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Proposed budget increase over last fiscal year

By DAVID BOWSER
Staff Writer

Preliminary figures put Pampa's general fund budget at slightly over \$9 million for the next fiscal year.

"Sales tax receipts are up which helps us immensely," said Pampa City Manager John Horst.

The \$9,118,058 proposed budget for the 2006-2007 fiscal year is an increase over this year's \$9,032,623.

"That does not include capital expenditures," said Horst.

At a budget work session Tuesday night, the city staff presented the new budget proposal. Once the commission has reviewed it, they must hold a public hearing on the budget and vote twice, once each in two different meetings, to adopt it. Under state law, the budget has to be adopted by the beginning of the new fiscal year, which for Pampa would be Oct. 1.

The commission reviewed both the general fund operating budget and capital expenditure budget at Tuesday's work session. Horst said the commission will continue its work on the budget next week during their regular session at 4 p.m. Tuesday in the City Commission Chambers in City Hall.

"There's really no big changes in next year's projected general fund budget than what we've got this year," Horst said. "We're planning on providing the same services. Of course, energy costs are up. Fuel costs are up which hits us hard."

Money budgeted for the mayor and city commission operations along with administrative services are both down.

Financial services budget is up. Robin Bailey, the city's financial director, said the financial services department had gained additional duties during the past year and that the cost of audits had gone up.

Municipal Court and police department services are up.

Horst said an increased caseload and

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FEMA urge evacuees to meet deadline

HOUSTON (AP) — Evacuees who fled to Texas to escape hurricanes Katrina and Rita have 90 days to recertify for federal housing aid, a deadline that officials warn may not be extended.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has been helping thousands of displaced residents pay for temporary housing and utilities. When the storms hit last August and September, most of the evacuees — about 150,000 — retreated to Houston.

About 16,000 families in Texas still eligible for assistance must recertify with FEMA by Oct. 31. They would receive aid until the end of February.

Another 4,000 evacuees now determined to be ineligible for more federal aid have until Aug. 31 to begin paying for their own housing.

County officials vote to take payment services online

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Property owners in Gray County will soon be able to pay their property taxes online in much the same way that they may renew vehicle registrations online.

County commissioners at their Tuesday morning meeting approved a contract with Certified Payments to provide the service, which would be accessible through a link on the county's Web page.

Credit and debit cards must be used to pay online, said County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead at the meeting. A convenience fee of 2.75 percent of total tax paid will be charged by Certified Payments to provide the service.

The county will receive the tax amount paid online, with the convenience fee going to the service provider. Minimum fee is \$2.

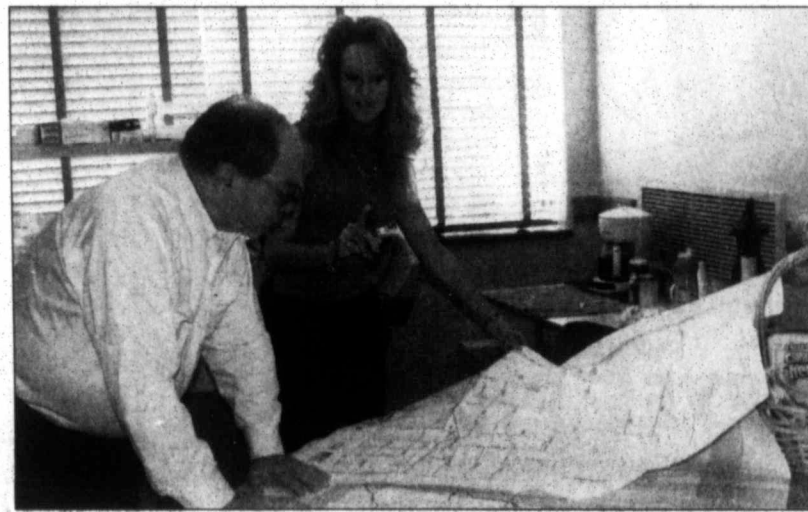
"We will get the tax payments within two days of the day they are paid," Whitehead told commissioners. "There is no set term on the length of the contract, and no annual fee or other additional

cost to the county to add this service."

Two polling places may be moved to new locations. Commissioners approved moving the Precinct 6 polling place from Austin Elementary School, 1900 Duncan, to Zion Lutheran Church, 1200 Duncan. They also

approved moving the Precinct 5 polling place from Travis Elementary School, 2300 Primrose, to First Christian Church, 1633 N. Nelson, pending agreement by the church's minister for the move.

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Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS
Gray County Tax Assessor-Collector Gaye Whitehead and Precinct 4 County Commissioner James Hefley compare old and new precinct maps to search for mistakes on the new maps, which are being provided through Panhandle Regional Planning Commission.

Cutting the grass



Pampa News photo by MARILYN POWERS

► Gray County Precinct 2 employee Morris Swift mows along County Road F off Highway 60 near Schwan's Food Company, east of Pampa.

SCHOOL

Pampa High preparing schedules for incoming students

High school students, new to the district, must complete enrollment procedures at the Horace Mann Campus, said local school officials. They may then come to the high school between 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. or 1 and 3 p.m. on Thursday or Friday to get their schedule from a coun-

selor. Pampa High School 10th, 11th and 12th grade students may pick up their class schedules at the high school in front of the auditorium Aug. 8 at the following times: 9 a.m., seniors; 10 a.m., juniors; and 11 a.m., sophomores.

Fish Camp, open to

incoming freshmen only, will be held Aug. 14 and ninth grade schedules will be handed out at that time.

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Obituaries

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HENDERSON, Joe Andra — 10 a.m., Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors Colonial Chapel, Pampa.

Joe Andra Henderson, 64

Joe Andra Henderson, 64, of Pampa, Texas, died July 30, 2006, at Pampa. Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006, at Carmichael-Whately Colonial Chapel with Butch Shepherd officiating.

Burial will be in Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whately Funeral Directors.

Mrs. Henderson was born Nov. 7, 1941, in Pampa. She attended Lefors schools. She married John Allen

Henderson on March 6, 1970, in Pampa.

She was devoted to spending time with her grandchildren. She was a loving mother and wife.

Survivors include her husband, John Henderson, of the home; two sons, Raymie Rodgers and wife Carleen of Paradise, and Mark Allen Henderson of Gordonville; a

Henderson and wife Wendy of Pampa; one daughter,

Terri Barrow and husband Kelly of Borger; eight grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four brothers-in-law, Jimmy Henderson and wife Mary Lou of Borger, Kent Henderson of Albuquerque, N.M., and Howard Henderson of Gordonville; a

sister-in-law, Dana Turner of Spruce Pine, N.C.; one aunt, Marie Colley of Skellytown; and a special friend, Brenda Lamb.

The family requests memorials be to a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends at 1026 S. Sumner in Pampa.

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



Henderson

Emergency Services

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

One traffic stop was made.

Traffic complaints were received from the 1200 block of North Hobart and an unreported location.

Vehicle accidents were reported at the intersection of Crawford and Faulkner streets, the 100 block of South Sumner, and the 1100 block of West Gwendolyn.

A vehicle pursuit was reported in the 200 block of Wynne.

Driving under the influence was reported in the 500 block of East Tyng.

Animal complaints were received from the 500 block of West Wilks and the 1000 block of South Barnes.

Found property was reported in the 400 block of North Wynne.

Lost property was report-

ed in the police department lobby.

A welfare check was made in the 900 block of East Francis.

Two suicide attempts were reported.

Agency assistance was rendered in the 2300 block of Alcock.

A suspicious person call was received from the 900 block of East 23rd.

Suspicious vehicle calls were received from the 1900 block of Hamilton and the intersection of Harvester and Russell streets.

Disorderly conduct was reported in the 100 block of South Starkweather, the 1000 block of South Sumner, the intersection of Browning and Wells streets, and at Pampa Junior High School, 2401 Charles.

Criminal mischief was reported in the 300 block of North Wells. The passenger window of a 1997 Chevrolet

Camaro was shot out with a BB gun.

A narcotics violation was reported in the 700 block of North Sumner.

Possession of drug paraphernalia was reported in the 400 block of West Brown.

Harassment was reported in the 2800 block of Charles and on two occasions in the police department lobby.

Violation of a court order was reported in the 500 block of Doucette.

Domestic disturbances were reported in the 700 block of East Browning and the 1000 block of Varnon Drive.

One open door was checked.

Theft was reported in the police department lobby. The incident occurred in the 1100 block of North Wells. Two rings were taken, for an estimated loss valued at \$350.

Theft was reported at Engine Parts and Supply, 416 W. Foster. Taken was a torque wrench valued at \$200.

Theft was reported in the 1200 block of East Browning. Taken was a mason jar with approximately \$60 in change.

Theft was reported in the 1100 block of South Sumner. A 12-pack of soft drinks valued at \$3 was taken.

Theft was reported in the 1900 block of North Hobart and the 500 block of Duncan.

Burglary was reported in the 600 block of South Barnes.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle was reported in the 800 block of North Hobart. Taken were \$50 in cash and a 2001 Pontiac Grand Am, for a total estimated loss valued at \$8,050.

Pampa Police Department reported the following accidents today.

Tuesday, Aug. 1
2:45 a.m. — A 2004 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, driven by Tamara Paulette Woodward, 18, of 8306 Highway 70, was traveling eastbound in the 500 block

of East Tyng when the vehicle left the roadway and became high centered across two sets of railroad tracks. No injuries were reported. Woodward was cited for driving under the influence of alcohol.

3:10 p.m. — A 1993 Mercury Cougar, driven by Luis Alberto Cruz, 14, of 934 S. Love, and a 2003 GMC Envoy, driven by Cody Don Smith, 25, of Longview collided at the intersection of South Faulkner and West Crawford streets. No injuries were reported. Cruz was cited for no driver's license, no insurance, running a stop sign, and expired inspection sticker.

4:35 p.m. — A 2001 Chevrolet Suburban, driven by Donna Kay Shelton, 51, of 2745 W. Harvester, and a 1997 Buick Century, driven by Nancy Elizabeth Eblin, 20, of 1031 N. Sumner, collided in a private parking lot in the 1100 block of Gwendolyn. Eblin was transported to a hospital with non-incapacitating injuries. No citations were issued.

Wednesday, Aug. 2

1:30 a.m. — A 1994 Toyota SR5, driven by Austin Chase McCarthy, 19, of 340 Anne, was reportedly fleeing officers when the vehicle left the roadway in the west alley of the 1100 block of North Starkweather and struck a gas meter, a Dumpster, and a shed in a back yard. No injuries were reported. McCarthy was cited for evading arrest or detention with a vehicle.

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

Tuesday, Aug. 1
3:13 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to Crawford and Faulkner streets on a minor motor vehicle accident.

4:44 p.m. — One unit and three personnel responded to the 1100 block of Gwendolyn on a minor motor vehicle accident.

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The other day I went to a meeting in Shamrock where Eastern Panhandle Law Enforcement folks get together to discuss what is happening in the area. One of the things that came up was scams. This is part two of two.

I want to ask every person who reads this article some questions: "If you are told you have won something, then why do you have to send some money

to claim or insure your prize?"

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the lottery so our money problems would be fixed. This is what the scam artists rely on to steal from you.

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you trust before letting someone steal your hard-earned savings.

Call me at 669-5700 and tell me what's going on. The very sad thing about the victims of these scams is that the perpetrators are nearly impossible to catch, let alone get your money back.

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

Budget

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raises accounted for the increase.

Pampa Police Chief Trevlyn Pitner told the commission that the increase request for his department centered on the city's upgrading of communications and computers in patrol cars and increases in salary for police personnel. He also pointed out that the city's contract with Gray County for jail services had increased from \$50,000 a year to \$75,000 a year.

The police department was also one of the city departments hit hard by increased fuel costs.

The emergency medical services budget is up slightly.

Horst said the city pays the ambulance service a subsidy of \$80,400 plus utilities and maintenance on their building, a former fire station. Gray County also pays them \$80,400.

Fire prevention services are up.

Pampa Fire Chief Kim Powell said that when the new Fire Marshal was

appointed, he would have taken a cut in pay from his captain's position, so his pay remained the same, pushing up the budget in that category. The city is also paying to bring the Fire Marshal's certifications up to date. Powell said there has also been an increase in calls over the past year that is being reflected in next year's proposed budget.

"Everything else is about the same," she said.

Planning and engineering department costs have increased.

Richard Morris, the city's public works director, said the 4.8 percent increase is mostly due to wages and fuel costs.

Streets and parks budgets are both down.

Morris said that was in part due to the retirement of a senior employee. Another part of the lower budget number was the result of stored materials for street maintenance, but he warned that was coming to an end and new material costs are rising.

Horst pointed out that electrical costs for streets lights have gone up about \$25,000 a year. He said the city's active program of

tearing down abandoned structures in town is costing about \$1,000 per building. To date this year, he said it has cost the city about \$43,000 to demolish the buildings.

The budget for the recreation department is up about \$1,000, but Bailey said it hasn't changed much. The budget for care of the parks is down about \$40,000, Morris said.

Morris said he is keeping the budget for the city's buildings and grounds about the same. The proposed budget for that department is up slightly.

Fire suppression is down, but the budget for code enforcement is up.

Fire Chief Powell said she is short one firefighter and that may soon be two. She said they are beginning the hiring process.

Morris said the increase in costs in code enforcement is due to fuel costs and computer maintenance.

Animal control's budget is up as is the dispatching budget.

Police Chief Pitner said there has been an increase in over-time and fuel costs. He said there has also been an increase in over-time in

dispatch, but dispatch costs are generally down because of upgraded equipment last year.

Emergency management's budget is up about \$4,000. Horst said \$58,000 of the costs of the emergency management budget is picked up by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Administration along with about half the vehicle costs.

"That leaves us paying about \$30,000," Horst said.

The household hazardous waste program budget is remaining the same, Horst said. The program, which allows residents to turn in hazardous waste, is funded by a 15-cent monthly fee on city sewer bills.

The budget for the information technology department is down.

The budget for central stores is up, but the budget for the central garage is down.

Because of a reduction in personnel and the retirement of a senior employee, the budget for solid waste collection is down.

"We feel pretty good about the general fund budget at this time," Horst said following the meeting.

Online

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"The distance between the new and old polling places is only about half a mile," said County Clerk Susan Winborne.

The reasons for the moves include lack of heating in the school hallways where polling takes place, the amount of space available, and limited electrical outlets for plugging in the electronic voting machines.

Both new locations have ample parking and are ADA accessible, Winborne said.

A proposal of \$5,500 by Parsley's Sheet Metal and Roofing was accepted for repairs to the county hangar at Perry LeFors Air Field. The hangar was damaged during a storm which moved through the area on June 16.

Corrugated metal and flashing will be installed where existing metal and flashing were blown off by the storm, according to County Judge Richard Peet. The county's insurance deductible for the damage is \$1,000, he said.

The \$10 added to the county's vehicle registration fee several years ago was approved to be continued for another year. Proceeds go into the county's road and bridge fund.

Election judges for 2006-2007 were chosen. They are: Precinct 1, Judy West, judge, and Barbara Porter, alternate; Precinct 2, Janice Hoffer, judge, and Zetha Dougherty, alternate;

Precinct 3, Judy Davis, judge; Precinct 4, Linda McAnear, judge, and Margie Fish, alternate; Precinct 5, Joel Combs, judge; Precinct 6, Wyatt Earp, judge, and Joyce Moler, alternate; and Precinct 7, Esther McAdoo, judge.

Early voting judges are Wanda Carter, Virginia Greer, Nancy Whitten and Marilyn Lewis.

"In Precinct 3, the alternate judge is the husband of the judge," Winborne said.

Commissioners approved allowing Winborne to locate an alternate judge for Precinct 7.

Susan Braddock was reappointed to the Texas Panhandle Mental Health Mental Retardation board of trustees.

Commissioners also voted to continue longevity pay for county employees.

Currently, employees receive an additional \$20 per month after four years, with an additional \$5 per month each year thereafter.

Tax bids for three tax delinquent properties were approved. The locations, bids and bidders are 803 Craven, \$101, Sharon Gonzalez of Pampa; 703 E. Foster, \$200, Vernon Noble of Pampa; and 920 S. Sumner, \$250, Violeta Moreno of Pampa.

Commissioners tabled action on a maintenance renewal contract for automated victim notification services due to the absence of a representative from the district attorney's office.

Initial discussion of the 2006-2007 fiscal year budget was held. The next budget hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Aug. 4.

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Viewpoints

Dems are not true friends of state of Israel

By **DICK MORRIS** and **EILEEN MCGANN**

Ten years ago, on April 18, 1996, Israel attacked Hezbollah in Lebanon for 16 days in an operation called Grapes of Wrath. The global condemnation of Israel was fierce, especially when it bombed a U.N. refugee camp, killing 107 people, an attack that Tel Aviv said was a mistake.

At the time, the United States did nothing to stop the tide from turning against Israel and President Clinton said, "I think it is important that we do everything we can to bring an end to the violence."

In private, Clinton seethed at the Israeli attack, saying he had discussed with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres the possibility

of concluding a military defense treaty with his nation, pledging U.S. aid in the event of an attack.

"They really want this guarantee from us," Clinton told me. "I would have given them the commitment, too, but now I can't because of the uproar over the refugee camp bombing."

No such treaty was ever signed.

Clinton's willingness to use American power to force a cease-fire on Israel before it had fully eradicated Hezbollah stands in stark and sharp contrast to George Bush's insistence on letting Israel proceed with its attacks until the terrorist group is neutralized.

In a nutshell, this illustrates the difference between the Democratic and Republican approaches to

Israeli security.

Bush and his administration clearly see the Israeli attack as an opportunity to clean out terrorist cells that have come to be pivotal in Lebanon. With Hezbollah's power extending into the cabinet in Beirut, it is clear

that Israeli military action is necessary to forestall the creation of a terrorist state on its northern border.

While Clinton said he embraced the need for Israeli security, when the going got rough, he bowed to world opinion and called for a cease-fire. When the United States asks Israel to stop fighting, it is like a boxer's manager throwing

in the towel. The bottom line is that true friends of Israel cannot afford to let the Democrats take power in Washington.

But American Jews have voted Democrat in the past and will continue to do so in the future. It is really the

Christian evangelical right that stands up for Israel.

The reason Israel has to fight in Lebanon today is that the United States did not permit it to finish the job of destroying Hezbollah in the '90s. Now, fortunately for Israel's true friends, the White House is letting Tel Aviv win without reining her in.

Nothing so illustrates the

generic anti-Semitism of the global community than its current obsession with proportionality in judging Israel's response to the kidnapping of its soldiers and the rocket bombing of its cities.

The Vatican, the European Union and Russia have said nothing about the almost daily bombardment of Israel's northern border by Hezbollah or the constant attacks from Gaza after Israel magnanimously vacated the strip. But now that the Jewish state is defending itself, the global community is outraged at the "disproportionate" Israeli response. Only Jewish lives have to be dealt with proportionately.

Israel's defensive barrier has succeeded in sharply curtailing the once daily sui-

cide/homicide bombing of civilian Israeli targets. Now the Israeli invasion will push back the frontiers from which the terrorists can work their mayhem through missiles.

Bush and the Republican administration realize that Israel is only acting in self-defense. It is obvious that she would not be attacking Lebanon if the terrorists had not made a habit of using it as a base for attacks on Jewish cities.

The global condemnation of Israel is simply illustrative of the low esteem attached to Jewish blood in this world where anti-Semitism comes disguised as morality and a commitment to peace.

—Dick Morris was an adviser to Bill Clinton for 20 years.

Dick Morris
Columnist



Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 2, the 214th day of 2006. There are 151 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 2, 1776, members of the Continental Congress began attaching their signatures to the Declaration of Independence.

On this date:

In 1790, the enumeration for the first United States census began; the final total was 3,929,214.

In 1873, inventor Andrew S. Hallidie successfully tested a cable car he had designed for the city of San Francisco. (Various references give the date of this event as Aug. 1, but more recent research points to Aug. 2.)

In 1876, frontiersman "Wild Bill" Hickok was shot and killed while playing poker at a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1923, the 29th president of the United States, Warren G. Harding, died in San Francisco.

In 1934, German President Paul von Hindenburg died, paving the way for Adolf Hitler's complete takeover.

In 1939, Albert Einstein signed a letter to President Roosevelt urging creation of an atomic weapons research program.

In 1943, during World War II, Navy boat PT-109, commanded by Lt. John F. Kennedy, sank after being rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri off the Solomon Islands.

In 1964, the Pentagon reported the first of two attacks on U.S. destroyers by North Vietnamese torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin.

In 1986, attorney Roy M. Cohn died at Bethesda Naval Hospital of cardiac arrest and complications from AIDS.

In 1990, Iraq invaded Kuwait, seizing control of the oil-rich emirate. (The Iraqis were later driven out in Operation Desert Storm.)

Ten years ago: Wall Street investors, worried about possible interest rate increases, roared their approval after the government reported that unemployment was creeping higher, consumer spending had slipped and manufacturing may have stalled.

Five years ago: The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal handed down its first conviction for genocide, finding a Bosnian Serb general (Radislav Krstic) guilty of the deaths of up to 8,000 Muslims. (He's serving a 35-year prison term.)

'A beautiful soul has no other merit than its own existence.'

— Friedrich von Schiller
German author
(1759-1805)



The chasm between power and smarts

In a perfect world, military power would match the brainpower of the people who wield it. Alas, it's not a perfect world, and the mismatch between power and smarts is sometimes wider than the Grand Canyon.

Remember when Paul Wolfowitz was in the Defense Department? Why, he told Congress that the Iraqis will greet us as liberators and Iraqi oil will pay for the war and the reconstruction. Can't beat that deal — getting rid of a dictator the president doesn't like virtually cost-free.

Well, about a half-trillion dollars and more than 2,500 dead Americans later, it is safe to say that Mr. Wolfowitz was wrong. He was wrong about the greeting, wrong about the oil, wrong about the number of troops needed to occupy

Iraq. Fortunately, he's gone to the World Bank, where the only things he can screw up are economies.

Donald Rumsfeld was wrong, too. He thought a light force could quickly end the war. It did win the first war, against Saddam Hussein's obsolete, demoralized conventional forces. It's still fighting the insurrection that followed. A few weeks ago, the U.S. military announced a major crackdown that was going to clean out Baghdad street by street, house by house. Well, weeks later, the U.S. military announced that attacks in Baghdad have increased by 40 percent. Looks like "housecleaning"

was a little more difficult than the generals figured.

Last week, the Israelis sent a special-ops force into Lebanon to ambush the Hezbollah fighters. Instead, Hezbollah ambushed the Israelis. Israel is learning for the second time that conventional forces don't fare well against guerrillas. That's why Hezbollah is in south Lebanon and the Israelis, who occupied it for 20 years, are not. Don't blame the Israelis, however. We learned the same lesson in Vietnam and promptly forgot it in time for the Iraq War.

Since it is clearly impossible to keep dunderheads and other less-than-brilliant peo-

ple out of power, we should concentrate on reducing the power of government. That was the strategy of the founding fathers. They wanted government to be difficult, not easy or streamlined. That's why they put all the checks and balances in the Constitution.

But the checks and balances have all been eroded, starting with Abraham Lincoln, who simply appointed himself dictator. But we the people could put them back if we tried hard enough. Making war impossible without a formal declaration of war by Congress would be a good start. It's already in the Constitution. Politicians just ignore it. Voters should penalize every politician who ignores the Constitution.

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Charley Reese
Columnist



Shuttle mission captures the American spirit

Our nation's spirit is captured in the mission of NASA, to explore, to discover and to understand. The launch of Space Shuttle Discovery on July 4 — the first-ever Fourth of July launch — allowed for a simultaneous celebration of our past and our future. For 13 days, Discovery's crew confirmed the strength of NASA, and when the shuttle returned home safely on July 17, our nation beamed with pride.

Texas has long played a role in the success of our space program, from the

establishment of NASA's headquarters at the Johnson Space Center in Houston to the thousands of Texans who have contributed to the program's 48-year history.

Discovery's six-person crew — a seventh astronaut remained aboard the International Space Station — included mission specialists Mike Fossum and Stephanie Wilson, who followed in the

footsteps of 39 other brave graduates from Texas colleges and universities to travel into space. Specialist Fossum earned an undergraduate degree from Texas A&M and a master's degree from the University of Houston at Clear Lake, while Specialist Wilson earned her master's degree from the University of Texas.

Space Shuttle Discovery's

successful mission took place in the wake of improved shuttle safety procedures, and the program is now in position to complete the assembly of the International Space Station over the next 18 launches. I enthusiastically support completing the space station and equipping it to conduct further research. In August, the Space Shuttle Atlantis will deliver another major part of the space station structure, an additional solar array to provide more power

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Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator



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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Please tell me if I'm going crazy. My husband of 30 years recently admitted that he enjoys wearing my undergarments! At first I was shocked, but now I am over it. We went shopping together and bought him several pairs of panties and a couple of nightgowns. He was in seventh heaven. Our sex life has never been better and we really are enjoying each other -- but still I wonder. -- MIXED UP IN FLORIDA

DEAR MIXED UP: You are not the first wife who has helped her husband cross-dress, and you won't be the last. He is a transvestite -- someone who enjoys wearing clothing that is traditionally worn by the opposite sex. Because your sex life has "never been better" and you are "really enjoying each other," my advice is to stop "wondering" and appreciate that after 30 years of marriage your husband finally trusted you enough to show you who he really is.

DEAR ABBY: My 6-year-old grandson, "Andy," was "Daddy's boy" before his father and my daughter divorced. Now "Andrew" (the father) refuses to see Andy or even call him by name. I asked Andy if he misses his daddy a lot, and he nodded yes. It's overwhelmingly sad. Distance isn't the problem. It's that Andrew has remarried and has a new son. Andy was named after his father; his new brother was given the same name! I don't understand why Andrew is so cruelly punishing the boy. Andy has questions about the father he loves that we can't answer, and a brother he has never seen. I hope Andrew will change his mind. He wants no contact with Andy or our side of the family, but I hope the rest of the family will stay in touch with the boy. My grandson needs all of his relatives even more now that his father chooses to be out of his life. Abby, please print this so Andrew's family will know they are wanted and needed, not to take sides or to judge, but to love a child who is theirs, too. -- CONCERNED GRANDMA

DEAR CONCERNED GRANDMA: Your former son-in-law's actions are very revealing. They illustrate how shallow his commitment was to his firstborn child. In case your former in-laws miss seeing this letter, call them and tell them exactly what you've told me. If the paternal grandparents choose not to continue their relationship with Andy, you and your daughter should seriously consider enlisting a male relative from your side of the family to spend some time with the boy. If that's not possible, consider Big Brothers, an organization that provides caring volunteers willing to become mentors and give of their time and friendship. To contact a chapter near you, write: Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, 230 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, PA 19107; or visit www.BBBS.org.

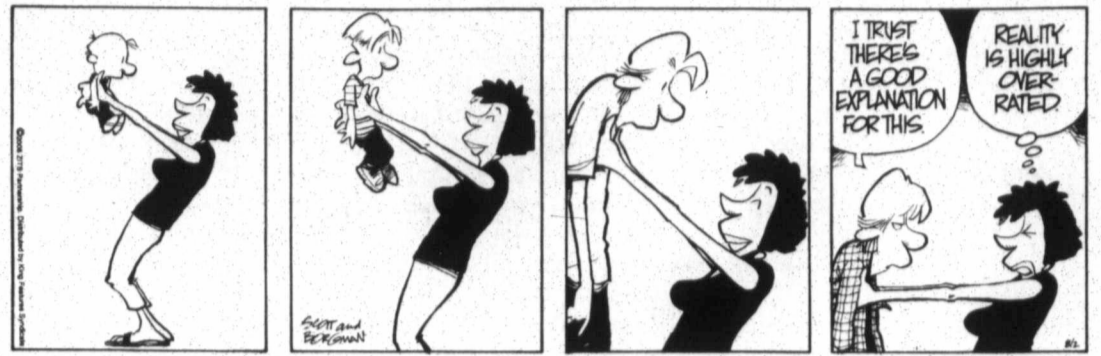
DEAR ABBY: I am thinking about trying something unusual, and I would like your opinion. I am a divorced mother of two who is fortunate to have an excellent relationship with my ex-husband and his wife. We all believe that the children come first. For many reasons, I believe the best arrangement may be for all of us to live together. I have found a house with a lovely remodeled basement with a separate entrance. I could live there, and my ex and his wife could have the upstairs. We would not have to venture into each other's space unless invited, but the children would have easy access to all of us. Obviously, there are details to work out, but we think we are all mature enough to handle them. Have you ever heard of this working? -- L.C. IN MISSOURI

DEAR L.C.: No, I haven't. What you're contemplating would require an unusual degree of maturity and civility, but that doesn't mean it can't be done. However, I can't help but wonder what might happen if you brought another man into the equation. Would everyone be as comfortable then?

For Better Or For Worse



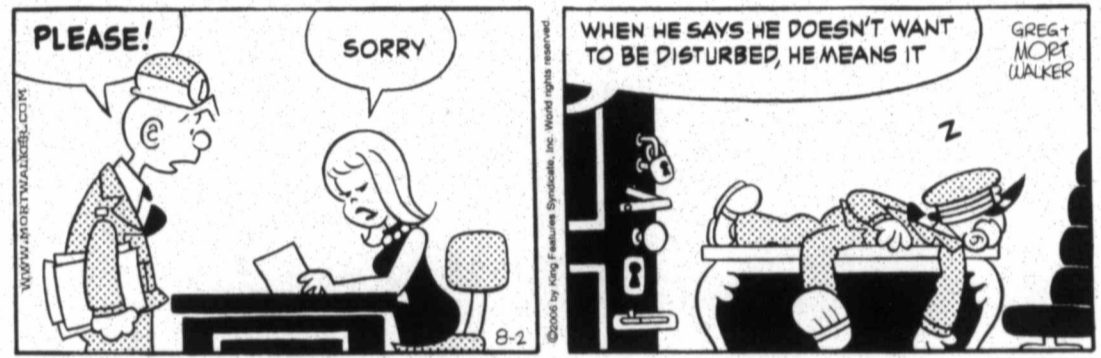
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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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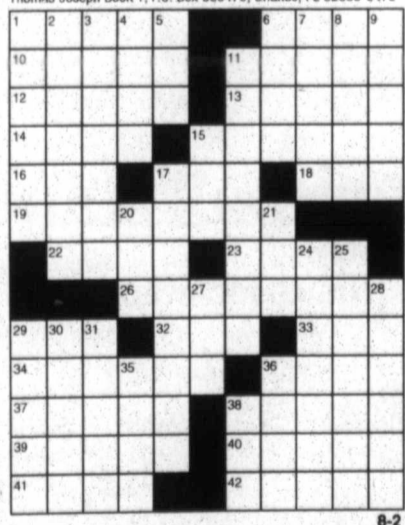
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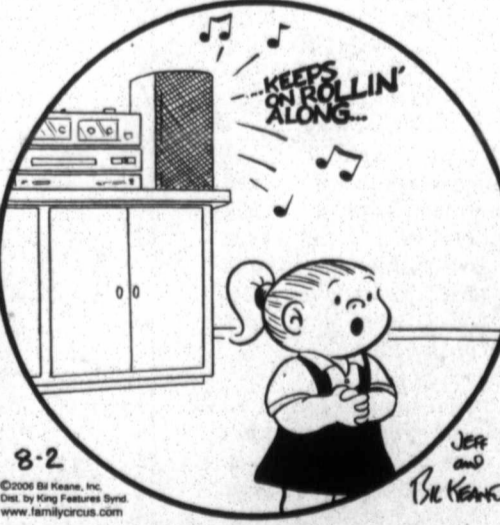
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Sports Day

Matthews smacks grand slam in Rangers' 9-0 win over Twins

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Gary Matthews Jr. hit his second grand slam this season to highlight an eight-run fourth inning, and Adam Eaton pitched the Texas Rangers past the Minnesota Twins 9-0 Tuesday night.

Michael Young also homered for Texas, which won for only the second time in nine games.

Making his second start since having surgery on the middle finger of his pitching hand, Eaton (1-1) threw six impressive innings for his first win with the Rangers.

After missing Sunday's scheduled start because of food poisoning, Eaton allowed four hits, walked four and struck out four. C.J. Wilson and Scott Feldman

finished the five-hitter, Texas' sixth shutout this year.

The Twins were blanked for the ninth time.

The closest Minnesota came to scoring against Eaton was a two-out triple by Joe Mauer in the first, but Michael Cuddyer hit a soft liner to first to end the inning.

Scott Baker (3-7) did not help his chances to remain Minnesota's fifth starter, allowing a career-high seven earned runs in 3 1-3 innings. In three starts since his recall from Triple-A Rochester, Baker has allowed 16 earned runs in 14 2-3 innings for a 9.82 ERA.

Baker gave up one hit in three innings before Texas broke loose in the fourth — with some help from Minnesota's defense.

With one out, a single by Hank Blalock scored Carlos Lee, who doubled off the right-field baggie to start the inning. Ian Kinsler followed with a single before Matt Stairs hit a grounder to Nick Punto at third.

Punto double-pumped, then threw wide of Luis Castillo at second base, allowing Blalock to score on

Astros 1, Padres 0

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Andy Pettitte outpitched Jake Peavy in his first game in San Diego since the 1998 World Series, and Morgan Ensberg returned from the disabled list to help spark the Houston Astros to a 1-0 win over the San Diego Padres on Tuesday night.

Pettitte and Peavy went head-to-head for the third time since 2004, and the Houston lefty now has a 2-1 advantage over the Padres' righty.

Pettitte (10-11) was impressive in his first start in San Diego since winning Game 4 of the 1998 World Series at Qualcomm Stadium, which completed the New York Yankees' sweep of the Padres.

Pitching for the first time at Petco Park, he held San Diego to five hits in six

innings, struck out eight and escaped two jams. Pettitte walked two and got the only run he needed on Adam Everett's sacrifice fly in the fourth.

Chad Qualls and Dan Wheeler each worked a hitless inning in relief. Brad Lidge fanned three in the ninth for his 24th save in 28 opportunities.

Astros pitchers struck out 13 in a five-hitter, Houston's NL-best 10th shutout.

Peavy (5-11) pitched well, but lost for the sixth time in seven decisions. He was coming off a 10-3 victory against the Los Angeles Dodgers, his only win since May 28. Peavy allowed one run and six hits in seven innings, struck out three and walked one.

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Terrell Owens' day in training camp

OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — A look at Terrell Owens' day in training camp with the Dallas Cowboys on Tuesday.

UNHAPPY CAMPER

The entire offense was out of synch in the lone workout, including the new star receiver. He short-armed and missed a ball over the middle with two defenders closing on him, stayed on the ground for an extra few seconds after leaving his feet and missing a pass in the end zone and dropped a slant in 11-on-11 drills. After a catch by Patrick Crayton, a fan bellowed, "Patrick, show T.O. how to catch the ball."

MOOD-LIFTER

The boss wasn't too disappointed with his big investment. Team owner Jerry Jones chatted with Owens on the sideline and both appeared to be laughing and enjoying the conversation.

STAY AWAY FROM ME

Defensive end-turned-linebacker Greg Ellis has been forced to cover Owens on some plays and it's safe to say he doesn't like it. "I tell him, 'Don't come over where I'm at, man. I don't want to have to chase you down the field,'" Ellis said. "Obviously I can't outrun T.O., so if he catches it, somebody needs to make a tackle."

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Jerrod Johnson has big night as South All-Stars drop

AUSTIN (AP) — A Vince Young lookalike bound for Texas' biggest rival turned in a riveting performance on Tuesday night as the South beat the North 30-20 in the Texas high school coaches All-Star game.

Jerrod Johnson of Humble, who is headed to Texas A&M, completed 10-of-18 passes for 188 yards and a record-tying four touchdowns.

Johnson was also the leading rusher for the South, gaining 41 yards on 18 carries.

Johnson completed scoring passes to Toddrick Penland (Newton), Andre McCorkle (Flour Bluff), Chris Caffisch (San Antonio Madison), and Gary Ragston (Brenham).

Johnson's 62-yard scoring pass to McCorkle was the longest play from scrimmage in the game.

Texas-bound running back Antwan Cobb of Pflugerville caught a four-yard pass from Clark Harrell of Ennis for the first North score. The North

added a pair of third-quarter touchdowns when Celina quarterback Nathan Tune scored on a two-yard run then tossed a 29-yard scoring pass to Southlake Carroll's Clint Renfro. Tune is heading to North Texas, and Renfro will play for TCU.

Tune completed 10-of-13 passes for 108 yards for the North. Vondrell McGee of Longview, also headed to Texas, was the leading rusher for the North with 37 yards on nine carries.

Johnson was named the Offensive most valuable player for the game while South defensive tackle Broderick Marshall of Austin McCallum, who will attend Tyler Junior College, was selected as the defensive most valuable player.

The South's kicker, Texas-bound Hunter Lawrence of Boerne, boomed his kickoffs, hit four extra points and added a running rugby style punt and a pooch kick. Lawrence also nailed a 41 yarder into-the-wind punt that had a hang time of four seconds.



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Edinburg	43	27	.614	
San Angelo	39	31	.557	4
Alexandria	34	36	.486	9
Amarillo	32	38	.457	11
Rio Grande Valley	31	38	.449	11 1/2
Laredo	30	39	.435	12 1/2

Tuesday's Games
Rio Grande Valley 11, Alexandria 6
Laredo 2, Amarillo 1
Edinburg 6, San Angelo 2

Wednesday's Games
Alexandria at Rio Grande Valley
Amarillo at Laredo
San Angelo at Edinburg

Thursday's Games
Alexandria at Rio Grande Valley
Amarillo at Laredo
San Angelo at Edinburg

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, Aug. 3, 2006:

You have a way that draws many people to you. You have depth and a sense of humor. The combination is close to unbeatable. Others respond to these qualities. You have words of wisdom, but need to sprinkle your advice carefully and not spew constantly. You want to avoid resentment from others. If you are single, you don't have to keep that status. Many people would like to help you change it. The question is: Will you let them? If you are attached, add that romantic quality that Leo is known for. SAGITTARIUS makes you laugh.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Take heart — even with a difficult person you'll make headway. Not everyone understands where you are coming from. Pull someone away from the crowd and take your time to explain what you are thinking. You'll get results. Tonight: Try a novel experience.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Others finally smile and open up. Even in a difficult situation, you sense someone's willingness to negotiate. Think positively, and you can turn this person around to your perception. Working with someone, as a partner draws good will. Tonight: Make nice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Plug yourself into a project, and you'll get a lot done quickly. You might be quite pleased with what heads down your path. Evaluate what you expect

before making a demand. How reasonable are you? Tonight: Happy as can be.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Your imagination mixes well with foresight. This combination might actually be intelligence. Think carefully about your first reaction. Often talking opens doors. Your ability to read between the lines allows you to accomplish a lot quickly. Tonight: Slow down — you need some downtime.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ You realize certain facts and look at life very differently as a result. You might not understand what is motivating someone, but with insight and questions, a connection is made. Add your imagination to whatever you do today. Fun naturally occurs, though your spending could be out of whack. Tonight: Have fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Take the first step and make an important call. Your good will and positive approach will make a big difference. Others talk and finally reveal much more of what is going on with them. Consider a family matter with care. Tonight: Happy at home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You hear news that impacts your finances. For some, this could be working overtime. Take charge rather than be affected by others. Think in terms of gain. Make a point of working with others directly. Tonight: Ask questions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Use this high energy to make not only your day but also someone else's. Pick up the phone and make a call. Plan a trip or vacation. Expenses need to be thought through. Look at the big pic-

ture financially. Gather information from new sources. Tonight: Talk up a storm.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are the picture of energy. As the day builds and others fade, you zoom in. Someone gives you important facts. You need to listen. He or she intends to empower you. You are coming from an anchored, well-thought-out position. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Use the daylight hours to zoom in on what you want. Others might talk like endless chatterboxes. Don't screen what they are saying. You might want to get strong feedback once you realize what is being said. Tonight: Slow down. Schedule some private time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want to rethink an issue that surrounds work and/or a parent. You are more in control than you realize. Think positively about what could happen if you focus. Go for what you want. Tonight: Claim your laurels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Take the high road and don't get involved in problems or minor details. You will be much happier as a result. Go for breaking patterns and getting past established boundaries. You can do it. Tonight: In the limelight.

BORN TODAY
Author Leon Uris (1924), domestic maven Martha Stewart (1941), actor Martin Sheen (1940)

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PERMIT NO. DWD325

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION

ConocoPhillips Company, located northeast of the city of Borger on State Highway Spur 119, Hutchinson County, Texas, operates a petroleum refinery facility and has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a permit renewal and major amendment for the continued operation of an underground injection well for disposal of hazardous / nonhazardous waste and to request change of Injection Zone and Injection Interval depths relative to ground level, using measured depths from well drilling. This application was submitted to the TCEQ on July 28, 2005.

The TCEQ executive director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The executive director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meet all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, executive director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Hutchinson County Library, 625 Weatherly Street, Borger, TX 79007.

You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. Generally, the TCEQ will hold a public meeting if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

Written public comments and requests for a public meeting must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TCEQ, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 within 45 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for public comments, executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material or significant public comments. The response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instruction for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the executive director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

A contested case hearing will only be granted on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised during the public comment period and not withdrawn. Issues that are not raised in public comments may not be considered during a hearing.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The executive director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the executive director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a

1 Public Notice

mailing list to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. You may request to be added to: (1) the mailing list for this specific application; (2) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (3) the permanent mailing list for a specific county. Clearly specify which mailing list(s) to which you wish to be added and send your request to the TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address above. Unless you otherwise specify, you will be included only on the mailing list for this specific application. **INFORMATION.** If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. "Si desea información en Español, puede llamar 1-800-687-4040." General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.tncc.state.tx.us

Further information may also be obtained from ConocoPhillips Company at P.O. Box 271, Borger, Texas 79008 or by calling Ms. Denise Jett, at (806)275-1507. Issued: June 27, 2006 E-84 Aug. 2, 2006

PUBLIC SALE NOTICE

DATE OF SALE: Sat., Aug. 5, 2006 PLACE: 210 E. Brown Pampa, TX. TIME: 10 am - 6 pm. Be advised that the vehicles listed below have been accepted for storage in accordance with the provisions of the Vehicle Storage Facility Act (V.C.S. 682.01-682.09A). These vehicles were towed in Pampa, Texas by the authority of the Gray County law enforcement. This letter is to inform you that these vehicles are presently being stored at MA'S AUTO TOWING & RECOVERY, 210 E. BROWN, PAMPA, TEXAS 79065. If the lien holders of this vehicle fail to pay the charges accumulated from the date the vehicle was placed in storage, vehicle will be deemed abandoned and will be sold for charges incurred by the storage facility. List: 1991 Chev CRV 1G1JC14G3M7157861 1992 Pont 4D 1G2WH54TXNF239276 1994 Buick 4D 2G4WB55L6R1425661 1990 Ford PLX 2H 1ZVPT21U1L5185456 200 Olds AG 4D 1G3NLS2F52C155690 1976 Ford MAV 2D 6K91L141974 1993 Pont GAS 2D 1G2NE1437PM585622 1996 Pont 4D 1G2HX52K2H201998 1990 Pont GAL 4D 1G2NE54D71C220244 1990 Olds 4D 1G3AAM54N9L6366486 1995 Chevy 2D 1G1JC1246SM106104 1981 Chev CCL 4D 1G1AN69H2BJ188432 1978 Ford PK F15GPC1210 1984 Ford LL 1FDJF37G1EPP61538 1990 Chevy PK 2GCEK19K6L115091

E-85 Aug. 2, 2006

The City of Lefors is currently accepting sealed bids on the following vehicles: (1) 1983 Ford Dump Truck (1) 1974 Chevrolet Water Truck (1) 1989 Ford Pickup The City Council will open and review the bids at its August 14, 2006 regular meeting. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any bid received. All vehicles will be sold as is. Bids may be dropped off at Lefors City Hall, 101 N. Court, Lefors, TX or mailed to P.O. Box 383, Lefors, TX 76054. All bids must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on August 14th. For more information contact Lindy Forsyth, City Secretary at 806-835-2200. E-83 July 30, 31, Aug. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 2006

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Visit www.networkintl.com to view Full Equipment List & Details or call 713-659-7500

10 Lost/Found

LOST male orange tabby cat. 800 bl. N. Wells. Child's pet. 669-3968, 440-6660.

LOST in the vicinity of 1109 E. Foster: 1 dapple Dachshund, 2 black & white puppies. Call 665-8119 or 665-2539 if found "Reward!"

13 Bus. Opp.

Absolute Goldmine! 90 vending machines. Exc. loc. all for \$10,995 800-229-9261

14d Carpentry

Carpentry, Roofing, Replacement windows, steel siding & trim Jerry Nicholas 669-9991, 662-8169

CUSTOM HOMES, additions & remodeling. 17 yrs. local exp. Shawn Deaver Constr. Call 662-2977, 665-0354.

OVERHEAD DOOR REPAIR Kidwell Construction. Call 669-6347.

14e Carpet Serv.

NU-WAY Cleaning service, carpets, upholstery, walls, ceilings. Quality doesn't cost...! Pays! No steam used. Bob Marx owner-operator. 665-3541, or from out of town, 800-536-5341.

14h Gen. Serv.

COX Fence Company. Repair old fence or build new. Free estimates. Call 669-7769.

IS your House or Foundation Settling? Cracks in bricks or walls? Door won't close? Call Children Brothers, Inc. Stabilizing & Foundation Leveling. 1-800-299-9563 or 806-352-9563 Amarillo.

Dale West Fence & Deck Sealing
Weather seal your fence or deck. Wash & seal your old fence or deck. Free estimates! 440-1581 or 665-7594

JH Concrete Work, slabs, sidewalks, driveways, additions, roofing, fences. Call lv. msg., I will return your call aft 5:30 p.m. Free Est. 806-382-5408

14s Plumbing/Heat

JACK'S Plumbing & Faucet Shop, 715 W. Foster, 665-7115. Faucets, plumbing supplies, new constr., repair, remodeling, sewer / drain cleaning, septic systems installed. Visa/MC

Larry Baker Plumbing Heating / Air Conditioning Borger Hwy. 665-4392

19 Situations

I do childcare in my home. Will work with the cost of childcare. For ref. and more info, call Nina at 669-2327.

21 Help Wanted

NOTICE: Readers are urged to fully investigate advertisements which require payment in advance for information, services or goods.

21 Help Wanted

EXP. Maintenance person needed. Must have own tools. Call to apply 665-4274 or 806-433-6939

WE need 23 more people in this area. We'll pay you cash to lose up to 30 pounds in the next 30 days! Call toll free 888-299-1043. This is a limited time offer. Act now!

TOP O' Texas Oilfield Service needs Class A CDL Drivers. Benefits. Apply 408 S. Price Rd.

EXP. cook & dishwasher needed at Granny's Home Cookin' 328 E. Frederic. No phone calls.

MEDICAL Office Receptionist needed. Some office exp. a must. Send resume to Box 20, c/o Pampa News, Po Box 2198.

"BEST" GDA CAREER in 2006 Agents \$100,000+ possible commissions Management Positions Available Sell full service insurance portfolio with "no upfront" lead cost. Complete Training No Experience Req. Take Control of your "Income Potential" Today! Call (866)273-4750 x6

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PART-time maintenance for sm. apt. complex. Maint. backgr. helpful. 806-665-2828 for appt.

OUTSIDE sales position with base pay of \$1,900 per month plus commission. After 1 year, average sales person is making \$39,000 per year. We will provide vehicle and you work Monday-Friday. You must be willing to relocate to Dumas, TX or Liberal, KS. For interview, call 580-651-9619.

MCLEAN Care Center has immediate openings in the Dietary Dept.: cooks & aids. Housing-keeping Dept.: 2 housekeeping aids. CNA's all shifts. Come by to apply or 806-779-2469 for info.

HOSTESS, Cook & Wait Staff needed. Apply in person before 11 am. or after 2 pm. Dixie Cafe, Pampa. No Phone Calls

PAMPA ISD is accepting applications for a certified gas & diesel mechanic. CDL license is preferred. Apply in person at the personnel office, 321 W. Albert.

FRONTIER Feedyard north of Spearman, Tx. are accepting applications for experienced Cowboys. Must have horses & tack. Also accepting application for processors. Call 806-882-4251 or apply in person, ask for John. EOE

WAIT staff needed, experience preferred. Must be 18 yrs. old & DEPENDABLE. Apply in person before 11 am. or after 2 pm. Texas Rose. No Phone calls!!

NOW taking applications for cashier, truck driver/dock worker, bookkeeper/secretary. Call 665-7233.

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AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

8-2 CRYPTOQUOTE ETRINBNS VXQOZTDNQI PUNZ IU R QRIOUQ, OI PUNZ QUI OQPXHN R ZNQZN UJ AXOFI.

Yesterday's Cryptquote: WHEN GOOD-NATURED PEOPLE LEAVE US, WE LOOK FORWARD WITH EXTRA PLEASURE TO THEIR RETURN. — HENRY W. SHAW

21 Help Wanted

GRAY County Latchkey is seeking applicants to provide child care for school age children, 3 hours daily at school location. Call 806-662-5291

OILFIELD Trucking Co. needs Drivers, Pushers & Swampers. 1724 McCullough, Pampa 665-0729, 866-415-4104.

PAMPA ISD is accepting applications for a substitute bus driver. Must have CDL license. Apply in person at the personnel office, 321 W. Albert.

WANTED: Building Maintenance / Janitor-Special event set-up, tear down, and clean-up. On sight assistance and monitoring during evening and weekend events. Hours as needed each week-\$8 per hour. Call 669-3241.

NOW HIRING Individual w/ CDL A or B w/ HazMat & Tanker Endorsement. Good starting pay. Medical insurance available. Off weekends. Call 806-683-5649

CDL position open. Dump truck exp. preferred. Day hauls only. Pre-employment drug test is required. Apply in person to Billie or Johnny only. West Texas Landscape, 120 S. Hobart, Pampa.

NOW hiring /t cook & p/t cashiers & stockers Crossroads Market & Deli, 101 Commercial, Miami. Apply in person only

UNION Tank Car is taking appl. for car repair mechanic. 40lk. pd. vacation, medical ins. For info, call 806-663-4677.

ASME code shop needing experienced & motivated fabricators/welders \$16-\$20 per hour. BC/BS Health/life ins./401K/vacation pay/paid holidays. Apply in person. 1333 N. Price Rd. Weld test req'd.

Pampa Nursing Center 2 LAUNDRY AIDE positions avail. Please apply in person at 1321 W. Kentucky Ave., Pampa NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EOE M/F/H/V

JOB OPPORTUNITY: NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE, PAMPA, TEXAS, IS TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR A DRIVE-UP TELLER. APPLY AT 1224 N. HOBART, PAMPA, TEXAS. TEN-KEY SKILLS IS A MUST. NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

PT-FT Admin Asst. Needed. Exp. required / preferred in Quickbooks, Excel, Word, and / or AutoCad. email resumes to swm@centramedia.net

PAMPA ISD is accepting applications for substitute teachers. Apply in person at the personnel office, 321 W. Albert.

BOB Douthit Autos needs a Parts Dismantler. Drug-Free Co. Strong multi-task skills a must. Exp. preferred. Must have own tools. No phone calls. 1432 S. Barnes, Pampa.

BACKHOE operator needed, CDL license required. Competitive pay, uniforms, retirement, & paid vacation. Apply at D.J.'s Well Service, 1621 Main, Borger. 806-273-2667

TANDEM winch driver needed, CDL license required. Competitive pay, uniforms, retirement, & paid vacation. Apply at D.J.'s Well Service, 1621 Main, Borger. 806-273-2667

DISH Solutions is hiring Satellite Installers. Must provide own tools & truck. Experience preferred. Bring resume to 1617 N. Hobart.

PAMPA Country Club is now accepting applications for wait staff & cooks. Apply in person. No phone calls!!!

21 Help Wanted

SEEKING housewife or retired person for minimal hours per month to return phone calls, etc. Call Lori at 610-929-1761.

RHEAMS Diamond Shop needs an experienced Salesperson. Must be dependable, trustworthy & a people person. Apply in person, 111 N. Cuyler, Pampa, Tx.

D.E. CHASE, INC. 1445 S. Barnes Pampa, Tx.

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LVN is needed for 3-11 shift, full time w/ benefits. St. Ann's Nursing Home in Panhandle, 537-3194.

NEED a Driver w/ Class A CDL license, Hazmat endorsement & good driving record. No exp. nec., will train. Also need a Mechanic. Uniforms, health ins., 40 hr. guarantee, paid vacations after 1 yr. DOT drug testing and physical req. We pay top wages! Apply in person Only. Triangle Well Service 129 S. Price Rd., Pampa. No phone calls please!

70 Musical P.A. system, peavy speakers and subs, powered and console mixers. Lots of extras, stands, lights, cords. \$2,500. 669-1241.

80 Pets & Suppl. FOR sale: 1 yr. female English Bulldog, no papers, \$700. Call 806-274-1400.

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GREAT puppies free to good home! 1800 Williston

95 Furn. Apts. Twila Fisher Century 21 Pampa Realty 665-3560, 440-2314 669-0007

1701 Christine. 3 bdr., 1 ba., fpl., c. h/a, lrg. basement, single gar., near 3 sch. Rear apt. w/ garage. Corner lot. 440-4070.

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60 Household

End of Summer Special All Leather Furniture & Bedroom suits at Greatly Reduced Prices. Elite Furniture, 806-677-0400.

WOOD framed Aztec print furniture \$600. Couch, love seat, 2 end tables, coffee table, chair and ottoman. 662-4514.

69 Misc.

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AT The Red Barn: kid's books, western, cookbooks, novels, chests, mattresses, cookware. 1420 S. Barnes, Open Sat. 10-5, 665-2767.

FOR sale: Topper that was on '88 Ford LWB \$30, dishwasher, needs repair, \$20, and a floor furnace \$30. 669-1241.

LAKEVIEW Apt. 1 & 2 bdr. unfurn. apt. avail. Ref., dep. req. 669-2981 or 669-4386

97 Furn. Houses

CABIN at Lake Greenbelt. Sleeps 4. Fully furnished w/bat dock. Lease by day, week or month. 874-1743 leave message.

98 Unfurn. Houses

PICK UP rental list from Gray Box on front porch of 125 S. Houston, Pampa.

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95 Furn. Apts.

LRG. efficiency, 520 N. Frost. \$300 mo., bills paid. 662-7557.

96 Unfurn. Apts.

Reese

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Making sure that nothing in the Defense Department budget lasts more than two years is another brake on power. That, too, is in the Constitution, but, of course, the politicians evade it. Everything connected with the military should sunset every two years. Make defense officials start from scratch and justify every dollar they want to spend. We are already the biggest spender on the military in the solar system, and what has it gotten us? Wars we can't win, terrorist attacks we can't deter, diplomacy that has been gutted in favor of force, and a ticket to the bankruptcy court somewhere down the line.

We need to amend the Constitution so that when there is a dim bulb in the White House, he or she will have to get permission from two-thirds of both houses of Congress before he or she can push the nuclear button. Needless to say, a large number of the worst weapons in the world are controlled by one of the worst leaders in the world. Until he learns to handle a hurricane, I don't think he should be trusted with World War III.

It would also be a good idea to cut off the air conditioning in the Senate and the House and their office buildings, starting every April 30 and lasting until Oct. 1. That would not only save a lot of energy, but it would probably spur Congress to get its work done on time.

Well, a fellow can dream, can't he?
Write to Charley Reese at P.O. Box 2446, Orlando, FL 32802.

Space

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for scientific experiments. Research conducted on the International Space Station and on shuttle missions over the past 25 years has proven the benefits of the unique scientific laboratory of space. Freed from the restraints of Earth's atmosphere and gravity, scientists can conduct experiments leading to advancements in areas ranging from fire control to potential sources of energy, as well as medical technologies and physiology that will benefit all of us on Earth.

NASA has led humankind's exploration of space, but also has helped lead in scientific exploration of all kinds. As chair of the Senate Commerce Subcommittee on Science and Space, I work to ensure proper funding levels are authorized for all of NASA's worthwhile endeavors.

President Bush has announced a new Vision for Space Exploration, which will

see us replace the Space Shuttle with a new Crew Exploration Vehicle (CEV) that could transport our astronauts to the moon and eventually to Mars. We must continue our crucial leadership in the field of space exploration and scientific research, as well as intelligence gathering and use of satellites for national defense.

I recently joined with Senator Barbara Mikulski in passing a bipartisan amendment to provide NASA with emergency appropriations. This will allow NASA to implement recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board and provide relief for NASA facilities damaged by Hurricane Katrina. Vital research was being cut to fund emergency repairs, and this funding will restore core scientific missions for science.

We must keep the dream of exploration of other worlds alive. With the help of increased funding, NASA can continue to expand our base of scientific knowledge while inspiring Americans — and especially our young people — to go into science professions. Just as manifest destiny led American settlers into the West, our thirst for scientific knowledge will lead us into the far reaches of space.

Events calendar

• **The 14th Annual Dallam 4-H Arts & Crafts Bazaar** will be Aug. 4-5 at Dalhart Elementary School in Dalhart. The bazaar will open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call (806) 244-4434.

• **Roberts County Crime Victims Services Program** will host a training on child abuse and neglect from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Aug. 7 in Miami High School Library in Miami. The training and presentation will be conducted by Diana Bartlett. Refreshments will be provided, and CEU's will be offered upon request. Participants must RSVP by Aug. 3 by fax, (806) 868-6521 or e-mail, teda@amaonline.com. The training and presentation are free. The event targets educators, law enforcement officials, clergy, emergency personnel and members of volunteer service organizations.

• **The Home and Land Owners Association of Texas** will host a free public forum with Reps. David Swinford, John T. Smithee and Warren Chisum from 6-7:30 p.m. Aug. 9 in Region 16 Service Center in Amarillo. For more information, call (936) 291-3337 or log onto www.halotx.com on the Internet.

• **Special Delivery Infant Adoption Agency** will host a free inquiry meeting at 2 p.m. Aug. 12 at 6709 Woodard in

Amarillo for Christian couples considering adoption. Information packets will be available at the meeting. To register call, (806) 367-6755.

• **The 82nd Airborne Division Association**, which represents all Airborne veterans, present active and past, will hold its 60th National Convention Aug. 9-12 in Orlando, Fla. Other events to be celebrated by the association include National Airborne Day in the USA Aug. 16 and Southern California Airborne Days Oct. 6-8 in Cypress, Calif. For complete details and material for membership, call (937) 898-5977, e-mail srgabn@aol.com or write Airborne USA, 5459 Northcutt Pl., Dayton, OH 45414.

• **The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast** will be at 8 a.m. Aug. 12 at the Big Texan Steak Ranch in Amarillo. Bill Crenshaw of Canyon will be the featured performer. Charolyn Gouley will MC. Other members of Southwest Cowboy Poets Association will also perform. For more information, call association President Ivan Cates at (806) 353-5617.

• **Kwahadi Dancers** will present "Song of the Eagle" summer pageant through Aug. 13 at Kwahadi Kiva Indian Museum in Amarillo. For show times or dinner reservations, contact the museum at (806) 335-3175.

People in the news

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Hilary Duff took the stage of Crown Coliseum here in a free concert for military families.

Duff, the multi-platinum recording artist and star of movies such as "A Cinderella Story," performed "Hilary Duff Rocks for the Troops" in Fayetteville, home of Fort Bragg, on Tuesday night.

Those in attendance were either in the military or have a military family member. Duff has previously made a block of tickets available for military families but decided this time to perform just for them.

"I think she understands, or at least wants to try to understand, the sacrifices soldiers and their families make," said Cynthia Ivins, who brought her two children, 13-year-old Morgan and 9-year-old Denise, to the concert.

Duff met with a select group of military families before the show, snapping pictures and shaking hands. More than 7,000 people attended the concert.

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Kevin Costner has been pretty much a ghost in Dyersville since starring in "Field of Dreams" in 1989.

He hasn't returned to the eastern Iowa town since its famous cornstalks resurrected Shoeless Joe Jackson and other long-dead ballplayers on the big screen 17 years ago.

But now comes word that Costner will return.

The star will appear Aug. 11 at the baseball field in Dyersville as part of a "Rolling Roadshow" tour, in which 10 classic movies are being shown at the sites of their filming.

Netflix, an online movie rental service that organized the tour, confirmed this week that Costner will make an appearance before the movie is shown on a 30-foot inflatable screen in the outfield.

Costner will play a free concert with his unnamed rock band, followed by the movie.

"Field of Dreams" was an Academy Award nominee and featured one of the most famous movie lines ever: "If you build it, they will come."

"Returning to the 'Field of Dreams' location to play a concert ... has special meaning for me," Costner said in a news release. "The movie was significant in my career, and the band is an important part of my future."

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A pilot faced reckless flying and other charges for landing a helicopter on a public street to pick up Tommy Lee and take him to a concert, prosecutors said.

David Keith Martz, 49, landed the helicopter July 7 outside a home in the Hollywood Hills to give the 43-year-old rocker a 50-mile flight to a Nine Inch Nails concert in Irvine, said Frank Mateljan, a spokesman for the City Attorney's Office.

Martz was charged with one count each of reckless flying, landing an aircraft on a public road and landing an aircraft without a permit, Mateljan said. Martz was to be arraigned in Hollywood on Wednesday.

Each charge carries a maximum penalty of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

Martz, who lives in the La Jolla area of San Diego County, has an unlisted telephone number and couldn't be reached. Mateljan said the city attorney's office didn't know the name of his lawyer.

Lee publicist Dvora Vener Englefield said Tuesday that Lee would have no comment.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Penn & Teller will host the Creative Arts Emmys ceremony.

The two "defy labels and their genre of magic and off-beat humor will no doubt provide us with one mind-boggling show," Spike Jones Jr., the show's producer, said Tuesday.

Penn & Teller have been mixing comedy with magic since they teamed up in 1975. The duo regularly performs in Las Vegas and has appeared on numerous TV shows, including their own Showtime program that debunks pop-culture myths and pop-psychology theories.

The 2006 Creative Arts Emmys ceremony will present trophies in 73 categories, including those for technical achievement and guest actors and actresses in series. The ceremony will be held Aug. 19.

The prime-time Emmys are scheduled for Aug. 27.

NEW YORK (AP) — Ruben Studdard returns to R&B with his third album, set for release Sept. 26.

The album's title, "The Return," signifies his coming back to the mainstream after recording the 2004 gospel album, "I Need an Angel," Studdard said in a statement released Monday by J Records.

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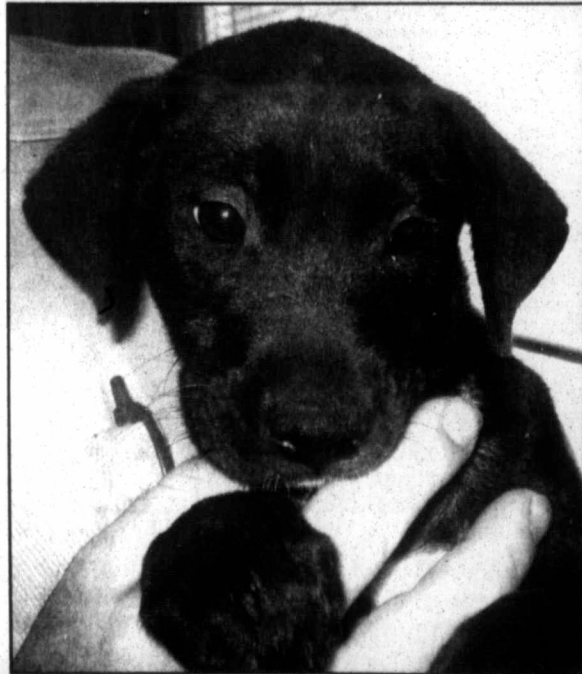
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This little cutie is a female 3 mo. old lab mix. Sugar is black with a small white spot on her chest. She will make a wonderful companion. Visit us today!

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Office Open To The Public Monday - Sunday 5 pm - 6pm

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

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