corey Maggette, William Avery and Trajan Langdon.

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams was in New York to enjoy the moment with his former players, and called it a "big-time thrill."

"It's also a relief. I'd have been really mad if they had gone pro and none of them got drafted," he said with a smile.

The University of Utah also distinguished itself on this night, becoming the first school to have players picked first in the NBA and NFL drafts in the same year. Quarterback Alex Smith was drafted No. 1 by the San Francisco 49ers in April.

*'I was confident, but I wasn't 100 percent. Now that I'm here, it's a great honor.'*

— Andrew Bogut  
No. 1 Draft Pick,  
Milwaukee Bucks

Point guards were also in vogue early. Felton was the third of three straight to go in the top five.

Illinois junior point guard Deron Williams went third to the Jazz, who sent three first-round picks — Nos. 6 and 27 in this year's draft, plus a 2006 first-round pick — to the Trail Blazers earlier Tuesday.

New Orleans selected fourth and chose Wake Forest sophomore Chris Paul. It marked the first time since 1999 that three point guards were picked among the top 10.

The Portland trade was one of the few completed on a day that usually keeps the league office busy.

The other big deal had been in the works for days.

New York sent center Kurt Thomas and the No. 54 overall pick to Phoenix for shooting guard Quentin Richardson and point guard Nate Robinson of Washington, who was selected 21st.

The Knicks also drafted Florida forward David Lee 30th, giving them

three first-round picks.

High school senior Martell Webster of Seattle Prep went No. 6 to Portland, making him the first prep player taken in a draft notable for its historical significance.

It likely marked the final time high school players would be eligible to jump directly to the pros — the route chosen by Kevin Garnett, Kobe Bryant, Tracy McGrady, LeBron James, Jermaine O'Neal among others.

Under terms of the new six-year collective bargaining agreement to take effect in July, high school players will have to wait one year after their class graduates to become draft eligible.

Connecticut sophomore forward Charlie Villanueva was chosen seventh by the Toronto Raptors, and the Knicks addressed their need for a big man by taking Arizona center Channing Frye — the first college senior selected — with the No. 8 pick.

Arizona State junior Ike Diogu went ninth to Golden State, and 7-foot high school senior Andrew Bynum of St. Joseph's High School in Metuchen, N.J., went 10th to the Los Angeles Lakers.

"Wow, man, I get to play with Kobe Bryant and get coached by Phil Jackson!" said Bynum, who was seated in the stands at Madison Square Garden rather than in the so-called green room near the main stage where most top prospects waited to hear their names called. "I'm looking forward to palm trees and Jack Nicholson."

Gerald Green — projected in most mock drafts to be the first high schooler taken — went to Boston at No. 18. Green was the last of three high school players taken in the first round. Six more went in the second.

Denver selected N.C. State guard Julius Hodge at No. 20, then picked Georgia Tech point guard Jarrett Jack two spots later and traded him to Portland for the 27th and 35th picks.

The NBA champion San Antonio Spurs selected French forward Ian Mahinmi at No. 28. He was one of seven international players to be chosen in the first round.

"Basketball is a global game, just like soccer is a global game," Bogut said. "You see the Manu Ginobili and Yao Mings of the world. We can play the game in every country."

## Rockies 6, Astros 5

DENVER (AP) — Roger Clemens left with a lead. For the third time this season, the Houston Astros failed to hold it.

After Clemens allowed just four hits in seven innings, Garrett Atkins hit a grand slam in the eighth off Russ Springer that led the Colorado Rockies to a 6-5 victory Tuesday night.

"You can't let that stuff bother you because I've been beat every which way you can think of," Clemens

said. "They made me look good a number of times when I have only been able to go seven or not get it to the eighth, and I try to make them all aware of the fact that I am going to need help each night. I think my complete games are pretty much over."

Morgan Ensberg had a grand slam and five RBIs to back the 42-year-old Clemens, who leads the major leagues with a 1.50 ERA but is just 6-3. Clemens allowed a fourth-inning homer to Preston Wilson — the first run off the Rocket on the road in 49 1-3 innings since Sept. 14 at St. Louis.

"It was disappointing to see it get away, because once again he had another marvelous outing," Houston manager Phil Garner said. "We should have gotten the win, and normally our bullpen holds up for us, but it didn't tonight."

Houston's Craig Biggio

was hit by a pitch in the fifth inning against Jason Jennings, tying Don Baylor's post-1900 major league record of 267 times getting hit. Biggio has been hit 11 times this season — his 10th time in double digits in 12 seasons.

"When you play this game, things are going to happen," Biggio said. "To have it happen here, in Colorado, where Don managed, is pretty nice."

Baylor, now a Seattle Mariners coach, praised Biggio after the Mariners lost 8-1 at Oakland.

"Biggio did it pretty quick," he said. "It takes a while to get to 268. It's good as long as you don't miss many at-bats. I didn't. I had 338 career homers. Biggio doesn't miss many at-bats, either. He's very competitive. He can steal you a base."

Clemens struck out seven, walked two and left after 107 pitches with a 5-1 lead. Danny Ardoin singled off Chad Qualls leading off the eighth, and Cory Sullivan singled with one out. John Franco relieved and got pinch-hitter Luis Gonzalez to ground into a forceout, but Todd Helton followed with an RBI single.

Springer (1-3) came in and walked Wilson on a 3-2 pitch, loading the bases. After falling behind 1-2, Atkins homered into the center-field seats for his first career slam.

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— Phil Garner  
Manager, Houston Astros







### John Foster's Career....



SUCCESSFUL lawyer Dulles returns to New York from 34 Berlin banking conference.

SWITCH TO PUBLIC LIFE came as Dulles made foreign policy for GOP presidential candidate Tom Dewey in latter's campaign years of '44 and '48. They are shown in New York.



HUG and kiss for his wife, the former Janet Avery, as Dulles explained, a common scene.

## 'Brave In Living And Dying', Ike Describes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Eisenhower took the illness and death of John Foster Dulles as one of the major emotional blows of his life. Out of personal sorrow as much as formal respect, he put aside most official engagements today and invited the country to join him in national mourning for the former secretary of state.

## West Pushes For Quick Agreement

GENEVA (UPI) — The Western Big Three pushed a last minute attempt today to win Soviet agreement for secret Berlin talks before releasing the funeral of John Foster Dulles. They hoped to win a firm commitment for restricted bargaining sessions from Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko before they return from their flying pilgrimage to Washington to pay their last respects to the man whose goal of lasting European peace has not been attained.

## 2 Escapees Back In Jail

SHAMROCK (Sp1) — Two escapees from the Wheeler County Jail in Wheeler, Idaho, were returned to jail Sunday night after being released by Dulles' funeral. The men broke jail at Herter's funeral, Mrs. Dulles' funeral, and were returned to jail at 4:45 p.m. The men were identified as Wayne Pearce, 39, of Safford, Okla., and Willie Stow, 27, of Shamrock. Stow had been sentenced to the State Penitentiary charged with a theft over \$50 and hearing proceedings. Pearce was awaiting trial for car theft.

# Dulles Rites Wednesday

By HERBERT CHESHIRE, United Press International. WASHINGTON (UPI) — A funeral of high state ceremony and a hero's burial await John Foster Dulles Wednesday in the nation's final tribute to the man who guided U. S. foreign policy through six years of cold war. A bereaved President Eisenhower personally directed that a first-of-its-kind "official" funeral be held for the former secretary of state. An official funeral is just short of the state funeral reserved for presidents and vice presidents, and presidents-elect and vice-presidents-elect.

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## Red Leader On Move To Split Up NATO

LONDON (UPI) — Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev left Moscow today for jet plane for a 12-day visit to Communist Albania. Diplomatic sources said the trip may mark the start of a new Communist drive to split NATO allies in the Mediterranean. A United Press International dispatch from Moscow said Khrushchev was accompanied by Marshal Rodin Malinovsky, the Soviet defense minister, and by N. A. Mukhitdinov, a member of the Communist Party Presidium.

# Berserk Dallas Man Dies In Gun Battle

DALLAS (UPI) — A berserk man equipped with rifle, pistol and gas mask killed an innocent carpenter today and barricaded himself in a house with three hostages he had held all night. The hostages were all rescued and police later dragged out the body of the berserk man, Frank Windsor, about 40. He was dripping with blood and probably was killed by a machine gun with which police raked the house. The hostages were Mrs. Ione Dickinson, 68, and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ray Douglas, a young couple. Windsor took them hostage about 8 o'clock Sunday night when they came to visit Mrs. Dickinson.

## Police-City Issue Teenage Warning

The city's recent outbreak of teenage delinquency which Friday night and again Sunday erupted in three fights and a series of window-breakings, culminated this morning in a conference of police and city officials in City Hall. The conference, called by Mayor Ed Wyatt, resulted in the issuance of the following statement: The happenings of last Friday night, which involved many of our children, should act as a warning of what might happen, which could be very serious to the parties involved as well as many innocent people. Many plate glass windows were broken, many house markers and street signs were broken or taken away and other property damaged or destroyed.

## Carver Delivers Talk To Seniors

Two hundred and forty gray-haired seniors marched into the Pampa High School auditorium Sunday evening to hear Dr. E. Douglas Carver deliver the baccalaureate sermon of 1959. They were accompanied by the recurrent cadences of Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance," played by the Harvester Band. The First Baptist Church pastor gave the seniors four suggestions for their life after high school: 1. "Prepare and equip yourself to be the very best that you can." 2. "Find a way to make it." 3. "Do the very best you can for other people." 4. "Give God first place in your life."

## DEATH CLAIMS JUDGE CARY, 71

Judge Claude E. Cary, 71, a resident in Pampa since 1905 and a former Judge of Gray County, died this morning at 7 a.m. in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Amarillo following an illness of several months. Judge Cary presided over the bench of the Gray County Court from 1922 to 1926, having previously served as Justice of the Peace from 1928-1931. Judge Cary was active in educational circles in various centers of learning in the United States and abroad for a decade and a half before taking up law.



AS CHIEF ARCHITECT AND PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR of America's foreign policy, Dulles was the most active diplomat in the history of the United States. He was extremely close to President Eisenhower in a period when the whole world was in the midst of scientific, economical, political and social revolution. He worked for peace, bore criticism tolerantly.

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