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Annual sealcoating of streets gets under way today

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

The annual sealcoating of selected Pampa streets was scheduled to begin today in an area south of Harvester Avenue on the east side of the city, according to Public Service Superintendent Kim Lincycumb.

Residents are asked to remove any vehicles parked on the targeted streets until a short time after the area is sealcoated. The sealcoating

consists of a thin layer of liquid asphalt and rock.

Streets will be closed temporarily while they are being sealcoated, with restricted access, Lincycumb said. G.W. James, the company which has done sealcoating in Pampa in past years, will apply the coating.

The first streets to be sealcoated were expected to be Kentucky Street to the west side of Lefors

Street, Deane Drive from the north side of Kentucky Avenue to the south side of Harvester Avenue, and Browning Avenue from the east side of Ward Street to the west side of West Street.

Sealcoating will then be done on the following streets:

Foster Street, from the east side of Ballard Street to 66 feet beyond the west side of Warren Street.

Kingsmill Avenue, from the east

side of Ballard Street to the east side of Warren Street.

Francis Avenue, from the east side of Cuyler Street to the east side of Lefors Street.

Frost Street, from the north side of Kingsmill Avenue to the north side of Cook Street.

Sumner Street, from the north side of Gwendolen Avenue to the south

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Tax amnesty program will end next week

By MARILYN POWERS
Staff Writer

Project Fresh Start, a state tax amnesty program, ends Aug. 15, according to Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts Susan Combs.

The 60-day tax amnesty began June 15. It applies to taxes and tax reports originally due before April 1.

"Time is running out for taxpayers to clear up unpaid, underreported or overdue taxes without fear of penalty or interest," Combs said. "Project Fresh Start is also a great opportunity for businesses operating without tax



Pampa News Photo by KERRI SMITH
Travis Elementary Secretary Dori Miller, left, and new principal Jill Faubion look over student files to prepare for the upcoming teacher inservice and school year.

permits to begin meeting their tax responsibilities."

The Project Fresh Start amnesty period applies to sales tax, franchise tax and all other state and any local taxes and fees administered by the state comptroller, except unclaimed property and Public Utility Commission gross receipts assessments.

Eligible taxpayers include those who did not file a required tax return or report; misrepresented, understated or omitted any tax liability

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TPWD has about 200 new job slots

AUSTIN, Texas -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is seeking qualified applicants to fill about 200 new employee positions in Texas State Parks. Thanks to recent appropriations by the Texas Legislature, this is the first major infusion of new staffing for state parks in many years.

Texas State Parks will be filling new positions at dozens of sites across the state in September and October. Each position will be advertised independently throughout August and September on the TPWD Web site. The closing dead-

line to apply for jobs will vary by position, so applicants need to check the Web site on a regular basis for new job postings and closing dates.

Some job openings are entry level positions for which many people might qualify. But most of the state park jobs require special skills and experience, so applicants need to look closely at the job descriptions to make sure they qualify before applying.

"We're looking for people who are really excited about

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Travis has new principal

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Two Pampa schools have new principals for the 2007-2008 school year, the junior high school and Travis Elementary. Both of the people selected are from Merkel, Texas.

Jill Faubion is the new Travis principal and Paul Nies is the new junior high principal. Faubion did live and work in Pampa last year, but Nies just moved here this summer to get ready for his new position.

After Doug Rapstine retired last year after being the principal of Travis for many years, the school needed to fill that position.

They did not have to look very far because one of their own was interested

and qualified to take over as principal.

Faubion was the curriculum interventionist at Travis last year. Prior to moving to Pampa, she has been a teacher and the last five years was a principal at the elementary and intermediate schools in Merkel.

"As curriculum interventionist, I was a support system for the teachers here at Travis," Faubion said. "I had to be very flexible because that position helped with staff development, training sessions, curriculum problems, giving data to teachers and administrators and also helping out students who were having trouble in class."

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Courtesy Photo
Dr. Jimmy Flynn is pictured with his children approximately 55 years ago before he lost touch with them. Flynn is holding daughter Linda, left, when she was about 2 years old and son Ronnie, right, is about 3 at the time of this photo. Flynn and his daughter recently were reunited.



Reunion answers prayers

By KERRI SMITH
Staff Writer

Evangelist Dr. Jimmy Flynn believes that God really does answer prayers, even if it takes 50 years. Flynn was recently reunited with his daughter, who he had not seen since she was 7 years old in 1957.

After Flynn and his wife divorced when the children were young, his family moved from the area and continued to move around the country which made it impossible for him to keep in touch with his children. The last time he saw his children, Ronnie was 8, Linda was 7 and Ceclia was

just a baby.

"The last time I saw my children, I told them that daddy had to leave but that I would always love them," Flynn said. "I've been praying over the years that they would remember what I told them and never forget me or the love I had for them."

Over the years, Flynn tried to find his children. He would get excited thinking he had a current address, but when he contacted people at that residence they would explain that his family had moved and left no forwarding

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Sunny



Sunny

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 97. South-southwest wind between 15 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 25 mph.

Wednesday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 72. South wind around 15 mph, with gusts as high as 20 mph.

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 95. South wind around 10 mph.

Thursday Night: Mostly clear, with a low around 74. South wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 94. South-southeast wind between 5 and 15 mph.

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Milo	4.87
Corn	3.57
Soybeans	6.95

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

OXY	54.56	+0.27
BP PLC ADR	66.91	-0.63
Cabot Corp	39.00	-0.56
Celanese	35.94	-0.13
Cabot Oil Gas	32.60	-0.22
Coca Cola	53.91	-0.32
VLO	63.04	-0.03
HAL	34.24	-0.06
XCEL	20.35	-0.22

Anadarko	50.27	-0.19
XOM	83.57	+0.31
Nat'l Oilwell	110.05	-0.34
Limited	23.31	-0.12
Williams	31.69	-0.16
MCD	49.38	-0.08
Atmos	27.31	-0.38
Pioneer Nat	42.96	-0.81
JCP	69.40	-0.13
COP	79.00	+0.05
SLB	87.40	+0.15
Tenneco	35.84	+0.05
CVX	81.73	-0.29
Wal-Mart	46.91	-0.11
OKE	47.38	-0.38

New York Gold	683.30
Silver	13.03
West Texas Crude	72.06

Emergency Services

Ambulance

Guardian EMS ambulance reported the following calls during the 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Monday, Aug. 6

7:26 a.m. — A mobile ICU responded to Pampa Regional Medical Center and transferred a patient to BSA Hospital in Amarillo.

2:10 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient(s) to Veterans Administration Medical Center in Amarillo.

4:25 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 500 block of North Nelson and transported a patient(s) to PRMC.

6:36 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to the 1100 block of Crane Road. No transport.

6:59 p.m. — A mobile ICU responded to PRMC and transferred a patient to Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo.

Fire

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

Monday, Aug. 6

4:32 p.m. — One unit and four personnel responded to the 1000 block of Neel on a call for medical assistance.

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Obituaries

Services tomorrow

REEVES, Danny 'Dan' Charles — Memorial services, 2 p.m., First Southern Baptist Church, Fritch.

Lt. Col. James Henry Ayres, 33



Ayres

Lt. Col. James Henry Ayres, 33, of Pampa, Texas, died Jan. 3, 1971, at Laos. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, at the First Christian Church in Pampa with Capt. William Hoggatt, U.S. Air Force Chaplain from Altus AFB in Altus, Okla., officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Carmichael-Whatley Funeral Directors. Lt. Col. Ayres was born June 30, 1937, in Pampa and was a graduate of Pampa High School. He graduated from Texas Tech University

in Lubbock where he participated in the ROTC program. He married **Brenda Stephenson** on Jan. 25, 1959, in Pampa. He was commissioned into the U.S. Air Force on Jan. 25, 1960. He was a flight commander for the F-4E Phantom II aircraft fighter. His plane went down on Jan. 3, 1971, over Laos during a bombing mission. Survivors include his

wife, **Brenda Ayres** of Lewisville; two sons, **Steve Ayres** of Amarillo, and **Jim Ayres** and wife **Meleah** of Plano; one daughter, **Allison Johnson** and husband **Tom** of Carrollton; five grandsons, **Davin Martinez**, **James Ayres**, **Kirby Ayres**, **Nathan Ayres** and **Tommy Johnson**; one granddaughter, **Stephanie Johnson**; one great-grandson, **Alex Martinez**; his mother, **Lacy Ayres** of

Abilene; and one sister, **Dorothy Ann Davidson** of Abilene. He was preceded in death by a sister, **Mary Helen Callarman**; a brother, **John Ayres** in 1969; and his father, **John Ayres** in 1987. The family will receive friends at 1 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 10, 2007, in the First Christian Church Fellowship Hall before the memorial services. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Martha Jo Bailey, 68



Bailey

McLEAN — **Martha Jo Bailey**, 68, died Sunday, Aug. 5, 2007, in McLean, Texas. Services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in United Methodist Church in McLean with the Rev. Don McCurley of Milan, Tenn., officiating. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery in McLean by **Bailey-Ware Funeral Home**. Mrs. Bailey was born Dec. 19, 1938, in Collingsworth County to **C.H. and Betty**

McCurley. She was a lifetime resident of McLean. She married **Billy Jack Bailey** Nov. 17, 1962, in Lubbock, Texas. Martha Jo was a member of the United Methodist Church of McLean. She served on McLean city council and was employed by **Shamrock General Hospital**. She was preceded in death by her

husband, a son **Mark**, her parents, her stepdaughter **Tammy Melton**, and one brother **Charles**. Survivors include her daughter **Joetta Turner** and husband **Andy** of **Ropesville, Texas**; one granddaughter, **Bailey Rose Turner**; a stepdaughter, **Kim Rigsby** of **Shamrock**; three step grandchildren, **Brandy Melton** of **Denver,**

Kisha Moon of **Shamrock**, and **Billy Rigsby** of **Borger**; three stepgreat-grandchildren; one brother, **Paul McCurley** of **Kingston, Okla.**; three sisters, **Texetta Tarbet** and husband **Cottie** of **Shamrock**, **Lynda Butt** of **Clayton, N.M.**, and **Barbara Schneider** and husband **Bob** of **Canyon, Texas**; and nieces, nephews and a host of friends. The family suggests memorials be to **BSA Hospice**, 800 N. Sumner, Pampa, Texas 79065.

Benny R. Cooper, 56

death in 2006. He worked for **Leonard Hudson Drilling Co.** for 14 years and then worked for the **Texas Department of Criminal Justice** for 10 years. He was a skilled mechanic and was known as the handyman for his family and friends. He had a wonderful sense of humor which he maintained until the very

end. He was especially fond of his two grand-dogs, **Charlie** and **Sadie** as well as his two pet turtles. Survivors include two daughters, **Stefanie Davis** and husband **Scotty** of **Edina, Minn.**, and **Kaci Cooper** of **Dallas**; a sister and brother-in-law, **Linda and Jerry Wall** of **Clifton, Texas**; two nieces, **Amy** and **Liz Wall**; one nephew, **Trey**

Wall; his mother- and father-in-law, **James** and **Erma Britten** of **White Deer**; and numerous brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews. MEMORIALS: Pampa Special Olympics. —Sign the on-line register book at www.carmichael-whatley.com.

Danny 'Dan' Charles Reeves



Reeves

AMARILLO — **Danny "Dan" Charles Reeves** of **Amarillo** died Aug. 4, 2007. Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at First Southern Baptist Church in Fritch with the Rev. Don White, of New Beginnings Church in Borger, and Chaplain **Jim Fox**, of **Vista Care Hospice**. **Danny "Dan" Charles Reeves**, was born March 14, 1952, in Borger, Texas, and grew up in **Crown Point, La.**, where he learned to speak **French-Cajun**, and cook **Cajun cuisine**. He married the love of his life and soulmate, **Marilyn Nelson Carter** in Fritch on Feb. 7, 1998. He was the founder and

CEO of **Dan Mar, Inc.** (Southern Bayou Boys Cajun Spices **L a b e l i n g Company**.) Mr. Reeves was a horse trader, artist, poet, and writer with a vivid imagination but most importantly a **Christian man** who led many people to **Christ**. He believed that women and children were placed on earth for men to care for and protect. He had a strong mind despite his health issues. He had a love for **Marilyn** that was and will be eternal

and everlasting. He was blessed by God to have been graced with so many years on this earth. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, loved horses and spending time with his grandchildren. Mr. Reeves was preceded in death by his father **Gerald Reeves** in 1981; step-daughter, **Chandra Carter** in 2002; and two nephews **Billy Reeves, Jr.** in 1995 and **Michael Reeves** in 2007. Survivors include his wife, **Marilyn Reeves** of **Fritch**; daughters, **Kelli Reeves** of **St. Joseph, Mo.,**

and **Tamara Reeves** of **Sunray**; step-daughter, **Trisha Burris** of **Fritch**; sons, **Danny Reeves Jr.** of **Lubbock** and **Chad Reeves** of **Fritch**; sister, **Diane Johnson** of **Duncan, Okla.**; brother, **Billy Reeves** of **Borger**; mother, **Ruby Eaton** of **Dennison, Texas**; grandchildren, **Cheyenne**, **Christopher**, **Summer Price** and **Journee Reeves**, all of **St. Joseph, Mo.**, and **Katelyn** and **Breanna Burris** and **Justin Reeves**, all of **Fritch**. He had many "adopted kids," also numerous nieces and nephews. MEMORIALS: American Heart Association or any Children's Charity.

ECONOMY

Productivity rebounds as wage pressures ease

WASHINGTON (AP) — The productivity of American workers rebounded in the spring while wage pressures eased, favorable economic developments that analysts worried might prove only temporary. The Labor Department reported Tuesday that worker efficiency rose at an annual rate of 1.8 percent in the April-June quarter, more than double the 0.7 percent pace of the first three months of the year. Meanwhile, unit labor costs rose at a 2.1 percent rate, marking the second consecutive quarter that wage pressures have eased. While higher wages are good for workers, if wages rise too quickly they can spur unwanted inflation. Fed policymakers, who were meeting Tuesday, were expected to keep interest

Sal Guatieri, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the continued wage pressures would discourage the Fed from cutting interest rates unless the turmoil in credit markets gets significantly worse.

rates unchanged for the ninth consecutive meeting. On Wall Street, investors pulled back after a staging a huge rally on Monday. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 62 points in late morning trading. The second-quarter improvements in productivity and wage pressures were not viewed as large enough to convince the central bank that inflation has been contained. Analysts noted that for the 12 months ending in

June, unit labor costs are up by 4.5 percent, the highest year-over-year increase in nearly seven years. Sal Guatieri, an economist at BMO Capital Markets, said the continued wage pressures would discourage the Fed from cutting interest rates unless the turmoil in credit markets gets significantly worse. The Fed closely monitors productivity and labor costs for signals of underlying inflation pressures.

Productivity, the amount of output per hour of work, is the key ingredient for rising living standards. As long as productivity is rising at a solid rate, the increased output allows businesses to pay their workers more without having to boost the cost of their products, which increases inflation. The 1.8 percent rise in productivity in the second quarter was slightly below the 2 percent advance that had been expected. The productivity increase reflected the fact that overall economic output, as measured by the gross domestic product, jumped sharply in the spring to an annual rate of 3.4 percent, the fastest pace in more than a year and up sharply from an anemic 0.6 percent growth rate in the first three months of the year.

Grand opening donation



Courtesy photo

Enbridge Energy Partners recently completed construction of its \$61 million Hidetown natural gas plant between Mobeetie and Wheeler. As part of the grand opening celebration, Enbridge made a \$5,000 donation to Parkview Hospital and Wheeler EMS to support a project to build a new ambulance station. Plant Supervisor Garry Pierce made the presentation to (from left) Parkview Hospital representative Sue Stiles, Parkview Hospital CEO Ann Fagan-Cook and Wheeler EMS representative Brenda Sparlin.

Streets

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side of Somerville Street.
 Tyng Street, from the east side of Starkweather Avenue to the east side of Tignor Street.
 Tignor Street, from the south side of Tyng Street to the north side of Frederic Street.
 Wilks Avenue, from the east side of Huff Road to the west side of Barrett Street.
 Browning Avenue, from the west side of Lefors street east to the city limits.
 Atchison Avenue, from the east side of Ballard Street to the west side of Starkweather Avenue.
 Ward Street, from the north side of Francis Avenue to the north side of Browning Avenue.
 Kentucky Avenue, from the east side of Duncan Street to the west side of Lefors Street.
 Deane Drive, from the north side of Kentucky Avenue to the south side of Harvester Avenue.
 Hazel Street, from the north side of Browning Avenue to the south side of Jorden Street.
 Yeager Street, from the west side of Starkweather Avenue to the south side of Short Street.
 Starkweather Avenue, from the

south side of Red Deer Creek to the top of the hill on that street.
 Short Street, from the east side of Starkweather Avenue to the west side of Carr Street.
 Coffee Street, from the north side of Kentucky Avenue to the south side of Harvester Avenue.
 Somerville Avenue, from the west side of Wells Street to the west side of Hobart Street.
 Gwendolen Avenue, from the west side of Zimmers Street to the west side of Hobart Street.
 Bond Street, from the west side of Hobart Street to the west side of Nelson Street.
 Magnolia Street, from the south side of Twiford Street to the north side of Allen Street.
 Plains Street, from the east side of Neel Road to the west side of Varnon Drive.
 Gillespie Street, from the north side of Francis Avenue to the south side of Browning Avenue.
 The last street surfaces to be seal-coated will be:
 Evergreen Street, from the north side of 16th Avenue to the south side of 18th Avenue.
 Banks Street, from the north side of Harvester Avenue to the north side of Randy Matson Avenue.
 Randy Matson Avenue, from the east side of Banks Street to the west side of Hobart Street.

Russell Street, from the south side of Randy Matson Avenue to the north side of Worrell Avenue.
 Aspen Drive, from the north side of 23rd Avenue to the south side of 30th Avenue.
 Chestnut Street, from the north side of 23rd Avenue to the south side of 25th Avenue.
 Fir Street, from the north side of 23rd Avenue to the south side of 25th Avenue.
 Kiowa Place, from the east side of Cherokee Drive to the east end of the street.
 Sumner Street, from the north side of Randy Matson Avenue to the south side of 18th Avenue, and from the north side of 19th Avenue to the south side of 22nd Avenue.
 18th Avenue, from the east side of Beech Street to the west side of Grape Street.
 Sirrocco Place, from the east side of North Crest Road to the northwest side of Cinderella Drive.
 Sierra Drive, from the east side of North Crest Road to the west side of Hobart Street.
 Banks Street, from the north side of 19th Avenue to the south side of 21st Avenue.
 For more information, call the city's Public Service Department at 669-5760 ext. 3.

Jobs

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helping take care of some of the most special places in our state, folks who are interested in a long-term

career with Texas State Parks," said Walt Dabney, TPWD state parks director. "We're looking for a broad spectrum of skills for different kinds of jobs, ranging from people with strong maintenance skills to help repair facilities, folks with the ability to explain and interpret park natural resources and history for visitors, and experi-

enced professionals who can help manage and administer these sites, just to cite a few examples." Applicants must submit a completed State of Texas job application separately for each position of interest. Copies of application will be accepted as long as the different posting number and location preference is identified.

Tax

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on a past report; or erroneously claimed tax credits or tax deductions. For more information, call (800) 252-1390, contact the nearest comptroller field office or visit the Project

Fresh Start Web site at www.freshstart.texas.gov. Field office information, tax permit applications and tax forms are available on the Web site.

Travis

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Faubion has been very busy since she accepted the position of principal. She had to interview people and fill eight openings that Travis had this year. The position that she left vacant had to be filled as well as hiring a counselor, first grade and kindergarten bilingual teachers, fifth grade math, fourth grade science and social studies and two third grade teachers. "One thing I'm very excited about this year is continuing our bilingual classes," Faubion said. "Lamar and

Travis had bilingual kindergarten classes last year and we have added a bilingual first grade this year, so the students we had last year can continue here at Travis. We are excited to see the progression of those students." Travis has a literacy coordinator who can speak Spanish fluently so communicating with Spanish-speaking parents is easier. The school also sends home correspondence in both English and Spanish to help bridge the communication gap. A few things that Faubion said schools in this district will focus on are reviewing the math curriculum so the district can adopt new math textbooks next year and also creating and implementing the "pyramid of inter-

ventions." This is a collaboration done by all campuses to recognize those students with special needs and intervene as early as possible to make sure all students receive the best possible education. Faubion has been married for 25 years to Jeff who works for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. She also has one daughter who is 20 years old. "My daughter Erin has been to college a little while, but decided to take a break and be adventurous," Faubion said. "She moved up to Alaska and works at a fishing lodge. She does a variety of tasks at the lodge, but really likes her days off when she can take in the sites and learn how to fly fish."

Flynn

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address. "I worked with the FBI for a while and I even had them looking for my kids," Flynn said. "But, they couldn't even find them so at times it was very discouraging." Just a few months ago, Flynn received a phone call from a phone number he did not recognize. He said that he gets numerous calls dealing

with bank questions because apparently his phone number is close to that of a bank. "The first time my daughter called, my wife didn't recognize the number so she didn't answer it," Flynn said. "The second time she called I picked up the phone. This lady on the other end started asking very personal questions and I started to hang up, but something kept me on the phone. She said her name was Linda and she was looking for her father. That is when I realized she really was my daughter and I was elated." Flynn's daughter Linda now lives in

California and has had a wide variety of jobs over the years. She's been a barber, cement finisher and even a deputy sheriff. She recently drove out to Pampa from California to visit her father. "She spent the weekend here and we had a great time catching up on everything that has happened over the years," Flynn said. "She went down to Meredith House with me and took a video of my playing music with some others for the residents. My wife and I really enjoyed having her visit and I know that we will keep in touch and never lose track of each other again."

School supply drive

Two Amarillo television personalities will be in Pampa Wednesday as part of a McDonald's school supply drive. Faith Miller and Andy Justus of KAMR TV, Channel 4, in Amarillo will be at the McDonald's in Pampa Wednesday to help collect general school supplies, including pencils, notebooks, erasers, glue and rulers. Anyone donating supplies during the drive will get a coupon for a free McDonald's Value Meal. Miller and Justus will also broadcast their 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts on Wednesday from Pampa. School supplies collected Wednesday will go the Pampa Independent School District administration for distribution. The School Supply Drive will started in Amarillo Monday and move to Clovis Tuesday. On Thursday, they will be in Borger. They will be in Hereford on Friday.

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Viewpoints

AG warns homeowners of 'equity stripping' scams

Home ownership lies at the heart of the American dream. Unfortunately, a sudden job loss, family illness or other financial hardship can threaten that dream. Faced with rising mortgage payments or foreclosure, distressed homeowners may be tempted by financial predators who promise to "save" their homes.

Missing just one mortgage payment can bring a homeowner to the brink of foreclosure. Late fees and penalties accumulate. Mortgage payments rise. Credit ratings suffer, and debt spins out of control.

Equity-stripping scam artists prey on struggling homeowners. When properties with late tax payments appear on a public list at the county clerk's office, these

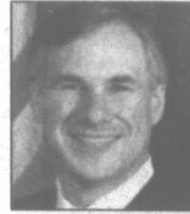
unscrupulous schemers monitor them closely, contacting homeowners by phone, mail or with door-to-door solicitations. They know that a homeowner who misses a tax payment may have fallen behind on mortgage payments as well. Another scheme tempts homeowners with advertisements offering "mortgage rescue" scams.

Equity-stripping scams take various forms and often include promises of upfront cash, repaired credit and assurances that homeowners will be able to keep their homes in the long run. In some cases, a "foreclosure specialist" may claim to arrange for an outside buyer to "temporarily" purchase a home. In return, the owner receives a percentage of the

profit in cash while the temporary buyer makes the mortgage payments. Good credit will be restored, the owner will qualify for refinancing and the home will be saved!

Greg Abbott
Texas Attorney General

In another twist, "foreclosure experts" may promise that homeowners who sign



over their property deeds and continue making monthly payments can continue living in their homes. The scammer typically promises to invest the equity and earn enough from those investments to pay off the mortgage. Within a short timeframe, the "specialists" promise, the homeowners will get back their properties, free of any mortgages. Once again, the homeowners usually end up in foreclosure after the company borrows large amounts against the home and strips it

of its equity.

In most cases where homeowners lose their homes, the problems began with a single missed mortgage payment. Homeowners facing financial difficulties that could result in mortgage default or foreclosure should consider contacting a credit counseling agency or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Homeowners should never deliberately withhold a mortgage payment. If you are involved in a dispute with a mortgage company or a "mortgage-saving" company, file a complaint with the Office of the Attorney General, the Federal Trade Commission and HUD. Do not default on your loan. Cash offers to "save" a

home may be tempting, but remember that there are few quick fixes to financial hardships. With proper debt management and patience, you can save yourself and your home from financial predators.

POINTS TO REMEMBER EQUITY-STRIPPING SCAMS

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Today in History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Aug. 7, the 219th day of 2007. There are 146 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Aug. 7, 1942, U.S. and allied forces landed at Guadalcanal, marking the start of the first major allied offensive in the Pacific during World War II.

On this date:

In 1782, George Washington created the Order of the Purple Heart, a decoration to recognize merit in enlisted men and non-commissioned officers.

In 1789, the U.S. War Department was established by Congress.

In 1882, the famous feud between the Hatfields of West Virginia and the McCoys of Kentucky erupted into full-scale violence as one member of the Hatfield clan was killed by three McCoy brothers, who ended up being slain in turn.

In 1927, the Peace Bridge between the United States and Canada was dedicated during ceremonies attended by Prince Edward of Wales, Canadian Prime Minister and U.S. Vice President

'People who cannot recognize a palpable absurdity are very much in the way of civilization.'

— Agnes Repplier
American essayist
(1858-1950)

William Lyon Mackenzie King and U.S. Vice President Charles Dawes.

In 1947, the balsa wood raft Kon-Tiki, which had carried a six-man crew 4,300 miles across the Pacific Ocean, crashed into a reef in a Polynesian archipelago.

In 1957, 50 years ago, Oliver Hardy (the heavier half of the Laurel and Hardy comedy team) died in North Hollywood, Calif., at age 65.

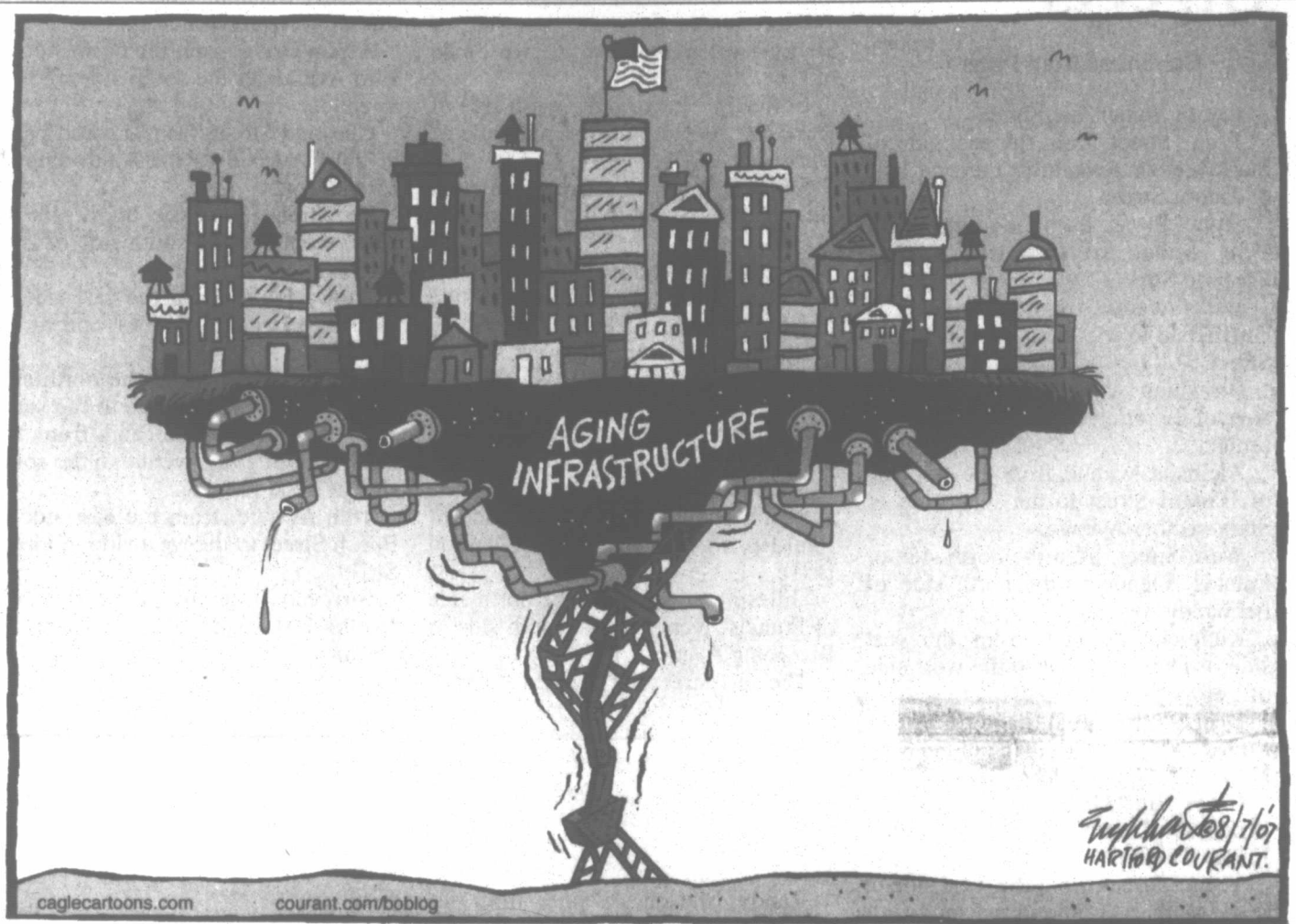
In 1959, the United States launched Explorer VI, which sent back a picture of the Earth.

In 1964, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin resolution, giving President Lyndon Johnson broad powers in dealing with reported North Vietnamese attacks on U.S. forces.

In 1974, French stuntman Philippe Petit repeatedly walked a tightrope strung between the twin towers of New York's World Trade Center.

In 1987, the presidents of five Central American nations, meeting in Guatemala City, signed an 11-point agreement designed to bring peace to their region.

Ten years ago: A Russian capsule on a fix-it mission docked gingerly with the crippled Mir space station, bringing a new crew charged with salvaging the orbiting outpost.



Historical costs irrelevant to today's prices

Historical costs, sometimes called sunk costs, are irrelevant to decision-making because they are costs that have already been incurred. That's something that's not intuitively obvious, even for some trained economists. On a couple of occasions, I've recommended to a graduate student, having difficulty with his Ph.D. dissertation, that it might be wise to start all over again with a different topic.

The response: "Professor Williams, but I've spent so much time on the dissertation so far."

I reminded the student that the time already spent should have nothing to do with his decision to either stick with his chosen topic or choose another one. His question should be: Which choice, sticking with the chosen topic or choosing

another, will more readily lead to successful completion of his doctorate?

When Hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast, gasoline prices started rising immediately. Some people

couldn't understand why prices rose for gasoline already in the pipeline long before Katrina struck. The fact that prices for gasoline produced before the disaster rose led to charges of price gouging. Many people believed that historical costs, what a retailer paid for it, should determine price.

That's patently wrong, and a simple example will demonstrate it. Say you've been selling me coffee from your large inventory for \$4 a

Walter Williams
Columnist



You say, "Williams, I'm not greedy. I'd sell it to you for \$4 until I ran out." That's great. I'd buy it from you for \$4 and resell it for the world price of \$10.

At the time of Katrina, gasoline retailers couldn't replace their gasoline at yesterday's prices. In other words, gasoline prices, coffee prices and any other price reflect conditions in

the market today, not yesterday.

Today's debate over the Iraq War is so often discussed in terms of whether it should have been initiated in the first place, our faulty intelligence about Hussein's possession of weapons of mass destruction, and whether the Bush administration lied to the American people. Whether these observations and charges are true or false should in no way be a part of today's decision-making, for history is one of those immutable facts of life. We can change the future, but we cannot change the past, though we can learn from it.

The only costs relevant to decision-making are what economists call marginal or incremental cost; that's the change in costs as a result of

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Texas Thoughts

By The Associated Press

A sample of editorial opinion around Texas:

■ July 30

Fort Worth Star-Telegram on affordable healthcare:

If the Bush administration really cared about poor Americans, it wouldn't boo-hoo about making their cigarettes less affordable. It would support making healthcare affordable for more uninsured children.

President Bush's threat to veto a Senate bill putting more money into the Children's Insurance Program isn't just stingy — it's philosophically misguided.

Why expand CHIP?

In the past 10 years, CHIP has enabled states to provide medical insur-

ance for millions of low-income children who otherwise would have fallen through the cracks. CHIP insures about 6.6 million children whose families make too much to qualify for Medicaid (which covers the poorest Americans) but not enough to afford private insurance.

The federal government puts about \$5 billion a year into CHIP, and states can draw down their allocation by providing matching funds. Enrolled families often pay co-payments for doctor visits and prescription drugs.

CHIP "has significantly reduced the number of low-income children who are uninsured," the Congressional Budget Office reported. The CBO estimates that it would take at least \$14 billion more for the next five years just to

maintain current state programs, and millions of children remain uninsured.

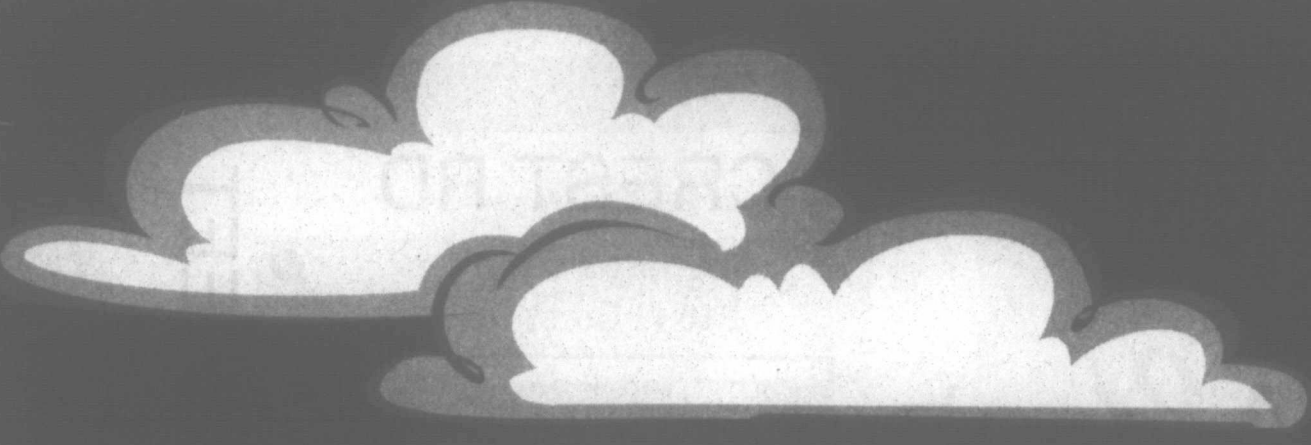
Why the Senate version?

With CHIP set to expire Sept. 30 unless it's reauthorized, the Senate Finance Committee passed a bill July 19 that would add \$35 billion over five years, enabling states to cover an additional 3.2 million children.

What about the funding source?

The bipartisan Senate bill would raise the federal excise tax on cigarettes by 61 cents, to \$1 a pack. It's tempting to endorse this effort to reduce smoking and its associated health problems. But relying on sin taxes is risky for the very reason that they're designed to curb the activity that's the revenue source. This

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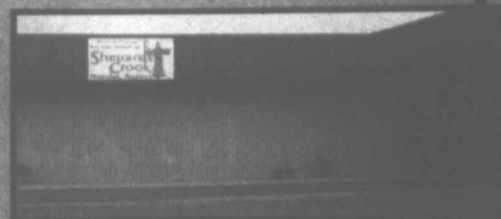
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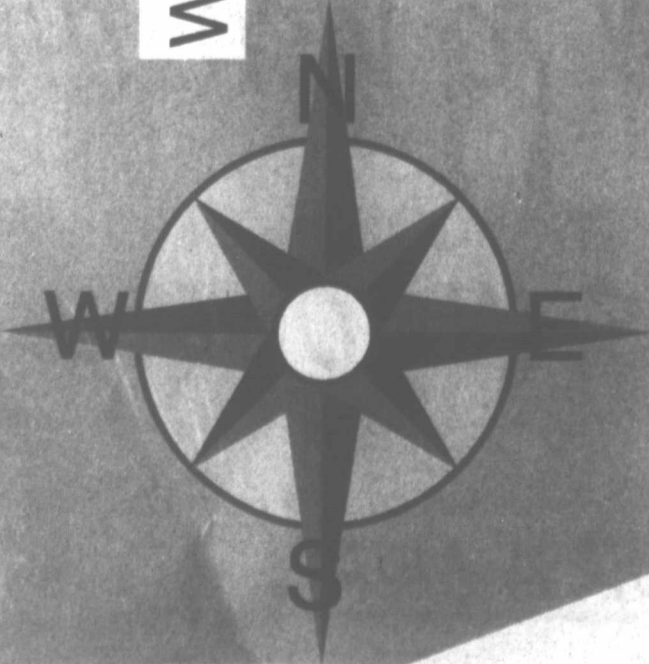
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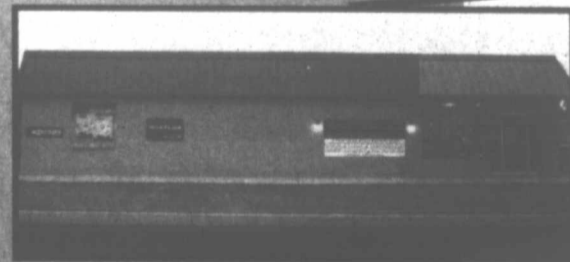
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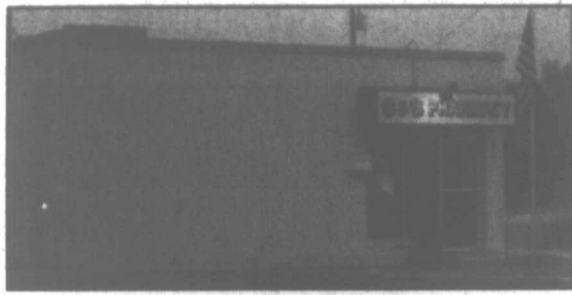
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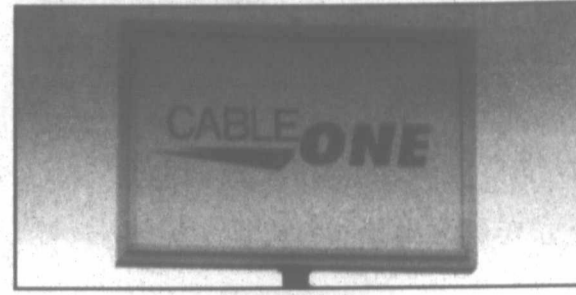
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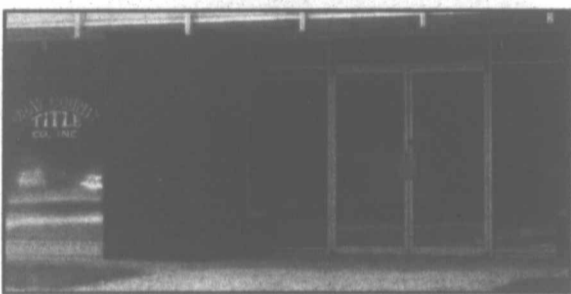
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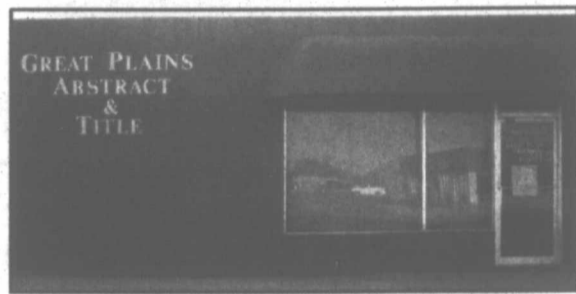
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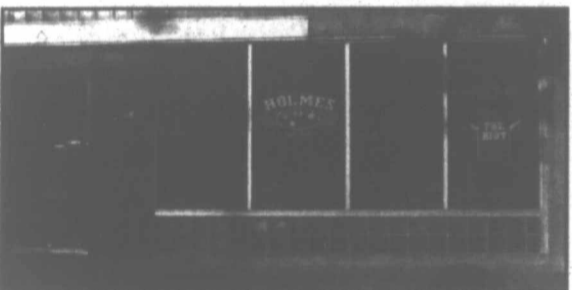
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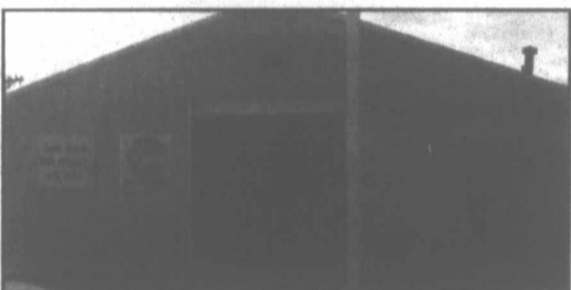
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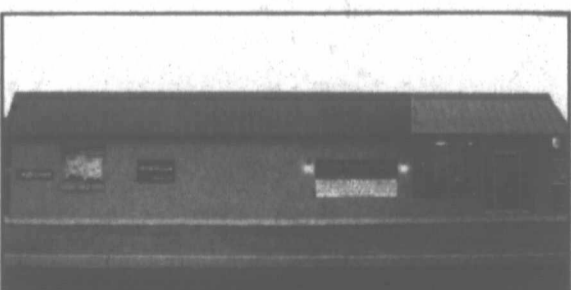
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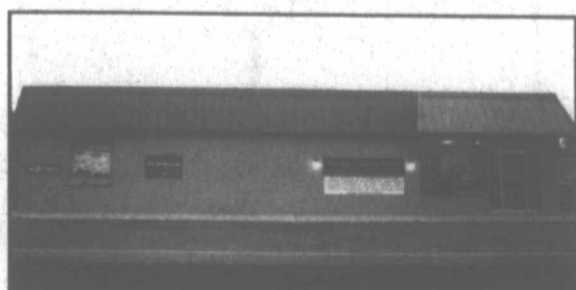
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Dear Abby...

By Pauline & Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: "Horried in Dover, Del." (May 30) describes a classic example of what psychologists call "Bystander Syndrome." It's a sad fact that the majority of people pass by an accident or simply stand and watch without helping because they figure that "somebody else" will do something. In many cases, nobody does anything, which can lead to serious consequences. That is why it's important that people be familiar with basic first aid and not hesitate to take action when they see a crisis unfolding. And if you need something done for you, specifically select someone from the crowd, and indicate clearly to that person what you need. People are far more likely to take action when told to do so. — **STUDENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, LONGMONT, COLO.**

DEAR STUDENT: The majority of my readers felt there were legal, ethical and moral reasons why a person should -- or should not -- help someone in distress. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In rebuttal to your assertion that there is "no excuse" not to help, there are at least two reasons why folks might not stop and provide assistance. The first is general liability, where the lady might, after the fact, decide to bring a lawsuit if all didn't go well with the assistance she was provided. There is also the remote possibility that the accident was staged to provide a basis for a lawsuit. The other is that the state in which the accident occurred may not have a "Good Samaritan" law, which limits the potential liability of a person who provides assistance to the person in distress. Without that law in place, the courts and juries are stacked against the Good Samaritan. It's unfortunate that people who offer a helping hand place themselves potentially at financial and emotion

al risk. I only hope that I have the presence of mind in the future to withhold assistance in a state that has no Good Samaritan law. So far, I have always given assistance, even though I have promised myself I wouldn't. — **GOOD SAMARITAN LAW ADVOCATE IN CALIFORNIA**

DEAR ABBY: In your response to "Horried," you said, "There are still many caring people ..." "Still!" is the key word. There was a time in the not-so-distant past when anyone would have helped without hesitation. Walking by was virtually unheard of. Now it's considered normal behavior. Hopefully, this diminished sense of empathy is reversible in our culture. — **STILL CARING, KELSEYVILLE, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: After reading "Horried's" letter, I must tell you about a similar incident. "Tank" is a big man. He has only one leg and the other isn't in the best condition. He uses a motorized wheelchair to get around. One evening during rush hour, Tank was on his way home when one of the wheels on the chair fell off. After a half-hour sitting by the curb in the cold rain with no one coming to his aid, he became disgusted. Being anything but helpless, he held onto the arm of the wheelchair and hopped up on his damaged foot. When the next vehicle drew close enough that he knew he'd be spotlighted in the headlights, he turned around and MOONED the vehicle. Abby, the police arrived almost immediately to arrest the "flasher." However, after understanding Tank's predicament, they nicely summoned assistance. — **INTRIGUED BY INGENUITY**

DEAR READERS: More on this tomorrow, from a different perspective.

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PJHS student Dylan Hooker "scoops and scores" during a defensive strip drill at the 7th-9th grade session of football camp.

3rd Annual PHS Mini Tennis Camp

This Saturday, Mini Tennis Camp, open to Kindergarten-5th graders, will take place at the Pampa High School tennis courts.

From 10 a.m. through noon, campers will learn fundamental tennis skills, play games, win cool prizes in a fun for all, safe environment.

The cost is \$15, and all proceeds will go to the Pampa High School

Tennis program.

To register, send an entry form including the camper's name, grade, home address, school and phone number to:

Pampa Harvester Tennis Booster Club
P.O. Box 2133
Pampa, TX 79065

Late registration is also accepted the day of camp.

For more information, contact Synda Foreman at 688-7772.

Swimming and Diving booster club meeting

The swimming and diving booster club had originally planned to have their first meeting of the summer at The Coffee Shop on Thursday, but the location has changed.

The booster club will meet at the Val Halla ready room Thursday at 6 p.m.

The new location is temporary, and subject to change upon new officer elections later in the month.

Day and night golf tournament

The Pampa Lions Club will host the Day and Night Golf tournament on Aug. 10 at Hidden Hills Golf Course.

The tournament will be a 4-person scramble, with 18 spots available for teams.

During the day, players will take on the back 9 while visibility is relatively at its best.

After completing the back 9, players will stop to enjoy supper, and wait for darkness to fall.

Players will then use glow balls and hit the front 9, with the sun well out of sight.

Registration will cost \$45.

For more information, or to register, contact Hidden Hills at 669-5866 or Rusty Tapp at 595-0513.

At \$10 per ticket, the Lions Club will also raffle off a set of irons, the winner's choice of Titleist, Nike, Callaway or Taylor Made.

Amnesty International accuses China of increasing abuses in run-up to Olympics

BEIJING (AP) — Rights groups ramped up pressure on China's government Tuesday to improve civil liberties and press freedoms, pledging it promised to fulfill in its winning bid to host next year's Olympics.

Chinese authorities have violated those promises by heightening abuse and surveillance of political and religious dissidents, jailing

journalists, and closing publications focusing on social development, human rights group Amnesty International said in a new report.

With just one year before the games, time is "running out for the Chinese government to fulfill its promise of promoting human rights as part of the Olympics legacy," Amnesty's secretary-general, Irene Khan, said in a

statement. "Unless the Chinese authorities take urgent measures to stop human rights violations over the coming year, they risk tarnishing the image of China and the legacy of the Beijing Olympics."

The Committee to Protect Journalists, meanwhile, said when the IOC awarded the 2008 Olympics to Beijing seven years ago, it had prom-

ised to ensure that reporters could report freely in China.

Under a regulation announced last year, foreign reporters can travel and conduct interviews in China without asking for government approval from Jan. 1 until mid-October 2008. The temporary freedoms do not extend to local Chinese jour-

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Bonds' bid for 756 home runs will have to wait another day

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Bonds had his Hall of Fame godfather in the house, not to mention his wife and all three of his children watching nervously and hoping for something special.

And don't forget the 43,000 others who dearly wanted to witness history.

Bonds had everything lined up perfectly Monday night to hit his 756th home run and break Hank Aaron's record.

Sit tight, San Francisco. It's going to be at least another day.

Back home two days after matching the Hammer's mark, Bonds was held in check by a 22-year-old rookie making just his third major league appearance.

The slugger went 0-for-3 with a walk and came out of the game against

Washington after seven innings. The Giants went on to beat the Nationals 3-2 in 11 innings.

Willie Mays was there after travel problems kept him from making it to San Diego during the weekend to see No. 755. Bonds' oldest daughter, Shikari, returned from a trip to Sweden and was in the stands, along with his 8-year-old daughter, Aisha, who had "Pitch 2 Dad!" written in black marker on her right cheek.

But Bonds never came close to having the crown for home run king all to himself. He walked down the dugout steps and disappeared with his batboy son, 17-year-old Nikolai, by his side after striking out against John Lannan in his final try.

Everybody figures it's just a matter of time now.

"We're going to see some-

thing that's never been done," Giants manager Bruce Bochy said. "It's intense. It's anticipation. Everybody's watching every pitch. You see the flashes going off. Only Barry knows what he's going through. I can only imagine."

Bonds gets to try again tonight against Mike Bacsik. Bonds is 0-for-2 with a walk against the left-hander, who certainly will be looking to follow the success of fellow lefty Lannan — he avoided becoming the 446th different pitcher to surrender one of Bonds' home runs.

The kid looked nervous for sure, but showed little fear. Lannan didn't back down, even when the crowd booed him for stepping off the mound to adjust his sleeve before Bonds' initial at-bat or when he fell behind in the count in his final two

confrontations.

Lannan went to 2-0 against Bonds in both the fifth and seventh innings, but rebounded to get Bonds out.

With one on and none out in the fifth after Randy Winn's leadoff single, Bonds drew two balls before grounding into a rare 6-5-3 double play against a shifted infield. Then in the seventh, Bonds struck out swinging.

"What's this, his third start?" said Winn, who hit the game-winning single. "He looked composed."

Bonds fouled out to third in the first on a nice running play by Ryan Zimmerman, then walked on five pitches in the third on a cool summer evening in the Bay Area. The first-pitch temperature was 60 degrees in the waterfront ballpark.

Camera flashes lit up the stadium from the moment

Bonds emerged and headed for the on-deck circle in the first inning. Bonds received a loud standing ovation during pregame introductions.

Bonds hit No. 755 on Saturday night at San Diego and received a warm reception afterward along with some boos.

People packed the outside "knothole" viewing area below the right-field arcade, a free spot for fans to watch that requires them to switch out every three innings.

Just beyond them in McCovey Cove, kayaks waited in hopes of a souvenir splash hit from Bonds.

Bonds stepped in with runners on the corners and one out in the first, and fans jumped to their feet. Once, his wife, Liz, could be seen holding her hands together anxiously.

The 76-year-old Mays

watched from inside the clubhouse — with plans to come outside if Bonds homered. They spoke before the game in the office of longtime equipment manager Mike Murphy with the door closed.

Bud Selig was not in attendance. The commissioner, who watched No. 755 in San Diego with his hands in his pockets and no emotion on his face, returned home to Milwaukee on Sunday.

He planned to miss the Giants' first two games of the four-game set with Washington, sending Major League Baseball executive vice president Jimmie Lee Solomon and Hall of Famer Frank Robinson in his place.

Aaron also was not at the park. He said long ago that he did not plan to follow the chase in person.

Indiana has 1st practice since Hoeppner's death

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (AP) — The Indiana Hoosiers had their message on the back of their crimson helmets: "Don't Quit 13" read the decal.

It was a reminder of the season-long motivation for a team that wants to honor its late coach, Terry Hoeppner, by achieving his goals of getting the Hoosiers to a bowl game for the first time since 1993 and playing 13 games.

For the first time since Hoeppner died from complications of a brain tumor in June, the Hoosiers practiced Monday in front of coaches and a larger-than-usual

media contingent wondering how the players will respond to the loss of their leader.

"You know Texas A&M has its 12th man and we've got ours today," said director of football operations Harold Mauro, pointing to the two words printed on the back of the coaching staff's new T-shirts.

"Don't Quit" was Hoeppner's favorite poem, a message he often used to inspire the Hoosiers.

So how different will things be in the post-Hoeppner era? That's the big question in Bloomington.

Quarterback Kellen Lewis acknowledged the offense wasn't as sharp or as spirited as he would've liked.

Bill Lynch, Hoeppner's top assistant during his two years as coach and the head man this season, chalked the troubles up to first day jitters. Lewis thought it had more to do with the whirlwind of emotions.

"I think it was a little weird today," he said. "The defense came with a lot of heart, and the offense really didn't. I can't really compare coaches that way, but I think coach Hoeppner probably would have been a little

more fired up about it, like an animal coming out of the ground."

Lynch did what he could to keep things in sync. Players followed virtually the same routine — stretching, working in position groups, throwing and catching — as Hoeppner had scripted. From the spirited start to the timed quarters and the final burst of calisthenics, Hoeppner's imprint was everywhere.

Even Hoeppner's wife, Jane, their daughter, Allison, and two of the Hoeppner grandchildren took their usual sideline spots near midfield.

Rockets guard Alston arrested in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Rockets guard Rafer Alston said Monday he was innocent of misdemeanor assault and public intoxication charges filed against him a day earlier.

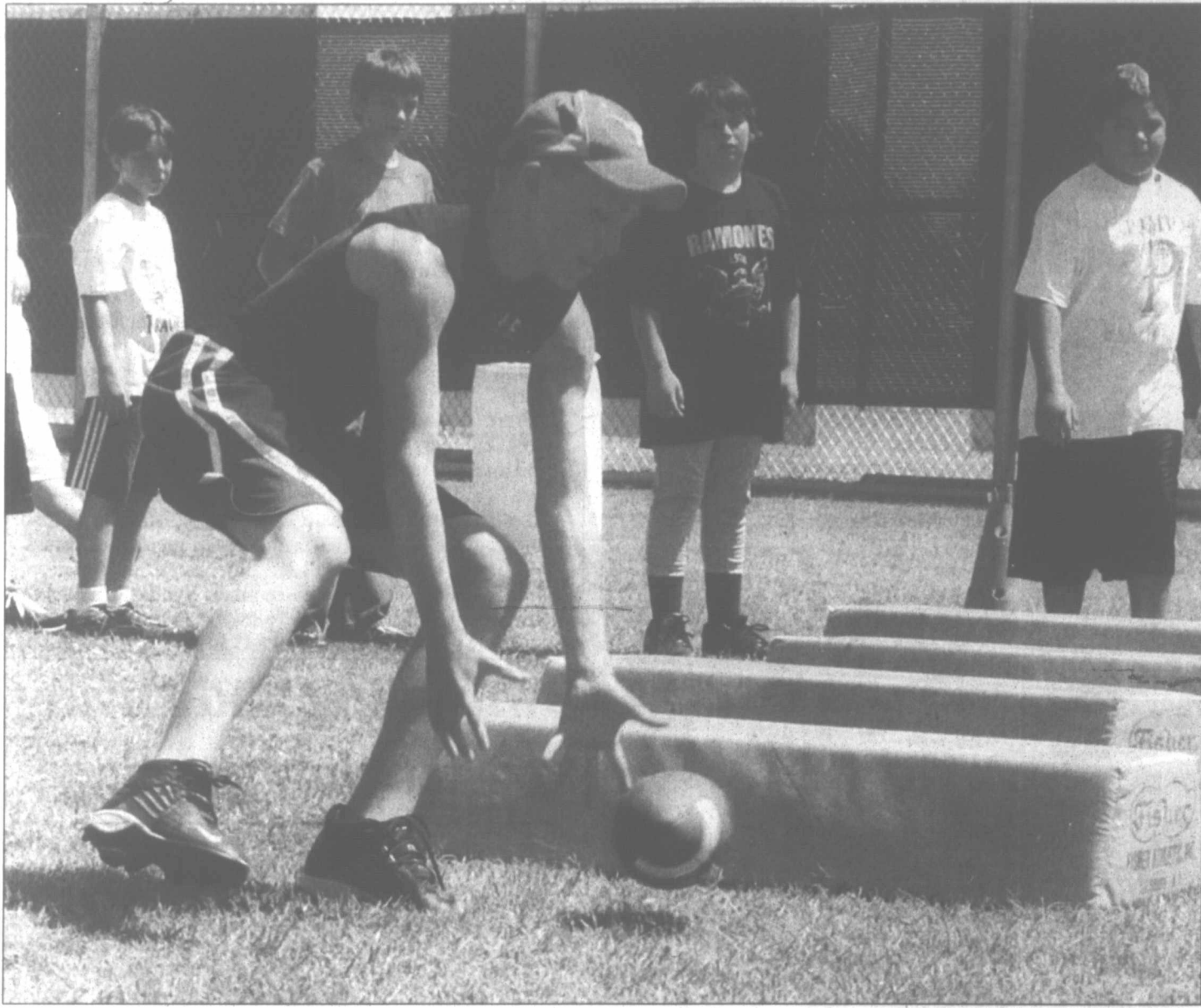
Alston was accused of grabbing a parking attendant's arm, shaking him and spitting on him after Alston's vehicle was towed from a lot early Sunday. The attendant said Alston parked illegally and did not pay.

Alston told Houston television station KRIV that he

didn't do anything to the attendant.

"We got into a shouting match. My car was towed and I was basically asking the parking attendant where he had my car towed to," Alston said in a story on KRIV's Web site. "There were no hits, nothing transpired. The guy runs off and yells down the street, like, he needed an officer over here. Before you know it, the officer puts me in cuffs and takes me downtown."

Scoop and Score



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Future Harvester Ryan Smith runs through a "scoop and score" drill during the 7th-9th grade session of football camp held at the PHS practice field.

'Pacman' Jones gets ready to tangle in wrestling ring

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Adam "Pacman" Jones won't have to worry as much about getting called for interference in his new adventure in pro wrestling.

The referee might not even be looking in his direction.

In an effort to stay busy during his season-long suspension for off-field legal scrapes, the Tennessee Titans' cornerback will be joining Total Nonstop Action Wrestling, with his first appearance scheduled Thursday night.

TNA co-founder Jeff Jarrett announced the move Monday at a news conference that Jones did not attend as promised.

"I am a big fan of wrestling, so I wanted to give it a try," Jones said in a statement. "I respect wrestling and I'm not coming in like it's just a show. I want to prove that I am the greatest team-sport athlete."

It's not yet known whether Jones, who has become a divisive figure for the team and its fans, will become a good guy or a "heel" —

wrestling parlance for the bad guy.

Jarrett said he planned to let the audience decide.

"I'm a third generation in this business. The wrestling business is built literally on conflict and controversy and larger-than-life personalities. I know that the media certainly knows Pacman from one side of his personality," Jarrett said.

"I really think he's a very charismatic guy. When you get to know him from our approach — very marketable — and you'll see when you tune into the pay-per-view on Sunday the response he will get. He's a star."

Jarrett said he and other TNA wrestlers have been working with Jones, and he was impressed with the athletic ability of the first defensive player taken in the 2005 draft. Jones has a ring set up for training at his farm south of Nashville.

"I've never been in the ring with someone with more natural athletic ability," Jarrett said.

What's not immediately clear is how the new gig will coincide with NFL

contracts that prohibit non-football activities that could cause injury. Jones remains under contract with the Titans, although they are working on switching their top draft pick, Michael Griffin, to make the change from safety to cornerback.

Jones' agent, Michael Huyghue, said last week that he talked to the Titans about a pending deal with TNA, but said the player would not actually be wrestling.

Titans coach Jeff Fisher was asked twice about Jones' plans to get in the ring after the TNA announcement Monday. He did not answer the first question and was succinct the second time.

"I do not have a comment," Fisher said.

Titans quarterback Vince Young said he hasn't talked to Jones about wrestling and is too busy in training camp to watch.

"That's his decision. That's his choice. The Tennessee Titans, we're out here working," Young said.

Jones was suspended in April for the 2007 season by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell for repeated conduct violations. The player dropped his appeal of that punishment in June.

Piazza lifts Athletics past Rangers in 13 innings

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Mike Piazza helped put an end to a wild game that included a huge comeback, ejections and a whole lot of strikeouts.

Piazza singled in the go-ahead run in the 13th inning and seven Oakland pitchers combined for 21 strikeouts in a 9-7 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday night.

"It became a war of attrition," Piazza said. "It went back and forth and fortunately, we punched a couple of runs across. This was definitely a tough game."

Marco Scutaro hit a grand slam to help Oakland build a 7-0 lead but the Rangers tied it in the ninth on Michael Young's solo homer off Alan Embree.

Young and Texas manager Ron Washington were ejected two innings later for arguing a called third strike.

The 4-hour, 33-minute contest finally ended when Kiko Calero struck out Marlon Byrd.

"In this ballpark we have a history of games just like this," Oakland manager Bob Geren said. "These high-scoring games, you can never get a big enough lead, and this was another one."

Rob Bowen led off the

13th with a walk and Travis Buck sacrificed. Willie Eyre (3-5), who started two days ago against Toronto, got Shannon Stewart to foul out before intentionally walking Nick Swisher.

Piazza, who is the subject of trade rumors after clearing waivers, then lined a single to right. It was Oakland's first hit since the fifth inning.

"I think I've cleared waivers before," said Piazza, who can now be traded to any team. "It's not the first time. That stuff is out of my control. I just want to show up at the field and just get quality work in."

Mark Ellis drove in another run in the 13th with an infield single on a close play at first.

A fan threw a plastic water bottle in the direction of first after Ellis was called safe. Oakland first base coach Tye Waller immediately pointed toward the fan, who was ejected.

Andrew Brown (2-0) struck out five in two innings. Calero pitched the 13th to earn his first save in four chances, striking out Byrd with runners on the corners to end it.

Byrd struck out twice, part of the Rangers' club-record total.

Munson's hit in 10th leads Astros over Cubs

HOUSTON (AP) — If the Cubs want to stay in contention during Alfonso Soriano's absence, they'll have to play better than this.

After Chicago stranded the potential winning run at third base in the top of the 10th, Eric Munson hit an RBI single in the bottom half that gave the Houston Astros a 2-1 victory Monday night.

"Yeah, we'd like to have Soriano, but we don't so you flip the page and move on," reliever Michael Wuerzt said. "You can't worry about it. We've got 25 guys and we have to go out there and do our job."

Chicago, which remained one game behind NL Central-leading Milwaukee, threatened in the 10th against Brad Lidge (3-1) when Jason Kendall singled leading off, took second on a sacrifice and advanced on a flyout. Lidge then struck out Cliff Floyd.

Ty Wigginton was walked by Wuerzt (2-3) starting the bottom half, and Jason Lane sacrificed.

"A leadoff walk kills you every time — it's that sim-

ple," Wuerzt said. "You walk that guy, it comes back to haunt you."

Sure did.

After Eric Bruntlett flied out, Wuerzt threw a wild pitch and Munson singled to right. Chicago dropped to 4-7 in extra-inning games this season.

"It's tough to lose a game that way," Wuerzt said. "I threw him a slider and he hit it. I threw the same pitch at 3-1. It just ended up being too fine. That's what happens when you fall behind in the count as well."

Chicago manager Lou Piniella said before the game that a scan revealed Soriano had torn his right quadriceps while running the bases against the New York Mets on Sunday night at Wrigley Field.

Wandy Rodriguez struck out a career-high nine for the Astros, who had lost six of their previous nine. Rodriguez gave up one run and four hits in eight innings, and his 121 pitches were a season high for the Astros.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2007.

You have drive and follow-through adding to your success this year. Clearly you know what you want. Getting there is yet another issue. Structure a support system, and you will get much more of what you want out of life. You might want to try something differently or approach a situation in a more creative way. Sometimes you might not be sure what is workable. Your best bet is to test out ideas. If you are single, you will meet people with ease. Friendship plays an important role in creating a romance. Others find you unusually alluring this year. If you are attached, listen to alternatives with an eye to interdependence in a way that works. GEMINI is a star in your life.

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)
★★★ The unexpected continues to play a heavy role in decisions and directions. Plans rapidly change, perhaps forcing you to disappoint someone you care about. Express your caring as someone reveals more of him- or herself. Tonight: Having fun, hanging out.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Your ability to breeze through problems might be curtailed mainly because others don't respond in their normal manner. Think in terms of understanding and handling challenging issues in a new way. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You might want and need to follow through on key issues. Not every-

one can or will follow the path that you do. As a result, their lives can be more difficult. Listen to the ethers, and do what you want. Laughter surrounds the more jovial of you. Tonight: The worm turns.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might try another approach or do something different. Whether you like it or not, your time to grow and meet a challenge marks your decisions. Listen to news and consider your options. Tonight: Live life to the fullest.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Investigate possibilities with an eye to new developments. How you see a situation can and will make a difference. See how to do something in a different way. Tonight: Beam in what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You see life with renewed interest and greater happiness. How you deal with a situation could change dynamically. Take charge, and others will respond. Knowing what you want is only half the issue. Tonight: Saying "yes" to living is the other half.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Hit the effort pedal, and you could be found speeding through your errands and priorities. Needing to stop here and there for a break is OK. Allow yourself the privilege of making what you want happen. Tonight: Say "yes" to an unusual offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Investigate rather than dictate. Know what is happening in your immediate world. Give up control and choose to be effective. Listen to and understand where others are coming from. Challenges take you to a new *niveau* of understanding. Tonight: Say "yes" to liv-

ing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You might want to realize more of what can happen if you relax with the moment. You could become controlling if you're not careful, ruining the tenor of a relationship, interaction and day. Ask yourself why. Tonight: Head out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ You know what you want and what works. Realize that everyone says "no" sometimes, even if you don't need to push, prod or force your hand. Let what needs to unravel happen, trusting in a better outcome. Tonight: Say "yes" to living.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You might want and need to defer to others. Your style ultimately could make a difference in the events that surround your life. Your knowledge and sense of humor steer you in a new direction. Don't minimize what is going on. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Knowing what you want to do could be more important than you realize. You head in an easy, clear direction with the knowledge of what will work. If you want to try something or do something differently, consider it a strong possibility. Tonight: Happy at home.

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Actor Don Most (1953), actor Dustin Hoffman (1937), actress Connie Stevens (1938)

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nalists.

The group called on the government to free 29 journalists currently jailed in China and to loosen restrictions on local reporters. It also called on the IOC to pressure China more aggressively on press freedom issues.

Amnesty's report comes on the heels of one issued last week by Human Rights Watch, which also said the Chinese government had failed to live up to promises of greater human rights, instead clamping down on domestic activists and journalists.

Amnesty's release came as six activists were detained Tuesday after scaling down a part of the Great Wall with a large banner that read "One World, One Dream, Free Tibet

2008," the London-based Free Tibet Campaign and Students for a Free Tibet said in an e-mail statement.

Activists say China is using the Olympics to underscore its claims on Tibet, which is said to have ruled for centuries. But many Tibetans say their homeland was essentially an independent state for most of that time. Chinese communist troops occupied Tibet in 1951, and Beijing continues to rule the region with a heavy hand.

On Monday, police detained journalists at a rare protest in Beijing staged by a free-press advocacy group that accused the Chinese government of failing to meet pledges for greater media freedom.

The detentions, which came during a visit to Beijing by International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge, followed the

unfurling of posters depicting the Olympic rings made from handcuffs by members of Reporters Without Borders on a pedestrian bridge outside the headquarters of the Beijing Olympics planning committee.

The Paris-based group said China continues to restrict press freedoms and lock up journalists, political dissidents and activists who publish on the Internet — despite pledges to liberalize made when bidding to stage the games.

The Beijing Olympics, which begin Aug. 8, 2008, are a huge source of pride for China. In bidding for the games back in 2001, Chinese leaders promised International Olympic Committee members that the Olympics would lead to an improved climate for human rights and media freedom.

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'Watermelon Day'



▲ The 3-year-old Mother's Day Out class at First Christian Church recently enjoyed a summer favorite — watermelon. The group is under the direction of Amy McDowell and Rachel Mize. Above: (Back) Drake, Emily, Hunter, Storie, Tyler, Makinna; (front) Jack, Ethan, Drew, Stephen, Jaden, Hunter, Kasey and Evan.

► This group from the Mother's Day Out class at First Christian Church enjoyed a stroll recently after being treated to watermelon. Above: Ms. Rachel Mize with Jaden, Emily, Storie, Hunter, Jack, Hunter, Tyler, Makinna, Drake, Stephen and Evan. Not pictured: Kasey.



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doing something. That cost should be compared to the expected benefit. Think about pollution. Getting rid of pollution is a no-brainer. All that the authorities of, say, Los Angeles would have to do is to mandate that all pollution-emitting sources shut down.

That would mean no driving, no manufacturing, no airplanes, no power generation and no lawn mowing. Angelenos would have perfectly clean air, but I doubt whether they'd agree that it's worth the costs. That means perfectly clean air is non-optimal, and so is perfectly dirty air. The question is, how much clean air do we want and at what cost? In other words, we should compare the additional benefit of cleaner air to the additional costs of

getting it.

The idea of weighing the costs of doing something against its benefits are part and parcel of intelligent decision-making. If we only look to benefits, we'll do darn near anything because everything has some kind of benefit.

—Walter E. Williams is a professor of economics at George Mason University.

CHIP

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might be a stable enough funding mechanism for the five years it would cover, but it's not an ideal longer-term option.

Why does Bush object? Administration officials have claimed that the cigarette tax disproportionately hurts poor people — an argument that loses traction in the context of expanding healthcare availability.

But Bush mainly argues that CHIP has gotten away from aiding poor children and that expanding the program means too much government-run healthcare with too much incentive to shift away from private insurance. He wants to add only \$5 billion to CHIP over the next five years.

Why is he wrong? Some lower-income parents opt for CHIP over plans offered by their employers, but it's often because coverage is much better and they otherwise couldn't afford to insure their children. Many others simply don't have the option of medical insurance through their workplace.

Some states have taken CHIP beyond its initial mission, largely because the Bush administration allowed them

to experiment with higher income limits for eligibility and with covering parents and some other adults as a way to make sure that children are enrolled.

Congress already has tightened the reins on insuring adults through CHIP, and the Senate proposal would continue that.

The Center for Children and Families at Georgetown University estimates that the vast majority of children on CHIP are low-income. According to the center, 25 states (including Texas) and the District of Columbia limit the program to families with incomes of 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$34,340 for a family of three). Another 15 go above 200 percent, with New Jersey the highest at 350 percent.

Under the Senate bill, states would get a lower federal match for dollars spent on covering families earning more than 300 percent of the poverty level.

Where's the House? House Democrats want to cover more children by increasing CHIP spending by \$50 billion over five years. That would come from a 45-cent cigarette tax increase and from lower payments to private insurers in the Medicare Advantage program serving low-income seniors. House

Republicans prefer to limit additional money to between \$500 million and \$1.5 billion and cap eligibility at 200 percent of the federal poverty level, reported The Associated Press.

The Democrats' package includes several other components that might be worth tackling but only complicate debate over CHIP's future.

What's the impact on Texas?

In fiscal 2006, Texas spent \$102.4 million to bring in \$269.4 million in federal CHIP matching funds, according to the Center for Public Policy Priorities.

But 1.4 million Texas children remain uninsured. The state never has put enough into CHIP to use its entire federal allotment, but this year, the Legislature boosted funding and made changes that will improve coverage and services. The \$665 million designated for CHIP for 2008-09 includes \$89.5 million to add more than 100,000 uninsured children to the rolls, the CPPP said.

Providing children with healthcare coverage makes economic sense. A child without insurance probably will get care in an emergency room, for an ailment that's more serious and expensive to treat. Costs that the parents can't pay will be passed on to

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Events calendar

• A free Citibank seminar using a financial tool called the Citipro Financial Analysis will be offered at 6 p.m. Thursday at The Plaza III in Pampa. The purpose of the seminar is to help participants learn how to best manage their finances. For more information, call (469) 220-4123.

• Church of the Nazarene, 500 N. West, will present a Southern Gospel concert with recording artists Bill and Vicki Sky at 7 p.m. Thursday at the church.

• Borger will be the site of the sec-

ond round of Texas Historical Commission Preserve America workshops scheduled from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Friday at Hutchinson County Museum.

• Pease River Playhouse will be the site of a production of "Steel Magnolias" Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the auditorium in Goodlett. For show times and ticket information, call (940) 674-2477.

• The next Cowboy Poetry Breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Texan in Amarillo. Tom Moss will be the featured entertainer.